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January Birthdays

Allen Siefken	1/2
Lucy Olson	1/6
Wilma Guttridge	1/16
Tami Guttridge	1/27
Greg Jeppeson	1/28
Cindy Woodbury	1/29



Church Events in January

Upcoming Springwater Events & Opportunities

Jan 5 Opportunity to hear Fr. Greg Boyle - 4-5:30pm Guest Speaking at Columbia Presbyterian Church Vancouver) Jesuit Father Greg Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries which is now the largest, most successful gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world. He is an inspiring man of faith you will appreciate hearing. <http://www.columbiapresbyterian.org/event-registration>
This is an event that requires registration. Let Pastor Susan know if you are interested and we can go together.

Jan 9 Tuesday Night Parables Bible Study resumes (7:00pm)

Jan 14 Committee Annual Reports Due & Deacon Meeting after church

Jan 14 Feeding the Homeless; serve at Human Solutions shelter

Jan 21 Congregational Meeting After Church w/potluck lunch

Feb 3 Tentative Deacon/Elder Leader Day Retreat & Planning 9:00am - 3:00pm - Place TBD

Feb 10 Stephen Ministry Workshop - Open to all interested
9:00am-1:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Sunday Hours

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
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January 29

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Christmastide - Epiphany
2018

A letter for January

Hello Springwater Family,

For most of my life the surest sign of a new year was late August or the beginning of September - whenever the first bell of a new school year rang. From the moment that bell rang, I knew what would orient my life for the next year, whatever was on my course schedule. True, there was that delightful break three months later with the celebration of Christmas and New Year - but really any meaningful moment of starting new things always seemed to coincide with that school calendar.

I did not grow up with the rhythms of the Christian calendar - other than knowing the high points of course - Christmas and Easter, but Advent and Lent were less spoken of and not at all practiced. I've come to see the beauty in following the Christian calendar with all its markings of events in the life of Jesus and our predecessors in the faith. For the Christian story our new year began on the First Sunday of Advent. The invitation into the rhythm of the Christian calendar is a continual reminder that we live in a story that is larger than us. It is a story of God's good and redeeming work in the world and its rhythms help us orient our lives into this larger story.

We are in the season of Christmastide and will roll right into Epiphany (celebration of the visiting magi) over these next two weeks. I invite you to slow yourself down a little bit in starting the new year. Let yourself wonder at the birth of Jesus in so humble a setting. What is the most unadorned, not ready for anything, place in your life? What would it be like to hold the infant Christ in your arms there? Sitting in that place, be astonished at the contrast of a brilliant star and honored guests from afar coming to see this new king, the one laying in your arms. Epiphany invites us to awaken ourselves to God's revealing of the divine - making a way for us to see what was previously hidden from us. Ask God what God would have you see of God, of Jesus, of the Holy Spirit, at this juncture of your life? As long as we have breath in us we are invited to grow in our knowledge and understanding of God....not just the intellectual knowing...but the personal relationship knowing of God. May your eyes be opened.

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

—Mary Oliver

With fondness for you and joy in Christ,
Pastor Susan

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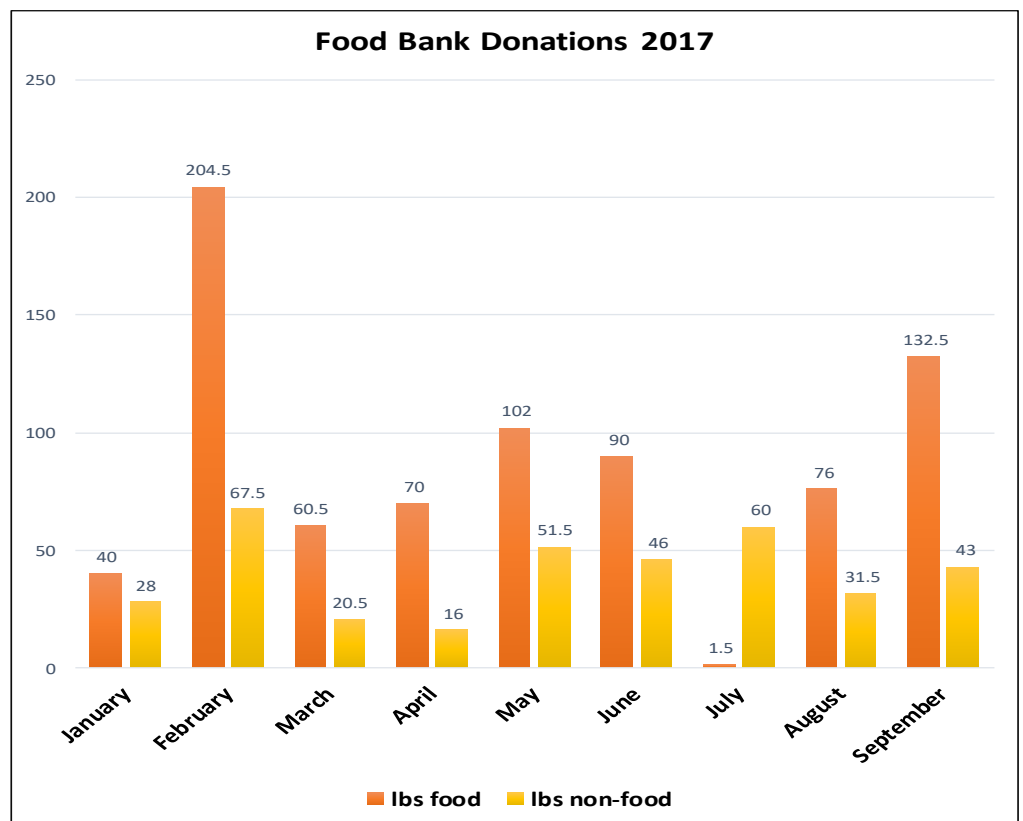
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Food Bank Support in 2017

In the first 9 months of 2017, Springwater Presbyterian Church donated 777 pounds of food and 364 pounds of non-food items to the Estacada Area Food Bank. That's over 126 pounds per month, more than 2 lbs per person per month.

Your support is appreciated. The food bank can always use donations of peanut butter, oatmeal, beans, ramen, and personal toiletries.

Remember the Red Tub.





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From Deacons' desk:

Thank you so much for hosting the annual progressive dinner this year to Gilbert and Barbara Shibley, Al and Lynda Conway, also to Tom and Cheryl Watson. It was nice to be able to visit your houses and have good fellowship. Thank you for providing a space for us. Deacons also would like to extend our appreciation for those who provided delicious food for us. Without your help, we would have no food to eat over our great conversations. Another appreciation also extended to those who participated in this annual Progressive Dinner and made this a fun activity. The last one is for Jennifer who provided a game for us to have a fun gathering.

Deacons are exploring the possibility of having Stephen ministry training to sharpen our skills in taking care of others. We are planning on attending an introduction meeting in Hillsboro on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 9 to 1 pm. We would like to invite anyone who is interested to come join us. There is a website called "Stephen Ministries" that you can explore and learn about it. We have an invitation posted in our bulletin board. If you are planning on joining us, please contact Susan for more information.

New Year is here! Let's make a great year together. If you have any suggestions for deacon, feel free to tell any one of us.

Have a great New Year!

Deacons of Springwater Presbyterian Church

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
January 7:	Wilma & Kendra Guttridge	Lynda Conway	Sign up in the Fellowship Hall
January 14:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Gwen Shearer	
January 21:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken		
January 28:	Renate & Adelia Jeppeson		



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Season of Epiphany Scripture Readings & Sermon Text January 7 - February 11

January 7 Celebrating Epiphany & the Baptism of Jesus

Sermon Text: Mark 1:4-11

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

January 14

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 21 Communion Sunday

Sermon Text: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

February 4

Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 11 Transfiguration of the Lord

Sermon Text: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday - The beginning of Lent - February 14

Service at 7:00pm



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