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Sunday Hours

No Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

February 23



February Birthdays

Don MacKinnon	2/12
Susan Horton	2/15
Gary Guttridge	2/21
Bill Varitz	2/28

January Birthdays

Allen Siefken	1/2
Bob Ballantyne	1/6
Lucy Olson	1/6
Wilma Guttridge	1/16
Ruth Cromer	1/24
Tami Guttridge	1/27
Greg Jeppeson	1/28
Cindy Woodbury	1/29

Church Events in January

January 17: Mission Discernment Committee, brown bag lunch, 12:00 at church

January 18: Annual Meeting, immediately following worship

January 21: Knit Nite, 4:30 onwards

January 30: Youth Group, snow event

Church Events in February

February 8: ordination and installation of officers

February 13: Youth Group, roller derby event

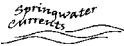
February 15: Feast of Fools, potluck and silly talent show after worship; celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship (Transfiguration Sunday)

February 17: mission discernment committee meeting at church, 12:00 (brown bag)

February 18: Ash Wednesday, service at church (with imposition of ashes), 7:00 p.m.

February 28: joint deacon/session planning retreat 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Pastor's Perspective

A lot of people start out the New Year making resolutions. Lose weight, clean the closets, stop smoking, exercise more, call home every week. Many people put on that list “read the Bible and pray more.” Although we’re including in this issue some tools for doing that, published by the folks at the Common English Bible, I’m not going to urge you to do that. Instead I’m going to encourage you to think about **what you want**.

You're Kidding!

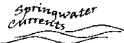
That's right: what do you want? Margaret Marcuson in her online Leadership Adventure suggested that New Years resolutions are obligation-driven. Thinking in terms of “oughts” and “shoulds,” these resolutions result in more resistance than motivation to change. I sometimes wonder if the mere act of making something a resolution gives us the impression we've done something—enough!—and can go back to business-as-usual.

Rather than making resolutions this year, why not think in terms of what you **want** in some key areas of your life: health, family life and friendships, relationship with God, work. Rather than **resolving** to exercise more, why not admit what you **want**? Think, instead, in terms of the energy to play with the grandkids or getting more fresh air. Rather than resolving, “Read the Bible every day,” think of it in terms of what you want. Perhaps you **want** to be able to recognize God's voice or to be able to pray, or you wish for discernment in some issues.

A Different Take on Things

There's a video circulating online. A blind man, sitting on a busy downtown street has a sign next to him that reads, “I'm blind. Please help.” People walk by without a glance, but one young woman stops, writes something on his sign, and heads off without exchanging a word. The film continues, but now we see the hurrying people pausing to drop coins onto his cardboard mat. Then, the young woman stops in front of him again, and he “recognizes” her. “What did you write on my sign?” he asks. She tenderly replies, “I wrote the same thing, only with different words.” As she walks off, the camera pans to the sign: “It's a beautiful day. I can't see it.”

The film ends with the words, “Change your words. Change your life.”



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I'll bet if you spent some time reconfiguring your "oughts" and "shoulds" as "what your heart desires," you would be a lot more successful in "keeping your resolutions." You might even discover that God desires the same things: greater health, closer relationships with family and friends, attention to the things that really matter. And a relationship with you that is more than "nodding acquaintances."

See you in church.

Eileen

Feast of Fools

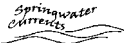
It is the functional equivalent of Mardi Gras for Springwater. I speak, of course, of the annual Feast of Fools on Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday and Lent. This year it falls on **February 15**, so start pulling together your silly talent acts and be prepared to share them with us. Jokes, humorous skits, magic acts, songs, short stories—it's all fair game. Speak to Judy Coyne, our fabulous Mistress of Ceremonies, to reserve your spot.

And don't forget the potluck at the Grange that precedes the talent show.

Annual Meeting



The annual meeting for Springwater Presbyterian Church will be immediately following the worship service on January 18, for the purpose of hearing reports from 2014, electing officers, voting on the pastor's Terms of Call, and beginning a congregation-wide conversation about future implications for the ways we do Church.



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New Year's Resolutions

Resolved to read the Bible more this year?

Here are some suggestions from the publishers of the Common English Bible, to encourage spending more time in scripture:

1. Set a time each day when you will read, study, and pray.

Make it the same time every day and tell someone that you plan to practice this discipline. Ask that person to hold you accountable to your daily Bible exploration and reflection. You may be a morning person or a night owl—it doesn't matter when you schedule your devotional time—just get it on your calendar and stick to it.

2. Begin each daily reflection with prayer.

Ask God to open your heart and your eyes to what God wants you to know, understand, and believe.

3. Read carefully and intentionally seek God.

It can be easy to just go through the motions and skim over things you've already heard or think you know. Allow yourself to read as if it's the first time you've read each verse—whether it is or not. Read the Bible text with fresh eyes and openness to new discoveries. Discover God in a new way through the lens of these topics.

4. Keep a prayer journal close at hand.

Write out your thoughts in response to the verses in a journal. Let the Spirit speak to you as you take in the meaning of the scriptures and look for ways to live them out.

5. Close as you began—in prayer.

Commit to God a new devotion or zeal for Christ-like living. Offer yourself to God as a living witness of God's love and grace.

Download PDF with plan from CEB: <http://www.commonenglishbible.com/explore/downloads>




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CHOIR

Our choir may be small but boy howdy can we sing praises to God. It has been a pleasure leading this group during Advent and Christmas. We will be taking a short break and then gathering again on Tuesdays at 7:00 in February to begin getting songs ready for Lent and Eastertide. Everyone is welcome to come and sing. Reading music is not a required skill. Everyone can raise their voices to God in praise!

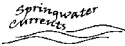
I hope to see you there.

Kathleen



What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
January 18:	Kirbys	Peter Sturman	Cheryl & Tom Watson
January 25:	Debbie Ingamells Mary Neigel	Deb Ingamells	Wilma Guttridge
February 1:	Nike & Tim Guttridge	Nona Shearer	Open-Please sign up
February 8:	Steve & Mary Stiles	Jessie Jo Guttridge	Open-Please sign up
February 15:	—	Mary Shearer	Souders
February 22:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken	Neal Jeppeson	Wilma Guttridge



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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We helped provide clothing, household items and gifts to 3 families this year at Christmas. Thank you to everyone who helped out. This was a great way to extend our love to our neighbors in the communities surrounding us. Thank you again for helping out. Let's not forget that we can help out our community friends throughout the year. We can bring canned/boxed food, personal hygiene items, diapers or cleaning supplies for the Estacada Area Food Bank. The "Red Box" that we have at church can hold a lot of these items, so let's try to fill it to the brim each Sunday.

Thanks,
Kathleen



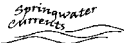
Youth Group Activities

Hello everyone! I hope that you have had a fantastic start to the new year and that you've been able to get back into the swing of things. We have many exciting things coming up for youth group in the next few months. To kick off the new year, our first activity will be traveling to Mt. Hood Ski Bowl and going cosmic inner-tubing in the snow. We will be heading up there around 6pm on Friday, January 30th, and we will spend two hours playing in the snow. This is open to all of the youth group families as well so we can all join in on the fun. Tickets are \$29 a piece, but if you have a Fred Meyer's rewards card, you can get \$5 off of each ticket. (4 discounts are allowed per card holder.) The youth group will be paying for the tickets of the youth, but they should bring a little extra money for food that night. I will send you more details very soon.

Another fun thing we're going to be doing for our February activity is going to watch Erin Roden's Roller Derby match on February 13th at 7pm. We will meet in Clackamas and then head out to the Oaks Park roller skate hangar to watch her compete with her team. Tickets are \$14 a piece. Please bring money for this one. I will let you know more about this event when the date gets closer.

We will also be doing a service project in February, but I'm not sure what date that will be yet.

Thank you,
Jennifer



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Springwater has a new Phone Book



If you haven't seen one yet, we have a new phone book. It is updated as of December 31, 2014 and already a few minor details have changed. There is a printed version that you can take home, but I would encourage you to get acquainted with the online version because it will be updated on a regular basis and you will have the best information possible to stay in touch with each other.

The phone book can be found online at our website. The URL is: http://www.springwaterpres.org/SpringwaterPresbyterian_2015phone.pdf You will need a password to get into this secure document and you can get that from Kathy Scott by calling her at 503.630.4739. We will not be printing the password because we want all our information to be secured from all who don't need to know.

If you want a printed copy or need to make corrections to your entry, please call Kathy at the number above or [email her](#).

Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins

- Coming Up—Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
- All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas Sing-alone.
- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" – come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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Lectionary Readings

January 18 (The Invitation): 1 Samuel 3:1-20; John 1:43-51; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

January 25 (The Rev Beverly Crow preaching): Jonah 1:1-16; Mark 1:14-20; Psalm 62:5-12

February 1 (The Rev Beverly Crow preaching): Jonah 3:1-10; Mark 1:21-39; Psalm 111

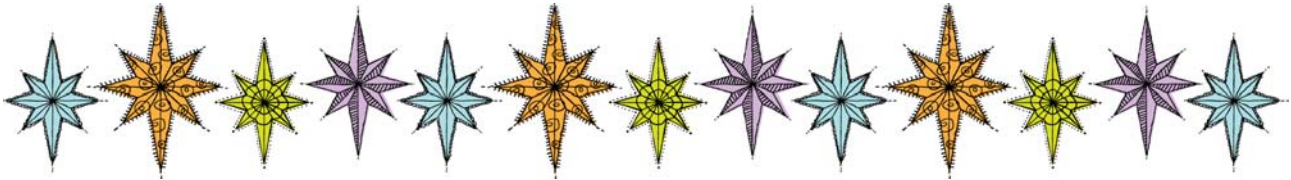
February 8 (Strength to Continue): 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

February 15 (Not This Destination; Transfiguration Sunday; celebration of the Lord's Supper):
Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Psalm 50:1-6

February 18 (Ash Wednesday): Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22 (First Sunday in Lent): Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:9-15

March 1 (Second Sunday in Lent): Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Matthew 4:1-10



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