

Springwater Currents

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A Place of worship, nurture and service for God's people of all ages

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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



Happy Birthday!



Jean McCloskey has a new address:

1520 SE Sunnyside Rd. Apt. 624
Clackamas, OR 97015-1756
Home phone: 503-698-1756
Cell phone: 503-630-3382

Sunday Hours

No Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

January 26

Church Events in January

January 10: Serve Dinner at Human Solutions warming shelter, meet at the church at 4:15 see page 4

January 14: Session Meeting

January 24: Annual Congregational Meeting after worship; Annual reports will be available by January 17th.

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Pastor's Perspective

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The Advent theme of watching for and being alert to God's new activity around us, along with the Christmas theme of God coming to earth to meet us in our everyday lives, seem exceptionally appropriate for the Springwater community to focus on this year.

There is change in the air and as the 2016 calendar year starts, the Session begins in earnest to look ahead and determine how best to proceed in the details of the pastoral change for the congregation. Session will meet with Presbytery folks and learn of the various options they may have, and they will keep you apprised of their decisions on the best procedures to follow.

I will return to our time of conversations following worship after our break in that for Christmas activities. This is a time to share ideas, thoughts and questions with each other and with Session in order to become a body of people in conversation about faith, scripture, culture, and life in general. Out of conversation, the way forward often emerges in ways not originally thought possible. It is in the midst of our conversation that God moves, and speaks to us, and nudges us into a new day, and often in a very new way.

It is a time of change, but change can also offer a time filled with exciting new possibility. Join us for worship, conversation, and enter into the new stages of life for this congregation.

Remember, that when the bible tells of someone moving into a new day, the accompanying message is:

"Be not afraid.

God will be with you!!"

This is not just a word for biblical people,
it is a blessing today, for Springwater Church!

Beverly



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Buildings & Grounds

In December a renewal of the rental agreement for the manse was signed by the Yorks and our Clerk of Session. This keeps most of the terms of the former month-month rental agreement that had been set up by our contracted property manager. Now that Patti Turner has retired from that business, the church, as owner, has direct dealings with tenants. Starting in January 2016 the rent is \$100 higher. The market has changed and so has an old building's maintenance expense.



For over 50 years the manse was where the pastor and family was housed. For most of the last 30 it has been rented instead. For most of its life there had been two native Bigleaf Maples, one in front and one behind. Five years ago the one in back was taken down because it got too big, old and rotten. Now it is time to assess the strength and future of the one in front. It is natural for strong winds to bring down limbs. A strong gust last week broke off part of the cedar between the church and manse. Your B & G Committee will take a hard look in January, with professional advice, at the hazard potential and remedies for all the trees within reach of buildings. Before buds open to new leaves, action may be needed.

We as a congregation are turning over a new leaf on the calendar and soon, in our pastoral leadership. Just as buildings and grounds need changing care as they grow older, so do our individual bodies and our life together as the body of Christ. As I get old I am delighted to see our youngest member grow into a new role as bell ringer. When I now pass the Peace of Christ to Cortlan I am also shaking the hand of one serving us as a willing part of our team, announcing to the broader community that we are here helping each other grow, celebrating our life in Christ and welcoming all.

Gilbert Shibley (Property Steward for Buildings and Grounds Committee)



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Warming Shelter Service

Springwater Presbyterian is once again serving at a Human Solutions warming shelter. This month on January 10, those able will meet at the church at 4:15 to carpool to the shelter and serve dinner. If you would like to help by serving, providing groceries or cooking, please contact Debbie Ingamells.

Excerpt from "The History of Springwater Presbyterian Church"

After a list of donors and purposes of many gifts to our church over the decades, the following words conclude:

"There are many who have given who would not want to be named, but stand and wait faithful for the next time to serve. We can only say we remember you and pray the care you gave our church has enriched your life as much as it has ours." p. 61

Doesn't this sound like the wisdom and kindness of our dear departed friend, Margaret Shearer, the one who served by pulling together, writing and editing that book on the occasion of our 100th birthday in 1989? The one who herself may not have wanted to be named, since she is not named as such in those pages? The one who kept giving us care all her days? Do we not all say "Amen" to that prayer, with her in mind?

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
January 3:	Peter & Carol Sturman	Carol Sturman	Gwen Shearer
January 10:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Mary Neigel	Mary Johnson
January 17:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken	Gwen Shearer	Open-Please sign up
January 24:	Renate & Neal Jeppeson	Kara Guttridge	Souders
January 31:	Gary Guttridge	Randy Johnson	Open-Please sign up



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Franciscan Spiritual
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2512 SE Monroe St
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Franciscan Spiritual Center, winter programs

12-Steps for Believers

Richard Rohr has said that 12-Step spirituality is America's best gift to world religion. Whether you are in recovery, are someone affected by family members and friends who are addicts, you will benefit from this group. Perhaps you don't fit either of these categories, but would like to have access to the good spiritual tools offered by this program. We will follow the rules of anonymity customary for 12-Step groups. Our resource is *The 12 Steps: A Way Out (a spiritual process for healing)*.

Dates: Wednesdays, starting January 13

Cost: Donation

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Facilitator: Eileen Parfrey

Book Study: The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing

Ring in 2016 while finally putting a checkmark next to your cleaning the clutter resolution! Despite constant efforts in past years to declutter your home, do papers still accumulate like snowdrifts and clothes pile up like a tangled mess of noodles? Join me as we discover Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo method to take tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. Most methods advocate a room-by-room or little-by-little approach, which doom you to pick away at your piles of stuff forever. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results. In fact, none of Kondo's clients have lapsed (and she still has a three-month waiting list). With detailed guidance for determining which items in your house "spark joy" (and which don't), this international bestseller featuring Tokyo's newest lifestyle phenomenon will help you clear your clutter and enjoy the unique magic of a tidy home—and the calm, motivated mindset it can inspire.

Dates: January 26 Feb 2, 9, 16

Cost: \$60 for series

Time: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Jo Saavedra

Mother Knows Best! Aging-in-Place strategies So Your Children Will Finally Stop Bugging You to Move

Traditionally, the majority of older children have had to make tough care choices for parents as they age. As Boomers come of age, and 70 + find they are vital and active, we realize we can do this differently for ourselves. In this workshop we will explore planning for our own decisions and lifestyle as we age beyond 50. Don't leave your quality of life in the hands of others. Live your life your way with some simple planning tools and strategies. Give the gift to your children of clarifying your desires and setting out the "what if" road map for them. We will explore the many emerging options for living in an environment that allows you to thrive and spiritually grow as you age. By reflecting on your priorities and desires, we will explore through a self-assessment process how to plan for your best future.

Date: Saturday January 30th

Cost: \$40 per person

Time: 1:00pm— 5:00pm

Facilitator: Mary Jo Saavedra



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Lectionary Readings

January 3: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-18

January 10: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 24: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

January 31: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

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