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

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS MARY KIRBY DEB ODELL TOM COYNE RUTH NEWMAN	6/8 6/23 6/27 6/27	July Birthdays Richard Scott Jessie Jo Guttridge Don Guttridge Stephen Shibley Jennifer Souders	7/5 7/5 7/15 7/17 7/26	
July Anniversa	ries	Happy Anniver	sary, J	lune!
Susan & Erik Graham Sam & Robin Fisher Tami & Don Guttridge	7/1 7/18 7/22	Nancy & Jim Tedro Beverly & David Co Kathy & Richard S Deb & Jim Odell	row	6/3 6/3 6/11 6/24

### Church Events in June and July

June 3 Guest Preacher, Kathleen Fast, Director of Youth Ministry (LGPC) June 10 Ordination and Installation of Church Officers in morning service (10:30am)

Installation Service for Rev. Susan Graham

#### 2:00pm at Springwater, Reception to follow

5:30pm Serve a meal at the Women's Shelter (162nd & Burnside)

June 17 Father's Day, Communion Sunday

Begin Christian Caregiving Book Study (9:00 am on Sundays)

June 27 Session Meeting

June 29-30 Presbytery Meeting (First Presbyterian, Salem)

**Sunday Hours** 

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next newsletter:

July 15th

July 15 Communion Sunday

July 22 Church in the Canyon (10:30am) & Church Anniversary Celebration 5:30pm Serve a meal at the Women's Shelter (162nd & Burnside)

July 29 Church in the Park (Joint worship service with Estacada area churches in downtown Estacada)

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The Season after Pentecost, 2018

Dear Springwater,

Very soon we will take part in services of ordination and installation for both our new church officers and for myself as your "Called and Installed" Pastor. It is my privilege and joy to be with you in both of these scenarios! I am thankful for what God is doing among and between all of us and look forward to how we will continue to deepen our life in Christ together.

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As we step into this new phase together I'd like to share with you some deeper reflections on what it is we are to be about as the church and also, for those of you new to the Presbyterian denomination, some key highlights from our Constitution. It's always good to be reminded of our *why* we are about what we are about!

Who is the church and what are they to be about? First and foremost, the church is a people called and claimed by God (1 Peter 2:10, Romans 7-8, Isaiah 43). They are God's very own possession empowered to live out the love of God for the world (1 Peter 2, Luke 10). The church has been given a ministry of reconciliation, healing and hope to share with the world (2 Corinthians 5, John 7). The church is to be a community where the love and generosity of God evidenced in the life of Jesus are lived out (Acts 4, Luke 9 "you give them something to eat"). As believers, it is out of God's grace we have been made alive in Christ and it is through the very power of Christ that we live lives of compassion and wisdom (Colossians 3:12, Romans 6:4, James 1:5). As a church we are called to follow Christ, to be salt and light in a world that is dark, to live the compassion and life of Christ in our context (Matthew 5). God is alive and active, moving and present in the world. It is through God that we live, breathe and have our being, and this is same for every living thing (Acts 17:8, Revelations 4:11, John 1). God's purpose is to build the people of God into a spiritual house, in order that they would shine the light of Christ (1 Peter 2). Scripture is filled with invitations to new and resurrected life, life as God intends and would have it, such as the Sermon on the Mt. (Matthew 5-7) and in the greatest commandment as summed by Jesus, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:.37- 39)."" The church is to experience God's love and live God's love through the power of our triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The focus of the church is God, the stance of the church is one of centering on and attending to God and then turning and attending to the world with the love of God.

In the Constitution of the PC(USA) it is articulated that:

Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills. <sup>1</sup>

And with great hope and trust we live into the call that the:

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world (1 Cor. 12:27–28):

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord. <sup>2</sup>

The Constitution of our denomination gives a clear and accurate description and call to the church. It is a church called into being through Christ, it is a church that is focused on Christ, receives it's mission from Christ and receives its power from Christ. It is a church that is to be focused on God, centered in God and understands itself to be sent by God into the world to be agents of healing, of restoration, and of love.

This is an incredible biblical and constitutional foundation to have: God made us, God knows us, God sees us, God loves us, God forgives and redeems us, God wants to use us and God leads us.

No matter how things spin and change around us, God is with us and calls us to live lives deeply rooted in the love of Christ. I've told you this story before, but it's a delightful image: Robert Farrar Capon, the late Episcopal priest, in his book, *The Supper of the Lamb*, whimsically describes his love of cooking, assuring the reader that he is indeed an amateur cook, and if that confession should lead the reader to discount his "amateur" cookbook, he disarmingly describes an amateur, "the world may or may not need another cookbook, but it needs all the lovers—amateurs it can get."

That's us. That's the church. Amateurs, — lovers, that attend to the world in the love of Christ. <sup>3</sup>

With joy,
Pastor Susan

### Footnootes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part 2: Book of Order, 2015-2017, (BOO)(Louisville: Office of the General Assembly) F-1.0202.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> BOO, F-1.0301

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3.</sup> Capon, Robert Farrar. The Supper of The Lamb: A Culinary Reflection. (New York: Random House Publishing, 2002).

#### From the Deacons' Desk:

- 1. June 10 is Installation day for Susan to be our permanent pastor. Deacons will provide refreshment after the installation service at 2.00 pm.
- 2. The week after Susan's installation to be our pastor we will begin another important event: our book Study of "Christian Caregiving: A way of Life" by Kenneth Haugk. Please come and join us study this book. If you need a book for this study, please contact Susan Graham.
- 3. Save the date! On July 22, we will celebrate the church birthday down at the Shibley's property in the Canyon. The Congregation is invited to have a potluck after service. Paper goods to eat with will be provided.

Peace be with you! Springwater Presbyterian Church Deacons

### What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
June 3:	Don & Barbara MacKinnon	Lynda Conway	Sign up in the Fellowship Hall
June 10:	Nike & Tim Guttridge	Dora & Adelia	
June 17:	Allen Siefken	Randy Johnson	
June 24:	Debbie Ingamells	Jennifer Souders	
July 1:	Barbara & Gilbert Shibley	Gwen Shearer	
July 8:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Debbie Ingamells	
July 15:	Kathy Scott	Susan Horton	
July 22:	Renate & Adelia Jeppeson	<del></del>	
July 29:	Gary Guttridge	Susie Garrison	

Springwater Presbyterian Church has always been involved in hunger ministries and it continues to this day. On May 20th we served many people in the Human Solutions Women's shelter in S.E. Portland. We will do this again on **June 10th** and **July 22nd**. The **August** date is the **12th**. It is always on a Sunday evening. It is easy and fun to do. Think of the difference it makes in these women's lives. It is our way to follow in the footsteps of Christ and obey his commandment: to feed the hungry. If you would like to join us or help cook or serve the meal **contact Debbie Ingamells: 503 313 9575**.



### Session highlights, stated meeting, May 8, 2018

- Mission committee is looking for members, Randy Johnson will ask for volunteers from the congregation
- Endowment Committee: We are out of compliance with the Endowment Resolution as found in our Operations Manual, which states "The membership of the executive committee shall consist of two (2) members of Session, three (3) members at large to be elected by the congregation at the annual meeting." We did not elect an at large member at this year's Annual Meeting. Nominating Committee will need to find with a nominee then we'll call a quick congregational meeting to vote.
- Interest in training for the Stephen Ministries continues. The book study, "Christian Caregiving" will be starting some time in June. Deacons will eagerly fund raise for the training, but are wondering if at least part of the Endowment Fund's income for this year could be used for this. This can be addressed after another member is voted onto the Endowment Committee (see above note). Cost of training 2 members is estimated to be around \$5000.
- Buildings & Grounds: A work day is still to be scheduled for work inside and out. Inside work will include organizing the church library and files, outside work, to be determined.
- Kathy Scott is approved to be our commissioner to Presbytery.
- Susan would like a more streamlined desk for her office and also would like to paint the office. She is asking if any of the congregation members has special attachment to the desk.
- Next stated Session Meeting June 17th, potluck at 5:45 meeting at 6:00.

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### ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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June 3, 2018 (Guest Preacher) - Kathleen Fast Sermon Texts: 1 Samuel 3:1–10, 2 Corinthians 4:5–12 Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Mark 2:23–3:6

June 10

**Sermon Texts: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1**1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15)
Psalm 138
Mark 3:20–35

June 17

**Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17** 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

1 Samuel 15:34–16:1 Psalm 20 Mark 4:26–34 June 24

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49

Psalm 9:9–20 Psalm 133 Mark 4:35–41 6