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

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Birthdays

Heidi Finlayson	6/3
Don Barbee	6/5
Mary Kirby	6/8
Kit Johnson	6/16
Deb Odell	6/23
Ruth Newman	6/27
Tom Coyne	6/27
Richard Scott	7/5
Jessie Jo Guttridge	7/5

Anniversaries

Nancy & Jim Tedrow	6/3
Kathy & Richard Scott	6/11



Church Events in June

- Wednesday, June 4:** day retreat at Springwater for lectionary discussion group
- Sunday, June 8:** last day of Sunday School for the season; Pentecost potluck and old-time fashion show (see page 6)
- Tuesday, June 10:** day retreat at Springwater for spiritual directors
- Sunday, June 15:** baptism of Marlee Odell
- Tuesday, June 17:** session meeting at 6:00
- Sunday, June 22:** deacon meeting after worship at the home of Cheryl Watson
- Monday-Friday, June 23 to 27:** Vacation Bible School at Springwater (church and Grange) (see pages 4 and 5)
- Saturday, June 28:** presbytery meeting at Central Presbyterian, Eugene
- Looking ahead:
July 19-20: Springwater's Quasquicentennial 125th birthday celebration (see page 6)

Sunday Hours

9:30 AM Sunday School
for all ages

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

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Pastor's Perspective

What got my attention in the Mother's Day entry for the Mission Yearbook was recognizing the person in the photograph. That made sense, since the entry was for my "mother institution," McCormick Theological Seminary.

McCormick's president, Frank Yamada, reports in the accompanying article that there is no racial-ethnic or denominational majority at McCormick. That came as no surprise, since McCormick is an urban ministry-oriented campus in the heart of one of America's most diverse cities. During my tenure there 15 years ago, we had a balance of Koreans, Caucasians, Hispanics, and African American students. What did surprise me was to learn that by 2040, **there will no longer be an ethnic-racial majority in the USA at large.**

As Yamada encouraged readers to pray for the training of the next generation of church leaders for such a diverse world, he cast McCormick's vision of theological education "that is cross-cultural, urban, Reformed, and ecumenical."

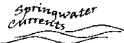
Everybody's Got An Opinion . . .

That may seem of distant interest to a small church in the rural Pacific Northwest. But perhaps not. Our regional wrinkle to McCormick's vision—cross-cultural, urban, Reformed, ecumenical—is that we live where most people are "spiritual but not religious." Springwater's localized wrinkle is the need to add "cross-generational" to McCormick's list of challenges.

At this year's joint deacon/elder planning retreat this winter, I was asked to look into "why 20- and 30-somethings are not in church." That issue is only one of the growing number of implications arising from living in an ethnically diverse culture. As I tried to follow session's request, I discovered that there is a tremendous amount of information written on the subject of generational approaches to church—from the popular press to religious journals, from blogs to books. Everyone's got an opinion, and some of them might even have validity.

. . . And They're All Willing to Express It

Some of the opinions make sense. One article about why Millennials aren't in church gives six reasons. Those reasons include not only lack of diversity (half the newborns born today are non-white), but also not being online (this is the first social network generation), being too inwardly focused (only helping people already in church), too institutional (existence for the sake of structure), not trustworthy (making claims that don't stand up to fact checks).



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... it's helpful to remember that our respect for our history is not nostalgia—a sentimental longing for the past.

The cry of “Woe!” is rampant, summed up for me recently by one of my seminary classmates in an article she wrote for the spirituality journal, *Weavings* (Feb/March/April 2014).

My friend Rachel was commenting on the home industry commenting on the death of the local mainline church. That’s us, friends. Presbyterians are shrinking in numbers overall, while gravitating either to a few large congregations or to an increasingly larger number of ever-smaller congregations. Humorously, Rachel suggests these commentators describe us as “Christi-yawnity,” then refers to two books she is considering writing, “Church of the Living Dead: Protestant Zombies and How to Escape Them,” and its sequel, “Dawn of the Nones: The Afterlife of the Church.”

Timely

As we gear up to celebrate our 125th birthday this summer (our Quasiquicentennial) it’s helpful to remember that our respect for our history is not nostalgia—a sentimental longing for the past. If we are really true to the century-plus integrity of this congregation, our look backwards will be so as to better equip ourselves as a vital congregation for the future.

See you in church.

We Need Your Historical Photos

The Birthday Celebration committee plans to put together an historical picture tour of the Springwater community. We hope you will share your photos from the past. Please include photos of community gatherings, and pictures of the old original homes and buildings from earlier times.

We especially hope to find pictures of the old school, original farm houses, people working in the fields, or constructing any buildings whether they still exist or not.

If we can get pictures soon, we hope to have the time to take current pictures of the same spots now for a fun comparison.

Please call Kathy Scott at 503.630.4739 or email her at kathyscott@gmail.com to make arrangements .



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Vacation Bible
School: Finding
Courage in God



Kids, Take Courage!

Where Springwater Presbyterian Church

When June 23-27, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

What Bible Stories, crafts, games, lunch!

Who Children age 3 through 6th grade

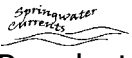
Invite your friends and neighbors. Speak to Kathleen Souders or Renate Ryan-Jeppeson to register, call the church at 503.630.5480, or email springwatervbs@gmail.com.

Children will also be encouraged to bring food donations for the Estacada Area Food Bank. Monetary offerings will be dedicated to Heifer Project International.

Kids, Take Courage!

A group of brave teenagers show just how courageous God's people can be. As prisoners they refuse the junk food the king gives them, in favor of vegetables—and grow to be the strongest, healthiest, and smartest in the class. Because these kids love God, they show they can be brave under fire—literally. One of them helps the king when he has a bad dream. Then, when he worships God, he spends the night with hungry lions to pay for it. Another becomes queen and saves God's people, while evil plots swirl around.

God's people have courage. These young people show that it makes a difference to be good, even when no one is looking.



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Meals at VBS



This year, June 23-27th, the staff of VBS wants to feed your children healthy snacks and lunches. We plan to cook food that relates to the Bible stories being taught. So, we will be giving them plenty of vegetables, fruits and even grains from Biblical times. These meals will be peanut/tree nut-free and there will be gluten-free options too.

The cooks this year are Kathy Scott, Leala Harris and Oramae Sprague. Leala & Oramae are both from Eagle Creek Presbyterian Church and have helped out for a number of years.

Can you help us with the food? We will be following nutrition plans and standard rules for kids with food-allergy issues. Because of that, we hope that you can donate money to purchase food so we can purchase specifically those items that will work best.

Got questions? Call Kathy Scott at 503.630.4739 or email her at kathyscott@gmail.com

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
June 1:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Deb Odell	_____
June 8:	Mary & Kevin Kirby	Nona Shearer	*Potluck*
June 15:	Renate & Neal Jeppeson	Debbie Ingamells	Souders
June 22:	Steve & Mary Stiles	Mary Neigel	Nona Shearer Up
June 29:	Gary Guttridge	Randy Johnson	Wilma Guttridge

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**Springwater Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 125th Birthday
(Quasquicentennial Celebration)****June 8 – Fashion Show**

The first event to mark in your calendar is the old-fashioned parade of clothes from the past. Judy Coyne has been collecting fashions from the past and we will be modeling them during the potluck on Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th. Judy still needs more clothing, especially for men. She is also looking for models to wear them. Contact Judy at 503.630.6759 or

JudyMC4740@aol.com

July 19-20 – Celebration weekend**Saturday, July 19**

- 3-4 p.m. music in the Grange, Old Time Fiddlers playing
- 3-5 p.m. tour the church, view historical photos in the Grange
- 5-7 p.m. BBQ Pork dinner, music outdoors - Jawbone Flats playing
- 7-8 p.m. music continues, dancing encouraged

Sunday, July 20

- Worship at 10:30 a.m. Dedication of the new stained glass window
- Light lunch served at noon. Come and get reacquainted with previous pastors and members who graced us with their presence in the past.



Reservations needed for the BBQ meal on Saturday. We are having a catered meal, so we need to know if you are coming and how many people you will bring.

RSVP to Wilma Guttridge: 503.630.4574 Or by email:
Springwater.church.news@gmail.com

Commemorative mugs available to purchase now at \$15.00/each

The beautiful Springwater cobalt blue mugs are still available. After the birthday celebration in July they may all be gone, so buy them now. The price is \$15.00/each. They make wonderful gifts for any occasion and your family & friends will love using them. They are available at church on Sunday mornings or you can contact Kathy Scott at 503.630.4739 or kathyscott@gmail.com

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Let's Get Walking

In April, we began accompanying Pastors Eileen and Beverly "to" Nasbinals, France, where they will begin their walking pilgrimage. All of us are encouraged to log our walking and biking miles each week on the chart in fellowship hall to see if we can collectively and figuratively accompany them at least to the start of the pilgrimage. In April, we logged 247 miles—which got us across Oregon, anyhow. No total yet for May.

It all began because Pastor Eileen is using part of her three-month sabbatical to participate in the medieval European pilgrimage practices. People of faith have always journeyed to sacred places as acts of worship, of devotion, of self-sacrifice, in attempts to deepen their relationship with God. Starting with Abram who "got up and went" from Ur of the Chaldees, to Jesus going into the wilderness, to medieval Christians walking to the Holy Lands, to healing journeys to Lourdes, to those who walk labyrinths in all kinds of places—people of faith have moved in their search for God.

But did you also know that walking carries health benefits as well? The Health Ministries of the PCUSA lists these benefits to a walking program:

Decrease your risk of a heart attack (lowers "bad" cholesterol and increases "good" cholesterol while and helping control blood pressure)

Decrease your chance of developing diabetes (helps control your insulin if you already have it)

Help control your weight (a brisk one-hour walk burns 400 calories)

Improves muscle tone (keeps you flexible and active as you age)

Promotes overall sense of wellness (reduces stress)

Enhances bone strength (helps prevent osteoporosis and arthritis)

Increases your metabolism (you burn more calories faster)

Can help ease back discomfort

Boosts energy levels (some studies indicate that walking helps slow the aging process)

But why limit walking to personal benefits? Why not walk with a friend? Or start a walking group with friends from church? No equipment is required (except for comfortable walking shoes), no organizational expertise, no tasks to accomplish. If you wanted to add a "pilgrimage" or devotional component to your walks, you could read the daily psalm together or one of the Sunday scripture passages before you set out on your walk. You could share prayer requests as you walk or offer a list of ten gritudes.

Walking is good for you, and if you log your miles on the chart in fellowship hall, you'll help Pastors Eileen and Beverly reach their pilgrimage.





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Lectionary Readings

As we build toward the celebration of our congregations' landmark anniversary, the preaching will focus as much on the future as it does on the past. Springwater's past, like that of all congregations, is both glorious and challenged. With the best of intentions, we may wish to re-create that past, but most of us know that's not only impossible, it would not be sustainable. Springwater's adventurous spirit over the years has helped it not just survive but also thrive. It turns out that there are Biblical roots to this way of being church. Join us as we explore them in June and July.

June 1 (WHAT USE DOES GOD HAVE FOR HUMANS?): 2 Corinthians 10:1-5; John 13:1-6, 13-17

June 8 (Pentecost, celebration of the Lord's Supper) (WHAT IS JESUS' PROMISE TO US?): Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

June 15 (Trinity Sunday, baptism) (GO!): Matthew 28:16-20

June 22 (GO, BUT DON'T EXPECT SUCCESS): Isaiah 6:8-13; Matthew 13:10-17

June 29 (Vacation Bible School worship, FINDING COURAGE IN GOD): based on stories from the books of Daniel and Esther

July 6 (REMEMBERING THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE): Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



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