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

#### March 2016

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# Sunday Hours No Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next newsletter:

March 28

### **March Birthdays**

Debbie Ingamells	D /I
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Marlee Odell	3/6
Kasey Watson	3/6
Gwen Shearer	3/17
Barbara MacKinnon	3/18
Vernon Souders	3/24
Margaret Shearer	3/27



#### Church Events in March

March 13: Celebration of Beverly Crow's service as pastor to Springwater

March 13: Serve Dinner at Human Solutions warming shelter, meet at the church at 5:00, see page 6

March 19: Youth Group game night at church, 5:30, see page 6 March 20: Palm/Passion Sunday, Rev. Susan Graham, pastor March 27: Easter Sunday, breakfast at the grange, 9 a.m.

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#### Pastor's Perspective

You have heard the news – you have a new Pastor at Springwater!! I am very excited for you as you move into a new era, a time with Susan Graham as your Pastor.

You are a very special group of God's people and Jesus' disciples.
Continue the journey.

As you know, I have been filling in as your Pastor until Session could process and make this decision. Now, that my time filling in is drawing to a close,

- --I want in some way to let you know how much it has meant to me to be with you.
- -- I want to let you know how important you, as a faith community, are to me.
- --I want to express how honored I have felt to live with several scriptural passages over these weeks and wrestle with them trying to find the right ways to present them to you, the people of Springwater.

This has been a rich time for me to have several months preaching with you in mind and shaping thoughts that I hoped would be appropriate for you. I don't quite know the adequate words to say thank you for the opportunity and for the trust you have placed with me in your time of pastoral transition. You are a very special group of God's people and Jesus' disciples. Continue the journey. You will be in my prayers. Again, thank you for our time together.

Beverly



The Session is excited that it has completed the search for Springwater's new Pastor. After reviewing her material, having conversations with her, and listening to her preach, we believe Susan Graham will be a good Pastor for our congregation. We feel that we will all be able to work well together and walk into this next stage of our life determining God's will for us as a faith community. We will all be able to meet Susan and her family March 6 as they will be in worship. Susan will officially start her work at Springwater on March 15 and will lead worship beginning March 20.

Hello Springwater Presbyterian!

What a wonderful pleasure it is to be joining your community as your new pastor! It is a privilege and an honor. I am excited for the work that God will do in and through us all at Springwater. My family and I are eager to meet you!



I grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado and came to faith at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs. I received my B.A. in Religious Studies from Westmont College and my Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. While at Westmont I met my husband, Erik, working with junior high students at a local church. After graduation we spent the first few years of our married life in Fresno, California. We both continued with youth work and I spent six years working with and directing a day program for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Erik attended Fresno State and began his career in Civil Engineering.

We made our move to Fuller Seminary in southern California and while we were there, our daughter Dora was born. We treasured our time at Fuller for the sense of community and learning. Upon graduation we made our way to Portland, OR where Erik continued his career in Civil Engineering and grew in his passion for photography. I spent time at home with our then toddler daughter before beginning a ministry position at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego, OR. I've spent the last several years at Lake Grove. First, as the Director of Children's Ministry and then as an Associate Pastor in Pastoral Care.

Erik continues to work in civil engineering and is also a professional photographer. Dora is in 6th grade and loves Legos and playing rugby. We adore our 2 year old Australian Shepherd, Pippen.

We look forward to getting to know you and to serving the Lord with you,

In the love of Christ, Susan, Erik & Dora Graham



#### Easter Breakfast

Please join us for Easter breakfast at the Grange on Easter morning, between 9 and 10 a.m. The deacons will be preparing Presbyterian Eggs. You are welcome to bring a breakfast item of your choice for potluck. We would love to see you there and celebrate the Risen Christ together before worship.

#### **Easter Sunday**

We would like to have the sanctuary filled with flowers on Easter Sunday. Please bring flowers from your yard or garden in vases and help make the Easter celebration a bright and colorful one.

Thank you,

Kathleen Souders

A note about the Endowment Fund, from my Irish cousin.

Ah, march, the month av Saint Patrick's demise. Born in de 5th century. Suppose de gran' saint 'ad established an endowment fund wi' jist \$1, waaat might it be worth the-day? Assumin' 3% interest, that's \$1 times 1.03 gives \$1.03 after wan year, \$1.0609 in de second year...whew! Finally got it! Dat weurks oyt ter aboyt \$132 trillion plus. Tuk me 2 weeks ter chucker dat usin' Roman numerals. Well, that's ridiculous. Let's see, Springwater is only 129 years auld, so let's try dat an' figure a realistic 5% after inflashun an' a \$100 investment. Usin' logarithms whaich were invented long after St. Patty's time gives \$54,127. See 'oy yisser contribushun ter de endowment fund can grow? An' de sooner yer contribute de more valuable yisser gift 'ill be! An' chucker it nigh before de tax people deman' their due!

Dick Scott





#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. One Great Hour of Sharing, received during Lent/Easter, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

Fish banks will be distributed the first Sunday of March. You can use these during the weeks of Lent to collect money. Bring them back to the church on Easter Sunday. The One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be collected on Easter Sunday.

Thank you, Kathleen Souders

	What's on your Schedule?		
	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
March 6:	Peter & Carol Sturman's replacement	Debbie Ingamells	Cindy Woodbury Deacons
March 13:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Mary Neigel	Deacons
March 20:	Kathy Scott Alan Siefken	Gwen Shearer	Kathy Scott
March 27:	Renate & Neal Jeppeson	Kara Guttridge	Easter Breakfast

Mary, Judy & Nona invite you to an

### 8oth Birthday Celebration

for their sister

Margaret Shearer

2-5 pm Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Springwater Grange Hall

It's an open house so come for part or all of it Cards are very welcome. Your smiling face would be better than a present.

If you have questions call 503-631-8759 or 503-630-6759

Youth group will be having a game night at the church on Saturday, March 19th. We will meet at the church at 5:30 that evening for some dinner and then play some games in the sanctuary. Please bring a game to play with everyone. More information to come.

Jennífer

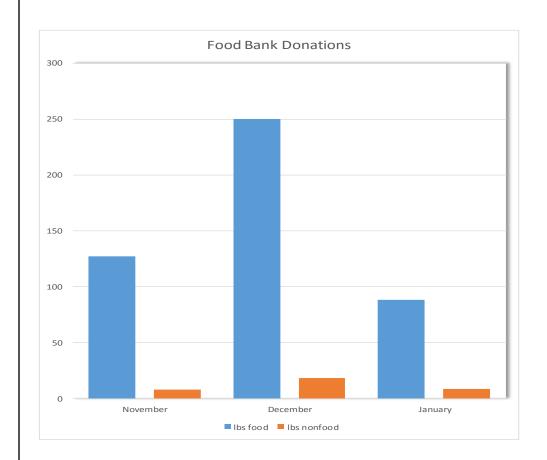
Warming Shelter Support, March 13th

Springwater Presbyterian will once again be providing supper at a Human Solutions warming shelter on march 13th. With longer days, comes later nights. Folks are arriving at the shelter later in the day, so we'll serve dinner later this month. If you can help, please contact Debbie Ingamells. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. We will meet at the church at 5 p.m. on the 13th.

Thank you, Debbie Ingamells

#### **Food Bank Support**

Here is a snapshot of our recent giving history to the Estacada Area Food Bank. Please remember the food bank when you are shopping for yourself and your family. Add an item or two to your shopping list each week for those less fortunate. The food bank can always use donations of soap, toothpaste, soup and oatmeal.





#### **March Lectionary Readings**

March 6: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

**March 20,** Palm/Passion Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

**March 27,** Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12



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