

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

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May Birthdays

Leon Hilgartner	5/3
Kara Guttridge	5/20
Tabitha Souders	5/20
Jim Tedrow	5/22
Kenneth Fisher	5/24
Bruce Ryan	5/29
Kord Kirby	5/31

May Anniversaries

Mary & Randy Johnson	5/17
Nike & Tim Guttridge	5/24

Sunday Hours

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

May 25

Church Events in May

May 3: Prayer gathering at church, 4 pm

May 8: Mother's Day

May 10: Prayer gathering at church, 4 pm

May 14: buildings and Grounds work day, 8 am -12 pm

May 22: Study session on the Confession of 1967, 9 am. Before worship.

May 29: Study session on the Confession of 1967, 9 am. Before worship.

Reminder: We are **not** providing a meal this month at the Human Solutions shelter. Debbie I. is not available.

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Pastor's Perspective

Praying with the Psalms

Every Sunday morning we begin our worship service with the reading of a Psalm while we hear and see the waters of our baptism poured into the font. What a beautiful sight. That water reminds us that we are secure in Christ, nothing, not even death, can snatch us from God's hand. Secure in our connection to God through Jesus Christ we express the breadth and depth of our human experience, pouring out our hearts to God. We use the Psalms as prayer and praise and join a whole company of witnesses when we do so. The Psalms have been on the lips of God's people since Old Testament times. Millions of voices have been singing and praying these texts for thousands of years. How incredible that we can join in.

I encourage you to pick a Psalm to read and pray everyday. You'll find words of comfort, of despair, of fear, of great love and of bitter anger. It is an honest book, for sure. For an intriguing conversation about the Psalms between Eugene Peterson (the Presbyterian pastor and author of numerous books including The Message, a common language translation of the Bible) and Bono (the lead singer of the band U2) go to <https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/>. You'll see it right on the home page. It is well worth the 20 minutes to watch it. Scroll through the page to see more helpful links about the Psalms including a playlist of modern psalms. I hope that will provide you with some more food for thought and prayer as you look to the Psalms in your own life of prayer.

Praying for General Assembly Delegates

Our congregation has been invited to pray for GA delegates as they prepare and then attend the meeting in June. We will receive 20 names and will share those as they come to us. These people have embarked on a great task that will require wisdom, insight, courage and grace. Let's keep them in prayer.

Praying for our Congregation and Community

I'm thankful to see the prayer requests that pass through my inbox as church members reach out to one another through prayer. It means so much to be connected in this way and to lift each other up to the Lord. I know that we are scattered throughout the area, but I'd like to invite you to join me for a specific time of prayer on Tuesday afternoon May 3rd & 10th at 4:00. If you happen to be available and able to come to the church, I'll be there praying! We will pray through the needs of our congregation and our community.



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Send me prayer requests or use the prayer request sheet online and we will faithfully pray. If this seems a good fit for us to meet in person to pray we'll look at how we can make it a regular thing.

With joy,
Pastor Susan
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Update from the Deacons

The deacons have established new calling lists for the congregation with a team of five heading the calling lists. They are planning meals for the general assembly in June, as well as for the church birthday in July. All activities are listed on the new bulletin board in the fellowship room. Their next meeting is June 5th at Cheryl Watson's house after the worship service.

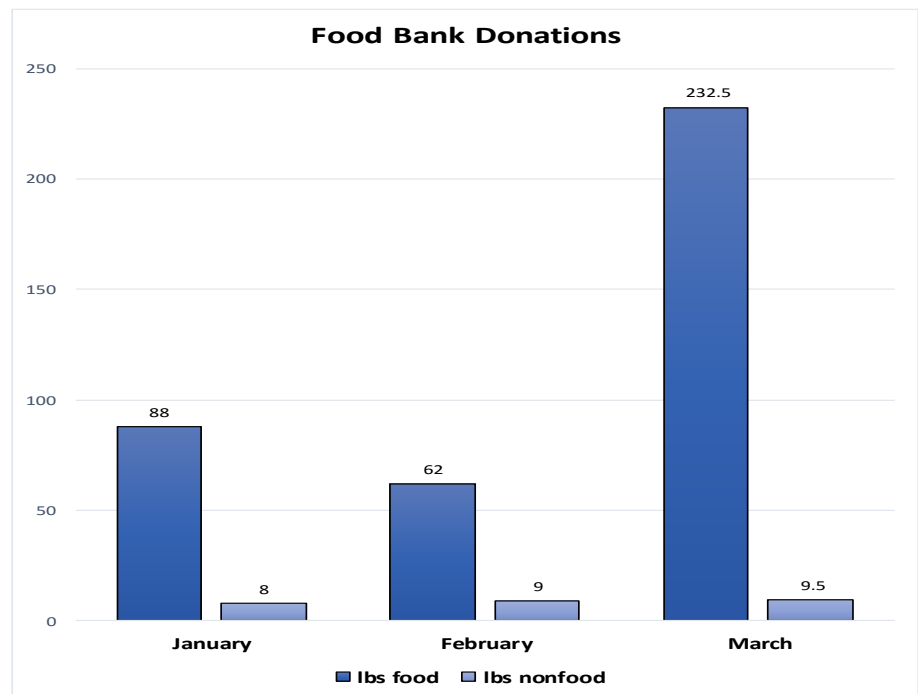
Donations to the Estacada

Food Bank in 2016:

January 88 lbs food,
 8 lbs non-food;

February 62 lbs food,
 9 lbs non-food;

March 232 lbs food,
 9.5 lbs non-food.



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Springwater Presbyterian Spring Clean-up Day has been set for Sat. MAY 14th 8am - Noon

Mark your calendars and save the date! We will have simple clean-up chores for all ages and abilities.

There will be a list for you to consider in advance what you could help with (and come prepared for). The main focus will be the immediate grounds and walk-ways around our Church building and also the Labyrinth area. Lots of helpers make for light work and more fun!

The B&G committee is continuing discussions and plans for repair of the Manse roof and when and who will re-paint the outside of the Church.

Study Sessions On Two Confessions of the PC(USA):

Two unique happenings regarding the Book of Confessions are coming up during this 222nd General Assembly. The first will be celebration and remembrance of the Confession of 1967 that was ratified and added to the Book of Confessions during the last General Assembly held in Portland (1967). And, second, the Belhar Confession, which passed through all presbyteries, will be up to be ratified and included in the Book of Confessions.

For those interested, we'll gather for a closer look at each of these confessions in the weeks leading up to GA. Sunday mornings at 9am.

May 22 & 29 will focus on the Confession of 1967

June 5 & 12 will focus on the Confession of Belhar



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We celebrate Memorial Day in May.....

Have you ever thought of remembering a family member or close friend with a donation to the Endowment Fund? This is a prayerful gift that will grow and will keep on giving.

Money from the Endowment Fund has been used to support our church's mission work in Colorado and will be there for future mission work or a special project. It could also be used for special needs of a congregation member or community outreach.

I can personally attest to an Endowment Fund helping a friend of mine who had a friend who passed away and his family could not afford the funeral. The fund was able to step in and give a donation to help the family out with funeral planning

Might you be able to give a small donation or consider the church in your will? The seeds we plant now can grow into a mighty tree and support the church's mission.

Randy Johnson

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
May 1:	Wilma & Kendra Guttridge	Debbie Ingamells	Debbie Ingamells
May 8:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Linda Conway	Mary Shearer
May 15:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken	Gwen Shearer	Open-Please sign up
May 22:	Renate & Adelia Jeppeson	Kara Guttridge	Open-Please sign up
May 29:	Gary Guttridge	Randy Johnson	Souders



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Preaching Texts:

May 1: John 5:1-9

May 8: John 17:20-26

May 15: Acts 2:1-21, John 14:15-21 - Pentecost

New Sermon Series - Church: The Life Together

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

May 22: Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:1-21

May 29: Acts 4:32-35, Matthew 14:13-21



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