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November Birthdays

Dora Graham	11/2
Mary Shearer	11/7
Renate Ryan-Jepeson	11/12
Emma Kirby	11/16
Al Conway	11/21
Adelia Jepeson	11/21
Karin Thomas	11/24
Tim Guttridge	11/27
Randy Johnson	11/28
Sam Fisher	11/30



Happy Anniversary

Al & Lynda Conway	11/4
Barbara & Gilbert Shibley	11/27

Sunday Hours

9:30 Adult and Youth Discussion Group
10:15 Hymn Sing
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship
11:45 Adult Discussion Group
Deadline for next newsletter: November 29

Church Events in November

November 6: Gospel of Luke Discussion Group 9:30 ONLY, see page 3.

November 13: Homeless Ministry: Bring dinner to a shelter; meet at the center at 5:15. See page 4.

November 29: Session Meeting

December 4: Homeless Ministry: Bring dinner to a shelter; meet at church at 4:45.

Save the Date! December 11th Deacons will host the annual Progressive Dinner. Participants will be asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. More details to follow.

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Pastor's Perspective

Good Gifts & Gratefulness

Many of you have already had a chance to reflect with one of our Vision Team members on a memory of joy and blessing you experienced during your time with this gathered body of believers. I hope the recall of the way God worked in the past has given you fresh excitement for what God is doing now and will do in the future - through each of you. God is faithful and we can trust that God is working within us and among us to accomplish God's good purposes.

Soon you will see a letter from the Session inviting you to reflect on and participate in the Stewardship efforts for 2017. God has given each one of us a gift to share whether it be from our talents, skills, time or resources. Thank you for taking time to pray and respond. There will be a special dedication service for our responses on November 13.

In this month of heightened awareness of our blessings let me extend my gratefulness for each of you, for the way you give to the life of Springwater and for sharing of yourselves with me. You are a blessing. With grateful joy,

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Office hours: Tuesdays: 2:00-5:00 (Drop by!) I am available other times as well - please contact me to arrange a time.



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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Vision/Mission Study Team Update

The Vision & Mission Team continues in their work of listening to the stories of God's work in the life of Springwater through each of you. Thank you for participating in the discussion with them and for keeping each team member in your prayers. The team will be collating stories *Susan Horton, Debbie Ingamells, Don MacKinnon, Kathy Scott, Mary Shearer, Allen Siefkin, Jennifer Souders, Kasey Watson, Susan Graham.*



Gospel of Luke Discussion Groups - updated class content and schedule

Study groups on the gospel of Luke continue before or after service.

9:30-10:10 - Youth Study downstairs & an Adult Study in the Fellowship Room

11:45-12:30 - Adult Study in the Sanctuary

We are using, *Luke - N.T. Wright For Everyone Bible Study Guides*, if you did not get one and you'd like one let Susan (revsusangraham@gmail.com or 503-442-6175) know!

Chapter/Questions Covered in Class

Nov 6 - **Class at 9:30 Only** NT Wright - Chapter 6, pg.38-42, Luke 5:1-39

Nov 13 - NT Wright - Chapter 7, pgs. 43-45, questions 1-5, (Luke 6:1-16)

Nov 20 - NT Wright - Chapter 7, pgs. 45-47, questions 6-12 (Luke 6:17-49)

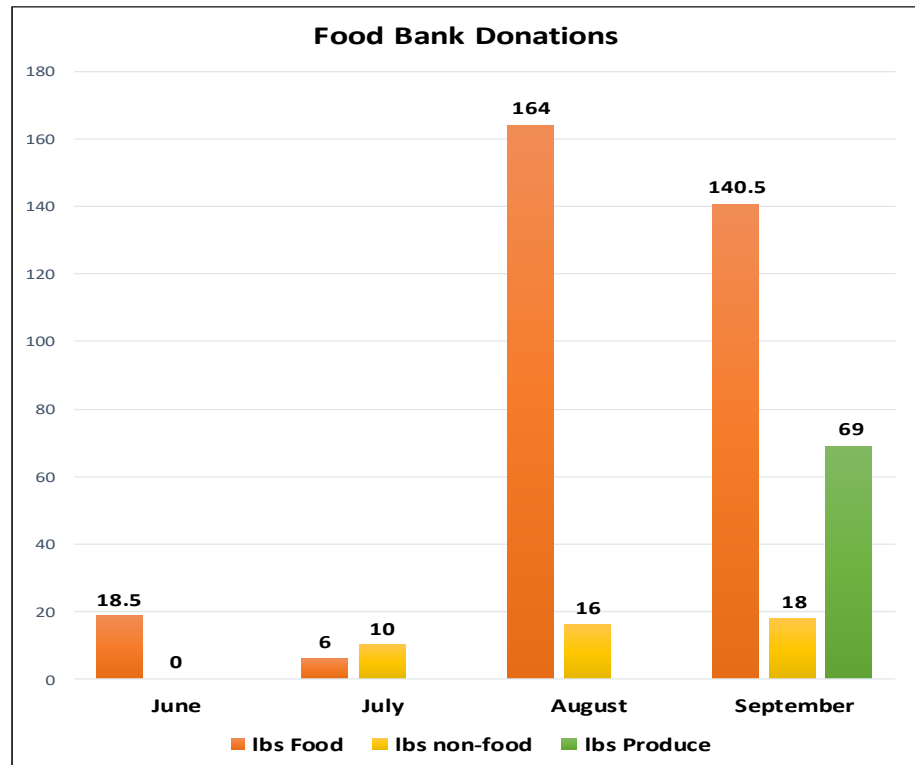
Nov 27 - NT Wright - Chapter 8, pgs. 48-49, questions 1-7 (Luke 7:1-17)

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Support the Estacada Area Food Bank

As we enter the winter and holiday season, please remember the food bank. In addition to the staple supplies, the food bank likes to give out holiday favorites like stuffing, gravy, and Jello. Also, since cold and flu season is upon us, Kleenex and soup are always welcome.

Please remember the staple items that the food bank can always use: ramen, peanut butter, dried beans, rice, oats, tuna, dish soap, bar soap, tooth brushes and toothpaste. Add something to your shopping list this week.



Hunger Ministries

Feeding the homeless group from SPC serves at Human solutions on November 13th. We'll meet at the center on 162nd and Stark at 5:15. Hopefully we'll start serving at 5:30. If anyone can help cook on Sunday afternoon, potatoes, broccoli or heating gravy let Debbie Ingamells know by Saturday. This couldn't happen without help. It sure makes me feel grateful.



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Evergreen Award Explained

This award was mentioned in “Joys” in worship last Sunday. What is it, who got it and why did it fit in prayer time? (Thanks for asking. G.S.) The plaque says “Gilbert Shibley, Shibley Family Forests –in recognition of long devotion to the practice and the promotion of tree farming.” Presented in front of about 60 of our peers in the small woodland community of this county, it is called evergreen because it denotes lasting production in all seasons (conifers are conspicuously always green). I am nearing the winter of my woodland management career. This touches my heart, as does the forest.

I co-own and manage forests in two adjacent ownerships, Shibley Family LLC with sister Wilma G, and Forest Home Woodlands LLC with wife Barbara S. Ownerships total 440 acres, each at least 75% forested and the rest farmland. Most of the wooded parts have been in the family an average of 70 years, with me as the family forester for over half that period. This would not all fit on a plaque.

Our whole family (now six generations) has treasured this legacy of productive land and approaches its care as stewardship of what ultimately belongs to God. Devotion is to the land and the work, yes, but much more to our God. This Church has been where our faith has been nurtured and practiced for 127 years. I am proud to accept the award on behalf my equally devoted sister and wife, our extended family and even this congregation that has always been our anchor-point, our home.

Gilbert Shibley

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
November 6:	Wilma & Kendra Guttridge	Debbie Ingamells	Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall
November 13:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Linda Conway	
November 20:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken	Gwen Shearer	
November 27:	Renate & Adelia Jeppeson	Kara Guttridge	



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Sermon Scripture & Lectionary Readings

November 6: Luke 5:1-39 - **Healing & Restoration.** Lectionary: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

November 13: Luke 6: 6-16 - **Lord of the Sabbath.** Lectionary: Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

November 20: Luke 6:17-49 - **Kingdom Living.** Lectionary: Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

November 27: *First Sunday of Advent* - Luke 7:1-17 – **Waiting.** Lectionary: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

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