

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

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Sunday Hours

9:30 Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Sunday School

Deadline for next newsletter:

October 23

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Lynda Conway</i>	10/1
<i>Bob Wilson</i>	10/10
<i>Jim Odell</i>	10/16
<i>Cortlan Souders</i>	10/27
<i>Connie Ryan</i>	10/27
<i>Jean McCloskey</i>	10/28

Happy Birthday!



Church Events in October

October 2: World Communion Sunday, dedication of the Peace Offering; traditional costumes optional

October 2, 9, 23, 30: Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m., before worship

October 5: Choir begins! 7 p.m., every Wednesday

October 12: Session Meeting

October 15: Youth work day at church, 10 a.m.

October 16: Homeless Ministry at Human Solutions shelter, meet at church at 4:45 p.m., see page 3

Gospel of Luke Discussion Groups

Join in the study of the gospel of Luke and come to a discussion group either 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 know (revsusangraham@gmail.com or 503-442-6175).

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Pastor's Perspective

Discernment

*"...The place God calls
you to is the place
where your deep
gladness and the
world's deep hunger
meet."*

How do you make decisions? What are the practices and tools you have in place when faced with a decision to make, whether it is small or large? This month the Vision and Mission Team will begin an intentional process of listening to God, to one another, and to the Springwater congregation as a whole in order to discern the focus points for our energy, resources and joy. It is a privilege to work together to discern how and where the specific gifts of the gathered congregation of Springwater are best directed. As Frederick Buechner so eloquently says, *"The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done....The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."*¹

Where do you feel the most joy in your daily life? How about the least joy? Or the most depletion? What is a deep hunger you see in the world, in your own life that needs addressing? Over these next few weeks I invite you to ask those questions daily, to pray them, to entrust yourself and your responses to the Lord who knows you, your situation, and the tasks you put your hands too. Make a note of your responses to these questions and see what emerges. How might God be leading you? If ever you'd like to talk about it or pray together I am available! Email or call me and we can arrange a time to meet.

Pastor Susan

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

1. Found in Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC's by Buechner



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Please keep these members of the Vision & Mission Study Team in your prayers. They begin their work with a joint meeting with congregational leadership on Saturday, Oct 8.

Susan Horton
Debbie Ingamells
Don MacKinnon
Kathy Scott
Mary Shearer
Allen Siefken
Jennifer Souders
Kasey Watson
Susan Graham

Homeless Ministry

Debbie Ingamells has organized us to provide dinner to clients of the Human Solutions homeless shelter on **October 15th, November 13th, and December 4th**. We'll be meeting at the church at 4:45. That way we won't be getting home too late in the dark. We'll be serving our winter menu: Baked potatoes, sausage gravy, veggies, rolls, milk and juice. Debbie will be needing help with baking the potatoes. Could anyone help with this? If so, please contact Debbie at 503-313-9575.

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:
October 2:	Don & Barbara MacKinnon	Nona Shearer
October 9:	Nike & Tim Guttridge	Jessie Jo Guttridge
October 16:	Judy Coyne Gilbert Shibley	Mary Shearer
October 23:	Debbie Ingamells	Neal Jeppeson
October 30:	Gary Guttridge	Randy Johnson



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Sermon Scripture & Lectionary Readings

October 2: World Communion Sunday, Luke 2:1-40 —The Birth & Dedication of Jesus; Lectionary: Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26 or Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

October 9: Luke 2:41-52 —Boy Jesus at the Temple; Lectionary: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

October 16: Luke 3 —John the Baptist & Jesus Baptism; Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 23: Luke 4:1-13 —Tested in the Wilderness; Lectionary: Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

October 30: Luke 4:31-44 —Healing Ministry; Lectionary: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

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