

# Springwater CURRENTS

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

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## Sunday Hours

### No Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next  
newsletter:

September 22

## September Birthdays

Travis Babikoff	9/8
Cheryl Watson	9/10
Bob Poore	9/19
Samantha Sturman	9/19
Nike Guttridge	9/19
Eric Roden	9/24
Steve Stiles	9/29



Anniversaries in September  
Kathleen & Vernon Souders 9/8



## Church Events in September

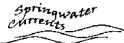
Sunday Worship begins at 10:30 this fall, with the hymn sing beginning at 10:15. There will be **no Sunday School this fall**, while the Faith Nurture committee and the congregation discern our future. See page 5 for more details.

**Saturday, September 6:** 10:00 a.m. Youth Group yard work. Meet at the church. See page 4.

**Tuesday, September 9:** 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting at the church.

**Saturday, September 27:** Youth Group hike, see page 4.

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## Springwater Presbyterian Church

### Greetings from the Pastor's Corner

This message will not look or sound like it usually does. It is not being written by Pastor Eileen. She is on a three month sabbatical (August through October). While she is gone Dave and Beverly (this writer) Crow are filling in.

Dave will be in the church office on Wednesday afternoons as well as Sunday morning. His contact information is:

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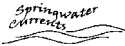
August has been a good month to begin our time with you. Many of you have been coming and going with summer activities and vacation trips. Several of you have had family and friends visiting and have brought them to Sunday worship. Every Sunday has been a little different and thanks to Gilbert Shibley who has come very early in the morning to open up the church and let the cool breezes in, our space has never been uncomfortably hot.

Springwater is very blessed to have the gifts of Kathleen Souders as the regular musician on Sundays, and while she has had a vacation from those duties for the month of August, we have been very fortunate to have Jim Roden step in with his guitar and mandolin accompaniment. Thanks to you both for adding sound and music to our worship services.

The fall schedule usually begins after Labor Day, and as it does, Dave will be filling the Pastor position. I will be joining Eileen on the pilgrimage journey in France and Scotland for most of September. Then, I will join Dave again here in the Pastor position and Eileen will continue her sabbatical time.

Hopefully all these details will help you know what is going on and who is here in leadership positions along with the steadfast Session members who are a great resource of information for added details.

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## Springwater Presbyterian Church

### Session and Deacons at Springwater Presbyterian Church

As Beverly noted, session members are a great resource for information and help. Here is the list of who's who and who does what at Springwater Presbyterian Church. This list should be helpful to you for any questions or concerns you may have.

### Who's Who at Springwater

Clerk of Session: Nona Shearer

Deacon Moderator: Cheryl Watson

Personnel: Al Conway (**session**)

Treasurer: Gwen Shearer

Financial Secretary: Lynda Conway

Endowment: Al Conway, Kathleen Souders (**session**)

Nominating: Allen Siefken (**deacon**), Nona Shearer (**session**)

Buildings and Grounds: Tom Watson (moderator), Tim Guttridge (**session**)

Mission: Tim Guttridge (**session**)

Faith Nurture: on sabbatical– speak to a session member

Worship: Kathleen Souders (**session**)

Hospitality: Cheryl Watson, Nike Guttridge (**deacons**)

Prayer Chain: Kathy Scott

Newsletter: Renate Jeppeson

Lay Ministry Coordinator: Gilbert Shibley

Quasquicentennial: Kathy Scott



### Will there be a Springwater Choir this Fall?

The answer is a melodious "Yes". I was unable to have the choir last year, and it just felt like there was something missing during worship. So, I am making it a point to get the choir back together this year for the fall and spring. I am thinking that we will be meeting on Tuesday evening beginning in October. More specific information will come in September. If you are interested in joining us and lifting up your voices to glorify God, please let me know. Anyone and everyone, all ages, is invited to join us.

I am planning on participating in the Festival of Choirs in Estacada in December as well as singing during worship service at Springwater during Advent and Christmas.

*Kathleen Souders*

Music Director

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**News flash from the 'back 40''**

"I know", says the cricket coming out from under a rock in the labyrinth, "your deed says this is only a two-acre parcel, this place where the parson's cow and horse used to share it with us other critters. But it sure looks like 40 or more from my angle and maybe less to my buddy the crow." Here is what else she had to say:

Are you sure those apples belong to you humans and not just the birds and raccoons? Are the people visiting the food bank going to appreciate what you took so much more? It is nice as part of our ecosystem to have a "memorial orchard", though, whatever that means. Even if you take most of the apples.

If you cut any more trees out of the fir grove be sure to not let them fall on my rock! And is it true what I hear from the neighbors that you are going to run chainsaws off and on the next few weeks from 8 in the morning until 1 in the afternoon. "That is nice of you to not interfere with my favorite chirping time in the evenings." (*Dare we tell her it is a fire regulation that sets such a schedule for work on our thinning project?*)

"I heard those folks from the B & G Committee talking to the people who live in the house on our yard. They said something about letting them clean up some of the logging mess by making firewood", says Miss Cricket. "If that is true, please ask them to invite those three little children out back here to look for us 2, 4, 6 and 8 legged friends so we can say hi."

*Gilbert Shibley*

nature reporter from out back

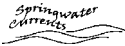
**Youth Group Events**

Hi everyone!

I hope that you've had a fantastic summer and that you're ready for youth group to start up again for the school year. We have two events this month. On **Saturday, September 6th**, we will be getting together around 10am at the church to do some yard work for the Barbee's. This will count as our service project for the month. Our next event will be **Saturday, September 27th**, we will try to go on a short hike in the Columbia Gorge (location yet to be determined). If the weather is bad, we will be having a regular meeting at 7pm at my house. I will keep you updated on the hiking event once we get closer to the date.

See you all soon!

*Jennifer*



## Springwater Presbyterian Church

### Faith Nurture for the Fall



## FAITH NURTURE

This fall the Faith Nurture committee is taking a sabbatical in order to consider what the nurture of our faith will look like in the future. It is a part of a larger conversation that the session and congregation will be having about how we do church. The questions include: What do we keep doing? What needs to be celebrated and given up? and What new vision for church might we embrace? You will eventually be asked for your input, so prayerfully consider what is most important to you about church and what new vision you might have.

**In the short term there will be no Sunday School until further notice.**

There will also be no “Round Up” to start the New Year.

“What the world needs is better religion, *new forms* of old faiths, religion reborn on the basis of spiritual connection—these things need to be explored instead of ditching religion completely. We need religion imbued with the spirit of shared humanity and hope, not religions that divide and further fracture the future.” (Diana Butler Bass, “Christianity After Religion”)

### What’s on your Schedule?

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b>	<b>Snacks:</b>
<b>September 7:</b>	Randy & Mary Johnson	Nona Shearer	The Johnsons
<b>September 14:</b>	Renate & Neal Jeppeson	Debbie Ingamells	Open-Please sign up
<b>September 21:</b>		Mary Neigel	Open-Please sign up
<b>September 28:</b>	Steve & Mary Stiles	Mary Shearer	Open-Please sign up



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### Estacada Area Food Bank Report

While summer attendance at church slowed down, the numbers of clients at the food bank did not. We served 300 households in June and July which feeds about 1000 people each month. The regularity of Springwater's contributions though the summer have been greatly appreciated, both the money and food. When you bring food to fill the red tub this fall, it would be helpful if you could add some paper bags as well as plastic cottage cheese and yogurt containers. It is amazing how many of those items we go through each month. We can always use your extra fall harvests of fruits and winter vegetables.

The good news this summer for our clients has been the addition of fresh produce from the SEED school garden dedicated to the food bank. Lettuce, peas and onions came in early and in abundance. Then we started getting carrots and broccoli. We are looking forward to an amazing crop of potatoes. Just in time! We have none at the food bank.

Volunteers, both half days or full days, are always needed. Your help with recruiting would sure help me out. People can see me on Tuesdays or Fridays, 10 to 4 at the food bank.

*Barbara Shibley*



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