

Springwater currents

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

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September Birthdays

<i>Cheryl Watson</i>	<i>9/10</i>
<i>Bob Poore</i>	<i>9/19</i>
<i>Nike Guttridge</i>	<i>9/19</i>
<i>Erin Roden</i>	<i>9/24</i>

Anniversaries in September
Kathleen & Vernon Souders 9/8

Note: Fall hours return on September 11th.

Sunday Hours

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

September 26th

Church Events in September

September 11: 10:30 a.m. (no hymn sing today) Bluegrass Worship featuring Highway Home Bluegrass Band & Potluck after service - bring finger foods to share!

September 18: Hymn Sing Resumes at 10:15. Worship at 10:30 Celebration of Lord's Supper during worship, beginning of the Gospel of Luke Adult Ed Class/Discussion Group & Youth Group, see Pastor's Perspective, page 2

September 25: Homeless Ministry, Serve dinner at Human Solutions.

October 2: World Communion Sunday, wear traditional costumes, bring home-baked bread from another tradition/culture, see page 4

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Pastor's Perspective

Upcoming Sermon Series

Immersed in the Gospel of Luke

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19 & Isaiah 61:1-2

As we seek to grow in following Jesus we will dive into this gospel (Luke) to glean all we can and set our hearts toward life with Christ.

Our next sermon series will be a plunge into the gospel of Luke. Through our summer series, we contemplated a variety of Call stories in scripture and saw that our primary call is one of discipleship with Jesus Christ. As we seek to grow in following Jesus we will dive into this gospel to glean all we can and set our hearts toward life with Christ. I know it will be fulfilling and challenging to immerse ourselves in one gospel for such a length of time (through Easter!). There will be an opportunity to work through a study guide and discuss what we are encountering together (see below). For an additional challenge, I encourage you to read through the gospel in one sitting as well as make time to follow along with the sermon series. It is amazing what a focused reading can do for a greater sense of the whole gospel as we break it apart into smaller pieces as well. God be with us all as we pursue Christ!

If you are interested in participating in the discussion group, please let Susan know if you would rather meet before or after Sunday service.

Luke Class/Discussion Group

There will be a class on the gospel of Luke to accompany our sermon series. *Luke - N.T. Wright For Everyone Bible Study Guides* will be available for use with the class or on your own. For those interested in meeting together we will do so on Sundays - either before or after service. Please let me (revsusangraham@gmail.com or in person) know if you are interested! We will start right away on September 18 and go with the time that works for the majority.

Vision/Mission Study Team

"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."



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The Vision/Mission Study Team is in place! These faithful servants will help our congregation take the opportunity to reflect on who we are as a congregation and who God is calling us to be.

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

I am thankful for each person in this group and eager to see how God will use the gifts each brings to help the life of Springwater grow deeply in the Lord, in discipleship with Christ, and in care for one another and our community.

The team will begin the Vision/Mission Study process with a joint meeting with congregational leadership on Saturday, Oct 8. **Please keep these faithful servants in your prayers as they serve in this way.**

I am thankful for each of you and for our sharing in the life of faith together!

Joy and peace in Christ,
Pastor Susan
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SPRINGWATER CHOIR

I would like to start up our Springwater Choir again this fall. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come join us to sing. If you are interested, please let me know. I plan on gathering in the beginning of October. Time and date are pending for practice. Stay tuned for more information and some wonderful music.

Kathleen Souders – Choir Leader



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World Communion Sunday

Springwater Presbyterian will celebrate World Communion Sunday by sharing from other traditions. If you are so inclined, feel free to wear traditional attire from other cultures and bring bread to share from other traditions.

Here is an excerpt from the PC(USA) website about World Communion Sunday: (<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/special-days-and-emphases/world-communion-sunday/>)

"All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (1 Cor. 11:29)

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (1 Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Springwater Presbyterian will also be dedicating the Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 2nd. Here is how your gift is used:

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice

For more information, visit:

<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html>

across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

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Remember the Red Tub



ESTACADA AREA FOOD BANK / "RED TUB"

It is a joy to be able to help others. We have a great partnership with the Estacada Area Food Bank. Thank you for all the fresh produce that you have donated to them. They appreciate it so much.

Their immediate needs are:

- Top Ramen
- Rice
- Oatmeal
- Soup (Any type)
- Chili

Let's continue to fill the "Red Tub" every Sunday with food and personal hygiene items for the Estacada Area Food Bank. Every item helps our neighbors in the community.

Thank you,
Kathleen Souders

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers:	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
September 11:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Neal Jeppeson	Bluegrass & Potluck
September 18:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken	Linda Conway	Allen Siefken
September 25:	Renate & Adelia Jeppeson	Kara Guttridge	Open-Please sign up
October 2:	Don & Barbara MacKinnon	Nona Shearer	Open-Please sign up



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Building Maintenance, new and old.

by Gilbert Shibley

Noticed our new look? Maybe not, since the church was white before and still is. The manse had a roof before and still has, but now gray instead of silver colored. As a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Al Conway lined up and monitored the painting contractor to go over the entire outside of the church, including the belfry. They kept missing spots and he kept getting them back to do it right. Jim Odell as a member of the Committee tended to the manse roof replacement. He is a pro and his company did a complete tear-off and re-roofing with no monitoring necessary other than his own as boss.

As our designated contact with the manse renters I did get a call from Jim when his crew stirred up a yellowjackets' nest in the attic of the small west addition to the manse. With a neighbor's help I got up and sprayed but failed to kill them. So I lined up a pest company and with "full battle gear" and special tools they delivered the fatal punch, the war was over and soon the roof was finished.

Over the nest, the exposed original boards were historic: odd dimensions, different colors but well built. That addition had been built as a bedroom by Rev. Cook about 1935 using donated materials, most from a lumber firm in Clackamas but some evidently from church members' surplus. Ten years later I saw Rev. Hawley convert it to a classroom, and he also shingled the church. In 1930 the steeple shingles had been painted white by Bill Shearer (23) and Rev. Hollensted (63) tying wooden ladders together to reach that high. The same method was used by Bob Akins and Elwin Shibley in the early 1970s to remove the decorative finial from steeple top and cover the hole with a pointed sheet metal cap.

Volunteer crews from the congregation have tended the steeple and painted both church and manse over the years. They did a major restoration of the manse inside and out in 1983-4 with Don Guttridge and Gwen Shearer leading the charge. That may be when the newly replaced aluminum roof went on the manse. A group of members painted the church then, too. In 1997 a contractor brought the belfry and steeple down for structural and surface upgrades (including shingles) then hoisted it back up into place. Since then both buildings have also been painted inside and out by contractors.

Volunteers, contractors, professionals, pastors, members and officers have combined in various ways to keep our 1890's manse and the 1904 church in sound and presentable condition. By the Grace of God no loss of limb or life has resulted and hopefully this will be true for the next 125 years as well.



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Preaching Texts and Lectionary Readings

September 11: Luke 4:14-30 - **Fulfilled in Your Hearing;**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

September 18: Luke 1:1-38 - **Announcing the Births;**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

September 25: Luke 1:39-80 - **Songs of Praise;**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

October 2: *World Communion Sunday* - Luke 2:1-40 - **The Birth & Dedication of Jesus;**

Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

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