

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

9:30 Confirmation Class,
begins Sept 30
10:15 Hymn Sing
10:30 Worship
11:45 Fellowship
Deadline for next
newsletter:
September 24



September Birthdays

Jason Renshaw	9/3
Eleanor Renshaw	9/6
Nike Guttridge	9/19
Erin Roden	9/24

Happy Anniversary

Kathleen & Vernon Souders 9/8

Church Events in September

September 9 — Round Up Sunday - Highway Home Bluegrass Gospel Band
Guest Musicians Potluck following Service

September 12 — Session meeting, 5:45 fellowship and potluck, 6:00 pm meeting

September 16 — Communion Sunday & Guest Preacher: Rev. Brian Heron, Executive Presbyter for Vision & Mission. Plan to stay after service for a time of discussion with Brian. All are welcome.

September 16 — Serve at the Women's shelter. Menu: Taco bar. *From Deb Ingamells: I'd love to have helpers to serve and cook this Sunday. We have been serving 60-80 women each time. If you've never done it before, try it! It brings blessings both ways!*

September 18 (Tues.) — **Mission Meeting** at church 6-8pm Dinner included! All invited to discuss mission opportunities with Springwater. See page

September 23 — A Service of Stories & Songs - Pastor Susan Away

September 30 — Confirmation class begins, 9:30am

October Event: October 20, Saturday Evening - 5:00-8:00pm

All Springwater Family Dinner and Game Night!

Come enjoy dinner and an evening of games - all ages!

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Confirmation has historically been a part of the youth curriculum but **if you would like to join in please do so.** There is room and challenge enough for all!

We will meet **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** & possibly one evening in the week if there are enough people who would like to meet then. **This class will run from Sept 30 -Nov 25.**

"As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice,

I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built."

Luke 6:47-48

Building a solid foundation. It's essential for ensuring what is built on it will have staying power. It can be delightful to make sand castles and watch them shrink as the water laps against them and they are eventually reclaimed by the sea. At least it is delightful if you understand that when you start constructing that sand dwelling — this little house on the sand is meant to be temporary! It is not so delightful when you don't realize that and pour your heart into something that keeps disappearing under your feet. It only takes once or twice as a child to realize how disappointing that can be. Sure enough, you start finding more secure foundations for building your dwelling places.

This fall we will begin a new sermon series meant to help us build our life of faith on a solid foundation: *Deepening our Life with God: Setting the Foundation*. This is meant to accompany a confirmation class and to invite us all to deepen our life of faith and our understanding of the life with Christ we are invited into. This is a grand view of the faith and will examine a new aspect of God each week as listed below. The accompanying confirmation class will dive deeper into the theme of the day and invite further study. This will also invite a wide reading of scripture. Stay tuned for specific readings.

Sept 30: God Is

Oct 7: God Makes & God Loves (**World Communion Sunday**)

Oct 14: God Judges

Oct 21: God Pursues

Oct 28: God Comes

Nov 4: God Dies & God Saves

Nov 11: God Gives (**Communion Sunday**)

Nov 18: God Works

Nov 25: God Reigns (Christ the King Sunday)

Blessing to you!

Pastor Susan



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From the Deacon's desk

Fall is coming closer! We are hoping everyone is well. If you have any need that we may be able to help with, please let your deacon know. If you don't know your deacon, let Nike know. She can introduce you to your deacon.

Please keep praying for our pastor, congregation and community. We don't know everyone's business, but we know life is tough.

After church, we like to have a time of fellowship. If you are able to share some snacks, would you please sign up in the fellowship hall. Also if you have any flowers that we can use to decorate our sanctuary, please bring them.

Thank you!
Springwater Presbyterian Church Deacons



MISSION COMMITTEE

Randy Johnson and I are Springwater's Mission Elders. We will be forming a Mission Committee who will meet regularly to discuss options that Springwater can participate in for Mission.

We will be exploring several Global mission partners and deciding which one is the best fit for Springwater. We will also look into ways that we can partner with more local avenues. One of these will be partnering with the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church and offering to help support them. There are many other ways that we can perform Mission work and we will explore these as a group.

The first meeting of this Mission Committee will be Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00pm. We will enjoy a small potluck before the meeting. If anyone is interested in helping and would like to serve on the Mission Committee, please join us.

Kathleen Souders
Co-Mission Elder



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Trailhead Program, a reflection *by Kendra Guttridge*

This summer, I had the opportunity to spend two weeks at Westmont College for their Trailhead Program; essentially, this was the combination of different learning modules that tied into the theme “listening for God’s call.” The primary intent was for us to consider our vocation, but we gained so much more than just an idea of what we want our lives to be. It was such a blessing to learn and grow close with the 20 other students, as well as to hear from the incredible professors and mentors that were brought in.

Our sessions ranged from art, to hope, to racial bias and seeing those who suffer invisibly with chronic illness. We studied the Annunciation, the story of the woman who touched Jesus’ cloak, and practiced Lectio Divina as well as other devotions. There were several days set aside for self-reflection, to think about our gifts and possibilities. Over the two weeks, there were so many times of vulnerability; we talked about really challenging things, we sometimes even encountered those challenging things head-on. But in those times, we sat with each other through them. We discussed and processed together, and there was so much support. It wasn’t always comfortable, but it was so so real. I learned that God is my invincibility in the face of challenge. I learned that it’s okay not to be able to rely on solely yourself, and that maybe there will never be a point in your journey where you don’t feel like you’re struggling, but *that’s okay*. I learned there will always be something to learn from every single person and every situation you meet. I also learned that I want to major in sociology at Westmont College. There was so much love put into my time there, and I’m so grateful for every bit of it.

What’s on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
September 2:	Barbara & Gilbert Shibley	Gwen Shearer	Sign up in the Fellowship Hall
September 9:	Randy & Mary Johnson	Debbie Ingamells	
September 16:	Kathy Scott	Susan Horton	
September 23:	Renate & Adelia Jeppeson	—	
September 30:	Gary Guttridge	Susie Garrison	



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A Response to the Christian Caregiving book study

I really enjoyed being part of the Christian Caregiving book study. I found the book user friendly with relatable text. There were parts that validated beliefs I already had and good advice. The discussions we had were thought provoking and deepened my understanding. Here are a few of my take-aways:

- What is often lacking is how to apply Christian resources to the deep and complex needs of people.
- You will occasionally make mistakes, but proceed with caring and genuineness.
- **Christians are responsible for care; God is responsible for cure.**
- When you as caregiver realize that God is the Caregiver, you are freed from worry and false expectations.
- Caring is a process.
- The right to care flows from our responsibility as a member of the family of God.
- You need to be clear about your identity as a distinctively Christian caregiver.
- Spiritual matters are generally thought to have a place (church) and a time (Sunday) but should be a part of life, regardless of place and time.
- Practice active listening. Ask open-ended and follow-up questions.
- Minister to the whole person, not just the spiritual side.
- Acceptance, or unconditional positive regard, is vital.
- Mark appropriate Bible passages to bring reassurance, to confront when necessary, to deepen understanding, and to strengthen the relationship with God.

Susie Garrison



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Newsletter Changes Ahead

It's time to try something new with *Springwater Currents*. In the coming months, we will be exploring email tools that will allow for shorter, more focused email messages. For example, sermon topics and texts as well as monthly events will be published via email at the beginning of each month. Personal stories and articles from members and friends will be published at a later date, monthly or bimonthly, as the seasons ebb and flow.

While email will be the primary means of sharing information, I understand that not everyone prefers this method of communication. Print copies of all newsletter publications will still be available for anyone who wants them.

Stay tuned for more information and the opportunity to share your preferences and opinions on church communications.

Blessings to all,
Renate Ryan-Jeppeson, editor-*Springwater Currents*