

Springwater Currents

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

June to July 14, 2009

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June through July 14th

Don Barbee	6/05
Mary Kirby	6/08
Kit Johnson	6/16
Tom Coyne	6/27
Ruth Newman	6/27
Karen Swift Engler	6/28
Jessie Jo Guttridge	7/05
Richard Scott	7/05
Mel Kramer	7/10

Anniversaries

Nancy and Jim Tedrow	6/03
Kathy and Dick Scott	6/11



Sunday Schedule

June and July Dates to Remember

9:45 AM Hymn Sing	June 6 Breakfast and Car Wash-Mission Trip Fundraiser
	June 13 church work day, see article page 8
10:00 AM Worship	June 14 Blessing of the Animals, see article page 3
	June 21 Father's Day
11:15 Fellowship	June 22-26 Vacation Bible School- Crocodile Dock
	July 4 Independence Day

Deadline for next
newsletter:

July 8, for a combined
July/August issue



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PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE

For those of you following along in the Mission Yearbook, this summer’s texts for preaching might confuse you, because the texts I’ve selected are not the same as what it suggests. If this isn’t something you follow, it won’t be an issue. But if you do read the common lectionary and you also try to anticipate Sunday’s preaching, you might wonder how we can get away with **not using the same scripture lessons as everybody else!**

Preacher’s Choice

It is always the preacher’s choice.

“Lectionary” simply means “what we read,” and a “common lectionary” means “others are reading this today.” The lectionary for Sunday scriptures that we use, the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), is used to by most mainline denominations, but it is only a suggestion. As a general rule, I use the RCL texts, because I find it is a good discipline to keep me preaching more than personal favorites. I also appreciate the RCL’s theological movement, leading us to a deeper appreciation of God’s continuing activity in the world.

Summer Stories and How We Read

When I was a kid, my parents taught Sunday School to the neighbors at the cabin, and Dad invariably used the David stories. The RCL must think along the same lines, because they come up in the rotation every three years—the same stories every three years.

But there is a whole lot more to David than what we heard three and six and nine years ago, so I’ve chosen different David stories for this summer. This is why the gospel lessons will not necessarily be the same ones you find suggested in the Mission Yearbook for that day, either.

I like having more than one text for preaching, because it feels more fruitful to allow them to “be in conversation” with each other. That’s one reason why the RCL offers four passages. Another reason is that **we Presbyterians know we can’t read scripture in isolation.**

We know we can’t read snippets of scripture to prove our point. That’s “proof texting,” because it removes too much of the context to offer a reliable understanding.

We know we can’t only read the Bible in privacy, thinking we understand what it has meant to the world and people of faith for the last 2,000 years. As Reformed Christians, we rely on tradition and scholarship, as well as personal interpretation and the give-and-take of communal reading to make ourselves available to fresh, new interpretations of God’s word revealed.

We also know can't read the Bible as if it only has something to say on Sunday or within the walls of Springwater Presbyterian Church or within the walls of our homes. **God still speaks a prophetic word through scripture to the world.** It's up to us to hear it and incorporate it into our lives, for the sake of the world and for Christ's sake.

See you in church.

Eileen

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 7 (Don MacKinnon preaching): Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 14 (Blessing of the Animals): Genesis 9:8-17; Colossians 1:15-23; Psalm 8

June 21 (When We Can't Recognize the Familiar): 1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18:1-5, 10-16; Psalm 9:9-20; Mark 4:35-41

June 28 (Vacation Bible School leading):

July 5 (GROWING IN LOVE): 1 Samuel 20:1-42; Mark 4:26-29; Psalm 133

July 12 (HEALING, HOLY FOOD): 1 Samuel 21:1-6; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56; Psalm 24



Why We Bless the Animals

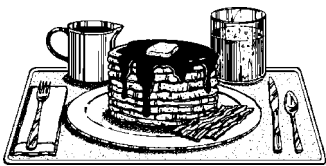
On Sunday, June 14, we will conduct a "Blessing of the Animals." This type of service is part of an historic and time-honored Christian tradition, most often associated with St Francis of Assisi.

This will be our third experience of blessing animals at Springwater. It reflects the reality that humans have prayed for their animals ever since we started domesticating them. It's not just pets who have attracted human prayer. Animals have helped people harvest their crops and put food on their tables. People of faith have named these animals, loved them, cared for them, tended them when they were ill. It's only natural that people would ask God's blessing for them.

Animals are invited to accompany their human companions (adults as well as children) to the worship service on June 14. If the weather is fine, caged and leashed animals will join their humans in the outdoor worship area. Larger animals may be tethered in the Springwater Grange field for the service.

Where you are not able to bring an animal, you may wish to bring a picture of an animal you love or an endangered species in the wild. If the weather is inappropriate for outdoor worship, we will be inside.

**Saturday June 6th –
combined Breakfast
and Car Wash
fundraiser for the
Youth Mission Trip
fund.**



Springwater Youth Activities for June Newsletter

Sunday School and Vacation Bible School

There will be no scheduled Youth Sunday school during June but there are several Youth activities this month.

Saturday June 6th – combined Breakfast and Car Wash fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip fund. People are needed from 6.30 am until 12.00 noon which includes set up and clean up time. This time will be divided into 2 shifts. A schedule will be posted for those who have volunteered to help. Everyone one else come and enjoy a served cooked breakfast and get your car washed.

Thursday June 11th – fundraiser yard work at the Parfrey residence followed by Pizza and a movie

Saturday June 20th – youth going on Mission trip and leaders travel to Federal Way WA for rehearsal for VBS at Hoonah. We will leave the church at 8.00 am

Monday June 22nd through Friday June 26th – Vacation Bible School at Springwater

Saturday June 27th – Mission Trip fundraiser rummage sale at the Grange

Sunday June 28th – VBS leaders and helpers to lead the Worship Service

Vacation Bible School-- Crocodile Dock--Where fearless kids shine God's light! June 22-26, 9-noon

Know any kids ages three to ten? Invite them to share the fun at Crocodile Dock! We'll be playing games, making fun crafts, and experiencing bible stories with hands-on learning. Kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste the stories!

Register online at <http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/spcvbs> or follow the link at www.springwater-pres.org

We'll also need your donations- of snacks and decorating materials. Watch for the firefly cards with our donation requests on them. They'll be on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Weight Reduction Support Group

Tuesday, June 9th from 5:15 pm to 6:30pm at the Springwater Church a new weight reduction weekly support group will have their first meeting. Anyone who is about 20 to 60% over their ideal weight, wants to lose weight, and is willing to work at it, is invited to contact Gwen Shearer, who is leading the group. In the sessions the group will talk about setting goals, eating behaviors, lifestyle, the change process, and coping skills. The goals of the group will be to learn from each other and support each other as the group members seriously work at losing weight. We also might have some fun! Gwen has a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology and has experience leading support groups. Her cell phone number is 503-887-4693

Protect Yourself from the Flu

There has been great fear in the world community about the H1N1 influenza virus. The potential for transmission is not as virulent as first suspected. This a new strain and we do not carry immunity against this virus. Some common sense everyday actions can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses.



1. Wash your hands with soap and water for 15 to 20 seconds.
2. Use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers. If using gel, continue to rub your hands until the gel is dry.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Then, clean your hands (every time you cough or sneeze).
4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
5. Try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.
6. If you are sick, limit your contact with other people (stay home).

The influenza-like symptoms include fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, and possibly vomiting or diarrhea.

So stay healthy and protect yourself.

Mary Johnson, RN

For more information, and to hear an example of Welsh singing, go to the church's website at <http://www.wapnw.org/brynseion.htm>

WELSH SINGING FESTIVAL

Can you pronounce "Gymanfa Ganu"? It sounds like "ghi-man-vah gah-nee." As if that helps. Springwater's former pastor, Rev. John Hasenjager extends an invitation to attend the Welsh singing festival at the Bryn Seion Welsh Church in Oregon City on June 28.

The festival is a centuries-old tradition of 4-part hymn singing, which began in the village churches of Wales. Welsh immigrants to this country carried the tradition with them, so that these festivals occur all across the country.

The Welsh community in Oregon founded their church in 1884, making it the oldest Welsh church on the Pacific coast and pre-dating Springwater by 5 years. Located at 22132 S Kamrath Rd in Beavercreek, the lovely, shaded church grounds provide outdoor seating for the overflow crowd. This is a well-attended event with no reserved seating, so bring your lawn chairs. The first session begins at 1:45 p.m., with Welsh tea at 4:00 (\$7.50), followed by a second session of singing at 6:00.

A little church humor

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. This sentence actually appeared in a church bulletin:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.



TODAY ONLY! SECRETARY MYRTLE HOWARD IS HERE TO SIGN
HER CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED NEWSLETTER!

Session Notes



Recent Session Business

Session met April 19th and May 20th 2009. Highlights of business accomplished are as follows:

Motions Seconded and Carried

*Mission items should be requested and submitted prior to yearly budget proposal in November and upon approval by Session, be given a line in budget AND special offerings to be requested and approved by January of each year in order to appropriately plan how funds will be responsibly managed and allocated.

*Money surplus from a committee activity shall remain in that committee budget for the remainder of budget year but will not carry over from year to year.

*Permission to Jennifer Souders to use the Outdoor Amphitheater to perform a play on phobias for her Senior project.

*Accept Al and Lynda Conway to join Springwater Presbyterian Church as new members.

*Agreed to authorize trained Deacons and Elders to bring communion to those who are homebound.

*Approve Deacons to organize a support group for people with health/diet concerns.

End Hunger

Here are some things that you can do to end hunger in the world:

1. Write your state and national lawmakers to let them know that world hunger is one of your top priorities.
2. Shop at a local farmers market. The food is fresher, and your dollars stay in your community.
3. Buy Fair Trade items. Farmers in developing countries are paid a price for fair trade items that exceeds their production costs, which helps them support their families.
4. Learn about the issues. The more you share what you know about making better-informed consumer choices, the more help you're giving to others.
5. Get busy. Volunteer for local or national organizations that work to end world hunger and poverty. Examples include the Estacada Area Food Bank and Heifer Project International.
6. Ante up. Charitable gift giving can directly support anti-hunger efforts.
7. Pass it on. Share your knowledge with your children, your friends, and folks at work.



You can make a difference. You can reduce world hunger.

Work Party, June 13th 9 AM - Noon

The Building and Grounds committee is sponsoring a spring work party on June 13th, 9 AM - Noon. Come help with outdoor activities, especially weeding and preparing our sacred gardens for summer. This is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and fun. Bring a potluck dish and we'll share lunch when the weeding is done!



Blessing to Our Graduates

This is the blessing offered to our graduates on May 24, when we recognized Elijah Hauck, Ellen Ingamells, Jennifer Souders, and Houston Webb's high school graduation. It was written by the Reverend Richard C Halverson, former U.S. Senate Chaplain:

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ, who dwells in you, has something he wants to do through you, where you are. Believe this! And go in God's grace and love and power. Amen.

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