

June-July 2006

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## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGES

Starting June 11  
through  
Labor Day weekend  
September 3

Hymn Sing  
9:45am  
Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.

Worship with  
the Ramblers  
2nd Friday of  
each month



## June

Don Barbee	5
Mary Kirby	8
John Anderson	9
Ben Fisher	11
Kit Johnson	16
Dave Laschober	20
Ruth Newman	27
Tom Coyne	27
Rachel Webb	29

## July

Dick Scott	5
Jessie Jo Guttridge	5
Mel Kramer	10
Don Guttridge	15
Cody Johnson	16
Dorothy Shearer	17
Stephen Shibley	17
Carol Sturman	26
Jennifer Souders	26
Thom Coyne	28
Charlotte Rice	30
Julliette Lalka	31

## June

Jim & Nancy Tedrow	3
Dick & Kathy Scott	11

## July

Steve & Dana Shibley	16
Don & Bettie Barbee	27



## Worship Schedule until June 11

Hymn Sing  
10:15am  
10:30-11:45am  
Worship Service  
11:45am  
Fellowship Time

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

There is a difference between wandering in search of something (pilgrimage) and staying on the go so you don't have to stop (running away).

Summertime is often vacation time, and for many folks that means travel. My growing up years always included a summer-long pilgrimage to a cabin on the lake. Our pilgrimage started the day school let out and continued until the day before it started again in the fall. Once we had paying jobs, we were no longer full-summer pilgrims, instead joining the weekend pilgrim caravans.

That kind of pilgrimage doesn't seem to be as firmly entrenched in Oregon, but that doesn't mean many of us aren't on the move. In fact, it often looks to me as if everyone these days is on the go. More than just "on the go," folks look to be almost running away, their lives are so busy and hectic. There is a difference between wandering in search of something (pilgrimage) and staying on the go so you don't have to stop (running away).

### Pilgrimage of Faith

Even before *Pilgrim's Progress* made its appearance, Christians thought of themselves as pilgrims. Jesus knew he was a pilgrim when he reminded his disciples that, since the Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head, they would not, either (Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 9:57-62).

God's people have been pilgrims since God promised Abram a land to call his own. Like Abram, the people of God were rarely "at home" in the places they lived, and the place they called "home" was usually not where they lived. Think of the slavery in Egypt, 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the dispersion and exile of Israel.

God apparently never intended people of faith to stand still. At least not here.

### Pilgrimage as a Life

Well, if we're not at home, where are we? And where are we headed?

As people of faith, "home is where God is." That's where we're headed and that's where we *are*. Haven't you heard people say of a loved one who has died as having "gone home"? For a person of faith, the very presence of God is "home," the ultimate goal toward which we move.

The theme of Cascade Presbytery's 2005 Summer Conference was Pilgrimage. When keynoter, Brett Webb-Mitchell, spoke of the life-long **discipleship** of pilgrimage, he used the Church's ancient language to talk about **character** shaped by the **virtues** and **vices**. Who even talks like that these days?

### Preaching Pilgrimage

To follow up on the brainstorming we did during worship one Sunday in May, this summer's preaching will use the pilgrim image to explore

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lifelong discipline. Whether you are making an actual trip or not, join your fellow pilgrims in exploring for the 21<sup>st</sup> century the ancient faith practice of discipleship as pilgrims.

Who knows what we'll find? Maybe we will find that, "The Christ you seek you will not find unless you bring him with."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen".

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 5 DAYS!

Vacation Church School set for June 26-30

Ahoy, mateys! Be at the dock on Monday morning, June 26, to cast off and voyage Around the World in 5 Days. We set sail each morning at 9:00 to learn about some of our destination's local flavors, music, crafts, and games. And speaking of flavors, our ship's galley will serve up tasty local snacks each morning. After a Bible story and learning about mission at our destination, we will return to the dock in time for your parents to pick you up at 12:00.

This year's ports of call are Pasadena, California; Florida; Alaska; Louisville, Kentucky; and Chicago, Illinois. See pg. 5

## SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS THIS SUMMER

June 4 - Pentecost - Communion Celebrate by wearing red. The sanctuary will be decorated with red too. After worship we will have a potluck at the Grange.

July 2 - Children from Vacation Church School sharing learnings

July 16 Church's 117th birthday - We will worship in our beautiful outdoor worship area. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. After Worship we have been invited by the Guttridges and Shibleys, to have a picnic in Clear Creek Canyon. Bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Directions will be provided for anyone who doesn't know the way. If it is a hot day, bring your bathing suit.\*\*

July 23 Christmas in July

Please bring personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies. All collected supplies will go to the Estacada Area Food Bank.

August 13 Communion

\*\* Note: we will worship outdoors when we can, notifying you the Saturday before so that you can bring lawn chairs to sit on.

## EAFB

Feeds 500 to 600 people per month. Our church contributes 140 lbs of food per month. It is not enough to meet the needs of our community

Please Give!



## Estacada Area Food Bank Needs

The Estacada Area Food Bank (nee Estacada Family Resource Center) serves over 200 families per month. That means they take care of somewhere between 500 and 600 people per month. When you figure how many people live in the Estacada area, you can see that these folks are a large part of our community.

During April and May our church's contributions to the food bank have averaged about 140 pounds per week. These contributions are needed, and they are appreciated. However, they fall short of meeting the needs of our friends and neighbors.

Most of us go grocery shopping at least once a week. Please remember the hungry, and add extra food and personal supplies while you're out. It will mean an awful lot to the folks that don't have as much to eat as we do.

*Lloyd Olson*

## Building Stewardship Day a Success

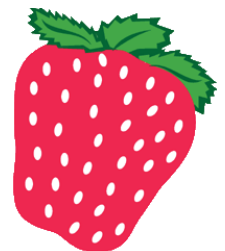
Thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to clean the church building and tidy up the grounds. We had a great time and made the building sparkle! You wouldn't believe the cobwebs Eileen cleaned from the sanctuary ceiling! We dusted, polished, washed windows, and vacuumed inside; and pulled weeds and cleared blackberries outside. Thanks to Gary Guttridge, Susan Horton, Neal Jeppeson, Renate Jeppeson, Barbara MacKinnon, Don MacKinnon, Eileen Parfrey, Jim Roden, Kathy Scott, Nona Shearer, Barbara Shibley, Dana Shibley, Gilbert Shibley, and C.B. Stauffaucher.

## Painter Hired

BestLine Paint of Colton has been hired to paint the outside of the church this summer. The time has not been determined yet. I'll keep you informed as I learn more.

## Strawberries!

June 3rd is the date for the Strawberry Social at the Estacada Grange. Serving times are 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Dinner may also be purchased.



## July 4th

Community Picnic & Potluck at the Grange. Eat at 1:00 pm  
Children's parade after we've eaten



Heifer Basket of Hope

## VCS



Share the good news

Welcome all people



Keep us in Prayer

Give Cheerfully



Do As I Have Done



## Hunger

Africa is hungry and getting hungrier, as are parts of Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Hunger also strikes in areas of our own country. However, we can do something about it.

There is enough food produced in the world now to provide a healthy diet for everyone. That is of little consolation to those who don't have enough food now, and lack the resources to fill their needs.

What better gift is there to give someone than self-reliance? Between 2000 and 2010 Heifer Project will help a million families, that's about 4.5 million men, women and children.

Springwater Presbyterian Church has a long history of participating in the Heifer programs. The need is here, so we will be having a special offering to continue our help. This offering will be dedicated July 2. Consider the needs of the hungry people, pray, and do your best for those in want.

## Around The World In 5 Days!

Can you help us?

If you have been to any of this year's Vacation Church School's destinations, you can help us out by loaning some of your souvenirs for the week: postcards, posters, souvenirs, clothing, flags. How about a traditional quilt? Ship or boat models? Tropical fish décor? This year's ports of call include Pasadena, California; Florida; Alaska; Louisville, Kentucky; and Chicago, Illinois. We would also love to borrow nautical decorations (life jackets, life preserver rings, rope, oars, etc).

Do you feel more like hands-on experience with the children? This is one of the best things that happens all year at Springwater. We are now accepting volunteers for one or all the days. Barbara MacKinnon is in charge of snacks this year. Contact Captains Eileen or Peter if you'd like to stow away as a volunteer. See pg. 3

## Youth Group

In May Jim Roden led the group on a hike (in the rain!!) Thank you Jim. Next Youth Group Meeting will be after Worship Service on Sunday June 4th.

Saturday June 24th Jim has set us up for volunteer time with the Oregon Food Bank. This is open to all congregation members. Contact Jim Roden or Peter Sturman for details.

Note: Jim Roden says that Oregon Food Bank is currently recruiting volunteers for the 19th Annual Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival which takes place at Tom McCall Waterfront Park Friday, June 30th through Tuesday, July 4th. Gate volunteers will be collecting and boxing food donations. You can contact the OFB at 503-282-0555, Ext. 272 - email at sbrockmeier@oregonfoodbank.org - online at www.waterfrontbluesfest.com



## Session Ministry Clusters:

### Stewardship

This cluster oversees administration, buildings & grounds and endowment funding

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This group has responsibility for Christian Education and Worship

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### Moderator

Eileen Parfrey

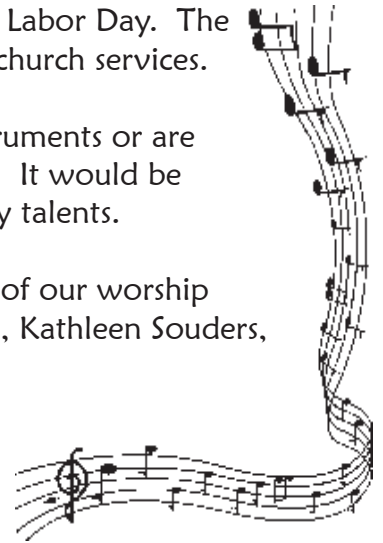
## Attention Musicians in our congregation

The choir will be on hiatus from June through Labor Day. The church is in need of special music for summer church services.

If you play organ, piano, strings or other instruments or are a vocalist, please come and share your talents. It would be wonderful to have the youth share their many talents.

Please let us hear from you. Contact any one of our worship committee members: Judy Coyne, Jim Roden, Kathleen Souders, Ruth Newman or pastor Eileen.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!



## SPC Session Meetings

Your SPC Session meets monthly. Pastor Eileen is the moderator. We meet in an act of Worship similarly structured to the Sunday Worship Service with which you are all familiar. In this way we share the power of the presence of God to guide us as we go about his work, through the ministries of SPC. Included in our meeting is a time for Session Training, led by our Pastor. Within your Session, the various SPC ministries are organized into three Ministry Clusters, those being Faith Nurture, Deaconate and Stewardship. Each Ministry Cluster submits a report that starts with a Celebration of events and people and goes on to review activities that need coordination or action. The meetings ends with Celebration of what we have accomplished, prayers of thanksgiving and intercession and a Blessing and Charge

## May Session Meeting Highlights

Don MacKinnon led us in worship and read from Scripture. The training subject was what makes up "Congregational Life". We celebrated the Holy Food event, the Work Day and the fact that we are going to have Vacation Church School this year. We made plans to recognize Wilma for her devotion and contribution to the life of SPC. Judy Coyne and Lucy Olson volunteered to be the two required Session members for the Endowment Committee. Thank you both. Gwendolyn Shearer is the new SPC Treasurer with Kathy Scott acting as back up. Thank you both.

## Summer Special Offering

Session has decided that we will receive a Special Offering for Heifer International on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the conclusion of Vacation Church School. The children's offerings throughout the week will be contributed to HI.



## Mission Notes

Estacada Area Food Bank. The organization has a new name, and new leadership. The needs of many of our neighbors continue.

New Ministry for Eagle Creek. Our sister church, Eagle Creek Presbyterian, undertook a new ministry this spring, an after-school program. Six resourceful, retired educators in the congregation offer three hours of educational and recreational programming on Monday afternoons. They offer snacks, tutoring, crafts, and a geographical literacy curriculum developed by the National Geographic Society.

Eco-Justice. Our theme for Eastertide was "Restoring the Creation", and we are grateful for the polished presentations by Cindy Woodbury, Renate Jeppeson, Gilbert Shibley, and the Johnson family. We will continue to explore our environmental ministry with the support of the Presbytery Eco-Justice team. Let us know if you would like to see a presentation on a specific topic, or participate in a workshop at Springwater.

Oregon Food Bank. As you've heard, the youth group and their advisors have signed on for a three-hour shift at OFB on Saturday morning, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Please join them. Crews are limited to 15, to individuals 6 years and older. Talk to Jim Roden for more details.

Mission Correspondent. This month, Jonna will be sending a new team of community builders to the Pamirs Mountains, in the southeastern portion of the Tajikistan, near the borders with China and Afghanistan. She will visit them in July. This is a dry, desolate area, subject to dust storms, far different from the industrial cities of the southwestern portion of the country, near Dushanbe, the capital, where Jonna is based.

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Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to clouds...you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Psalm 36:5-6,9.

*Susan Horton*

## In-Home Potlucks - Sunday, Oct 1

Looking forward to next fall... We will inaugurate our Peacemaking mission month in October with in-home potlucks on Sunday, October 1st. The idea is that the whole congregation sits down together at the same time...in different homes. The host family prepares a simple entrée, and guests, a mix of long-time and newer members, bring side dishes. They will share worship and a guided activity, much like last Round-Up, or our recent Holy Food experience.

### LECTIONARY READINGS

To follow up on the May brainstorming, unpacking our new Mission Statement, the preaching theme this summer will be Pilgrimage. Even the children will be getting in on the travel theme, as their Vacation Church School is Around the World in 5 Days.

June 4 (Pentecost) HOW TO BE THE CHURCH: Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34

June 11 (Trinity Sunday) WHOSE CHURCH?: Romans 8:12-17, Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29

June 18 (Father's Day) PILGRIMAGE (God is at home): 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17, Psalm 20

June 25 PILGRIMAGE (Portable sacred space): Psalm 137, Exodus 40:34-38

July 2 (Children from Vacation Church School will share their learnings): Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 98:4-8; Acts 16:11-15; Philippians 1:3-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 11-15; John 13:3-5, 12-15, 34-35

July 9 PILGRIMAGE (Companions on the way): 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

July 16 (Church Birthday) PILGRIMAGE (Communion of saints): Ephesians 1:3-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-28, Psalm 24

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