

# Springwater CURRENTS



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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

### Summertime, and the Living is Easy

June means “summer,” and with it the understanding that we’re in for something different. Many of us cling to the fiction that summertime is the easy time. If you have children, you know this can’t possibly be true, what with running to practices and games and tournaments, taking in lessons, hauling them to camp, driving to appointments you can’t fit in during the school year, with the occasional family trip thrown in. If daycare is how you handle the balance of home and work, that becomes more troublesome during vacations.

If you don’t have kids, summer might still mean vacation for you, but if that means travel or special events, this proverb feels more true every year: there is no time away without its punishment.

This is my fourth summer at Springwater, and I’m here to tell you, summer is not the “slow season” at Springwater. Rick and I had some friends once who announced that they were going to “take a vacation from church” for the summer. A word to the wise: don’t do that here. You are liable to miss out on some great events and truly rich activities.

Summer is a great time to be a kid at Springwater. Read elsewhere in this newsletter for details about Vacation Church School in June. Playtime with the Pastor will resume June 18, and we will be hosting work groups from other churches in the presbytery. These groups are coming to help us develop our outdoor worship and meditation space. The first group comes June 20-

22. I’d tell you who it is, but it’s a youth group, it’s a “mystery mission tour,” and I don’t want to be the one to let the cat out of the bag. Just know that the Building Our Mission committee will be delighted to have Springwater folks join in the work parties, as we move blackberry canes and dirt to increase our enjoyment and stewardship of this good place.

### This is No Ordinary Time

Indeed, summer is no “ordinary” time at Springwater, but as far as the liturgical calendar is concerned, anything after Pentecost (June 8) and Trinity Sunday (June 15) is Ordinary Time. It’s a misleading term. That’s “ordinary” as in ordinands or numbers, not “ordinary” as it plain and regular. The ordinands refer to numbering any Sunday which isn’t part of one of the church seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Eastertide). Ordinary time texts explore salvation history as a matter of systematic movement through the Word, rather than thematic exploration, as we do in seasons.

### Big Changes Sunday Mornings

Despite its being “ordinary time,” Springwater is going to depart from the ordinary way of doing things for worship this summer. For the summer only (and back by popular demand) — *every Sunday will be song service Sunday!!!* That’s right. We won’t be having Sunday School this summer for either children or adults (the last Sunday School for the summer will be June 8) so that the worship



service can start at 10:00. **From 9:45 until 10:00 each Sunday** we will be having a hymn sing. Come early and choose your favorite hymns! We will be doing this each Sunday through **August 31**.

There will be other changes as well. The week of June 23-27 is Vacation Church School, so the children will be sharing their music with us in worship on June 29. We will celebrate the church anniversary on **July 13** with a communion service in the Clear Creek Canyon. A potluck lunch will follow, and the Springwater Ramblers will provide music during worship. Christmas in July last year was such a blessing we've decided to do that again **July 20**. Both for the Resource Center clients who received our gifts and the worship participants were blessed as we told salvation's story using a service of Lessons and Carols.

Services will be more *casual in style* this summer, but we will continue to offer the meaningful worship you have come to expect at Springwater. *Invite your friends* and come to bless and be blessed. See you in church.

*Eileen*

### What is Session doing?

Session did not meet during the month of May but will meet again on June 7th at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The Session and Moderator are experimenting with how many times we need to meet during the year and still be able to conduct business with energy, commitment and love.

Did you know that session meetings are open to any member of the church? If you would like to attend, our meetings are a combination of business and worship and usually run from 2-3 hours.

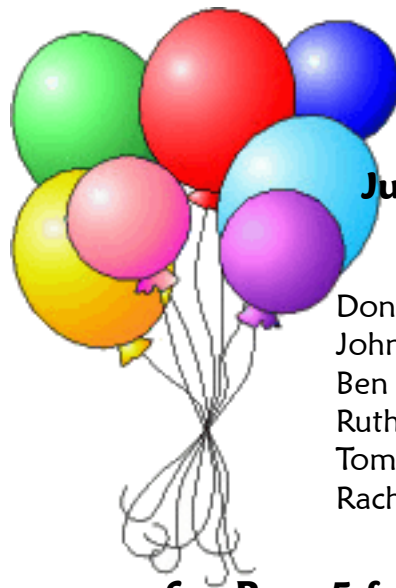
### LECTIONARY CALENDAR

- June 1: John 17:6-19, 1 John 5:9-13; There Is a Point to All This  
 June 8: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21, "The Ever-Useful Breath-alyzer"  
 June 15: Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17; Who Is the God?  
 June 22: Mark 4:35-41; Storm Clouds on the Horizon  
 June 29: Mark 5:21-43; Faith Healers and Other Snake Oil Salespersons  
 July 6: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13  
 July 13: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

### Springwater friends,

A big thank you for all your concerns and prayers during my recent illness. I'm sure that your prayers helped me to heal as fast as I did. The friends that came to visit me made the days and hours go fast. Also thank you for the many cards.

*Barbara MacKinnon*



### June Birthdays

Don Barbee	5
John Anderson	9
Ben Fisher	11
Ruth Newman	27
Tom Coyne	27
Rachel Webb	29

**See Page 5 for July birthdays**

## PLAYTIME WITH THE PASTOR

On the theory that “the more Bible studies the better,” we are again featuring Playtime with the Pastor this summer. This is a chance for small group time between the pastor and younger children. While fun is the order of the day, it’s not just random play. We hear Bible stories, practice the radical notion of non-competitive games, enjoy a simple snack, and respond to the story with a handicraft. Grade school and younger children are welcome to stop by the church from 2:00 to 4:30 on **June 18** and **July 2**. We won’t be having Playtime during Vacation Church School the week of June 23.

*Oops, the editor left this out of the May issue:*

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As of April 13 we had received \$443.33 for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. \$48.33 of that came from the children’s fish boxes. If you have not yet given to this offering there is still time. Make checks out to the church and mark them for OGH\$ or get an OGH\$ envelope from the ushers table and place your cash inside. Thank you to all who have donated.

### Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor

Even though I love this job, *I need a long vacation!* Here’s what the job entails:

- Being right in the center of things and knowing what’s happening.
- Encouraging people to write articles & add items to the calendar. (We have some really wonderful writers in this congregation)
- Organize the material so it’s easily read & makes sense.
- Lay out & proofread the material.
- Assemble and make ready for the printer. Please talk to me (Kathy Scott) or Eileen.

## SUMMER WORSHIP

and special events

**Sunday, June 8**, is Pentecost. To celebrate this great occasion we’re asking everyone to wear red to symbolize the tongues of fire. Please bring a **sack lunch** with you. You’ll want to stay after the service and enjoy the good company of others in attendance. Beverages will be provided.

Our summer worship schedule starts on **June 15 and ends on August 31**. Every Sunday we will begin at 9:45 AM with a hymn sing. Come and try to stump the pianist. Church will begin at 10:00 AM. Church school and our regular schedule will return at Roundup on Sept 7th.

Come help us celebrate our Church's 114th birthday. **Sunday, July 13** we will have an outdoor worship in Clear Creek Canyon on the Shibley property. Bring lawn chairs and something to contribute to the potluck. Details will follow .

## OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house to celebrate the new homes of three of presbytery’s wonderful resources:

- √ **Circuit Rider Books**
- √ **Outdoor ministry group**
- √ **Video Resource Center**

You are invited to come to the open house to see these resources in action and to see what they have to offer your faith walk. The open house is

**June 8, noon to 3:00.**

The new location is:

Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church  
5441 SE Belmont St, Portland.

## Christmas in July is coming . . .



. . . and there are no geese getting fat unless we help. Springwater Presbyterian Church has committed to helping restock the Estacada Family Resource Center shelves of non-stamp food items.

On July 20th, in conjunction with our Christmas in July worship service, we are asking that the congregation generously contribute any if the following items:

brooms  
dustpans  
mops  
toilet brushes  
scrub brush  
kitchen garbage bags  
ammonia/floor cleaner  
powdered cleanser  
glass cleaner  
dishwashing liquids  
laundry soap  
light bulbs  
dish cloths  
paper towels  
toilet paper  
adhesive bandages



feminin hygiene  
products  
toothbrushes  
toothpaste  
shampoo  
deodorant  
hand lotion  
baby wipes  
cotton balls  
q-tips  
diapers



. . . or any other household/personal hygiene items you think might be appropriate.

If shopping is not possible for you, write a check to the church and note on the memo portion "Christmas in July". 100% of your donations will be used to purchase supplies. All contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity!

The Community Care Committee



## Contributions to the Resource Center

As of May 18th we had donated 3334 pounds of food and supplies to the Estacada Family Resource Center. This is more than we donated during all of 2002. However, it is a hollow satisfaction. The need for food is greater in 2003 than it was in 2002. We didn't feed everybody in 2002, and there are a lot more folks that are going hungry this year. Let's feed these people, our friends and neighbors. We don't have to erase this burden individually, or as individual families. As a church together we can serve. Think about it.

Lloyd



## Helping Hands

It's here! ! As many of you already know, we want the congregation to be aware that there are many friends willing to: 1) Provide a smooth ride to the doctor's office 2) Pick up medicine or a few needed groceries 3) Send a cheerful note or card 4) Make a "Hi! how are you" phone call or e-mail 5) Prepare and deliver a casserole or part of a meal 6) Baby-sit or watch children for a couple of hours in an emergency. There already are some volunteers willing to fill such needs of our congregation. Of course, anyone-man, woman or youngster-can still say "I'll help!" Volunteers are especially needed in the baby / child care department. If you would like a helping hand, or know of someone who would, the procedure is to:

First, contact Pastor Eileen of a known need. This information can come from any of us. We all are the eyes and ears of the community's happenings and needs. Second, Joy Thompson Alford, Dana Shibley or Lucy Olson will locate a volunteer, and our helping hands will be meeting its commitment.



**Give and Take**

- ◆ Don Barbee would take an electric hedge trimmer.

If you have something to GIVE or if you have something you would TAKE, call Don or Bettie at 503.630.5139 for a listing in next months newsletter. **Editor's note:** *This is Springwater's hassle-free version of "the yardsale"*

**Church Finances  
1st Quarter Report**

General Funds cash receipts     \$18,655.68

General Funds disbursements

Operating Expenses	\$15,450.27
Mission Expenses	\$ 3,023.50
Total	\$18,473.77
Net Gain	\$181.91

We have a total in General Funds on hand of \$1,581.49 because we carried some over from 2002. That would get us through about one week.

We have also received \$54.50 in special offerings, \$3,628 for Phase I of Building Our Mission and \$150 towards Phase II. Ask any session member if you want to see a detailed financial report for the first quarter of 2003.

**Easter Breakfast . . .**

**Remember how scrumptious it was ?**

Many people asked for recipes. Cindy Woodbury graciously agreed to share her recipe for **Sour Dough Orange Rolls**. You'll find printed copies on the table in the foyer. If they're gone before you get one, just ask. Thanks Cindy!!

Any others you would like? Let the editor know what you want and/or what you would be willing to share. We'll do our best to get it.

**What exactly is a Billion?**

We hear the word every day in the news and on TV. But how much **is a billion?**

- § singles
- § tens
- § hundreds
- § thousands
- § tens of thousands
- § hundreds of thousands
- § a million
- § tens of millions
- § hundreds of millions
- § a BILLION

Written as a number . . . . 1,000,000,000  
But think for a SECOND . . . ONE BILLION  
SECONDS AGO WAS 1959.

Now look at a clock and be silent for ONE MINUTE. A million minutes ago . . . Jesus Christ was alive. Editor's note: Thanks to Don Barbee for this insight.

**Stay Tuned Hikers . .**



So far this past spring, the weather has kept us from our planned hikes. But keep your ears open, Susan Horton has her eye on the sky. She will let us know when it's time to put on our hiking boots.



**July Birthdays**

<b>Juliette Lalka</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Charlotte Rice</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Jennifer Souders</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Stephen Shibley</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Alexander Anderson</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Dick Scott</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sara Tedrow/Ching</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Harvey Beecroft</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Dorothy Shearer</b>	<b>17</b>

## Summer is Here !!

Look at *some* of the things we have planned to do:

**Vacation Church School:** June 23 - 27 All kids are Welcome

**Playtime with the Pastor:** June 18 and July 2 (Playtime isn't scheduled during Vacation Church) This is a great time for grade school and younger. The children will be hearing Bible stories, playing non-competitive games, eating simple snacks and simple handicrafts that relate to the stories.

**Summer Worship has different hours:** June 15 - August 31 There will not be any church school hour for either children or adults. Church starts at 9:45 am with a hymn sing (You asked for it! You got it!) Worship starts at 10:00 am & is followed by fellowship time

**Springwater Church Celebrates it's birthday** on July 13. Communion will be served in the Cold Creek canyon. We stay there for a potluck lunch and Springwater's very own **Springwater Ramblers** will play.

**Christmas in July:** July 20th See the story on page on page 4.

**Hiking, singing, eating, sunshine, Bible stories, celebrations!**

Springwater is the place to be this summer.

**There will be lots of cool things to do!**

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