

November 2007

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**Sunday Schedule**

9:45am  
**Hymn Sing**

10:00am  
**Worship**

11:15am  
**Fellowship**

11:30-12:30pm  
**Varying Activities**

Deadline for next  
newsletter: Nov. 20th

November

- 1 Phyllis Eaton
- 1 Kris Kramer
- 12 Cindy Babikoff
- 12 Renate Ryan-Jepesson
- 13 Tyler Pieschel
- 16 Emma Kirby
- 21 Adelia Jepesson
- 24 Karin Ryan
- 27 Tim Guttridge
- 28 Randy Johnson
- 30 Jim Hannum
- 30 Sam Fisher

*Happy  
Birthdays*



**Anniversaries**

**November**

- 3 Lucy & Lloyd Olson
- 27 Barbara & Gilbert Shibley



**Special Days on the Presbyterian Calendar**

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 World Community Day
- 4 Christian and Citizen
- 11 Stewardship Commitment
- 18 Care Giver Sunday
- 25 Christ the King/Reign of Christ

**FALL has been a celebration of Peacemaking**



**How we celebrated:**

- Met with our missionary partner from Tajikistan
- Listened & talked with a survivor of the Holocaust
- Studied about Jesus as a Peacemaker
- Practiced ways to express ourselves as peacemakers

**PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE**

Whew! What an exciting fall it has been! At the October session meeting, one of the elders called a halt to business proceedings so we could just **celebrate** the events.

**Worth Celebrating**

As October began, we received word that Springwater had been awarded a **Lilly Endowment clergy renewal grant**. A prestigious award, it is also an incredible gift. Last month’s newsletter was restrained in its heralding the announcements of our project, which we are calling “Bringing Creativity to Faith.” This was at Lilly’s request that we went for the press release to the general public. But the brakes are off now. Woo hoo!!! What a blessing! Look for more information elsewhere in the newsletter on what this wonderful gift means to you.

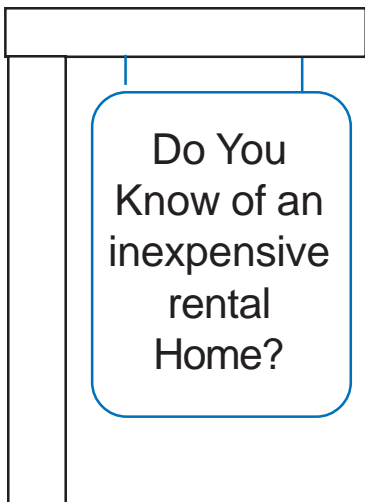
Peacemaking Month has straddled September and October, as we explored **An Abundant Life**. Rick Parfrey and Kathy Scott developed a beautiful logo whose visuals reflect our connection to Tajikistan. Our logo has appeared on posters and the bulletin cover.

The weekend of September 30 we welcomed our missionary partner to Tajikistan. As she shared the gospel during worship, during a post-worship talkback, in conversation at Joe Guttridge’s birthday potluck, and over dinners, she shared her ministry with us. We learned that two mission trips are being developed, one in May and another later in the fall, to bring much-needed medical assistance and agricultural consulting to this poorest of the former Soviet republics.

Susan Horton consulted in the logo development, served as the logistical liaison for her, and arranged hospitality for the baklavah brunch after worship. A new taste treat for Springwater, baklavah is a tasty confection of phyllo leaves layered with honey and nuts. It is the festive food for much of the Persian/Arab world. Jean McCloskey provided hospitality and lodging, Barbara and Gilbert Shibley hosted dinners. Blessing and thanks to you all for making possible this exciting weekend, after nearly two years of correspondence and supportive prayer for her work.

The next week, we were blessed by a peacemaking presentation by holocaust survivor **Alter Wiener**. Mr. Wiener has given his talk over 350 times in the Portland area, including schools as well as churches. He had listeners spellbound for an hour as he talked about living in Nazi labor camps and surviving the war. If you were unable to hear him, there are several copies of his book circulating in the congregation.

The intergenerational peacemaking activity on October 14 was so exciting that the Christian Education committee altered its plans through the end of the year. While adults and children shared a simple lunch of soup, bread, and apples, we shared stories of Jesus as a peacemaker. While the children engaged in age-appropriate activities, the youth and adults got



excited by more Bible study. Look for more **soup-and-bread Bible study** times in the coming months.

Peacemaking activities continued on October 21 with guest preacher/teacher/artist **Stasia Van Buskirk**. If you stumble across stepping stones with peace symbols on our grounds, these are the result of October 21 activities which were dedicated October 28 at our completion of an exciting peacemaking month which celebrated An Abundant Life.

Abundance, indeed! See you in church.

### Peacemaking and Quilts

Did you notice the peacemaking offering posters hanging in fellowship hall? The poster shows a tree whose leaves are for the healing of all nations. This is a quilt done in the “watercolor” quilt piecing technique which uses fabric to “paint” a picture. The artist is the Reverend Susan Barnes, Baker City, Oregon, who is also the artist for the anniversary quilts which celebrated the ordination of women in the PC(USA)—as deacons (100 years), elders (75 years), and ministers (50 years). Springwater will host an exhibit of these quilts next September. Watch for details as plans develop. Debbie Ingamells and the Worship Committee are heading this effort.

### Be It Ever So Humble, There’s No Place Like Home

Meet Ken and Linda. They have no home, and are living in their vehicle. But it’s getting cold and they need a warm, dry place to call home. Both Linda and Ken are disabled, but can do some kinds work, and they are willing to move into a place that they can improve, repair and/or fix up. They say that people have been kind and they are thankful for that. But they need their own place so they can begin to build their lives again.

If you can help or if you know of a low cost rental, please call Mary Kirby at 503.630.6380 or leave a message on the church telephone at 503.630.5480. Thank you

### Getting ready for Sabbatical

Pastor Eileen and Springwater Presbyterian Church have been awarded a Lilly Foundation grant. The grant will fund a sabbatical of renewal for Eileen and also for the congregation during 2008. Eileen and Rick will be away for 3 months, participating in workshops and individual activities for creative renewal. (Continued on next page)

## Current Session Members

Kevin Kirby  
Renate Jeppeson  
Bob Wilson  
Peter Sturman  
Don MacKinnon

Moderator: Pastor Eileen

Eileen will be learning new and creative ways of responding to God's call.

Part of the process of preparedness is a wonderful series of spiritual and creative classes that Eileen will guide us through. The book, "The Artist's Way", by Julia Cameron, will be the basis for this study.

Classes will begin November 4th and will continue on November 11, 25 and December 2nd. The group will meet immediately after fellowship on those Sundays. The remainder of the classes will begin again in the new year.

Please join us for as many sessions as you can. There are a total of 12 sessions that we will complete between Nov and May.

Please let Carol or Eileen know if you can attend. Questions? Please call Carol Sturman at (503) 631-8258.

## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

We've heard that many Springwater members and friends have email. We have also heard that this means of communication has worked for many churches, who have used it to send out not only prayer requests but urgent, time-sensitive announcements. What they have found is that communication increases without a huge burden on the individuals making calls.

So we're going to try it. After all, the presbytery's webmaster is one of our members!

But we will not be giving up the prayer chain entirely. For one thing, not everybody has email. For another, the prayer chain *telephone call* is an important way of engaging in one-on-one communication. We've found that plenty of connecting happens because we're reminding each other about a potluck or asking for prayers for someone. But there are plenty of times when folks aren't home or messages don't get relayed within the family or something interrupts the timely flow of communication, and then people feel left out.

If you have email—and you check it regularly—please join us in this great adventure into 21st century communication. You will be asked to indicate on the hospitality pads in the pew whether you are willing to receive communication from the church via email. If so, you will also be asked for your email address.

Remember: we aren't giving up the prayer chain (telephone version) entirely. Some prayer requests are not appropriate to receive electronically. And we know not everyone has email. We will still call those people and anyone who does not wish to get emails from the church. We'll try this for three months and evaluate how it's working. So let us know!



## Springwater Youth

### Monthly Special Events

For the 2007/2008 School Year we are having a monthly Special Event.

In September we visited the Rembrandt and Dutch Old Masters exhibition at the Portland Art Museum. The collection of paintings and artifacts gave a wonderful overview of the various artists, their styles and the subject matter they were drawn to. To be in the presence of “the real thing” was a magical experience for all of us. Famous episodes from the Bible depicted in paintings included Peter’s denial of Christ, Jacob pretending to be Essau to get the blessing of his father Isaac and Christ’s trial before Pontius Pilate.

In October we visited the Oregon Zoo. Most of the animals were active and visible with only a few no shows. Whenever I visit the zoo I am always amazed at the wonders of God’s animal creations on this earth. We particularly enjoyed the now completed Cascades area where we were able to observe animals that live within a few miles of our church but which we may rarely, if ever, see. I think this trip was very appropriate for Peacemaking month as we saw many species that are either threatened or endangered as their habitat is destroyed by the encroachment of man.

In November we plan to have an afternoon of Ping-Pong and Music. The date will be announced

### Sunday School

During October we have joined in with the intergenerational Peacemaking Activities and in November plan to participate in the Artist’s Way classes.

### Service Projects

In November we will help with giving a face lift to the church basement rooms

### Fundraiser

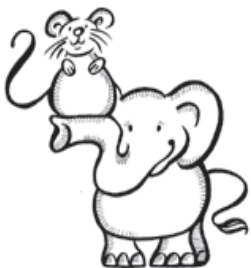
Do you usually buy a Christmas wreath for your front door? If so we hope you will order one from our youth. Please place your order on the order sheet that will be in the Fellowship area.

Contact Peter Sturman if you have questions

## HUNGER

You don’t have to search the world to find hungry people. Many are right here in our area. Things are going to get worse as the field season ends and jobs are cut back. Remember your neighbors. Bring food and personal supplies to the church, put them in the red box, and they will be delivered to the Estacada Area Food Bank. We can serve.

**Don’t be shy!  
Bring your friends  
to church with you.  
They’ll be glad you  
did!**



## LECTIONARY READINGS

*The lectionary year ends with November and Biblical themes of completion of God's plan. As we gear up and prepare for the beginning of the new lectionary year, we experience both apocalypse (not "disaster" but "completion") and judgment. This seems like an odd context to be wondering "What is God calling me to do?" as our stewardship campaign asks. But as we have explored the themes of abundance this fall, we have come to understand that **God's abundance** is the basis for all of our responses—from peacemaking to generosity, our lives, our actions, our responses come out of God's abundance toward us. **As we make personal commitments to God's work, we empower God's grace in our lives.***

- **November 4 (KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!):** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 119:137-144
- **November 11 (RETURN OF PROSPERITY):** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
- **November 18 (Consecration Sunday, The Rev. Dr. Jim Belt preaching):** Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19; Isaiah 12
- **November 25 (Reign of Christ Sunday; GOOD SHEEP, BAD SHEEP):** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43; Luke 1:68-19

## HEIFER PROJECT

For over 60 years Heifer International, partly with our contributions, have proved that there is no better way to help a family escape poverty and hunger than by providing them with sustainable means of supporting themselves. You can help continue these opportunities by giving Heifer Project gifts, There are order blanks on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Tear one off and help the world.

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