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My kids are so excited! They're going to bring friends and play games

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It's A Once In A Century Celebration! October 9 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Don't Miss out!

We've waited a long time for this party, 100 years to be exact. When the Hillockburn fire raged through Springwater in 1902, many fields, farms and forests were lost and the church building burned.

It took 2 years to rebuild and in 1904, Springwater dedicated the current sanctuary. In the years since, the "new" addition was completed and the congregation had a little room to grow.

In 2004, we're bursting at the seams. We've got so many children that some Sunday classes meet in the Grange. Sunday Worship finds us spilling out of the sanctuary and into the adjoining room.

The party on October 9th will celebrate our history and begin a time of new growth and new purpose. The dream of reaching out to the community and welcoming others into our family of believers could come true. Our grounds are becoming beautiful, the parking lot offers a safe place to park, the new outdoor worship area can be shared with the community and the future labyrinth will be an inviting place for all to meditate and pray.

So, invite your friends and relatives to join us on the 9th. Bring them to play with us, to hear some old-fashioned music, eat, listen to the story tellers and participate in all the activities. We can raise some money to continue building our vision and your visitors will get to know us and may want to be part of our church family.

October Birthdays

5	Addy Bashaw
5	Daphne Fisher
9	Shirley Ross
12	Brenley Babikoff
17	Cody Anderson
17	Mary Ellen Hodgkiss
19	Kurrin Bashaw
24	Connie Ryan
24	Lloyd Olson
28	Jean McCloskey



YOUTH GROUP DATES

October 24:
fun after church in the
two separate age groups

November 12:
joint youth meeting

December 10:
joint youth meeting



Drivers: we
know you will
not exceed a
5 mph limit in
the driveway

Youth Group Expands!

Excitement for our youth group keeps building! Already there are so many youth-aged people in our church that we've had to divide into two age groups! Not to worry, though. There are four adult leaders taking on the fun task of keeping up with the youth: Steve Shibley, Jim Roden, Cindy Babikoff, Peter Sturman. An all star cast!

What all is going on? The second Friday of each month we get together as a group of the whole at 6:00 for soup and supper. After that, we practice with hand bells (boy, are we getting good!), participate in the Taize worship service at 7:30, then head on out for Rock n' Roll glow bowling. No kidding. The only exception to this great rule is October. But be ready to soup/sup/ring/bowl the second Friday of December.

The fourth Sunday afternoon of each month, right after worship we will meet in our separate groups. Details will change each month, so stay tuned for the latest and greatest.

And don't forget to invite your friends

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES

If you have driven by the church recently you have noticed that how we park is different. Gone is that frightening opportunity to dodge the cars coming over the Springwater hill as you back out of your parking spot.

But if you've tried to find where to park recently, you might have been confused. Old habits die hard, but the Clackamas County Traffic Engineers really want us to change.

As part of the negotiations to change our existing parking, we had to agree to change how we **enter our parking area. Please enter through the Grange parking lot off Wallens Road** unless you are dropping off something at the front door or parking in one of the handicapped stalls.

Do not enter the parking lot on Springwater Road. That entry was designed as a one-way drop off and was the Traffic Engineer's concession to our need to maintain accessibility into our building.

While we are on the subject of parking lots, **parents** please discuss exiting the building with your children. We have designed the south door and steps so that young people will not be able to bolt out of the building and dart into the driveway (**Drivers: we know you will not exceed a 5 mph limit in the driveways**). And the railing on the handicap ramp is designed so that it's no fun to swing under to leap out into the drive. But remind your children anyway. Learning safety and responsibility early is a benefit to all of us.

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BOUQUETS OF THANKS

To **Tadd Kruger** and all his “pards” for setting up a rip-snortin’ cowboy feast at the Round Up this year. Who would have thought Tadd could cook up such a fabulous barbeque sauce, not to mention his pulled pork? To the table wranglers and the folks who moved the fixin’s outdoors next to our new worship space—thanks. And all the folks providing sides, fixin’s and dessert—great cookin’!

To **Houston Webb** and his cowpokes master-minding the children’s games—thanks. To **Taylor Webb, Grace Minor, and Ellen Ingamells** doing the face-painting—beauteous work, girls. Who would have thought a simple country pastor could be a cowgirl and a pirate in a single day?

And to **Jim Roden**, the Rambler Wrangler, and all the Ramblers (**Steve Shibley, Dana Shibley, Kathleen Souders**)—thanks for providing music.

Session Notes

◆ Session met on Sept. 6th and made the following decisions:

◆ Agreed to fund the Century Celebration committee with \$200.00 to buy supplies and materials.

◆ Agreed to make \$600 available to purchase T Shirts that will have the Century Celebration logo on the front. They will be available for purchase by the congregation and will be sold at the Century Celebration.

◆ Interviewed John Leonard and accepted him for baptism on October 24th.

◆ Agreed to fully repair the roof leak. Session chose not to “patch” it as we have done in the past. Akins Construction has bid on the job.

◆ Agreed that an interpretive piece about the origami cranes will be available for the Century Celebration.

◆ Agreed that 11% of the proceeds raised for Building Our Vision will be used for mission.

“You Are Not Alone”

This is the title of the inter-faith/inter-agency conference sponsored in part by Cascades Presbytery. You might know of a caregiver—or be one yourself!—who would benefit from this two-day event, November 5 and 6, at Lake Grove Presbyterian in Lake Oswego. This is a unique state-wide event, designed to offer respite to caregivers, as well as practical helps in a spiritually-informed context.

For more information about this event, consult www.newcaredirections.org or talk with Rick Parfrey, one of the conference organizers.

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Sunday Schedule

Christian Education
for all ages
9:30 am - 10:15 am

Worship for
all ages
10:30 am - 11:45 am

Fellowship starts
immediately after
worship

Pastor’s Perspective

New beginning! Fresh start! **New opportunities!** Who doesn’t like changes? Almost everybody. A “fresh start” is one thing if it’s “familiar,” but it’s something else entirely when it is change. Change is different, threatening, maybe even scary.

You might have noticed that our church newsletter, Springwater Currents has a new look. That means that it is, indeed, a change. We hope it is a change that you find friendly, welcome, hopeful, exciting.

Because not all change is bad. In the church we often label change with a fancy, two-dollar word. We call it “transformation.” When we use Biblish to refer to a change, it means we believe God is directing that change.

As people of faith, we carry the outrageous notion that God is not done with us yet. As forgiven sinners, we stake our lives on the radical thought that we are not stuck in our old ways. **God loves us where we are, but God loves us too much to leave us there.** That is good news.

Now, I’m not saying that the new design of Springwater Currents is God’s doing. No. But God had a hand in getting Kathy Scott to the Summer Conference this year to learn about church communications. God had a hand in giving her enthusiasm for more effective communication. God had a hand in giving her—and session—hope that an intentional and fresh approach to our congregation’s communications will reach you, inspiring you to serve

God’s coming reign.

Not all change is scary, not all change is at God’s hand. But we hope that as we face it together, you will see the hand of God at work in the world. See you in church.

Eileen

Meet Members of Our Family

Peter Sturman and his wife Carol joined the church this year. Peter was born and raised in England. He enjoys fly fishing, motorcycling, camping, hiking and gardening. He earned a degree in Agriculture & now works in the field of semi-conductors.

Peter has a son, Michael & He & Carol are the parents of Samantha, born in 1996.

Cindy Babikoff is the chair of the Christian Education committee & is an active elder. She grew up in Clackamas & moved to Estacada 13 yrs ago with her husband Chris. They have 3 children, Travis, Bryce & Brenley & enjoy the country life. Cindy has been taking riding lessons this past year. This fall she began working with troubled children in the Estacada School Dist. If you have a desire to help with Christian Ed., Cindy is the person to see.

Lectionary

October 4: Luke 17:5-10; 2 Timothy 1:1-14
(Peace: How to Be Christian in a Multi-Faith World)

October 10: Luke 17:11-19; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
(Drawing Lines in the Sand)

October 17: Luke 18:1-8; Jeremiah 31:27-34
(Troublesome pictures of faith: it's not about the nagging)

October 24: Luke 18:9-14; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Joel 2:23-32
(Troublesome pictures of faith: The Good Ones Go to Hell)

October 31: Luke 16:1-13; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
(Troublesome pictures of faith: You Gets Just the One Chance)

Beginning October 17 and continuing through to Advent (the last Sunday in November), we will be looking at some of the very troublesome faith models Jesus presents to his disciples. People of dubious reputations, folks we might not like having as friends, examples of behavior we don't normally associate with "nice, holy people." And for some reason, this is the worship context for our congregation's stewardship campaign.

Please take the **Century Celebration Poster** and put it on the wall in the lunch room at work, or take it to a store and ask to put it in the window, or where ever you think it would attract attention.



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