

Springwater Currents



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

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Bob Wilson	10/10
Brenley Babikoff	10/13
Jim Odell	10/16
Lloyd Olson	10/24
Connie Ryan	10/27
Cortlan Souders	10/27
Jean McCloskey	10/28

October Birthdays



Church Events in October

- October 1: Stewardship planning meeting, 6 PM
- October 4: World Communion Sunday and dedication of our Peacemaking Offering, see article page 8.
- October 6, 13, and 20: Spiritual workshops with artist-in-residence Melanie Joy Weidner. See article page 8.
- October 8: Session Meeting, 6 PM
- October 8: Choir practice begins, 7 PM. Every Thursday. See page 3.

Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2009
- Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 2009
- Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2009
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2009



NEW!!! Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
for all ages

10:30 AM Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

October 24th

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Pastor's Perspective

What's so big about worship? To hear the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), worship is where everything begins. Worship is such a big deal to Presbyterians that we devote a third of the book of our government to worship. We call that portion the Directory for Worship.

The Directory for Worship begins with the premise that we worship *because* God is present in both the world and our lives. Not "God once upon a time," something from the Bible or stories we hear about other people's lives, but God present—right here and right now.

What's So Big About Worship

As if that isn't shocking enough, the Directory for Worship says that as we respond in worship, we are changed. "Transformed and renewed" is what they say. In other words, **it makes a difference that we worship.**

Oh man. Do I keep writing about this month after month, or does it only feel that way? I can't tell you how often I feel like my socks are being knocked off about **worship as our way of being in the world.** And the longer I'm your pastor, the more convinced I am of the truth of this. The more I see you all growing in your commitment to gathering together in worship week after week, the more life I see in this congregation.

This fall we have *four* Sunday School classes—two for younger children, a confirmation class, and a class for adults. The greater blessing is that we have enough people who want to teach that they won't have to do it each week.

And that's only Sunday morning. Things happen throughout the week that tell me this is a congregation that wants to grow in faith—women's Bible study, the class in healthy eating and lifestyles, weekly intercessory prayer group and contemplative prayer gathering. These are not events that the pastor leads. In fact, all of these activities are initiated and lead by members of the congregation, which means that lay people are taking responsibility for nurturing their own faith and that of others. This comes out of the commitment to worship.

Learning About Worship

In September, we gathered for three sessions on worship design and preparation for lay people. The Reverend Jeff Sievert, Reedville Presbyterian, Aloha, taught the first class on "What makes our worship 'Reformed'."

Some of the points he made about our style of worship are worth repeating here:

- It is in common (*we gather together*)
- God initiates it (*we don't "choose" to worship, God calls us*)
- Proclamation of the Word is central to our worship
- The attitude of gratitude is an integral part

- We enact our worship in the world (we go out into our daily lives, informed and equipped by what happened in worship)
- Worship is what sets us in right relation with God

Jeff reminded us that it was writer Annie Dillard who said that, if we knew the power we unleashed in worship, we would issue seat belts and crash helmets. **It makes a difference that you are in worship.**

See you in church.



Lectionary Readings

October 4 (World Communion Sunday, Peacemaking Offering dedicated)
THE KISS OF PEACE IS THE KISS OF JUSTICE IS THE KISS OF DEATH: Mark 10:2-16; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Psalm 26

October 11 SWORDS AND EMPTY HANDS: Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-31; Psalm 22:1-15

October 18 THE KING WHO SYMPATHIZES AND SERVES (Hebrews 4:14-5:10; Mark 10:35-45; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c)

October 25 (guest preachers from the congregation): Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Mark 10:46-52

NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

The important annual work of the Nominating Committee begins in October by gathering to pray for discernment as we select our elected officers—up to three elders and one deacon, plus representatives to the Endowment Committee and next year's Nominating Committee. Please hold them in prayer as they begin this process. And if you have persons you would like to nominate, please let either of the two session representatives to this committee know—Bob Wilson and Kevin Kirby.

Springwater Choir Resumes

It has been over a year since the choir has met regularly and I would like to resume this activity. We will begin practicing at the church on Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:00pm beginning October 8, 2009. Everyone is invited to join, young and old, experienced or not. The more the merrier. We will be preparing for the Advent / Christmas season. Come lift your voice in praise and have fun at the same time. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Kathleen

The discipline of gratitude
Gratitude ... goes beyond the "mine" and "thine" and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

Faith Nurture News



"We have child-size wooden chairs, child-size folding chairs and child-size stacking chairs, but not one child who will sit down."

Wow! Springwater Presbyterian Church now offers four Sunday school classes and enough teachers for all of them! This is truly a blessing from God. SPC is now offering Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., *before* worship; this is a change from the past when Sunday school was after worship. Preschoolers through 2nd graders meet downstairs in one group, and third graders through 6th graders meet in the second room downstairs. Both groups have lessons that include physical activities, drawing and pictures, music, and crafts to engage learners with varied learning styles. The "We Believe" curriculum from PC(USA) uses the *theory of multiple intelligences* to plan lessons that employ all the ways of being smart so that teachers and learners have both a comfort zone and opportunities to explore, grow, and develop.

Springwater's youth will attend confirmation classes with Pastor Eileen Parfrey in her office. The purpose of these classes is

to teach our young people beliefs held by the Reformed Church and to invite them to grow in their faith to the end that they *may choose* to affirm the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. It is possible that a young person may attend all of the classes and decide not to affirm their faith in the Presbyterian Church, the choice will be theirs. But, for those who choose to affirm their faith, a confirmation celebration will be held in late spring 2010.

Springwater's adults also have opportunities for faith nurture at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Peter Sturman will be leading the adults in a time of *Lectio Divina*, exploring the lectionary scripture passages for that day. Those who have attended these classes in the past can give testimony as to the power of this method to bring deeper understanding and to find new meaning of scripture in our daily lives. All who attend will be enriched.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to teach and assist in classes, including: Eileen Parfrey, Deb Odell, Peter Sturman, Renate Ryan-Jeppeson, Carol Sturman, Cindy Babikoff, Debbie Ingamells, Mary Kirby, Kathleen Souders, and Judy Coyne.

Session is

**Renate Jeppeson
Don McKinnon
Peter Sturman
Kevin Kirby
Bob Wilson
Kathy Scott
Cindy Babikoff
Jennifer Souders**

Budgeting for 2010 will be completed in December 2009

Budget planning for SPC will begin in November for the coming year, 2010. The Session makes budget decisions at that time that will carry through the entire year and be our guide for spending until the next budget is approved a year later. If you want to see something specific happen in 2010, please write it up in detail and make sure you get it to a session member before the November meeting. Please name the people who will plan and carry out the work, why you think this would be good for this church and evaluate how much money is needed to properly carry this out. Session will evaluate proposals and make decisions based on their understanding of each mission or ministry proposal and how it fits our overall mission.

New proposals that come in after the budget is approved will not be evaluated until the next budgeting cycle. Please be thinking about what you would like to see your church doing in 2010. Go ahead, be creative! Session will be happy to hear from you.

Searching for a more meaningful holiday shopping experience?

Consider purchasing gifts from a fair trade retailer or artisan. Purchasing fair trade items puts more money back in the pocket of artisans and farmers, so they can support their families and their business. Fair trade contributes to sustainable development by offering fair wages and prices, better trading conditions and rights for marginalized producers and workers.

Here are some good websites to get you started:

- Equal Exchange offers coffee, chocolate and tea and is featured by the Presbyterian Church (USA): <http://shop.equalexchange.com/>.
- www.servv.org Offers a wide variety of fairly traded items. This site is also supported by PC(USA).
- www.pcusa.org This is our denomination's own website and by searching for "fair trade" you can find many links to fair trade websites. Also try www.pcusa.org/globalmarketplace and follow the "marketplace partners" link.
- www.pcusa.org/marketplace The denomination itself offers fair trade items. Search for "Liberian crosses" to find crosses made in Liberia from spent ammunition casings. Search "sweat-free Ts" to find t-shirts made with fair labor practices.



Estacada Area Food Bank


The mission of the Estacada Area Food Bank is to plan, develop and conduct programs for disadvantaged people designed to serve the people's physical needs while encouraging their self-sufficiency. Anyone with a low income in need of food and living in the Estacada, Eagle Creek or the Colton area can receive service from the food bank.

Since the recession hit in the last seven months of 2008, 154 new families who had never been to the food bank came for help. This is about a 62% increase in growth compared to 2007.

Last year the food bank distributed an estimated 160,000 pounds of food to people in the community. They did this at a cost of about 30

A table blessing
for children:

We thank you,
God, for happy
hearts,
for rain and
sunny weather.
We thank you,
God, for this our
food,
and that we're all
together. Amen.



A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

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cents per pound. They could do this work at that price for two reasons, volunteer labor and food donations.

You can help. If you would like to volunteer, talk to the folks at the food bank at 200 Clubhouse Drive, Estacada, or you can call them at (503) 630-2888. They're open 10:00 am to 3:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you want to donate food, pick up some extra groceries when you're out shopping. The food bank also can use personal items which cannot be bought with food stamps. If you have a garden, they can also use some of the fruit and vegetables you have grown. Bring the food and supplies to church and put them in the red box, or you can take them to the food bank yourself.

The Bible has many references to feeding the hungry. The folks in our area really need the help. Pray about it, and then do what you can to meet this desperate need.

Just for Kids
Answer Key

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Artist in Residence

Artist and spiritual director, Melanie Joy Weidner will be back with us again on October 6, 13, and 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Sharing her own art work, Melanie will invite us to experience more deeply our connection to God.

Melanie has spent the summer on an artist's pilgrimage in New Mexico (near Ghost Ranch) and teaching at Pendle Hill. Undoubtedly she will draw from those experiences as she leads us.

In the interest of having enough material available, please let Pastor Eileen know if you plan to attend. You don't need to be an artist to be blessed by this time.



2009 Peacemaking Offering
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 4

Join us in receiving and dedicating the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 4th. The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly.

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