

September 2005

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Worship & Sunday School Hours Change

Sunday School
9:30-10:15 am
Worship
10:30-11:45am
Fellowship
after worship

September 11 Fall Round Up



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September Birthdays

Tiffany Bittman	1
Phil Armstrong	5
Travis Babikoff	8
Janice Armstrong	14
Mayanne Clatt	16
Eunike Guttridge	19
Samantha Sturman	19
Bob Poore	19
Hailey Edmeades	21
Erin Roden	24
Morgan Driskell	24
Philip Rigby	26
Joe Guttridge	30



September Anniversaries

Kathleen & Vernon Souders	8
Jennie Lou & Bob Poore	16
Susie & Tadd Kruger	17
Wilma & Joe Guttridge	24

September Special Days

Labor Day — September 5, 2005
National Grandparents Day — September 11, 2005
Fall Round Up — September 11
Harvest Sunday — September 18, 2005
First day of Autumn — September 22, 2005



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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In the midst of this summer's heat wave I ran across something I'd clipped a year and a half ago. Chicago newspaper columnist, Mike Royko, said what destroyed "community" was air-conditioning.

Had you been one of my children, remembering your mother on those hot, humid Midwestern days when even the furniture sweated, you would have disagreed with Royko. You would have said air conditioning is what saved small children from violence by their mothers.

But that's another story. Royko's point was that people used to sit on their front porches on summer evenings to catch what breeze there was, visiting with their neighbors. Once AC was available, folks stayed indoors to watch the tube.

Reach Out

As I thought about our culture, it seemed Royko was right. Community used to form naturally. People met at the store. They walked to school and work together, or helped each other with haying or picking. They ate together after church or gathered in the evenings to make music or play. Fewer activities took longer and drew from a smaller geographic area, the icebox didn't hold as much, and when people got together they took time to catch up with each other. It wasn't much different in Springwater.

We drive everywhere now. Distances to and from are greater, many cities don't even have sidewalks, corner markets are now "lifestyle centers," and our calendars are so complicated they need to be on computers.

But people still need contact with other humans.

Maybe that explains the explosion of gizmos and gadgets for communication. Cell phones make us accessible even when we're not at home. Text messaging and camera-phones send more than voices. Hands-free cell phone headsets make possible double- and triple-tasking. Email allows simultaneous "virtual" conversations. Distinctive beeper and cell tones, allow subscribers to decide whether to reach out and touch someone.

Communication and Community

Apparently, this blizzard of communication options isn't enough. None of it fills the human need for community.

I checked the dictionary. "Communication" is about imparting meaning and conveying thoughts, opinions, information. If that is all it means to be human, if that is behind the incredible drive to develop more-better-faster-sexier means of conveying it, then maybe it's time we checked into what "meaning" we are trying to impart.

Another pastor recently noted that, if this flurry of communica-

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Fall hours begin September 11

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Fellowship
after worship

Please join us!
Bring your friends too!

tion possibility were “enough,” people wouldn’t be willing to pay \$3.00 for a Starbucks, just because someone will call them by name and remember they like a double shot with their latte.

That’s a little extravagant. But also a little pitiful. And I don’t mean the price of coffee. I mean, the desperate steps people seem willing to take to establish some human contact.

They could come to church. Church is different. And not just because it doesn’t cost you \$3.00 every time someone remembers your name. Springwater has a long history of asking about each other’s grandkids and remembering to inquire about how things went at the doctor last week. But there is more to being community than this. Christian community is intentional about meaningful interaction—not just gossip. It focuses outside itself as well as inwardly. And Christian community is built on mutual love and trust.

It’s More Than That

That takes work. Remember how much fun it was to remodel the sanctuary, repair the manse, re-set the steeple, build the new parking lot and labyrinth and gardens? That was work. It was work whose side result was to build community. The folks who gathered and contributed to these projects built relationships of trust, and they continue to love each other long after the project is finished.

But (speaking as your pastor) it’s time to get to work again. It is time to step outside the community that gets together Sunday mornings. Not to work just for the sake of taking up time, but because that is what Church does.

Both the Mission Outreach and Mission Study committees have been polling you about what activities you find meaningful. Be sure to take every opportunity to respond to them. In building Christ’s Body (the church), we all need to participate in the discernment process.

See you in church.

SPRINGWATER ROUND UP! September 11

- Children’s CE special activities—getting to know the new teachers.
- Worship Service—a special time of teaching, blessings for the new school year, dedicating teachers, the Ramblers bring their special brand of bluegrass music
- Lunch and party at the Grange after worship
- Stick around for the whole afternoon, because we’ll have games and lots of fun.

Bring your friends!!



Touch Points

The topic for the 2005 issue is "Encounters with God"

Be sure to say Thanks!

to: Jim Roden & Bob Maat For the outdoor lighting . . .

. . . and to all the people who watered, weeded and watched over the plants and grass during the hot weather.

Writers, Submit!

The Presbytery of the Cascades annual literary journal is seeking submissions for its 2005 issue. This year's theme is "Encounters With God." What they are looking for is Biblical or personal experience material which addresses "Where do we 'find' God? How are people changed (or not) by such encounters?"

Essays, sermons, stories (limit for prose is 2500 words) and poems (limit to 50 lines) may be submitted to Shirley Tormey, editor, 8313 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland, OR 97219 by October 1st.

Buildings & Grounds Committee and volunteers work quietly in the background

The building and grounds committee has overseen several improvement projects this summer. First, a new basement exit was installed. This will provide a fire exit from the basement, keeping our kids safe. A new doorknob was installed on the back exit from the sanctuary. Both these locks use the same key as our other doors; anyone with a key should try these locks sometime, if your key doesn't work please tell Renate.

Another safety improvement that we may not notice until winter is the new lighting installed at the back of the building and in the parking lot. Jim Roden installed floodlights on the back of the church to illuminate the sidewalk and driveway. These are on a motion sensor and should come on when a car drives into the parking lot, or someone walks down the sidewalk from the front or from the basement. Bob Maat and PGE installed a floodlight in the parking lot that will illuminate it at night. Thanks Jim and Bob!

The building and grounds committee is currently soliciting quotes for painting the exterior of the church and will determine soon what action can and should be taken.

Attention all gardeners: we now have a beautiful outdoor area that needs maintenance. Please see Steve Shibley if you can donate any time to weeding and gardening.

Watch for information on a Fall Work Party early in October. There will be indoor and outdoor tasks for all.

I welcome any comments, suggestions, and time you can give for our building and grounds. Thank you,

Renate Ryan-Jeppeson,
Building and Grounds Chair

Mission Notes Peacemaking

Sunday
October 2nd
Peace Making
Offering



September will be Peacemaking month at Springwater. The theme of our Peacemaking journey is *Whoever Welcomes a Child*. Our Bible study and witness will be built on the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus holds up children to help us all better understand and practice our Christian faith. We will start our study by revisiting the Christmas story, in which we again marvel that Jesus came to us as a weak and vulnerable child. We then take an extended look at Jesus helping us to understand that God seeks to provide. Our focus will be God's wish to feed hungry children, and we will look at the disparity between want and abundance. This provides us with an opportunity to take a closer look at one of our favorite ministries, Heifer International. Finally, we will consider our opportunities to advocate for disadvantaged children, as Jesus himself did.

Our Christian education time, 9:30 to 10:15, will be given over to inter-generational activities. We will discuss, engage in simulations, pray, and listen to Scripture, and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word in worship. We will learn more about national and global Peacemaking programs during the Moment for Mission presentations.

Our observation will conclude on Sunday, October 2nd, with the Peacemaking Offering. At that time, we will receive the coin-boxes the children have been filling, and the gifts of youth and adults. We will celebrate Communion that day.

Note of Thanks. We greatly appreciate the fine efforts of the Moment for Mission presenters this summer, which helped us understand the Mission Partnership at work in the Presbytery of the Cascades.

And speaking of Presbytery...There are some opportunities for individual learning and witness, sponsored by the Presbytery, coming up this fall. One of these may be the chance you've been waiting for:

Anti-Racism Seminar
Saturday, 10/15/05
Calvary, Portland

Creation Care
Seminar
Saturday, 10/15/05
Westminister, Salem

Please see Susan for more details.
Registration and information is
available on the Presbytery of the
Cascades website at
<http://www.cascadespresbytery.org>

Equipping the Saints:
Engaging, Supporting
and Celebrating
Church Volunteers
Saturday, 9/24/05,
Mt. Scott, Portland

Investment & Estate Planning Seminar



The good old IRS, which we all love and fear, has in their millions of pages of regulations some unique tools to manage some of our investments and our estates. But how do you sort through all those regulations to figure it all out? Believe it or not, the church is not just concerned with your spiritual well being, but your financial well being also and has created the Presbyterian Foundation to help you manage your investments and estate in a manner that benefits both you and the church. Coming soon, we'll have a seminar to show you how you can do well while doing good.

Contact Dick Scott if you want to help or if you have questions



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping out victims of Hurricane Katrina. Please keep the people of Florida and those working to assist the survivors in your prayers.

You can help! If you want to send money, you can make out a check to Springwater Presbyterian Church and write Hurricane Katrina in the memo line. For more information, go to the National Presbyterian website at: <http://www.pcusa.org/>

Youth Group 2005

Our Youth Group will begin the fall season on the first Sunday in October. More details will be announced before the meeting.

The group celebrated the end of summer with a camp-out in Clear Creek canyon. They had a wonderful time with good food, great companionship, lots of fun and games and some wonderful talks and deep discussions.

Thanks to Jim Roden, Steve Shibley, Dana Shibley, Peter Sturman, Valerie Webb and Kathleen Souders for being willing to chaparone and lead this fun adventure.



Youth Group Fall Schedule

First Sunday of
each month



**IS YOUR PLEDGE
UP TO DATE?**

HARVEST SUNDAY



Giving is a Privilege

Summer is nearly over and the fall schedule is about to begin. Did you miss a few Sundays this summer? Did you remember to keep up with your pledge? The money coming in each month keeps our ministry and mission serving as God's hands to each other and the world.

Giving is a privilege and as much a spiritual discipline as prayer. Are you growing spiritually? Remember to share your abundance, your talent and your love through your spiritual community to further God's rule in the world.

Harvest Sunday, September 18

On Harvest Sunday, we will decorate the sanctuary with the produce from the Springwater Fair and anything that members want to bring that Sunday to share with the Resource Center. Instead of avoiding eye contact with your neighbor who has extra zucchini, encourage them to show some at the Springwater Fair and/or donate it to the Resource Center to help feed the hungry people in our local community. We can all help fight hunger!

Who Can You Call? A Session Member, That's Who

Have you noticed something isn't quite right? Something needs cleaning or repair? Want to ask questions? The elders listed below are the current members of Session and/or someone who is chair of a committee. Please contact them as needed.

Pastor	Mission Discernment
Moderator of Session	Susan Horton
Eileen Parfrey	(not currently on Session)
Clerk of Session	Mission Study
Communications	Gwen Shearer
Kathryn Scott	(not currently on Session)
Treasurer/Stewardship	Personnel
Nona Shearer	Nona Shearer
Buildings & Grounds	Worship
Renate Jeppeson	Judy Coyne
Christian Education	Wedding/Funeral
Cindy Babikoff	Coordinator
Community Care	Bettie Barbee
currently vacant	(not currently on Session)

Lectionary readings



September 4: Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20;
Psalm 149

September 11: (Round Up) Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35; Psalm 114

September 18 (communion): Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

September 25: Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32;
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16



The Round up is coming



September 11

Bring your friends and family!



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