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

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February Birthdays

<i>Kathleen Leonard</i>	2/07
<i>Alder Shibley</i>	2/08
<i>Joe Engler</i>	2/09
<i>Susan Horton</i>	2/12
<i>Don MacKinnon</i>	2/12
<i>Gary Guttridge</i>	2/21
<i>Scott Clatt</i>	2/21
<i>David Rigby</i>	2/25
<i>Bill Varitz</i>	2/28



February Anniversaries

<i>Deb & Jim Odell</i>	2/22
<i>Karen & Joe Engler</i>	2/22

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Hymn Sing
10:30 Worship
11:15 Fellowship
Deadline for next newsletter: February 21

February Calendar

February 2: Worship Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
February 6: celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship; volunteer at Eastminster warming shelter
February 12: joint retreat with session and deacons, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Whispering Pines apartments in Estacada
February 22: volunteer at Eastminster warming shelter
February 26: Leadership Fair 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian, Vancouver. See article page 7.
March 6: Transfiguration Sunday, celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship, Feast of Fools (potluck and silly talent show) in the Grange following worship; volunteer at Eastminster warming shelter





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Pastor's Perspective

For those who measure the church year in terms of color, it's now green time.

The official title is "Ordinary Time." Because it makes up 33 or 34 of the weeks in the church year, you'd think "ordinary" meant "regular" or "background" or "what we fall into when nothing more important is going on." In fact, "ordinary" refers to counting.

This season, from the end of Christmas to the beginning of Lent, "Ordinary," is sometimes called "Epiphany Season," reflecting the emphasis on God's revealing in Jesus Christ and its implication for us.

In other words, call.

This Season

We usually associate "Epiphany" with visiting wise men, but my dictionary says an epiphany is **a moment of profound insight**. The lectionary texts aim for us to have such a profound insight into God revealed in Jesus that we respond by **considering the life-implications of our baptisms**.

You may recall that the first worship service after we took down all the Christmas-related art was a celebration of baptism. Nona Shearer designed and led a wonderful service celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, inviting all the worshipers to reaffirm their own baptismal promises.

Since then, all the sermon titles have referred to "Call and" This year, Jesus calls his disciples, and then we spend weeks on the Sermon on the Mount.

And Your Point in All This?

I've spent the last eleven years preaching every Sunday. When I tell people that I do this, many of them not only admit, "I could never do that," but they wonder where I get sermons week after week.

I always say, "From the Bible!" but there's more to it than that. When I preached in different churches every week, I felt a need to tell each congregation everything I knew, because I probably wouldn't see them again. Thanks to longevity of call to one congregation, I've come to see the wisdom of the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL).

When the Church agrees to take a whole year to tell the story of God's revelation in Jesus Christ, **we get to tell the whole story**. But it takes a year. And then, because there is always more than one perspective to anything, the RCL agrees to tell the story again from another point of view using another gospel, and from another point of view the next year using the third gospel.

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This system takes a lot of pressure off the preacher to say everything the first time. **There is so much to say about God's love!** This system puts the pressure where it belongs: on the congregation. **If you want to hear the whole story, you have to keep coming back.**

See you in church.

Lectionary Readings

February 6 (communion, CALLED AND GIVEN WORK): Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Matthew 5:13-20; Psalm 112:1-10
February 13 (CALLED AND ALIVE): Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8
February 20 (CALLED AND CARING): Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Psalm 119:33-40
February 27 (CALLED AND IMPOVERISHED): Matthew 6:24-34; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 131



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will continue with the Immersion Bible Study of the gospel of Matthew. We are student led and have discussions that are interesting and informative. It is not necessary, but if you would like to have a copy of the book we are using, please contact Pastor Eileen to get you one (\$9). This study uses the Contemporary English Bible translation, for which we were readership consultants for the book of Deuteronomy. Again, it is not necessary to use this, but if you would like your own copy, please contact Pastor Eileen to get you one (\$5).

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages continues at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Children 2nd grade and younger meet in the first room of the basement, and children 3rd through 6th grade meet in the basement's second room. Youth 7th to 12th grade meet in the pastor's office. Join us!





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Meet the New Elders: Al Conway

Since joining Springwater Presbyterian in 2009, new elder **Al Conway** has worked behind the scenes, especially with Building and Grounds projects.

“Although I grew up Catholic,” Al says, “Lynda and I have always been Lutheran.” They wanted a place to worship on Christmas Eve, and so decided to “try out that cute little church down the road” in the fall and never left. That was in 2008, the year we canceled our Christmas Eve services because of the weather!

Al grew up on the family farm in Iowa, is a graduate of Iowa State University, and holds an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Business. Al and Lynda were married in 1978 in Kansas City, moved to Connecticut (where he worked in New York), then to Eden Prairie, Minnesota (where he worked in downtown Minneapolis). In 1986, the family moved to Hong Kong for a year, then back to Minneapolis, before heading to Leewood, Kansas. Life in Peculiar, Missouri preceded the move in 2000 to Wilsonville. The search for horse property brought the Conways to Springwater in 2005.

Al’s business in grain trading is both domestic and international and involves both futures spread and physical grain. You can find out more on the website Kathy Scott developed for him at www.cashwheatreport.com. Al also produces a daily wire for the cash wheat market.

His hobbies include “Just about everything Oregon has to offer,” he says. This means snow skiing, hunting, fly fishing, golf, trail riding and camping with horses. The Conways have two children (Emily and Jason) and two grandchildren (Faith and James) with another due in May.



Meet the New Elders: Kathleen Souders

Most of us know new elder, **Kathleen Souders** as Springwater’s musician. It’s a pretty visible position, and we are so blessed that she shares her talents and creative energy with us in worship. For those who go back a ways, there will also be the memory of Kathleen in her youth group days with Scott Clatt, Renate Jeppeson, Ben Fisher, Mike Scott and others. Kathleen her family moved here in when she was in high school, and she married her high school sweetheart in our church.

Besides sharing her musical gifts at the keyboard in worship and leading the choir, Kathleen has been a part of the Worship Committee for over a decade. She has taught children’s music and brought them to share in worship. Every summer she takes a week of vacation

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to lead Vacation Church School music. She was part of the 1998 mission study that led up to calling Pastor Eileen.

What you may not know about Kathleen is that they call her “Kat” at work. She has worked at Kaiser Permanente for 21 years in the same dept, Hospital Quality and Patient Safety. She says with a laugh that, “she’s still at the keyboard,” even at work. There, however, she isn’t making music. Her keyboarding is about collecting data, producing board reports, building data bases, putting together trending reports. Her work is an invisible but essential part of providing safe, reliable, effective medical care. Her work makes her an integral part of the hospital’s triennial joint commission certification, a major project in credentialing the hospital.



Laughter is a big part of who Kathleen is. When asked, “What do you want us to know about your family?” she laughed and said, “We’re nuts.” The Souders family likes to laugh. According to her, they can’t watch a movie without making fun of it, whether they’re at home or in a theater. They are nostalgia buffs and love cars, going together to swap meets, car shows, and following car history. She also likes to knit, embroider, and play the piano. Kathy Scott used to be her boss, back when Kathy owned Videos on Broadway.

Kathleen and her husband, Vernon, have three children, Jennifer, Tabitha, and Cortlan. She continues to care for her father, Bob Poore, since the death of her mother, Jennie Lou Poore.

New Accounts Payable Treasurer

We have a new person writing our checks. Lynda Conway has agreed to take over the job from Debbie Ingamells. Thank you Debbie for all your hard work and thank you Lynda for agreeing to take over!

To make Lynda’s job easier, we have a voucher system in place that everybody needs to use. The new 2011 vouchers with the latest budget categories are in the church office. If you need to be reimbursed for something or have a church bill that needs to be paid, please fill out a voucher IN FULL in handwriting that is legible. I’ve told Lynda that if she can’t read the voucher, she should return it to the person submitting it. Make sure you write in the BUDGET CATEGORY that the funds are suppose to come out of (they are listed on the voucher) and get a signature of a Session member, authorizing the expenditure. If you need to know how much is left unspent in a budget category, please ask me.



Thank you,
Gwendolyn Shearer

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Check out ***Just Peace: A Message of Hope*** on amazon.com. You can get there from our website, springwater-pres.org. Mattie Stepanek was a remarkable young poet and peace worker with Muscular Dystrophy.



Events of Interest

Two events of potential interest to Springwater people will be taking place at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Milwaukie (by Bob's Red Mill).

On February 17 and March 3, 17 (6:30 to 8:30), Shirley Tormey will lead a study of the book, ***Just Peace: A Message of Hope***. Shirley Tormey, a Presbyterian elder and recently an Inquirer into Ministry, has preached at Springwater on several occasions. Written by Mattie Stepanek and former President Jimmy Carter, the book draws extensively on a correspondence between the two men. It is a journey of hope, inspiration and a thoughtful examination of peace, both personal and for the world. Cost is \$15 per session (you need not attend all sessions).

The second class, on February 12 from 8 a.m. to noon, is entitled **Retirement: The Audacity to Live**. Workshop facilitator Mary Jo Saavedra will invite attendees to "prepare to unlock a future you have not yet dared to dream about. Through concrete tools you will craft your current and future plans for living fulfilled in a value-based life within the new world of work in the 21st century." Cost is \$50.

To register for either class, call the Center at 503/794-8542 or email at info@francisspctr.com.

Some Thoughts About Hymns

Toward the end of the worship service on (January 9) I had a flash of recognition, an "ah ha!" moment and commented to my seat-mate, Barbara, about it. "More than a couple of the hymns felt like old familiar ones to me. Then I looked and the last two at least were composed in 1980 or more recently." :-)

There are three simple implications of this observation that one could offer. First, I am getting to be what they call in some circles a "seasoned adult," a time when the lines between old and new start to change in surprising ways. Second, the worship leader (Nona S.) and I have worshipped often in the same sort of places, even when away from this present congregation. And third, when we get used to them, what once were old can seem nice and familiar, so we should keep trying new ones.

I tend to give more weight to correspond to their increasing number in my list. "Sing a new song!" and "Sing for joy!"

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The Cascades Leadership Fair is for everyone, with stimulating keynoters and a wide variety of helpful workshops for church leaders, musicians and members. Find out more about the Saturday, February 26, event by visiting www.cascadespresbytery.org. Registration forms and online registration will be available after January 1st. Questions? Call Dawn at 800-926-3223.

Anthony Robinson to Keynote Leadership Fair

Anxiety about the future of the church permeates our congregations today. Anthony Robinson, nationally known author, speaker and preacher, offers hope and inspiration. His keynote address to the Cascades Leadership Fair February 26 is titled "Congregation Next: A New Thing God is Doing."

Robinson is the author of nine books and heads Congregational Leadership Northwest, a Seattle-based ecumenical group offering leadership education and support for congregations. He will also lead a workshop entitled "Leading Change and Living to Tell the Story."

The 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. event is for congregation members, volunteer leaders, musicians and church staff. Each person can attend two workshops, one in the morning and one after a delicious lunch that is included in the registration price.

Workshop choices include one on the Middle East led by noted church educator Don Griggs, a Bible study facilitated by Steve Maling, and sessions on appreciative inquiry, social networking, using PowerPoint in worship, church partnerships for mission, and special training for elders, deacons and clerks of session.

Cost for the entire event is just \$20. To register, visit the website www.cascadespresbytery.org or contact Dawn Champoux, 1-800-926-3223 or dawnc@cascadespresbytery.org after January 1. Registration deadline is February 18.

Moving the Pews

The intention when we got new pews two years ago, was to keep them small enough to be movable, in order to take advantage of flexible seating arrangements in the sanctuary. You might remember the Advent in which the pew arrangement changed each week to reflect the liturgical arts. This Advent, the liturgical art reflected the preaching theme of "Enter Into God's Promises," and was expressed with doors imagery, so we oriented the pews toward the fellowship hall doors.

Since the end of Advent, we have continued to worship around a very visible communion table. This is a sacramental expression of our confidence that Holy Spirit continues to build us as a community into the Body of Christ.

It also means that we can see each other throughout the whole service. To some, this feels vulnerable, to others it's an affirmation of who we are. What are your thoughts about this pew arrangement? You know the Worship Committee is going to change the arrangement again. Please give them your feedback. Contact Pastor Eileen, Kathleen Souders, Don MacKinnon, or Debbie Ingamells.



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Interfaith Advocacy Day

The invitation reads, "Join with Oregonians of many faiths to speak out for the needs of the hungry, homeless, ill, and disabled." It comes from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the Oregon Food Bank, Jewish, Muslim and Lutheran advocacy groups.

The Interfaith Advocacy Day will be March 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Salem. Beginning at the First Congregation UCC Church in downtown Salem, the day will be spent with interfaith speakers, advocacy training sessions, and presentations by policy experts. After lunch, a march and rally on the state capitol steps will culminate with meetings with legislators.

At a time with unemployment and underemployment are high, when the inevitable result is poverty, hunger, and homelessness, faith communities need to let their unified voice be heard by the people who make the laws. Nearly one child in five in Oregon lives in poverty. Never since the Depression has family homelessness been so prevalent.

If you are planning to attend and participate, please let Pastor Eileen know.



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