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Worship  
Schedule

Sunday

**Hymn Sing**  
10:15 - 10:30am  
**Worship**  
10:30 - 11:45am  
**Fellowship**  
11:45am

*There is baby care  
during worship*

*Children are always  
welcome*

**Family Worship  
with the Ramblers**  
7:00 - 8:00pm  
2nd Friday of each month

MAY Birthdays

9	Jim Tomlin
20	Kara Guttridge
20	Tabitha Souders
22	Jim Tedrow
23	John Leonard
24	Kenneth Fisher
27	Nikki Armstrong
29	Bruce Ryan
31	Kord Kirby



May Anniversaries

Kevin & Mary Kirby	15
Randy & Mary Johnson	15
Tim & Eunike Guttridge	24
Phil & Tiffany Bittman	28

Special Days in May

May 4	National Day of Prayer
May 5	May Friendship Day
May 7	Older Adult Week Begins Wills Emphasis
May 14	Mother's Day
May 21	Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
May 25	Ascension of the Lord



## Session

### Ministry Clusters:

#### Stewardship

This cluster oversees administration, buildings & grounds and endowment funding

Don MacKinnon  
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Renaté Ryan  
503.637.6855

#### Spiritual Formation

This group has responsibility for Christian Education and Worship

Judy Coyne  
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Cindy Babikoff  
503.630.2259  
Peter Sturman  
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#### Deaconate

This cluster oversees Community Care, Fellowship, Mission & Evangelism

Susan Horton  
503.632.6868  
Lucy Olson  
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#### Moderator

Eileen Parfrey

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Now that we've dedicated the new Mission Statement for Springwater, all the brouhaha is over, right? Enough with the navel-gazing, let's get back to business-as-usual. As if there was ever a "business-as-usual" for Springwater. The mission study committee (MSC) got input from each and every one of us, now it's time to "do it."

### Just do what?

"Just do it" may be the advertising slogan for a local company, but the Church had it first. Springwater's new mission statement begins by defining us as a **group** of people who **believe** in the Triune God, and then adds six ways we "believe." "Believe" isn't how we think or feel. "Believe" means literally "by life." **Believing is how we live.**

The mission study committee urged a shorter version of our mission statement—something we could fit on a T-shirt—so here's my suggestion: **worship, nurture, serve.**

Which means, those three words are how we want to live. Together.

### Who is not what

We've already started to live into our new mission statement. We reorganized session and we got together with Holy Food.

If there was one thing the MSC heard from us, it was that Springwater was "all about Christian education," and whenever we got together we needed to do two things: worship and fellowship. Holy Food was a great start. The **education** focus was the sacrament of communion, so we **gathered in worship** after the Sunday morning worship, then we ate and had guided conversations together. I heard people talking afterwards about their "new family" from lunch together and the exciting things they had learned.

The last gathering of the Holy Food experience unpacked our new mission statement. What I discovered during our conversation was that it is easy to confuse "who we are" with "what we do." We already know "who we are"—followers of Jesus Christ. "What we do" was the focus of the discernment process we called "the mission study."

Just as an example, when our mission statement says our purpose is "to gather in loving community to worship and celebrate God's grace," there is a purpose to our gathering. That purpose is not to be "loving community." That is "who we are." **Our purpose as God's people gathering is "worship and celebrate God's grace."**

### Deck Chair Rearranging?

In the great tradition of the Titanic, are we just rearranging the deck chairs? Session felt that the most immediate implication of our new mission statement should be a new session structure. Our by-laws give us the option of up to nine elders on session, and in the past this has been interpreted to mean "nine operations committees." The MSC heard "less

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complicated” and activities have got to have a spiritual or service purpose or they aren’t relevant. Session decided to reflect that in **three ministry clusters**—Stewardship, Spiritual Formation, Deaconate. The term “ministry cluster” was chosen deliberately. We want to focus on **doing ministry together** and not on “how to get done what we’ve always done.”

### We’ll Be Hearing More

Indeed, we will be hearing more about the mission statement and how we live into it. That’s sort of the point of going to all that work and enlisting the input of everyone from the congregation. For starters, Eastertide (the time in the church year between Easter and Pentecost) is always about “how to be the church.” This year’s Eastertide preaching series will focus on stories of the early the Acts of the Apostles, illustrated by our new mission statement. It’s sure to be fun. See you in church.



## Heifer in the City

We’re familiar with many of the programs that the Heifer Project has done throughout the world. They have helped farmers in rural areas to become self-sustaining and improve the quality of their lives. However, the Heifer Project’s work with agriculture shows up in areas we don’t ordinarily expect to see it, like Brooklyn and Chicago.

Unused parking lots, abandoned industrial complexes, and old building sites are being used to create gardens of fruit and vegetables. The farming is being done in raised beds to avoid contamination from the past uses.

These gardens serve many of the same purposes that the more traditional projects do. They are providing needed products and creating a sense of ownership for people who have not had much to call their own.

We can help. There are Heifer Project order blanks posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We’re needed. Contact Lloyd Olson for more information.

## NEEDED! Fellowship Chairman

Springwater loves to get together and eat. We need someone who can organize potlucks and get-to-gethers and sign up individuals to bring snacks for Sunday morning fellowship time.

Interested? Have questions? Please tell Lucy Olson or Susan Horton if you want to volunteer. You could do it with a friend or form a committee. It would be a great service to our congregation and could be lots of fun.



## LECTIONARY READINGS

Eastertide (that time in the church year between Easter and Pentecost) always has a sub-theme the topic, “How to be the church.” As if **the concrete, theological implication of Christ’s resurrection is The Church!**

We will be taking Eastertide’s seven weeks to examine our new congregational mission statement, using the stories of the early church from the Acts of the Apostles.

**May 7 (WHO SAID YOU COULD?):** Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; Psalm 23

**May 14 (HOW COME YOU KNOW AND I DON’T?):** Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21

**May 21 (WHO INVITED YOU?):** Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; Psalm 98

**May 28 (HOW DO WE KNOW HE’S NOT LYING?):** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; Psalm 1

**June 4 (Pentecost) (HOW TO BE THE CHURCH):** Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

## Mission Notes

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**Hunger Ministries.** Our new Mission Statement reads, in part, *To serve others through hunger ministries...* So, if we are walking our talk, we’ll think about the following opportunities for service:

**Estacada Family Resource Center.** The number of EFRC clients continues to grow, with donations and volunteer hours increasing at a slower pace. However, your donations of food and goods are greater than ever. Please continue your generous contributions to the Red Tub, or consider financial donations that can be used by EFRC staff to purchase materials with their enhanced buying power.

**Oregon Food Bank.** The Youth Group and the youth groupies enjoyed their day at OFB last month so much that they will be going back on **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon.** This time, they would like you to join them in this mini-mission project. Fifteen people, ages 6 and up, are needed. Food Bank chic is clean, comfortable clothing, including closed-toe work shoes. You will be provided with the plastic gloves and



## SEEKING . . .

A volunteer to coordinate In-Home potlucks for Peacemaking Mission month

We will eat together in small groups on October 1st

aprons, and hair covers, as modeled during our last Holy Food session. Work three hours at the Food Bank in northeast Portland, and Jim Roden takes you out for ice cream. Talk to him, or Peter, or Stephen, for details.

**One Great Hour of Sharing.** Thanks to our OGHS interpreters, Don MacKinnon, Nona Shearer, and Gary Guttridge, for their informative presentations.

Thanks to you for your inspired giving, which had reached nearly \$1,100 on Easter Sunday. Over \$100 of that sum came from the children's fish banks. We are still accepting contributions.

**Eco-Justice.** Our interpretive theme for Eastertide is based on the Report to the General Assembly in 1990, *Restoring the Creation*. We will be doing presentations on global warming, water quality, and sustainability, three of the policy areas addressed by the report. And the youth group will help us understand how justice is the equitable sharing of resources.

**Looking forward to next fall...** We will inaugurate our Peacemaking mission month in October with in-home potlucks on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The idea is that the whole congregation sits down together at the same time...in different homes. The host family prepares a simple entrée, and guests, a mix of long-time and newer members, bring side dishes. They will share worship and a guided activity, much like last Round-Up, or our recent Holy Food experience.

We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the event, recruit host families, make up the guest lists, and work with other volunteers to plan activities.



Fellowship Meals

## Springwater Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Springwater Presbyterian Church is a fellowship of believers in God:  
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit.

Our mission is:

To gather in loving community to worship and celebrate God's grace

To grow in relationship with God and each other

To nurture each of us as disciples of Jesus Christ in our daily lives

To nurture a thriving community, presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ with creativity, imagination, and love for present and future generations

To reach out and offer a sacred space for health, growth, comfort, and renewal

To serve others through hunger ministries

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