

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

November 2010

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School  
for all ages

10:15 AM Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:15 Fellowship

Deadline for next  
newsletter:

November 22



November Birthdays

Kris Kramer	11/01
Mary Shearer	11/07
Cindy Babikoff	11/12
Renate Jeppeson	11/12
Tyler Pieschel	11/13
Emma Kirby	11/16
Adelia Jeppeson	11/21
Al Conway	11/21
Karin Thomas	11/24
Tim Guttridge	11/27
Randy Johnson	11/28
Sam Fisher	11/30

Church Events in November

- November 2: Election Day, VOTE
- November 3: Knit Night (4:30 on)
- November 4: worship committee (6:30)
- November 7: Eastminster warming shelter volunteers meet after worship
- November 9: volunteer at Eastminster Presbyterian/Human Solutions warming shelter
- November 12-13: Presbytery of the Cascades meets at Vancouver First
- November 14: Consecration Sunday, potluck
- November 21: Reign of Christ Sunday, communion
- November 25: Thanksgiving Day
- November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Heifer Holidays

The holidays are synonymous with giving. But what's the meaning of a gift? It's an expression - a way of showing our loved ones and friends, "I care about you, I appreciate you, I want you to be happy."

Imagine enjoying the remainder of the year without the stress of worrying about what to give or where to shop. Heifer gifts are a simple way to do a world of good. These gifts don't require closet space, but do fill hearts with joy and homes with hope. *(continued on page 7)*

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Who knew? Just when we thought we were in charge of what we bought, it turns out there really is something called, *The Journal of Consumer Psychology*. One provocative-sounding article recently was, "If Money Doesn't Make You Happy, Then You Probably Aren't Spending It Right." Sadly, I don't have access to that journal and only read about it in an article entitled, "But Will It Make You Happy?"

Besides advocating waiting to make purchases and saving up for them, these authors say it's all about experiences, not stuff. Sharing an experience increases one's happiness. They cited one couple who reduced the number of their possessions to 100 and found that "stuff" gave them the greatest happiness when they gave it away.

### Something to Celebrate

Which brings us to Springwater's annual pledge campaign.

You may have seen a phrase in the last year that keeps cropping up on our print material—bulletins, agendas, letterhead. The condensed version of our formal mission statement, it reads, "A place of worship, nurture and service for God's people of all ages." Lately, I've added an invisible modifying statement at the front of that phrase.

Imagine with me "**transforming lives**" in front, so that it means we are **transformed through** our worship, nurture, and service. Thus, rather than being "a bunch of stuff we gotta do," our mission at Springwater becomes "cooperating with God." That's something to celebrate. And so are these things from 2010:

- a strong, vital Sunday School with four classes covering all ages
- a youth group that does both fun and Bible study
- liturgical art that enhances our worship
- an exciting, green Vacation Bible School written and produced by us
- a Healthy Eating and Living group
- participation in mission in Estacada and Multnomah County
- support for a mission co-worker in central Asia

God depends on our generosity to make generosity visible in the world, and knowing that it is **transformative** makes it **generosity with a purpose**.

### A Chance to Dream Some More

Session has begun dreaming of other mission adventures. After a three month trial-run, we've launched a program with *Amazon.com* that gives us a percentage of each sale made through our church web-

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Knit Night November 3rd beginning at 4:30. Bring a snack to share, your knitting or crocheting or just some needles and yarn.

site. So far, session hasn't made definitive plans for the funds, which would supplement our regular budget. But some of the dreams we've raised include sending a teacher and/or a nurse to work with our mission co-worker in Central Asia, an inter-generational work camp to Hoonah, and publishing for food bank clients the recipes the HEAL group develops.

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See you in church.

*Eileen*

**Knit Night** has been a wonderful opportunity for us to begin to meet people and fiber enthusiasts. For me, knit night provides a safe place to step back and to listen. As individuals knit and crochet, I am always struck with the different stories that are represented in the room. All these different plot lines, represented through people's snippets of talk seem to knit and crochet together in a very intentional yet free flowing form. When I am there, I am struck by how all our different strands of life go together, but more than that, how we need each other for full strength. You might say that knitting together has begun to provide a sense of "place"...at least for me. I wonder for those others attending if they experience it as I do? I look forward to asking others who attend what impressions are forming about our time together. I expect the answers will vary as much as types of yarn and fiber...but the whole, will make an intact, visible product of community. At this early point, the picture of our Knit Night may be like one of those pictures where you have to blur your vision to see the real picture ( I can never see these by the way). The picture of Knit Night is forming through all the small, and extremely important details surrounding the lives of our fiber folks. If you have attended, thank you for what you bring to the group. If you have been considering, come share your "yarn" and "join us in the round" of story and friendship. Oh yeah...all of this comes with the added benefit of really great help and encouragement on our fiber projects of all different types and levels! Throw in some yummy snacks and it is really a perfect community time. I am blessed to be a part of it.

*Deb Odell*

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## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

The Session has chosen the theme “Generosity as a Spiritual Practice” for *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. **November 14 is the day!**

*Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?” During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitations to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship Eileen will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as confidential act of worship.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship and join us in the celebration potluck luncheon in the Grange hall. A fun program will follow the luncheon.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Don MacKinnon  
Stewardship Chairman



# Springwater Presbyterian Church

## Mission Statement

Springwater Presbyterian Church

We are 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

## Narrative Budget

### SPRINGWATER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Worship

is where we learn to live into the grace we've received from God, where lives are transformed, the hopeless gain courage and the lost find faith.

### Nurture

is where children learn the stories that shape their lives and adults gain the tools for asking life's really big questions.

### Service

is how we extend hospitality to strangers and food to our neighbors, how we provide immunizations and education in Tajikistan and support those who need it, and pray for others.

### Support

of these activities means remaining a visible presence in our community, providing safe and sacred space, and remaining connected to other believers.

Lloyd and Lucy Olson have just returned from a Native American cultural tour in the southwest. One of the tour stops was at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Chinle, Arizona. The congregation of the Catholic church is mainly Navaho. The Olsons would like to share the Mission Statement of the Parish with you.

We, the people of God of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Chinle, Arizona, strive to walk the sacred pollen path of Jesus and his message.

We are a culturally sensitive, gifted people.

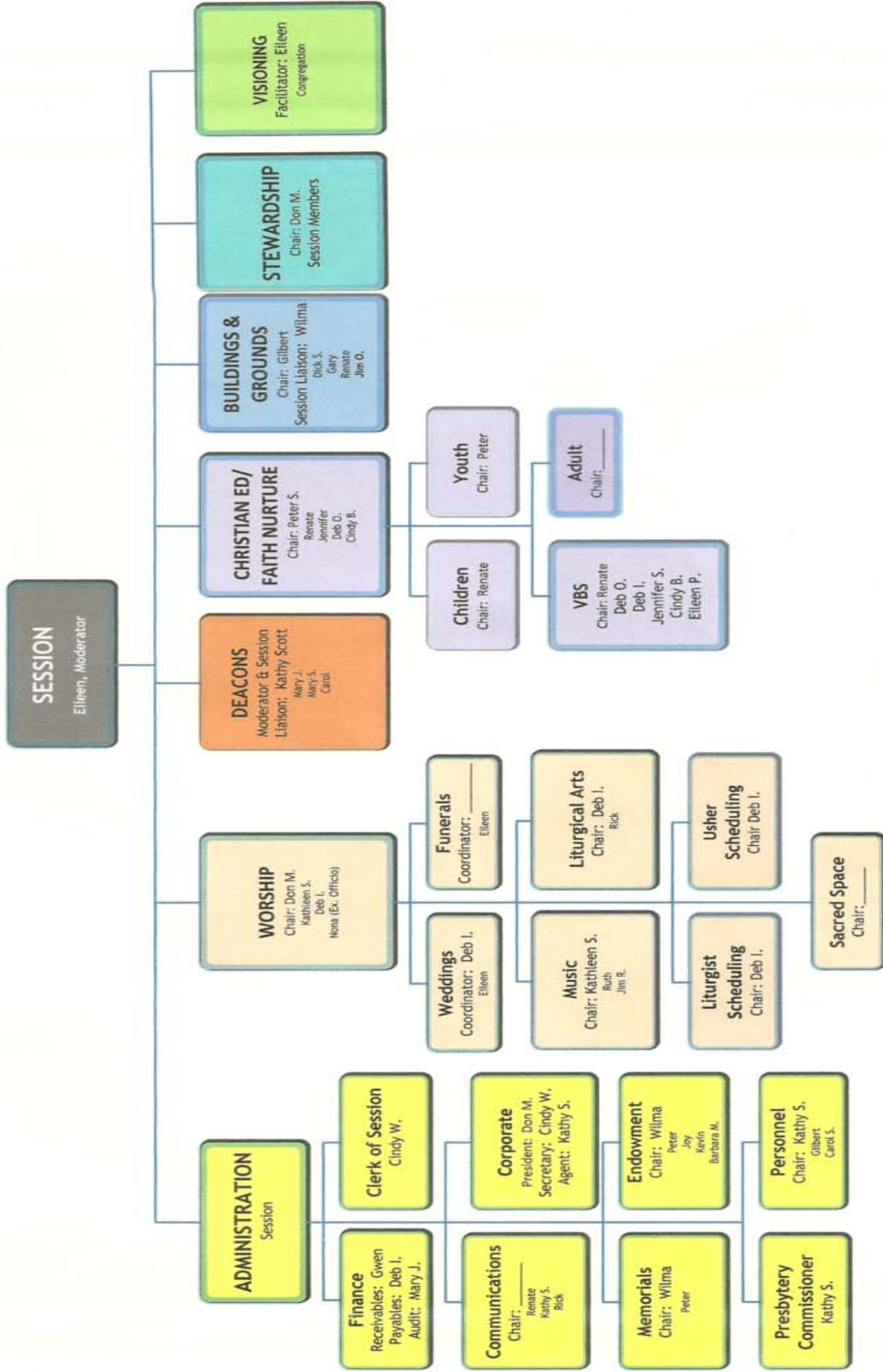
We share our gifts with one another as we live out the Good News.

We hear and respond to the cry of the poor.

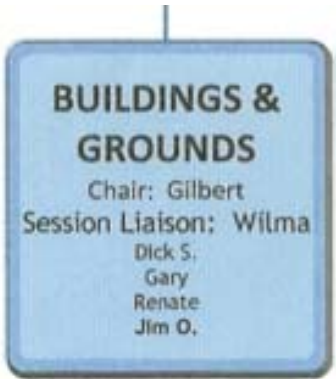
We celebrate the mystery of the incarnation in our midst by worshipping together as a warm and welcoming family.

We empower all members to be a light of Christ to others.

We walk this way to bring about the reign of God in our midst so that all may begin and end in beauty.



# Springwater Presbyterian Church Committee Structure



## Springwater Presbyterian Church Organizational Structure

On page 6 you will find Springwater Presbyterian Church's organizational structure— or rather, a chart representing it. If you are reading this on your computer, you may wish to print it, so you can read it without getting a kink in your neck. O.K. Ready? Now, if you look at the boxes on the chart you will see that they represent committees and groups within the church. This month we'll focus on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

So, what does the Buildings & Grounds Committee do? The name describes their responsibilities, but doesn't illustrate the breadth or depth of their work. As the name implies this committee is charged with taking care of our buildings and our grounds. Our buildings, of course, are the church and the manse, and our grounds include the landscaping around the church, the lawns, our sacred gardens, memorial orchard, the terraces and labyrinth. It turns out that these are big responsibilities.

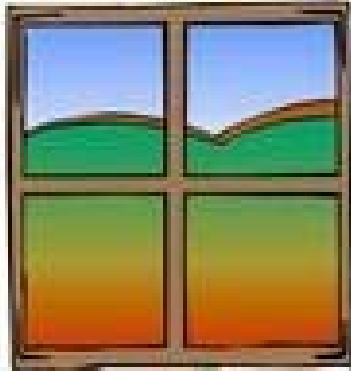
Not only does the committee see to the day to day maintenance such as changing light bulbs in the sanctuary (have you noticed how high up the light fixtures are?), they also deal with emergency situations. When the manse was being painted in preparation for new renters, a pipe broke in the upstairs bathroom. The kitchen was flooded, soaking countertops, cabinets, floors and carpet. The Buildings and Grounds committee handled the entire cleanup proceedings including drying the carpet, getting bids to replace counters and light fixtures and ceiling tiles, as well as filing a claim with the insurance company.

The members of this committee don't do all the work themselves, though. They count on support from members of the congregation for everything from advice on building needs and how to prune shrubs, to showing up for work parties to pull weeds, clean bathrooms, and sort through attic "treasures". The next time you see a member of this committee, namely Wilma Guttridge, Gilbert Shibley, Dick Scott, Gary Guttridge, Renate Ryan-Jeppeson, or Jim Odell, let them know you appreciate their work, or better yet, ask them what you can do to help.

*(continued from page 1)* With Heifer, you actually give a gift of giving. Heifer gifts are investments, passed from one family to another to change entire communities. Over the years Heifer has changed the lives of over 12 million families.

Make this a better world. Give Heifer gifts for the holidays.





## East Sanctuary Window Discernment Team – Update #2

You may remember in last month's issue of *Currents* we wrote about sanctuary windows and the purpose they serve - **giving glory to God** and **moving hearts to worship**. We also talked about windows in metaphorical terms, that all of us are windows of some kind: Transparent, translucent, sometimes opaque; different sizes and shapes; broken or whole; looking inward or outward; having different views. Interestingly, as we think of ourselves as windows and share these insights with others we begin to reveal important things about ourselves as well as who we are as a congregation.

Our Team wants to share the experience of doing just that with all of you through a series of small and large group discussions. By doing so it will help all of us gain a better understanding of our corporate selves and begin to uncover meaningful ways in which our sanctuary windows can best fulfill their role of helping bring God glory and moving each of our hearts to worship.

During the next several months we will be hosting three small group conversations involving youth, long term members, and those who have joined the church within the recent past. With these groups we hope to explore participant's 'window types' and through a series of interactive activities, elicit prior experience and connection with the concept of windows in worship and recollections of the specific history of Springwater's sanctuary windows. We intend to conclude these discussions by having a congregational gathering to present the information we've gathered in order to obtain further input and direction.

If you're invited into one of the smaller groups PLEASE say 'yes'. If you'd like to be involved in one of these small groups PLEASE let one of us know. Or, if you just want to privately share your thoughts with one of us PLEASE feel free to do that as well.

Once we've compiled the results of all these discussions we will process the information and formulate recommendations for Session and you, the members of the congregation, to contemplate and act upon.

Grace and peace,

### East Window Discernment Team

Mary Kirby   Cindy Woodbury  
Margo Maris   Mary Shearer  
Deb Odell   Rick Parfrey

**Elders serving on session:**

Don MacKinnon  
Peter Sturman  
Kathy Scott  
Wilma Guttridge  
Cindy Woodbury



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And much more  
... See the back page for details

**New Technology Needed to Record Worship Services**

At the October session meeting, elders approved the idea of moving forward in the technological ways we offer recorded worship and sermons to our congregation. We have taken recorded sermons/worship services to shut-ins when we visit and deliver communion. Often, people who missed being in worship some Sunday want to hear what they missed. We would also like to make sermons available on our website in an audio format so that anyone can listen whenever they want to.

The world of technology is moving ahead all the time. While once we made audio cassettes that people could listen to on their tape recorders, now we need to be offering mp3 files and/or CDs because nobody has tape recorders anymore. But, lot's of people have mp3 players or CD players available and we need to offer these up-to-date formats.

Jim Roden has researched what's available and how we could acquire it. The cost to purchase the equipment will be approximately \$200-250, depending on the final decision of which equipment to buy. It doesn't look like it's feasible to put that amount into the budget for next year because our finances are still recovering from the 6 months that the manse was empty and being restored to good condition.

Are you interested in helping the congregation buy this equipment? If you want to donate, please talk to any active session member. We would be happy to discuss this with you. As we head into the stewardship season, in addition to praying about pledging for 2011, you could also consider this as an additional way to support the mission of the church.

If the church doesn't communicate in a manner that reaches younger people, pretty soon no one will be listening.

Thanks,  
*Kathy Scott*

**Lectionary Readings**

November 7 (SHAKEN BY ABUNDANCE): Haggai 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Psalm 145

November 14 (RESTORED BY GENEROSITY): Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Isaiah 12

November 21 (REIGN OF CHRIST): Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43; Luke 1:68-79

November 28 (First Sunday of Advent): Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 122

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