

OCTOBER 2008

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Sunday Worship

Hymn Sing
9:45 am

Worship
10:00 am

Fellowship
11:30 am

In Remembrance:

Please pray for the family of William Shearer who died on Sept. 24, 2008 at 101 years old. Services held Oct. 1st.

Deadline for Next Issue:

October 23-Sunday

Birthdays



October

- 5 Addy Bashaw
- 5 Daphne Fisher
- 12 Brenley Babikoff
- 16 Jim ODell
- 19 Kurrin Bashaw
- 24 Lloyd Olson
- 24 Connie Ryan
- 27 Cortlan Souders
- 28 Jean McCloskey

Sunday School in October will be an intergenerational time. We will have age-appropriate activities for everyone as we learn from each other about everyday peacemaking practices. A light lunch will be provided afterwards. Talk with Renate Jeppeson about bringing soup and/or bread for these meals.

October 5: "Being Good to Strangers." Using a curriculum entitled, Welcome to My World, we will explore disabilities and peacemaking.

October 12: "Nickel and Dimeed By Food." Springwater has a long and deep history of supporting the Estacada Food Bank. Pastor Beverly challenged us to "go beyond the red tub."

October 19: "Hands and Feet for Jesus." Supporting our mission partner in Tajikistan, we'll prepare socks and gloves for the orphanages she works with, purchased with our 25% of the Peacemaking Offering.

October 26: "Intentional Tourists." Hear the adventures of Springwater travelers as they do more than "take in the sights" in their travels.

Show And Tell

What did you do for the sabbatical last summer? Do you still remember how blessed you were to discover the joy of creativity and its connection to your love of God?

It's time to share what you did and learned. On October 22 at 7:00, we'll have a show and tell time. Bring any work you did in Melanie Weidner's (art) and Beverly Crow's (poetry) gatherings. Pastor Eileen will bring some of her work to share as well.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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Well, now what, now that sabbatical is over? Having spent the summer "bringing creativity to Faith" as our sabbatical experience was entitled, are we supposed to return to life as it used to be?

What's Different

I don't know about you, but life feels different to me. A body can't spend three months doing **God and art** all day long every day without changing one's point of view. For one thing, I learned that **it's all grace**.

The incredible gift of the Lilly Endowment in funding the sabbatical was only the beginning. The luxury of time was lavished on me. Time to immerse myself in "making things." Time to focus on the teachers and artists who shared their gifts. Time to stretch my creativity. Time to learn new skills. Time to experience a deepened faith, inspiring better art. Time to pursue the implications of art in my own faith practice.

The people around me seemed to assume that God was behind all creativity, around and under their own practice of it. I took as models and had as companions, people who prayed and worshiped and loved God through their art. They related to one another in ways that assumed in others a hunger for a deepening relationship with God.

I suppose a shift in attitude—to one of gratitude—was only inevitable.

Melanie Weidner, who came to Springwater as an artist in residence, says that poetry and art are the only two things big enough to handle the really important things. Maybe this explains why I actually wrote a poem. It's not a very good poem, but it ends with the words,

Confirmation of abundance
Down payment on extravagance.
God must surely laugh.

God must surely have laughed when I returned to Springwater, rested and full of gratitude, to find this fall's Sunday lectionary readings. As if there is only one axe to grind, each one says more forcefully: we don't get what we deserve. Thank God! We did not "deserve" the Lilly grant, but it was given, so thanks be to God. **It's all grace.**

What's That to Me?

I'm reading the book of Deuteronomy to prepare for a new Bible translation project I've been asked to participate in next fall. Deuteronomy is part of Israel's constitution, given by Moses as they stand on the verge of the Promised Land. Coming off sabbatical, standing on the verge of a changing life in ministry together, the message of Deuteronomy is

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October is peacemaking month, and we will "live like we are blessed" by focusing on the practices in our ordinary, daily lives that make for peace in the world. These are the things we already do, which only get more powerful when we understand "It's all grace." When we know and experience that grace, it's only natural to live like we are blessed. It becomes contagious, we pass it on.

Eileen

Lectionary Readings

October 5 (World Communion Sunday, Dedication of Peacemaking Offering): Matthew 21:33-46; Philippians 3:4b-14; Psalm 19 (peacemaking as living out our baptismal vows)

October 12 (What's So Authentic About It?): Philippians 4:1-9; Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (avoiding and recognizing the golden calf)

October 19 (Putting Things in Perspective): Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22; Psalm 99 (doing what you can with what you've got where you're at)

October 26 (What I Do Won't Make Much Difference): Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 22:34-46; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (faithful living in the face of lack of apparent success)

Christian Education In October is Intergenerational



Creative Quotes from the Congregation's Sabatical:

Good Communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.
Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Everything you need is already within you.
Melanie Weidner

If it weren't for the rocks in its bed, the stream would have no song
Carl Perkins

Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams, who looks inside awakens.

What you have been in your life is not as important as what you are reaching for, what you are becoming.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes - but in having new eyes.

Marcel Proust

Carl Jung

Eric Butterworth

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

"Rather than requesting financial contributions to 'pay the bills,' or 'support the budget,' New Consecration Sunday asks people to grow spiritually by giving a percentage of their income to the Lord's work through their congregations," said Miller in his book, "New Consecration Sunday."

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.

Our congregation's session has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New 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. New 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. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. 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 our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and session. 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.

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

Your Session

Don MacKinnon
Peter Sturman
Kevin Kirby
Bob Wilson
Renate Jeppeson
Kathy Scott
Eileen Parfrey-moderator

Don MacKinnon, Clerk of Session



COMMUNICATION HABITS

Pastor Eileen included in her September 14 sermon some communication guidelines printed in the Oregon Episcopal News, which they adapted from Healthy Disclosure: Solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations. The sermon listed the three basic practices to **avoid**: triangulation (complaining to someone else when you have a problem with someone), pass-through communication (sending messages or making requests through third-parties), anonymous feedback (“other people are saying . . .”). In response to requests for the full list of practices, here they are:

- ♥ Speak directly to the person or committee that the issue concerns.
- ♥ Refuse to carry a message from one person or group to another.
- ♥ If two people talk with you about each other, offer to meet with both of them together or to find them a mediator.
- ♥ If a person complains to you about someone else but refuses to directly talk with the person to resolve the problem, ask him or her to stop talking to you or others about it.
- ♥ Reduce venting by first listening and then asking what action the person will undertake to resolve the problem.
- ♥ Refuse to take nonspecific or anonymous feedback seriously.



Choir? Not Right Now

From our Choir Director, Kathleen Souders:

I am sad to announce that I will not be able to lead the choir during Advent and Christmas this year. That does not mean that we won't continue to sing and enjoy music.

I would like to hold an evening "Hymn Sing" once a month so that everyone can come and raise their voices with mine and sing. In December, we can sing Christmas music to our hearts content. Dates and times will be noted in the announcements during the coming weeks.

I'm hoping that choir will be able to start again in January. Thank you, *Kathleen*

Peacemaking Offering Break the Bread of New Creation



Then they told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." -Luke 24:35-36

"Christ continues to reveal himself and offer us his peace whenever and wherever bread is broken and eaten in his



name. Just as he offered bread and peace to those broken by the forces of hatred and destruction, we, Christ's people, are to carry the reality of peace to the places and people in pain." -2008 Peacemaking Offering Brochure

Through PC(USA)'s Peacemaking offering, we can help bring peace to people in pain. Twenty-five percent of the peacemaking offering we collect will be used by our congregation. Session has authorized the use of our 25% to send aid to Tajikistan in the form of gloves and socks, through our mission partner. Another 25% will be used by Cascades Presbytery for various peacemaking programs, including the HIV/AIDS day house that Mary Shearer told us about in her moment for mission on September 21st. The other 50% will be used by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of General Assembly.

In the past year this has funded programs as diverse as supporting 13 International Peacemakers, international church leaders who share their ministries of peacemaking with Presbyterians across the church; creating resources for individuals and congregations learning about peacemaking; leading a travel/study seminar to Malawi and South Africa to learn how church partners are responding to the HIV/AIDS crisis and how Presbyterians can become involved; hosting seminars at the Presbyterian United Nations Office; providing resources to help Presbyterians understand and respond to events in the Sudan, the Philippines, Colombia, Iraq, Israel and Palestine; planning and leading Peace and Justice Week at Ghost Ranch; and supporting congregations, presbyteries, and synods in their peacemaking ministries.

Springwater Presbyterian Church will dedicate this offering on October 5th, World Communion Sunday.



They Could Use Your Help

Oregon Food Bank Does More Than Give Food Away, They Support The Following Programs:

- Gleaning programs help low-income people improve their self-reliance and build social capital.
- Learning Gardens teach people to grow their own food.
- Nutrition Education to help low-income people make the most of their scarce food dollars
- Community Basket, a member-run supplemental food program for low-income families
- ABC distributes free bread to students at targeted schools and keeps waste out of the landfills.
- Harvest Share to recover fresh fruit and vegetables and make them available to low-income people in the Portland metro area
- Clackamas County Food Basket provides supplemental groceries and a newsletter to low-income individuals in Clackamas County.

SPC Youth -- October 2008

Youth Christian Education gatherings will be on Sunday's from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm



The Schedule for Sunday Youth Christian Education and Activities has been revised as follows:

- September 28 – Youth Sunday School
- October 4 – Car Wash – Mission trip fund raiser
- October 5 – Intergenerational Peace Making Activity
- October 12 - Intergenerational Peace Making Activity
- October 19 - Intergenerational Peace Making Activity
- October 26 - Intergenerational Peace Making Activity
- November 2 – Youth Sunday School
- November 9 – Consecration Sunday – No Sunday School

Report of September Activities

Saturday September 6th, during the Grange breakfast, we had a fundraiser Car Wash for our Alaska Mission Trip – We washed a bunch of cars and pick ups and thanks to the generosity of the owners, raised \$ 265.00.

Sunday September 7th we joined in the Roundup and helped Carol give the children rides on her horse

Sunday September 21st we had our first Youth Sunday School of the season with a record breaking attendance of 8. We re-read the scripture passages of the day and had some fun with roasting quail and rotting manna. Cindy confirmed that Travis and Bryce will be coming on our Mission Trip next year which brings us to 6 Youth plus adults so we should be in good shape to be able to provide our planned Vacation Bible School in Alaska.

We discussed future fund raising activities that include another car wash at the Grange on Saturday October 4th, a deposit bottle and can pick up and wreath making. The dates of the latter two activities are yet to be decided.

Questions? Talk to Peter Sturman

**Saturday
September 6th**

**Car Wash
Donations**



FREE Master Recycler Plastic Roundups Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Your Plastics!

Bring those hard to recycle plastics, Master Recyclers will collect it, and Agri-Plas Inc., a recycler located in Brooks, Oregon, will recycle the plastic into new products. Master Recyclers sponsored eight similar plastic roundup events and reused and recycled over 90 tons of plastic with the help of almost 8,800 community residents who participated.

Roundups will be held on Saturday, Oct 4, 2008 9 am - 2 pm in Lake Oswego and North Portland; and on Saturday Oct 11, 2008 9 am - 2 pm in Hillsboro and Milwaukie.

Bring clean plastic bags, cereal and cracker bags, six pack rings, plant pots 4 inches or smaller, plastic containers with recycling numbers, and plastic items without numbers such as bottle caps, container lids, DVDs, CDs, straws, lawn furniture, kids toys etc.

Pick up a flyer from the bulletin board for more details or visit masterrecycler.org

Or, speak to our master re-cycler, Renate Jeppeson

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