

CrossRoads

*Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look,
and ask for where the good way lies and walk in it...*
- Jeremiah 6:16

News from Springfield Presbyterian Church - March, 2008

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“He has risen
from the dead ...”

Matthew 28:7, NIV



For the April newsletter is
March 16th. Please forward all
contributions to the church
office or by e-mail.



Lent, Holy Week and Easter at Springfield

March 2 - *Fourth Sunday in Lent* - “Once I was Blind”

March 9 - *Fifth Sunday in Lent* – “Celebrate the Gifts of Women” –
Guest Minister

Lenten Quiet Day-Margaret Hardy leading - 12:30-5:00 pm

Holy Week

March 16 - *Palm/Passion Sunday* – “Into the Center of the Storm”
Afternoon Labyrinth Walk - and Lunch

March 23 - *Easter Sunday*

8:30 am - Early Easter Service - “The Chrysalis”

March 20 - Maundy Thursday -7:00 pm

A Communion Tenebrae Service in Candlelight

March 21 – Good Friday – Church is open for Prayer 12:00-3:00 pm

March 22 - Holy Saturday

Youth Event - 6:00-9:00 pm

Easter Eve Silent Vigil – 9:00 pm to 7:00 am

March 23 - *Easter Sunday*

8:30 am - **Early Easter Service** - “The Chrysalis”

9:30 am - Congregational Breakfast

10:30 am - **Easter Worship Service** - “The Chrysalis”

11:30 am - Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

Sunrise Service—Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church invites
those who would like to attend an Easter Sunrise Service to
join with them at Mt. Paran (10308 Liberty Road, Ran-
dallstown) at 7:00 am on Easter Day.

Have a Blessed Easter – Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”

*Our
Presbyterian
Community*

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Sunday School for all ages
9:15 - 10:20 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Reverend Jack Sharp, Interim Pastor
Directors of Music: Linda Caviglia &
Susan Gubernatis
Sunday School Coordinators,
Charlie and Deb Sperling
Sandy Newsome, Secretary

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Pastor Nominating Committee

The committee has held a number of phone interviews and meetings, narrowing our field of twenty to four. There is still much work ahead in discerning the right candidate to lead us forward with energy and direction. We ask that you continue to keep us all in your prayers. Co-chairs Jennifer Wise and Tim Doyle, Julie Ballard, Alex McClung, Sharon Pappas, Anna Pobletts, Phil Salmon, and Deb Sperling.

52 ÷ 8 = Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Church openers needed

For the 52 Sundays in the year, we have only **8 people** who rotate constantly to open and close the church for services (this includes 2 couples who each open church separately). So those couples must open church and close 4 out of every 8 weeks of the rotational schedule. **We need some additional help!** We open the church usually 1 ½ hours prior to church services to accommodate the monthly early service and bible studies, and close after the service. Please help with this necessary endeavor, WE NEED YOU!!!! Call Kay Freas on 410-795-5496 or e-mail kfreas@msn.com. Many thanks, Kay

World Day of Prayer at Fairhaven

A World Day of Prayer service, "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding," written by the women of Guyana, will be held in the auditorium at Fairhaven, March 7 at 11:00 am. Lunch will be available. The service is led by the Church Women United in Carroll County.

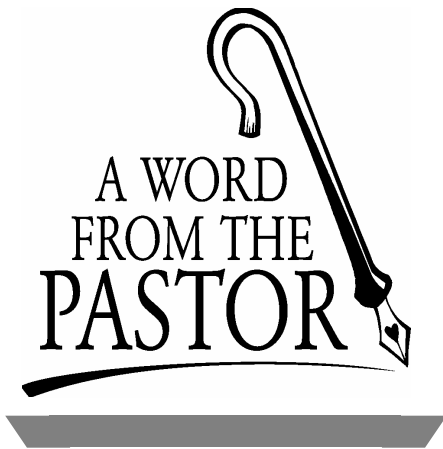
ESCAPE Lunches

The Women's Evening Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on March 11th at Fran Poblett's house. We will be preparing lunches for ESCAPE. If you'd like to help, contact Fran for items needed.

Session Notes:

- ✠ Approved Annual Statistical Report to General Assembly; all financial obligations have been paid.
- ✠ Approved using the proceeds of the harp concert to start a fund enabling us to sponsor other concerts as part of our outreach programs.
- ✠ Approved purchase of our own projector to be used for multi-media presentations in worship and with small groups.
- ✠ Elected Beth Oates to be our active session member serving on the Nominating Committee with Chair Fran Pobletts, Ed Newsome, Mark Stinson, Sue Holmes, and Barbara Cornell.
- ✠ All church membership and contribution records are now on the new software, Power Church.

Sunburst and Paradise



Can you recall a time when you stood in the cold dark of a wintry morning watched the sun rise? At first the dawn comes with stealth ; slipping up on you and catching you unawares. First there is a sliver of light on the horizon, then the darkness all around begins to fade away, and then, as the sun crests the horizon, the darkness is completely vanquished, in a burst of light upon you . There are many who proclaim that, if you can keep from blinking, and watch as the sun breaks the horizon, there is a sudden flash of green. For centuries, people of faith were told that in that fleeting moment, as night turns to day - you witness paradise. The flash of green is called “the paradise moment.” Sunbursts can produce a similar effect at other times of the day as well.

On President’s Day, Dotty and I were out for a late afternoon walk. The day had been like a preview of the coming season of Spring, but, by the time we set out on our walk the sky had becomes overcast with clouds. And then it happened. Just as we came across the crest of a hill in the neighborhood, the clouds parted behind us, in the west - and in the midst of the overcast gray daylight, a sunburst from the afternoon sun, shot over our shoulders and hit the trees, roof tops and low lying clouds on the next hillside to the east. Suddenly, it looked as if the trees and even the dull clouds had turned into gold. We were so surprised, we just stopped and gazed at the sudden splendor before us.

The flash of green in the fleeting moment as night turns into day; a glimpse of paradise? Have you ever experienced a “paradise moment?”

I think that the accounts of the first Easter morning were something like that as well. We are told that the women set out while it was still dark. Whatever it was that they witnessed, they knew that things had changed forever. It was the dawn of a new age. The risen Christ was indeed a burst of energy that sent the women running. It was the spiritual energy of divine love released upon the world. The devotional writer and playwright Ernest Felita has written of the Resurrection:

"In the light of the resurrection we begin to grasp what John declares: "God is love;" we can better understand what the heart declares in the strength of love:"Thou, thou shalt not die!" God's love is released upon the world in Christ Jesus, a sunburst of spiritual energy that is itself the power of the resurrection."

May each of know the power of that love this Easter!
John Sharp, Interim Pastor

Sunday Lectionary

Mar 2	1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
9	Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps.130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
16	Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1- 2,19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54
23	Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1- 6; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col.3:1-4 or Acts 10:34- 43; John 20:1-18 or 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
30	Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19- 31

Communion

See page 5!

Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Activity
2	Sunday	11:45 am	Confirmation Class
4	Tuesday	11:00 -12:00 pm	Morning Circle at Fairhaven
9	Sunday	11:45 am 12:30 - 5:00 pm	Confirmation Class Lenten Quiet Day
11	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Evening Circle (ESCAPE lunches)
16	Sunday	11:30 am 11:45 am 12:00 pm	Bell , Children, & Adult Choirs Bake Sale Confirmation Class at Bon Secours
20	Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
22	Saturday	7:00 - 9:00 pm 9 pm - 8 am	Youth to work on Easter Egg Hunt Easter Vigil
23	Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 9:30 am	Easter Services Brunch
30	Sunday	9:15 am 11:45 am	Family Service Confirmation Class

Weekly at Springfield

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Wednesday	4:45-7:45 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesday/Choir Rehearsals
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Stringband USA

Assisting on Sundays	2	9	16	23	30
Children's Activity Beth Oates 552-1491	Joy Barwick	Beth Oates	Joy Barwick	Connie Robinson	Deb Sperling
Fellowship Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Kari Anderson Sue Holmes	Georgia Hodges Angel Carbaugh	Barb Nickell Sandy Newsome	Mark Kearney Don Vasbinder	Linda Caviglia Barbara Cornell
Lay Leader Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Tony Caviglia	Sharon Pappas	Keith Maynard	Mark Stinson Alex McClung	Mark Kearney
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	Ron Holmes	Mark Stinson	Kay Freas	Bob Rogers	Lisa Rogers
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Steve & Donna Mazer	Phil & Patty Salmon	John Freas Duke Harrison	Sharon Pappas Martha Streaker	Fran Pobletts Joy Barwick

Special Opportunities

Lenten Quiet Day with Margaret Hardy

You are invited to a Quiet afternoon with God on Sunday, March 9th. This is a time to simply be with a God who loves you. During the afternoon we will open ourselves to whatever God has for us. It's not a workshop, Bible Study, or class. It's just a time and a place to put other things aside and hang out with God. We will meet in the large classroom at 12:30 for a simple lunch and close at 5 pm. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for all others. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Nickell or the church office. Registration closes March 2nd.

Walking the Sacred Path (Labyrinth Walk):

This will take place on March 16th; the afternoon of Palm Sunday. You are invited to join with the members of the 2008 Confirmation Class and their Sponsors for this walk. RSVP is required lunch is included. See CrossRoads for more information.

Holy Saturday Vigil—March 22

This will be our second year to keep the Sanctuary open throughout the night. Alex McClung, Pastor Sharp, and Linda Caviglia will be developing a schedule of *the vigil hours* as well as resources to assist you in your vigil. Plan now to choose a time during the vigil when you will come to the Sanctuary, light a candle, read a devotional, pray and meditate. A schedule for you will be provided in the next few weeks.

Bake Sale — Think Summer (camp)!

Mark your calendars for a delicious opportunity. The Camp & Conference Fund will hold a bake sale on March 16th. Bring your baked goodies and some extra cash to purchase some yummy treats. We need everyone's support to make this delicious event successful.

Serving Communion

March 2: Ron & Sue Holmes, Mark Kearney, Don Vasbinder

March 20: Tony & Linda Caviglia

March 23 (8:30): Barbara Nickell, Fran Pobletts, Connie Robinson, Phil Salmon, Charlie Sperling

March 23 (10:30): Sharon Pappas, Barbara Cornell, Joy Barwick, Bob Rogers, Barbara Nickell

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2008

Tony Caviglia
Barbara Nickell
Esther Doyle Read

Class of 2009

Kay Freas
Beth Oates
Charles Sperling

Class of 2010

Sharon Pappas
Fran Pobletts

Moderator of Session:
John R. Sharp, Interim
Pastor

Our Mission

Did you know that your gift of \$20 can help a Haitian villager purchase a pair of goats which can help support his family with milk and offspring. It's remarkable what your gift will do.

Take me to the River Road

River Road is calling your name! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th to come out and help clean up River Road. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 2:00pm. Bring your own gloves and let's help out Mother Earth on (hopefully) a beautiful spring day!

One Great Hour of Sharing

On March 16th and 23rd you have the opportunity to give to the special offering "One Great Hour of Sharing." The monies collected are distributed by the PC(USA) to three worthy programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. We have so many blessings to share. Please consider giving to this worthy cause. God bless!

Gracie the Fish

Gracie the Fish coin banks were distributed to the children of the church on February 17th. This collection of coins will go directly to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every coin counts! Help your children fill the coin boxes and return them to the church on March 16th.

Is it hard to remember to bring canned food to church for the hungry?

We would like to try a new approach to help support local hunger relief. Once a month you will notice special donation envelopes in the pews marked "Local Hunger Relief."

The Mission Committee will collect the money and buy the canned food for you! We will take our donations to the Woodbine Food Pantry or the Carroll County Food Sunday mission. Of course, you can still bring canned food to church, but just imagine how many cans of food we can donate if everyone puts a few dollars towards this mission! With your help, we can help many families in our community. Thank you!

Easter Baskets Needed for Shepherd's Staff

If you and your family are looking for a way to share the promise of Easter, consider donating a filled Easter basket to The Shepherd's Staff. Filled baskets can include Christian coloring books and story books, crosses, puzzles, bookmarks, prayer books, small toys, bubbles, play dough, school supplies, and non-candy snacks. The Mission Committee will deliver baskets to Shepherd's Staff during the week of March 10th-18th. Please see Beth Oates if you have contributions or questions. Thanks!

On a Mission - Guatemala Mission Trips

The Baltimore—Guatemala Mission Partnership is an outreach of the Presbytery of Baltimore and the Kaqchikel Presbytery in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. This outreach sponsors clinics, education, and other programs on a year round basis. There are also mission trips for adults and youth throughout the year and many opportunities to make an impact. Thanks to a generous donation, our church has some funding for a mission trip. For more information, visit the website, www.guatemalapartnership.org, contact the church office or the Rev. Steve Tisinger at 410-974-1713.

Red Sea Parting

Spotlight on Madelyn McClung

Christian
Education
— Youth



Madelyn McClung is an energetic member of Red Sea Parting's vocal quintet. She was born in Colorado, spent some of her early childhood in California, and attended most of elementary school back in Colorado before moving to Maryland. She has been here since 5th grade and is currently in the 9th grade at Glenelg Country School.

Madelyn enjoys school, especially her favorite class, Latin. She is in Latin2 and looks forward to more courses, including AP Virgil Latin. She also likes chorus, but admits that she doesn't care for biology and the pure sciences! She also plays Field Hockey and Lacrosse on her school teams, as well as club Field Hockey. Her position of choice is goalie. She really likes Field Hockey and hopes to play in college.

A together young lady, Madelyn is already thinking ahead to college and is considering majoring in business with a minor in studio art/drawing. She has a few varied hobbies such as running, screen printing, and reading. She especially enjoys mysteries and her current favorite author is Audrey Niffenegger. Madelyn likes to try new things, too.

Although Madelyn is funny and can be outrageous, she is loyal to her friends as well. Current events affect her deeply and she truly wants to make the world a better place for everyone. She talks about wanting everyone to be more environmentally friendly and to realize how we all affect the environment daily. She wants to make a positive difference in our world.

Madelyn's beautiful voice is a great asset to Red Sea Parting.



A Night at the Movies!

Calling all youth! Join us for a night of flicks and food. The Newsomes are hosting a movie night March 8th from 7:00 - 11:00 pm-ish. Bring your favorite movie and a snack to share. What'll it be? *Pirates, Monsters, or Magic?* Maybe a *Ring*, or *3*? Let them know by the 5th if you are attending. They've gotta plan for the pizza! Find the Newsomes at sweets814us@yahoo.com or 410-795-2891.

One Sentence Sermon For Youth

Reading scripture makes one healthy, wealthy and wise. Watching television makes one lazy, crazy, and full of lies.

— Oscar Miles

Music Ministry



Thank you to all the choir members who work so hard every week to learn music, which enriches our church services! We had a Taizé service on February 27th and enjoyed the quiet, meditative qualities of that style of music. The choir enjoys singing the beautiful harmonies and I hope the congregation enjoyed joining us!

The bell choir and children's choirs are both working toward participation in the Palm and Easter Sunday services. We are planning to have the full bell choir play on Palm Sunday, and a few bells participating in the services on Easter as well. The children will be singing on both Sundays too!

Looking ahead to April, we will be joining with the Oaklands Presbyterian Church choir and bell choir for our annual joint services. On April 13th our adult and bell choirs will be headed to Laurel to help lead their Sunday morning service. Then they will join us on April 20th for our regular service.

We always look forward to our time with Oaklands, but this year is special since Norm Crabtree, their bell choir director, will be retiring in December. At this time they don't know if the bell group will have a director to continue the program.

Raleigh Ringers

The Raleigh Ringers is a bell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina. They are an amazing group to hear and see, and they will be in our area on April 19th. They are playing a concert at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City at 3:00 pm that afternoon. You are welcome to check out more information about them on their web site at www.rr.org.

A group of us will be going to see them, and would love to have you come along if you are interested. Tickets are \$10 for students under 16 years old, \$16 for adults. Please let me know ASAP if you would be interested. They are a very popular group, and the tickets go fast!

Inclement weather:

As the winter season continues, just a reminder—If we feel the need to cancel Sunday school or the worship service, the message on the church answering machine will change to reflect that change, as will the web site; you may also receive an email.



Daylight Savings Time begins March 9th! Remember to set your clocks **forward** one hour!



- 2 Linda Black
- 4 Anna Bunting
Susan Guberntis
Charlie Sperling
- 5 Anna Bunting
- 6 Sue Holmes
- 8 Patty Salmon
- 12 Lisa Rogers
Dottie Sharp
- 16 Nicholas Caviglia
- 19 Orene Fox
- 21 Shirley Sluder
- 23 Anna Halvorson
Laura Wise
Ann Lawson
- 29 Ryan Holmes
Wynn Pobletts



20 Richard & Ann Lawson

**One
Sentence
Sermon**

He who kneels before God, can stand before anyone.
— Unknown

Our Joys and Concerns

Our Thoughts & Prayers.

- ✠ Springfield's leaders and programs
- ✠ The Stinson Family
- ✠ Emma LaBrosse, health concerns
- ✠ Kay Freas, health concerns
- ✠ Joan Mulvihill (friend of Kay Freas), cancer
- ✠ Norma Stem, at home
- ✠ Robert Beaver, health concerns
- ✠ Tara Hulbert, health concerns
- ✠ Kelsey Robinson, health concerns
- ✠ Christy Joshnson (Co-worker of Ann Lawson), health concerns
- ✠ Linda (Ann Lawson's sister), health concerns
- ✠ Nate McRae (7 year old grandson of Jim & Mary Rhodes) behavior/discipline issues

Thank you's to:

- ✠ Kay Freas for her many hours of work on the new database program.
- ✠ The youth leaders for their presence during the lock in.
- ✠ The Worship Committee, choir, and musicians for all of the inspired music of the Lenten season.
- ✠ Pastor Sharp for transferring the session minutes from 1898—1929 to CDs.

Congregational Care Team

We have a wonderful, caring team in place to help with meals when needed. Call Sharon Pappas at 410-795-5623 for more information.

Stephen Ministry Workshop

Stephen Ministries is holding a workshop at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westminster on April 19, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Their workshops are seldom this close to us so it is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in providing care to people experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, job loss, or in countless other transitional times. Session 1: Ministering to those experiencing grief. Session 2: An introduction to Stephen Ministry. Session: 3 How to care in a distinctively Christian Way. Call Sharon Pappas or the church office if you are interested and we will apply for the church rate. More information on the workshops at www.caringministry.org; on Stephen Ministry at www.stephenministries.org.

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OUR MISSION

*Our mission is to proclaim God's word as written in the Bible.
We do this through Worship, Sacraments, Study and Service.
We rejoice in forgiveness and a new beginning through our
faith in
Jesus Christ.*

*We support in prayer and service our congregation,
community, nation and world.*

*We treasure the warmth of our church family, their time and
talents, the youth and our history.*

We eagerly extend our hand of friendship.

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