

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 - February 2010

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For the March newsletter is **February 14th**. Please send your contributions to the church office.

THE BIG EVENT

Worship: Connect & Engage

Workshops for all, not just clergy! Great opportunities and resources for members involved in the early service, music, and other ministries at Springfield.

Hear Great Speakers!

Rev. Don Grigg, Rev. Eric Myers,
And Wayne Wold

Attend Workshops:

Beyond Contemporary
A House of Prayer for All Nations
Re-Pitching the Tent
Soli Deo Gloria
Worship for all Ages and Learning Skills
Worship that Welcomes the Spiritually Hungry
....And more!

Baltimore Presbytery's "Big Event" each year is an amazing opportunity to enrich your faith. The Camp and conference Fund is available to cover the registration fee of \$25. Please contact Barbara Cornell for carpooling. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

The Presbytery of Baltimore
Saturday, February 20th 8:15—3:00
Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
Severna Park, MD

Session News

Session Notes:

This Session meeting, our first with Rev. Albershardt, gave us time to talk about how we will work within our meetings using Worshipful Work as our format. This framework encourages us to stop at any point within our meeting to pause for the guidance of prayer. The budget discussion allowed us to give voice to our visions for a dynamic ministry.

1. Approved 2010 budget to be presented at congregational meeting on February 14, 2010.
2. Elected Sharon Pappas commissioner to Presbytery meeting at
3. Havenwood, January 26, 2010.

Elder Search

The Nominating Committee is beginning their search for elders to serve on Session for the Class of 1013 (a three year term). We welcome nominations at this time. Self-nominations are also welcome. Please contact members of the Committee: Tim Doyle, Ruth Ann Kegel, Ed Newsome, Tim Oates, Fran Pobletts - chair (410-456-0932), or Pastor Marty.

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Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Worship

Reverend Marty Albershardt, Pastor
Sharon Pappas, Clerk of Session
Sandy Newsome, Secretary
Directors of Music: Linda Caviglia,
Jennifer Wise, and Sarah Lantz
Sunday School Coordinator:
Beth Oates

CrossRoads is published monthly. We encourage all to contribute. Deadline - third Sunday of month.

Please submit all articles to the church office or e-mail them to the church.

Mark Stinson, Editor

One Sentence Sermon

Let your past be a rudder to guide you....
Not an anchor to hold you back!

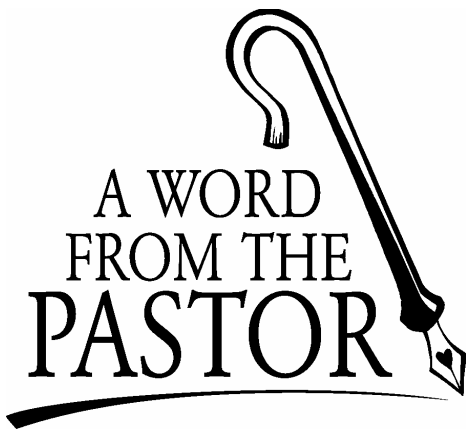
—Sign on a church

Inclement weather:

The winter season is still going strong! 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.



Please consider including Springfield Presbyterian Church as a beneficiary of your estate.



Teach us to sit still
Even among these rocks,
Our peace in His will
And even among these rocks
Sister, mother
And spirit of the river,
spirit of the sea,
Suffer me not to be separated
And let my cry come unto Thee.

- T.S. Eliot,
from "Ash Wednesday, VI"

It's been warming my heart, in such cold weather, to be getting to know most of you. Please feel free to call me on the phone, send me an email, or contact the church office to set up some time to talk – day or night. I'd love to meet with you. How about over coffee, tea, or hot cocoa?

I invite you to ask yourself questions of transformation during Lent: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? Deep Shift asks: What does it mean, in today's world, to be a follower of God in the way of Jesus? What is our duty to God, ourselves, our families, our neighbors, our enemies, and our planet in light of Jesus' radical message of the kingdom of God?

There are two weeks remaining in my sermon series on Transformation during Epiphany. On February 7 and 14, we continue to look for "Aha!" moments, personally and as a church, before we approach Ash Wednesday on February 17. The first Sunday of Lent is February 21, and it will be five Sundays from then until Palm Sunday on March 28. We will have worship on the evening of Ash Wednesday, with the imposition of ashes. This rite signals to us, in a physical way, to begin the important journey through Lent which prepares us for Easter. Come join the spiritual journey to the cross, as we glimpse spring and become the community of the resurrection.

I've been learning how you're organized and who does all the tasks around the church. I've seen how busy you are with those tasks, and many have remarked frankly to me that they are tired. As we begin Lent, it's a good time to examine our patterns of busy-ness and try to simplify our time. And, of course, the best way to simplify is to ground ourselves in daily prayer. It's free, accessible anytime, and powerful.

Pick up a Lenten devotional booklet in the narthex to deepen your prayer life. In this season of the lengthening of days (that's what the word Lent comes from), think of deepening your soul. Make a promise to yourself to attend worship more often during Lent, engage in quiet time, or simplify one aspect of your life. Come to the Adult Ed. class for Lent. And we need teachers: to share with me in Adult Ed., for our New Member class, with our Confirmation Class. Talk with me!

And, as you at Springfield prepare to form a Transformation Team in the next months, I invite you to ask yourself questions of transformation during Lent: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What does it mean, in today's world, to be a follower of God in the way of Jesus?? What is

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Sunday Lectionary

- 7 Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13);
Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11
- 14 Exodus. 34: 29-35; Psalm 99;
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36
(37-43)
- 21 Deut. 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,
9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13;
Luke 4:1-13
- 28 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18;
Psalm 27; Phil. 3:17—4:1;
Luke 13:31-35



Communion Servers:

Beth Oates
Sandy Newsome
Linda Caviglia
Barbara Nickell
Bob Rogers

Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Activity
7	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship with Communion Souper Bowl Collection by Youth Red Sea Parting practice
8	Monday	7:00 pm	Session (*note new day)
9	Tuesday	11:00 am	Communion at Fairhaven (Cox Rm)
14	Sunday	9:15 am	Early Worship Service
		10:30 am	Worship Service
		11:30 am	Congregational Meeting
		3:00 pm	Community Concert
17	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
21	Sunday	10:30 am	First Sunday in Lent
		12:00 pm	Red Sea Parting practice
		3:00 pm	Women's Event
28	Sunday	9:15 am	Early Service with Red Sea Parting
		10:30 am	Worship
		4:00 pm	Youth Group

Weekly at Springfield

Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Fellowship
Wednesday	4:45 pm	SonShine Singers
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	6:00 pm	Potluck Dinner
	6:30 pm	Presbytones Bell Choir
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir

Assisting on Sundays	7	14	21	28
Children's Activity	Connie Robinson	Beth Oates	Deb Sperling	Jessica Lane
Fellowship Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Karen Stinson Fran Pobletts	Barbara Cornell Maxine Saylor	Linda Caviglia Susan Burns	Jessica & Andrea Lane Stephanie Bunting
Lay Leader Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Esther Read-Doyle	Tim Oates	Tony Caviglia	Barbara Cornell
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	John Freas	Ron Holmes	Mark Stinson	Bob Rogers
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Mark & Karen Stinson	Phil & Patty Salmon	Duke Harrison Bob Rogers	Fran Pobletts Joy Barwick

Sunday School

February Calendar

February 7—Sunday School
9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

February 14—Early Service at
9:15 with Sunday School after-
wards

February 21—Sunday School
9:15am; Band 11:45am

February 28—Early Service fea-
turing the Band at 9:15am (no
children's Sunday School)



Spotlight on the High School Class

There is a new class for high school students at Springfield that has an unusual schedule. It meets at the normal time on Sunday mornings, but because so many of the high schoolers are in the Red Sea Parting band the class also meets after church on the first and third Sundays of the month before band practice. We've mainly followed the lectionary, with occasional forays into other topics, like comparing and contrasting other major world religions with Christianity. Discussion based on the lectionary focus on the historical context of the scripture, its meaning to the people of that time, and its relevance to the life of teenagers today. Soon we'll have a series of discussions on what it means live the life of a Christian in college, where many of our teens will find themselves next year.

Adult Education:

February 7: What Is Transformation? (Fellowship Room)

Pastor Marty will introduce a variety of resources for us to explore this question. We will look at online resources, books, and how we can learn about this important movement in the mainline church and beyond. Learning about this is essential as we move forward and discuss ideas for our Transformation Grant. Who will help to lead this important chapter at Springfield? Everyone is welcome.

February 14 – No Adult Ed (Congregational Meeting)

February 21- Lenten Class on Psalm 23; 9:30—10:15

February 28- Lenten Class on Psalm 23; 10:00—10:20 (this class will continue throughout Lent)

Pageant Thank You!

Thanks to all the children, Youth, and adults who helped with this year's Christmas pageant. A special thanks to all the senior members who so openly shared their memories of Christmases past. We were honored to have the opportunity to hear them. Paper copies of the script are available or you can go to our church website and read the script. Thanks again!



Sunday School Mission for February

During the month of February the Sunday School will support the church's Mission project. As most of you know, the people of Haiti are in great need after the devastating earthquake that destroyed homes, businesses, and lives. Springfield Presbyterian Church would like to help the people of Haiti. For the month of February we are going to collect money so that we can purchase supplies for health and hygiene kits. The kits will contain everyday items that we take for granted, such as soap, toothbrushes, band aids. Please see Sue Holmes or Beth Oates if you have questions about this important mission.

Our Community

South Carroll Interfaith Coalition

South Carroll Interfaith Coalition met in the manse on Thursday, January 14. This is a wonderful meeting place for our congregations to learn of community needs and how we might channel our resources to be more effective. Clergy and interested members gave Pastor Marty a broader understanding of our area, Carroll County services provided or their limitations, and work in progress by other congregations.

Applicants Needed - Ruth Gosnell Education Fund

Spread the news! Do you know any college sophomores, juniors or Graduate school students *who need an interest-free loan* for the 2010/11 academic year to complete their studies? Regardless of religion, all applicants will receive impartial consideration; and repayment of the loan does not start until 6 months after the student graduates. Students can download the "RGEF Loan Application Form C" at: www.springfield-church.org, or call the SPC office on 410-795-6152.

Completed applications must be received at the church office by March 1, 2010. No e-mail applications will be accepted. Loan applications are evaluated on academic performance, financial need, and a short essay. Students must attain junior status in college by the fall 2010 semester.



Kay Freas, RGEF Secretary

Members Of The Session

Class of 2010
Sharon Pappas
Fran Pobletts
Connie Robinson

Class of 2011
Linda Caviglia
Barbara Cornell
Alex McClung

Class of 2012
Tim Doyle
Sandy Newsome
Jennifer Wise

Moderator of Session:
Marty Albershardt, Pastor

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Early Service Reminder:

Our Early services are the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:15am. Youth who would like to help with the Early services please come at 9:00am. If you would like to participate in the service or play music at the service please let Mr. Charlie know in advance.

Ocean City—Here We Come!

We have to have a head count to go to Ocean City in advance this year due to limited space at the condo in OC. We need to have a commitment from you by March 1st if you are coming on the trip. We will leave on Saturday, April 24th and return on Sunday, April 25th around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. We have already secured youth advisors for the trip but since space is limited, we have to prepare for the possibility that there are too many people to fit in the condo.

Game Night:

Feb 28th - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the church.
Bring \$5.00 for pizza.

Your help is always needed at the early service and the early service is a great opportunity to participate in worship in a friendly atmosphere. Many of our older youth have expressed how their participation in the service has helped them develop better reading and presentation skills in front of a group. We will be losing a large number of older youth this year so we are looking for our younger youth members to develop and learn so they can take over next year. Opportunities range from small parts to entire scripture readings.



Congregational Care News

Our Fellowship team has added two new members. We thank Maxine Saylor and Susan Burns for joining our 17 other volunteers who provide our Fellowship opportunities Sunday mornings!

The Visitation and Home Communion group has been busy. We try to share Communion with some of our homebound members each time we celebrate it at church. Please contact the pastor or someone on our team if you or someone you know would like a visit or Communion.

We will soon begin a Prayer Chain. Any needs or concerns that come to our coordinator will be passed along by email or by phone to the rest of the "Chain." What a wonderful opportunity to lift up our members in prayer in times of need. If you would like to be part of this new ministry, please contact email barbara.cornell@hclibrary.org, or contact the office at spc.office@verizon.net.

Help for Haiti

Hygiene Kits Continue

Thank you for your continued support of the hygiene kits. Your generous donations have allowed us to create many kits. Providing these practical and much needed kits are a concrete way to offer help to Haiti. We will continue collecting donations as long as necessary. Please continue to hold all the people in Haiti close in thought and prayer.

Looking Ahead— Blanket the world with love

Church World Service Blanket Sunday Project for March:

CWS offers us the opportunity to send money to purchase new blankets. These blankets will be used when a disaster strikes. Providing these blankets for hurting communities is a very important task. Soon, the children of SPC will be demonstrating the value of a blanket. Have you ever thought of the many uses of a simple blanket? You will be surprised. CWS offers these blankets for 10.00 each. It is our hope to collect enough money to purchase many blankets. Envelopes will be available in each pew in early March. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Women's Circle



ESCAPE with the Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet next on March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the manse to assemble lunches for ESCAPE. Watch for a sign up sheet at church.

A group of us "church ladies" are headed to Frederick Sunday February 21 to watch "Church Basement Ladies"--a comedy show by a theater troupe from Minnesota. See Barbara Cornell to get your ticket!



Feed the Bin!

All monies collected go support local charities.

Our Music Ministry



The **SonShine Singers** and **Joyful Noise** choirs have been busy so far in 2010! Both choirs were involved with our regular service on January 3rd as we went back in time & presented the Christmas pageant and advent songs they'd prepared. On the 10th the SonShine Singers sang our introit and on the 17th they sang the anthem with the Adult Choir.

We have just received our musical for this spring, and will let you know more about that as we start learning it. We will be performing the musical on youth Sunday, May 9th. If you have some interest in helping with the blocking or costumes for the play I would *love* to have some help (especially with the blocking!).

The **Presbyterones Bell Choir** will be playing for our worship service sometime in March. We are hoping to have a service with the joint choirs of Springfield and Oaklands Presbyterian in Laurel, but we haven't gotten the dates set at this point.

The **Adult Choir** is always open to new members! I hope if you think you might enjoy singing with us, you'll come and try it out one Wednesday evening! We practice from 7:45 – 9:00 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Concert Series February & Beyond!



SPC Concert Series:

Nonesuch Trio
Sunday Feb 14th 3 pm.

Our next concert will be on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 pm. This concert will feature the Nonesuch Trio, which was formed in 2005 by three performing members of the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra.

The Nonesuch Trio consists of Laura Norris and Jim Blanchard on mandolins and Jeff Doll on classical guitar. They play a wide assortment of light classical pieces arranged or transcribed for their trio configuration. Mandolin music was very popular at the beginning of the last century, and literally hundreds of beautiful melodies were written for mandolin by Italian and American composers, many of whom are, unfortunately, now obscure and not well known outside of mandolin circles.

The Trio also plays arrangements for two mandolins and guitar—many done by Trio members themselves—of familiar classical pieces by such composers as Mozart, Handel, Bizet, Schubert, Johann Strauss Jr., and Joplin. We are getting ready to think about planning future concerts, so if you're interested in helping with that project, please let me know (Linda Caviglia, 410-549-1582 or cavig5@comcast.net).

From the Pastor

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our duty to God, ourselves, our families, our neighbors, our enemies, and our planet in light of Jesus' radical message of the kingdom of God?? How can we engage in personal formation and theological reformulation for global transformation?" If these questions intrigue you, please feel free to talk to me about your interest in being in a group to guide us on this spiritual journey and journey of action.

These are indeed good questions as we begin to thaw out, for Lent, for our souls, for Spring, and for Springfield.

Blessings, Marty

Ash Wednesday Service

We will be having a service on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the service, starting at 6:00 p.m. all are welcome to join us for a soup, salad and bread dinner in the fellowship room. There will be a sign up sheet so that we will know who is planning to come and if you are able to bring something to add to the dinner. Our service will incorporate the imposition of ashes, communion and some meditative Taizé music as we prepare to enter the Lenten season.



Thinking of Lent

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word gospel means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.



Faith

"Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable—and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the eart of life, while faith rejoices in its God."

— Harry Emerson Fosdick





February

- 1 Steve Mazer
- 1 Donna Mazer
- 5 Wes Stinson
- 10 Anna Pobletts
- 12 Megan Anderson
- 17 Delores Kelly
- 18 Dorothy Schafer
- 24 Jim Wise
- 26 Elsa Oates



Pet Ministry: If you or someone you know has a sick pet, or has had a pet that passed away, please call Ann Lawson at 410-795-9169 for prayers and support.

Thanks to the congregation!

I wanted to say "Thank You" to all of you for the generous Christmas gift you gave me. I am happy to be able to be a part of this wonderful congregation, and appreciate all the ways you support me and the music programs here at Springfield Presbyterian!

Linda Caviglia

Our Joys and Concerns

Our Thoughts & Prayers.

- † Springfield's leaders and programs
- † Emma LaBrosse, health concerns
- † Herb Ward and Kitty Ward (friends of the Doyles), health concerns
- † Nancy LePage, health concerns
- † Jimmy Reed, (Georgia Hodges' nephew), health concerns
- † Lea Vest, (Connie Robinson's niece), health concerns
- † Herman Kleinsteuber, (Fran Poblett's father), health concerns
- † Bob Higgs, (husband of Ann Lawson's coworker), cancer
- † Hal, (father of Jennifer Wise's co-worker), brain cancer
- † Mary Pobletts, health concerns
- † Angel Lopez, (Omar Izaguirre's uncle), stroke;
- † Martha Mattheis, colon cancer
- † Sheila Felock, friend of Connie Robinson, colon cancer
- † Ruth Ann Kegel, surgery for a badly broken wrist

SPECIAL THANKS

Fellowship team for providing special refreshments for the January 31 Service of Installation for Rev. Marty; the congregational meeting February 14, and again for the mid-afternoon concert.

Thank You

For all the prayers, concerns, food, visits to the Robinson's - please know that we give many, many Prayers of Thanksgiving for all that you have done for not only me, but for the Robinson family. A special thank you to Karen Stinson for all of her coordinating and Love.

With Special Blessings and Love - Craig, Connie, Patrick and Kelsey.

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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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