

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 - November 2010

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Daylight Savings time ENDS on November 7th. Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour before you retire on the 6th!



For the December newsletter is **November 14th**. Please send your contributions to the church Office or by e-mail..

From the Pastor:

I have been with you for a little less than a month. I have gotten to know a few of you and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you. The call to serve as your "Designated Pastor" is my eleventh call in 35 years of pastoral work. If eleven calls in 35 years make me sound unstable I did actually serve one congregation for 10 years. Most days I wonder where the time has gone and how half my head of hair has lost its color.

I know you have been through a tough time recently. You should know up front that my *only* agenda is to provide pastoral care, administrative leadership along with Gospel focused preaching and teaching as a way to help with the healing. I know the details of your story and I am deeply sympathetic. Some of you may have a need to talk about the details as a way of getting beyond the difficulties of the past year. Know that I am available to give a listening ear along with some sharing some of my own experiences.

This may sound strange but.... the times I think I have learned the most about myself and the world were times I (at first) would have avoided. The Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung allowed himself to be interviewed on film by a BBC reporter not long before his death. The reporter asked, "Dr. Jung can you tell us what you would pass on as wisdom after 5 decades of working with people as a psychoanalyst." Jung took a long drag on his ever-present pipe, blew out some smoke and said, "I'm just an old man, I'm not sure I have any wisdom to impart." The reporter pushed him a little and he finally said, "I suppose if I have learned anything it's that I am much slower to say what is good for me and what is bad for me. Things that have happened in my life, though they seemed good at the time, were actually bad for me... and the things which I was sure at the outset were bad for me turned out to do me the most good."

Dr. Jung's analysis may be a bit too simplistic for you. The promise of God, though, is that if our hearts are in the right place and are we willing (or at least willing to be made willing!) to conform ourselves to the standards of the Gospel, God will use everything in our lives for the good. I cannot think of a better notion with which to begin Advent.

Take Heart! *Bill*

Session News

Session Notes

1. Approved Christmas pageant, "Road the Christmas," for December 19.
2. Discussed the grant with regard to its value and limitations going forward so we can give direction to the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee as they write a new Church Information Form. Agreed to the grant evaluation narrative due this month.
3. Elected Linda Caviglia to chair the Nominating Committee working with Ed Newsome and Kay Freas. One more member to be asked by session.
4. Elected Sharon Pappas to Called meeting of Presbytery to work on Presbytery's new vision process. From last month's meeting the Mission & Funding report shows Springfield's 2009 giving to Presbyterian sources at 8%, one of the highest in Presbytery and one of nine that met the Fair Share goal. This includes mission and our per capita support for programs and administrative salaries.

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Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

9:15 am Family Service
(2nd & 4th Sundays only)

Rev. Bill Johnston,
Temporary Supply Pastor
Sharon Pappas, Clerk of Session
Sandy Newsome, Secretary
Directors of Music: Linda Caviglia,
Jennifer Wise, and Sarah Lantz

CrossRoads is published monthly. We encourage all to contribute. Deadline is the third Sunday of the month. Please submit all articles to the church office or e-mail them to the church.

Mark Stinson, Editor

Eagle Project - Handicap Ramp Access for the Manse



Robert Greer, a local life scout with Boy Scout Troop 719 is hard at work on his Eagle Scout project, a handicap access to our manse office building. He has raised \$1,300 so far and is close to his goal. Construction is tentatively planned for Thanksgiving week.



One Sentence Sermon

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.
— W.T. Purkiser

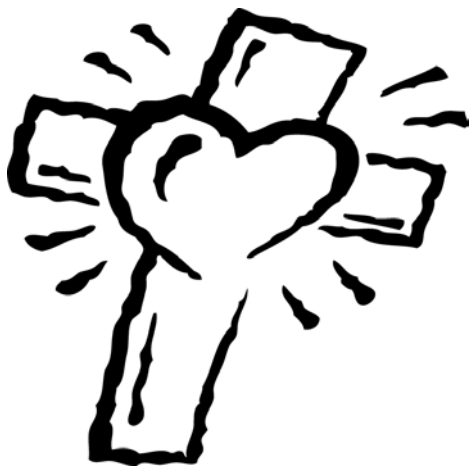
No such thing as bad weather but:

As the winter season arrives, 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.



Give Like You Mean It.....

Stewardship season for most church folks conjures up images of other church folks looking to fatten the coffers of the church. Let's face it.... every church has a budget... every church has expenses and every church should be living as close to the mandate to "give cheerfully" not only to keep the lights on but to make inroads into the needs of the community and the world . The underlying reason for this is so that the message of the Gospel will penetrate places of darkness, liberate people from despair, and allow us to be what we are called to be: "Salt and Light" in a world that desperately needs redeeming.



STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Of course stewardship is about more than money. A few people in a small church like Springfield tend to do most of the work... Sunday School teaching, worship planning, repair and maintenance of the buildings and grounds, administrative tasks, pastoral care for the sick and more. After a while these few people reach a place of fatigue and simply fade into the background. If all of us took on a small task in the work of the church, using the gifts and abilities God has blessed us with (which by the way is the Biblical model!) the church would not only run more smoothly but more folks would receive the blessing which comes from giving of themselves.

As your "Temporary Designated Pastor" I really have no horse in this race. But as you begin to look for a Not-Temporary pastor your giving and participation will indicate just how serious you are about your goals, your mission and your love for Christ and one another.

Give like you mean it... the future of Springfield Presbyterian Church depends on it.

Pastor Bill

Ballard Bunting Boutique

Ballard Bunting Boutique reminds you that we are here and ready to make any alterations for clothes you will be wearing to parties and/or celebrations. With the holidays just around the corner, be sure to check and see what you might need repaired on a long-time favorite garment or altered on something new you've purchased to wear this Holiday Season.

Check us out: www.ballardbunting.com
Mon, Tues, Thurs open 10-6 /
Wed. & Sun by appointment /
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77 East Main Street, Westminster
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Sunday Lectionary

- 7** Hag. 1:15b-2:0;
Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98;
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17;
Luke 20:27-38
- 14** Isa. 65:17-25; *Isa. 12;*
2 Thess. 3:6-13;
Luke 21:5-19
- 21** Jer. 23:1-6; *Luke 1:68-79;*
Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- 28** Isa.2:1-5; *Ps. 122;*
Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:36-44

Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Activity
6	Saturday	1:00 pm	Fall Clean Up Day
7	Sunday	11:45 am	Red Sea Parting Practice (Oates)
8	Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Manse)
14	Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Early Service Stewardship Sunday Congregational Care Team
21	Sunday	11:45 am	Red Sea Parting Practice (Robinson)
28	Sunday	9:15 am 4:00 pm	Early Service Youth Group Bowling
5	Sunday	11:30 am	Advent Craft Day
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Weekly at Springfield

Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Sunday School Worship Fellowship
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:45 pm	SonShine Singers Joyful Noise Choir Presbyterones Bell Choir Adult Choir

Communion Servers:

No scheduled communion in November

Assisting on Sundays	7	14	21	28
Children's Activity	Joy Barwick	Heather Grimsley	Jessica Lane	Beth Oates
Fellowship Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Karen Stinson Fran Pobletts	Linda Caviglia Susan Burns	Barbara Cornell Maxine Saylor	Angel Carbaugh Mary Rhodes
Lay Leader Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Mark Kearney	Ruth Ann Kegel	Tim Oates	Tony Caviglia
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	Lisa Rogers	Carl Anderson	Barbara Cornell	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	John Freas Bob Rogers	Steve & Donna Mazer	Ed & Sandy Newsome	Phil & Patty Salmon

Our Music
Ministry



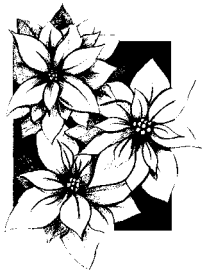
The **Joyful Noise** and **SonShine Singers** choirs are having fun at our Wednesday rehearsals, with musical games, songs for worship and songs that are just plain fun! We are always open to new members!

The **Presbyterones** Bell Choir will be providing our special music on November 21st during worship with three beautiful pieces. One of them is called *A Prayer for Peace* by Michael Helman. This piece was inspired by the events of September 11, 2001 and, although it starts in chaos (4 dissonant chords representing the 4 planes that crashed) the music afterwards inspires peace and forgiveness. We will also play an arrangement of *Music Alone Shall Live* and a piece called *A Grand Celebration*.

Our **Adult Choir** will be doing some new music this month which we've been having fun learning. We hope you will all enjoy listening to the music as much as we enjoy singing it!

Linda Caviglia, Music Director
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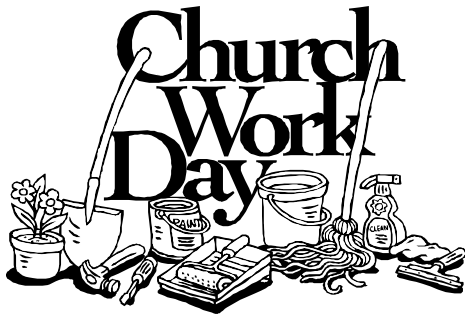
Christmas Flowers



It's time to think about our Christmas celebration and the beautiful flowers we all enjoy in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in purchasing some Poinsettias or Cyclamen to help decorate our sanctuary, please fill out the form found in this newsletter, or look in your bulletin for the insert. We will be taking orders through November 22nd. You may plan to take your flowers home with you after the Christmas Eve services, or you may have them donated to someone who isn't able to make it to church, or is sick and in need of a little beauty in their home.

You will find order forms in your bulletins for the next few weeks, or call the church office at 410-795-6152.

Worship
Committee



Roll up your sleeves - Fall Clean Up Day!

Roll up your sleeves and bring your work gloves! It's time for our fall clean up day, Saturday, November 6th from 1—3 pm (4 if we find enough to do!) There is a lot to do to get our beautiful OLD buildings clean and in shape for the holidays and the winter.

Give Carl Anderson a call at 301-440-7519 to sign up and give him your ideas for cleaning projects. Refreshments will be provided! Join us for a day of good works and fellowship as tackle this clean up together.

Sunday School Calendar for November

November 7 – Sunday School 9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

November 14 – Early Service with Sunday School afterwards 9:15am

November 21 – Sunday School 9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

November 28 – Early Service featuring the Band 9:15am (no SS)

Adult Sunday School

Rev. Johnston is leading the adult class in a book study of Blue Like Jazz, a look at Christian faith, traditions, and culture. Call the office if you would like a copy too. Join us Sundays at 9:30 in the library.



Youth Group on a Roll

Sunday, November 28th – Bowling Night (4-6 pm): Meet at the church at 4pm for a night of bowling to work off all that turkey you ate !!



Our Graduates Excel!

Two of our graduates have been recognized for excellence at college. Michelle Newsome received the Akiko Bowers Japanese Language Proficiency Award from Gettysburg College. This award is given to the student with the highest level of proficiency through the 202 level as determined by grades and overall proficiency in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.



Laura Wise submitted a selection of poems to the Pandora's Collective Sumer Dream Poetry contest. Even with blind judging, Laura was awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! Her 1st place poem is titled, "Basket Summer." Congratulations to Michelle and Laura.

Mission /
Outreach

River Road Thank you!!!

Thanks to the help of the following folks River Road is now trash free!! Linda Caviglia, Tony Caviglia, Nicholas Caviglia, Summer Carbaugh, Jim Wise, Aaron Wise and Sue Holmes. Luckily there was not as much trash as we have collected in the past.....a good problem to have! With the help of many hands the job was completed. Have you ever driven down River Road? If not, it's a nice drive and a must see. Thanks again to all those who gave of their time on October 17th! We appreciate YOU!!!



Our Neighbors Are In Need!!!

During the month of November SPC will be collecting donations for this local outreach. With the funds collected we will present a check to Neighbors In Need. They will in turn purchase the necessary items needed to help assist these families. We hope that our contributions help to place a wonderful Thanksgiving meal on the tables of so many. As you gather this holiday season with friends and loved ones.....be sure to say an extra prayer for these families in need and also pray for those with which you share your meal. We thank you for your continued support of this very important community outreach service. Cash or checks made payable to SPC are greatly appreciated! Envelopes will be available in each pew as well as the narthex.



Unique Fair Trade Opportunity at SPC December 5 and 12

New Mission / Outreach Project

SPC is all set to host SERRV sale. SERRV is a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating poverty wherever it resides. By hosting a sale of unique and beautiful handcrafts from SERRV, our church gives the gift of opportunity. Opportunity for disadvantaged artisans to send their children to school and feed their families. This is an opportunity for our church to connect with the people who create the crafts by hand. Handcraft sales are a powerful reminder that together we can change the lives of others. Fair Trade is a system that creates equal and long-term partnerships between the people who make the products and those who buy them. Are you trying to find a special gift this holiday season? Why not purchase your unique gifts at our SERRV sale.

December 5th (during our Advent craft fair) and 12th



Christmas Preparations



Christmas Caroling

We will be having our annual Christmas caroling outing on Saturday, December 4th starting at 4:30. We'll meet at the church, and carol in our



local community, then return to the church for a pot luck dinner. If time permits, and the town of Sykesville has their winter festival, we might go downtown after dinner to sing a little more! Come join us as we spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.



Christmas Preparations

Advent, which means “coming,” is the season of the church year when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth. In anticipation of Christmas, Christians often decorate their churches and homes with symbols. Many families use special Advent calendars with “doors” to open — one per day until Christmas. Each door may suggest a Bible reading and a family activity. Families may sing carols, light an Advent wreath, say a prayer or read a brief Christmas story. Preparing for Christmas at home is a joyful tradition that draws family members closer to God and each other.

Members Of The Session

Class of 2011
Linda Caviglia
Barbara Cornell
Alex McClung

Class of 2012
Tim Doyle
Jennifer Wise

Class of 2013
Carl Anderson
Sue Holmes
Tim Oates

Sharon Pappas,
Clerk of Session



Veterans Day

Honoring our Veterans

Thank you for your service to our country. We join the rest of the nation on **Veterans Day**, November 11th, in remembering the sacrifices of America's 25 million veterans and expressing our appreciation for your service.



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



November

- 1 Olivia Oates
- 2 Omar Izaguirre
- 3 Brenda McClung
- 5 Nancy LePage
- 8 Sharon Sobus
- 8 Amy Bodine-Cambius
- 12 Kay Freas
- 13 Danielle Baker
- 18 Alyssa Windstein
- 19 Phil Salmon
- 20 Cathy Caviglia
- 25 Barbara Nickell
- 26 Jim Rhodes



November

- 4 Alex & Brenda McClung
- 7 Ed & Sandy Newsome
- 9 Steve & Donna Mazer
- 29 Omar & Amy Izaguirre

Our Joys and Concerns

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

- † Springfield's leaders and programs
- † Dianne Griffith, (Karen Stinson's sister), serious medical issues
- † Emma LaBrosse, health concerns
- † Sue Gubernatis, health concerns
- † Herb Ward and Kitty Ward (friends of the Doyle's), health concerns
- † Jimmy Reed, (Georgia Hodges' nephew), health concerns
- † Lea Vest, (Connie Robinson's niece), health concerns
- † Nancy LePage, health concerns
- † Herman Kleinsteuber, (Fran Pobletts' father), serious health issues
- † Kelsey Robinson, health concerns
- † Paul Dambrauskas, (Donna Mazer's brother), duty in Afghanistan
- † David Seamon, (brother of Jennifer Wise), family concerns
- † Donna and Marcus Atkinson, Deb Sperling's sister and nephew, family concerns
- † Martha Mattheis, health concerns
- † Paul Frost, Susan Burns' father, health concerns
- † Susan Burns, vision concerns
- † Summer Carbaugh, Health concerns
- † John and Sandi Russell, family of Maxine Saylor, on the death of Sandi's father
- † Hoot and Claudia Dingfelder, family of Maxine Saylor, on the death of Claudia's daughter, Kelly
- † Family of Joe Eagle, coworker of Barbara Nickell, on his sudden death
- † Pretty, Fay and Melvin's (Ann Lawson's cousins), Chihuahua, health concerns

OUR JOYS & THANKSGIVINGS

- ◇ For Rev. Bill Johnston and his ministry here as we move forward
- ◇ Sue Gubernatis, returning home
- ◇ Henry Hornug, returning to health

SPECIAL THANKS

- ◆ Carl Anderson, for his enthusiasm and leadership of Buildings & Grounds.
- ◆ Those who provided food or gathered to pack 70 lunches for ESCAPE
- ◆ Those who quietly repair and maintain our church building. We really appreciate your attention and care.
- ◆ Our concert hostesses who set up, prepare and serve refreshments, and clean up.

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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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