

# 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

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News from Springfield Presbyterian Church - January 2011

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## EPIPHANY



For the February newsletter is  
**January 16th.** Please send your  
contributions to the church  
office.

## Happy New Years and Hello!

I am your temporary, Temporary Supply Pastor – a long titled for a short assignment—and I am looking forward to spending the next two months with you, serving and worshipping our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope that your Christmas celebrations were both festive and meaningful, and that you are eagerly awaiting what God has in store for each of us over the coming year. Together we will remind ourselves about the grace and the trustworthiness of our Lord and the life that he has called us to live as one of his disciples.

Though originally from Missouri, for the past five years my family and I have called Columbia, Maryland home and it is our hope to remain here for many more. During that time, I had the pleasure of serving as the Associate Pastor at Christ Memorial Presbyterian in Columbia. Prior to that call, I was the Organizing Pastor of a new church development in O'Fallon, Illinois, just across the river from downtown St. Louis, Missouri, about an hour and a half from where I was born and raised. Coming to Maryland was not difficult on us, however, since my wife is a native of Bowie and my son was actually born in Annapolis (long story).

At the time of my son's birth, we never dreamed that we would be back living in Maryland just five short years later. But now that we are, it is hard for us to think of living anywhere else...well, a call to a Caribbean island, especially this time of year, would be mighty tempting. Fortunately, if that call never happens, I will always be grateful to God for the call that I was given to come to Maryland, and for the time that we will have together over the next two months. Besides leading worship on Sundays, I plan to be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, if you would like to stop in for a chat. Feel free to let me know how I can be of service to you during this time.

Yours in Christ,  
*Craig Barton*

# Session News

## Session Notes

1. Rev. D. Craig Barton will be our Temporary Pulpit Supply from January 4 until Rev. Johnston's return in March. (See his letter to us on page 1.)
2. Approved the communion dates for 2011.
3. Approved the date and expenditure for a retreat at Bon Secours Spiritual Retreat Center in Marriottsville for March 19.
4. Elected Barbara Cornell commissioner to the January meeting of Baltimore Presbytery.

There were two big tasks for December. Our lease with Stepping Stones is past due for renewal. The daycare committee met several times over the last three months and presented their recommendations. Session agreed with their goals and is moving forward to quickly get this fine tuned, approved, agreed to and in place for the daycare. The other task is the formation of our 2011 church budget. Next month we will set salaries and program requests for the year.

## Great Possibilities

Happily for us, the fundamental Christian message concerns not what we ought to do but what God has done and what God is willing to do. In fellowship with him and with others who are likewise trying to be like him, we can be lifted up above our native possibilities.

— Hugh Martin

## Winter is Here!

Winter has arrived! 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.



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

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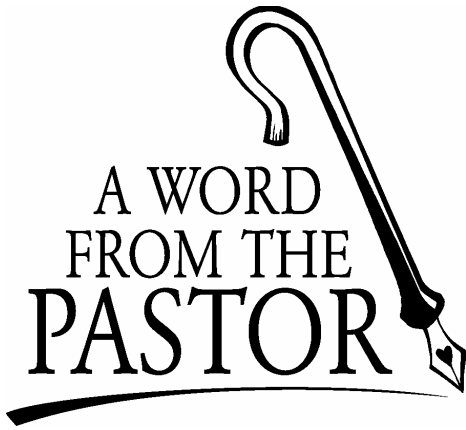
Please submit all articles to the church office or e-mail them to the church.

Mark Stinson, Editor

### One Sentence Sermon

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.

—John Ruskin



## ARE WE THERE YET???

I remember those long car trips with my brother, sister and I stuffed into the back seat. Once my dad got rolling he had one thing in mind: getting to our destination with as few stops as possible. My sister, the youngest of the three of us, would ask incessantly.... "*Dad, are we there yet?*" Eventually my father would warn; "*Stop asking... it won't get us there any sooner and you're becoming annoying.*"

I have never been very good at waiting. I have a tendency to think more about the future and how I'm going to get there, what it will look like and what in the present could impede the progress of 'getting there.'. In Myers-Briggs leadership style language it's called the Visionary approach to leadership. It has some benefits but the downside is missing what's going on right in front my nose. I'm exaggerating the extent of my future orientation for effect here, but you get the picture.

Another year has gone flying by and it's true that as we age the faster the time seems to pass. Springfield has been through, how shall we say.... a not too easy year? I believe I'm your third pastor in less than a year; and that doesn't include pulpit supply folks. Some of you may be asking if it's time to "*be there.*"

As much as I have enjoyed being with you I too think it's about time for some long-term stability. The church needs to get on with the business of "*being here*".... a community with solid, consistent pastoral leadership with a clear witness and mission in this part of God's Vineyard.

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You have a strong Session, a very able Designated Pastor Nominating Committee and many servant-leaders in the congregation. There is still some work to be done in clarifying your goals for the future and I will lead a retreat in March to help bring about a clear set of goals. Once these goals are in place and folks take ownership it's a matter of tidying up the Church Information Form and interviewing candidates. Since the DPNC will not be screening dozens of Pastoral Information Forms it should be a reasonably short process for making a call.

I will be here as long as you need me. I am not a candidate for the permanent position. The year ahead is filled with promise for all of you. It has been a lengthy journey in the "back seat" but I am confident that past events will make you more wise, joyful and able servants.

In short, I believe that 2011 holds the promise of not needing to keep asking, "*Are we there yet?*"

*Happy New Year,*

*Bill*

## Sunday Lectionary

- 2** Jer. 31:7-14; *Ps. 147:12-20*;  
Eph. 1:3-14;  
John 1:(1-9) 10-18
- 9** Isa. 42: 1-9; *Ps. 29*;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17
- 16** Isa. 49:1-7; *Ps. 40-1-11*;  
1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- 23** Isa. 9:1-4; *Ps. 27:1, 4-9*;  
1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23
- 30** Micah 6:1-8; *Ps. 15*;  
1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12

## Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Activity
2	Sunday	12:00 pm	Red Sea Parting Practice
9	Sunday	9:15 am 12:00 pm	Early Service Calendar Planning Meeting
10	Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Manse)
16	Sunday	12:00 pm	Red Sea Parting Practice
23	Sunday	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Early Service Youth Group Laser Tag

## Communion Servers:

**January 9th:** Barbara Nickell,  
Sharon Pappas, Jennifer Wise,  
Mark Stinson, Phil Salmon

## 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 Presbytones Bell Choir Adult Choir

Assisting on Sundays	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Children's Activity</b>	Beth Oates	Heather Grimsley	Deb Sperling	Joy Barwick	Connie Robinson
<b>Fellowship</b> Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Kari Anderson Sue Holmes	Don & Belle Vasbinder	Karen Stinson Fran Pobletts	Linda Caviglia Susan Burns	Barbara Cornell
<b>Lay Leader</b> Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Sharon Pappas	Linda Black	Mark Stinson	Alex McClung	Mark Kearney
<b>Sunday Opener</b> Church Office: 795-6152	Bob Rogers	Lisa Rogers	Carl Anderson	Jennifer Wise	Barbara Cornell
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b> Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Tim & Robert Doyle	Connie & Kelsey Robinson	John Freas Bob Rogers	Mark & Karen Stinson	Steve & Donna Mazer

# Our Music Ministry



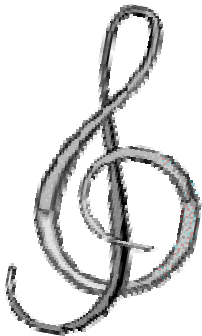
The **Joyful Noise** and **SonShine Singers** choirs will start to learn the music for our spring musical this month. We will be learning and performing *Are We There Yet? (the story of Moses and the Exodus)* on May 8<sup>th</sup> during our regular 10:30 worship service. Dress rehearsal will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

We would love to involve as many members of the rest of the congregation as we can. If you have an interest in helping with costumes, set or any other aspect of the play... I would be very happy to talk with you about how you could help. I am also planning to try to have one rehearsal in February and March, and probably 2 in April which are not on a Wednesday, so that members of the youth who don't normally come for Wonderful Wednesdays can participate if they want to. I'll be asking for feedback on the best times/days to do those rehearsals.

The **Presbyterones** Bell Choir and our **Adult Choir** will once again be joining forces with Oaklands Presbyterian Bell Choir and vocal choirs for joint services this year. We are currently working on scheduling the dates... but the music has already been picked! We always enjoy these special services, and will let you know as soon as the dates are finalized!

Linda Caviglia, Music Director  
410-549-1582 or [cavig5@comcast.net](mailto:cavig5@comcast.net)

## Concert Series



Well, I wasn't going to write anything this month about the concerts, but after December's *wonderful* concert, I had to put in a note to at least say THANK YOU to all the people who made the day work! Thanks to Don Vasbinder and Tony Caviglia for shuttling people back and forth from the "Park and Ride". We would have had to turn many people away without Don and Tony's service!

Another big thank you to everyone who help with setting up, bringing delicious food, serving food, cleaning up and getting the sanctuary back in shape after the concert. It was truly a team effort and we received many compliments on the concert and the food! I would list all your names, but I'm afraid I'd miss someone because so many people helped. I really enjoyed the day and appreciate all the help and support that makes these concerts such a success!

- Linda Caviglia

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS !!

### Sunday School Calendar for January

#### January 2

Sunday School 9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

#### January 9

Early Service 9:15am with Sunday School afterwards

#### January 16

Sunday School 9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

#### January 23

Early Service featuring Red Sea Parting 9:15am (no SS)

#### January 30

Sunday School 9:15am

It is that time of year again. **LASER TAG TIME !!** We will be having our annual laser tag game at the church on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.



We must know in advance how many are coming so they can be prepared with the supplies. You must let us know by January 17<sup>th</sup> who will be attending. Friends are welcome but they must sign up in advance. I'm sorry we can't do last minute add-ons. There will be a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs.

### 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 2011/12 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](http://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, 2011. 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 2011 semester.

### 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

### Worship Committee Thank You!

I'd like to say a special “Thank You” to the members of the Worship Committee, Bill Johnston, Mark Kearney, Barbara Nickell, Sharon Pappas, and Phil Salmon. They've all worked hard to try to provide meaningful worship for our congregation this past year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I also want to thank all the members of the congregation who have helped out, especially during Advent: to all those who came to carol for the folks at Transitions on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December and to all the people who came and helped with the greening of the church on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We send a very warm thank you to Martha Streaker for her talents in making our advent wreath and wreaths for the front doors of the church.

I think we are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful community here at Springfield Presbyterian Church!

-Linda Caviglia



## January

- 3 Ruth Ann Kegel
- 5 Carl Anderson
- 6 Alex Sperling
- 6 Emily Sperling
- 11 Jeanette Vasbinder
- 15 Elizabeth Meiowitz
- 16 Tyler Stinson
- 18 Derian Anderson
- 20 Henry Halvorson
- 22 Sally Roby
- 23 Natalie Halvorson
- 24 Mark Stinson



## January

- 6 Tim & Beth Oats
- 23 Carl & Kari Anderson
- 26 Jack & Sharon Pappas



**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.

## Our Joys and Concerns

### OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

- † Dianne Griffith, (Karen Stinson' sister), serious medical issues
- † Emma LaBrosse, health concerns
- † Jimmy Reed, (Georgia Hodges' nephew), health concerns
- † Lea Vest, (Connie Robinson's niece), health concerns
- † Herman Kleinsteuber, (Fran Pobletts' father), serious health issues
- † Kelsey Robinson, health concerns
- † David Seamon, (brother of Jennifer Wise), family concerns
- † Paul Frost, Susan Burns' father, health concerns
- † Susan Burns, vision concerns
- † Henry Hornug, health concerns
- † Kelly Fields, (friend of Connie Robinson), salivatory gland cancer
- † Orene Fox, health concerns
- † Ron Holmes, health concerns
- † Jan Vest, (Connie Robinson's mother), mini-stroke
- † Martha Mattheis family on the passing of her sister

### SPECIAL THANKS

- ◆ Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Pageant. Your time and effort are really appreciated for this special event. A special thanks to the parents and kids who helped with all the planning and performing.
- ◆ Sharon Krickler (Dr. Charles Bennett's daughter) for numerous mitten tree gifts in honor of her late father. Ms. Krickler is continuing a tradition kept for many years by Dr. Bennett.

### **A Special Thank You**

Thank you to all who made Isla's Baptism so special: to Pastor Bill for officiating the beautiful service, and to Linda and the Sunshine Singers (Natalie, Andrea, India, Katie, and Summer) for such a precious song in her honor. Having all of this and her wearing my Baptism gown and Jessie being her Godmother made for a really lovely day for the newest member of our family.

For this I am truly grateful, *Julie Ballard*

**MANY THANKS** to all who attended the Advent Craft Workshop on December 5th. We hope everyone enjoyed making the crafts as much as we had fun showing them to you. A huge thank you to Charlie and Deb Sperling and our fantastic youth group for hot dogs, cotton candy and for doing all the work that goes into setting/cleaning up. I can't forget my creative crafters, Martha Streaker, Patty Salmon, Deb Sperling and Heather Grimsley, who assisted me in the crafts portion of the event. I so appreciate your dedication to this every year! Blessings to all!

*Joy Barwick*

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