

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 July - August 2011

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Our worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. See you there!



For the September newsletter is **August 21st**. Please send your contributions to the church office.

In Concert Series 4th Season Begins!

It's time to get out your calendars and mark all the dates for our upcoming year of concerts. The concert committee has worked hard to come up with some new groups and a variety of music for our fourth season. Below is a list of the dates and artists we will have the opportunity to hear this year. If you would like a more detailed description of the groups, you can pick up a tri-fold brochure in the narthex. All concerts are on a Sunday at 3:00 pm in our sanctuary. The concerts are free and open to the public. A free will offering, all of which goes to support the series, will be collected at each event.

August 14, 2011	Carroll County Ramblers (Bluegrass music)
October 9, 2011	4Ever Erin (Celtic & traditional Irish music)
December 11, 2011	Laura Stokes (Classical Harp)
February 12, 2012	Elke Baker (Scottish Fiddle music)
**April 15, 2012	Gingerthistle (Celtic & Appalachian folk music)
June 10, 2012	West Shore Piano Trio (Classical - Piano, Violin & Cello)

** Please note that all performances are the second Sunday of the month except for the one in April. The second Sunday is Easter, so we moved this performance to the third Sunday.



Session Notes

1. Elected Kari Anderson our Treasurer and Sharon Pappas our Clerk for another year.
2. Approved new Ruth Gosnell Education Fund board members: John Freas, Jane York, Cynthia Smith who will serve along side Tim Doyle, president, Joy Barwick, Lea Halvorson, Ed Newsome, Donna Mazer, Sharon Sobus, and Juliet Keating.
3. Approved renovation of the church kitchen to be done by Dundee Corporation at the end of August. Cost to be \$15,000 raised by seeking additional funds donated to Kitchen Fund anticipating we will not need to tap the Capital Fund. (See

Where There is a Will, There is a Way

As citizens, parents, children, and church members we strive to meet our obligations in caring for each other and our world. As good parents we shower our family with our love and encouragement. As good stewards, we consider the consequences of our actions, and plan for the future. When we are no longer present to provide that care, insurance policies and wills continue to provide for those we love.

In assisting us to be good stewards for our families and our church, Session has contacted a local attorney, James R. Barrett, to assist you with your estate planning needs. If you have questions about your will, need to write one, have yours updated, add a living will or power of attorney, Mr. Barrett may be of assistance. Mr. Barrett has advised Session that he offers a free initial consultation on all legal matters. His office is in the Carrolltowne Health Care Center, located at 1643 Liberty Road, Suite 105, Eldersburg and his telephone number is 410-549-6633. Please know you are under no obligation whatsoever to use Mr. Barrett’s services.

Many of us have moved from another state and should make certain that old language is consistent with current Maryland requirements. This year there are additions to the Power of Attorney document you may want to think about as well. Perhaps also you will think about including Springfield in your will.

Freedom fails when people decide that is their right to take and not to give.

—Stanley Maxwell



Happy Birthday America!

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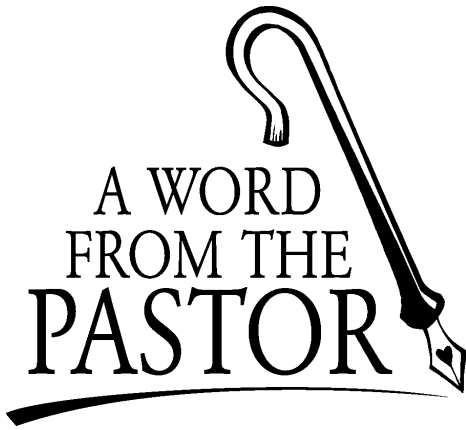
Sunday Morning Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship

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



I am reminded by the Apostle Paul that for Christians *"there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor*

Summertime and The Livin' is Easy....

".....Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high.... Your daddy's rich and your momma's good lookin'... so hush little baby, don't you cry." I love that old tune from Porgy and Bess. George and Ira Gershwin and Dubose Heyward wrote the music and lyrics to this great old opera first performed in 1935 in New York City. It deals with African American life in the fictitious Catfish Row (actually, based on an area called Cabbage Row in Charleston, South Carolina) in the early 1920's. The music is hauntingly beautiful and disturbing as it pictures life as an African American in the South.

We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders. Folks who got on Greyhound buses in 1961 and rode them into the deep South protesting mandatory separation of the races. Bathrooms, waiting areas and restaurants were labeled 'Colored' or 'White' with the intention that there would be no 'mixing' of the races. African Americans were seen to be an inferior race and the fear of contamination on the part of whites was profound and deep seated. Although Boynton v. Virginia had outlawed racial segregation in restaurants and waiting areas in terminals that served buses crossing state lines, terminals in the South continued to segregate.

I don't think any of us can truly appreciate or fully identify with the struggle of African Americans. Much racial bigotry still exists. Having lived in the South for almost twenty years I was appalled by some members of my congregations who still used racial epithets to describe African Americans. On a recent visit to North Carolina I met a woman at a dinner party who asked me if it felt *"strange (to me) that the White House was occupied by African Americans?"*

It is the sinful side of our human nature that seduces us into indulging in bigotry and prejudice. I am reminded by the Apostle Paul that for Christians *"there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female (and if Paul were alive today I believe he'd add, "black nor white, Republican nor Democrat, Liberal nor Conservative, Gay nor Not-Gay"), for we are all one in Christ Jesus."* (Galatians 3:27-28)

The Church in years past supported slavery, viewed women as second class citizens, and challenged the ideal of civil rights for all. We are at a place in our living of the Gospel where we can continue to divide over political and theological turf or we can lay aside our prejudice and live by the only indicator that Jesus said would mark us as believers: *"all will know you are my disciples if you have love for one another."* (John 13:35)

Bill

Sunday Lectionary

- 3** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; *Psalm 45:1-17* or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 10** Genesis 25:19-34; *Psalm 119:105-112*; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 17** Genesis 28:10-19a; *Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- 24** Genesis 29:15-28; *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b* or *Psalm 128*; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
- 31** Genesis 32:22-31; *Psalm 17:1-7, 15*; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 4:13-21

Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Activity
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4	Monday		Happy Birthday, America!
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12	Tuesday	11:00 am	Communion at Fairhaven (Cox Rom)
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Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship



Communion Servers:

July 3rd (Intinction):

Connie Robinson, Sharon Pappas,
 Kathy Russ, Barbara Nickell

Assisting on Sundays	3	10	17	24	31
Children's Activity	Deb Sperling	Heather Grimsley	Joy Barwick	Connie Robinson	Jessica Lane
Nursery	Sandy Newsome	Heather Grimsley	Fran & Anna Pobletts	Barbara Nickell	
Fellowship Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Deb & Charlie Sperling	Jessica & Andrea Lane Stephanie Bunting	Aleisha Manyette Connie Robinson	Martha Streaker Joy Barwick	Don & Belle Vasbinder
Lay Leader Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Barbara Cornell	Ruth Ann Kegel	Kathy Russ	Tony Caviglia	Mark Stinson
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	Carl Anderson	Sandy Newsome	Jennifer Wise	Barbara Cornell	John Freas
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	John Freas Bob Rogers	Mark & Karen Stinson	Steve & Donna Mazer	Connie & Kelsey Robinson	Don Vasbinder Charlie Sperling

Sunday Lectionary

Special Events

- 7** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
 Romans 10:5-15;
 Matthew 14:22-33
- 14** Genesis 45:1-15; *Psalm 133*;
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
 Matthew 15:(1-20)21-28;
- 21** Exodus 1:8—2:10; *Psalm 124*;
 Romans 12:1-8; Matthew
 16:13-20
- 28** Exodus 3:1-15;
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;
 Romans 12:9-21;
 Matthew 16:21-28

Date	Day	Time	Activity
14	Sunday	11:00 am 3:00 pm	Planning Meeting Community Concert: Carroll County Ramblers

Weekly at Springfield

Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
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Communion Servers:

August 7th (Intinction):
 Fran Pobletts, Joy Barwick,
 Linda Caviglia, Tony Caviglia

Assisting on Sundays	7	14	21	28
Children's Activity	Beth Oates	Heather Grimsley	Deb Sperling	Joy Barwick
Nursery:	Beth Oates	Linda Caviglia	Maxine Saylor	Kay Freas
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	Alex McClung	Tim Oates	Linda Black	Karen Stinson
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	Mark Stinson	Kay Freas	Ron Holmes	Bob Rogers
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Ed & Sandy Newsome	Tim & Robert Doyle	Phil & Patty Salmon	Duke Harrison Bob Rogers



Springfield's Elders

In June, we ordained and installed our new elders, Susan Burns and Phil Salmon, to their positions on Session. They have accepted this leadership position in humility and openness to the work of the Spirit. We hold all of our session members in our prayers as they seek wisdom and guidance for the road ahead.

Those rotating off Session this year are Linda Caviglia, Barbara Cornell and Alex McClung. The last three years have been full of challenges met in faith, hard work and commitment. We thank Linda for our consistent, spirit-filled worship services and always inspiring music. Barbara Cornell organized our many times of fellowship and led our pastoral care group. Alex reminds us Stewardship is about our choices and way of life, everyday, not just about the money once a year. We greatly appreciate their willingness to serve formally on Session, and trust we will continue to receive the bounty from their talents.

Proposed New Kitchen Project

During the past 11 years or so, with the support of Springfield Church's friends and members, we completed outside and interior church repairs in 1999, added much needed air conditioning in 2006, repaired and modernized the Fellowship room in '07, and rebuilt the crumbling front granite steps in 2009. In between these times, we replaced all or most of the ceilings in the Education Wing along with a new roof, and redirected the drainage system outside of the Education Wing to alleviate a serious water problem in the lower classrooms.



Members Of The Session

Class of 2012

Tim Doyle
Jennifer Wise
Phil Salmon

Class of 2013

Carl Anderson
Tim Oates

Class of 2014

Susan Burns

Sharon Pappas,
Clerk of Session

The final phase for updating our historic church is in the planning stages. The Session approved a request of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to pursue a necessary remodeling of the outdated and outmoded church kitchen. To that end, we are interviewing contractors and securing bids to begin the remodeling. When a contractor is selected, we will seek the final approval of the Session to move ahead with fundraising and remodeling. If possible, we'd like to start the work in the summertime when the Day Care is not so full of children. In any case, we will keep you informed and will seek your support at that time. *Carl Anderson, Chair B&Gs.*



Recognition of volunteers

June brings the culmination of another wonderful year planned by our Christian Education committee and we install new elders. It is also Pentecost and we give thanks for the gift of the Spirit making it a perfect time to acknowledge some invaluable volunteers: **Kari Anderson** for keeping track of our offerings and donations, preparing our annual statements and working with our secretary to be sure our bills are paid; **Linda Caviglia** for her work with the children’s choirs, their musical, and the concert series; **Tony Caviglia** carefully keeps track of the big picture of our finances, constructs props for musicals, and answers our technology questions; **John and Kay Freas** for always being there to oversee a renovation project, tend to our pastoral needs, or clean up some swarming termites; **Aleisha Manyette**, our day care liaison, working to ensure we provide a safe environment and a good working relationship with Stepping Stones. Her big project now is a rewrite and update of our almost 20 year old lease; **James Manyette** for chairing our Designated Pastoral Nominating Committee. The Church Information Form has been submitted and they now wait to receive Pastor Information Forms; **Sandy Newsome** our band mom and organizer for Red Sea Parting; **Maxine Saylor** for keeping our website current through all the changes, presenting our face of community and purpose; **Jennifer Wise** for her leadership in directing our Red Sea Parting band and providing extra music .



Feed the Bin!

There are many more hands working with these volunteers making Springfield possible. We are truly thankful every day for the

One Short Sermon

The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.

— Ralph Sockman

Session Committees:

Building and Grounds—Carl Anderson and Tim Doyle
 Christian Education—Susan Burns
 Congregational Care—Barbara Cornell, inactive
 Finance—Tony Caviglia, inactive
 Mission/Outreach—Jennifer Wise
 Nominating—Open
 Personnel—Tim Oates
 Ruth Gosnell Education Fund—Tim Doyle
 Springfield Cemetery Board—Esther Read-Doyle, inactive
 Stewardship—team of Linda Caviglia, Kay Freas, Sandy Newsome, Alex McClung, all inactive
 Worship—Phil Salmon
 Clerk—Sharon Pappas, inactive

*Our Music
Ministry*

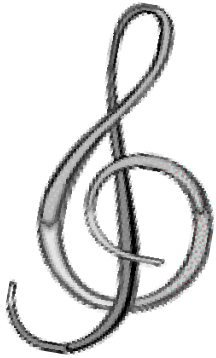


Since you won't see another church newsletter before the adult choir starts practicing again... I'm going to go ahead and give you all a schedule for the fall choir start dates!

<u>Group</u>	<u>First Rehearsal</u>	<u>Time</u>
*Adult Choir	Wednesday, September 7 th	6:30 – 9:00 pm
Presbyterones Bell Choir	Wednesday, Sept. 14 th	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Children's Choirs	Wednesday, Sept. 14 th	4:45 – 6:00 pm
	SonShine Singers	4:45 – 5:30 pm
	Joyful Noise	5:30 - 6:00 pm

*Starting the next Wednesday – September 14th, the choir will go to our normal rehearsal time of 7:45 – 9:00 PM.

As always, I hope you will all consider being a part of the music program at Springfield. (I will describe the groups in the following paragraphs.) If you're interested in joining one of our groups, please let me know and I can answer any questions you might have.



Children's Choirs (ages 4 years – Middle School or High School)

Joyful Noise Choir is comprised of kids from 4 years old - 3rd grade, and the SonShine Singers, are kids from 4th grade through middle school. (High school kids may be in this group if they like, but I would welcome them to the Adult choir if that works better for them.)



Presbyterones Bell Choir (intergenerational – 4th grade and up)

This group meets from 6:30 – 7:30 PM every Wednesday night. Traditionally we play during the regular church service in the fall, on Christmas Eve, a joint event with Oaklands Presbyterian in the spring sometime, Palm Sunday, then again sometime in May. We occasionally attend a festival in the fall or spring. Please consider joining us... we are definitely one ringer short for the fall.



Adult Choir (High School age and up)

The adult choir rehearses from 7:45 – 9:00 every Wednesday night. We could really use a few more singers in our adult choir and hope some of you will consider giving the group a try! We have men and women in the choir, and have been singing 2 and 3 part music lately due to our reduced numbers. If we get a bigger group, we can do some SAB and SATB music. Don't feel that you have to be a great singer or music reader to be part of this group... we are very friendly and will be happy to have you if you are interested in joining us... NO TRYOUTS REQUIRED!!

Concert Series News—Ramble on over



Our June concert with the Eric Byrd Trio was a real joy! If you came to the concert with any stress, I bet you left feeling much better. The jazz was beautiful and relaxing with really amazing piano, bass and drum playing. Eric Byrd was a wonderful entertainer with funny stories to tell as well. We'll try to have them come back again sometime. In the meantime, if you have the chance to see them in some other venue, don't pass it up.

Our next concert will start our new year. This will be the 4th year of our bimonthly concert series. On August 14th at 3:00 pm we will welcome the Carroll County Ramblers back to our stage. They were with us a couple of years ago and did a great show. We're looking forward to hearing them again this year! Below is a little bit about the group.

The **Carroll County Ramblers** have won the reputation of being one of the finer bluegrass groups in the industry. Hit songs such as "Story of The Ransom Wreck", "Country Roads" and "Grandma's Sewing Machine" have made them a favorite with festival, fair and concert audiences across the country. Their showmanship, tight vocal harmonies and down-home stage presence have led to various radio and T.V. appearances.

The Ramblers have also appeared at prestigious venues like The Kennedy Center, The Lincoln Center and The Wheeling Jamboree. Since their founding, the band has traveled many miles to entertain enthusiasts of traditional bluegrass music, never sacrificing their high ideals of producing the highest quality performances possible.

www.ccrampblers.com



Ballard Bunting Boutique

Congratulations to Julie, Stephanie and the family on their 5 years of business in Westminster. Julie and Stephanie want to thank everyone who has been a part of the success of Ballard Bunting Boutique.

SPRINGFIELD WOMEN TO SEEK "HELP"

The women of the church used our May get-together to discuss Kathryn Stockett's book "The Help", a story about a young woman in 1960s Jackson, Mississippi, realizing and reacting to the racism around her. The book has now been produced as a movie with an exceptional cast. We plan to attend the movie as a group sometime in late August.

Watch for an announcement in the bulletin or at church, and by email about the date, time and place. Hope to see you there! -- Barbara Cornell



Christian
Education

Sunday School Kick-Off including a Pot Luck Breakfast September 11, 9:00am

Save the date! We will kick off the first day of Sunday School on September 11 at 9:00am. First we will enjoy a delicious Pot Luck Breakfast. Bring your favorite pastries, casseroles, fruit to share. During breakfast we will present Bibles to the teenagers. Afterwards, we will proceed to our Sunday School classes for lessons and fun. **Youth, please plan on arriving at 8:30am to help set up. Thanks!!**



Vacation Bible School Success

With 24 eager children showing up on the first day, our Pandamania was a huge success. Many thanks to our coordinators: Connie Robinson, Charlie & Deb Sperling, and Beth Oates. They had many volunteer helpers — both adult and youth and they are all appreciated. Music this year was provided by our good friend, Rick Hill.

Mission /
Outreach

Soles for Souls Update

Our collection box and the manse hallway are overflowing with shoes! We'll update you later on how many pairs were collected. For now, we can tell you it was a big success and we appreciate everyone who donated to this cause.



River Road Clean Up Thank You

Thanks to Jennifer and Laura Wise, Tony Caviglia, Julie Ballard, Jessie and Andrea Lane and Natalie Halvorson for helping with the River Road Clean Up. We had some great fellowship and the road looks great!





July

- 1 Troy Baker
- 3 Summer Carbaugh
- 5 Bud Kegel
- 8 Tony Caviglia
- 8 Sharon Pappas
- 13 Lauren Holmes
- 15 Joshua Newsome
- 20 Larry Grimsley
- 20 Karen Stinson
- 21 Ross Anderson
- 26 Stephanie Izaguirre
- 31 Tim Doyle

August

- 9 Patrick Robinson
- 11 Peter Cornell
- 14 Sandy Newsome
- 15 Jennifer Wise
- 16 Kari Anderson
- 18 Andy Anderson
- 18 Sophie Manette
- 19 Marion Garrison
- 19 Madelyn McClung
- 23 Robert Doyle
- 25 Olivia Manette
- 27 Emma LaBrosse
- 27 Aaron Wise
- 28 Katie Grimsley
- 28 Bob Rogers
- 31 Bridget Doyle



July

- 5 Sue & Ron Holmes
- 11 Shannon & Chad Stewart

August

- 16 Connie and Craig Robinson

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
- † David Seamon, (brother of Jennifer Wise), family concerns
- † Kelly Fields, (friend of Connie Robinson), salivatory gland cancer
- † Ron Holmes, continuing radiation and chemotherapy
- † Tom Adam, friend of Mary Rhodes, health concerns (brain mass)
- † The people affected by the disasters in and around Japan
- † Gerri Fierro, friend of Mary Rhodes, breast cancer
- † Sara Noyes, health concerns
- † Theresa DeAngelis, friend of Kay Freas, mental health concerns
- † Sue Gubernatis, Carroll Lutheran Village, broken foot/rehab
- † The people in the areas affected by tornados
- † Bob Higgs, Ann Lawson's co-worker's husband, brain cancer
- † Mike Stinson, Mark Stinson's dad, multiple fractures of his spine
- † Jan Vest, Connie Robinson's mother, stroke
- † Ethel Warfield, health concerns
- † Family of Ella Streaker, Ruth Ann Kegel's mother, who passed away June 20th.

OUR THANKSGIVINGS

- Over \$650 collected for One Great Hour of Sharing special offering
- Over \$200 collected for the Pentecost special offering
- The middle school Sunday school class collected over \$60 in 'spare change' for St Jude Children's Hospital.

SPECIAL THANKS

- ◆ Ed Newsome for 'maintenance' on the office computers
- ◆ Jim Rhodes and John Freas for their work on kitchen renovation
- ◆ Aleisha Manette for guiding the rewrite/update of our lease with Stepping Stones
- ◆ Teachers and volunteers for another inspired year

Pet Ministry: If you or someone you know has a sick pet, or a pet that passed away, please call Ann Lawson at 410-795-9169 or email her at slicklawson@comcast.net for prayers and



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

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