

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 - October 2011

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*Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.*
John 4:23



The deadline for the November newsletter is **October 16th**. Please send your contributions to the church office.



Springfield Celebrates 175th Anniversary

October 9, 2011

10:15 am Worship service beginning with hymn sing, special music, historic re-enactment

11:30 am Old Fashioned Picnic and Pie Social, games with prizes

11:30am – 3:00 pm Historic displays of photos, scrapbooks in sanctuary and large classroom

1:00 pm Springfield Cemetery Tour and stories of our founding mothers and fathers

3:00 pm Concert by 4Ever Erin in our Community Concert Series, light refreshments follow

In planning our day, the committee took a look at all our old documents and the times to chose highlights we believe you will find interesting.

Check our Website for more details www.springfield-church.org

Our Church Community

Session Notes

1. Approved budget for 175th Anniversary celebration. See article for more information.
2. Blessings of the Pets, October 16 at 1:00 pm on the lawn; rain date November 6.
3. Guest minister, Rev. Robert Manda from Malawi, to be here with Rev. Johnston on October 30.
4. New two-year lease with Stepping Stones has been signed. Aleisha Manyette is our liaison.
5. Designated Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting with candidates.
6. River Road clean-up October 16. See Mission Committee information inside.
7. Stewardship Sunday is November 20. See article for committee plans.
8. Healthy Boundaries workshop October 6; Personnel chair Tim Oates attending.
9. Adult class meeting first and third Sundays in the library to study 1 John. Rev. Johnston leads the class.
10. Elected Phil Salmon our commissioner to the September Presbytery meeting at Woods Memorial in Severna Park.

There is much happening at Springfield. Check all the articles inside so you don't miss anything.

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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,
Designated 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.

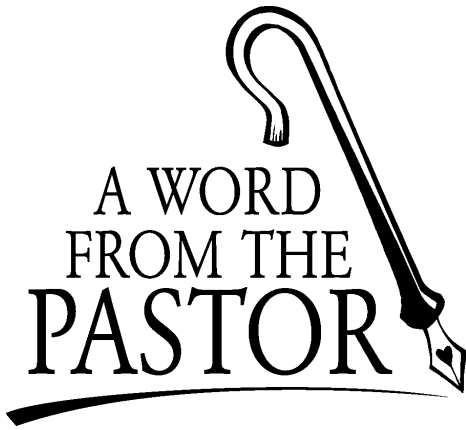
Mark Stinson, Editor

“A Virtual-World Congregation”

[taken from *Presbyterians Today* July/August 2011 issue]

A different kind of church experience: 1st Presbyterian Church of Second Life (1pcsl) was formed several years ago by a group of Presbyterians who wanted to meet and share their faith online. They are Presbyterians but not an organized congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

They have a prayer service based on the Book of Common Worship, Taize-inspired worship, perhaps planning something special for a Lenten service. Many worship services are duplicates of traditional offline services. This group becomes, for the members, their small group and very real relationships develop. Most at 1PCSL believe a congregation should be incarnate in forms appropriate to its environment and are exploring what that means in this virtual world and stream music or videos, and present scripture in a variety of ways. They have not yet celebrated the sacraments, but are exploring the idea. If a member must travel, they just take their laptop and never miss a service. To learn more: www.1pcsl.org; www.secondlife.com.



Crazy Economics 101

Since 2008 we have endured an economic crisis of frightening proportions. There's plenty of blame gaming in political circles and people running for elected office make lots of hay on the duration of the U.S. financial crisis. In the long run it matters little on which side of the political divide you rest your bones. The point is that many have suffered as a result of ongoing unemployment, loss of pension benefits and reduced possibilities in the workplace. Of course we are not the only ones affected. All over the world people feel the pinch though there's always some irony in these things. Upper middle class folks seem to have suffered little. The lines at Costco and Sam's Club haven't diminished as far as I can tell. Whenever we eat out the restaurants are full. The lines at fast food joints don't seem shorter to me.

As followers of Christ we have some counter intuitive 'instructions' when it comes to the use of our time, talents and money. Have a look at the following texts:

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything , you may share abundantly in every good work.(2nd Corinthians 9:8)

“Bring the full tithe in the storehouse so that there may be food in My house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down an overflowing blessing.” (Malachi 3:10)

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything , you may share abundantly in every good work.” (2nd Corinthians 9:6-8)

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither rust or moth consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where you treasure is there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

The tendency in these times is to hold on tight to what we have. It may seem 'crazy' to be giving anything. But the above texts provide guidance for those of us who care about furthering the work of God in the world. I encourage you to take seriously the biblical data as you consider your part in this work.

Bill

Sunday Lectionary

- 2** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;
Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46
- 9** Exodus 32:1-14;
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9;
Matthew 22:1-14
- 16** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22: 15-22
- 23** Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46
- 30** Joshua 3:7-17;
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;
Matthew 23:1-12

Communion Servers: (October 2nd):

Sue Holmes, Sharon Pappas, Don Vasbinder, Barbara Nickell, Charlie Sperling



Special Events

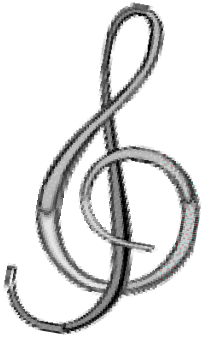
Date	Day	Time	Activity
2	Sunday	11:45 am	Red Sea Parting (Carbaugh)
9	Sunday	11:30 am 3:00 pm	175th Anniversary Celebration/Picnic Community Concert
10	Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Manse)
11	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Women's Group/ESCAPE Lunches
16	Sunday	11:45 am 1:00 pm	Red Sea Parting (Vasbinder/Izaguirre) Blessing of the Pets
23	Sunday	9:15 am	Family Service
30	Sunday	10:30 am 6-8 pm	All Saints Day Service Youth Group Fall Party

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

Assisting on Sundays	2	9	16	23	30
Children's Activity	Joy Barwick	Jessica Lane	Connie Robinson	Deb Sperling	Heather Grimsley
Fellowship Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Martha Streaker Joy Barwick	Kari Anderson Sue Holmes	Karen Stinson Fran Pobletts	Linda Caviglia Susan Burns	Barbara Cornell Maxine Saylor
Lay Leader Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Barbara Cornell	Don Smith	Kathy Russ	Tony Caviglia	Rev. Bill Johnston
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	John Freas	Ron Holmes		Jennifer Wise	Kay Freas
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Steve & Donna Mazer	Connie & Kelsey Robinson	Don Vasbinder Charlie Sperling	Tim Doyle Phil Salmon	Duke Harrison Bob Rogers

Our Music Ministry



Our choir year is off to a great start! The **Joyful Noise** and **SonShine Singers** are happily learning some new songs, and having fun playing singing games, and learning about music. I hope if there are any children in the congregation not already involved, who might enjoy our Wednesday gatherings you'll come and join us!

The Joyful Noise choir includes 4 year olds up to 3rd graders and meets from 5:30 – 6:00 every Wednesday, and the SonShine Singers includes 4th graders through middle or high school. This group gathers at 4:45 and has activities until 5:30. Both groups sing approximately once a month in our Sunday worship services. We generally end our choir year with a musical in May.

The **Presbytones** bell choir is also learning some new music... we are sorry to say goodbye this year to **Amy Vabinder** who's taking a break from bells. But we are very happy to welcome **Sarah Lantz** back! The bells will be a part of our worship service on November 13th.

The **Adult Choir** is happy to be back and singing for our Sunday services... as I've said many times, there's always room for more singers, so if you have any interest in joining us, please feel free to come on Wednesday night from 7:45 – 9:00 pm. We're *very* happy to welcome **Ron and Sue Holmes** back to the choir after a difficult medical year ... it just wasn't the same without them.



Concert Series—4Ever Erin

We are gearing up for a very special celebration of Springfield Presbyterian's 175th anniversary. The special events will take place on October 9th, and culminate with our previously scheduled concert at 3:00 pm. This month's concert will be presented by 4Ever Erin.

4Ever Erin is a play on the words of the Gaelic expression "Erin Go Braugh" which translates as "Ireland Forever"! The group plays a wide mix of music including folk, folk-rock, Celtic & traditional Irish songs, bluegrass, rock, oldies, country & blues! So whatever your appetite, this group will have something for you. We will, as usual take up a free-will offering, and have a reception following the concert. Hope to see you all there.



Christian Education

Sunday School Kick-Off a Success!

Thank you to all who helped make the Sunday School Kick-Off a big hit! It was great getting back together after the summer break. During the delicious breakfast, the sixth grade students were presented with Bibles from the congregation. Thanks again to all of the teachers and assistants who are sharing God's word with their students this year.



Blessing of the Pets Service

We will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets service on Sunday, October 16th at 1:00 PM— in honor of the October 4th Feast day for St. Francis.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an Ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

Sunday School Calendar For October

October 2 - Sunday School 9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

October 9 - Early Service (9:15am) with Sunday School afterwards

October 16 - Sunday School 9:15am; Band SS 11:45am

October 23— Early Service featuring the Band at 9:15 (no SS)

This service will be an outdoor event where members of Springfield church and members of the community are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing.

Each pet in attendance will be blessed and their owner given a certificate of blessing, to commemorate this special day.

If the weather does not cooperate for an outdoor service on the 16th, we will hold the blessing service on Sunday, November 6th at 1:00.

Date: October 16, 2011

(Rain Date: November 6, 2011)

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: The lawn of the Church

Come join us!

One Sentence Sermon

It is useless to pray for more knowledge, power or faith until you begin to use what you already.

— Henry Bucklew

Mission /
Outreach

**Mark Your Calendar
For Mission News**

- ◆ **Oct. 2**—Peacemaking Offering
- ◆ **Oct. 16**—River Road Clean-up
- ◆ **Nov.**—Neighbors in Need
- ◆ **Dec. 4 & 11**—SERRV Sale Christmas Shopping!

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Women's Circle



ESCAPE LUNCHES
October 11 at 7 pm-Manse

Shepherd's Staff Back to School Program = Success!

A big “thank you” to all who brought school supplies for the Shepherd’s Staff Back to School drive! Despite the short notice, we had a great response, and your contributions made a big impact on Carroll’s needy kids as they started the 2011-2012 school year. Thank you again, and thank you to Julie Ballard for delivering our big box to the folks at Shepherd’s Staff!

Blessings Building (count them one by one!)

We had a wonderfully successful response to refill the Blessings closet’s empty shelves! Your contributions of dish soap, sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning products will help tide over the Blessing closet in their time of need. Julie had trouble fitting everything into her car! Thank you very much for your generosity!!

Peacemaking Offering – October 2

Did you know that the Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the PCUSA’s commitment to peacemaking as part of demonstrating our faithfulness to God? It’s one of the four special offerings we take every year. Congregations may retain up to 25% of the offering to use for local peacemaking efforts. Brenda McClung is our lead this year, and has proposed partnering with “Common Ground on the Hill” – either to bring a seminar to the church or to make a contribution to that organization’s peacemaking efforts. Envelopes will be in the pews 25 September and 2 October. Please give generously!

River Road clean-up is October 16 – Take Note!

Our next clean-up day at River Road is Sunday, October 16. We’ll give everyone time to run home, grab a bite to eat, change into your “grubs”, and meet back at church by 1pm. We’ll then trek down to River Road for a couple of hours of hard work and fun fellowship. Youth can earn service hours for this project – we’ll have the forms on hand! Andrea Lane will be putting out a sign-up sheet by September 25. The more hands we have, the faster we’ll get done, so please sign up!

Thanksgiving – Neighbors in Need

Kari Anderson is working with Neighbors in Need to plan our collection for the Thanksgiving season. Neighbors in Need is an organization that identifies families in Carroll County that need assistance in meeting basic needs. 100% of our contributions goes to these families. Watch for more information in the bulletin!

Stepping Stones Lease Renewal



Our lease with Stepping Stones has been signed – finally! We now have a 2 year agreement with Nancy Deifenbach, owner. We have asked her to now be responsible for 90% of the maintenance of the spaces she leases from us. We have also asked her to make several changes to accommodate our needs on Sundays. These changes will be made in the coming months so if you see something that you think needs to be addressed please let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of a few new things to keep in mind:

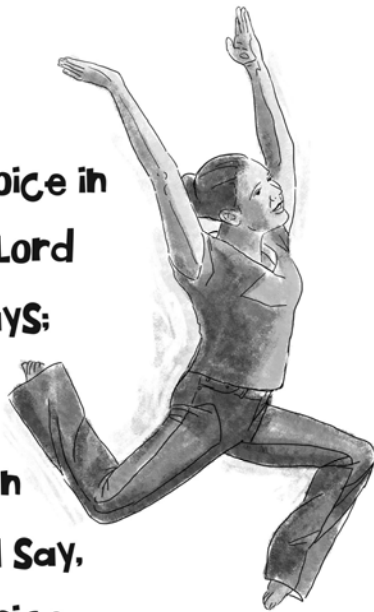
- ALL concerns/issues must go through the Liaison, Aleisha Manyette. Please do not speak to Nancy or her staff about issues in her leased spaces. In the new lease it is stated that the Liaison will be the “go to” person for anything concerning Stepping Stones. Anything aside from this is considered a breach of the contract. If Aleisha is unavailable you can speak with Carl Anderson, Building & Grounds Chair, 410-549-0410.
- Because we now share the responsibility of the Fellowship Room we need to make sure we are cleaning it very well after Fellowship on Sunday and anytime we use the room. People who provide Fellowship will also need to check all the trash cans in ALL bathrooms and classrooms to make sure they have been emptied.
- Since there has been new carpeting put in the classrooms we need to be very cautious about keeping it clean during Sunday School. Please make sure all surfaces are covered for craft time and any mess needs to be cleaned after class.



**Rejoice in
the Lord
always;**

**again
I will say,
Rejoice.**

Philippians 4:4, NRSV



We really want this relationship with Nancy to work so we need to hold up our end of the bargain and take the time to make sure the classrooms are neat when we leave.

Thanks, *Aleisha Manyette*



Youth Group – Fall Party Sunday, October 30th 6-8pm

How about a game/party night ???? Are you up for it ???? The night before Halloween !!!! Come prepared for some fun games and activities. Wear a costume if you want and bring a goodie or snack to share. Contact: Chas/Debbie Sperling—410-549-3718

SERRV News

What is SERRV? SERRV is a not profit fair trade and development organization. It's mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides. Conveniently located in New Windsor, the retail store is full of unique, handcrafted items for your home, stunning jewelry, and many gift ideas. The short drive to New Windsor will be beautiful in the next few weeks as the foliage begins to turn. The holiday 'basement' sale begins November 22nd with an amazing 40—60% many items. Plan an early trip for the most amazing shopping experience!

Christmas Shopping at the SERRV Sale – December 4 and 11

Last year's SERRV sale was such a great success that we've decided to do it again this year! Kari, Julie, and Jennifer have selected items from the SERRV catalog and Kari has ordered them. We'll have them available for purchase during the Advent Craft Fair on December 4 and after church on December 11 – plan to do your Christmas shopping! All the proceeds go back to SERRV, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating poverty wherever it is. Every handcraft you purchase helps artisans and their families build better lives. See you at



**Be a faithful
servant!**

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

It's coming, † STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY † a necessary fact of life in every church's calendar! The annual Stewardship pledges provide the foundation for our ongoing church ministry. Without an idea of the financial promises given each year to support the church, it is difficult to plan for next year's expenses. November 20 will be our annual Stewardship dedication day. Remember, we are anticipating a new minister coming soon, which could possibly create new financial challenges. Linda Caviglia and Kay Freas along with Rev. Bill are working as a team to make this endeavor a success. You will receive a letter and a Dedication Form in late October. We hope you will prayerfully consider completing a pledge and participating in our November 20 service. A celebratory luncheon is planned afterwards .



Reminder – Per Capita Apportionment

At this last quarter of 2011, only **53%** of our 117 members have contributed their share to the annual Per Capita apportionment. As you know, each active member, **both adult and confirmed youth member**, are apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The **\$31.50 per member** apportionment for those who haven't paid has to be paid from our church budget!

If you have not contributed yet, please consider paying this amount before the end of the year. An envelope is in the front of your envelope box, or you can just drop a check in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail it directly to the Church office. The Session sincerely appreciates the Per Capita contributions already made for this apportionment.



Feed the Bin!

ABITIBI (that means the paper bin!)

We seem to be doing pretty well with filling up the paper bin – thank you and keep up the good work! Just so you're aware, the money that the church receives from the Abitibi company goes to the **ESCAPE** ministry, which benefits the needy folks here in South Carroll.

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



Kitchen Remodeling

The work is done and everyone loves the look of the new kitchen!. Thanks to all the generous contributors who made this project a huge success. Because without all the gifts, great and small, the kitchen would still be exhibiting its 1970's décor! Make sure you stop in to see the great transformation!



October

- 1 Elwood LaBrosse
- 1 Evan Stinson
- 1 Ethel Warfield
- 2 Mary Pobletts
- 6 Mary Rhodes
- 8 James Manyette
- 11 Frank LePage
- 12 Richard Lawson
- 13 Joy Barwick
- 13 Ron Holmes
- 15 Jessica Lane
- 17 Beth Oates
- 19 Martha Streaker
- 20 John Freas
- 21 John Bunting
- 21 Darrell Mattheis
- 22 Ed Newsome
- 23 Connie Robinson
- 27 Amy Izaguirre
- 27 Peggy Robbins
- 31 Aleisha Manyette

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

October

- 15 Jim & Barbara Nickell
- 18 Jim & Mary Rhodes
- 22 John & Kay Freas
- 24 Phil & Patty Salmon



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 support.

Our Joys and Concerns

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

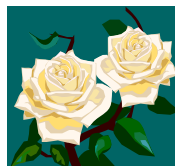
- ✠ Sandy Newsome's continuing recovery from a kidney transplant
- ✠ Dianne Griffith, (Karen Stinson's sister), serious medical issues
- ✠ Jimmy Reed, (Georgia Hodges' nephew), health concerns
- ✠ Lea Vest, (Connie Robinson's niece), health concerns
- ✠ Kelsey Robinson, health concerns
- ✠ Alex Bankard, health concerns
- ✠ David Seamon, (brother of Jennifer Wise), family concerns
- ✠ Kelly Fields, (friend of Connie Robinson), salivatory gland cancer
- ✠ Sara Noyes, health concerns
- ✠ Ethel Warfield, health concerns
- ✠ Juliana Carver, 9 year old friend of Julie Ballard, second bout with cancer
- ✠ Joe Hahn, friend of Sue Holmes, serious illness
- ✠ Brenda Fogerty, friend of Jennifer Wise, cancer
- ✠ James Nickell, Sr., Barbara Nickell's father-in-law, health concerns
- ✠ Jim Williams, Barbara Nickell's brother-in-law, pancreatic cancer
- ✠ Nettie Owens, Belle Vasbinder's daughter, health concerns
- ✠ Emma & Elwood LaBrosse, recuperating at Fairhaven, Rm. 212

OUR THANKSGIVINGS

- Sandy's successful kidney transplant on September 20
- The random stranger who donated a kidney to Sandy Newsome
- Ed Newsome for generously donated a kidney to a stranger

SPECIAL THANKS

- Sue Gubernatis, home recovering from broken foot/rehab
- The Rhodes & Freas' - arranging supplies in new kitchen
- Martha Streaker for gorgeous fresh flowers from her garden
- Patty Salmon for beautiful summer flower arrangement



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

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OUR VISION

*Springfield Presbyterian Church
is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ,
led by the Holy Spirit,
and called to loving relationships
through vibrant worship and service.
Valuing all people,
we are committed to developing
disciples and fostering stewardship.*

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