

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 - September 2011

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Beginning Sunday, September 11,
Sunday School begins at 9:30
a.m.. Our worship service time
changes back to 10:30 followed
by Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. See
you there!



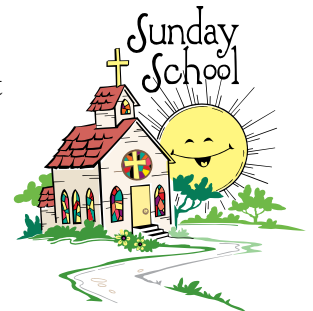
The deadline for the October
newsletter is **September 18th**.
Please send your contributions to
the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

September 11th, 9:00am

Pot Luck Breakfast

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, and fruit to share. Afterwards, we
will proceed to our Sunday School classes for
lessons and fun.



There will be classes for everyone: Toddler, Primary, Elementary,
Middle School, High School, and Adult (see page 6 for details).



Special Request: Youth Group members are asked to arrive
at 8:30am to help set up for the breakfast. Thanks!!

Our Church Community



We are celebrating 175 years of worship, fellowship and service at Springfield Presbyterian Church!

Save the Date: *October 9th beginning at 10:30am*****

Join us for a special worship service, a look back at our founding and some old fashioned fun!

We'll enjoy a pot luck picnic, pie social, games, music, historical displays, youth skit, and cemetery tours, concluding with a concert in the sanctuary at 3pm by 4Ever Erin.

Hope to see you there!

Concert Series – What's Next? October 9 at 3:00 p.m.!

The concert committee is very pleased to be able to be a special part of Springfield Presbyterian's 175th Anniversary celebration. The concert will be a culmination of the day's special events so we hope you'll put it on your calendar now!

On Sunday, October 9th at 3:00 pm (following a special worship service and picnic with other special activities) we will host 4Ever Erin.

4Ever Erin is a play on the words of the Gaelic expression "Erin Go Braugh" which translates as "Ireland Forever"! (often heard around St. Patrick's Day and in Irish pubs).. 4Ever Erin is a main course of folk thru folk-rock music, Celtic and traditional Irish songs with large helpings of bluegrass, rock & oldies, country, a side of blues and a spice of variety if you like.. Can be served either acoustic and/or electric.. tasty covers and originals..



The group is based out of Elkton, Maryland and consists of Dorothy Sherman on vocals, flute, occasional bass; Suzanne Ludwig on violin, percussion and vocals; Ed Buckley plays bass; Scott Davidson does percussion; Davy Shannon is on guitar, vocals and also can play bass.. and newcomer Leilani Wall plays guitar, sings and has played bass.. Occasional guest musicians have included Zane Campbell, nephew of bluegrass legend Ola Belle Reed.. www.4evererin.com The performance will be followed by more food and fellowship... so plan on having a full and fun day Sunday, October 9th!

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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

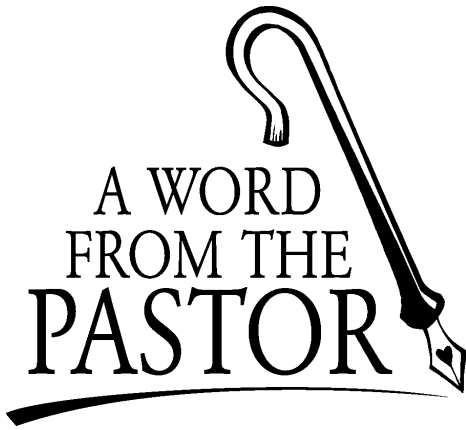
Sandy Newsome, Secretary

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



The good news is that the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee has received three candidates from the Commission on Ministry who looked through 50-plus Pastor Information



**2001– 2011
We Remember**

Down The Home Stretch.....

It must feel like a long time to most of you since an installed pastor has come to hang his or her hat at Springfield Church. I have been here for almost one year and the time seems to have flown by. I was 'prepped' before I got here about the incidents with your last installed pastor and without laying 'blame' I figured that you all would be walking with a limp. My impression after 11 months (with time off in Florida) is that the limp I expected never materialized. Your strength, commitment and overall good will have been inspiring.

The good news is that the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee has received three candidates from the Commission on Ministry who looked through 50-plus Pastor Information Forms (PIFs)... folks who submitted their resumes with interest in the job...and decided that the three we received were appropriate candidates for the position. The Nominating committee is already in the process of reading these PIFs and following up with phone calls, reviewing sermon CDs or DVDs and looking toward interviews. We also have access to other candidates should we need them.

So, it is beginning to feel like we're in the proverbial home stretch. You should be encouraged that there are very good candidates who have interest. It is a good time to be looking for a pastor; there are more candidates than jobs.

Let me encourage you to be about a few things in these 'home stretch' months. Following are some of the things a serious pastoral candidate will be looking at in considering a Springfield call:

- 1.) The condition of your physical plant indicates how much you care about the way you appear to the community and potential new members.
- 2.) Your engagement in mission challenges, both local and beyond, indicates an interest in reaching beyond yourselves.
- 3.) Your attendance at worship and church activities and especially Sunday morning worship figures. The numbers indicate to a pastor how serious folks are about their commitment to corporate gathering. It is a kind of spiritual barometer.
- 4.) Your willingness to give of your time and talents and especially how well folks are giving to the budget. Lack of funding indicates negative possibilities for growth and expansion along with the level of commitment you all feel for Springfield Church.

For a small church Springfield has great energy. You have a very encouraging mix of ages. Lots of young and middle-aged families along with a wonderful contingent of elder folks who are faithful. You have the potential to attract a skilled and motivated pastor and you can believe that he or she is on the way!

Sunday Lectionary

- 4** Exodus 12:1-14; *Psalm 149*;
Romans 13:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-20
- 11** Exodus 14:19-31; *Psalm 114*
or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Romans 14:1-12;
Matthew 18:21-35
- 18** Exodus 16:2-15;
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philemon 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16
- 25** Exodus 17:1-7;
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philemon 2:1-13;
Matthew 21:23-32



Communion Servers: (September 4th):

Beth Oates, Kay Freas,
Don Vasbinder, Mark Kearney,
Bob Rogers

Special Events

Date	Day	Time	Activity
7	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Adult Choir begins
11	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday school Kick Off Pot luck
12	Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Manse)
13	Tuesday	11:00 am 6:45 pm	Fairhaven Communion (Cox Rm) RGEF (Manse)
14	Wednesday	4:45 pm 6:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesdays begins Bell Choir begins
18	Sunday	11:45 am	Red Sea Parting S.S. and practice
25	Sunday	9:15 am TBA	Family (Early) Service Youth Event

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	4	11	18	25
Children's Activity	Jessica Lane	Connie Robinson	Deb Sperling	Heather Grimsley
Fellowship Barbara Cornell 549-9397	Don & Belle Vasbinder	Deb & Charlie Sperling	Jessica & Andrea Lane Stephanie Bunting	Aleisha Manyette Connie Robinson
Lay Leader Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Mark Kearney	Kay Freas	Sharon Pappas	Kathy Russ
Sunday Opener Church Office: 795-6152	Lisa Rogers	Carl Anderson	Barbara Cornell	Sandy Newsome
Ushers & Greeters Barbara Nickell 848-5710	Sharon Pappas Martha Streaker	Fran Pobletts Joy Barwick	John Freas Bob Rogers	Steve & Donna Mazer

*Our Music
Ministry*



Get ready, get set... sing! (or ring...)

It's wonderful to be able to welcome everyone back to choir in the fall after our summer break. We will be starting all the programs back up this month and I'm looking forward to all those returning, and I hope we'll have some new faces (and voices) too.

Below is our regular Wednesday rehearsal schedule:

4:45 – 5:30 pm - SonShine Singers (generally 4th grade through middle or high school)

5:30 – 6:00 pm – Joyful Noise Choir (4 years to 3rd grade)

6:30 – 7:30 pm – Presbyterians Bell choir rehearsal

7:45 – 9:00 pm – Adult choir rehearsal

September 7th – Adult choir rehearsal begins 6:30 – 9:00 pm

September 14th – all the rest of the groups start... so follow the schedule listed above!



Our bell choir has a pretty full complement of ringers but if you are interested in ringing, please call me and we can talk about possibilities. (I direct two community groups on Thursday evenings... and I can take beginners all the way to experienced ringers in those groups.)

Our vocal choirs are always open and excited about having new members. The children usually participate about once a month in our Sunday morning worship services. The adults sing almost every Sunday. We would be happy to have you come and sing for a few weeks to “try us out” if you're not sure.

Please contact me if you have any further questions!

Women's Circle



Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Catonsville Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 24, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BRUNCH, BIBLE STUDY, WORKSHOPS AND WORSHIP

Registration forms will be sent to each PWC Moderator and Presbytidings subscriber.

Also available on www.baltimorepresbytery.org

Click on Leaders, then Presbyterian Women

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN OFFERING WILL BE DEDICATED

Sunday School For Everyone!

Christian Education

Check out all of the Sunday School classes ready for you and your family!

*The **Preschool Class** will be a play-oriented class with a short Bible story for our youngest children using the curriculum “Bible-in-Life.” The class will meet in the nursery. Barbara Cornell and Maxine Saylor will be leading this class. Approximate ages 3-4.

*The **Primary Class** will learn Bible stories and follow up with hands-on activities included in the curriculum “Walk With Me.” Susan Burns will lead this class in the “big classroom.” Approximate ages kindergarten through first grade.



*The **Elementary Class** will learn Bible stories through the Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum. Connie Robinson will lead this class in her downstairs classroom. Approximate ages Grades 2-5.

*The **Middle School Class**, will focus on middle school life issues and faith issues using the dynamic curriculum “Faith Alive.” Sandy Newsome will lead this class upstairs in the manse. Approximate ages Grades 6-9.

*The **High School Class** will have several focuses this year. A series of lessons will explore major world religions and how they differ and compare to Christianity. The Lectionary will also be used to look at events and ideas of the past and how those same events and ideas affect us today.

The High School class will be lead by Tim Oates at two different time slots. Every Sunday morning at 9:15am the class will be held in the upstairs of the manse. Also, a shortened lesson will be held during the Band practice lunch held in the library. The band practices on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after church. All are welcome! You may choose which time slot is best for you and your schedule.

*The **Adult Class** will meet in the library. As of this writing, we are making decisions about who will lead this class and what topics will be discussed.

As you can see, there really is a Sunday School class for everyone. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School Calendar For September

September 11: Pot Luck
Breakfast and first day of Sunday
School 9:00am

September 18: Sunday School
9:15am / Band Practice Sunday
School 11:45am

September 25: Early Family
Service featuring the Band
9:15am (no Sunday School)

One Sentence Sermon

He who labors as he prays lifts his
heart to God with his hands.

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Classes for All Ages

Mission /
Outreach



Thanks to everyone who participated in the VBS—church wide collection of hygiene kits. Fifty kits were delivered to Church World Service in New Windsor for distribution.

August mission update - Shepherd's Staff Back to School collection

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Shepherd's Staff BTS drive! We had a good response and I'm sure the folks at the Staff will be glad to get our contributions. A thank you as well to Julie Ballard who delivered the "goodies" to the Staff's Westminster office.

Fall mission - upcoming events

Carroll County Food Sunday -- we will resume collections for this worthy cause starting in September. We usually do this on a year-round basis, and our donations go to the food bank for distribution to needy residents county-wide. There will be envelopes in the pews for this collection. If you have a spare dollar or so, please slip it into the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thanks!

River Road clean-up — It's time for the fall clean up of River Road! We are planning this event for Sunday, 16 October, 1-3 pm. Wear work clothes and bring gloves; the mission committee will supply bags and water bottles. We'll have a sign-up sheet out by mid-September. Please mark this on your calendar so we can continue to keep this area beautiful.

Peacemaking Offering — The annual Peacemaking offering will be taken on 2 October -- which is also World Communion Day. The congregations keep 25% of this offering and use it toward local peacemaking efforts. Your mission committee is considering how Springfield may want to spend its portion of the offering; stay tuned for more details!

Hey, Youth Group!

Wow what a busy summer!! Hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. The Sperlings are busy getting settled into the fall routine as I'm sure many of you are doing. We are looking forward to a great year with the youth group and are really excited about the great group of kids that we have with us. The group that we have this year should afford us a lot of opportunities for fun activities and some mission projects. As usual we always need youth help at the early service so plan on coming whenever you can. The early service is a great opportunity to practice reading in front of a group and develop leadership skills that will be valuable in the future. We of course will be doing some fun activities this year and we have a number of ideas for our fall kick off event which will be Sunday, Sept. 25th. We have not worked out the details of our fall kick off event so watch your e-mail closely. We will normally be meeting on the last Sunday of every month.





Reminder – Per Capita Apportionment

As the end of 2011 is quickly approaching, this is a reminder that each active member, both adult and youth member are apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes.

The 2011 Per Capita is \$31.50 per member. 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.

Presently, **only 50% of the 117 members**, have contributed their share to this apportionment. The difference will have to be made up as a regular expense payable by this church to the presbytery. The Session is *most grateful* to those who have already contributed to this apportionment.



Feed the Bin!

Kitchen Project Report

As you read this, the church’s kitchen remodeling project should be just about completed. The newly renovated kitchen is awesome—clean, modern, safe, and useful. The Dundee Corporation of Manchester, MD did an outstanding job considering the condition of the walls, the floor, and the utility upgrades necessary to bring the kitchen up to code. In fact, when the 30-year old hot water heater was removed, there was a huge hole thru the bottom, the insulation & working into the tank itself!



Kitchen Remodeling

We have reached our goal of \$15,600, but there may be some cost overruns due to the deteriorating condition of the walls and termite repair to the kitchen window. Any additional gifts will be directed for those purposes and/or for supplies for the kitchen. The Building and Grounds Committee (Carl Anderson, Chair, Jim Rhodes, John & Kay Freas) is truly honored and privileged to be associated with a congregation that steps forward the way ours did when there is serious work to be done in our church. Small and large donations all count when it comes to these projects, and we could not have done it without your generosity. We hope when you are in the church, you’ll visit our new kitchen and be amazed! *B & G Chair, Carl Anderson*

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



September

- 8 Xander Brandt
- 11 Spencer McClung
- 11 Blake Stewart
- 13 Mark Kearney
- 14 Linda Caviglia
- 22 Jeffery Halvorson
- 25 Julie Ballard
- 27 Susan Johnston
- 30 Sam Warfield

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 1 Charlie & Deb Sperling
- 5 John & Stephanie Bunting
- 9 Larry & Heather Grimsley
- 12 Jim & Jennifer Wise



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

- † 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
- † Kelsey Robinson, health concerns
- † David Seamon, (brother of Jennifer Wise), family concerns
- † Kelly Fields, (friend of Connie Robinson), salivatory gland cancer
- † Tom Adam, friend of Mary Rhodes, health concerns (brain mass)
- † Gerri Fierro, friend of Mary Rhodes, breast cancer
- † Sara Noyes, health concerns
- † Alex Bankard, Connie Robinson's nephew, health concerns
- † Sue Gubernatis, Carroll Lutheran Village, broken foot/rehab
- † Ethel Warfield, health concerns
- † Juliana Carver, 9 year old friend of Julie Ballard, second bout with cancer
- † Paul Kelleher, Freas' friend, recovering from lung cancer surgery
- † Susan Burns, recovering from surgery
- † Our students and teachers, returning to school
- † Joe Hahn, friend of Sue Holmes, serious illness
- † Brenda Fogerty, friend of Jennifer Wise, cancer

SPECIAL THANKS

Carl Anderson led the charge in scrapping and painting the church's exterior windowsills. Jim Rhodes and John Freas joined the battle, and they all completed 25 stone windowsills, which look terrific. Thanks to Ross Anderson who painted the door to the outside storage shed by the Fellowship door!

- ◆ Kay and John Freas and Jim Rhodes for spearheading the kitchen remodeling project.
- ◆ Kay Freas, Linda Caviglia, and Sarah Lantz for cleaning out the kitchen in preparation for the remodel.
- ◆ All of our CE folks who have worked to bring us another fabulous Sunday school year.



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

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