



# CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian  
Church

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"In Jesus, the Victory Is Won"

**June 18 - June 22**

6:30 - 8:00 pm

We will be sharing God's word through a variety of Bible stories, crafts and fun activities.

VBS Planning Meeting will be on **May 21**

following worship. Please join us as we are in need of helpers and would love to have you brainstorm with us, including determining what our mission project will be. Please see Connie Robinson, Deb Sperling or Charlie Sperling with any questions.

See page 8 for the VBS  
registration form.



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# Pastor's Page

Grace and Peace to you, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!”

We've been waiting six long weeks in the season of Lent to say those words, and I am glad to be able to say that long-awaited Alleluia with you! During our Lenten season, we walked through some narratives in the Gospel of John, we learned more about the life and ministry of Jesus, and we sat in the darkness, awaiting the light. We joined together for Services of Wholeness on Wednesday nights, where we watched the sunset from the windows in the Sanctuary and let the candlelight shine upon us as we sang chants from Taize and worshipped in the style of the Iona Community. On a dark and dreary Maundy Thursday, we gathered together to hear the last days of Jesus' life and we stripped the church, shared tears, and remained in silence as we tried to grasp the wonder of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Then, on a jubilant Easter morning, we joined together in worship and in gladness, shouting Alleluias and were surrounded by the love of a community gathering together to worship God defeating death. It's been a roller coaster of the depths of both sadness and joy, but on the other side of Easter, we celebrate!

This time of the church calendar is called 'Eastertide' and it's a time of great celebration. It's a time to stand up and continue our Alleluias! It's a time to share our joy with one another and with our friends. It's a chance to challenge the community, our society, the world – to say that things can change, that the God of love defeated death and can defeat the things that hold us back and keep us from living in wholeness and joy. So, REJOICE! Live in the light and challenge others to seek out the light too. Work for justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8) – as the fear of death is over and life is growing and blooming all around us.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

In Christ,  
Pastor Becca

# Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



In April three elders were elected to the Class of 2019. Tony Caviglia and Mark Kearney agreed to serve another two-year term. Leah Halvorson completed her two terms and rotated off, but hope she will rejoin us in the future. We are delighted to have Sue Holmes completing a full session with Connie Robinson, Charles Sperling, and Bob Stepping. The Service of Installation will be during worship on **June 4**. With grateful thanks to Leah, our student session rep India Oates, as well as our Nominating Committee of Connie Robinson, Beth Oates, Carl Anderson, Natalie Halvorson, and Steve Mazer.

Pastor Becca celebrates her one year anniversary with us **May 1**. A little reflection on the year reminds me just how full that year was for us, all our celebrations, and all the firsts for her.

Thank you to all who helped organize and work at the Church and Manse on that cold, rainy, and windy Saturday. The grounds look better and Jonathan Herman has done a repair on the wall at our front steps. A more permanent solution will wait for fall. The Narthex and Sanctuary center aisle are structurally more solid now. Eventually, heart pine will be put in place to match the original wood flooring.

The invitation to join Wesley Freedom United Methodist church on a mission trip to West Virginia this summer is still open. Call the office or Sharon Pappas; or Sharon Feldman at Wesley Freedom, 410-795-2777.

One of the residents we met at the Easter event we held for the Women/Children's Shelter is moving with her daughter to a new apartment and is looking for furnishings: furniture, kitchen ware, linens. If you have anything to give, you can call the church office for her phone number.

One Great Hour of Sharing offering was \$286.00.

Presbytery's 875th Gathering: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy on **May 11**

***Next Session Meeting:*** May 18, 7:00 pm in the Manse



- ~ Continued prayers for the Sperling family and Deb Sperling's mom, Irene Schwarzkopf, now in hospice.
- ~ Prayers for Barbara Cornell and her husband Peter, as they stay in New York State to care for Barbara's mother-in-law.
- ~ Prayers for Sarah (Linda Black's daughter) who is traveling to Germany for intensive German language lessons and then looking for a job. We pray for safe travels, ease of learning, and an easy transition to a new country.
- ~ We pray for Patrick and Jenna, friends of Pastor Becca, who lost their twins prematurely and are grieving and ask for God's peace and presence as they grieve.
- ~ We pray for Philip, Julie's step-son, who underwent heart surgery and is progressively feeling better, but is still in the hospital. We ask for strength, encouragement, and hope for the whole family.
- ~ We give thanks to God for the birth of Hudson Riley Cook on April 25th. Sue and Ron Holmes are overjoyed to be grandparents again and we are thankful for this new life and the joy that he brings to their family and our community.
- ~ We give thanks for the birth of Penelope, the granddaughter of Kathy Russ and great-granddaughter of Delores.
- ~ We give thanks and pray for Anton's new job at George Mason and Cindy who will move to Virginia after finishing their postdoctoral studies. (Linda and Tony Caviglia's daughter and son-in-law)
- ~ We pray for the congregation of Warner Memorial in Kensington as they see their pastor move and go into a time of interim ministry. May they be blessed and feel God's Spirit moving in this time and place in new and hopeful ways.
- ~ We give God thanks for many folks joining us at our Easter service and pray that Springfield continues to be a place of safety, welcome, and encouragement where Christ is known and being made known to us and our local community.
- ~ Prayers for *Christ Memorial, 1st of Howard County, 1st of Westminster, Granite and Hope* from our Ministry Group.

**Prayer Group:** The Prayer Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. We gather at 10:30 am in the Manse for a time of sharing and prayer. May meetings are on **5/9** and **5/23**. All are welcome to join us. Prayer requests and praises can also be sent to Sandy Newsome at [sandy.newsome814@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.newsome814@gmail.com).





# COMMUNION

*Servers*

## Sunday May 7 (Traditional)

1. Mark Kearney
2. Kathy Russ
3. Tony Caviglia
4. Linda Caviglia
5. Connie Robinson

## Red Sea Parting Practice

Sunday, 5/7 & 5/21 - 9:00 am

## Headhuggers

Monday, 5/8 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

## Prayer Group

Tuesday, 5/9 & 5/23 - 10:30 am (Manse)

## ESCAPE Lunch Packing

Tuesday, 5/9 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

## Fairhaven Communion

Wednesday, 5/17 - 11:00 am (Cox Room)

## Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 5/15 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

## Church Cleaning:

5/5, 6 or 7 - The Anderson Family

5/19, 20 or 21 - The Oates Family

Assisting on Sundays	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Sunday Opener	Ron Holmes	Barbara Cornell	Ed Newsome	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Kay Freas & Sandy Newsome	Don Vasbinder & Charlie Sperling	Julie Ballard & Bob Rogers	Jim Wise & Joy Barwick
Lay Leader	Don Vasbinder	Kay Freas	Bob Stepling	Ron Holmes
Sunday School PreK—8th	Youth Sunday No Sunday School	Connie Robinson Shona Klein	Connie Robinson Cynthia Smith	Memorial Day No Sunday School
Fellowship	Shona Klein		Barbara Cornell	



### From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

The Adult choir and the Presbyterones participated in the annual ESCAPE sing on Sunday afternoon, April 30th. It took place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Main Street. Several of our bell choir members joined with some members of St. Paul's bell choir to play *Make Me An Instrument* by Kevin McChesney. Aaron Thacker joined us with the beautiful accompaniment for the piece to make a moving musical offering to the afternoon. Thank you Aaron for coming along to support us in this extra event.

The adult choir sang *The Plans I Have for You* by Tom Long and Allen Pote. This is a piece that we sang for Pastor Becca's installation service in the fall. It is new to us this choir year, but we already love it and were excited to be able to share it with everyone at the ESCAPE event.

The Presbyterones will be making a final appearance for this church year on Mother's Day, **May 14th**. I hope you'll bring Mom (and the whole family) for the service which will include the dedication of our newest instrument purchases. We will debut the new chimes (really cool, big, low note chimes) and a beautiful bell tree called a "Cymbell". The Cymbells were funded in full by the Nickell/Noyes family as a memorial to Sara Noyes who passed away in November of 2016. They gave some additional money to cover part of the cost of the new chimes as well. Thank you for the beautiful gifts, we will play and enjoy them for years to come!!



### Our June Concert - Carroll County Ramblers

Our June concert will feature the Carroll County Ramblers, a bluegrass musical group that has been pleasing their audiences for over 30 years! Join us on Sunday, **June 11** at 3:00 pm for an afternoon of fabulous music, followed by delicious refreshments afterwards. Bring your friends!

For more information about this group, please pick up a brochure from the Narthex, or visit our website at [www.springfield-church.org/concerts](http://www.springfield-church.org/concerts).

# Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson - Sunday School Coordinator

## Sunday School Schedule:

### May 7 - Youth Sunday

No Sunday School

### May 14

PreK - 8th Connie Robinson/Shona Klein

### May 21

PreK- 8th Connie Robinson/Cynthia Smith

### May 28 - Memorial Day

No Sunday School



## May 7 - YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us and support our Youth as they have prepared an awesome service.

**Community in Action (C.I.A.) - POSITIVE CHANGE BEGINS WITH ACTION!** C.I.A. is a group open to all religious and non-religious people as a means of providing the community with acts of kindness. We will be doing different activities throughout the school year to help people in our community who are in need.

C.I.A. will be meeting from 4:30 - 6:00 pm on **5/1** and **5/15**. Pizza is provided at our meetings. Please join us!

We will be preparing kits of scarecrow faces for the Human Services Program of Carroll County, in partnership with the Westminster Fall Fest.

**If anyone is cleaning out their closets...soon we will be collecting blue jeans, bandanas, hats and long sleeved shirts (preferably flannel)...save them for us! Date of collection to be announced...**

**C.I.A.  
Community  
In  
Action**



In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!

Because the victory is won,  
every day is a day to celebrate!!

Come Celebrate With Us!!  
(ages 4 – 12 years)

**Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School is for  
YOU!!!**

June 18 – June 22    6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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7300 Spout Hill Road  
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Child/Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, other important information \_\_\_\_\_

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Child/Youth Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2017-2018 school year) \_\_\_\_\_

May untagged VBS photos of your child appear on our church website/local newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

May your child apply a deet-free insect repellent, if necessary? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



# YOUTH NEWS



What's happening in your Youth/Children's lives? Please let Connie Robinson know so that we may celebrate as a congregation!



Kudos to **Olivia Manyette** and the girls from Troop 619 for assembling Easter baskets for the women at the Women's/Children's Shelter in Westminster!



Congrats to **Dylan Vasbinder** for making the Dean's List at Carroll Community College!!!

Congrats to Morgan Mazer who will be graduating from Virginia Tech on May 12 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.



**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** Since 1996, over \$700 million dollars have been raised for classrooms, JUST by clipping boxtops from the foods you already buy! A container is available in the Fellowship Room after worship. All boxtops and labels are donated to our neighborhood school, Sykesville Middle School.

# Opportunities Missions

Our Mission trip in 2017 will be in Baltimore through The Center, **July 30 through August 5**. Under their new guidelines, rising 7th graders and older may participate. Anyone interested in participating or who would like more information, please contact Linda Black at 410-489-4902 or via email at [lindajblack@gmail.com](mailto:lindajblack@gmail.com).

There is an opportunity to join with Wesley Freedom for a mission trip to West Virginia the **last week of June**, actually working through a local Presbyterian Church. They will take care of meal preparations so all you need to do is go. Costs will be covered. See Sharon Pappas if you are interested in a place with their team, or contact Sharon Feldman at [sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org).

**Famine in Sudan:** United Nations' World Food Programme declared famine in South Sudan in February. Nearly 5 million men, women and children are at immediate risk of starvation. Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) World Health, a faith-based organization, has strengthened health care and provided critical medical services there since 2008. They work around the clock but resources are in short supply for nutrition and health needs. Donations provide food, medicine and supplies to treat malaria and other infections; pre-fabricated and mobile health clinics; and grants to other known local partners in most critical areas. Donations can be sent to IMA World Health, 1730 M Street, NW, Ste. 110, Washington DC 20036. IMA World Health was founded in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and continues this partnership to achieve its vision of health, healing and well-being world-wide. (<https://imaworldhealth.org/help-south-sudan>)



**Spring Plant Sale:** From **April 23 through May 21**, 15% of your purchases at Buppert's Nursery will be given back to SPC for mission, but you must use a special flier. Copies of the flier are available in the Narthex. See Barbara Cornell if you have any questions.

### June CrossRoads Newsletter Deadline: June 18

Anyone can send an article, photo, or calendar information to be printed in the newsletter. Email the information before the deadline to: [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net)

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**



- 3 Don Vasbinder**  
**10 Kathy Russ**  
**18 Georgia Hodges**  
**26 Davis Streaker**  
**29 Kyle Grimsley**  
**29 Shona Klein**

### May 7

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;  
 1 Peter 2:19-35; John 10:1-10

### May 14

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;  
 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

### May 21

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;  
 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

### May 28

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



**Congratulations to Ron & Sue Holmes on the birth**

**of their grandson, Hudson, born April 25.**

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### Worship Hours

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Becca Crate

[springfieldpastor@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldpastor@gmail.com)

Clerk of Session: Sharon Pappas

Minister of Music: Linda Caviglia

Accompanist: Aaron Thacker

Organist: Jennifer Wise

Sunday School: Connie Robinson

Youth Group: Charles & Deb Sperling

Administrative Assistant: Donna Mazer



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**Bob & Lisa Rogers**

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**Robert & Libby Frothingham**

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May 2017 News

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*Our vision for the ministry is to be an open, flourishing, multigenerational congregation, where all can worship, study, and act to discern God's plan for us and our community. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.*

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