



CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

October 2018

WORLD Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday each year. We celebrate communion with churches around the world in all different cultures and traditions. To help us remember that we are a small part of a worldwide celebration, this Sunday we have a variety of breads to offer, representing the many and varied places in the world, all worshipping the same God!

Stewardship Sunday

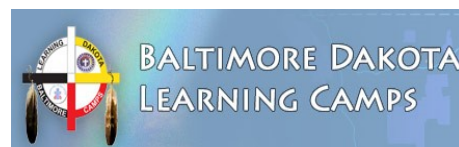
Beginning on **November 11**, we will be accepting pledges for next year. Immediately following the Worship service, we will have a special home-made soup luncheon that is being coordinated with Fellowship. Please plan on joining us as we celebrate all that God has given us. Stewardship letters will be coming out before the end of October. If you do not receive one by then, please contact the Church Office (410-795-6152) or Bob Stepling (862-266-2240).



Don't forget to set your clocks back early on Sunday, **November 4!**

Dakota Presbytery

On **October 21** during Worship, Chrystie Adams, the Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Steering Committee will be making a presentation about the unique relationship between Baltimore Presbytery and the Dakota Presbytery. The Dakota Presbytery is comprised of all Native American congregations representing the Eastern Sioux (Dakota) and the Western Sioux (Lakota) Nations. Chrystie will be available during fellowship to answer any questions arising from her presentation.



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Pastor's Page

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

"A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for."

~ John A. Shedd

The aforementioned quote has been rolling around in my mind in the last few weeks as a metaphor for our life of faith. We have the opportunity to live in the harbour, safe and sound, beautiful as ever, and not take the risk of going out to sea. Yet, what is the purpose? Yes, we protect ourselves from harm, and indeed, other than some barnacles, we sit there gloriously in the harbour. Yet, as John A. Shedd, in his book of adages called "Salt From My Attic", profoundly points out, the ship was always meant to be in the sea, to be turning in the waves and the riptides, and to be jostled about in its journey to a sought destination.

Our life of faith can be seen in such a manner as well. I could stay safely in the harbour of the sanctuary, preaching the Word I've heard since I was small, and remain in my comfort zone. I could sing the familiar hymns, say the engrained prayers, and eat the bread and drink the cup of life and not go any further. There I would be, safe in my own harbour of sorts, safe from the edges and risks of life. Yet, throughout the Scriptures, we are told that while we can build the ship in the harbour, and we can build our life of faith in this sanctuary – that is not where our faith stops. We are called into the waters, into the waters where our faith is challenged, risky, and where we actually practice the living faith. We are called out into our communities, workplaces, and schools, not to simply stand by, but to be moving and jostling the debates of what is right, just, and loving according to our experiences of faith in Scripture and in life.

My friends, let us join together to build up the ships, to find comfort in the harbour, but let us not remain there. Let us, knowing the strength of the Holy Spirit and the boldness of this community, be empowered to go into the seas and into our communities to live a life of faith in new and brilliant ways.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



Session met the end of August to be sure we had everything ready for the start of our new year. That news was all shared in last month's newsletter. The weather was rainy but didn't deter us from enjoying our inside fellowship picnic on our first Sunday of the fall season. We enjoy having the vocal choir back and Red Sea Parting provided our music for worship. The youth had planned a retreat to Woodberry Crossing that was rained out so it became a Game Night at church. Read more about the youth programs on the Sunday School and Youth pages, and our October concert on the Music page. The Peace and Global Witness offering is this month. Find that information inside too.

Our West Side Story Ministry Group met with the Uptown Ministry Group September 22 for a Leadership Training Workshop. About 100 of us gathered for a panel discussion led by our newest pastors, seven workshops, and six breakout sessions (also called pop-up sessions) around topics of mutual interest. Presbytery meetings also offer these conversation groups that may be planned or spring up from ideas or presentations that day. The topic presented to the panel was: How do you know when a church is successful, or vital? A church is successful when members feel they belong; when they just feel it. Sometimes that happens when there are special celebrations; or teens connect with other, perhaps older, members who talk with them, congratulate them, and may go to their games, concerts, or plays; or people listen to you and try to work on those things you hold dear; and you feel hope. One panelist said a church is vital when you ponder the question, "Who would show up to help the church, rescue it?" Who would feel the work done by that church was important and meaningful? Another offered the advice to listen before making changes and not changing too much too fast. (Church is like an organism, if you change more than 10%, it will die.)

Final advice from pastor panelists: Show Up, Be Brave, Be Seen.

Our Current Session Members:

Tony Caviglia

Elizabeth Meirowitz

Sue Holmes

Beth Oates

Mark Kearney

Diana Stepling

***Next Session Meeting:* October 11, 2018 7:00 pm**



- ~ Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Harrison Joseph Rachin, born to Brittany and Danny Rachin on Monday, September 17!
- ~ Prayers of strength and healing for Charlie Sperling's mom, Judy Sperling, who is facing very aggressive cancer.
- ~ Prayers for Brenda McClung's mom, Liz Old, as she transitions to memory care at Copper Ridge. Also prayers for Alex McClung's mom, Sandy, who is struggling with memory issues. She is at Broadmead in Hunt Valley and will be transitioning from independent living to assisted living in the next few months.
- ~ Prayers of healing for Dr. Elwood LaBrosse, permanently moved to Room 222 in the Fairhaven Health Unit. He would love to have visitors!
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for Mt. Paran, Northminster, St. John United and St. Andrew's of Mt. Airy from our Ministry Group.

Prayer Group:

Prayer Group meets at the Manse on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 am. October meetings are on **October 9 and October 23**. The group has a core group of regulars, those who participate when their schedules allow, and several faithful electronic members – all are welcome! You can send your praises and concerns to Sandy Newsome at sandy.newsome814@gmail.com.

Those who walk with God won't run from the needs of others.



Communion Servers

October 7 Communion Servers—World Communion Sunday

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| 1. Sandy Newsome | 4. Barbara Nickell |
| 2. Tim Doyle | 5. Beth Oates |
| 3. Sharon Pappas | |

Church Calendar

Headhuggers

Monday, 10/8 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

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

Church Cleaning

October 5, 6 or 7 - The Anderson Family

October 19, 20 or 21 - The Oates Family

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 10/15 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

Need a meal? Or know someone who does? We want to help—just need to be “in the know”. Contact Connie Robinson at robinsonconn40@gmail.com or 240-278-9040.

Assisting on Sundays	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/28
Sunday Opener	Bob Rogers	Ron Holmes	Ed Newsome	Barbara Cornell
Ushers & Greeters	Elizabeth Meirowitz Amy Vasbinder	Sharon Pappas Jim Wise	Tim Doyle Bob Rogers	Don Vasbinder Martha Streaker
Lay Leader	Bob Steppling	Elizabeth Meirowitz	Sharon Pappas	Linda Black
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Sandy & Ed Newsome	Deb Sperling

Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator



Join us every Sunday during Worship as we explore the books of the Bible through games, song and much more!

C.I.A. will meet on **October 1** and **October 15** from 4:30 - 6 pm at the Manse. Pizza and drinks provided. Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend! 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. Come and be part of giving back to our community.

C.I.A. Community In Action

Youth Group - ESCAPE THE MANSE!!!!

Sunday, **October 28**

6:00 - 8:00 pm

ESCAPE THE MANSE if you can!

Bring a flashlight...



October 7 - 6:30 pm
(Manse)



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.



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

The Presbyterones will be ringing on **November 11th** and will also be playing on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 pm service. We have some new music to learn this fall, and we will be putting our new pads and table covers to use! If you have ever thought that ringing might be fun, I would love to talk with you about the opportunities in our Bell Choir! Please let me know if you are interested.

Bell Choir Practice

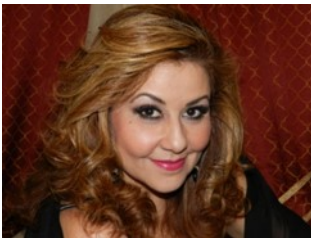
Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Fellowship Room

Adult Choir Practice

Wednesdays
7:45 - 9:00 pm
Sanctuary

Our Next Concert

October 14, 2018 , 3:00 pm Beatrice Gilbert - Lyric Soprano



If you have been to one of our Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra concerts, you may have had the opportunity to hear Bea Gilbert. She has been performing with them since 1994. Following is a little more about Ms. Gilbert from her bio.

Born in Naples, Italy, Beatrice Gilbert moved to the United States as a child and grew up in the Annapolis, Maryland area. Music and song has always been an important part of her life. Her first opportunity to sing publicly occurred when she auditioned and obtained the lead role for her senior class production of *Guys and Dolls* at Severna Park High School.

After high school, Bea began her studies at The Peabody Conservatory. She also studied voice privately in Columbia, MD with internationally performing baritone Daniel Comegys.

In addition to classical and operatic music, Bea enjoys sacred music, musical theatre and jazz. She is a popular guest soloist at local churches and has performed professionally with many organizations and venues, including traditional Italian-American festivals in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington DC. While working for the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Bea starred in many of the traditional APL holiday productions and shows including *Wizard of Oz*, *Camelot* and *A Christmas Carol*. She also sang for eight years with APL's vocal jazz ensemble, the Scat Madrigals, in many of its notable appearances, such as at First Night Annapolis, at the Maryland Science Center, a live radio performance from the Lord Baltimore Hotel, and at the White House's traditional holiday festivities.



On September 23 and September 30 we received your Peace and Global Witness offering. This offering is used to engage in peace-making and build ministries of reconciliation around the world. Half goes to Presbyterian Mission Agency, 25% to Mid Councils for their programs, and 25% remains with local congregations. The Mission/Outreach team decided to again send our portion to LSC America's Partner for Equal Justice, providing legal aid to those living in poverty in our country, 1.8 million including 40,000 veterans.

Seeking Secret Shepherds!

"Shepherd the flock of God among you." ~ 1 Peter 5:2

As we enter a new school year, we also enter a Confirmation year for our 8th and 9th grade students. I am excited to lead the youth in this journey of discovery and questioning, in order for them to learn more about whether or not they feel called to this faith.

As a congregation, and as members of the faith, I need your help. I am seeking 'Secret Shepherds' for our confirmation class members. A Secret Shepherd will be paired up with one of our youth and the Shepherd will write cards or letters of encouragement. Beginning in November, I hope for the Shepherd to write a note/letter once a month. It can be about anything from your favorite Bible verse, to a song, to a story – but something that encourages our youth as they delve deeper into the faith.

Will you be a Secret Shepherd? Please contact Pastor Becca at springfieldpastor@gmail.com by **October 21st**.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance programs are responding to Hurricane Florence relief efforts and are still working in older areas like the California mudslides, Guatemala volcano, and many other events. See their website at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situations/national/> for updates on their work. If you are able, make a note on your donation check and it will be sent along to PDA. There is a line item in our Church budget for PDA and congregational donations will be added to that.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

2018 PER CAPITA PRESBYTERY ALLOCATION REMINDER

For those who have contributed their 2018 Per Capita apportionment of \$34.40, the Session is most grateful. As you probably know, Springfield Church is annually apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is a regular expense payable by Springfield at the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

This is a reminder for each communicant adult and youth member, who has not had the opportunity to pay this annual assessment, to help Springfield meet its Per Capita obligation. Thank you!



- 1 Elwood LaBrosse**
- 1 Evan Stinson**
- 6 Mary Rhodes**
- 12 Jim Nickell**
- 13 Joy Barwick**
- 13 Ron Holmes**
- 15 Jessica Lane**
- 17 Beth Oates**
- 19 Martha Streaker**
- 22 Ed Newsome**
- 23 Connie Robinson**



- 15 Jim & Barbara Nickell**
- 18 Jim & Mary Rhodes**
- 24 Phil & Patty Salmon**



November's newsletter deadline is **October 21**.
Please submit your information to
spc.office@verizon.net.

October 7

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26;
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 14

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21

Job 38:1-7 (34-41);
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10;
Mark 10:35-45

October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17;
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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Worship Hours

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Becca Crate

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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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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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