



CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

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World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

- From the Presbyterian Mission Agency

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Pastor's Page

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

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works” – Ephesians 2:10a

I am reminded often, whether that’s on a walk, a look through the window, or a ride in the countryside, that God is Creator God, always crafting, always making things new. As people who are created by God, I also recognize that we are called to be creators as well. For some of us, that means we will be creators as in artists or writers or dancers, but the term ‘creating’ stretches far beyond our preconceived notions. As God’s people, we create in a multitude of ways: from planting a garden to creating room at the table both literally and figuratively. For those of you who have shared with me, “I’m not artistic, I can’t create.”, my challenge unto you is to think about creating that has less to do with a pen or paintbrush, but delving deeper into imagining a broader definition of co-creating with Creator God.

This past month and moving towards next summer, I am participating in the joyful act of creation by leading up the Visual Arts Committee for General Assembly. It has already brought joy in considering how we can take verses both well-known and not so well-known and communicate them in a way that is visual and transformative. Yet, I know, our Committee is just one small cog in the big picture of creators – those who will create hospitality for GA, those who will create excursions and trips, and those who will craft the financial landscape.

I am excited to join with co-creating people, working with our Creator God to craft beautiful and new and transformative ways of being the church today, tomorrow, and beyond.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

P.S. If you are interested in serving on any of the General Assembly’s committees, please let me know and I will let the appropriate people know.

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session

Session Notes: Session met the end of August to be sure everything was set for the fall season, approve the 2019-2020 concert season, and set the date of November 10 for a Called Congregational meeting to approve Terms of Call for Pastor Becca and elect the 2020 Officer Nominating Committee. In preparation for the fall and Advent season there have been a number of meetings with church committees, Presbytery Commissions and Gatherings, and West Side Story Ministry group with news from them below.

Presbytery September Gathering: The main focus of the meeting was the conversations about The Center. It is housed in a building on the First and Franklin campus which they would like to have back so they can increase their ministry. The building is in need of costly emergency repairs to stabilize it for use. Five options were discussed as we consider what The Center should look like, or be, going forward. Just last year there were 28 visiting groups, from 12 different states, serving 15 neighborhoods in Annapolis, Baltimore City, Glen Burnie and Towson, served 6 urban farms and community gardens, served 305 children in summer camps, with participants from 11-70, and 670 people fed through hot meals served with partners. They are a significant partner in developing relationships in the community.

Elected Elder Guy Moody as Moderator of Presbytery. Baltimore will host the 2020 General Assembly meeting and people are needed to help planning and hosting. If you are interested in more details, talk with Pastor Becca.

Closure of Taneytown Presbyterian Church which has been bought by St. James the Apostle Orthodox Church.

Received the first reading of the budget for Presbytery. We have a copy if you'd like to see it.

West Side Story Ministry Group: This was a well-attended meeting with 25 people from 8 churches. Pastor Becca, Bob Stepling and I/Sharon represented Springfield. Devotions were from Jeremiah "What foolish thing is God asking you to do?" encouraging us to think big and outside the box as we look at our community and how we might be a bigger presence. Churches talked about what they were finding successful, some about how they used their grant money to create a Woodland and Grounds Restoration Project, held a community concert, funded scholarships to participate in Guatemala Partnership trip, stocked medical supplies in the mobile clinic in Guatemala, and packed 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger; at Springfield we used ours to help fund CIA Camp week. There are still funds for this year so let us know if you have an idea.

Called Congregational Meeting: Sunday, **November 10**, at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Our Current Session Members:

Don Vasbinder
Sue Holmes
Julie Ballard

Elizabeth Meirowitz
Beth Oates
Diana Stepling

***Next Session Meeting:* November 14, 2019 7:00 pm**



- ~ Continued prayers of healing for Barbara Nickell who broke her wrist.
- ~ Prayers for all who serve in the military.
- ~ 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

Springfield's Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, **October 8 and October 22** at 10:30 at the Manse. Our group welcomes your attendance; we also have members who cannot attend, but commit to taking time on those Tuesdays to pray for Springfield, its members and programs, and other joys and concerns that have been shared. If you have a prayer request or joy to share, please let Sandy know at sandy.newsome814@gmail.com.

COMMUNION SERVERS

**October Communion Servers**

October 6 (Traditional) - World Communion Sunday

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

Church Calendar - October**Headhuggers**

Monday, 10/14 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 10/21 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

Church Cleaning

October 4, 5 or 6 - The Anderson Family
 October 18, 19 or 20 - The Oates Family

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 10/8 & 10/22 - 10:30 am (Manse)

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	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Sunday Opener	Beth Oates	Ron Holmes	Bob Rogers	Barbara Cornell
Ushers & Greeters	Bob Rogers Amy Vasbinder	Sharon Pappas Jim Wise	Tim Doyle Bob Rogers	Don Vasbinder Martha Streaker
Lay Leader	Diana Stepling	Elizabeth Meiowitz	Sharon Pappas	Linda Black
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Barbara Cornell	Connie Gibbons Cathy Marsh	Sandy Newsome	Brittany & Danny Rachin



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

Our Next Concert - October 13 at 3:00 pm



We will welcome the **Cornerstone Saxophone Quartet** to our series. One of the members of the quartet, Sheila Nevius has played with the Four Winds flute quartet over the years, and we were happy to find out that she was part of this group too!

The **Cornerstone Saxophone Quartet** is comprised of musicians whose individual Professional careers span more than three decades. Each member has been a career military musician with one of the premier military bands in Washington, DC. Having served in concert and ceremonial units, they have performed for five U.S. Presidents, world leaders and dignitaries, veterans, civilians, and in innumerable concerts, ceremonies and national tours. In the civilian sector, their careers include positions as music directors, teachers, clinicians and private instructors in the greater Washington, DC area. From Bach to Bartok, marches to jazz, traditional French literature to Americana and Latin, their performances allow audiences to enjoy an eclectic mix of musical styles. They have performed at numerous retirement homes, local churches and have presented recitals at the 2017 and 2018 Navy Band Saxophone International Symposium. In addition, they were recently a featured guest artist quartet at the Frederick L. Hemke Saxophone Institute at Snow Pond Music Festival in Maine.

Hope you can join us for this concert and some fellowship and good food following the music. It is free and open to the public so, bring your friends and neighbors. (We do take up a free-will offering.)

Children & Youth



Youth Group

Sunday, October 27

Frederick Ghost Tour

Leaving the Church at 6 pm

\$10 per ticket

Bring your friends!

Sunday School: If you are interested in helping out periodically, please see Connie Robinson. She will prepare "last minute" lesson plans in case there is a need.

C.I.A. (Community In Action) - October meeting dates are **October 7 and 21** from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Manse. Pizza is provided. Please plan on attending to support OUR community!

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.
Community
In
Action**

Mission & Outreach

Mission and Outreach Committee: The September meeting was another lively one. Pastor Becca and Sharon Pappas joined approximately 850 other walkers, September 7, at Krimgold Park in Woodbine for the annual Out of the Darkness Walk. Plans are underway for a Mission Fair early in 2020 to highlight all the ways we are present within the church and community. For what we think of as our 'little' church, we are present in a long list of ways!

Noisy Offering: Received on the last Sunday of September was \$62.56!!! This will be added to the \$20 or so from our last offering and go to our local elementary school, Piney Ridge, for their counselor to use in support of our area children.

Peace and Global Witness Offering: Peace and Global Witness offering is received on two Sundays, October 6 and 13. Through the gifts in this offerings we embrace the reconciling peace of Jesus Christ and bear witness to that peace to those around the corner and around the world as we seek "peace at all times in all ways" (from Paul's prayer in 2 Thessalonians 3:26). We equip the Church with the tools to accompany those who have experienced violence, building awareness and solidarity through educational resources and through relationships with active peacemakers, and expanding to advocacy in support of those who suffer. With this offering 25% stays with the local church, 25% goes to mid-council projects, and 50% supports ministries of peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Our portion will go to LSC America's Partner for Equal Justice, Legal Services Corporation.

Concert to support the Feed My Sheep Program, Saturday, October 12, 7:00 pm, Wesley Freedom. You are welcome to contact them if you'd like to be a performer, or come listen to the variety of music in our area. Sharon Pappas also has more information.

Call for Coats: Shepherd's Staff will collect new and gently used infant to adult outer-wear as well as hats, gloves and scarves to be distributed free to Carroll County residents through November 15. Drop-off locations include our church or:

Fairhaven - 7200 Third Avenue, Sykesville

Admiral Cleaners - Westminster Location

Boscov's - Courtesy Desk (2nd floor), TownMall Westminster

Elite Tents & Events - 6355 S. Carroll Park Drive, Sykesville

New Windsor State Bank - Westminster & Eldersburg Branches

South Carroll Senior Center - 5928 Mineral Hill Road, Sykesville



- 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
- 27 Amy Vasbinder

October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



- 5 Connie Gibbons & Cathy Marsh
- 15 Jim & Barbara Nickell
- 18 Jim & Mary Rhodes
- 24 Phil & Patty Salmon



November newsletter deadline is **October 20**. Please submit your information to spc.office@verizon.net.

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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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