



CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

February 2019

Souper Bowl Sunday



Did you know? More than 29 years ago, the "Souper Bowl" concept began with a simple prayer from a youth group: **"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

Please give generously to our Souper Bowl during the month of February. All donations will be used by our Youth to purchase food for Sykesville Middle School's Food Pantry.

And join us after Worship on **February 3** for our **Souper Bowl Soup & Bread Luncheon!**



Congregational MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **February 10**, following Worship - details on Page 3.

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

The Summer Day

Who made the world? Who made the swan, and the black bear? Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper, I mean- the one who has flung herself out of the grass, the one who is eating sugar out of my hand, who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down- who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes. Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face. Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away. **I don't know exactly what a prayer is.** I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day. Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? **Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?**

—Mary Oliver

Mary Oliver, a beloved poet and spiritual writer, passed away this January. Her poetry has inspired writers, thinkers, artists, and many others throughout the decades. In humility, we give thanks for her work and God's call on her life to give us these beautiful words to meditate on as we journey in our own faith.

I believe one of the most resounding parts of her poetry was that she was humble – she offered real, vulnerable, and honest reflections of what it looks like to walk through this life. The poem that I have offered here, 'The Summer Day', is a favorite of mine.

I like that she says, 'I don't know exactly what prayer is.' Is that not true for many of us? What is prayer, what should it look like, and how does it feel to communicate with the divine? How do we pray authentically, in our own way, to the 'one who made the world?'

The second favorite line that she writes is the bold question she leaves us with, 'Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?' The doors are wide open, God's grace is abundant, and this life is not a dress rehearsal. This is our life, gifted from God – so I leave you this month with this same bold question: What do you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



Our Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, **February 10** immediately following the worship service for the purpose of receiving the 2019 budget and annual committee reports. Committee Chairs and program leaders are busy compiling year-end reports for our look back and celebration of all that was accomplished in 2018. This is also a time to look ahead and share dreams and the budget for 2019. Traditionally, we have also approved Terms of Call for our pastor but procedures were changed this year so Terms could be approved in November and be in place ahead of the new fiscal and tax season. That meeting will again be held in November this year.

In April we meet to elect new officers. Each year three members are elected to serve two-year terms as elders. An elder may be asked to serve a second term but must step aside for at least a year at the end of the second term. We have a wonderfully dedicated group of active elders. If asked, I hope you will give prayerful consideration to the invitation.

Every week there is more progress in the Sanctuary on the new components for the installation of the sound and visual system, and we eagerly arrive to see what has been added. New hymnals, choir robes, paraments, a fifth octave of handbells, and new bell table skirts are also in use.

The results from the *Holy Cow* assessment program the congregation completed in November were shared with Session. Pastor Becca will summarize them for us - watch for details in the March edition of *CrossRoads*.

Be sure to plan to stay for our Souper Bowl bread and soup lunch on **February 3** before the Super Bowl. The Youth will take your monetary donations to go shopping and stock the Sykesville Middle School Food Pantry.

All special offerings, our Fair Share portion to Presbytery, donation to ESCAPE, and per capita responsibilities have been sent.

Our Current Session Members:

Tony Caviglia
Sue Holmes
Mark Kearney

Elizabeth Meirowitz
Beth Oates
Diana Stepping

***Next Session Meeting:* February 7, 2019 7:00 pm**



- ~ Prayers of comfort for Martha Streaker and her family on the loss of her sister, Grace Erb, on January 12, 2019.
- ~ Prayers for Bob Roger's sister-in-law, Rebecca Rogers, who is now in hospice.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for Catonsville, Christ Memorial, and First of Howard County 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. February meetings will be on **February 12 and February 26**. 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.

Bible Study:

Sarah Lantz will lead a Bible Study from Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story by Jessica LaGrone. We will meet on three Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Panera in Eldersburg - **February 19, March 5, and March 19**. Please join us!



Today, O God, help us find our contentment and serenity in you.



Communion Servers

February Communion Servers

February 3 (Traditional)

1. Sue Holmes
2. Ron Holmes
3. Tony Caviglia
4. Linda Caviglia
5. Barbara Nickell

Church Calendar

Headhuggers

Monday, 2/11 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 2/12 & 2/26 - 10:30 am (Manse)

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 2/18 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

Church Cleaning

February 8, 9 or 10 - Belle Vasbinder & Barbara Nickell

February 22, 23 or 24 - Sandy & Ed Newsome

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	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
Sunday Opener	Bob Rogers	Beth Oates	Barbara Cornell	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Amy Vasbinder Jim Wise	Connie Robinson Martha Streaker	Don Vasbinder Charlie Sperling	Steve & Donna Mazer
Lay Leader	Tim Oates	Sharon Pappas	Linda Black	Kathy Russ
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Souper Bowl Luncheon	Linda Caviglia	Sandy Newsome	Barbara Cornell

Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator

C.I.A. (Community In Action) will meet on **February 4 and February 18** 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



February 10
6:30 pm (Manse)

Sunday School

After enjoying the Sermon, all youth/children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.
Come and enjoy!

Youth Group: On Sunday, **February 24** following services, the Youth will be carpooling to Panera in Westminster and then on to Shoppers to purchase food and deliver it to Sykesville Middle School's Food Pantry. Please see Mr. Charlie/Ms. Deb with questions.

Laser Tag was a HUGE success! Ask a youth if they went and what happened...



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

February 15
7:00 pm
Fellowship Room



Music Notes

From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

Both the Springfield Adult Choir and the Presbyterones Bell Choir are moving along with the music plans at SPC. Winter weather is getting in the way of some of our plans, but for the most part we are all enjoying singing and ringing.

If you have thought about singing with us, please remember that you are welcome anytime!! We are not an auditioned choir, so if you would enjoy singing with us, just let me know and we'll get you some music and you'll be all set. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:45 - 9:00, and generally sing 3 out of 4 Sunday mornings.

The Presbyterones bell choir could also use another ringer or two. (with all our additional bells and chimes) It would be best if you have some bell background, or at least a strong music background to jump into this group. But, if you are interested, please let me (Linda Caviglia - cavig5@comcast.net or 410-746-1221) know and we'll explore the possibilities.

Our Next Concert: Wherligig (Celtic) February 10 @ 3:00 pm



While we are sad that our original group, Peat & Barley cannot perform for us as planned (due to health issues), we are pleased that Wherligig has agreed to come and take the February concert spot. They have performed for our concert series in the past, so we know we are in for an afternoon of good music!

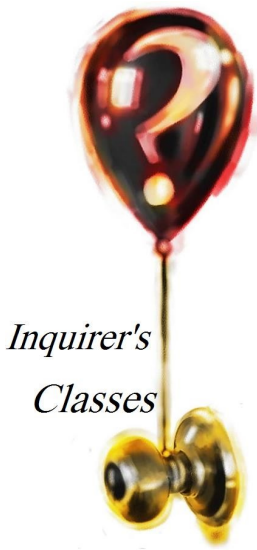
Since 1985, Wherligig has delighted and educated audiences in the US mid-Atlantic with the earthy sounds of acoustic Celtic and Nordic traditional music. This family music ensemble combines repertoire from Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales, Sweden, and Wales in performances ranging from the concert stage to classrooms,

restaurants, festivals, weddings, and private gatherings.

The current lineup of this versatile ensemble features Ken, Ryan, and Stephanie Koons, and Niccolo Seligmann. Ken plays the six- and twelve-string guitar, tin whistles, bones, and hurdy gurdy. Ryan plays the fiddle, tin whistle, nyckelharpa, crwth, plucked and bowed psalteries, and sings. Stephanie is on the hammered dulcimer, neo-Celtic harp, and harmonium. Niccolo plays the viola da gamba and bodhran (Irish frame drum). Ken, a [master instrument maker](#) whose instruments are known for their beauty and tone, has built or restored most of the instruments the ensemble uses during performances. Wherligig's love of traditional music and culture and their joy in making music together as a family add a distinguishing quality to their performances.

Mission

A thank you is in order! Once again our SERRV consignment sale was a huge success. Our total sales were \$741.60 Thank you for supporting this non-profit mission to eradicate poverty around the world. You are making a difference!!! ~ The Mission Committee



*Inquirer's
Classes*

Mark your Calendar for Inquirer's Classes!
March 10, 17, and 24 after church in the Library

What is an Inquirer?

If you've been coming to SPC and feel SPC is your spiritual home, then we invite you to these three classes to find out more about us. We will talk about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and find out more about Springfield as a church and a community.

At the end of the three weeks, you can decide if you would like to become a member of SPC.

If you're interested, please reach out to Pastor Becca (springfieldpastor@gmail.com)

Shrove Sunday - March 3
Watch for details in the March edition
of CrossRoads



SHROVE SUNDAY

february

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Donna Mazer
- 1 Steve Mazer
- 5 Wesley Stinson
- 12 Megan Anderson
- 18 Robert Frothingham
- 18 Dorothy Schafer
- 24 Jim Wise
- 26 Elsa Oates

February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 10

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 24

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11,
39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;
Luke 6:27-38

Feed the Bin!

All
proceeds go to
ESCAPE
Ministries



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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



March's newsletter deadline is **February 20**.
Please submit your information to
spc.office@verizon.net.

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February 2019 News

*Springfield
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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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