



# CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

January 2019



Christmas Pageant

2018



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# Pastor's Page

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

“New year, new me!”

As we move from 2018 to 2019, on TV commercials to social media, there is an underlying pressure that resounds that this new year means we have to create brand new resolutions that will create or curate a beautiful future. Yet, Business Insider and general knowledge shares that around 80% of resolutions fail by February. The only part of the resolution we have left is guilt, fear, or a desperate trying to catch up. That's a lot of pressure for one to hold!

We know that how we measure our year is not how our God measures our time here on Earth. Every new day, new minute, new experience, is an opportunity to change our habits and behaviors. Instead of holding up the measuring tape, God bases our value and our worth not on what we do, but who we are – beloved children who are precious in God's sight.

Perhaps you have already made that resolution or two for 2019, but perhaps it's time to reframe it. Instead of “I'm going to drop x amount of pounds, I'm going to run a marathon, I'm going to write the next bestselling novel”, maybe it's time to turn those resolutions on their head. Although I can't really speak for God, I don't think that God really minds if you run a marathon, but is far more concerned about your health, your soul, and your full wellbeing. And when you feel like you've missed the mark, do not despair, for the God of love and grace holds you, loves you, and cares for you, no matter your accomplishments.

May you come into this new year with a new sense of grace for yourself and others, abounding love, and the knowledge that God is good, each and every day. Amen.

In Christ,  
Pastor Becca

# Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



The year 2018 was closed with great energy for all our favorite December events beginning with our Annual Craft Fair and SERRV sale, caroling, homeless shelter party, Blue Christmas Service, pageant with our fabulous choir, and three Christmas Eve services. That doesn't even mention all the Youth events. Look for pictures of these happenings throughout the newsletter. A thank you to Cathy Marsh and Connie Gibbons for providing an opportunity for family photos at the Craft Fair.

The Stewardship team appreciates your generous financial support of our church and its ministries. This year there were 31 pledges for \$113,380 for 2019.

As a Church, our call is to reach out to one another as well as comfort each other. Your support of the four special Presbyterian offerings reaches beyond our community. Working within our community we are challenged to go beyond our comfortable places. We are to meet new people, understand where others may need our helping hand, and be there with God's love. Connie Robinson organizes two such events each year when she plans the Easter and Christmas parties for the shelter in Westminster. She gathers the youth, games, crafts, gifts, and food for an afternoon with these families. These are a big undertaking and we are grateful for the financial help from Wesley Freedom.

If you are interested in going along with the Baltimore-Lakota partnership this summer, be sure to talk with Bob and Diana Stepling. The work at the reservation was so meaningful they are planning to return this summer. There are also opportunities to work with The Center in Baltimore. See Linda Black if you are interested.

Within our Church, we are called to teach our children well. Pastor Becca wrote the curriculum for the Confirmation class with discussions, road trips, and a retreat. A new Sunday school format begins in January. Youth activities are monthly led by the Sperlings and movie night with Pastor Becca, Community in Action provides another opportunity to work with our youth and community.

There is always room for more ideas and another pair of hands.

At our January 10 Session meeting we will finalize the 2019 budget and set a date to present it to the congregation.

## Our Current Session Members:

Tony Caviglia  
Sue Holmes  
Mark Kearney

Elizabeth Meirowitz  
Beth Oates  
Diana Stepling

***Next Session Meeting:* January 10, 2019 7:00 pm**



- ~ Prayers of comfort for Belle Vasbinder and her family on the sudden loss of her sister, Janet Sevits, on December 14. The graveside service was held on December 27 in Somerset, PA, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for *First of Westminster, Granite, Hope, Korean United and Mt. Hebron* from our Ministry Group.

### **Prayer Group:**

Prayer Group meets at the Manse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 am. January meetings will be on **January 8 and January 22**. 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](mailto:sandy.newsome814@gmail.com).



**On behalf of the staff of Springfield Presbyterian Church, we thank you all for your very generous monetary gifts during this Christmas season. We are very thankful for you! ~ The Staff at SPC**

### **2019 PER CAPITA PRESBYTERY ALLOCATION REMINDER**

As you probably know, Springfield Church is annually apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly for their core functions. The apportionment is a regular expense payable by Springfield at the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

The Per Capita for 2019 will be \$35.73 for each communicant adult and youth member of Springfield Presbyterian Church. Please note "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check.

*God is our refuge in times of trouble.*



Communion Servers

### January Communion Servers

January 13

1. Diana Steppling
2. Barbara Nickell
3. Linda Black
4. Charlie Sperling
5. Jim Wise

## *Church Calendar*

### Headhuggers

Monday, 1/14 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

### Prayer Group

Tuesday, 1/8 - 10:30 am (Manse)

### Church Cleaning

January 11, 12 or 13 - Deb & Charlie Sperling

January 25, 26 or 27 - Lisa & Bob Rogers

### Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 1/21 - 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](mailto:robinsonconn40@gmail.com) or 240-278-9040.

<b>Assisting on Sundays</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>1/13</b>	<b>1/20</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Sunday Opener</b>	Bob Rogers	Barbara Cornell	Ron Holmes	Jennifer Wise
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Connie Robinson Martha Streaker	Elizabeth Meirowitz Bob Rogers	Jim & Mary Rhodes	Sharon Pappas Martha Streaker
<b>Lay Leader</b>	Ron Holmes	Barbara Cornell	Elizabeth Meirowitz	Mark Kearney
<b>Sunday School</b>	Amy Vasbinder	Connie Robinson Deb Sperling	Connie Robinson Deb Sperling	Connie Robinson Deb Sperling
<b>Fellowship</b>	Barbara Cornell	Need Volunteer	Barbara Nickell	Linda Caviglia

## Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator

C.I.A. (Community In Action) will meet on **January 14 and January 21** 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. Beginning in February, C.I.A. will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month.

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

**2019 Sunday School - New Beginnings!** Starting on January 13, 2019, Sunday School will be held following the sermon.



**January 13**

6:30 pm (Manse)





From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

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

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.



# Missions



Crafts at the Family Homeless Shelter party on December 15 in Westminster

SPC Carolers at Transitions




If you would like to donate any gently used coats to Shepherd's Staff, please see Julie Ballard on or before **January 13**. Coats will be distributed FREE to Carroll County residents.

**COAT DRIVE**



# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6** Tim & Beth Oates  
**23** Carl & Kari Anderson

## **January 6**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

## **January 13**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## **January 20**

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

## **January 27**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21



# January BIRTHDAYS

- 3** Bob Stepling  
**5** Carl Anderson  
**6** Alex Sperling  
**6** Emily Sperling  
**15** Elizabeth Meiowitz  
**20** Henry Halvorson  
**21** Max Carroll  
**23** Natalie Halvorson



February's newsletter deadline is **January 20**.  
Please submit your information to  
[spc.office@verizon.net](mailto: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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