



# CrossRoads

*Springfield Presbyterian Church*

**May 2018**



*Pentecost*

Pentecost Offering: May 13 and 20, focuses on assistance in the first third of life where faith is formed and skills developed for maturity and life ahead. In helping to ensure our youth are well rounded and grounded, portions go toward serving our young adults in fellowship and service; ministries that guide youth in their walk with Christ and inspire those called to accompany them; child advocacy protection and education that nurtures the whole child. In addition, local congregations are encouraged to direct 40% of the offering to a local program helping at risk children. We have chosen to send our portion to Mission of Mercy, a mobile unit providing

health care, prescriptions, dental care and compassion to portions of Carroll and Frederick County. Last year we were able to send them \$105. Let's see if we can send more this year!



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# Pastor's Page

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

"But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." – Amos 5:24

On April 24<sup>th</sup> in a small fellowship hall at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Westminster, I had the distinct privilege to hear vulnerable stories of injustice and pain at the Poor People's Campaign Gathering. People gathered from different religions, cultures, and ways of life – from the Unitarian Universalist Church in Finksburg, to a local Jewish community and beyond. Speakers shared varied stories – a woman who was a veteran who is part of a peace campaign, a man who shared his story about institutional racism, and a woman whose chasing of the 'American Dream' of money led her to recognizing the weight of poverty and burn-out in our society.

The campaign leaders shared a wealth of worrying statistics, but here I will share just a few:

40.6 million people live below the federal poverty line in the U.S and nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  are women and children.

13.8 million low-income households cannot afford water.

Approximately 22 veterans a day commit suicide.

The scope of the campaign is triumphant: to wage peace instead of war, to stop poverty, to end systemic and institutionalized racism, and to stand in solidarity with those in the minority. To sum up the campaign, perhaps you could say that the campaign seeks to make America a place where all are safe, equal, and well-nourished – mind, body, and soul.

Many will say their scope is too big, perhaps too grand – yet, isn't that what we are called to? A call that is grand, a call that takes the impossible and says, "With God, all things are possible." A call to recognize, just as in the book of Amos, that God desires a world where justice rolls as freely and bountifully as water and righteousness is ever-flowing, continued, in all times and places.

I share all of this information with you for what may seem to be a simple reason: as Christ followers, we are called to this work of justice. Whether that's with the Poor People's Campaign or another entity, I encourage you to hear the stories of the often misunderstood and unheard. Let those stories change you, transform you, and encourage you to do the good work of justice and righteousness, here and now. Amen.

In Christ,  
Pastor Becca

# Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



At our April Congregational Meeting we elected three new Elders to the Class of 2020. Welcome and a thank you for agreeing to serve in this capacity to Elizabeth Meirowitz, Beth Oates, and Diana Steppling. We are pleased to have your energy and ideas moving forward. Their installation will be Sunday, **June 3** during our Worship service.

Thank you too to Connie Robinson, Charles Sperling, and Bob Steppling, our Elders rotating off Session after serving two terms.

Members Ed Newsome, Diana Steppling, Amy Vasbinder were named to conduct our 2016-2017 audits.

The General Assembly and Presbytery have challenged us to be actively in our community making a difference not just where it is easy, but wherever we see a need. Share with Session your ideas about how we might be God's hands and feet. If we find the place, The Center can find the extra help to carry out the project. Pastor Becca also attended the meeting in Westminster in April seeking to revive some action for the Poor Peoples Campaign building on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work.

Our spring clean up on April 14 kept ten of us busy for almost 3 hours trimming, weeding, mulching, clearing leaves, and sorting through classroom cupboards. Volunteers earned a donation through Comcast to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster. Shingles blown off the education wing during a winter storm have been replaced. There are new gutters on that wing too.

Youth held an Easter party for the Women and Children's Shelter in Westminster again. Monthly movie night and activities continue with their Ocean City retreat coming soon.

***Next Session Meeting:*** Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 pm



- ~ Prayers of thanksgiving for Rev. Bob Culp for covering our pulpit on April 22 and April 29.
- ~ Prayers of comfort for the family of Frank LePage, who passed away on March 31.
- ~ Prayers for Don Smith for health concerns.
- ~ Prayers for quick healing for Leah Halvorson who had surgery.
- ~ Prayers for Lea Mueller (Connie Robinson's niece) for health concerns.
- ~ Prayers of strength and healing for Duke Harrison who underwent surgery.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for St. Andrew's of Mt. Airy, Catonsville Presbyterian, and Christ Memorial from our Ministry Group.

Dear Springfield Family,

Putting words to my gratitude as I think about all of the kind lines, lifted prayers, and delicious food that have been sent our way these past few weeks feels monumental right now. What I really want you to know is how much your love has carried me through. From my own journey through Hopkins, to the support my family has felt, that they are encouraged and loved by so many, thank you. Thank you, more than words can say. With much love and deep gratitude, Leah Halvorson

### **Prayer Group:**

Prayer Group will meet at 10:30 am at the Manse on **May 8** and **May 22**. Please join us to share prayers for our friends, community, nation and world!

*God's presence brings us comfort;  
Our presence brings others comfort.*



## Communion Servers

### May 6 Communion Servers (Traditional)

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

Assisting on Sundays	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
Sunday Opener	Ron Holmes	Barbara Cornell	Ed Newsome	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Kay Freas Donna Mazer	Don Vasbinder Charlie Sperling	Ed Newsome Bob Rogers	Jim Wise Amy Vasbinder
Lay Leader	Don Vasbinder	Kay Freas	Bob Stepling	Linda Black
Sunday School	Connie Robinson Deb Sperling	Amy Vasbinder	Connie Robinson Deb Sperling	
Fellowship				

# Church Calendar

## Headhuggers

Monday, 5/14 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

## Fairhaven Communion

No Fairhaven Communion in May

## Church Cleaning

May 4, 5 or 6 - The Anderson Family

May 18, 19 or 20 - The Oates Family

## Prayer Group

Tuesday, 5/8 & 5/22 - 10:30 am (Manse)

## Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 5/21 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

## Boys and Girls Club of Westminster

Through the generosity of Comcast's sponsorship, \$20 for each clean-up volunteer was donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster to help fund their expansion of the Club from 2,500 square feet (serving 110 children) to a whopping 20,000 square feet, big enough to serve 600 children! Renovations will include music and dance studios, a radio/DJ station and basement lounge for teenagers with air hockey, table tennis and video games, and an upstairs lounge for younger children with a book nook and library space.

## Book Study

The Book Study offered by Sarah Lantz will be on **May 15** at 7:00 pm at Panera in Eldersburg. We are reading **Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl** by Lisa Terkeurst and meeting only one time. Books for each month of the summer are: The Broken Way by Ann Voskamp on **June 19**, The Long Way Home by Elizabeth Musser on **July 17**, and What Women Fear by Angie Smith on **August 21**. See Sharon Pappas for more information.

**Need any documents shredded?** The Carroll County Bureau of Aging & Disabilities is sponsoring **FREE** shredding events open to adults 60+ years of age and adults with disabilities 18+ years of age by The Shred Mill. The following items can be shredded: Paper documents, bound books, spiral and plastic bindings, X-rays and CD's. There is no need to remove staples or paper clips. Locations and dates are as follows:

Mount Airy Senior & Community Center  
703 Ridge Avenue, Mt. Airy, MD 21771  
410-795-1017

**Tuesday, May 1 - 9 am to 11 am**

Westminster Senior & Community Center  
125 Stoner Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157  
410-386-3800

**Monday, May 7 - 9 am to 11 am**

South Carroll Senior & Community Center  
5928 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg, MD  
410-386-3700

**Monday, May 14—9 am to 11 am**

Taneytown Senior & Community Center  
220 Roberts Mill Road, Taneytown, MD  
410-386-2700

**Tuesday, May 8—9 am to 11 am**



# Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator

## C.I.A. (Community In 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. We will meet on **May 7 and May 21** from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Manse. Pizza and drinks provided!

## C.I.A. Camp

This summer from **June 24 to June 28**, 6:30 - 8 pm, C.I.A. will be expanding to include an evening summer camp to expose children and youth to a different community need and/or area of our community that requires our action or participation, including:

- ⇒ Humane Society Night with a "Dress Your Pet" competition, where entry donations go to the Carroll County Humane Society
- ⇒ Interfaith Night, where people of faith from all religions can celebrate their faith together and learn about each other
- ⇒ First Responders Night, where children and youth can learn about their local first responders
- ⇒ HEIFER Night, an organization dedicated to feeding the world by providing animals to help farmers and families across the world become self-sufficient

Volunteers are needed to help with this camp. Please see Charlie or Deb Sperling or Connie Robinson if you're interested.

## Upcoming Events

The Annual Ocean City Youth Group Retreat has been rescheduled for **May 11-13**. We will be leaving Church Friday evening at 6:00 pm and returning to the Church on Sunday afternoon around 2:00 pm. Friends are always welcome - just let Mr. Charlie/Ms. Deb know so they can allow for car space.

Youth Sunday and Sunday School Appreciation will be on dates to be determined.

Easter Festivities - Prayers of thanksgiving for the wonderful job by the Youth for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and cake for fellowship. Lots of children and youth!

A special THANK YOU to our Youth, Charlie & Deb Sperling, Phil and Patty Salmon, and Judy Rhoades for taking the time to support and be part of the Easter celebration at the Women and Children's Shelter in Westminster. What an awesome day!





### From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

Our Vocal Choir is growing! Last month we welcomed Ryley Brown, and this month we get to introduce another new singer to our group - **Brittany Rachin**. Brittany and her husband Danny have been attending our services for several months now and Brittany has decided to come and sing with us. She is a music teacher in the Howard County school system, and we are very happy to welcome her into our choir. We truly enjoy our practice time as well as our time to participate in worship, sharing God's words to us all, in song.

(Ok, guys, that's two more women in the choir, there must be at least one other man out there who'd like to join us ;-)

The **Presbytones** will be playing in the **May 20** Worship Service. We plan to have three pieces to play including a new piece for us, *Song Without Words* by Gustav Holst and arranged for bells by Ron Mallory. We also plan to play a piece by Cathy Moglebust called *I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills*. This is a piece she wrote as an interpretation of Psalm 121. We'll end the service with a fun and exciting piece *Glorious Celebration* by Cynthia Dobrinski. Bells are a beautiful way to worship and praise our God. Please come join us for this special worship experience.

ESCAPE - Sunday April 29 @ 2:00 pm - St. Joe's Catholic Church - 915 Liberty Road, Eldersburg.

The Adult Choir and our band, Red Sea Parting, will be participating in the ESCAPE sing at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 29** beginning at 2:00 pm. Several choirs from local churches, the Four Winds flute quartet and other groups will be sharing favorite music and raising money for ESCAPE Ministries. ESCAPE is based in Sykesville and provides emergency food and financial assistance in the Sykesville, Eldersburg, Finksburg and Woodbine zip codes. This concert is their main fundraiser for the year, so it would be good to have a big turnout.

### **Our Next Concert June 10 at 3:00 pm The Ukulele Brothers**

Harvey Feldman, a baritone singer with the PDQ Barbershop Quartet which was here back in December of 2015 & Roland Dorsey, a well-known jazz bassist will be on our stage for the last concert of this concert year. They met through a mutual friend and decided to merge their talents and see how a ukulele and bass would sound together. They will be playing baritone and bass ukuleles and plan to sing and perform a nostalgic list of tunes from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's. Come join us for another fun afternoon of good music, food and friends.





- 20 Bob & Lisa Rogers  
27 Robert & Libby Frothingham



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

### May 6

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6;  
John 15:9-17

### May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;  
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

### May 20

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm  
104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts  
2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### May 27

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-  
17; John 3:1-17

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### Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)

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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



### Feed the Bin!

All  
proceeds go  
to  
ESCAPE  
Ministries



June's newsletter deadline is **May 20**.

Please submit your information to

[spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net).

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## **May 2018 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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