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Springfield Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Page

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

As the leaves fall to the ground and they crunch underfoot, we may be reminded of all the seasons we weather here in Maryland. This season though, has been a difficult one for many who have experienced natural disasters. While our Cuban Partnership was here in early September, the moderator of El Centro Presbytery in Cuba faced a phone call that her daughter's house was destroyed in Hurricane Irma. While Cuba felt a world away, seeing her face and hearing the destruction gathered us quickly together in prayer and all of a sudden, our worlds felt much closer, much more intertwined.

Many in our world will be looking up to God for different reasons – to thank God for saving them, to blame God for the destruction, to renounce God and lose faith because their faith was so challenged. As we read in the Psalms, God can handle all of it – our joy, our anger, our loss of faith, our confusion – and God still welcomes us in and hears our varied prayers. It's tempting in times like this to blame God and walk away, but the God of my own theology says that God weeps with us, rejoices with us, walks with us, and never abandons us. Will I ever understand why these terrible natural acts happen – no, it is a divine mystery I will not understand in this lifetime. Yet, in faith, I trust in a God who knows our pain and knows our human limitations of divine understanding.

The question remains – what can we do? What, in our world where we can feel powerless and helpless, can we do? We can be the hands and feet of Jesus. We can pray for those hurt, we can send aid items to affected areas, and we can donate money to those places that need it the most. I would advise you to check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (<http://pda.pcusa.org/>) to explore the many ways you can help with the gifts and talents that God has given you. May we all seek to be a voice of hope, love, and caring, in a world that needs it in plenty. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



In the September newsletter, I shared happenings from our last meeting held the end of August. The new month of September was full of all the program start-ups: choirs, band, Sunday school, fellowship time, Youth Group, Community in Action, Movie Night, Head Huggers (knitters and crocheters), Fairhaven communions. There was also an all-day elders retreat at the Shrine of St. Anthony for a day of visioning. Being mindful of all those commitments, and because everything is running smoothly, we rescheduled our September Session meeting for October 12. Thank you to everyone who is so quickly stepping up where there is a need.

The Mission and Christian Education teams are planning another Christmas party for the Women and Children's Shelter in Westminster. Connie Robinson is coordinating that with Human Services and Wesley Freedom and will have more details on that soon.

The Peace and Global Witness offering, October 1, is used to train counselors in peace-building refugee camps, support programs aimed at ending human trafficking, and work with young people transitioning out of prison or homeless. This year our 25% portion is to be donated to Legal Services Corporation---America's Partners for Equal Justice. This non-profit established in 1974 provides aid in areas of family law, housing and foreclosure cases, consumer issues, employment and income maintenance, (obtaining promised wages or benefits), help for military families, and responds to disasters with Red Cross and FEMA.

If you've enjoyed our concert series, you might want to check out an event at Wesley Freedom, Friday **October 6**, at 7:00 pm. This is a fund raiser for the community Feed My Sheep program, housed in their building, offering a warm noon meal on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. They anticipate a variety of music styles from classical, pop, Broadway, movie themes and jazz, plus a variety of instruments including horns, piano, violin, etc. There will also be one musical number with costumes and dancing. We hope you can come!

Presbytery Disaster Assistance

At Springfield we always want to be aware of joys and concerns around us. There is need in so many places in our world that we feel we cannot be in all places. PCUSA's Disaster Relief Assistance program works globally, in refugee camps and through natural disasters. At any time money can be sent from our office to PDA. Make your check out to Springfield Presbyterian Church with a note on the memo line to PDA. Donna will see that our donations are sent and donation will be recorded on your semi-annual statement.

Next Session Meeting: Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

We always thank
GOD for all of you
 and continually
 mention you in
 our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

- ~ Prayers of condolence for the family of Sam Warfield, who died peacefully at Transitions in Sykesville on September 28.
- ~ Prayers of comfort and strength for the Oates family on the passing of Tim's father on September 20.
- ~ Prayers of healing for Chuck Cleland, Linda Caviglia's father, for health concerns.
- ~ Prayers for strength and healing for Shona Klein for health issues.
- ~ Continued prayers for the Sperling family and Deb Sperling's mom, Irene Schwarzkopf, in home hospice.
- ~ Continued prayers of healing for Jeannette Vasbinder for health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who have suffered from natural disasters across the world.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for Hope, Living Faith Fellowship, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Paran, and New Life Korean from our Ministry Group.
- ~ We pray for all of our members and friends in the faith that their faith may grow and their hearts be whole in Christ.

Prayer Group:

Prayer Group will meet at 10:30 am at the Manse on **October 10** and **October 24**. Please join us to share prayers for our friends, community, nation and world!



Be on the lookout for your friendly annual
 Stewardship letter coming to your mailbox in
 October!

Our dedication Sunday will be November 12.



Sunday October 3
Communion Servers
(Traditional)

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

ESCAPE LUNCH

PACKING

Tuesday
 October 10
 7:00 pm
 (Manse)

Headhuggers

Monday, 10/9 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 10/10 & 10/24 - 10:30 am
 (Manse)

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 10/16 - 9:30 am

Church Cleaning:

October 6, 7, or 8 - The Anderson Family

October 20, 21 or 22 - The Oates Family

Fairhaven Communion

Wednesday October 18, 11:00 am

Assisting on Sundays	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29
Sunday Opener	Kay Freas	Ron Holmes	Ed Newsome	Sandy Newsome	Barbara Cornell
Ushers & Greeters	Ed Newsome & Bob Rogers	Julie Ballard & Elizabeth Meirowitz	Sharon Pappas & Sandy Newsome	Tim Doyle & Bob Rogers	Don Vasbinder & Martha Streaker
Lay Leader	Barbara Cornell	Max Carroll	Elizabeth Meirowitz	Sharon Pappas	Ron Holmes
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Bob & Diana Stepling	Barbara Nickell	Belle & Don Vasbinder		Linda Caviglia



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

The Adult Choir and Presbyterones Bell choir are rehearsing weekly and having fun singing and playing the new chimes and Cymbells. The **Adult Choir** is enjoying some favorite pieces that we've sung before and learning a few new ones too.

The **Presbyterones** plan to play for the service on November 12th and we will also be part of the music on Christmas Eve, so we have lots to work on!

As always, if you have any interest in joining the music program in some way here at Springfield, please let me know and we will include you and your talents in our plans!!
(Linda Caviglia 410-746-1221 or cavig5@comcast.net)

General Music and Worship Information

The Worship Committee in conjunction with the Christian Education Committee has decided to eliminate the once a month "Family Service" which has been meeting on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 9:00 am. We felt that the service was no longer meeting the needs of the congregation.

This year we are going to try something different for a while and see how it goes. We will be incorporating Red Sea Parting (the praise band) as well as other special music in our weekly services. Our adult choir will still be a part of most services, but there will be Sundays each month when they will not participate by singing an anthem. Instead we will try having instrumental pieces, or soloists, small groups.

As we try this out, I hope you will let us know how you feel about the changes, as we will reevaluate in a few months.



Our Next Concert

October 8, 2017 3:00 PM

**Wiswakarma - Classical (strings/keyboard/
vocal)**

Please join us for this concert as we welcome a local family of musicians to our sanctuary! As always, following the concert we will serve refreshments in the Fellowship Room.

Bagus Wiswakarma is a native of Indonesia and a violin concert soloist. He was the Founder/Director of the Chamber Music Series in Jakarta, Indonesia from 1999 through 2006. Since 2008 he has been the Artistic Director of OPUS Community Music School. In 2015 he Co-founded the Freedom Philharmonic Orchestra. He is the Concertmaster and Artistic Director of that group as well.

Ela Wiswakarma is the Administrative Director of OPUS community Music School. She is an experienced teacher for preprimary, primary and secondary school students in the areas of music, dance and drama. She is a piano accompanist for concerts and recitals in Europe and America.

Audrey Wiswakarma serves as the Music Director of Union Bridge Church of the Brethren (since 2015) and plays violin and piano. She is currently a Senior at Francis Scott Key High School in Maryland.

Aileen Wiswakarma was the First Chair in the cello section in last spring's All County Orchestra. She is studying cello at OPUS Community Music School and is a Freshman at Francis Scott Key High School.

Leilani Wiswakarma was the First Chair in the violin section of last spring's All County Orchestra. She studies viola at OPUS Community Music School and is in the 7th grade at Northwest Middle School.

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. Meetings will be **October 2** at the Manse and **October 16** at Stepping Stones from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Please join us as we help our community in various ways. Pizza provided!

Sunday School

Sunday School is held each Sunday during Worship and is open to all ages, from Pre-K to Middle School.

Movie Nights

This summer, the CE team has started up Movie Nights in the Youth Room! We've watched movies such as *Finding Dory* and the *Lion King*. It's a great space to hang out, eat some popcorn and candy, and just enjoy getting together. We kick back and talk, catch-up, and watch a movie. Pastor Becca and Amy Vasbinder have been leading this - so if you have any questions or any movie suggestions, we'd be happy to hear from you! All youth group aged youth are welcome (6th-12th grades) and feel free to invite friends!

Youth Group fun at Woodberry Crossing





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

October 1

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 1-16;
 Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
 Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
 Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessa-
 lonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,
 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew
 22:34-46



- 1 Elwood Labrosse
 1 Evan Stinson
 6 Mary Rhodes
 11 Frank LePage
 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
 28 Peggy Robbins
 31 Aleisha Manyette

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Worship Hours

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Becca Crate

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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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