



CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

November 2018

Stewardship Sunday - November 11

Individual stewardship letters have gone out to members and friends. If you have not received yours, please contact the Church Office at 410-795-6152 or spc.office@verizon.net.

November is our month of both Thanksgiving and Stewardship. Immediately following the Worship service on Stewardship Sunday, **November 11**, we will celebrate with a soup and bread luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be at Church to give us a rough idea of how many people to plan for. You may also sign up to bring your favorite soup or bread or sandwiches. Dessert will be provided. Please plan on joining us as we celebrate all that God has given us!



It's time to order your Christmas flowers! If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Christmas, there will be order forms available in the Narthex or contact the Church Office. All flower orders are due by **November 18**.



Don't forget to set your clocks back late Saturday night, **November 3!**

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Pastor's Page

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

Rethinking Thanksgiving

In October, we were blessed to welcome Chrystie Adams to the pulpit to share information about the Baltimore-Dakota Learning Camp initiative. She enlightened us on advocacy, the sins against the indigenous people of America, and how we are striving towards building new and healing relationships with Native Americans in the West. One of the questions I asked Chrystie was how the Native American people she works with feel about Thanksgiving. Is it harmful to celebrate thanksgiving? Is it wrong? What is the appropriate Christian response to this holiday when we watch our Native brothers and sisters suffer oppression and injustice in our current landscape?

Chrystie shared with me that some of the Native Americans she knows do celebrate Thanksgiving, but their approach to the holiday is different than your average American. Turkey is not usually at the forefront, but rather elk and deer. The focus is truly on giving thanks; thanks that the Native Americans have survived in a hostile environment, thanks for creation and all that it provides, and a renewed commitment to honor all life. She also shared with me an article¹ written by the Presbyterian Mission Agency, which I will place below and highly recommend as a read to expand this conversation.

As we sit down for Thanksgiving this year, my request is not that you throw away the turkey, but perhaps begin a new spiritual practice – a practice of true thanksgiving. Some families already do this, but going around the table and saying something you're thankful for can mark the day in a significant way. Perhaps you want to write a list of all the things you are thankful for, from the sunshine to the rain, to the wild birds to the sacred moments we share. Let us be thankful people and praise our Creator for all the good gifts of the Earth. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

¹Article from Presbyterian Mission
https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-1118-exploring/?fbclid=IwAR2V6pdi1luiSas5ebfEZ9buuWgjiC3lPP2_9QtWyXTKarpAfbwZjzmz8X1QM

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



At our October meeting, Diana Stepling opened us with a prayer circle and devotions from the mission trip she and Bob took to the Dakota Partnership. They were also able to arrange to have Chrystie Adams, Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Steering Committee from Presbytery, with us on Sunday, October 21, sharing the twenty-year history of the relationship between our presbyteries and more information about their summer camp work.

There is a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **November 18**, immediately following worship for the purpose of approving Terms of Call for Pastor Becca. This is a change in the order we have done things in the past; however, having Terms of Call approved before the end of the year tidies up everything for tax purposes and enrollment in health plans for Pastor Becca. We will still have a meeting in February to receive the budget and committee reports. The election of new officers will remain in April.

One of the things on our wish list at the Session retreat last year was a new media system (sound and video). There have been inquiries, meetings, questions, demonstrations, and estimates. Session approved moving forward with this project. Tony, Jennifer, Linda and Pastor Becca would be glad to give you more details. We anticipate having it in place in December so you won't have to wait long for this new experience.

West Side Story Ministry Group voted to divide the remaining monies for this year with the member churches. This will be about \$960 to be used for purposes that meet the five criteria of the ministry group. Historically, it has been helping to fund the activities of the Community in Action (CIA) group led by Charlie & Deb Sperling and Connie Robinson for our community youth two afternoons a month.

A few building and grounds notes: We are pleased with the new carpet in the education wing. The tree work has been completed which was mostly removing low branches and grinding a few old stumps. A water leak around the chimneys of the Manse has been sealed. Our fall clean-up is on November 3 with a rain date of November 17. If you can't make that date, please feel free to help with your favorite project on a convenient date. We will tend to leaves, any final weeding or trimming on the outside and some reorganization on the inside.

The Annual Blessing of the Pets was Sunday, October 28, at 1:00 pm.

Our Current Session Members:

Tony Caviglia	Elizabeth Meiorowitz
Sue Holmes	Beth Oates
Mark Kearney	Diana Stepling

***Next Session Meeting:* November 8, 2018 7:00 pm**



- ~ Prayers for the family of Dr. Elwood LaBrosse, who passed away on October 24. A memorial service will be held at a future date.
- ~ Prayers of comfort for Leah Halvorson and her family on the loss of her brother, Carl, who passed away on October 27.
- ~ Prayers of strength and comfort for Kay Freas, whose cancer has spread.
- ~ 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. October meetings are on **November 13 and November 27**. 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.

Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, **November 18**, immediately following our 10:30 am worship service. The meeting is called for the purpose of approving Terms of Call for Rev. Crate. A change is being made from our usual February meeting date in order to streamline our tax reporting and bookkeeping procedures. Copies of the proposed Terms of Call will be available at the meeting.

Choose the attitude of gratitude!



Communion Servers

November Communion Servers

November 4 (Intinction)

1. Diana Stepling
2. Barbara Nickell
3. Kathy Russ
4. Jim Wise

November 25 (Traditional)

1. Tony Caviglia
2. Linda Caviglia
3. Barbara Nickell
4. Linda Black

Church Calendar

Headhuggers

Monday, 11/12 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 11/13 & 11/27 - 10:30 am (Manse)

Church Cleaning

November 2, 3 or 4 - Jim & Mary Rhodes

November 16, 17 or 18 - Sharon Pappas & Kay Freas

November 30, Dec. 1 or 2 - Lisa & Bob Rogers

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 11/19 - 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 or 240-278-9040.

Assisting on Sundays	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25
Sunday Opener	Ron Holmes	Bob Rogers	Need Volunteer	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Steve & Donna Mazer	Ed & Sandy Newsome	Connie Robinson Martha Streaker	Donna Mazer Bob Rogers
Lay Leader	Bob Stepling	Ron Holmes	Barbara Cornell	Kathy Russ
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Diana Stepling	Soup Luncheon Barbara Cornell	Jim & Mary Rhodes	Need Volunteer

Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator



Join us every Sunday during Worship as we explore the books of the Bible through games, song and much more!

C.I.A. will meet on **November 5** and **November 19** 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



Pictured here is C.I.A.
at work!



November 11 - 6:30 pm
(Manse)



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

This year the Presbyterians will be playing on **November 11**, Veteran's Day. Don Vasbinder included me on some information about a program scheduled for that day to remember the veterans of World War I, which we have decided to participate in. We will toll a bell at 11:00 am to join with people across the nation in remembrance of those who fought and those who lost their lives in the First World War. Below is a bit more information about the event.

On November 11, 2018 at 11:00 am local time...

Americans across the nation will toll bells in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed.



A World War I Remembrance

The U.S. World War I Centennial Commission was created by an Act of Congress in 2013. Members of the 12-member Commission were appointed by the President and the leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the National World War I Museum. All four living former Presidents have agreed to serve the commission as honorary chairmen. The Commission's mission is to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects and activities to commemorate the Centennial of World War I (WWI).

World War I remains America's forgotten war, even though more Americans gave their lives during that war than during Korea and Vietnam combined, and even though it profoundly shaped the rest of "the American century." The Commission will use the Centennial as a timely and essential opportunity to educate the country's citizens about the causes, courses and consequences of the war; to honor the heroism and sacrifice of those Americans who served; and to commemorate through public programs and initiatives the centennial of this global event.

For additional information about all the ways this group is working to commemorate the centennial, please visit their web site: <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php>

Christmas Caroling

This year we plan to go Christmas Caroling after our Sunday service on **November 25**. In the past we've gone on a Saturday late afternoon. We hope that this "new" time will allow more people to participate. We plan to visit Copper Ridge and Transitions to sing some Christmas and holiday favorites. Singing Christmas carols with the people in these locations means so much to them. Many who don't communicate well (or at all) remember Christmas carols, and will sing along, or maybe just silently mouth the words. They remember them from happy holiday celebrations in the past. I think it gives many great joy to be able to participate in whatever way they can.

The exact times haven't been set yet, but I expect we will be singing at Copper Ridge around 12:30 and going to Transitions at about 1:15. I will have more complete information listed in the bulletin in the coming weeks. Please contact me if you have any questions. (Linda **410-746-1221** or cavig5@comcast.net)



Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, **November 10**, from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please contact Phil Salmon at 410-236-6882 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code WesleyFreedomUMCEldersburg to schedule your appointment.

Fall Clean-Up

Join us on Saturday, **November 3** as we rake leaves and get the grounds ready for winter.



Bible Study group led by Sarah

Lantz has been meeting at Panera in Eldersburg to discuss Brave - Honest Questions

Women Ask by Angela Thomas-Pharr. The next meeting will be on **November 13** at 7:00 pm.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is offering immediate aid to the communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. This joins responses already underway for those impacted by Hurricane Florence, Typhoon Mangkhut, and other international disasters that have suffered a lack of media coverage. If you are able, make a note on your donation check and it will be sent along to PDA. There is a line item in our Church budget for PDA and congregational donations will be added to that.



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DISASTER
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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

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 ecclesiastical purposes. 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.



- 1 Olivia Oates
- 3 Brenda McClung
- 12 Kay Freas
- 20 Cathy White
- 25 Barbara Nickell
- 26 Jim Rhodes

November 4

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146;
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127;
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10;
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25;
Mark 13:1-8

November 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7;
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18);
Revelations 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



- 4 Alex & Brenda McClung
- 7 Ed & Sandy Newsome
- 9 Steve & Donna Mazer
- 17 Albert & Shona Klein
- 29 Amy & Omar Izaguirre

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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



December's newsletter deadline is **November 18**.

Please submit your information to
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November 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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