



# CrossRoads

*Springfield Presbyterian  
Church*

## Church Family Supper

Join us on Saturday, **April 8**, from 4 to 7 pm for a Church family supper in the Fellowship Hall, featuring Stepping Steaks! Please RSVP to Sharon Pappas at [slpappas@aol.com](mailto:slpappas@aol.com) if you are going to attend, and watch for a sign-up sheet if you are able to help with the preparations.



**A Congregational Meeting is announced for April 9, 2017, immediately following our worship service for the purpose of electing Elders to the Class of 2019 (Sue Holmes, Mark Kearney and Tony Caviglia).**



E.S.C.A.P.E. Ministries, Inc. will hold their 25th Annual Ecumenical Hymn Sing on Sunday, **April 30**, at 2:00 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Sykesville. Many of the member Churches will be participating, along with the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County. There will be a free will offering to help support emergency assistance provided by E.S.C.A.P.E. Ministries. More details on Page 7...

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# Pastor's Page

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

In this Lenten season, we've been traveling with Jesus, marvelling at his healings and words of hope, while also hearing the criticisms of the Pharisees and other Roman leaders. Our texts in the last few weeks of March have been looking at people like Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, and the blind man – all people who became disciples in some shape or form, all unexpected people called by the will of God to serve Jesus.

In April, we continue the walk. As our skies get brighter in the springtime, we still have some darkness to dwell in as we approach Holy Week. We will walk together through our lectionary studies (Wednesday mornings), our Services of Wholeness (Wednesdays at 7:30pm), and join in the depths of the darkness at our Maundy Thursday (7pm) service. Do not despair, though, for this month, the darkness becomes light, as we celebrate the beauty and wonder of Jesus' resurrection together on Easter morning. From the depths of the darkness to the beauty of light and renewal, we will rejoice together that death is defeated and Jesus is the Messiah, our Lord.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection as a community, I want to take a moment to highlight some of the important ways you can be involved this month. Please join us on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 at the fellowship hall for a time of family fellowship. It is a wonderful time to grow in the Lord and grow together. We also have a clean up event scheduled for River Road on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, which is an excellent way to serve our community and be a witness to God's work at Springfield Presbyterian through outreach.

I would also encourage you to keep in touch – with me, with the Session, with the community – to let us know your needs and your ideas. We are reformed – continually reforming and seeking new ways to worship, to learn, to be in community together – and we need everyone in the body of Christ to help and enrich the life of Springfield.

In Christ,  
Pastor Becca

# Session News

**From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session**



The March meeting was one of our busiest in some time, including a dozen actions.

Our Spring Clean Up date, weather permitting, is **April 1**, 9-11. The mulch will be delivered to the parking lot so bring your gloves and favorite yard tools. Carl Anderson is coordinating the work at the Manse and the Church. There will no doubt be little branches to be picked up after the winter, leaves to be raked, weeds to remove, and bushes to trim. Plantings to be done later.

Our Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of officers for election at the **April 9** Congregational meeting. They are also looking for three members to audit our books.

The Automated External Defibrillator (AED) purchased with your donations should arrive in a few weeks and will be located in the hallway at the bottom of the stairs.

The Youth are busy planning the Easter Egg Hunt for the Women's/Children's Shelter in Westminster on **April 15**, again working with Wesley Freedom. That evening they will be at church learning and preparing for our Egg Hunt and their famous cake. Curriculum is chosen and Connie Robinson is recruiting staff for our VBS **June 18-22**.

Somedays, Springfield itself feels like a mission project as we work to keep our buildings in good repair. Jim Rhodes and Ron Holmes have found a solution to block the drafty area around the window with the air conditioning unit in the Fellowship Hall. Our sign at the Second Avenue corner blew down in those strong winds and Ron is replacing the post before returning it to its place.

You will be pleased one Sunday, after the snow and salt are gone, to find our parking lot sealed and re-stripped. Thanks to Jim Rhodes for arranging this.

The Pastor-Parish Team/Committee is being reconstituted and has a new policy stating responsibilities and term limits.

All the Personnel evaluations are in and securely filed. Clearer wording was added to the contracts for our pianist and organist for compensation when their extra music support is needed.

***Next Session Meeting:*** May 18, 7:00 pm in the Manse



- ~ Prayers of healing for Helen Woodward's family.
- ~ Prayers of healing for Deb Sperling's mom, Irene Schwarzkopf, due to sudden illness.
- ~ Prayers for *St. Andrews of Mt. Airy, St. John United, Springfield and Catonsville Presbyterian Church* from our Ministry Group.

**Prayer Group:** The Prayer Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. We gather at 10:30 am in the Manse for a time of sharing and prayer. February meetings are on **4/11** and **4/25**. All are welcome to join us. Prayer requests and praises can also be sent to Sandy Newsome at [sandy.newsome814@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.newsome814@gmail.com).



**Lenten Services of Wholeness:** Join us as we continue to have brief mid-week services for meditation, reflection and healing. They will be held on Wednesdays, **April 5** and **April 12**, from 7:30 - 8:00 pm. Regular bell and adult choir rehearsals will still take place each week, but will be somewhat shortened. We invite all to come to participate in a quiet time for healing ourselves and intercessory prayers of healing for others. For more information you can get in touch with Pastor Becca or Linda Caviglia.

Join us on **Wednesday mornings** at 10:30am in the Manse. We'll explore one of the lectionary passages for the week together by reading it aloud in a few versions and engaging in questions together. It's a great discussion group where we can all learn and enjoy.





### **Sunday April 2 (Traditional)**

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| 1. Charlie Sperling | 4. Ron Holmes |
| 2. Jim Wise         | 5. Ed Newsome |
| 3. Sue Holmes       |               |

### **Maundy Thursday 4/13 (Intinction)**

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| 1. Kathy Russ      | 3. Kay Freas   |
| 2. Barbara Nickell | 4. Linda Black |

### **Easter Sunday 4/16 (Traditional)**

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| 1. Charlie Sperling | 6. Joy Barwick   |
| 2. Don Vasbinder    | 7. Bob Rogers    |
| 3. Jim Wise         | 8. Sandy Newsome |
| 4. Sharon Pappas    | 9. Beth Oates    |
| 5. Ed Newsome       |                  |

### **Red Sea Parting Practice**

Sunday, 4/2 & 4/16—9:00 am

### **Headhuggers**

Monday, 4/10 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

### **Prayer Group**

Tuesday, 4/11 & 4/25 - 10:30 am (Manse)

### **Fairhaven Communion**

Wednesday, 4/19 - 11:00 am (Cox Room)

### **Feed My Sheep Lunches**

Monday, 4/17 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

### **Women's/Children's Shelter Party**

Saturday, **April 15** - meet at Church at 1:30 pm to go to Westminster to provide the Shelter with an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, face painting, Easter baskets, food and more! **Please see Connie if you can help out.**

**Church Cleaning: 4/7, 8 or 9 - Martha & Davis Streaker 4/21, 22 or 23 - Ron & Sue Holmes**

Assisting on Sundays	4/2	4/9	Maundy Thursday	Easter 4/16	4/23	4/30
Sunday Opener	Bob Rogers	Ron Holmes	Barbara Cornell	Kay Freas	Sandy Newsome	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Tim Doyle & Jim Wise	Sharon Pappas & Martha Streaker	N/A	Connie R. & Ed Newsome	Elizabeth Meirowitz & Bob Rogers	Amy Vasbinder & Joy Barwick
Lay Leader	Diana Stepling	Elizabeth Meirowitz	N/A	Max Carroll	Tim Oates	Barbara Cornell
Sunday School PreK—5th	Connie Robinson Amy Vasbinder	Connie Robinson Shona Klein	N/A	Easter Sunday	Family Service No Sunday School	Intergenerational Connie Robinson
6th—8th	Kelsey Robinson	Kelsey Robinson				
Fellowship	Diana & Bob Stepling	Barbara Nickell	N/A	Sperlings & Youth Group	Sandy Newsome	Linda Caviglia



# MUSIC News



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

The Bell Choir is very excited to be expecting some additional instruments! We will be adding the fourth and fifth octaves of chimes and a set of Cymbells, all made by the Malmarm Bell Company.

4th Octave



5th Octave



Cymbells



We want to thank the Nickell/Noyes family for the generous donation of memorial money given in memory of Sarah Noyes for the purchase of some of these instruments. The Cymbells will be a gift dedicated to Sarah, with some additional funds going toward the expense of the two sets of chimes.

We currently have one "extra" person in our Bell Choir, so we will be able to cover using these additional bells and chimes without recruiting more people. That said, if you are interested in playing with us, we will be more than happy to have you come and play on Wednesday evenings and 4 or 5 times during the worship service each year.

We will premier our new instruments on Sunday morning, **May14**, Mother's Day! I hope you will be able to be there to dedicate and enjoy our new chimes and bells.

## E.S.C.A.P.E. Sing

The annual ESCAPE sing will take place on Sunday afternoon, **April 30th** at 2:00 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Main Street in Sykesville. Our Bell Choir and Adult Choir will be presenting an anthem and bell piece during the program that day. We invite you to join in supporting the community through the work of ESCAPE and enjoy the afternoon of music too! (Three of the Four Winds flute quartet will be playing as well!)



## Springfield Concert Series Schedule for 2016-2017 All Concerts begin at 3:00 pm

**April 9, 2017** - West Shore Piano Trio (Classical)

**June 11, 2017** - Carroll County Ramblers (Bluegrass)

For more information about these groups, please pick up a brochure from the Narthex, or visit our website at [www.springfield-church.org/concerts](http://www.springfield-church.org/concerts).

### Our April Concert

We will have a concert in April featuring the **West Shore Piano Trio** (piano, violin & cello). They are a wonderful group of musicians who have been part of two of our previous year's schedules. Please mark **Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 pm** as a time to set aside to join us for this concert. West Shore Piano Trio brings passion, color, and penetrating insight to the works they perform, not only through their playing, but also through their commentary and interaction with the audience. They believe that education and live performance enhance each other, and the better informed the audience is about a work the more deeply they will appreciate its performance.

### *West Shore Piano Trio*



Since their first performance on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in 2008, the West Shore Piano Trio has brought passion, color, and penetrating insight to the works they perform, not only through their playing but also through their commentary and interaction with audiences.

Based in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, the members of the trio were educated at the Eastman School of Music, New England Conservatory, San Francisco Conservatory, Rice University Shepherd School of Music, the University of Illinois, and the University of Maryland.

### **Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 pm**

A Free Will Offering To Be Collected    Reception To Follow In The Fellowship Hall

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# Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson - Sunday School Coordinator

## Sunday School Schedule:

### April 2

PreK - 5th Connie Robinson/Amy Vasbinder  
6th - 8th Kelsey Robinson

### April 9

PreK - 5th Connie Robinson/Shona Klein  
6th - 8th Kelsey Robinson

### April 16

Easter

April 23 - Family Service (No Sunday School)

April 30 - Intergenerational



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

**Community in Action (C.I.A.) - POSITIVE CHANGE BEGINS WITH 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.

C.I.A. meetings are usually on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Our April meetings will be on **4/3** and **4/17**. Pizza is provided at our meetings. Please join us!

**When you see Stephanie Izaguirre...** give her a big High Five!! Stephanie had a Solo Ensemble Duet (Stephanie plays the sax and a friend the flute). This was a competition for Carroll Community. They received a #1 and are eligible for States. Way to go Stephanie!! Congrats!!



**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** Since 1996, over \$700 million dollars have been raised for classrooms, JUST by clipping boxtops from the foods you already buy! A container is available in the Fellowship Room after worship. All boxtops and labels are donated to our neighborhood school, Sykesville Middle School.





**What's happening in your Youth/Children's lives? Please let Connie Robinson know so that we may celebrate as a congregation!**

### **Upcoming events—mark your calendars!**

**April 9** - Palm Sunday - we will be having a Bake Sale. Please bring a baked good to sell and bring an empty tummy to buy baked goods.

**April 15** - We will be meeting at the Church at 1:30 pm to head towards Westminster for the Women's/Children's Shelter Easter Egg Hunt/Celebration. We will then come back to Church for dinner, SPC's Easter Egg Hunt preparation and cake decorating.

**April 16** - Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt following church services. The Youth will also be in charge of fellowship.

**April 23** - River Road Cleanup - following the 2nd church service - youth and congregation welcome. Gloves, water and a snack will be provided.

**April 28-30** - Ocean City Retreat - see below.

**May 7** - Youth Sunday

More details will follow for all of these events as they get closer... Stay tuned!



**Heifer International** - the mission of the Heifer Project is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty, and to care for the earth. During the month of April, the children/youth will be collecting change to fill their arks for this worthy cause. Calendars and arks are available in the Narthex to help you with this project.

**YOUTH - IT'S TIME!!!**

**Ocean City Retreat  
April 28 - 30**

More info to follow. Friends welcome! Plan on attending to prepare for Youth Sunday on May 7.



# Opportunities Missions

Our Mission trip in 2017 will be in Baltimore through The Center, **July 30 through August 5**. Under their new guidelines, rising 7th graders and older may participate. Anyone interested in participating or who would like more information, please contact Linda Black at 410-489-4902 or via email at [lindajblack@gmail.com](mailto:lindajblack@gmail.com).

There is an opportunity to join with Wesley Freedom for a mission trip to West Virginia the last week of June, actually working through a local Presbyterian Church. The planning meeting is Thursday, **April 6**, at 7pm in Room 104 at Wesley Freedom. They will take care of meal preparations so all you need to do is go. Costs will be covered. See Sharon Pappas if you are interested in a place with their team, or contact Sharon Feldman at [sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org).






















































































































































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**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

## May CrossRoads Newsletter

Deadline: May 21

Anyone can send an article, photo, or calendar information to be printed in the newsletter. Email the information before the deadline to: [spc.office@verizon.net](mailto:spc.office@verizon.net)

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## **April 2017 News**

### *Springfield Presbyterian Church*



*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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