



CrossRoads

Springfield Presbyterian Church

March 2019



SHROVE SUNDAY

March 3



Ash Wednesday Service
March 6
7:00 pm
(details on Page 8)

Shrove Sunday Pancakes!!! No, you're reading that right - Shrove **Sunday**, not Tuesday! On Sunday, **March 3**, we will celebrate Shrove Sunday with a pancake lunch/brunch in the Fellowship Room. We need volunteers to bring in griddles, pancake mix, syrup, etc., so please indicate what you'll bring on the sign-up sheet downstairs.

Did You Know:

Quinquagesima is the 50-day period before Easter, which begins on Shrove Sunday - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

To shrive: to confess, ask for forgiveness, receive absolution; **shrove** is the past tense of shrive.

Historical note: The Shrove period originated in the Middle Ages and started on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. It was a three-day celebration that culminated in a feast on Tuesday evening. During Lent, consumption of foods such as milk, eggs, meat, and fats was restricted. In order to use up those foods, the English began the tradition of making pancakes in order to use up as much milk, eggs, and fat as possible so they wouldn't spoil. In France, consuming primarily fats and fatty foods on this day is what led it to be known as "Fat Tuesday" or *Mardi Gras*.

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Pastor's Page

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

For three consecutive Sundays this month, I will be running an 'Inquirer's Class.' While I have highlighted the class here briefly, I would like to share with you more about what each class entails.

For our first session, we are going to get to the very meat and bones of what it means to be a Christian. Consider it – Christianity 101: a rough sketch of Christianity across the theological board. We will talk about the Trinity, Scripture – some of the very essential passages – and what life and death and resurrection in Jesus Christ means. All classes will be one hour, so again, it is a very brief overview, but a place to start to learn and ask questions.

Our second session focuses in on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and what we called the Reformed Tradition. We will talk about where the PC(USA) came from, its essential beliefs, and the governance that rules the church. We will also highlight some of the ways in which the PC(USA) works nationally and internationally.

Our third session is about Springfield. We will talk about Springfield's deep and rich history, where it has been and where we are seeking to go. We will talk about the gifts that are present and the ways in which this specific church is organized.

At the close of these sessions, there is an invitation to join the Springfield Family in a formal way through membership. The benefits of membership are the opportunities to serve on committees and Session, as well as having both a voice and vote in congregational meetings. Whether or not you are a member in the books, you are family, but this opportunity to make it official does open doors of service.

For more information, please see Pastor Becca or e-mail her at springfieldpastor@gmail.com

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



For our February Session meeting, the main focus was on preparing the 2019 budget shared with you at our Congregational meeting on February 10. The new budget reflects our responsibility to aid in supporting the work of Presbytery and General Assembly, local benevolence (ESCAPE), funds for confirmation class and youth activities, salary increases, plus the usual increases in the cost of maintenance services.

A fair amount of time was also spent on discussion about the best ways to adjust the new power point system for our use. It was used for the first time in a presentation Charlie Sperling did showing our history with the February food drive. He had the experiences and all the pictures of our youth for years and we all enjoyed seeing their smiling faces one more time. The drive totals were over \$1,000 and by the time you read this, the Sykesville Middle School Food Pantry shelves will be stocked once again by our youth and their leadership team.

Pastor Becca is planning an Inquirer's Class on three Sundays in March after church. She will also lead our Confirmation classes with some fresh ideas. We have learned that this is an active community and working all the schedules sometimes presents a challenge, but we do enjoy being together.

Red Sea Parting plays for us on third Sundays during the Worship service. Game Night is third Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. ESCAPE lunch preparations are **March 12** at 7:00 pm in the Manse.

Within the newsletter are several articles you will want to read on our Lenten events. The first is our Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Room held after church on **March 3**. Ash Wednesday service is **March 6** at 7:00 pm.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019, July 15-20, at Purdue University. "An incredible week of worship, recreation, and small group discussion that is not to be missed! Visit Presbyterian Youth Triennium at <https://tinyurl.com/y7pnqgqly> for videos and more information." From what I've heard, everyone comes back with new friends, experiences and stories to tell. Pastor Becca will have more information.

Our Current Session Members:

Tony Caviglia
Sue Holmes
Mark Kearney

Elizabeth Meirowitz
Beth Oates
Diana Stepling

Next Session Meeting: March 14, 2019 7:00 pm



- ~ Prayers of comfort for Bob Rogers and his family on the loss of his sister-in-law and his aunt on February 6.
- ~ Prayers of comfort for the family of Bob Frothingham who passed away on February 10.
- ~ 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 Presbyterian Church* 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. February meetings will be on **March 12 and March 26**. 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.

Join Us For a Crafting Afternoon - Ukrainian Eggs

What is Pysanky? Ancient Ukrainian folk art of writing on eggs using a wax-resist method.

What will we do? We will learn how to decorate Easter Eggs using the traditional Ukrainian technique, Pysanky. You will be using a wax writing tool (Kistka), candle flame, batik dyes and beeswax. It is a slow and methodical process but anyone can do it. We will learn about the artform, talk about the Christian symbolism of the Easter egg, and spend time working individually and in fellowship with others.

When? **March 31**, after Fellowship.

Cost? Please bring \$5 to defray the cost of supplies, and there will be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to bring lunch/snack items.

Bible Study:

Sarah Lantz will lead a Bible Study from Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story by Jessica LaGrone. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Panera in Eldersburg - **March 5 and March 19**. Please join us!



Welcome each day as a gift from God.

COMMUNION SERVERS

March Communion Servers**March 3 (Traditional)**

1. Charlie Sperling
2. Jim Wise
3. Sue Holmes
4. Ron Holmes
5. Tony Caviglia

March 6 - Ash Wednesday (Intinction)

1. Kathy Russ
2. Barbara Nickell
3. Max Carroll
4. Barbara Cornell

Church Calendar

Headhuggers

Monday, 3/11 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 3/12 & 3/26 - 10:30 am (Manse)

ESCAPE Lunch Packing

Tuesday, 3/12 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 3/18 - 9:30 am (Wesley Freedom)

Church Cleaning

March 8, 9 or 10 - Deb & Charlie Sperling

March 22, 23 or 24 - Mark Kearney

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	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Sunday Opener	Ron Holmes	Bob Rogers	Barbara Cornell	Beth Oates	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Ed & Sandy Newsome	Cynthia Smith Beth Oates	Elizabeth Meirowitz Bob Rogers	Don Vasbinder Charlie Sperling	Tim Doyle Jim Wise
Lay Leader	Elizabeth Meirowitz	Don Vasbinder	Tony Caviglia	Ron Holmes	Linda Black
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Shrove Sunday Jennifer Wise	Linda Caviglia	Sandy Newsome	Barbara Nickell	Diana & Bob Stepling

Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator

C.I.A. (Community In Action) will meet on **March 4 and March 18** 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**

Sunday School: After enjoying the Sermon, all youth/children are invited downstairs for Sunday School. Come and enjoy!

Our **Youth Group** shopped and stocked Sykesville Middle School's Food Pantry



Youth: How many of you are interested in entering the **Peep Show** in Westminster?? It's a fun event where you design and make a creation out of peeps and enter it in the local Peep Show contest. You guys would design and make the creation and we would provide the peeps. The registration deadline is **March 15** and the creation has to be entered the week of April 3rd-6th. Let us know if you are interested in joining the peep team!! We would need to start planning now. This event benefits the Carroll County Arts Council. Pastor Becca has agreed to be our artist consultant!!

Annual Ocean City Youth Retreat

Spring is almost here! So mark your calendars for the Annual Ocean City Youth Retreat on the last weekend of April (**April 26-28**). Details forthcoming...



March 10
6:30 pm (Manse)



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

March 15 - 7:00 pm
Fellowship Room



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

The choir will be singing a new piece this month, not *that* unusual, but this piece has a cello part that will be played by a cellist from Liberty High School. She plans to play with the choir at the Ash Wednesday service and also on **March 24** at our regular service. I am looking forward to having a "outside" musician come in to join us and hope you will all enjoy the additional instrument with this anthem.

The Presbyterians plan to play on **March 31**. We will be playing a new piece too which will use almost all of our extended sets of bells and chimes! I just realized that we will be playing on the anniversary of the death of Frank LePage. Our fifth octave of bells was donated by Frank's family in his honor, so I think it is wonderful that we will be able to play them on that Sunday.

Our Next Concert: Palm Court Orchestra April 14, 2019



The next concert on our schedule will be in April so you have time to put the date on your calendar well in advance so you won't miss it! Palm Court Orchestra is a small ensemble, sub-group of the larger Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra (pictured here). We will host a group of 5 or 6 members of the orchestra for an afternoon of ragtime music. The full orchestra has been hailed by the Washington Post as "the premier American ragtime ensemble"! Andrew Greene, founder and director of the group, was at the

University of Maryland when he formed the group while a freshman. He was "... hoping to draw attention to this neglected but historically important music."

Please plan on coming and bringing a friend for this performance. As always, the concert is free to all. A free will offering will be accepted and refreshments will be served following the concert.

Mission

Blessing Bags

The youth assembled Blessing Bags, which are available in the Narthex. This is a very real, tangible way to help in a situation where you find someone who is in need and you really feel like you want to do something but are unsure of exactly what to do. Handing out a Blessing Bag to someone gives you a very real way to meet their immediate needs by providing them with some basic supplies such as toiletries, water, food and warmth.

Blessing Bags are great to keep on hand in your car, so if you are in a situation where you find someone in need, you have the bag right there to hand to them. Pick up a few from the Narthex today!

Ash Wednesday Service - March 6 @ 7:00 pm

Our annual Ash Wednesday service is always a meaningful time of prayer and reflection. This year we will include a guest cellist from Liberty High School, Lily Riesett with the Adult Choir's anthem *Mercy Still*. If you don't usually attend this service, consider coming this year. You may find that this is one of the most moving services of the church year.

"Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever. Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one's faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die."

Read more at PCUSA's website, <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesday/>



*Inquirer's
Classes*

Mark your Calendar for Inquirer's Classes!

March 10, 17, and 24 after church in the Library

What is an Inquirer?

If you've been coming to SPC and feel SPC is your spiritual home, then we invite you to these three classes to find out more about us. We will talk about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and find out more about Springfield as a church and a community.

At the end of the three weeks, you can decide if you would like to become a member of SPC.

If you're interested, please reach out to Pastor Becca (springfieldpastor@gmail.com)



- 2** Linda Black
- 4** Anna Bunting
- 4** Charlie Sperling
- 5** Andrea Lane
- 5** Patty Salmon
- 6** Sue Holmes
- 14** Shannon Stewart
- 16** Nicholas Caviglia
- 21** Shirley Sluder
- 23** Anna Halvorson
- 23** Laura Wise

Feed the Bin!



**All
proceeds
go to
ESCAPE
Ministries**



April's newsletter deadline is **March 20**.
Please submit your information to
spc.office@verizon.net.

March 3

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36
(37-43)

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,
9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,
11b-32

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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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