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Come home for Christmas



This December, Springdale Presbyterian Church is inviting everyone to *Come Home for Christmas*. In a season when many are longing for something that has been missing in their lives, we are inviting them to *Come Home for Christmas* with Springdale Presbyterian Church. You are invited to think about and pray for your neighbors and friends and extend an invitation to them to join us for music, in giving, in worship and celebration together. The center insert has a full listing of the activities so that together we can all *Come Home for Christmas*.

Our celebration begins, **Sunday, December 4**, as we move into Advent.

From **4-6 p.m.** you are invited to *Come Home to Bethlehem*. Experience what a home and its surrounding marketplace might have been like in Jesus' time. Make crafts, taste food from the marketplace, go to the stable with the goats to see Mary and Joseph and the baby, Jesus. Experience the excitement as people gather from all over to register to pay their taxes in Bethlehem. Everyone is welcome, though there may not be room to spend the night!

At 6 p.m. we'll enjoy a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. The menu includes: baked ham, sweet potatoes, mac-n-cheese, green beans, rolls and beverages. Bring a side dish to share - salad, vegetable or dessert. Since we may have a number of guests from the community, please prepare a dish to serve 10-12.* Reservations should be made no later than Wednesday, November 30 through the church office by calling 425-1760 or email springdale@springdalechurch.org.

Following dinner there'll be an Advent program in the sanctuary. We'll enjoy singing familiar Christmas carols and the choirs will present holiday songs.

And, of course, there'll be a special guest that evening for the children.

Everyone is welcome!

* If bringing food to share is difficult for you, please come anyway

pastor's notes

Dear Friends,

Every week the staff of Springdale Presbyterian Church meets for spiritual nourishment and to plan together. We begin by looking at the scripture passage for the week and offering our thoughts about it. Then we share our joys and concerns with one another. Finally, we go over the calendar, reviewing the previous week's activities and looking forward to see what is ahead for the upcoming week. We also look at "big dates" which are further down the road. We close by praying over those celebrations and challenges which are a part of each of our lives.

About once a year, staff members of SPC discuss the unique call God has given to each of us. It begins with this invitation:

"Think of your role in the church and try to come up with a metaphor which meaningfully describes what you do."

I know a pastor who once responded with: "I'm a thermal." Thermals are those air currents which hot air balloons and hang-gliders use to navigate as they drift through the sky. A thermal occurs when warm air moves upward creating a flow of energy moving toward the outer atmosphere. So, for this pastor, the metaphor of "a thermal" helped him remember his role in God's church is "to lift people up."

Another metaphor once offered was that of "fire-tender." On a group camping trip there is usually one person who stays up later than everyone else, just sitting by the fire. This person gazes at the flames, adds wood when needed, and rearranges the logs as necessary. As other campers get up in the middle of the night, either because they are afraid or unable to sleep, the "fire-tender" might ask them to sit by the fire. There, by the fire, the other camper finds warmth, conversation and a mysterious yet comforting flame. The "fire-tender" is not the flame, but keeps it alive for others. Again, the metaphor reminds this person of their role as keeping a place of warmth and comfort available for those who might need it.

So how about you? What is your *metaphor for ministry*? We speak, as Presbyterians, about "the priesthood of all believers" and we acknowledge that we are all called to some sort of ministry as members of the church. What metaphor might help remind you of your unique role in God's church and your special calling within Springdale Presbyterian Church? If you would like, email me your metaphor at john@springdalechurch.org along with an explanation, or you can tell me on Sunday. I would love to know what you come up with.

Blessings,

John Davis

John Davis, pastor



called *into* community

NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

- * **Scottie Theiss** was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.
- * **Mark Hebert** is recovering from surgery.

Our Christian prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Dolly Paris** who died October 29 and to **Vonnie Buckman** and family upon the death of her brother.

Congratulations to:

- ◇ **Mark Hinds and Peggy Owens** who were married on November 11.
- ◇ **Jim and Mary Anne Probus** on the birth of their first grandchild, Elizabeth Marie Selfridge, born October 14, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz.
- ◇ **Lillie Dailey** upon the birth of her great granddaughter, Fiona Marie Robnett, born October 16, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Correction - last month's roofLINES should have read:

- * **Colleen Heuser** upon the birth of her sixth great-grandchild
- * **Ed and Jeannette Revell** upon the birth of their first GREAT grandchild, Zoe Anna Scheurer.

Springdale Friends,

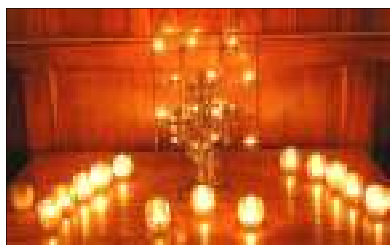
I want to thank all of my Springdale friends for helping me to celebrate my 90th birthday. The cards, calls and personal greetings were very appreciated and "looked over" many times.

Thank you for remembering me.

Jim Smith

Service to offer comfort and hope

If you have experienced a loss that you would like to bring before God in an intentional way this holiday season, you are invited to a **Service of Comfort and Hope** at **6 p.m. on Sunday, December 18**. Please extend an invitation to others in the community who may want support in their grief over loss of any kind, including loss of job, home, health or through death.



Church groups meet

Men's Breakfast will meet at **8 a.m. Saturday, December 3**, in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited.

PW Day Circle will meet at **noon Wednesday, December 7**, in Klein Chapel. They'll enjoy a potluck lunch before having Bible study. All women are welcome!

PW Evening Circle will meet at **7 p.m. Monday, December 12**, at the home of Jane Jones for Bible study and fellowship. All women are welcome!

Social dinner group will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8**, at The Corner Café in Lyndon. If you plan to attend, contact Sandy McWilliams.

F.O.S.S.I.L. Club - couples, ages 60+ - will meet at **5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11**, at the home of Charlie and Barbara Smoot. RSVP no later than Monday, December 5, to Barbara Smoot.

Mature Men will meet at **11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 8**, at Olive Garden on Hwy. 22. Call Allan Podbelsek at 245-6248 if you need a ride.

Caregiver's support group will meet at **10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 1**, in room 209 at the church.

The deadline for the January 2012 issue of **roofLINES** is Friday, December 9, 2011.

SESSION NOTES

Session Synopsis - October 2011 session meeting

The Christmas Eve services were approved for 6 PM and 9 PM, with the handbells at 8:30 PM on December 24,

The membership of Dayle Darby was approved; upon request the membership of Mike and Velma Scott and Anne Padon were removed.

The request for a champagne toast at the wedding of Mark Hinds and Peggy Owens was approved.

Sarah Abraham was elected as Clerk of Session effective January 2012.

The 2012 budget was presented, followed by discussion. It was approved to hire a CPA to conduct the 2010 financial review of both the church and preschool.

The Personnel Ministry team's recommendation for those who will serve on the Music Director Search Committee was approved - Ashley Bean, Mark Sterrett, Mark Hinds, Kenny Pritchett, Debbie Martin-Herrell, Kaylyn Tyree, Leah Link-Ulrich, Joyce Ochs and Tim Hagan.

The Nominating Committee's motion to approve Mark Hebert, Dayle Darby, Deb Hibberd, Kenny Pritchett, Mark Hinds and Angie Revell as elders class of 2014 was approved.

The next stated session meeting will be at **7 p.m. Thursday, December 15.**

YEAR-END GIVING for 2011

Contributions for 2011 must be dated AND postmarked by **December 31** to receive credit on this year's giving statement.

NEW ELDERS, TRUSTEES AND NOMINATING ELECTED

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13, the following people were called and elected to serve as **Elders in the Class of 2014**: Dayle Darby, Mark Hebert, Deb Hibberd, Kenny Pritchett, Mark Hinds and Angie Revell.



The elders will be installed/ordained in January. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to begin their service.

Springdale member researches help for dry mouth

an excerpt taken from pg. 41
U of L magazine, Fall 2011

UofL researchers are one step closer to helping the millions of people who lose salivary gland function due to disease or treatment of disease.

Springdale member Doug Darling, PhD, a UofL professor of oral health and rehabilitation, and his team have identified a protein-sorting mechanism used by the salivary glands. This important National Institutes of Health - supported study, chronicled online in a recent issue of the *Journal of Dental Research*, could form the basis for advanced therapies in patients whose salivary glands no longer function due to radiation therapy, prescription drugs or Sjogran's Syndrome, an immune system disorder commonly defined by dry eyes and dry mouth.



To read the full article go to:

<http://louisville.epubxp.com/title/11139>

called *into* community

Springdale welcomes new members



Dayle Darby joined by reaffirmation of faith. Dayle sings in the choir and serves as the choir librarian/secretary; she is also on the Congregational Care ministry team, helps with the refugee families, has helped in the church office as needed, and has worked with the Frozen Assets ministry and EACM Christmas tree. Dayle served as a deacon and elder at her former church in Michigan, where she also served on the PNC. She is a retired English and Psychology teacher and was chairman as well as a counselor of the Gerholz Christian Counseling Center.

Patty Rogers transferred her membership from Second Presbyterian Church.



Greg and Katherine Rich transferred their membership from Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church. They have two sons, Dean (13) and Mark (10). Greg grew up



in Louisville, raised in the Catholic Community and Katherine is from Western Kentucky, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. She loves to sing and enjoys singing with SPC's Praise Team. They both work for Vivid Impact - Greg is an estimator and Katherine is a Customer Care Manager; Katherine is also an independent distributor with Premier Designs Jewelry. Greg enjoys playing softball and golf and coaching youth sports. Katherine's hobbies include acting, reading, swimming and photography.

Springdale cleans up the building and grounds



On Saturday, November 12, members of the cub scout troops that meet at Springdale joined members of Springdale as we cleaned up - putting up new blinds, replacing light bulbs, polishing the pews, scrubbing ovens, raking leaves and trimming shrubs. You will notice new order to our common spaces, too. Thank you to all who helped make our building and grounds more welcoming. Thank you Building and Grounds Ministry Team for coordinating this day.



SNOW / INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Worship services on Sunday morning are only cancelled in extreme situations. Though there may not be a choir or an organist or very many people in the pews, worship will continue to be held for those safely able to come.

For all other programs and events, Springdale will follow the Jefferson County Public School schedule. Whenever Jefferson County schools are cancelled or close early, the programs and events at Springdale will also be cancelled. In the case of extreme weather on a Sunday morning, you may check the news on WHAS television or call the church office for a message.

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Issues class gathers 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8:50 a.m.



The Issues Class continues to invite conversation around cutting edge issues led by guest speakers including Congressman John Yarmuth.

CHILDREN ACTIVELY EXPLORE THEIR FAITH



Children who participate in the *Way of the Child* on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8:50 a.m. are learning spiritual practices which center on the seasons of the church year.

The 4, 5, K class will move from their Old Testament studies to learn about the birth of Jesus during December.



Spiritual Nurture classes challenge youth to grow deeper in faith

Middle School youth have been digging into what it means to be reformed with quirky video clips and creative activities, including the sidewalk art below.



High School youth are being challenged to grow deep and wide in faith and to go deeper in prayer. New curriculum opportunities will be offered for the class to choose from for the first of the year.



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A Place to Call Home class learns about home and hospitality before going home to Bethlehem in December

There has been building and creating going on in the *A Place to Call Home* class. The class has not only built a bird house for our Habitat partner family, but has also created a beautiful wind chime for their porch. Their studies have moved from house to home as they are learning about hospitality with Bible stories like the story of Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha and by cooking food to serve in the gathering area as they extend hospitality to the congregation **after worship on December 4**. In December the class will *Come and See Jesus* as they learn about John the Baptist, the messenger who came to Mary and the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:1-20.



Children are invited to enjoy VeggieTales *The Little Drummer Boy* Tuesday, December 20 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

There'll be crafts and popcorn.

Spiritual nurture times will not be offered on Sundays, December 25 or January 1. Look for many opportunities for everyone to grow in faith together in the new year!



The Sanctuary Choir will present "What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?" at the 10 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, December 18**. The cantata and narration, written by Philip Ingalls, has been freshly updated for Springdale's choir. Come and sing carols with the choir and hear the Christmas story told through song.

presbyterian youth connection

PYC is active at SPC and in the Presbytery

Springdale's Presbyterian Youth Connection has spent some serious time discerning what they will do this year - everything from ski trips to exploring different faiths and denominations. Prayer and thoughts continue around our big question, *If the PYC could do or be anything in our lives or in the world, what would we do or be?*



PYC members also worked with Presbytery youth on the Habitat house and attended Amazing Games at Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church.



Pancake breakfast raises \$472 for PYC conferences and trips.

The PYC hosted a Pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 13, as a fundraiser for conferences and mission trips. Thank you to all who came and ate pancakes!



Thank you Tim Hagan, Cynthia Hoey, Katherine Rich, Jonathan Ratliff and Larry Weishaar for your help!



The PYC will help with *Come Home to Bethlehem* at 3:30 on December 4 and serve a meal to the Jr. Cotillion from 4:30-7 p.m. on December 11 - with a surprise at the end!

Give a gift that keeps on giving

Kroger cards make a great holiday gift for your employees, letter carrier, garbage collection person, lawn or cleaning service, etc. Please call the office if you need a large quantity and/or need denominations other than \$10 gift cards that are available for pick up anytime (or you can reload them for the difference). Give us about a week to get them ordered. Springdale receives 4% of all Kroger cards used, which goes to support the PYC mission trips.



Giving Tree helps struggling families

Many thanks for your donations to Springdale's giving tree. All items were given to support the 19th annual EACM Christmas Store. Those who are unable to afford gifts for their families will "shop" on December 7-9. Your giving is much appreciated.



Gloves, hats, socks, scarves and blankets to be collected during month of December

Springdale will be giving the community an opportunity to join with us in giving gloves, hats, scarves and socks for the St. John's Homeless Shelter. Drop-off your gifts December 5-9.

Fill up the blanket tree in the gathering area with new blankets for the homeless. Blankets will be collected during December.



Bring cheer to others - go Christmas caroling

Come join other members from Grace Hope and Springdale at **6 p.m. Monday, December 12**, to go caroling downtown to those who live in senior housing. Meet at the PCC, 701 South Hancock St.



Be an "elf" for the Presbyterian Community Center's Christmas party

"Elves" are needed to help with crafts and gift distribution at **8:30 a.m.** as the PCC hosts *Breakfast with Santa* from **9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, December 17**. You can help wrap gifts the week before. Call 425-1760 if interested in participating.

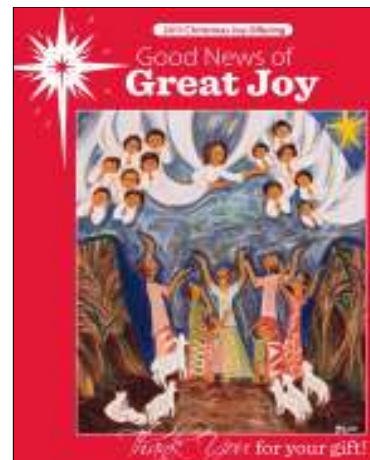


YOUR GIVING HELPS OTHERS

The November cents-ability offering totaled \$51.08; y-t-d amount given is \$1,370.12.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING brings joy to retirees and students

An offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Congregations are asked to take part in this vital offering yearly. However, this year there is an urgency, as our economic situation has heightened the need. Last year donations to the Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$1.8 million while more than \$4.9 million was distributed. Half of this offering helps PCUSA retirees and employees with needs that exceed their pension and the other 50% goes to Presbyterian Racial/Ethnic Schools. Envelopes will be in the pew racks during December.

activeintheworld

Assisted living facilities invited to holiday handbell concert

*You are invited to ring in the season
with the Belles and Beaux Handbell Choir
at 2 PM on Thursday, December 15*

Handbell Concert

The Belles and Beaux Handbell Choir have invited residents from area assisted living facilities - and you are invited, too - to ring in the season with a **FREE** concert at **2 p.m. Thursday, December 15**, in the sanctuary. There will be refreshments served in the gathering area afterwards.



Springdale's Belles and Beaux Handbell choir will be on the WHAS Morning Show sometime between 9-10 a.m. on **Tuesday, December 13**, to promote this event.

Carol Sing-Along

Hope Springs Eternal shares Thanksgiving





There was plenty of food for the 60 people who gathered at the Presbyterian Community Center for a Thanksgiving meal. The highlights of the evening included a play presented by the Grace Hope children based on the Good Samaritan story, a violin solo from a Grace Hope youth, great table fellowship, and the annual sharing of blessings for which we give thanks.

Thank you,
Presbyterian
Community Center
for graciously
hosting us.



December

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rabbouni Catholic Church meets on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.				1 10:30 Caregivers Support	2	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast Habitat work day
4 Communion  8:50 Issues Class 10:00 Worship 11:15 Spiritual Nurture 4-6 Come Home to Bethlehem 6:00 Advent potluck 7:00 Advent program	5 9:30 Women's Bible study 6:00 Spiritual Nurture 7:00 Belles & Beaux Handbell Choir	6 5:30 Music Makers/ Music Friends 7:00 Praise Team	7 12:00 Day Circle 7:00 Choir	8 11:30 Mature Men 5:30 Stewardship 6:30 Social Dinner group	9 Newsletter Deadline	10 8:00 Upper Room Bible study 10:00 Yoga
Drop off hats, gloves, scarves for the homeless						
11 New members  10:00 Worship 11:15 Spiritual Nurture 4:30-7:30 PYC 5:00 FOSSIL Club	12 9:30 Women's Bible study 4:30 Prayer group 5:30 Finance 6:00 Christmas Caroling @ PCC 7:00 Evening Circle 7:00 Belles & Beaux Handbell Choir	13 5:30 Music Makers/ Music Friends 7:00 Mission 7:00 Praise Team	14 7:00 Personnel 7:00 Choir	15  2:00 Holiday Handbell Concert 6:00 Session potluck 7:00 Session	16	17 10:00 Yoga
18 Cents-ability offering  8:50 Issues Class 10:00 Worship service 11:15 Spiritual Nurture 6:00 Service of Comfort & Hope	19 9:30 Women's Bible study	20	21	22	23 Church Office open 1/2 day	24 Christmas Eve 8:00 Upper Room Bible study 6:00 Christmas Eve service 8:30 Handbells 9:00 Christmas Eve service
25 Christmas 10:00 Worship service  	26 Church office closed	27	28	29	30	31 8:00 Upper Room Bible study New Year's Eve



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Spiritual Nurture: 11:15 a.m.**

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Work continues on Bill Martin Habitat House

next SPC work day is December 3

Check out the Bill Martin Habitat House. Doesn't it look great? Springdale has joined forces with other churches in the Presbytery with a goal of 100 person hours from Springdale. While you may work any Friday or Saturday work is scheduled, Springdale's next work day is December 3. Skilled and unskilled labor is needed. Lunches are also needed. Contact Andy Martin at 742-8787 or email andypange@hotmail.com.

