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Come and worship together!

Sunday, July 3, is the first Sunday this summer when all of Springdale Presbyterian Church will worship together. It is the first Sunday of the month and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. The style of the unified services will be blended. We will worship together at one service through August 14.

Every service will be a special opportunity to worship God. There will be some Sundays with a special emphasis. On July 10, the youth of Springdale will lead worship in partnership with the youth of Andrews Memorial United Church from Mandeville, Jamaica. The plans are for the children who have been a part of the *Seasonings* worship arts camp to share some music they have learned on July 17. There will also be Sundays with music with a unified theme.

Summer is a great time to invite friends you sit with around the pool, at ballgames, or at a barbeque to come and worship with you at Springdale! It is also a great time to offer your gifts in worship leadership or in the child care center as a substitute for others who are on vacation.

Near the end of the summer, after area schools have started, there will be a day of celebration. Exciting themes for spiritual nurture, stewardship and mission will be introduced and celebrated on Sunday, August 21.



pastor's notes

So, the “dog days” are here. I understand that is what you humans call these hot sultry days of summer. Why do you call them the “dog days”? Some will tell you that this hot season is referred to as the “dog days” because dogs (like me) can be seen lying around, panting and napping when the weather is this warm. But, the truth is that the expression originated in the ancient Greco-Roman world. The “dog star” Sirius is close to the sun at this point in the year, and the ancients believed that this was the cause of rising temperatures. Of course, humans have learned a bit since then and know that this is not the case. No dog is causing the summer to be hot. It’s how the seasons run.

But you humans have a lot of funny expressions about dogs. Here are just a few. When exhausted you say, “I am *dog tired*.” When your feet hurt, you talk about “resting your weary *dogs*.” When you feel icky you say “I am sick as *a dog*.” And, if someone starts to get into trouble you say that they have “gone to the *dogs*.” Why do you say these things? As is the case with the expression “dog days”, you may have to do some research to find the answer.

So, here is what I am wondering: why does your holy book, the Bible, have so many negative references to dogs in it? Yes, I have read through it and I can’t find a single positive word about dogs. Here are just a few ways that my species has been negatively portrayed in your scriptures.

Psalm 22:16 *For **dogs** are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me...*

Isaiah 56:10 *Israel's sentinels are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all silent **dogs** that cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.*

Matthew 15:26 *He (Jesus) answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the **dogs**."*

Matthew 7:6 *Do not give what is holy to **dogs**; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.*

Philippians 3:2 *Beware of the **dogs**, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh!*

How would you like to be the butt of all these putdowns in the Bible? My master would never say such a thing about me. He values me, takes care of me and loves me. Why do the scriptures speak of dogs so disparagingly?

Again, just as is the case with the expressions you use every day, you may have to do some work in order to find the answer. And while you humans are at it...

There are other groups of creatures, even categories of human beings themselves, who seem to “get treated like a dog” in scripture. It may be worth researching why that is, too. Just as I have read your Bible, I have also read your Book of Confessions where it states:

The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless words of human beings, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding.

I was so glad to hear of recent conversations in one of your Sunday School classes addressing this exact subject. I trust that you, my human friends, will figure this *doggone* thing out and help put all of the language of scripture in its proper perspective.

With affection,



Bailey (the proud dog)

NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

- * **Cliff Kirkpatrick** was recently hospitalized and underwent a heart procedure.
- * **Thomas McMahan** is recovering at home after recently being in the hospital from suffering a fall.
- * **Tom Miller** was recently in the hospital.

Our Christian prayers and sympathy to:

- * **Lisa Weaver** and family upon the death of her father.
- * **Mary Pace** and family upon the death of her father.
- * The family and friends of **Leslie Johnston** who died on June 9.

Personnel seeks SPC members involvement with staff

The Personnel Team is beginning the search process for a regular, full-time music director for SPC. As part of the process we are working with Philip Ingalls, Interim Director of Music, to determine, prioritize and address where possible the current and long-term needs of our music ministry. We are interested in having members of the congregation - from both services and representative of the various music groups - participate in the process. If you would like to recommend someone, including yourself, to be involved please submit that interest to Leah Link-Ulrich by August 1. Her email address is linkulrich@yahoo.com.

On another note, randomly selected members of the congregation will soon receive surveys from the Personnel Team for feedback regarding staff at Springdale. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider this task, complete the survey, should you receive one, and return it promptly to the church office.

Hold the dates - You won't want to miss what will be going on at SPC on **August 21** and **September 18**. Circle these dates on your calendar: August 21 - kick-off of a new spiritual nurture year, stewardship and special Habitat announcement; September 18 - SPC event for the community.

Church groups meet

Men's Breakfast will meet at **8 a.m. Saturday, July 2**, in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited.

Young Adult group - for those in the 18-30ish age range - will meet for lunch on **Sundays, July 10 and 24**, after the **10 a.m.** worship service.

F.O.S.S.I.L. Club - couples, ages 60+ - will meet at **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, July 21**. RSVP no later than Monday, July 18, to Don Revell at 425-5586 or dsrevell@insightbb.com.

Caregiver's support group will meet at **10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28**, at the church.

Persons needed to serve as coffee hosts

Please consider joining the team of Sunday morning hosts who each week prepare coffee - lemonade in the summer - and set out snacks which are provided by the church. We hope to increase the number of those serving so that no one is "on duty" too often during the year. We are especially in need of hosts for the early worship service. For more information, please contact Gerry Leet at 429-6505 or Pam Brashear at 426-6475. THANK YOU!

The deadline for the August 2011 issue of **roofLINES** is Friday, July 15, 2011.

SESSION NOTES

Session Synopsis - April 2011 stated meeting

The session heard the faith statements of the confirmands and approved to receive into the membership of Springdale - Allison Hoey, Kaylyn Tyree, Jake Precious and Will Taylor.

The following were approved:

- * to receive a special offering for the Joyous Singers;
- * single worship services at 10 a.m. July 3 - August 14;
- * funds from the Memorial Fund for a new welcome desk in the gathering area.

Endowment Fund distribution was approved for the following purposes: long-term facility needs, security and computer upgrades and staff appreciation. Any remaining funds will be used for "significant projects outside the basic giving capacity of the church."

Thank you! Thank you!

What an incredible blessing to celebrate ten years of ministry with you at Springdale! Thank you for the wonderful celebration - the meal shared with so many of you with the tables decorated by families, the notes which I will treasure, singing *Wondrous Love* and other songs of my life in worship, the song from the Music Makers and the gift of an e-book reader - you know my love of books. I was so moved to think about all of the families who will be blessed with food and new income because of your gifts to Heifer International. As a "rolling stone" with a lot of worn edges, I give thanks to God for you and the privilege of walking with you in ministry. Thank you for the hugs, good wishes and all you do in ministry. I am truly blessed. Thanks be to God!

Jean Davidson

Jean's 10th anniversary celebration



Springdale was all smiles on Sunday, June 5, when we celebrated Jean Davidson's tenth anniversary as our Associate Pastor. At the worship service, with Jean's favorite hymns, Betty Meadows praised Jean's outstanding ministry in Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Jonathan Hoey escorted Jean and her special guests - her sister Anne, her brother Andy, his wife Ann and their son Ben to lunch.

Anne Locke and David Dockstader made a power-point presentation of Jean's decade at the church. Children and families decorated each table with toy animals. Carol Hyatt, Karen Butke and Ginny Darrah created flower arrangements. Phillip Ingalls led children in songs. David Dockstader and Bob Hall photographed the event.



John Davis commended Jean for her ministry and presented gifts from the congregation and friends: a gift bag of greeting cards, flowers throughout the summer from gardens of church members and a generous gift for an e-book reader. John saved the best for last - a gift to Heifer International of more than \$1700 in Jean's honor - enough to buy a heifer, water buffalo, pig, flock of hope (chicks, ducklings, goslings), goat, knitter's basket (llama, alpaca, sheep, angora rabbit), gardener's basket (tree seedlings, bee hive, chickens, rabbits) and promise gift basket (geese, rabbits, ducks, chickens).

Thanks to the planning team of Pam Brashear, John Davis, Diane Kirkpatrick, and Gerry Leet.

Photos submitted by Bob Hall and Dave Dockstader

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Seasonings

Worship Arts Camp will be held July 11-14

Springdale's annual worship arts camp - for children who have completed a 4-year-old class through 5th grade - will be held from **9:30 a.m. - noon, July 11-14**. This four-day music and arts camp will engage our children in both large and small group activities organized around four seasons of the church year: ordinary time, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, Lent/Easter and Pentecost.

The children will dance and sing their way through each season using their own hand-made instruments! We expect our visiting Jamaican Exchange students to "spice" up our music and dancing with some of their own traditions. We'll "season" each day with stories and crafts: T-shirts, a four seasons banner for the church, design a bulletin cover and more.

On our last day, we'll present to our parents and visitors all the wonderful things we've learned and the exciting activities we've enjoyed with old and new friends. Come! Learn what it's like to worship and learn with SPC. This is the season! **Register by July 5.**

Women gain insights into the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible study

The women's circle groups will be studying *Confessing the Beatitudes* for 2011-2012; the books are available in the church office for \$8. The Rev. Janice Catron will present a brief overview from **9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 23**, at Second Presbyterian Church, 3701 Old Brownsboro Road. Registration fee: \$25 - includes lunch. Register by July 18 by contacting Amy Parker at 897-5076 or Hugh Ella Robinson at 893-7282.

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We are walking on water with Jesus

What does it mean to face your fears, step out of the boat and walk on the water with Jesus? SPC's children explored this in church school during the month of June as they . . .



made a boat; wrote poems; learned new songs with Philip; acted out the story with instruments or while being water droplets; explored buoyancy, waves and perspective; watched a movie; made boats, binoculars and blue jello scenes; and played games together. Thanks to all the adults who helped us learn together this summer!

P.S. We also learned how to use the rain barrel to water the sprouts garden. Sign up for your week!



presbyterian *youth* connection

Youth receive and share *the signal* at Montreat Youth Conference 2011



The last time I went to Montreat I had the time of my life. Although last year I had a blast and learned a lot, this year took us by storm as we "searched for signals." It was definitely one of the most influential points in my spiritual development. There was so much to learn! We had the pleasure of listening to and getting to know two amazing speakers - Adam Copeland, who preached in the evening worship services, and Roger Nishioka, who keyed in the morning. Without a doubt the experience was exhilarating, every day was a new journey in learning how to decipher the signals that God throws at us. During small group time we were able to connect personally with complete strangers. The deep conversations we had about our faiths brought us very close, and at the end of the week it felt as if we were family. Every single service, every single discussion was so powerful. I truly felt God's presence this week. I thank the congregation so much for the opportunity to attend, and I hope that I can bring home some of the spirit and fire for God that I experienced at Montreat.

Timothy Hoey



Times to be together and grow in faith continue for SPC youth and friends

You won't want to miss a minute of the Jamaica/USA Exchange (see page 10). Sign ups will be needed for trips and for sharing leadership for the Worship Arts Camp (see page 5). Look at your email for the date of the trip to Holiday World and times to get together just to talk and laugh or to help others. Everyone who contacts Jean within one week of receiving the date of the PYC Fall retreat will receive a **prize** - so read those emails. This will be an event you won't want to miss!!!

SPC Circle members recognized as “Super Star Volunteers” by the Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program at Westport (TAPP) [Program of JCPS]



Circle members attending were (L to R) Lynn Arvidson, Lyn Outland (TAPP Family Program Family Advocate, daughter of Lynn Arvidson) Martha Long, Serena Middleton, Donna Sheffer, Carol Hyatt (Evening Circle coordinator) and Lillie Dailey. *Photo courtesy of Serena Middleton*

Since 1996, the members of the Day and Evening Circles of our church have contributed items of new baby and children’s clothing, toys and diapers to the TAPP Program. Occasionally other church members have also made donations. The items are distributed to students through a rewards program which encourages academic performance and attendance.

At a volunteer recognition ceremony held on May 26, the circle members were honored for their service to the students of Westport TAPP. Each circle member received a certificate of appreciation from TAPP Director Sara York during the ceremony.

Since 1970 TAPP has enabled thousands of pregnant and parenting young women to complete their high school education by providing an excellent academic program and support services. TAPP's graduation rate is 97% and each year an increasing percentage of graduates enroll in college.

Both the Day and Evening Circles meet monthly (excluding summer months) to participate in outstanding Bible lessons using the Horizons Bible study for Presbyterian Women. The study for the upcoming year will be ***Confessing the Beatitudes*** by Margaret Aymer. Susan Revell and Murt Trowbridge lead the Day Circle and Carol Hyatt leads the Evening Circle. Check the roofLINES and bulletin in late summer for information about the meetings. All women are welcome to join us!

The Village: a gathering of the community of communities for celebration, fellowship and communion



The Sweaty Sheep invites you to join other believers in games and activities at **5 p.m.** followed by a celebration and communion at **6 p.m.** at Shawnee Park on **Sunday, July 10.**



Springdale collects Pentecost offering

Springdale’s donations of \$362 - of which Springdale chooses 40% for ministry with at-risk children in our community - will be given to the Bellewood Children’s Home.

Cents-ability offering aids hunger relief

The June offering totaled \$90.77. This offering is taken the third Sunday of each month. Thank you for your giving.

SPRINGDALE: A MISSIONAL CHURCH INDEED!

What does it mean, exactly, to be a "missional church" - and does Springdale fit the definition? Webster's dictionary defines 'miracle' as "an extraordinary event manifesting a supernatural work of God" - with 'extraordinary' meaning "going beyond what is usual, regular or customary." Looking at all God's grace abounding in the many mission ministries that Springdale supports with money, prayers and hands-on-help, the answer, I believe, is a resounding "Yes!"

What exactly does mission encompass at Springdale? This year, as we have for many years, Springdale's mission team is prayerfully intentional about allocating our financial resources to a wide-ranging and comprehensive vision of "mission". With a budget this year of about \$93,000, we divide the monies among five areas: urban, Presbyterian Church (USA), international, regional and special requests fund. Our goal is to equitably share funds amongst mission projects as near as our neighbors across Louisville, as well as needs in other states and beyond oceans to other continents.

Springdale's urban mission ministry includes funding for Habitat for Humanity, Eastern Area Community Ministries, the Presbyterian Community Center, Hope Springs Eternal, Bellewood Children's Home, Council for Mental Retardation, Cabbage Patch, SPAVA, The Healing Place and St. John's Center for Homeless Men. Our Presbyterian Church (USA) monies support our shared mission support, Cedar Ridge Camp camperships, the PCUSA Theological Education Fund and LPTS scholarship fund. The international portion goes to support the USA/Jamaica Exchange, the Richardson Leprosy Hospital in India, Forman Christian College in Pakistan and our PCUSA mission co-partners. Regional mission projects provide funding for our Appalachian pledge to Living Waters for the World, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and co-sponsorship of a refugee family. We also set aside a portion of the budget for special requests for unanticipated mission needs.

Especially exciting for our church this fall will be the building of the "Bill Martin Habitat for Humanity house" which we plan to support enthusiastically - not only monetarily but also with hearts and hands, helping to build this home to honor the legacy of Bill's tireless work as Christ's servant building homes for people in need.

And what, then, are some of the 'mission miracles' that have already taken place? Here are just a few that come to mind: leprosy patients in India receiving surgery to repair damaged limbs, enabling them to work and provide for their families; a warm meal each Sunday for homeless men and women living under the highway overpasses in southern Indiana; a college education for young men and women in Pakistan that transforms not only their lives, but the life of their family and entire villages; life-giving food for children, grandparents, and moms and dads in the Portland neighborhood; the purchase of farm animals overseas to lift families and villages out of deep hunger and economic despair; counseling for those addicted to drugs and alcohol, to begin a new clean and sober life in Louisville; a 7-year-old refugee child from Burma who once spoke only three words but now can count to ten, say the alphabet, has a vocabulary of 25 words and attends school for the first time ever; families living in substandard housing now have their very own home; folks in Tennessee that now have water purification systems in their home so they can have clean drinking water, essential for health and



Hester Haick holding refugee baby, Grace Lay

well-being; towels and wash cloths that enable homeless men and women in our city to cleanse their feet and bodies; a newborn refugee baby who receives life-giving medical treatment in a neonatal intensive care unit in Louisville; at-risk children who live in poverty in Louisville receive tutoring and support that allows them to be the first in their families to attend college; scholarships to enable young men and women called to ministry be able to buy books and attend seminary classes; nurturing and support for young people who have 'aged out' of the foster care system so they can be productive and happy members of society.

But these are just a handful of examples. I know members of our Springdale family have so many more stories of God's hope, grace and love that have manifest to what the Psalmist calls God's "constant love and goodness." We can celebrate and rejoice in the many, many ways that Springdale has joyfully made our church a missional church in every sense of the word, being God's sent people in the world. We thank and celebrate with you, Springdale, all the ways God is working through our church as Christ's hands, feet and heart in the world! Thank you, Springdale, for never ceasing to demonstrate faith and actions in all of the ways God is calling us as a missional church!

Cheryl Van Daalen, Co-Chairperson
Mission Ministry Team

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Jamaica/USA Exchange involves the whole congregation in ministry partnership







Springdale Presbyterian Church has been in partnership in ministry with Andrews Memorial United Church in Mandeville, Jamaica since 2002. Although the travel teams from each church are made up of youth and young adults, both congregations are a part of this ministry.

There are many ways you can be involved in this partnership experience:

- * Pray for the 2011 Exchange - for preparations, safe journey, strengthened partnership, new relationships in Christ, effective ministry together, both churches, etc.
- * Greet the Jamaican travel team at the airport at **7:18 p.m. Wednesday, July 6**, on USAir flight 2227 from Charlotte.
- * Host two Jamaican guests in your home. This will involve providing room, breakfast and transportation to and from the church when needed. Contact jean@springdalechurch.org. The youth may be in Eastern Kentucky overnight on Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8.
- * Worship with SPC as the youth of Andrews and SPC lead worship at **10 a.m. on July 10**.
- * Provide Sunday lunch on July 10 for two Jamaicans and two SPC youth.
- * Attend the covered dish dinner and cultural exchange at **6 p.m. on Sunday, July 10**. Bring typical American food to share. Learn about Jamaica with song, dance, games and conversation.
- * Help with set-up and clean-up for covered dish dinner on **July 10**.
- * Provide transportation.
- * Provide a lunch for the youth of SPC and Andrews who are ministering at *Seasonings Worship Arts Camp, July 11-14*. Lunch will be served around 12:30 p.m.
- * Offer to go with the group to a favorite local attraction.
- * Be involved in ministry with the team.
- * Go shopping with the group.
- * Prepare welcome bags for the group.
- * Prepare travel treats for the group as they return to Jamaica.
- * Be a part of the logistics team to schedule transportation, meals, etc. for the group.
- * Send the group off with your blessings for a **7 a.m. flight, USAir 2612, on July 15**.



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 Men's Breakfast
3 Lord's Supper 9:30 Choir 10:00 One worship service	4  Church office closed	5 7:00 Praise Team 7:15 Spiritual Nurture	6 7:18 Jamaican team arrives	7	8	9 8:00 Upper Room Bible study
USA/Jamaica Exchange 						
10 New members 10:00 One worship service 11:15 Young Adult lunch	11  Worship Arts Camp 9:30 a.m. - noon	12	13	14	15 7 a.m. Jamaican team departs Newsletter Deadline	16
USA/Jamaica Exchange 						
6:00 Covered dish dinner	9:30 Men's softball	5:30 Stewardship 7:00 Praise Team	7:00 Personnel			
17 Cents-ability offering 10:00 One worship service Jamaican children sing	18 9:30 Women's Bible study 7:30 Men's softball	19 7:00 Membership 7:00 Praise Team	20	21 6:30 POSSIL Club	22	23 8:00 Upper Room Bible study
24 9:30 Choir 10:00 One worship service 11:15 Young Adult lunch	25 9:30 Women's Bible study 2:00 Life Review 9:30 Men's softball	26 7:00 Praise Team	27	28 10:30 Caregivers Support	29	30 8:00 Upper Room Bible study
31 9:30 Choir 10:00 One worship service					Rabbouni Catholic Church meets on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.	



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10 a.m. One Combined Service
July 3 - August 14**

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Hope Springs Eternal invites you to enjoy a day of food and fellowship

Grace Hope and Springdale Presbyterian Churches will gather at Lakeside Pavilion at Cedar Ridge Camp from **3-7 p.m.** on **Sunday, August 7**. Invite your friends to come and join us!

The pool will be available from 3-5 p.m.

We'll enjoy a dinner together at 5:30 p.m. Meat and drink will be provided; bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

A vesper service will be held following dinner.

