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THANKSGIVING/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

About two weeks ago, you received a letter asking you to consider how you can commit—or re-commit—yourself to the life and ministries of our congregation. It is a time to carefully and prayerfully reflect on ways you can put gratitude to God into action! While it's true that your commitment of treasure will help church committees be good stewards of available resources for the programs of the coming church year, your time and talent are equally important for the continued life and ministry of this historic beacon of God's love in this community.

Whatever we do for the Lord should be a response of gratitude for all that has been given to us personally by our Heavenly Father and for what has been done for us in Christ Jesus. Then, as we are blessed by God, we fulfill one of our purposes in life by being a blessing to others.

We will praise God together on Thanksgiving Sunday (November 18th) by giving thanks for all God's blessings and dedicating our "pledges" (These pledges are really our "estimates" of what we think we can commit to God's work.)

May God bless you as you respond to God's grace in your life.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE – NOVEMBER 19th

The annual Springfield Community Thanksgiving Service, will be held on Monday, November 19th at 7 p.m., hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. We are grateful to Elder and Deacon Moderator, Dawn Clarke, who will participate in the service as the representative from our Congregation.

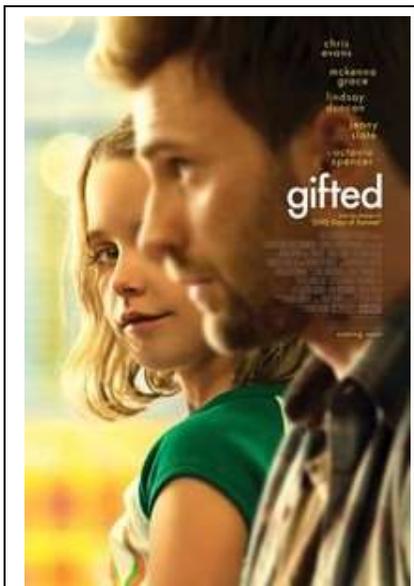
Leslie Adler and Springfield Children's Community Chorus will perform along with members of the adult choirs from various churches and synagogues. If you are interested in participating in the chorus, copies of the music with rehearsal time will be on the info table as soon as it is made available. Please join with our whole Springfield community in giving thanks.

As is the tradition, donations of non-perishable food will be distributed through the HC Food Bank and the free-will offering will be donated to the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad.





LUNCH AND A MOVIE NOVEMBER 10TH



The next Lunch and Movie will be held in the Parish House Auditorium on Wednesday, November 14th at noon.

The movie to be shown is called, “Gifted” and is about a very cute young girl enrolling in first grade, much against her will, because as it happens, she’s an utter math whiz who prefers being home-schooled by her uncle Frank. Ensuing complications include a grandmother who feels the prodigy will be better off somewhere outside of Frank’s grungy Florida shack.

Starring Chris Evans (Capt. America), and Mckenna Grace (I, Tonya), this movie came highly recommended by Rev. Vicky and Richard Ney, who previewed it last month!

There will be no Lunch and Movie in December, so be sure to come on 11/14 with a friend. Sign-up is necessary for food planning. Reservation sheet is on the info table in the chapel or you can call the office by noon Tuesday, 11/13.



Messages From Our Longstanding Members

Bea Roth, Yolanda Rueda and Jean Zabelski have been in touch with Linda J. recently, expressing their enjoyment in receiving the sermon CD’s and bulletins, as well as wanting to be updated on all the church news. They send their love to the Congregation, knowing that the transition process between Pastors is not easy. They all have been through this before, and they know it requires thoughtful prayer and faith that God will bless this church with another great leader. We don’t have to forget the past. We can build on its strong foundation!

If you have an opportunity to make a call or write a note to these lovely ladies, they would love to hear from you!



THANK YOU!

... And the greatest of these is Love! (I Corinthians 13:13)

Richard and I would like to thank our wonderful church family for their constant love and support though all of the amazing years here in Springfield. You have laughed with us, cried with us, worshipped with us, prayed with us and gave us your all. We appreciate all your smiles, hugs, tears and love. You are and always will be our family.

I want to also thank you for your attendance and the wonderful reception on my last Sunday with you. I can't tell you how much that meant to me. Special thanks go to my two Lindas—Linda Jurczak and Linda Amiano for planning and getting the great luncheon together for all of us. Your generous monetary gift was overwhelming! Thank you all so much!

May God bless you always and go from strength to strength. "May the Lord watch between you and me while we are absent one from the other."

With love and blessings,

Vicky



We are a grateful congregation, within a grateful community and we hope you will join in on the celebration of the veterans most dear to us. God Bless America!

The Springfield Community holds a Veterans Day ceremony each year. Because November 11th falls on a Sunday this year, the observance will be on **Monday, November 12th** at 11am at Veteran's Park on the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue. If you are able and willing to attend, you will not be disappointed with the reverence our community shows to our veterans. If you served or are currently serving our country in the armed services – THANK YOU!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We thank all our members and friends who participated in the Annual Indoor Flea Market on Oct. 27th. From donating items for the sales tables, to renting a table of your own, to working in the kitchen or helping at the sales tables, to providing a watchful eye – everyone's help is appreciated, and we could not have conducted the event without you!



As always, special thanks to Gary Southward, who organized the event, sorted and priced the donations and oversaw the sales. Without their knowledge and expertise in the pricing and management, we'd be lost. The proceeds from the event will support long-standing PW missions. To avoid a meeting during Thanksgiving week, our next meeting will be **November 14th** at 1:30pm in the Parish House. We will discuss the Flea Market fundraising results, plans for the Boutique and Christmas party. This is the same day as Lunch and Movie, so if you'd like to have lunch first, please sign up at the info table.



We are happy to announce the arrival of Oliver Bogden on October 24th.

Oliver is the son of Nora and Ken Bogden, nephew of Donald and grandson of Ken and Sue Bogden. Blessings to all!



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| 3-Linda Chelis | 13-Ted Doll |
| 6-Kathleen Dubiel | 13-Leo Shapiro |
| 6-Ronald Dubiel | 14-Heather Francis |
| 6-Jessica Maas | 14-David Maas |
| 7-Russell A. Werner, Sr. | 16-Kayleigh Scott |
| 9-Christian Finnerty | 21-Arthur Biber |
| 11-Dale Doremus | 24-Harrison Jones |
| 12-Diane Mauriello | 26-Greg Clarke |
| 13-Robin Forman | 28- Margaret Doremus |

PLEASE NOTE: BIRTHDAYS ARE PROVIDED FROM OUR DATA BASE. (MONTH AND DAY ONLY) IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS MISSING FROM OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR INFO SO THAT IT WILL BE INCLUDED NEXT TIME.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting their *Holiday Boutique, Bake and Jam* sale on Sunday, December 2nd during Fellowship Hour. The ladies are still accepting donations of new or gently used jewelry, gift and décor items to add to the sales tables. If you have something to donate, please bring it to the church office through November. If you need a letter of donation for tax purposes, please include an itemized list with your donation and a letter will be provided soon after.

With lovely gift items, games and sweet treats already planned, there is something for everyone! Please support this annual event. All proceeds go to local and PC(USA) mission projects.



First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

November 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | <i>PH= Parish House Aud. = Parish House Auditorium</i> <i>DR = Parish House Dining Room (lower level)</i> <i>PW= Presbyterian Women</i> <i>LDYAG= Learning Disabled Young Adult Group</i> <i>Church Office Hours: Weekdays 9am-3pm</i> | | | 1 | 2 | 3 LDYAG 11A-3P-DR <i>Turn clocks back one hour tonight!</i> |
| 4 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 10:15a Communion Worship Service 11:15a Fellowship | 5 Session 7:30pm | 6 Election Day 6am-8pm | 7 SCCC -Aud. 4-6:30pm | 8 Choir 7:30pm | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Veterans Day 10:15a-Worship Service 11:15a- Fellowship | 12 Veteran's Day (Observed) Town ceremony 11am-Veteran's Park | 13 | 14 Lunch & Movie Noon-Aud. PW meeting 1:30pm-PH SCCC -Aud. 4-6:30pm | 15 Choir 7:30pm | 16 | 17 LDYAG 11A-3P-DR |
| 18 <i>Pledge Sunday</i> 10:15a-Worship Service 11:15a- Fellowship | 19 Community Thanksgiving Service -7-8pm Holy Cross Lutheran Church | 20 | 21 | 22  | 23 Office Closed | 24 |
| 25 10:15a-Worship Service 11:15a- Fellowship | 26 | 27 | 28 SCCC -Aud. 4-6:30pm Trustees 7:30pm | 29 Choir 7:30pm | 30 | |

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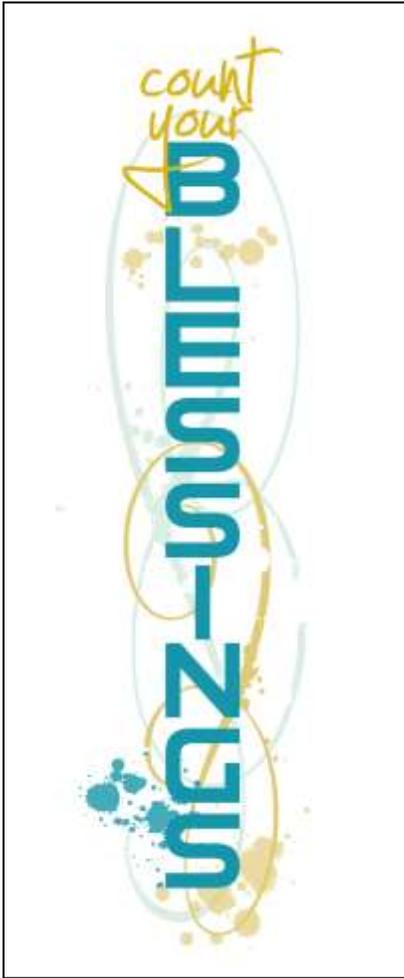
PW Indoor Flea Market

In spite of the threat of a Nor'easter, and gas-line work in the street, the Presbyterian Women (PW) rallied to pull off their 9th Annual Indoor Flea Market. Thanks to all the members and friends who rented a table, donated items, helped with set-up, in the kitchen, with clean-up, security and to those who shopped - all were necessary and greatly appreciated!



A special "Thank You" to Gary Southward for his year-round dedication to this annual event . Without his organization, it would not be possible.

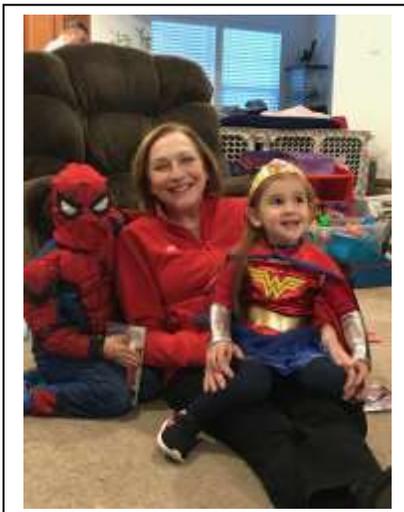




Pastor Vicky baptized
Avery James Sarno on Oct. 21st.



The Men's Fellowship met at the Ney home for the October breakfast.
A delicious meal and warm gathering with dear friends!



*At the end of the day, on October 31st,
Pastor Vicky said good-bye to Springfield
and enjoyed Trick or Treating
with her two grandchildren...*

All is well!

Pastor Vicky's Farewell Reception

For those who were unable to attend Pastor Vicky's last worship service and reception on October 28th, know that the sanctuary was filled with God's love, and mutual appreciation and affection between Pastor Vicky and the church family. It was a lovely service that included an encouraging sermon, two tribute solos (sung by Samantha Werner and Clarence Davis) and Pastor Vicky's favorite hymn (With a Voice of Singing) was sung by the choir beautifully!

While it is very difficult to say good-bye to someone who has been with us for nearly 12 years- praying with us, praying for us and our family and friends, throughout our challenges and our joys, we say "Farewell" to Pastor Vicky and Richard Ney (and Lola, too!), and wish them happiness as they begin a new chapter in their life journey!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Sunday, December 2nd - Advent Begins – Hanging of the Greens during 10:15am service
- Friday December 14th - Santa’s Workshop and Parents’ Night Out 6-9pm
- Wednesday, December 14th - Women’s Group luncheon in the Chapel. Noon
- Sunday, December 16th - Christmas Cantata during 10:15am Worship Service
-Noon-Christmas Feast and an a capella ensemble, “Epiphany” in PH
- Monday, December 24 - 4:00pm Family service with children’s Pageant
11:00 pm Candlelight Communion service

