

HOLIDAY SEASON 2023

SPRINGWOOD NEWS

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FALL Festival

OCTOBER 28, 2-6pm

FOOD, KID'S GAMES & CRAFTS,
TOUCH-A-TRUCK, PHOTO BOOTH,
LIVE MUSIC: "Hotwax & the Splinters"

To help neighbors in need, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for our food pantry. Thank you to those who are able to share



EDUCATION SERIES: INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION NOVEMBER 3-5



Please join Rev. Dan & Pastor Evelyn for this intriguing discussion!

Springwood Church is excited to host a weekend educational opportunity exploring the intersection of science and religion - a hot topic of our time. The seminar will be taught by the Rev. Dan Wray, who has years of experience and extensive knowledge in the field. The Rev. Dan Wray has been a pastor for 45 years and is currently the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Badin, NC. He taught philosophy, religion, and American literature at Stanly Community College in Albemarle for 22 years. He approaches the intersection of science and religion from the perspective of the earliest philosophers and theologians, and helps us understand science and religion go together in the biblical story. Dan explains the idea behind the series: "Both religion and science have taken a hit politically in recent years; but there's no necessity of science and religion being at war. Western society itself is based on the pillars of science and religion." The weekend will consist of 5 sessions, from Friday, Nov. 3rd, through Sunday Nov. 5th.

Schedule

Friday, Nov. 3 , 6:30pm	Introduction and Historical Background
Saturday, Nov. 4	
9:30am - 12:00 noon	The Scientific Revolution (Lunch on your own)
1:00pm - 3:30pm	What Does Darwin Have To Do With It?
Sunday, Nov. 5	
11:00am	Faith & Reason: What Does the Bible Say? Worship, Rev. Dan Wray, preaching (Light lunch provided)
1:00pm-3:30pm	Current Christian Responses & New Developments

We hope you will enjoy this opportunity to sit back, listen, learn, and be part of the conversation. Please bring your questions! To register, contact Springwood (336-449-6998) or email info@springwoodchurch.org.

THIS EVENT IS FREE.

NOVEMBER

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR NOV. 12, 12PM-2PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

God said to Abraham, "I will bless you,... so that you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:1

This Christmas, give your loved one a gift that blesses them while helping to heal a world in need. When you shop at the Springwood Alternative Gift Fair, you purchase goods or services that benefit others. A gift card will be provided stating what was given in honor of the person who will receive the gift card.



Soup lunch for sipping as you shop.

Organizations your shopping supports:

Global Ministries

- Presbyterian Mission: Agriculture/Livestock/Education & Disaster Relief
- Church World Service: Tools/Blankets/Water & Basic Human Needs

Area Ministries

- Allied Churches of Alamance County: shelter and feeding ministry
- Peacehaven Community Farm: supporting adults with developmental disabilities

Springwood Ministries

- Benevolence Fund for friends in financial need
- Springwood Playschool: sharing Christ's love w/ children & their families
- Kitchen/Food Pantry for feeding our community in body, mind, and spirit

PRAISE GOD FOR OUR NEW KITCHEN & FOOD PANTRY

During the Alternative Gift Fair, there will be an opportunity to participate in a "Kitchen Shower". Names of needed items, along with photos of specific brands and prices will be written on post-it notes on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide something for the new kitchen, simply pull the note from the board and donate funds on the spot. A gift card will be provided for you to present to a loved one to let them know that this item was given in their honor. If no card is required and you prefer, you may take the note away and purchase the item at your convenience. Thank you for helping to bring this new ministry to fruition!

FAMILIES TOGETHER

Thurs, Nov. 16, 6:30-7:30pm



Let your light shine!

Families Together is a monthly gathering at Springwood for folks of all ages to create something wonderful together! Whether you are cooking together in the new kitchen or creating a family craft to grace your home, memories will be made and family ties will be strengthened.

November's Creative Project

This month's project - Fall Tree Luminaries with Lights. Parents, children, church members, friends! Come make a fun fall project together!

HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

Covered Dish Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, 12:00pm Nov. 23

Join the church family for an old fashioned Covered Dish Thanksgiving Feast this year! Turkey and gravy will be provided. Bring a side or dessert to share. If you are not a cook, then either make a donation or help with set up or clean up. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or call the office (336-449-6998) to let us know you are coming and if you'll be bringing a dish to share.



FAMILIES TOGETHER Thurs, Dec 7, 6:30-7:30pm



December's Creative Projects

Button Christmas Trees

&

Cookie Decorating

Share fun, fellowship and cookies as we create a Christmas keepsake together!



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH: ANGEL TREE

Dec 3-17

If you would like to help a family in need this Christmas season, you are invited to choose an item (or two!) from our Angel Tree. Your gifts will be distributed to local folks to help provide warmth and add joy to the holidays for young and old. If you are unable to come by to choose your "angel" from the tree but would like to donate, please call our office at 336-449-6998 and we will be happy to assist you. Thank you for making a difference!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
SUNDAYS 11AM

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: THURS, DEC. 21, 7PM

Praying, Grieving, Healing for the Longest Night

The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service of reflection that offers comfort and hope for those carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. We gather on the longest night of the year, when darkness is prolonged, to remember God is good. God is near. Come light a candle in memory or honor of a loved one, or to lay down a burden you carry at the foot of the cross. Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.



CHRISTMAS EVE: SUNDAY, DEC. 24

11am - 4th Sunday of Advent Worship

5pm - Candlelight Service