

SUMMER/FALL 2023

# SPRINGWOOD NEWS

Springwood Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

**CELEBRATING 155 YEARS OF  
WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO  
OUR COMMUNITY!**

Though much has changed over time, Springwood Church remains a gathering place for those who seek to serve God and care for one another. New traditions are added to those that have long existed, as we strive to listen to God's call forward with vision and hope. In the following pages you'll find lots of inspiration and information. Here's a snapshot of what's included:

- Through the grace of God and generosity of many, we are entering our third year of Springwood **Playschool**, a growing and vital ministry! Hear from Director Lindy Halverson, pg. 2.
- The vision for the **new kitchen** and restrooms project is becoming a reality, with new epoxy flooring, a food pantry to help our neighbors, and a center island for community cooking. See photos and more info on pgs. 4-5.
- As part of our outreach to the community, Springwood will be participating in several fall festivals this year, and each will focus on a different aspect of our ministry. **Springwood's Fall Festival** will be on the last Saturday in October. To learn more, see pg. 7
- **Special events** are highlighted beginning on pg. 6. Please note the Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social in August. Our church is not just a place; it is a community of people gifted by God in various ways. We are incredibly grateful for the gifts of the Spirit each one brings, and invite you to join us.

With God's love and guidance, we envision serving others for generations to come.

*Pastor Evelyn Crews, Vision Implementation Pastor*



SPRINGWOOD  
PLAYSCHOOL

# SPRINGWOOD PLAYSCHOOL NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2023!

Parachute games... planting and harvesting vegetables... science experiments... music and movement... outdoor learning fun... problem solving... friendship and growing in the love and knowledge of God. These are just some of the exciting things our children are doing at Springwood Playschool!

In the Fall of 2023, Springwood Presbyterian Church will be offering the third year of ministry to preschoolers and their families through the ministry of the Springwood Playschool. The Playschool offers a high quality early childhood curriculum to three and four year old children so that they may experience growth in the areas of cognition, physical, motor, social and spiritual development. It is also the mission of the playschool to offer support and programming to the parents as they continue to grow as a family as well as social events for the family to enjoy together.

The valuable ministry of the Playschool to the community is possible because of the ongoing support and encouragement of the members of Springwood Church. Your interest and support are greatly recognized and appreciated! We welcome volunteers from Springwood who might be interested in reading to the children or helping with special projects.

There are still opportunities for enrollment in both of the classes for the 2023-24 school year. The Playschool welcomes your referral of family, friends and acquaintances.



*Lindy Halverson, Director*

"My child said  
he wants to go  
here forever!"  
*-a happy parent-*



# NEW THIS FALL FOR PLAYSCHOOL FAMILIES



## FAMILIES TOGETHER

Families Together is monthly gatherings at Springwood for you and your child/children 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.

*Check our Facebook page for updates!*

## FOR PARENTS

### Walking Group

Join Evelyn after morning drop off for a group walk up to Springwood Park, around the loop trail a time or two, and back again.

### Coffee/Tea Time

Join Marybeth at Springwood's new coffee bar for a cuppa and time to breathe. More info coming in September.

### What's On Your Mind?

What topics of conversation would be of interest to you? Parenting hacks, wisdom sharing, other ideas?





# VISION 2020<sup>+</sup>

PRAY. PARTICIPATE. GIVE.

From the desk of Pastor Marybeth



## Happy 155th, Springwood!



*The former kitchen, "Old Faithful"*

Five years ago, in Springwood's 150th Anniversary year, our leaders considered the future of Springwood's ministry. How could we best steward the resources God gave us long ago? How could we be a church for future generations? Our kitchen was no longer sufficient, and our small rooms in the Educational Building were not being fully utilized.

A renovation and upgrades were needed to our existing building, and for best future ministry, a new addition needed to be added. These changes were not about the building, but about the people we are called to serve. Vision 2020 emerged out of many conversations and much prayer, and today we are seeing that vision realized.

Playschool is beginning its third year of ministry to young children and their families, and children are growing in the grace and knowledge of God's love. We are blessed by interaction with parents, and this fall we hope to have more opportunities to care for and support them in their difficult but rewarding season of parenting. We thank God for the wonderful Playschool staff that ministers to children and parents, and makes Springwood Playschool such a magical place.

It's been over a year now since we cleared everything out of the old kitchen and began knocking down walls, only to discover significant structural work needed to be done in the ceiling. (Continued on next page)



*Jerry Small,  
Contractor*

Many thanks for  
your perseverance  
and care for  
Springwood!



*Where is it all going to go?*



*Gary, hard at work*

Once that was finished, we started digging plumbing tunnels, running electrical lines, waiting for inspectors, painting, pouring new flooring, installing lighting and bathroom fixtures, and now we are finally putting the pieces of the new kitchen together. It is a bit like working a huge, 3-D jigsaw puzzle with a group of people. Challenging indeed, but so rewarding when the pieces finally come together.

By the end of summer we will be ready to put the new space to work for ministry with, and to, our community. We are excited about this new opportunity to serve our community by providing food items in our brand new food pantry. We will need volunteers to organize the food donations and to pack family food boxes.



*Wanda, Mike & Marybeth planning together*

Our incredibly gifted church staff and members enable this activity to happen. Church Administrator, Anita Newkirk, and Church Treasurer, Lisa Griggs are invaluable to our operations; while Church Musician Sarah Jones-Ely keeps our worship both traditional and fresh. Reverend Evelyn Crews rejoined our team this spring to help us to further implement the ministry side of the vision; and we thank you all for the many ways you contribute through prayer and sharing your time, talents, and treasure. Together, we are the Body of Christ.



## Fun Fridays with Peacehaven Partners

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a meaningful time with friends old and new. Activities vary, but generally include Bible story, crafts, singing, and food. Come join the fun!



## Homecoming - Sept 24

Join us for our annual Homecoming bash on Sunday, Sept. 24. We'll worship at 11am with an old fashioned hymn sing, then feast together at a bountiful covered dish lunch. This will be a wonderful opportunity to both use and view the new kitchen. In addition, we'll honor our past through the sale of decorative "porch boards" made from the reclaimed wood from the old picnic shelter. These boards came from Arthur Buckaloo's grandfather, Alphonso Johnson (1904-1991); and our church members are painting them so you can take your own piece of Springwood history home with you. Hope you'll join us!

Ice Cream Social!



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY! AUGUST 20TH.**

All are invited to make your own sundae following worship as we celebrate you!

Thank you for all you do!

## Covered Dish Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 23, 12 noon

What's a "must have" item on your Thanksgiving table? Roast turkey and gravy, stuffing or dressing (depending on where you grew up), sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce... the list goes on before we even get to PIE! Join the church family for an old fashioned Thanksgiving Feast this year. We'll cook the turkeys and gravy in our new church kitchen, and you can sign up to bring sides or desserts. Not a cook? Then volunteer to help with the set-up, serving, or clean up, or just come enjoy the feast. Grace (and gravy) abounds! We'll be finished by 2pm, so you can go home to watch a game or take a nap!





# "FUNTOBER" IS COMING!

IT'S FALL FESTIVAL TIME!

Springwood Church is participating in *three* festivals in October!

Come out and enjoy fun and fellowship! Volunteers Needed!

## SAVE THE DATES!

**Whitsett Fair**, Oct. 7 (Whitsett Town Hall)- Springwood volunteers will be on hand to create fall craft projects with kids at our festival booth. We will highlight our Playschool as we meet families in our community. Have an hour or two for some fun? Let us know!

**Gibsonville Fall Festival**, Oct. 14 (downtown Gibsonville) - We'll be there all day, serving sandwiches and baked items to hungry festival attendees! Volunteer for any amount of time you are available. This is a great festival!

**Springwood Church Fall Festival**, Oct. 28 (Springwood Church, Whitsett) - The main event! This is our chance to offer our community a great day of fun and entertainment as we serve and get to know our neighbors. We would love your volunteer enthusiasm and community spirit as we provide children's activities, a bluegrass band, food from our new kitchen, and much more. Are you a great organizer? Can you set up or take down? Do you have a (not so) hidden talent (i.e. face painting, etc.)? Call us and we'll find a place for you!



*Fun for all ages!*



*Hotwax and the Splinters*



**EDUCATION SERIES:  
INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

**Christian faith and science are often portrayed as opposing forces, but scripture offers us a more holistic view of faith and science as allies, not enemies. What is the relationship between science and religion?**

**NOVEMBER 3-5**

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, November 3rd, through Sunday November 5th.



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

**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 after worship

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! Contact Springwood (336-449-6998) or email [info@springwoodchurch.org](mailto:info@springwoodchurch.org) for more information.





## New Cemetery Rates Effective August 1, 2023

The rate to secure a Right of Burial in the Springwood Church Cemetery has not changed in over 10 years. Now the time has come to increase the fees to ensure the upkeep of our cemetery.

### RIGHT OF BURIAL IN A FULL SIZE PLOT:

<u>Membership Status</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>		<u>Fee After August 1</u>
Active members:	\$100	→	\$450
Inactive/former members:	\$500	→	\$1,000
Non-members:	\$1,000	→	\$2,500

(Note: fees above are to Right of Burial in one full size plot, but do not include the marking/opening/closing of the grave.)

### RIGHT OF BURIAL IN CREMATION AREA PLOTS (NW corner only)

<u>Membership Status</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>		<u>Fee After August 1</u>
Active members:	\$50	→	\$100
Inactive/former members:	\$100	→	\$200
Non-members:	\$150	→	\$300

(Note: fees above are to Right of Burial in a 12"x24" Cremation Area plot, but do not include marking/opening/closing.)



We hope you will talk with family and friends and take advantage of this opportunity to secure your future Right of Burial in Springwood Cemetery before the rate increase takes effect on August 1, 2023.

If you would like a copy of the Cemetery Bylaws, please email [admin@springwoodchurch.org](mailto:admin@springwoodchurch.org)



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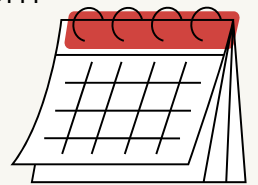
On any given day you stop by the church, you may see Mary Jane Crum working quietly in the library. Mary Jane has been working to make our library more “user-friendly.” Our collection of books is extensive but unfortunately underutilized.

By using the ultimate library resource, Library of Congress, these books can be organized, labeled, and made accessible through the church website as well as by browsing the shelves.

Mary Jane is working diligently to give us access to the valuable and enjoyable books, so we can “check them out” and then check them out! This is a slow process, but if you see a mess in the library, you will understand better things are coming!

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

August 4	Fun Friday with Peacehaven 9:15am-11:15am (every first Friday of each month)
August 20	Ice Cream Social: Volunteer Appreciation, 12pm
September 24	Homecoming 11AM. Bring your covered dish
October 7	Whitsett Fall Festival, 10am-2pm
October 14	Gibsonville Fall Festival 10am-5pm
October 28	Springwood Church Fall Festival 2pm-6pm
November 3-5	Intersection of Science and Religion Seminar
November 23	Thanksgiving Dinner at Springwood 12pm-2pm



## Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Springwood Church offers a number of opportunities for volunteer service at church and in the community. Please call us at 336-449-6998 or email [info@springwoodchurch.org](mailto:info@springwoodchurch.org) for more information on ways you can use your gifts and graces to help others.

*"The place God calls you to is where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need."*  
Frederick Buechner