



“I love to tell the story for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy word.”
–A. Catherine Hankey

Dear Springfield Family,

A few years ago, a friend of mine invited me to join several of her friends and family members for Thanksgiving dinner. I didn’t really know most of the people who were going to be there.

As I was driving over to her place, I thought of the admonition to avoid talking about politics or religion in polite company. And because my first career was in politics and government, I thought to myself, “That’s all I’ve got. That’s my entire résumé.”

Of course, as the author of Ecclesiastes noted, there is a time and place for everything, and making people uncomfortable in a social setting is hardly the best way to share the Good News. But each of us knows someone who needs to know more about God’s love.

Perhaps you have heard the expression “Always preach the Gospel. If necessary, use words,” which is often misattributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who himself preached in as many as five villages a day—using words. If you’ve ever glanced at the Gospels in a “red letter” Bible, you’ll note that Jesus used plenty of words. We need to use words.

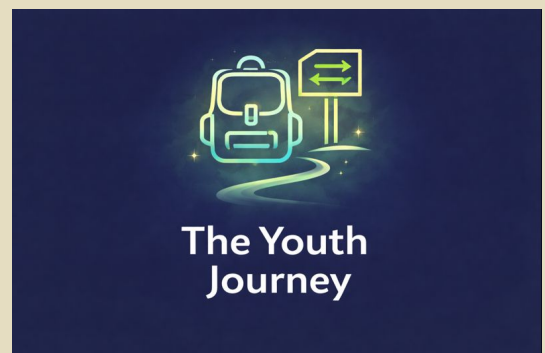
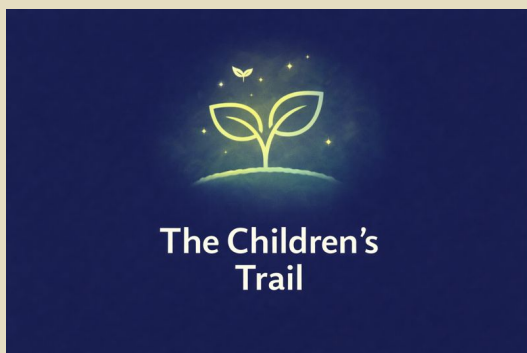
On the other hand, we shouldn’t get in people’s faces. You may have heard me recount an experience I had on my way to the office one morning. I had just emerged from the escalator at the Capitol South Metro station when a Capitol policeman boomed, “Have ya got Jesus?”

I was reminded of John Fugelsang’s observation, “I’ve come to view Jesus much the way I view Elvis. I love the guy, but the fan clubs really freak me out.” Freaking people out may not be the most effective way to share our faith, but sharing our faith, with grace and with words, remains our calling.

This coming Sunday will be my last as your associate pastor, but as I have noted on many Sundays, just outside the walls of Springfield Church so many people need to know of God’s unrelenting love for them. And so our ministry—your ministry and mine—continues. If you watch for it, you’ll see an opportunity to share a word of encouragement or comfort, a word of assurance, and the Good News that the kingdom of God is breaking into a world in need.

Always preach the Gospel. And by all means use words! It has been a blessing and a joy to be in ministry with you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mac



What a wonderful National Children's Day we celebrated! Thank you to all of the families who are a part of the SUMC ministries.

Youth Lunch will be held on July 12, 2026. Share in the food and fellowship. Sign up today!

Children's Bulletin

Youth Bible Stories



National Children's Day

We had a marvelous day of worship celebrating our children and youth on June 14! Our young people enjoyed the reception, games and gifts. We are blessed with a wonderful group of children and youth.



This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Father's Day. As you prepare for worship, take time to read the scriptures and listen to the worship songs shared below. Daily devotions and worship songs are also posted each day on Sermon Notes to support your spiritual growth and strengthen your walk with God.

*Your giving helps us continue serving our community and supporting the ministries of the church.
Please give today using the link below.*

Read the Scripture here

Listen to Worship Music here

Worship Bulletin

Online Giving

You can follow the sermon each week using [this link](#), and follow-up with scripture readings, reflection questions and devotionals throughout the week. This will help you grow in your faith!

Sermon Notes



The Outreach Crossing



Weekly
Beacon

The Sandwich Ministry needs volunteers every Sunday at 9:00 am to prepare sandwiches for those in need.

The Outreach team meeting will be held on July 11 @ 10 am on zoom.

The weekly beacon offers articles and blog posts for your inspiration. The article for this week is Full Gospel Christianity. Read this article, [here](#).

Sunday, June 21, 2026

- 9:00 am Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 am Divine Worship
- 10:45 am Children's Church
- 11:30 am Farewell Reception

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

- 10:00 am Prayer Ministry

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

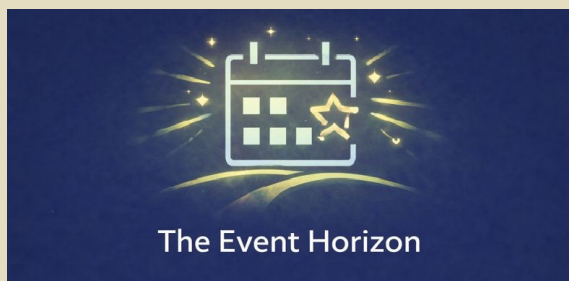
- 8:00 pm NarAnon
- 8:30 pm Evening Prayer Group

Thursday, June 25, 2026

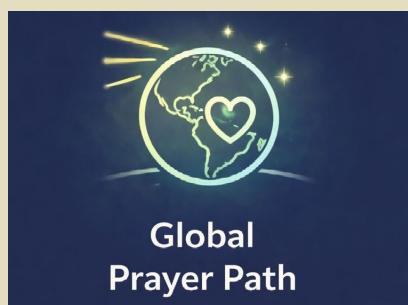
- 6:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 28, 2026

- 9:00 am Sandwich Ministry
- 10:30 am Divine Worship
- 10:45 am Children's Church
- 11:30 am Allan Weberg's 30th Anniversary reception



Capital UMC Pride, a connectional group of UM lay persons, clergy, congregations, and faith communities from the greater Washington, DC area will join together on June 20 during the parade. The primary mission of the group is to bring the message of inclusion and welcome to the local LGBTQIA+ community during the Capital Pride Parade. Springfield United Methodist Church is a Sponsoring Congregation this year.



- For the annual meeting of the Virginia Conference including clergy and lay delegates who will meet this week in Harrisonburg.
- For Christians in Nigeria to feel God's embrace and protection.



- CWP had a wonderful End of Year program on June 17. Special thanks to Nathan Dally, Dean Quick and Dave Endicott for their assistance.

- For racial justice, equity and peace in the world; healing of God's earth; an end to armed conflict, gun violence and all other forms of evil in this world.
- For the disciples of SUMC, clergy leadership, lay leadership and friends that worship with us.

- Christian Weekday Preschool is now enrolling for Summer Camp and the 2026-2027 School year!
- Click [here](#) for more information and other ways you can support Springfield United Methodist Church's ministry, CWP.



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