

The Springfield Redeemer



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“He who abides in Me (Christ) and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing.”

Coffee House Holds Chinese Auction!

Holy Grounds Coffee House is holding a Chinese Auction on March 24th, 2018, to help defray the cost of winter expenses, and the future expansion of the ministry. All are welcome to come. There are some exciting things to be auctioned and also many smaller items for those who wish to join in the fun and participate without spending a lot of money!

This event will follow Pat and Barbara’s lunch on Saturday March 24th, and run from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., with Cathy’s Open Mic to follow. There will be light refreshments available, and of course, coffee and tea. Auctioning will be at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. come in and fellowship, enjoy the snacks and see what you can take home with you! You are also welcome to just come and enjoy the fellowship. All the people who come to Pat and Barbara’s Lunch are welcome to stay and join us, and after the event, at 6:30 p.m., everybody is invited to stay for the Open Mic. Make it a whole day of fun, food, and music.

The auction will work like this: Each item will have a piece of paper by it with a starting bid on it. On it, write your name and contact information (phone or email) and how much you want to bid.



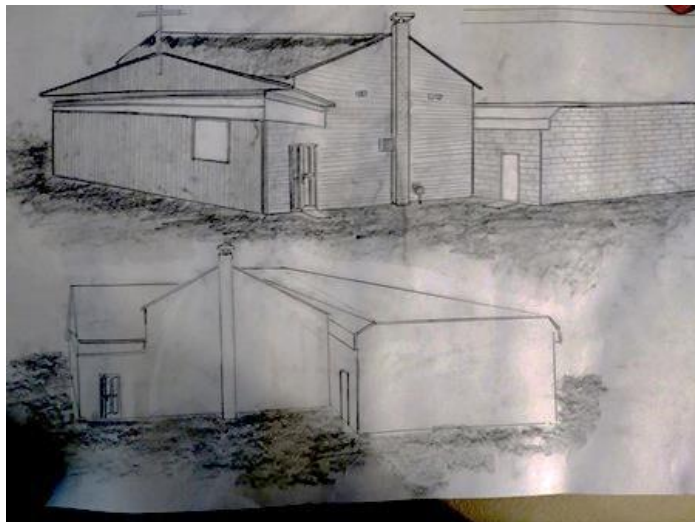
When the auction starts, Pastor Cooley will announce a last call for bidding, then close the bidding and he will read the name of the winner and the highest bid! Then the next item will be auctioned. Some larger items will not be here on the premises of the coffee House, but we will have a photograph of them. They will have to be picked up. Some items will be auctioned at the later time, 5:30 p.m.. If you put a bid on an item, *please* be on the premises at auction time.

Many of you have items at home that you would like to donate. Some may be very nice things that you no longer want, some may be things that you never used, and some of you may even be willing to ask businesses if they will donate to this ministry to help Springfield, the needy, and the high school students that we serve. These are dark times in America but God has given us this opportunity to bring the Gospel to people. With your help, we can do it. If you prefer not to bid for any items, you can also just write a check and donate to the ministry.

We enclosed a flyer for your use to pass the word out to others. Please invite your friends and neighbors, and ask them for donations of items to auction, and spread the word at church and work.

Notice the “grand prize” item on the flyer, a little vacation at Oak N’ Spruce Resort! Who wouldn’t want to enjoy that for a little get away!?!

A Peek into the Future of Holy Grounds Coffee House by Roberta D'Amico



We finally have a sketch of the plans for the expansion of the ministry! Pastor Cooley has been working with Michael McCall to provide us with this sketch so we can all see what it will look like as we pray for it to become a reality. This building will be an extension of the present United Temple church at 191 Walnut Street. The existing building which sits right on Walnut Street adjoining the sidewalk will be remodeled and become the new Holy Grounds Coffee House II.

It is an important step to have the drawing to show to prospective donors, supporters, and ministry partners. As Evangelistic Leader of Redemption Gate Mission Society, the organization of which Holy Grounds is a ministry, as well as pastor of United Temple Church of God in Christ, Pastor Cooley is eager to get his people at United Temple involved in

the Coffee House ministry. He is also always looking for opportunities to reach out to area churches who will join us in our efforts to reach Springfield and surrounding towns.

The present building at 453 State Street will continue its current ministries as long as it is economically sound to do so. It is a prime location to reach the high school students from Commerce High and college students at STCC. Please pray for God's direction and His wisdom for these ministries. We want to reach students from other high schools also.

The drawing shows the existing building and the new addition on the back. The new part will house the United Temple sanctuary, and will be one-and-a-half times the size of the present building. The top sketch shows the existing building from the street, with the new addition behind it, and the lower sketch shows the new addition from the rear of the property.

The present building in the front will be multi-use, housing not just the Coffee House, with the tables and chairs, and kitchen and counter necessary, and also will be used for a study hall, and the Jubilee Christian Co-op.

The Jubilee Christian Co-op is part of the original vision that Pastor Scott had in the early days of Redemption Gate Mission Society. The plan is to produce food and cook meals to sell. It will be owned by all who invest in it, both with money and labor, creating a revenue stream and jobs. This will be such a blessing to many people here in Springfield.

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 a.m.- Pastors Bobby & Kim; 1 p.m.- Pastor Brian Greene; and 4 p.m.- (NEW TIME!) Transformation Centered Healing Ministries with Pastors Eric & Susan Thomas .

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m.

WED – Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Lunch 2 to 4 p.m., except first Saturday. **1ST SATURDAY:** March 3, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT: March 24, 7 p.m. Open Mic with Cathy Marvici. (After the Chinese Auction!)

***SAVE
THE
DATE!!***

Free Family Day Event, August 18, 2018!

Magazine Park in Springfield MA, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Neighborhood Picnic, Music, Basketball tournament,
Bounce House, and Bible Stories.**