

# The Springfield Redeemer



Every one, therefore, who shall confess  
Me before men, I also will confess him  
before my Father who is in heaven.

Matt 10:32

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## Spring is Here! And by June 1st the weather will be just right for our Spring Bake Sale! By Roberta D'Amico



Saturday, June 1, 2019, we will be having a big Bake Sale at Holy Grounds Coffee House, where we will be outside (weather permitting) selling homemade goodies, made

by our faithful ladies (and maybe gentlemen, too) to raise funds to keep the Coffee House 'perking'! The funds raised will go to the day-to-day expenses of buying the coffee, creamer, sugar, and supplies!

Please come by between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and take home something delicious! If God puts it on your heart to help, we could

use you as a volunteer that day to help sell the goodies, and also seriously consider baking something. Pies and cakes are great, brownies and cookies are always in demand, but if you are a serious baker, now is your chance to shine and make one of your special, stunningly fabulous desserts!

So please pray about helping with the Bake Sale and raising some funds for Holy Grounds. We are volunteers here at Holy Grounds and do not charge for food or coffee, so we depend on God providing through generous supporters like you to keep us going and growing for the Lord.

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## My Testimony by Sonya MacPhail



The story of how I came to the Holy Grounds Coffee House starts with my coming to know Christ Jesus/Yeshua. In 2013, I just closed my business of four years. Not really having a new purpose

for my life, I found myself doing a lot of internet surfing, and decided to start researching prophecies. Intrigued by Nostradamus and other so-called prophets that were well known, I kept searching. Being led by the Holy Spirit, I came across a phrase that I had never heard, "Fall Feasts of the Lord." This soon led me to a YouTube

channel called "A Rood Awakening" and I began to watch Michael Rood's videos about the Hebrew Roots of the Bible and I just couldn't get enough. He explained things to me that I always had questions about. He gave evidence, scriptures, and explanations that I couldn't deny and I found myself on my knees begging GOD to forgive me. The flood gates opened; tears and regret came pouring out. I gave my life to the LORD that day and my world would never be the same.

However, I soon found myself alone, no one to talk to, no one to share my new found passion

with, and my joy slowly turned into loneliness. Again, I found myself on the internet, trying to find a church that I could feel like I belonged to, however, no church seemed right. I was trying to keep in line with everything I was learning from the YouTube channels, so that not just any church would do. I was looking for one that had a Messianic/Hebrew Roots component. I had a new found love for the Jewish Jesus, the true Jesus, and I knew that with prayer and faith, the LORD would lead me to where I needed to be.

One day, while I was going to the state capital in Connecticut with a group of people to protest gun control, I met Joanne, who handed me a newspaper she was passing out to everyone. There was a picture of Scott Lively on the front. He was running to be Governor of Massachusetts at the time. I came across a side note that was advertising Holy Grounds Coffee House. As soon as I got home that day, I looked up Holy Grounds on the internet and saw there was a Sunday service, and was determined to go.

It was a beautiful spring day in 2014, when I arrived at the door of Holy Grounds Coffee House. I guess I was a bit late because the service had already started. I saw Pastor Lively sitting by the dry erase board speaking to the room full of attentive ears. The pastor had written on the board at the very top in big letters the words "Hebrew Roots of the Faith." This bold statement just jumped out at me like the LORD saying, "here is where you belong". I was so happy and thankful that I had found this place. I have thanked the LORD several times for Holy Grounds since then.

The next week I arrived and took a seat, looking around the room, as I arrived a bit earlier this time, and had some time to investigate my surroundings. I notice a small dry erase board in the corner of the room and thought I would have to examine it a bit closer on my way out. When I did examine the board I was shocked to see that there was a Sabbath service every Saturday. I began to attend this service and at this point I was completely satisfied that I had found the place and the people I was meant to journey with for a time, a group of people that to this day I would still call family. Even though I am not part of the group now I do see Shelly and sister Deborah often and attend the Thursday women's group on a fairly regular basis.

The Holy Grounds Coffee House has been the only place that has made me feel like I really belong since I have given my life to the LORD. I have been to many churches in hopes of finding another place I feel at home at. I am not a fan of driving and especially to Springfield since I live in Belchertown but there is no other place like it and I keep finding my way back to what I now consider my home. I have a very busy life, but when I manage to get away from the daily grind and get to a Thursday women's group, I feel so full when I leave. The women are amazing and filled with wisdom and a true and deep faith that I don't find in too many places. I wish I lived closer or better yet the Coffee House could relocate to Belchertown, but it probably wouldn't be the same!

May GOD shine his face upon you. Sonya

## Ongoing Events

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 8 a.m. Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene (new time); 10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim.

**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.; FIAT 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY: No Saturday lunch until further notice. 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY:** May 4, "Marriage with God" 4 to 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY NIGHT** May 25, 7 PM. For more details, call Cathy Marvici at 413-233-7242.