



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## New Elders and Deacons for 2022

With the coming of the New Year, we say goodbye to some of our Elders and Deacons and welcome our new church officers.

We thank Gloria McGilloway for her service on Session. Mary Contreras will return to Session in 2022, replacing Gloria.

Tineke Ingold, Marjorie Bayle and Vici and Tom Noble have ended their terms as Deacons and will be replaced by Candy Hurlbut and Melissa and Jesse Henderson. We welcome Candy back and thank the Hendersons for agreeing to serve. Candy will take over Green Valley parish and Melissa and Jesse will cover Santa Clara/Ivins parish. Tineke's Pine Valley parish has been absorbed by Santa Clara/Ivins and Old St. George/Dixie Downs parishes.

Thanks to Elder Eric Westland and the nominating committee, Vicky Westland representing the Deacons, Scott Florence, Anne Patten and Nancy Higgins for their good work during 2020 and 2021.

This moderator of this year's Nominating Committee will be named by Session at their January meeting and Vicky Westland will represent the Deacons. Scott Florence and Anne Patten will represent the congregation, but we need one more congregational at-large member to fill out the committee.

We will be ordaining and installing Elders and Deacons during worship on January 9<sup>th</sup> and hope that you will join us in extending our congratulations to our new Elders and Deacons.

## Robbie Burns Returns to Good Shepherd!

Robert Burns, born on January 25, 1759, is the Poet Laurette of Scotland. His birthday is a national holiday and celebrated in Scotland. After a hiatus of several years, remembering our Presbyterian connection to the Church of Scotland and celebrating our Scottish Church roots we, as well, will be celebrating "Robbie Burns Birth" on the evening of February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall.

Beginning in January a Scottish cookbook will be available on the sign-up table in Conklin for perusing and photographing Scottish recipes to attempt for this celebration. Of course, American pot-luck cuisine will be welcome as well. Following our dinner, we will have a short program saluting the Haggis and will then adjourn to the Sanctuary where the Black Watch from Cedar City will entertain us with the pipes, fiddles and traditional dance.

Feicfidh me ann thu! (See you there! In Gaelic)

## Prayer Concerns

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:13-14

Gloria McGilloway	Margaret Ramquist
Jan Hirschi	Cathy Overkamp
Josie Marsh	Molly Bass
Shirley & Don Wilson	Donna Beasley
Pebble Mowery & Family	Carolyn Barnett
Cheryl Borden & Family	Wendell Wiens
	Myrt Nelson
	The family of Bob Moeller
	The congregation of Shepherd of the Hills UMC and the family of Rev. Michael Chamness
	Caregivers in our area, state and nation
	Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia

## Welcome New Members

If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please see Rev. Ralph or Session Clerk Ruth Ann Horvath

## February Newsletter Deadline

January 23, 2022

## Worship Schedule

<b>8:45 – 9:00 am</b>
<b>Morning Prayer and Communion</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:45 am</b>
<b>Adult Education</b>
<b>CE Building</b>
<b>10:30 am (Beginning January 9)</b>
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>
<b>CE Building</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>
<b>Fellowship Time</b>
<b>Conklin Hall</b>

## Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Minister of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. Rev. Ralph encourages our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for December were:

Rev. Ralph	Philippians 3:12-14	Pressing on
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	John 14:15-17	With you forever
Elder Leslie Lintz	Deuteronomy 15:10	Give generously
Elder Alan Paige	John 14:6-7	I am the way
Elder Chris Schleter	Matthew 18:2-4	The greatest
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Isaiah 9:6	A child is born
Elder Eric Westland	1 Timothy 4:4-5	Created for good
Elder Barbara McConnell	Psalm 92:1-4	Give thanks
Elder Gloria McGilloway	1 Chronicles 16:34	Give Thanks
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Colossians 3:12-14	Forgive one another

## Thanks to our Volunteers

	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
<b>December</b>		
January 2	<i>Available</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>
January 9	Mary Laubscher	<i>Available</i>
January 16	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 30	<i>Available</i>	<i>No Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>
<b>February</b>		
February 6	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 13	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 20	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 27	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org).

## Treasurer's Report

### General Fund as of November 30

#### Month of November

Receipts	\$ 26,181.76
Expenditures	\$ 15,234.50

#### 2021 YTD Budget vs Actual

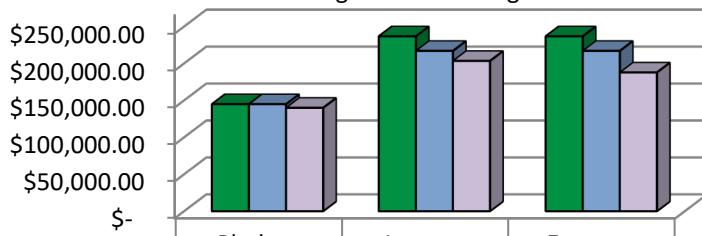
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 216,986.00
Actual Receipts	<b>\$ 203,431.83</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 216,986.00
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$ 187,767.54</b>

#### Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 40,506.84
Building Fund	\$ 56,561.47
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,734.50
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,664.25
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,173.05
Bequests	\$ 72,778.48

### 2021 Budget Through November 30

■ 2021 Budget ■ YTD Budget ■ YTD Actual



2021 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
\$144,862.00	\$144,862.00	\$139,938.00
\$236,712.00	\$216,986.00	\$203,431.83
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## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 3:12-14 (NASB)*



Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead seems to be an almost perfect approach to a new year. Especially the likes of the past two years that we have lived through. However, doing so does make me just a little uncomfortable. Let me explain.

In Paul's case I believe he is forgetting all painful memories or anything that is holding him back from growing in Christ and his faith. I would remind Paul that it was in that same past he is seeking to forget that Christ laid hold of him and walked with him through all of those days.

We can relate, we can let go of the power of painful days over us and instead remember the living Christ who walked with us through this last year. Let us not forget the blessings we have received and hope that claims us and calls us into a new bright future.

Paul in his own words recognizes that he is a work in progress, God's work. The very same work that is within us now, today and tomorrow. Let us rejoice in the presence of Christ in our past and joyful trust His presence in the days ahead, in this brand new year!

I'm sure Paul would agree.

A Very Blessed and Happy New Year to you all!

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

PS, on behalf of myself and my family I would like to extend to all of you our appreciation for many gifts and kind words we have received from you all this Christmas season. You are truly a blessing to us in so many ways and words.

*Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff Clingan (Freckles too!)*

### Tacky Tie and Sweater Winners Announced

As you know, each year Rev. Ralph invites the men of the Congregation to show off their tackiest Christmas ties and the ladies their tackiest Christmas Sweaters.

Congratulations to this year's winners, Steve Talley (for his tie and special Christmas socks) and Louise Stevens. Each of these lucky winners received an autographed photo of Charlton "Moses" Clingan parting the sea and a collectible 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal.

With only 50 weeks to go until next year's contest, now is a good time to begin looking for next year's entry.

### \*\* Home Communion \*\*

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (435-628-9158).

### \*\* Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation \*\*

With the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals no longer can give out any information regarding patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

If you or a family member is hospitalized, please alert the Pastor, your Deacon or the church office. Otherwise, we will not be informed of your presence in the hospital and will be unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

## Prayer Corner

**"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22**

### **A Prayer for the New Year**



Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways. Amen.

*Debbie McDaniel*

### **Strand of Pearls (aka, the Prayer Chain)**

Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on.

Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or [revdfw@icloud.com](mailto:revdfw@icloud.com), and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

*Rev. Dolores Wiens*

### **Healing Prayer Offered Weekly**

Following our Healing service which was held in November, Healing prayer and anointing will now be offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Carolynn Barnett will be available in the Chapel to offer healing prayer for all who desire it. Due to the very positive response and feedback we have received following our Healing Service, a Healing Service will take place in the spring on a date yet to be determined.

### **Congregation News**

#### **Monday Kerygma Bible Studies Take a Break**

For the last several months we have held a Bible Study and potluck on Monday evenings. Rev. Ralph has decided that you CAN have too much of a good thing so this activity will be on hiatus until the beginning of Lent. Everyone who has participated has had a great time and we want to show you what you have been missing if you haven't joined in.



## **Buildings**

The Memorial Garden at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church was built in 1993 shortly after initial construction of the Church, itself. It consists of two rose gardens, interconnecting walkways within a grassed and treed area, and a memorial gazebo with window boxes recording those individuals who have been interred. Currently, the garden serves as the final resting place for approximately 100 former members, family and friends of our congregation.

The garden is maintained by the Grounds Committee, with assistance from the Building Committee, as required. Current estimates are that the capacity of the Memorial Garden will be reached in 2 to 4 years.

During the December meeting of Session, Building and Grounds proposed formation of a committee to explore options for expansion and upgrading of the Memorial Garden with the objective of serving the needs of the congregation for the next 20-30 years. Session approved the proposal. I, as a member of the Building Committee have volunteered to lead the effort, which will be under the direction of Grounds Elder Alan Paige. We need additional volunteers who represent a cross-section of our ministries to serve on the committee. Please contact me at 435-705-9239 or GBSchultzman@Yahoo.com during January if you are interested in serving on this committee.

The Memorial Garden committee is responsible for making a recommendation to Session which will include specific proposed upgrades, a rough order-of-magnitude cost estimate, and a suggested funding strategy for the project.

Thank you for considering this service to our Church.

*Guy Schultzman*

## **Christian Education**

Children's Sunday School will resume meeting in-person beginning on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We are excited about this development and urge everyone to bring children and grandchildren for fun activities and learning opportunities.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 am each Sunday for exploration of Biblical themes. This quarter The Present Word curriculum is focused on God's justice.

January has several special days in addition to Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Baptism of Jesus on January 9<sup>th</sup> (read Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22). Human Trafficking Awareness Day is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Saint George is not immune as in November of this year eleven suspects connected to sex trafficking and child exploitation were arrested here.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is commemorated on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The January issue of Presbyterians Today features several congregations seeking to embody the famous "I Have a Dream" speech in their ministries.

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

## **Congregational Growth & Care**

Another new year and we certainly have paid our dues to get here - some more than others. I trust you made it through the holidays while being able to enjoy some of the traditional celebrations. We are advised to continue to be cautious and aware of how we interact with others both in our family setting and in public spaces. The percentage of the population in Washington County having received at least one shot of one of the vaccines continues to come in only at about 55%, the lowest rate in the state of Utah. These data and other facts pertinent to the effect of the COVID virus in our county may be found by searching the Southwest Utah COVID-19 website and Covid Act Now which gives statistics for any area in the US simply by entering the desired ZIP code.

In this new year, our Growth and Care committee is excited to tell you about Zoom at Noon - a kind of second generation of the former Parish Health Ministry's Brown Bag Luncheons. As before, we plan to have speakers present educational programs, but now you will have the choice of participating either in-person or via Zoom. In either case, our goal is to allow for participation in an informative experience while providing for a level of personal comfort regarding COVID protocols.

We are pleased that our first speaker will be Deanna Flores, a Good Shepherd member and member of our committee. The title of her talk is – *Live Longer, Feel Your Best: Secrets of the World's Blue Zones*. The date chosen for this new venture is Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at Noon, of course - right about the time you may be discovering that your

## Congregational Growth & Care, continued

New Years' resolution to diet or change your eating patterns may not be working as imagined. Just WHAT is a Blue Zone you may be asking, and the previous sentence has given you a hint. There will be more about the event in our February newsletter article. We'll tell you what is meant by the term "Blue Zone" and how to join us if you choose to participate via Zoom but, in the meantime, there is no obligation if you make a note on your calendar that you have a luncheon engagement from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please invite your friends to join you, as well.

Welcome to 2022!!

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Deacons

Happy New Year!

A big thank you to outgoing Deacons Tineke Ingold, Tom and Vici Noble and Marjorie Bayle for their faithful years of service to our church family. You have been a blessing to so many!

Incoming Deacons will be installed on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We extend a very warm welcome to Jesse and Melissa Henderson and a welcome back to Candy Hurlbut.

Your new Deacons will be in contact with you once we have done some tweaking of the parishes to balance them out a little bit more.

As a reminder for all Deacons, joint Deacon/Elder training will be held at church on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon, lunch included.

*In Christ's service,  
Vicky Westland*

## Fellowship

As many of you know I have decided to retire, for now, from service on Session as your Elder for Fellowship. I can't tell you how much joy you have brought to our weekly time together and our many special events during over the last five years.

Mary Contreras will be taking over Fellowship in January. I know that our Fellowship program is in good hands and that we will continue to cherish our time together.

See you soon!

*Blessings  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

The final report on the CROP walk is in and, once again, our community came together in a big way to help to eliminate hunger in our area and around the world. The walk raised a total of \$4,700 this year and 25% of the total stayed in our area through a donation to Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship. Once again Good Shepherd led the way with \$840 in donations.

We have been tracking our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and 12 of the 20 boxes we are tracking (the boxes that included soccer balls) have been shipped to their final destinations. Ten of the boxes are on their way to the Pacific Islands and the other two are headed for the Philippines. The other eight are in the distribution center in Southern California awaiting shipment. We'll keep checking and let you know where the last eight boxes end up.

As is our custom, we made our year-end donations to local charities the week after Christmas. With the pandemic affecting so many in our community our donations were especially needed this year. Also, their activities have been curtailed by COVID, the Women's Guild was only able to raise money for two of their donations, so we added their other two charities to Mission's traditional recipients to be sure no charity was left out. We also continued our donation to The Salvation Army, which we made in honor of our late Visitation Pastor, Dick Higgins, and to the Utah Food Bank. Here is the list of our recipients for 2021:

## Mission/Outreach, continued

Recipient	Total	Change 4 Change
Assistance League of Southern Utah	\$1,000.00	
Doctors Volunteer Clinic of St. George	\$1,000.00	
Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah	\$1,000.00	500.00
Neighborhood Connection	\$1,000.00	
Salvation Army (in honor of Dick Higgins)	\$1,000.00	
Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship	\$1,000.00	
Switchpoint	\$1,000.00	
The DOVE Center	\$1,000.00	
Utah Food Bank	\$1,000.00	
Washington County School District Foundation	\$1,000.00	
Washington County Children's Justice Center (GSWG)	\$1,000.00	
Youth Futures (GSWG)	\$1,000.00	
	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

Our 2022 Change 4 Change recipient will be the Utah Food Bank.

Thank you for your continued generosity and the Mission Committee wishes each of you a Happy New Year!

Peace and Blessings

*Chris Schleter*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of the action that was taken:

- Approved a resolution for a credit card for Mary Contreras, Elder for Fellowship, with a \$500 credit limit.
- Approved the formation of a committee under Grounds Elder Alen Paige to study the feasibility of Memorial Garden improvements.
- Approved year-end donations utilizing remaining Local Mission funds and a portion of the Mission Set Aside Fund.
- Approved the purchase of a dbx DriveRack 260 Loudspeaker Management System and dbx RTA-M reference Microphone not to exceed \$1,000 to be funded from bequests.
- At a December 12, 2021m Stated Congregational Meeting, the congregation accepted the report from the Nominating Committee electing elders, deacons and the 2022 Nominating Committee, was presented with the 2022 Annual Budget, and accepted the Terms of Call of the Pastor for 2022. Installation of officers will take place on Sunday, January 9, 2022, during the worship service.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, January 9, 2021, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church has had a long and active commitment to the Switchpoint Soup Kitchen. As one of our primary focuses of our Mission work, many have cooked and supervised the kitchen. In the St George area, the Soup Kitchen began as part of the Catholic Church's outreach to the hungry. Since their facility didn't quite fit the needs for serving hungry folks, the Soup Kitchen moved to the Grace Episcopal Church which has a cozy kitchen and large dining room. With this move in 2010 our cooks and servers moved right along with the Soup.

Gloria Reynolds took the lead from the very beginning of the Soup Kitchen as Good Shepherd's kitchen supervisor. She prepared nutritious, healthy recipes that could feed 100+ hungry people each time our team participated. As Liz Larsen reports, Gloria would set the menu and then each cook would bring ingredients to prepare the meal. Donna Beasley took the lead one day when Gloria couldn't attend and she came up with a wonderful coleslaw recipe that complemented the rest of the meal. Ever since that day, coleslaw has been on our menu and is now known as "Presbyterian Coleslaw."

So many women and men in our congregation have taken a turn at cooking at the Soup Kitchen. While we don't have a complete roster from the beginning of our involvement, a few names should be listed. Josie Kellejan was active from the very beginning with Gloria. Josie grew up in France during times that included World War II. She has such fond memories of the GI's sharing their rations with her family and has worked to feed the hungry in St George as

## **Soup Kitchen, continued**

a way of giving back to the country that fed her when she was hungry. Paul Reynolds worked with Gloria's crew along with Carl Beasley. Marge Linn, Rayanne Bartlett, Larry Gearhart, Sue & Mark Licher, Ruth Ann Horvath, Janis Wick, and Brian & Patti Lusby spent many first Mondays of the month preparing meals. Others who have joined in are Vicky Westland, LaVerna Metzger, Eliza Elwood, Candy Hurlbut, Carol Somplatsky-Jarman, Mary Laubscher, Nancy Higgins, Sue Lundgreen, Steve & Susan Talley, Alan Dull and Ruthanne Skinner.

While our support of the Soup Kitchen remains very strong with so many wonderful donations of food, supplies, and money, our ability to cook in the Kitchen has come to an end. When Covid-19 hit our community, the Switchpoint organization made a much-needed change to their method of serving the hungry. Unable to serve within the Episcopal Church dining room for the safety of those who came to eat, it was decided to provide to-go meals only. With the heat of summer, the Soup Kitchen was moved to the Switchpoint facility where a large, covered patio was available for those being served to get out of the heat while enjoying their meal. Our cooking in the Soup Kitchen continued at the Switchpoint Cafeteria through December, 2021 but, this activity simply has become too much of a burden for us.

Our Mission support of the Soup Kitchen will remain very strong. Each month we will continue our donations of food, supplies and financial support. Each one of us can help to feed the hungry in St George with our Soup Kitchen support during the first Sunday of each month.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## **Stewardship**

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2022 to everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays and staying healthy. I am looking forward to the days getting longer with more sunshine and time for outdoor activities. Remember to submit your pledges and offerings. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A special thank you to all those who have submitted pledges for 2022. Your generosity helps keep us thriving. As of December 19<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges totaling \$136,232 or slightly less than 81% of our needs for next year. That means we still have some work to do. If you haven't yet submitted a pledge, it's never too late to do so. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to start the new year. Remember that a pledge is a commitment but if circumstances change, they can always be modified. We thank you for your continued support.

*Blessings*

*Leslie Lintz*

## **Worship & Music**

As the year 2021 comes to an end, may the spirit of Christmas stay with you into our new year, 2022! The Interfaith Council will sponsor the annual "Prayer Over the City" service on New Year's Day at 12:00 Noon at the Tabernacle. The service will be filled with prayers given by representatives of the many churches in our community. The Interfaith Choir will also sing. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this beautiful service.

Our sanctuary was beautiful with the colorful Christmas decorations, but they do need to come down. If you are available to help with this project, we will meet on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Please join us for this fun event. Many hands make light work!

We want to send our appreciation to all the musicians who provided our Advent and Christmas music. It was a beautiful Season! Thank you all!!!

Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year!

*Merry Christmas!*

*Barbara McConnell*

## **Live Streaming of Services to begin in January**

After a successful live stream of our Christmas Concert and a somewhat less successful live stream of our Christmas Eve service we hope to have all of the kinks worked out so we can begin to live stream both audio and video of our weekly worship services each Sunday beginning on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The video portion of the service will be available only live during the service, but the audio will be archived and will be available on demand from our Sermon Network site.

## Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, January 2 Second Sunday of Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9) 10-18
Thursday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

## Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Sunday, February 13 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Sunday, February 20 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
Sunday, February 27 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

## More Congregation News

### **Member Parish Assignments May be Changing**

Our current parish structure has created a large imbalance in the number of members across our parishes. We want to try to do some rebalancing and, in doing so, some member's parishes may change.

In the next couple of weeks Deacon Moderator Vicky Westland and Chris Schleter will be going over the parish maps and plan to have an updated parish list in time for next month's newsletter.

### **Sad News**

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of one of our members and one of our good friends.

Elder Bob Moeller passed away on December 10<sup>th</sup> after a battle with cancer. A memorial service for Bob will be held sometime this Spring. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob's family.

Rev. Michael Chamness of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church passed away suddenly on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We send our condolences to the congregation of Shepherd of the Hills and to his family.

## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Soup Kitchen Sunday</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 11:45 Fellowship am <b>12:00 Worship</b> <b>Noon Committee Meeting</b>	<b>3</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry	<b>4</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch <b>1:15 Growth &amp; Care</b> <b>pm Committee Meeting</b> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss</b> <b>pm Support Group</b>	<b>5</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>7</b>  12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>8</b>  <b>9:00 Take Down</b> <b>am Christmas Decorations</b> 2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal pm
<b>9</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am <b>10:30 Children's Sunday School</b> am 11:45 Fellowship am <b>12:00 Session Meeting</b> Noon	<b>10</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry	<b>11</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>12</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>6:00 Stephen Ministry</b> <b>pm Supervision Group Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>  11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>14</b>  7:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>15</b>  2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal pm
<b>16</b>  8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday School & Nursery am 11:45 Fellowship am <b>11:45 Blood Pressures</b> <b>am Taken</b>	<b>17</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry	<b>18</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss</b> <b>pm Support Group</b>	<b>19</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>6:00 Stephen Ministry</b> <b>pm Supervision Group Meeting</b>	<b>20</b>  11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>21</b>  12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>22</b>  2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal pm
<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday School am <b>11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting</b> 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>24</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry	<b>25</b>  <b>9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>26</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>27</b>  11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>28</b>  7:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>29</b>  2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal pm
<b>30</b>  8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - Rev. am Dolores Wiens preaching <b>10:30 Children's Sunday School</b> am 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>31</b>  <b>11:30 Women's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry					

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) with any pastoral concerns.**

**This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information.**

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Soup Kitchen Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month  
**Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall  
**Al-Anon Meeting** – Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Exercise with Rev. Ralph</b>	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	IHOP
	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's in Sunset Plaza
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	First Watch
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
<b>Choir Rehearsals</b>	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary



### Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage, we estimated that we needed \$384,000 to pay off the mortgage and have the resources to meet our needs for maintaining and improving our facilities. Now that our mortgage has been retired, we have turned our attention to several major maintenance items and improvements that need to be addressed over the next several years. These projects, totaling more than \$145,000, need to be funded. We still need your help.

Through December 19<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$54,725** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$305,888** or about **79.6** of our **\$384,000** goal.

While we are not currently conducting a Building Fund campaign, we do need donations to the Building Fund to ensure that our buildings and grounds are kept in good condition. Please consider a donation to the Building Fund to help us reach our goal.

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### Church Leadership 2022

#### Session

Class of 2022	Leslie Lintz Barbara McConnell Alan Paige	412-403-9980 Stewardship 435-862-4822 Worship 435-703-9272 Grounds
Class of 2023	Alicia Kitzman Bill Somplatsky-Jarman Eric Westland	595-670-4861 Growth & Care 502-689-6030 Christian Ed 435-625-1399 Building
Class of 2024	Ruth Ann Horvath Mary Contreras Chris Schleter	435-922-5271 Clerk of Session 435-673-9745 Fellowship 435-619-2843 Mission/Outreach

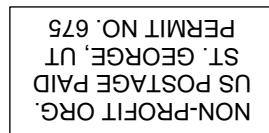
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