



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## COVID-19 Restrictions Continue

We continue to observe restrictions to our movement and social interactions and will continue to do so for some time to come. Restrictions placed on us by state, county and city officials continue to be part of our everyday lives.

Even as businesses reopen, the state and the Southwest Utah Health Department ([swuhealth.org](http://swuhealth.org)) continue to recommend that we remain at home as much as possible. That is especially true for those over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions. When we are out and about, and with cases and hospitalizations on the rise in our area, health experts continue to urge us to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

Knowing that the virus is most virulent in those over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions (most of our congregation), we will continue to worship, study the Bible and join in fellowship remotely for some time to come. As Rev. Ralph has said each Sunday during our recorded church service, "We will resume our normal activities only when the Southwest Utah Public Health Department deems it safe to do so without restrictions."

### Worship

We continue to share worship each Sunday through a recorded service that we make available on our Sermon Network site. We publish both a bulletin and lyrics for the hymns sung during the service so everyone can join in from home. To access the weekly service, visit our website, [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org), and you will find a link to our Sermon Network page on the homepage where the Sunday worship schedule normally appears.

### Bible Studies

With local restaurants closed and access to our own buildings restricted, the Internet allows us to gather virtually to study the Word of God. All of our regular weekday Bible Studies will be held online using Zoom Video Conferencing. To join one of our weekday Bible Studies using Zoom, please email Rev. Ralph for an invitation. The Bible Studies are a way for all of us to continue to learn about our Lord and to share time together.

### Virtual Fellowship

Since we are not worshipping at church each Sunday, we also are not gathering for Fellowship after worship – at least not in person. Like our Bible Studies, Rev. Ralph hosts a "Virtual Coffee Hour" every Sunday at 11:30 am. This fun event has been well attended since our shut down in March. Attire and choice of beverage are completely up to you. To join our Virtual Fellowship using Zoom, please email Rev. Ralph for an invitation.

### Weekly News Email

We are considering producing a weekly news email to keep you up to date on our current situation. If you are interested in receiving this email each week, please send a request from the email you would like to use to receive the updates to [website@gspcsg.org](mailto:website@gspcsg.org) and we'll get you on the list.

As always, the most up-to-date information can be found on our website, [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org).

### 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

Jan Hirschi	Ed Mansfield
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Larry Gearhart	Dorothy Nichols
Melissa Beckman & Twins	Shirley Craig

Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

#### Craig and Terri Morgan

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

### August Newsletter Deadline

July 23, 2020

### Worship Schedule

**Sunday by 10:30 am**  
**Worship**  
**Sermon Network**

**11:30 am**  
**Virtual Fellowship**  
**Zoom**

### 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 June were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 5:1-5	Exult in God's glory
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Do as God wants
Elder Leslie Lintz	Psalms 86:8-10	Glory to God
Elder Alan Paige	Psalms 100:4	Thanks to God
Elder Judy Oar	Micah 6:8	Walk humbly with God
Elder Chris Schleiter	1 Peter 4:9-11	Support one another
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	James 3:17-18	Peacemakers
Elder Jan Hirschi	James 1:5	Ask God
Elder Eric Westland	Philippians 4:6	Let God know
Elder Barbara McConnell	John 14:1	Trust in God
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Philippians 2:1-4	Take comfort in Christ

### Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
<b>July</b>		
July 5	<b>If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services.</b>	<b>Canceled</b>
July 12		
July 19		
July 26		
<b>August</b>		
August 2	<b>If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services.</b>	<b>Canceled</b>
August 9		
August 16		
August 23		
August 30		

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

### Treasurer's Report

#### General Fund as of May 31 Month of May

Receipts	\$ 19,509.73
Expenditures	\$ 15,595.68

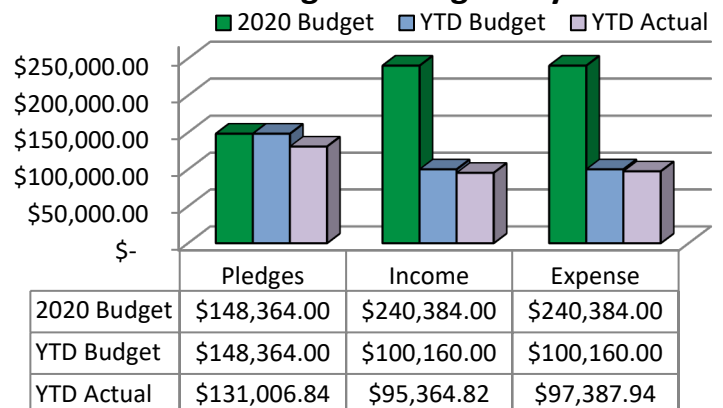
#### 2020 YTD Budget vs Actual

YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 100,160.00
Actual Receipts	<b>\$ 95,364.82</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 100,160.00
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$ 97,387.94</b>

#### Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 37,170.08
Building Fund	\$ 44,173.80
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,044.49
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,525.43
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,623.05
Bequests	\$ 73,935.79

#### 2020 Budget Through May 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, <sup>5</sup>does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, <sup>6</sup>does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup>bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails;*

*<sup>13</sup>But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8a,13 New American Standard Bible (NASB)*



Well, here we are again. Another month of pandemic has come and gone, and not much has changed. We continue to wait for the day when we can come together. We continue to look forward to the day when we can pray, sing and worship in our sanctuary, in the same room. Unfortunately, the day we can do so safely has not yet arrived. I am asked almost daily to predict the day that will be and will do the moment my crystal ball comes back from the cleaners. Unfortunately, the crystal ball cleaners have never been considered an "essential business" and remains closed.

However, I can assure that day will come. Until then how are we to live out our faith in these troubling days? I believe in Paul's words to the Corinthians, and we have some very substantial clues.

To begin with Paul wrote this letter in the Greek language. In the Greek language there are several words that translate into English as "Love". The word Paul uses here is "Agape", the Greek word for "Divine Love". This is the kind of Love God has for us.

Paul begins with the many facets this kind of Love has, beginning with "patient". God is patient with us, thank God. Perhaps in getting through these days of distance and isolation we need to have patience - with ourselves and with God. Paul summarizes in verse 13 the various ways this patient love is lived out: *But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

To live through these days, we need to live as God's people, our Lord's people, of faith. We need to Trust in the living Christ's presence and Spirit to be present with us, leading us in His way.

In living through these days, we need to be our Lord's people of Hope. Knowing that better days are coming, we will hopefully be a better, stronger and loving world, nation and body when that day comes.

And finally, we are to be our Lords embodiment of Love in and to a broken and fearful world. We are to be God's agents of faith, hope and Love to each other and to our neighbor as we make this journey together.

As Paul concludes while all are important, the most important aspect of our common lives and faith is "Agape", God's Love. In these days and the days ahead, we are called to reside and rely upon this Love, for surely it is His Love that will get us through, together.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

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

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

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

Please be advised that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, I am unable to visit anyone in any of our area medical facilities. Once things return to normal, please keep in mind that with the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals are no longer allowed to 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



In Mark 11:24, Jesus said, *"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."* Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church is a community of faithful believers! Undoubtedly you have had answers to prayer, big and small. There are those who say you should not ask God for little things, but God does hear and answer the smallest request, not only because God cares about the little things that concern us, but answers to prayers for small things are tremendous builders of faith.

For example, our beloved cat, Mog, was sick and needed to be left at the vet's for treatment. Our children were upset to think that Mog could not come home; they were frightened because they understood how sick he must be to have to stay. The next afternoon, while the children were in school, the vet called with the sad news; Mog was dying. I got off the phone heart sick because I knew our children would be devastated! At that moment, I thought about what Jesus said in Mark 11:24. I turned to the scriptures and read the verses preceding, "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." I poured out my heart to our Father in Heaven in behalf of our children. I reminded the Lord of those scriptures. As I did, I felt faith rise up, faith that God cared about our children and Mog. I found myself speaking authoritatively, "Mountain of death claiming our kitty, I throw you into the sea!" Less than five minutes later, the phone rang. It was the vet again. "I'm stunned," he said. "Mog has gotten up on the table where he had been lying inert. He jumped down and was walking around as if he'd never been sick. "I don't know what to say, except I am happy to tell you that you can come pick Mog up; he's fine now!" I can tell you that our house was filled with joy that night. We thanked God that he cared, he heard, and he answered.

In in this space, I would like to share your stories to help build our faith and glorify our Father in Heaven. Think about what you'd like to share, write your story in 250 words or less, and send it via email to [revdfw@gmail.com](mailto:revdfw@gmail.com) or via snail mail to Rev. Dolores Wiens, 204 N 390 E, Ivins, UT 84738.

## Congregation News

### **Prayer and Praise continues via Zoom**

We have several new participants, but we welcome others who would like to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. We have been considering the A.C.T.S pattern of prayer, which is an acronym for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. If you would like to join us next month as we consider confession, call, text, or email me, and I will send you a Zoom invitation.

### **Knotty Knitters Knitting Virtually**

While the Knotty Knitters are not meeting together to knit (and talk), we have learned that, in fact, they never stopped meeting - they are just doing it via Zoom. If you're interested in joining them, contact Donna Beasley and she'll send you an invitation.

### **Dr. Ka-Wai Yu is Officially an American**

As we reported last month, on May 29<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Dr. Ka-Wai Yu took the oath as a brand new citizen of the United States of America. It was important to him to become a US Citizen in time to vote in our Presidential election in November and, even in the midst of the pandemic, he accomplished his goal. As a token of his new "status" the Chancel and Bell Choirs and Deacons presented him with a framed American flag. Congratulations to Ka-Wai!



## Buildings

Guy Schultzman and I are beginning to look at modifications to our HVAC systems to see what can be done to tune them for our current pandemic, rather than for maximum energy efficiency. There are several considerations:

- Saving energy means recycling the same conditioned air over and over again. That's not true just at Good Shepherd, but generally true everywhere.
- Our typical low humidity air is more effective at spreading viruses than air at a higher humidity, so we are looking at how we can add humidifiers to our system.
- Adding fresh air to the system is obviously good, so we are looking at adding equipment to increase the amount of fresh air that gets introduced before it is heated or cooled.

Whatever we do will be a compromise. More "fresh air" is always a good thing, but it means increased energy costs as it will be like air conditioning your home with some windows open.

Still, it doesn't cost us anything to educate ourselves, explore possibilities and do the calculus of risk vs. cost. Of course, nothing exists at this time to insure 100% removal of viruses from the air, but a reduction could be part of a solution.

*Blessings,  
Eric Westland*

## Christian Education

Halfway through 2020, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church members continue to participate in Bible studies while we await a safe reopening of our church. Even in the face of the pandemic, the PC(USA) carries on with its life and mission in creative ways. The General Assembly scheduled to be held in Baltimore at the end of June became the first "virtual" General Assembly in the church's history.

Significantly, the Co-Moderators elected for the next two years broke new ground. Ms. Elona Street-Stewart, the executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and a descendant of the Delaware Nanticoke tribe, is the first Native American to serve as a General Assembly moderator. Previously, she had been the Associate for Racial Ethnic Ministries and Community Empowerment beginning in 1994. Her Co-Moderator is the Rev. Gregory Bentley, pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. Rev. Bentley is African-American making this the first team where both Co-Moderators are people of color. Fellowship Presbyterian Church was very active in the civil rights movement of the late 1950's and in the 1960's. It is an Earth Care congregation, and follows five Core Principles: Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Witness and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. Both are looking forward to serving the church at this critical time.

On other fronts, the PC(USA) is active in facing the challenges of the pandemic. Here are some highlights:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Grants (PDA): \$2.7 million has been committed to international response (\$1 million), and grants to synods and presbyteries and their congregations to support work in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Focus on the Navajo Nation: In response to the horrible impact of the virus on the Navajo residents, the Synod of the Southwest and PDA have raised \$275,000 for pandemic relief. The Synod and its presbyteries have a goal of raising \$372,000. Anyone wanting to contribute can do so through the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon.
- Supplies of fabric were purchased for Navajo churches to make masks. Food and essentials are distributed to isolated elderly who cannot travel to stores. In addition, outreach and assistance occurs on other reservations that have not been impacted by the pandemic as much as the Navaho nation. This includes the Gila River Indian Reservation, for example.
- Outreach in Haiti: The pandemic has had serious impacts on Haiti where 80% of the people live on less than \$2 per day, lack clean water and struggle to feed themselves and their families. The PC(USA) Joining Hands network in Haiti, known as FONDAMA, is working to educate Haitians about the virus, particularly in remote rural areas where people lack electricity or radios. Here FONDAMA set up hand-washing stations in three different communities. In urban areas, food kits of rice, beans and oil were distributed to very vulnerable families.
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS): All Presbyterians who contribute to the OGHS offering participate in these ministries of assistance and aid. The three main programs supported by the OGHS are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

## Deacons

The Deacons are happy to share with you our new ministry for our Parish members. Tom Noble is chair of this new ministry with Mona Johnson assisting. It will be a Deacon's fund to help any member in emergency financial need. Such emergencies as prescription costs, medical bills, family member travel needs and so on, are eligible.

The requests can come through Rev. Ralph or your Deacon. Every request will be handled confidentially and the member will be asked to fill out an application form. All requests will be prayerfully considered based on each specific need.

We will be learning as we proceed with this added ministry. Please let your Deacon know any questions you may have.

We want to thank John and Peggy Graber for volunteering to be our new contacts for the Deacon Shed. Our Deacon Shed is full of items you may need. We have everything from walkers to crutches to wheelchairs to raised toilet seats. If you need anything from the shed, please give John a call at 801-541-7444, and he'll work with you get you what you need.

*In Christian love and fellowship,  
Your Deacons*

## Fellowship

Who could have anticipated the effects of this pandemic – on the world and on our small portion of the world? While we have been spared much of the ravages of COVID-19, please stay vigilant regarding social distancing and wearing a mask. If you need a mask, please let the church know so that we can help you.

Our virtual coffee hour on Sunday morning is great fun. Please consider joining in via Zoom. Let Rev. Ralph know if you do not have the login information. He will send you everything that you need. I look forward to seeing you there!

*With love through Jesus Christ,  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

As many of you know, the Navajo Nation has been especially hard hit by COVID-19. Cottonwood Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City organized a collection of food and money to be delivered and distributed to the reservation chapter-houses of Navajo Mountain, UT, Leupp, AZ, Kaibito, AZ and Chilchinbito, AZ.

Since it wasn't practical for us to take materials to Salt Lake City, we made a donation of \$250 from local mission funds to help with this very worthwhile project. If you would like to help out as well, donations can be made online at <https://www.navajostrong.com/get-involved>.

We continue to thank all of you for your support of our Mission program.

*Peace and Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Health Ministry

As COVID-19 continues to affect all of us, accurate information is a vital part of helping us to cope. I have a friend who forwards to me communications by a California physician, who periodically sends such letters about COVID to her patients. I find them interesting and very informative and wanted to share part of the most recent email with you.

As you are likely aware, the US has an "upsloping plateau" of newly diagnosed cases, with about 20,000 to 30,000 new cases each day.

We tend to focus on the infection fatality rate (IFR) when discussing COVID-19, and this range is likely in the 0.5-1% in the US when hospitals are not overwhelmed. Of course, the number varies dramatically based on age and risk factors.

In addition to the mortality figures, it is helpful to understand persistent symptoms after infection. I have previously described how severe infection can lead to subsequent long-term kidney failure, cardiac dysfunction, pulmonary damage, and neurological effects. UCSF had a Grand Rounds yesterday with a focus on patients with persistent symptoms, even after more seemingly mild COVID-19 infection treated out of the hospital.

## Parish Health Ministry, continued

There are a minority of patients who are presenting with symptoms persisting months after initial infection, including extreme fatigue, decreased mental processing, bone pain, abnormalities of smell (lacking smell or smelling substances that are not present such as smoke), and diarrhea/nausea. The patients who develop this "COVID-19 post-infectious syndrome" are not necessarily people with predisposing conditions or who had more severe infection. The symptoms likely do not represent prolonged viral infection, but are more likely the result of direct damage from virus and/or immune-mediated responses.

It is interesting that even in asymptomatic patients who do not develop symptoms, approximately one-third of them have "ground glass opacities" demonstrated on chest CT. Despite lack of symptoms, these individuals do have an immune response and could potentially develop subsequent immune-mediated symptoms.

There was a confusing message from the WHO a few weeks ago regarding asymptomatic transmission as "very rare." This has since been walked back and clarified. To be clear, the data suggest that approximately 40% of infections are from asymptomatic spread. In this definition, asymptomatic spread includes those who are "pre-symptomatic" and those who are persistently asymptomatic. An asymptomatic individual might be less likely to transmit, as s/he might not be sneezing and coughing. However, we would hope that the coughing and sick individuals are isolating at home. We are much more likely to come in contact with the asymptomatic individuals who are still out and about shedding virus. A small study in Nature published this week suggested that asymptomatic individuals may actually shed virus for longer periods than those without symptoms. Please wear your mask when you are in enclosed spaces or in public, practice distancing, keep social activities outdoors, wash hands frequently, avoid touching public surfaces, avoid singing and shouting, and keep high risk activities short. Bathrooms are considered high risk locations, as a flush can aerosolize particles, and SARS-CoV-2 is present in feces. Do try to avoid public bathrooms, wear a mask if unavoidable, and close the lid before flushing when possible.

Finally, there are over 100 vaccines in development, 18 of which are currently in human trials. Moderna is scheduled to start a phase 3 large scale efficacy trial with their RNA vaccine next month, enrolling 30,000 people. If all goes according to plan, there is hope that we could have a vaccine available for widespread use possibly by the first half of 2021. Early data suggest that some of these vaccines may decrease severity of disease, but not prevent infection (and onward transmission).

As always, stay safe, stay home if you are sick, practice social distancing and WEAR YOUR MASK when you are in an enclosed space or in public. COVID-19 will be with us for the foreseeable future and it is up to each of us to protect not only ourselves, but others, as well.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is active and well! Two new people have been added to our ranks and we would be happy for more to join us. I invite you to ask the Lord if He might be calling you to participate.

These are the criteria:

- Be willing to join in prayer at a moment's notice.
- Respect people's privacy through confidentiality

To request prayer, call or text (630-890-8343) or email me at [revdfw@icloud.com](mailto:revdfw@icloud.com) with your request and I will get it out immediately. Please contact me, too, with progress reports and answers to prayer, which I will communicate with those on the chain.

*Rev. Dolores Wiens*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on May 3, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved Rev. Clingan's request for three days of vacation on June 28-30, 2020.
- Discussed reopening of Worship and other Church activities with agreement to proceed with caution and consideration of the recommendations of the State of Utah, Presbytery, and Local Health Departments. Agreed to continue at this time with the current virtual worship services, Zoom Bible Studies and Zoom Fellowship Hour.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. This month our church donations included 150 pounds of ham/supplies and \$350 in cash. During the month of June volunteers included Marge Linn, Eliza Elwood, Rayanne Bartlett, Vicky Westland, Josie Kellejan, and Ruth Ann Horvath. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A menu of Beef & Barley stew, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Those who are hungry in St George continue to come to the Soup Kitchen for our "to go" meals. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Soup Kitchen moved from Grace Episcopal Church, where it has been located for the last seven years, to the outdoor pavilion at the Switchpoint complex. Although Grace had been closed to the public since the beginning of COVID-19, meals were served in a takeout, curbside fashion instead of in the church's cafeteria. The church felt that, as temperatures rise, it was not conducive for senior citizens and others who depend on the hot meal provided to wait outside the church for mealtime.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Ann Horvath and I visited the kitchen facilities at Switchpoint to "check out the new digs". We were favorably impressed with the way the kitchen and dining areas are set up. As the cooks, we will not have any contact with the folks who enjoy the meals. This was of concern only because of the COVID-19 issues - especially the ages of our church cooking crew. Everyone working at Switchpoint wears masks, uses hand sanitizer, and keeps all surfaces clean. Sheila Broadhead who runs the kitchen crews and facility for Switchpoint, needs a maximum of six volunteers for each lunch meal prep. At times we have about ten Presbyterian workers at the Soup Kitchen so in order to utilize all of our church volunteers we will need to take turns each month.

One of the biggest changes for us will be that we no longer make up our own menu and cook with ingredients that the Soup Kitchen would provide. Now we will cook or heat up whatever food donations Sheila has received from local restaurants that donate to Switchpoint.

Even with these changes we will continue to support the Soup Kitchen with our monthly donations of food and money, as we always have.

While change is inevitable, this change is a bit like the end of an era (no more Presbyterian coleslaw!) but we can and will make it work as we continue to care for the less fortunate in our community.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## Stewardship

The Treasurer's report for April appears on page 2 and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

With all the changes because of COVID-19, we have not had the opportunity to meet in a while but remember that Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church continues to offer virtual fellowships and Zoom meetings so we can all stay connected! For more information, go to <http://gspcsg.org/activities/weekly-schedule>. The church is in relatively good financial shape and we were able to use our SBA PPP loan to help cover salaries and utilities to keep our church running. Please continue your giving through the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church website ([gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org)) or mail your donations to PO Box 1499, St. George, UT 84771-1499. God bless and keep everyone!

*Leslie Lintz*



## Worship & Music

As I write this article, there is no date as to when we will be back together for our Sunday worship services. The Worship Committee has recommended we have the worship services in our church building only when Washington County moves to a green level. For now, it is a "wait and see what happens" situation. Please continue your prayers for healing and an end to this virus! When we do return, we hope to have the choirs begin their weekly rehearsals. We all miss our choirs as well as singing hymns with the congregation.

In the meantime, you can go to the church's Website ([gspscsg.org](http://gspscsg.org)) to participate in the weekly worship service and hear Rev. Ralph's message each Sunday from home. Also, you can follow the lectionary Bible verses for each Sunday which are printed in our newsletter and on the church's Website.

We thank Rev. Ralph for his spiritual leadership and to Steve Talley for providing the beautiful organ music for each Sunday. And we send our appreciation to Chris Schleter for recording the weekly services and the choir's prerecorded special music.

*Barbara McConnell*

### Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, July 5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Sunday, July 12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sunday, July 19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sunday, July 26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### Lectionary Readings for August

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, August 2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday, August 9 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday, August 16 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
Sunday, August 23 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, August 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

July 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Independence Day (Observed)</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Soup Kitchen Sunday</b> 10:30 Communion Worship am via Zoom 11:45 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom	<b>6</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom <b>6:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting via Zoom</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>8</b> 11:00 Women's Bible am Study via Zoom <b>1:30 Cluster of Praise and Prayer via Zoom</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:45 Virtual Fellowship am via Zoom <b>12:15 Session Meeting pm via Zoom</b>	<b>13</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom	<b>14</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>15</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:45 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom	<b>20</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom	<b>21</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>22</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:45 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom	<b>27</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom	<b>28</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>29</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	

**This calendar is subject to change.**

**In the event that restrictions are lifted during July, our online calendars will be updated as needed.  
Always check the church website [gspscsg.org](http://gspscsg.org) for the latest information.**

## More Congregation News

### **Rev. Ralph's First (and hopefully last) Greatest Pandemic Mask Contest**

On Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> at our Zoom Fellowship Hour at 11:30 am, Rev. Ralph will give members and friends of our congregation the opportunity to share just what they have been doing during self-isolation by exhibiting their anti-COVID-19 face masks. There are three categories: Most Creative, Most Amusing and Best Message. All entries will be judged by acclamation with the input of a completely unbiased and impartial (bribes are welcome) judge, namely Rev. Ralph. Awards will be awarded via United States Postal Service to the top winner in each category. If you would like to attend or enter this special event and have not yet attained your invite email Rev. Ralph at [revralph1@msn.com](mailto:revralph1@msn.com)

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Soup Kitchen Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month **(Canceled)**  
**Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall **(Canceled)**  
**Praise & Prayer** – second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary **(Via Zoom)**

<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>(Via Zoom)</b>
<b>Exercise with Rev. Ralph</b>	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	<b>(Canceled)</b>
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	<b>(Canceled)</b>
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Open Bible Study</b>	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>(Canceled)</b>
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>(Canceled)</b>
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>Via Zoom</b>
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Choir Rehearsals</b>	Tuesday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>(Canceled)</b>
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>(Canceled)</b>



## Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage, we estimated that we needed \$384,000 in order 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 can turn 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 June 21<sup>st</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$32,095** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$283,258** or about **73.8%** of our **\$384,000** goal.

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to the third campaign. If you haven't pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us ensure that our facilities remain in top notch condition and to allow us to make some needed improvements.

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Class of 2022	Leslie Lintz	412-403-9980	Stewardship
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