



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Session Approves Return to Live Worship

When the pandemic began last spring and we had to suspend live worship, Rev. Ralph promised that our first service back would be an Easter service. He missed by exactly one week.

At its meeting on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Session approved our return to live worship on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Worship will be held in the west parking lot (behind the main building - see Page 8) and will begin at the usual time, 10:30 am. Please park on the north side of the parking lot in order to keep the area of the parking lot behind the main building clear for seating. Please see the diagram on page 8 for an overview of the plan.

In the event of inclement weather, we will attempt to notify everyone that the live service will be canceled and a recorded service will be provided as early on Sunday morning as possible. We will also post cancellation information on the homepage of the church website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org).

For those who cannot or do not wish to join us at the outdoor service, we hope to host a live stream of the service on Zoom, as well. As usual, you will need an invitation. Please email Rev. Ralph if you would like to join via Zoom.

In order to protect each other, we will place approximately 50-70 markers in the parking lot with appropriate spacing to maintain social distancing. Each marker will indicate a location where a person, couple or family group will be permitted to sit. Please bring lawn chairs to sit in and confine your family group to the area immediately around your marker. For communion you will need to bring your own elements. Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and wear a mask when you are unable to do so. Rest room facilities inside the building will be available but we will monitor and restrict the number of people allowed in the building at any one time. We will place offering plates near the entrance to the Narthex for you to drop off your donations.

We will provide printed bulletins and hymn lyrics but if you have a hymnal and/or Bible that you would like to bring with you, feel free to do so but please do not share it with others.

We expect that services will continue outdoors for the foreseeable future. Once the Southern Utah Public Health Department removes all restrictions on indoor meetings, we will move back into the Sanctuary. Should the need to meet outside continue into late spring and summer, we will adjust service times to worship during the coolest part of the day.

We look forward to Palm Sunday when we can once again come together to worship our Lord and Savior.

## 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

Alicia Beasley	Carl Beasley
Jan Hirschi	Doug Hirschi
Nancy Higgins	Josie Marsh
Peter Safrano	James Safrano
Marena Fosler	Cheryl Mansfield
Karen Kirkland	Don Kirkland
Cindy Clingan	Ken & Shirley Seefeld

Caregivers in our area, state and nation  
Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

## Welcome New Members

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

## April Newsletter Deadline

March 23, 2020

## Worship Schedule

**Sunday, March 28**  
**10:30 am LIVE**  
**in the west parking lot**

**Other Sundays by 10:30 am**  
**via 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 February were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Thessalonians 5:14-18	God's will
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Galatians 5:22-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Elder Leslie Lintz	2 Corinthians 9:13	Your confession
Elder Alan Paige	Isaiah 41:10	Do not fear
Elder Chris Schleter	Psalm 18:2	Lord is my rock
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Psalm 104:20-26	Your works
Elder Eric Westland	Philippians 4:6	Prayer and Supplication
Elder Barbara McConnell	Hebrews 12:1	Cloud of Witnesses
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Deuteronomy 31:6	He will not fail

## Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers	Nursery
<b>March</b>	
March 7	
March 14	
March 21	
March 28	
<b>April</b>	
April 4	
April 11	
April 18	
April 25	

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 January 31

#### Month of January

Receipts	\$ 35,254.83
Expenditures	\$ 22,970.77

#### 2020 YTD Budget vs Actual

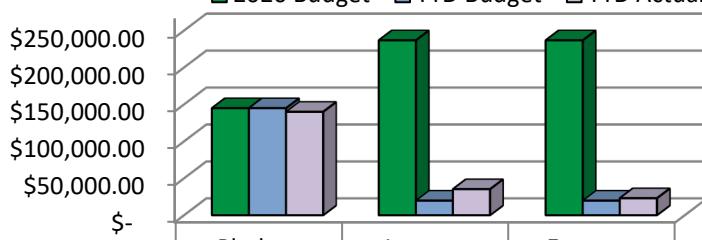
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 19,726.00
Actual Receipts	<b>\$ 35,254.83</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 19,726.00
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$ 22,970.77</b>

#### Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 38,592.74
Building Fund	\$ 58,402.48
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,361.45
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,607.15
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,273.05
Bequests	\$ 83,076.39

### 2021 Budget Through January 31

■ 2020 Budget ■ YTD Budget ■ YTD Actual



2020 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
\$144,862.00	\$144,862.00	\$144,862.00
\$19,726.00	\$19,726.00	\$19,726.00
\$35,254.83	\$35,254.83	\$35,254.83
\$22,970.77	\$22,970.77	\$22,970.77

## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let's go to the house of the Lord."*  
Psalm 122:1 (NRSV)



In just about a month it will have been one year since our lives were drastically changed, including and especially our life as a Christian community, as due to the pandemic the doors to our facility and Sanctuary were closed.

On the last Sunday of this month, on Palm Sunday, for the first time in nearly a year we will gather together to worship and celebrate our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the beginning of Holy Week and the joyous news of Resurrection Sunday one week later! I can't wait!!

Liturgical seasons of the church year are for the purpose of instruction, centering and growth. The season of Lent which we are currently observing, begins with Jesus in the wilderness and ends with the shouts of Hosanna as Jesus enters Jerusalem, leaving and leading us into Holy Week and the empty tomb.

It occurs to me we have been on a journey ourselves, quite a bit longer than Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness and far shorter than Moses's 40 years. Nevertheless, it has been a journey of faith and hope for us all.

Our Lord has been with us everyday and every moment, inviting us to be a people of a new and living hope. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we shall declare this new and wonderous day with Him, and each other.

Praise God!

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

### Maundy Thursday Service, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Because we cannot use Conklin Hall for our traditional Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner our service this year will be a traditional Maundy Thursday service including Communion and Tenebrae.

The service will be at 6:00 pm and will be in the church's west parking lot. Participants are asked to provide lawn chairs for seating and their own elements for the Sacrament of Communion.

Maundy comes from the Latin "man datum" meaning "Do This" and is the service remembering Jesus's last supper before his crucifixion the next day on Good Friday.

Tenebrae comes from the Latin meaning "Shadows" or "Darkness" and transitions us into Good Friday.

#### \*\* 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 (628-9158).

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

Please be advised that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Pastor is 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 no longer are 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

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



I was raised in the Baptist Church (General Conference), grew up in western Washington state and came to know Jesus as my personal savior at an early age. As many young people do, I drifted away from the church during my college and early adult years. I met my wife, Melanie, in Ely, Nevada (of all places as she grew up in Denver), which was the first of my seven duty stations throughout a 38-year career with the Bureau of Land Management that took us all over the western United States (in Nevada, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah) and Washington, DC.

I joined my first Presbyterian Church when I was about 40 years old when we were looking for a church home for our young family. Coincidentally (or ironically), that was First Presbyterian Church in Lakeview, Oregon. Later when we moved to the Washington D.C. area, I joined Christ Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia. When we moved to St. George in 2005, I started attending Good Shepherd and joined in 2009. I served two terms as the Grounds Elder from 2014-2019.

Just before the end of my second term as Elder, I accompanied Pastor Ralph on a mission trip to visit our sister church in Dorogobuzh, Russia. That was certainly a very spiritually and culturally enriching experience! While there, I preached my first and only sermon to date. One of the things I shared with them was the influence of my mother in my faith journey.

My mother (who died almost 10 years ago in her early 90s) was a very devout Christian and she prayed constantly for her children as they became adults and one by one, left their faiths behind. My mother - her witness and her constant prayer is the main reason I am where I am today in my faith journey.

In her later years, especially after my father died, she remained steadfast in her faith and was one of the oldest and longest attending members of her church. No matter where we lived, I would make it a point to visit her regularly. I enjoyed the quiet times we shared together. One of the things I remember is she always had a King James Bible sitting next to her living room chair. It was well used with a number of hand-written notes in the margins and many pages well-worn and almost falling out. That Bible and her strong faith carried her to the very end as the last 6 months of her life were a struggle, but she died peacefully knowing she would be united with her Savior and re-united with her husband of 55 years.

I took that very same Bible with me all the way to Russia and held it up for the congregation there to see as I described my mother's influence in my life.

Other than my mother's influence, the outdoors has always been a place of spiritual inspiration for me. In closing, I leave you with the words of Psalm 121 (the King James version of course):

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*

*Elder Scott Florence*

## Worship Flowers and Easter Lilies

With our return to live worship on March 28<sup>th</sup>, we once again will have flowers for worship each Sunday. If you would like to sign up for flowers for regular worship, please call or email the church office and we'll let you know if the Sunday you would like is available. You may pay for your flowers either by dropping a check in the collection plate on any Sunday, mailing a check to the Financial Secretary (please be sure to add Flowers to the memo line) or by using the church website. If you paid for flowers for 2020 and we were not able to provide them, please let us know. The cost of worship flowers is \$35.

We will be providing 15 Easter Lilies for our service on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to dedicate a lily, please call or email the church office or sign up on our website. We will be providing the lilies at no cost this year.

## **Christian Education**

The Adult Sunday School is beginning a new theme for the next three months. The class which meets at 9:00 am via Zoom is using the curriculum The Present Word. For the spring quarter, the theme is "Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant." The class will take a deep dive into the Old Testament.

Remember that March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day. The UN will be celebrating women scientists who are providing critical research for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

## **Deacons**

The Deacons have been busy in February contacting our Parish members about the vaccine appointments now open to many in our congregation. We know many of you have now had your first and, in some cases, second shot and many more now have their appointments.

The other message we have passed onto you is the good news about our first service together on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will meet outdoors on the west parking lot. More details are contained in this newsletter.

John and Peggy Graber are our contacts for the Deacon Shed which 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 to get you what you need.

Know you have been in our thoughts and prayers during our time away.

*In Christian love and fellowship,  
Your Deacons*

## **Fellowship**

Conklin Hall, the Kitchen and Pantry are all clean and ready for our restart, whenever that may be. It gives me a strange feeling to stop in to check on things while knowing that the date is still a mystery. I look forward to the Sunday when we can once again enjoy fellowship in person.

Please consider joining in on our virtual fellowship via Zoom every Sunday at 11:30 am! No need to stay for the hour – just sign in to let us know how you are doing. Contact Rev. Ralph for the access information.

*With love through Jesus Christ,  
Gloria McGilloway*

## **Mission/Outreach**

Due to the virtual nature of this year's Souper Bowl of Caring, we received only a few items but \$450, both of which have been donated to Switchpoint for the Soup Kitchen. We thank all of you who donated to this year's event and look forward to next year when we will be back to normal!

*Peace and Blessings  
Chris Schleter*

## **Nominating Committee**

*But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.*

*James 2:18*

Since there isn't much going on with our buildings, I thought it was time for a report from the Nominating Committee.

Due to COVID and our inability to meet in person for worship, Session asked existing elders and deacons to continue in their roles until we could meet in person again. It was no surprise to me that everyone said yes.

We do however have some spots to fill. We are going to need 2 new elders for Senior Ministries and Church Growth and at least 3 new Deacons.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider serving in one of these open positions that support the life and mission of our church.

## **Nominating Committee, continued**

I personally find serving rewarding. For me, it adds a layer of vibrancy to being a member of our church, does not take much time and provides me with the occasional "thank you", and I'm not even good at it.

So, please let me know if you are interested in filling one of these spots. There is a test, but I still have the answers Sandy Paige gave me and I can make sure you get a copy.

*Eric Westland*

## **Parish Health Ministry**

Who knew that our March, 2020, newsletter article would be the last one published in which there was no mention words such as 'coronavirus' or 'pandemic' or 'COVID 19 vaccines' - to name only a few? One year later, we're excited to learn we'll be meeting again for in-person communal worship in our new venue, God's Great Outdoors! As directed, we'll still have to distance and wear masks. For those not able or not planning to attend in-person, please consult Page 1 of this Newsletter to find out how you can participate in the service.

Many in our congregation now have received at least their first and possibly their second COVID-19 vaccinations. If you need assistance in knowing how to secure an appointment and whether you qualify within a currently approved priority group, please call the church office at (435) 628-9158 or email [akitz5@me.com](mailto:akitz5@me.com). It's a personal choice whether to receive the vaccine but it has been found that there is great benefit to both the individual and to society as a whole for as many as possible to be vaccinated. Studies do show those vaccinated can still become infected, but, because they carry a lower viral load (the strength of the virus in one's body), the severity of their disease is much less as is their ability to transmit it to others. As more is learned about the nature of COVID-19 and a greater percentage of the population become vaccinated, the virulent pervasiveness of the virus will be lessened. Fewer people will become desperately ill and we can once again begin to feel increasingly hopeful as now when we are able to say to one another - "SEE you on Palm Sunday."

## **Wellness Concern of the Month - COLORECTAL CANCER**

One in twenty individuals will develop colorectal cancer so chances are rather good that you know of someone, perhaps in your own family, who has suffered from what is the third most common cancer among both women and men. The good news is that, in most cases, with proper screening it can be discovered and prevented.

Colorectal cancer usually begins with formation of a polyp or adenoma - an abnormal growth within the colon (large intestine). Most polyps are benign, usually slow growing and only 5% progress to become malignant. It is recommended that screening colonoscopies begin at age 45 when "polyp formers" can be identified, have polyps removed and then be followed at appropriate intervals. Family history of colon cancer will also dictate how often you should be screened and your doctor will advise the best schedule for you to follow. Other screening procedures are: CT colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and either testing the stool for hidden blood or the more involved study of DNA makeup of stool contents. Regardless, any polyps discovered will be removed by performing a traditional colonoscopy.

We talk about the importance of maintaining personal wellness. Commonsense health principles also apply to prevention of colorectal cancer and should include having a plan for moderately intense exercise, eating at least 10 grams of natural fiber per day as found in fruits and vegetables and grains, enjoying dairy products but reducing red meat consumption, and reducing smoking and alcohol consumption. Aspirin and anti-inflammatories can lower your risk of polyp formation but taking these medications on a regular basis can have other undesired effects such as GI ulceration and interference with blood clotting. As always, it is best to consult your medical provider regarding whether you should be taking these meds.

The colonoscopy procedure, itself, is not too terrible an experience and you will be pleasantly dozing and oblivious to the 'finer details' of the event. The big blocker to the whole thing is the dreaded PREP. However, if it has been a while since you have dared make that appointment, there are alternatives to having to consume what seemed like the contents of Lake Superior! Don't forget to ask about the options when you MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## **Prayer Chain**

The Strand of Pearls folks are actively praying for prayer requests 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 named in the GSPC prayer list.

*Rev. Dolores Wiens*

## **Session News**

Session held their monthly meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, as well. Here is a synopsis of the actions taken in January:

- Approved by E-vote on January 24, 2021, to appoint an Annual Statistical Report Committee.
- Approved study leave to Rev. Clingan to attend the CREDO Seminar Series on April 11-15, 2021.
- Approved in-person worship services to begin Sunday, March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday) at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church by holding them outdoors in the southwest parking lot. All in-person services will continue to meet outdoors until the SW Utah Public Health Department's recommendations allow the services to be held in the building.
- Approved to purchase a new Soundcraft Si Expression 1 Digital 16-Channel Live Audio Mixer Console and additional supplies with the total cost not to exceed \$2,750 to be paid for from bequests.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 12:15 pm via Zoom.

*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 25 pounds of food and supplies plus a \$450 donation. During the month of February volunteers included Eliza Elwood, Josie Kellejan, Marge Linn, Vicki Westland and Patti and Brian Lusby. Cooking in the Switchpoint kitchen we served over 100 hungry folks which is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A menu of ham and vegetable casserole, bread, green salad, fruit, chips, cookies and yogurt was served. Those who are hungry in St George continue to come to the Soup Kitchen for our "to go" meals. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## **Stewardship**

Financially, the church is beginning the year well, and I want to thank everyone who has submitted pledges and offerings. You are greatly appreciated. Thank you especially for your faithfulness during a very trying year. The good news is that we are soon to meet in person again, on Palm Sunday at our outdoor service! It will be so great to see everyone again!

As we enter the season of Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are called not only to give monetarily but also to help others through the gift of our time and our love. So many members of our church have given so much this past year to help keep everyone connected, and our willingness to adapt and to continue giving has helped sustain us while we have been separated. The love of Christ is evident in all of you and I am so excited that we will be able to celebrate together soon.

*Leslie Lintz*

## **Worship & Music**

The Session has approved in person worship services to begin on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held outdoors on the west side of the building. That area will be set up for social distancing according to the recommendations of Southwest Utah Health. We ask that you bring your own lawn chairs for seating. Special music will be planned for the services until it is possible to begin choir rehearsals but at this time, we are not sure when that will be. For those who cannot or do not wish to attend, we hope to stream the service via Zoom. For an invitation, please email Rev. Ralph.

## Worship & Music, continued

In case of inclement weather, we will try to let you know as soon as possible that the live service will be cancelled. There will also be a notice posted on our website and we will provide a recorded service as early on Sunday as possible. We will continue to have the in person worship services outside until the recommendations allow us to safely have services inside our building. At the time of this writing, the number of new Covid 19 cases in Washington County is dropping. Let us hope and pray that this trend continues.

Please refer to the front page of the newsletter for details on how to meet in person for the worship services. The weekly worship services will be recorded through March 21<sup>st</sup>. We extend our appreciation to all who prepare our recorded weekly services, and especially to Rev. Ralph, Chris Schleter, and Steve Talley. You can also join Rev. Ralph's Bible studies through Zoom as well as joining with others for Fellowship on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m.

*Barbara McConnell*

## Outdoor Service Location



## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Sunday, March 28 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)
Monday, March 29 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 30 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, March 31 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70:1-5	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32

## Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, April 2 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22:1-31	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil	<i>A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.</i> Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Jonah 1:1-2:1 Jonah 2:2-3 (4-6), 7-9 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 4 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
	<i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 11 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 18 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom <b>6:00 Lenten Study using pm Kerygma's Hosanna via Zoom</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>3</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>4</b>  <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group - CE Building</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 9:00 Adult Education via am Zoom 10:30 Communion Worship am @ Sermon Network 11:45 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom	<b>8</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom <b>6:00 Lenten Study pm using Kerygma's Hosanna via Zoom</b>	<b>9</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>10</b>  11:00 Women's Bible am Study via Zoom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 9:00 Adult Education via am Zoom 10:30 Worship @ Sermon am Network 11:45 Virtual Fellowship am via Zoom <b>12:15 Session Meeting pm via Zoom</b>	<b>15</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom <b>6:00 Lenten Study pm using Kerygma's Hosanna via Zoom</b>	<b>16</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom <b>6:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting via Zoom</b>	<b>17</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>18</b>  <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group - CE Building</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 9:00 Adult Education via am Zoom 10:30 Worship @ Sermon am Network 11:45 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom	<b>22</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom <b>6:00 Lenten Study pm using Kerygma's Hosanna via Zoom</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>24</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Passion / Palm Sunday</b> 8:45 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 9:00 Adult Education via am Zoom 10:30 Worship - <b>LIVE IN am THE PARKING LOT</b> , via Zoom or recorded on the Listen to Services page on our website 11:45 Virtual Fellowship am via Zoom	<b>29</b>  1:00 Shawl Ministry via pm Zoom	<b>30</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	<b>31</b>  11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom			

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This calendar is subject to change. In the unlikely event that we resume in-person activities other than Palm Sunday worship during March, please check the church website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org) for the latest information on what events will be held via Zoom and what events will be held live.



## 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 (**Canceled**)

<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 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 February 14<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$47,095** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$298,258** or about **77.7%** 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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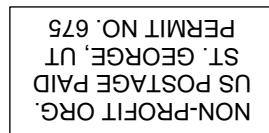
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