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The Season of Lent Begins

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2020 will be no exception.

We began our observation of Lent on February 26th with our annual Ash Wednesday Services.

As he did last year, Rev. Ralph will be leading a Bible Study on Monday evenings during Lent. The series will kick off on March 2nd at 5:45 pm and will be held every Monday through April 6th. This year's study is based on the book of Galatians. We hope everyone will join us as we study the Bible and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Details about our Holy Week and Easter activities will be in the April newsletter.

Join Us For "A Cluster of Praise and Prayer"

Many years ago, in another era of my life, well before I was ordained, the priest in the church I attended asked me to think about forming small groups in our parish. As I prayed about this request, I envisioned a lovely floribunda rose bush covered with clusters of roses. That image was inspirational for me and for my priest. Together, we set about creating groups of no more than 10-12 to meet for the particular purpose of deepening our relationships with the Lord, singing and praying our praises to the Lord and sharing our concerns through the small gatherings. We learned to carry one another's burdens and then together, according to Hebrews 4:16, we came boldly to the throne of our gracious God and offered those concerns to Him. There, before His throne, we found grace to help us in our times of need. Prayers were answered, our faith in God was strengthened and our relationship with the Lord deepened. Further, we learned to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and wait upon the Lord for his direction in prayer, his intervention in our lives and his answers. We learned that all who wait for Him in faith were blessed.

As Cathy Overkamp and I shared our thoughts about establishing a Praise and Prayer group at Good Shepherd, we began to think about a name for our group. Without coming to a decision, we continued our conversation. Cathy began to describe what she hoped for the group. She hoped that as we invite the presence of the Holy Spirit, as we praise God together through song and prayer, as we share our burdens with one another and lifted them up in prayer, that people would experience more of God's presence in ways that would deepen their faith and their experience of knowing God. Listening to her talk, I thought about the groups in my former church. I realized that she was describing in her own words, those cluster groups. I shared the image of clusters of beautiful roses with her and how such groups had been formed. She exclaimed, we should name this group, "A Cluster of Praise and Prayer" and so we shall. This group will meet the second Wednesday of each month, beginning on March 11th, in the Sanctuary at 1:30 pm.

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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
Roger Kitzman	Josie Marsh
Joe Borden	Preston Hughes
Dottie Malcomson	Barbara Schultzman
Larry Gearhart	Dorothy Nichols
Leslie Lintz	Shirley Craig
Jack Ewing	Brett Schroeder
Melissa Beckman & Twins	
The Family of Steve Gray	

Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

Eliza Elwood	Dick Cannon
Aimee Gilmore	Roy & Heather Green

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

8:45 – 9:00 am
Morning Prayer and Communion
Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education
CE Building

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
CE Building

10:30 am
Worship
Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time
Conklin Hall

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	Romans 8:37-39	Nothing can
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Matthew 5:3	Happy are
Elder Leslie Lintz	Colossians 1:17-18	He is
Elder Alan Paige	Romans 5:13	God of Hope
Elder Judy Oar	Colossians 1:16	Visible and invisible
Elder Chris Schleiter	Proverbs 3:5-8	Trust in the Lord
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Psalms 104:24-26	Manifold works
Elder Jan Hirschi	Galatians 5:22-23	Fruit of the Spirit
Elder Eric Westland	Ephesians 3:20-21	For ever and ever
Elder Barbara McConnell	Mark 1:14	Good News
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice always

Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Nursery
March		
March 1	Tom & Vici Noble	Jennifer P
March 8	Tom & Vici Noble	Donna Beasley
March 15	Tom & Vici Noble	Available
March 22	Tom & Vici Noble	Available
March 29	Available	No Nursery – 5 th Sunday
April		
April 5	Cheryl Mansfield	Jennifer P
April 12	Donna Baker	Donna Beasley
April 19	Available	Available
April 26	Available	Available

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website gpscsq.org

Treasurer's Report

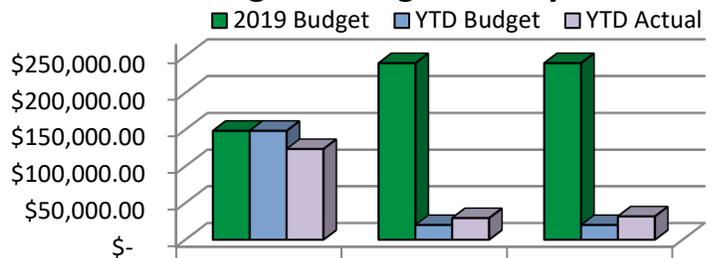
General Fund as of January 31, 2019 Month of January

Receipts	\$ 29,446.51
Expenditures	\$ 31,730.94
2020 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 20,032.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 29,446.51
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 20,032.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 31,730.94

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 26,337.01
Building Fund	\$ 39,727.20
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,189.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,503.31
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,353.05
Bequests	\$ 73,760.12

2019 Budget Through January 31



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2019 Budget	\$148,364.00	\$240,384.00	\$240,384.00
YTD Budget	\$148,364.00	\$20,032.00	\$20,032.00
YTD Actual	\$123,618.84	\$29,446.51	\$31,730.94

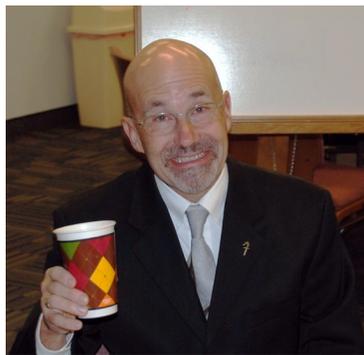
Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He **then became hungry**. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"*

Matthew 3:16-4:4 New American Standard Bible (NASB)



With our sharing breakfast on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday we, along with the Christian world, will enter the church season of Lent. The forty days before Holy Week and our celebration of Resurrection Sunday represent the forty years Israel wandered the wilderness and, of course, the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness contemplating spiritually. This is where his journey would take him and the way he must go that would eventually lead to the cross.

We may respond with the obvious to the statement that after forty days he was hungry. Personally, for me it would have been closer to forty minutes. Of course he was hungry. How could he not be!?

But, in so doing we would be making the exact same mistake the devil made in mistaking Jesus's hunger to be physical. Instead, Jesus states that his hunger is spiritual, and he hungers for the very Word of God!

On several levels we are called to emulate the Savior's obedience, his sacrifice and his love. Should we not then as well emulate his hunger?

Several Christian traditions call for spiritual sacrifice during the season of Lent by giving up something each person enjoys or finds comforting from their daily lives. I have long argued that instead we should add to our lives during these forty days something that draws us closer to the Lord.

Within the pages of this newsletter you will find many opportunities to do just that from our Lenten Study on Galatians, weekly Bible studies at various locations and times and special services. I encourage and invite you to enter this season of Lent hungry for our Lord, his word and his presence; and to be filled as we prepare to rejoice and proclaim together, "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed."

A fruitful and faithful Lenten Season to you all!

*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 keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force several years ago, 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.

So, 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 there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

Buildings

It has been a quiet month on the building front which is a good thing. During March I hope to get all of the CE building glass (except on the north side) coated with a film that will help reduce the solar heating we experience during the hot summers. With everyone being so busy it is difficult to get anyone even interested in any type of contracting work, but it will be worth it in the end. I'm not sure how long it will take to pay for itself in energy savings, but the primary benefit will be helping to keep the two offices near the same temperature.

Speaking of temperatures, if your group is meeting at church and the room is too hot or cold, you can adjust the thermostat with just a finger swipe. Doing this will send a command to the heat/AC and adjust to your liking. After two hours, it will automatically return to the room's scheduled temperature, so you don't have to drive back to church if you forgot to turn off the A/C.

Our cleaners have missed a few items recently and I've been in contact with them. They really are nice people and I just needed to communicate. Speaking of communication, if you notice areas of the church that are being missed, please don't hesitate to let me know. Everything I learned about cleaning was during my fraternity years, so an extra set of eyes is always helpful.

*Blessings,
Eric Westland*

Christian Education

March is the month of Lent and the return to Daylight Saving Time. It is also a busy month for Christian Education opportunities, and we hope you will take advantage of them.

LENTEN STUDY: Each Monday at 5:45 pm Rev. Ralph will lead a study on Galatians. This will be in the CE Building and everyone should bring some food to share.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: Be sure to get your Lenten Devotional with daily prayers and reflections on the theme of Becoming the Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Present Word shifts themes in March to "Justice and the Prophets." Come join the discussion as we explore Amos 5, Habakkuk 1 and 2, Micah 3-6 and Malachi 2 and 3. The unifying theme is "God Requires Justice."

SPECIAL DAYS: On March 6th we will celebrate World Day of Prayer with this year's theme being "Rise! Take Up Your Bed and Walk." International Women's Day will be March 8th, when we celebrate the gifts of women, and March 29th is Justice Advocacy Sunday.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Church Growth

Have you ever wondered why some people find a church unfriendly while others see it as the most welcoming place ever? The difference is often how involved the person is in church activities.

Make the most of belonging to our church family by taking a more active part. In addition to attending Bible studies, any of the church elders would love to welcome you. Like food? See Gloria McGilloway. Ever wonder how to usher for a church service? See Anne Patten. Like music? See Barbara McConnell. Have ideas for a Bible study? See Bill Somplatsky-Jarman. Interested in Russia or in helping local and national charities? Chris Schleter is your man. Ladies, the Women's Guild has so many fun activities and is always looking for new members. LaVerna Metzger can help you get involved. Maybe gardening and yard work is more to your liking. Talk to Alan Paige. There are so many more opportunities. Just ask. And please, join us after church for refreshments in Conklin Hall. See you there.

Jan Hirschi

Deacons

Your Deacons were able to attend an Elder/Deacon training session for our Southern Utah Presbyterian churches. We met at the Cedar City Community Presbyterian Church. A short worship service was followed by the two groups breaking apart to share how we serve our churches either as Deacons or Elders. It was encouraging to hear how some of our other churches meet the needs of their membership. The time ended with lunch and a chance for fellowship and get better acquainted.

Deacons, continued

If you have an illness or are recovering from surgery, 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 to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120). He will make arrangements to get you what you need.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Lord; and hope that if there is anything you need, you will let us know.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Friends, just a reminder that there is no Fellowship without you. Our Sunday Fellowship time and special times of celebration are well attended. We generally have more than enough contributions to our fellowship table. However, sometimes YOU are missing. Join us every Sunday for a chance to get to know another member of the congregation better, chat with our new members and enjoy each other's company. It's about you.

Lent is here. Watch for the many opportunities for Fellowship – culminating in our Easter Brunch.

*With love through Jesus Christ,
Gloria McGilloway*

Mission/Outreach

Souper Bowl of Caring: 2020 marked our 22nd year collecting food and money on Super Bowl Sunday to help those in our community who need assistance with having enough to eat. And what a year it was. We collected \$377 and 275 pounds of food and supplies for the Soup Kitchen. Thanks to all who contributed.

Change for Change: Is your loose change getting heavy in your pocket or purse? Is that coin dish at home overflowing with coins? Bring all that loose change with you to church on Sunday and place it in the brown donation box in the Narthex. At the end of the year these coins will be counted and donated to Youth Futures.

Shoe Drive: Our biennial shoe drive will take place this year from the Sunday after Easter through the Sunday before Memorial Day. As you do your spring cleaning, please gather any shoes that you no longer need (or want) and have them ready to put in the box in Conklin Hall after Easter.

*Peace and Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Health Ministry

BROWN BAG LUNCHEON: On Wednesday, February 19th, we enjoyed hearing about "The Care and Feeding of Diabetes." Our speaker was Brent McFadden, PharmD, from Brent's Pharmacy and Diabetes Care. Brent's talk included a discussion of the physiology of diabetes as well as dietary and life-style considerations for those having been diagnosed with the disease. Diabetes is actually a group of diseases, which affect how the body handles the fuel necessary for the function of cells in the body or brain - glucose. There are two primary types of diabetes, Type I and Type 2. Type I is usually diagnosed at an earlier age, is an auto immune condition, having a genetic susceptibility and results in the patient being dependent on the hormone, insulin. Type 2 is diagnosed later in life and may be the result of a sedentary lifestyle, high blood pressure, poor lifestyle choices or previous diagnosis of gestational diabetes. The Type 2 diabetic may still produce insulin but not in amounts sufficient for daily living, or the body is not able to utilize what insulin is being produced and must be supplemented.

Brent talked about the condition of pre-diabetes which can exist and be managed for some period of time. But it may eventually convert to Type 2 diabetes. Diagnosis of any of the three types is dependent on evaluation of symptoms and results of one's blood sugar levels through various tests. The most usual and definitive test might be said to be the glycated hemoglobin or Hgb A1c blood test because the results are not influenced by a recent glucose response. Instead, the test reflects a two to three month "glucose load" which has been carried by red blood cells. A consistent

Parish Health Ministry, continued

reading below 5.7% is normal - 5.7 to 6.4 means pre-diabetes and 6.5 or higher on two separate tests is diagnostic of diabetes. Maintenance at 7% or below is a goal for known diabetics.

Diabetes in any of its forms is a manageable disease but demands compliance in maintaining a healthy lifestyle to ward off the possible long-term effects to the body. The best approach for optimum health includes:

- Exercise - at least 30 minutes per day, five days a week
- Medication - oral meds or insulin delivered by various routes and frequency
- Diet - portion control of nutritious, high fiber foods low in saturated fats, sweets and refined carbohydrates. There is no definitive "Diabetic Diet."

One in four Americans has diabetes and many do not know they are at risk. Diabetes is the leading cause of lower limb amputations and blindness. It is a disease that has become more prevalent in great part because of our Western lifestyles of inactivity in an industrialized society and obesity due to poor dietary choices and consumption of large portions of over-refined foods. It is never too late to do something good for yourself by choosing to live healthy.

Brent's presentation on Diabetes, as well as information from previous Brown Bag speakers, can be found on our website, gspcsg.org. Go to the homepage on the website and click on Ministries. From the drop-down menu, select Parish Health Ministry and from there click on the Brown Bag Luncheon topic you'd like to know more about. There is always a written summary of each presentation and some, like Brent's talk, are also available in audio format and that possibility will be so noted.

CPR COURSE for the NON-PROFESSIONAL: On Wednesday, April 29th from 9:00 to 11:30 am we will be holding our biennial CPR Course for those who need recertification or anyone wishing to take the course for the first time. We will also learn about our new AED equipment. It will be held in Conklin Hall and the fee is \$25 payable to the instructor, Rob Hooper, at the time of the class. We'll serve a beverage and treat. Registration may be made during Sunday Fellowship hour. For questions, please email: [Charlotte Phipps \(cskyeisle@aol.com\)](mailto:Charlotte.Phipps@cskyeisle@aol.com).

Alicia Kitzman

Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

Deborah Stone

Senior Ministries

Soup and Fellowship: Tom and Vici Noble's "Stans by Us" was quite interesting. Could you name five Stans of Central Asia? The culture, geography, brief history, religions, architecture, FOOD and pastime activities opened our understanding of this ancient land. I loved the Dead Goat Polo Game, and I added a new word to my vocabulary - Zoroastrianism. A small number of people still keep this ancient religion alive in this area and is worth a study in understanding. Vici shared a delicious rice dish, Plov, traditional to the Central Asia area. Thank you, Vici and Tom, for your presentation.

On Wednesday, March 11th at Noon we will host Fred and Cathy Overkamp. They will share their life experiences with us, especially the 5 Christmas Stores and Fred's volunteer job with dinosaur bones at the museum in town. Lunch is free and will be interesting.

Card Party: Our monthly card party is the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. In March the date will be the 18th. We play backgammon, rummikub, bridge and other card games and do puzzles. We enjoy our times together. All are invited and many even return. Please join us. We always have a good time.

Thanks to the committee members: Barbara West, Ruthanne Skinner, Jane O'Donnell and Cheryl Mansfield.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on February 9, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved membership of Roy Green, Heather Green, Richard Cannon, Aimee Gilmore and Eliza Ellwood. Approved the baptism of Roy Green and Aimee Gilmore. Received into membership on Feb. 16, 2020.
- Approved by e-vote on 1-30-2020, the purchase of Easter Banners at a cost of \$358 to be paid from the Memorial Fund.
- 12 from Good Shepherd Presbyterian participated in Annual Elder/Deacon Training at Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City on February 8, 2020.
- Set Saturday, April 25, 2020 as the next Meet and Greet for new members.
- Approved to allocate \$500 of the mission set-aside funds for use with Operation Christmas Child.
- Approved the installation of a new bulletin board in Conklin Hall to be used by Stewardship/Administration Committee.
- Approved the purchase and installation of two 4' x 3' bulletin boards for the Deacons and Stephen Ministry at a cost not to exceed \$300 to be paid from the Memorial Fund.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of February volunteers included Vicky Westland, Eliza Elwood, Marge Linn, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, Stella Delgado, Janis Wick, Patti and Brian Lusby 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 Winter menu of Southwest turkey stew, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stewardship

Spring is almost here and with it on the horizon from February 26th through April 12th is One Great Hour of Sharing when you will have the opportunity to help provide safety, sustenance and hope to individuals and communities in need. So please mark it on your calendars. Also on the horizon, I will be speaking to the congregation on Sunday, April 19th about "What Is Per Capita?" and this will be a good time to get any questions answered. Finally, please take some time to reflect on the ways that Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church has been a blessing in your life and let us be grateful for the many resources, activities, programs and great people we have here!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and caring.

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

I leave you with this thought from Acts 20:35: *In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Leslie Lintz

Women's Guild

Thank you to all of those who purchased cookies during our Valentine Cookie Sale and a big thank you to all the ladies who baked and contributed cookies for this sale. Because of your generosity and baking we were able to raise \$340 which will be added to the amount we annually contribute to our local charities.

Our annual Spring Tea will be Saturday, March 28th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Conklin Hall. It will be a Ladies Spring Tea with tasty tea refreshments, door prizes. Music will once again be provided by Anne Hogan, Debbie Stone and Jessie (one of Ka-Wai Yu's cello students). Tickets are \$8 each, or a table of eight can be purchased for \$64. Set up will be on Friday, March 27th at 1:00 pm and tables will be decorated at that time. This will be a fun event and you won't want to miss it!!!

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

The Bell and Chancel Choirs are busy preparing music for Lent. We hope their special music will fill you with the spirit of God's Love as we prepare our hearts for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. A musical presentation by both choirs will be on April 5th, Palm Sunday.

The Chancel Choir will sing a commissioned anthem composed by Eric Nelson on Easter Sunday. It is based on Revelation 21:1-4 and is titled "And I Saw a New Heaven". It is a beautiful composition and a privilege for our choir to sing.

The Interfaith Choir, which rehearses at our Church and is sponsored by the Interfaith Council, will present a concert "Sacred Music to Lift Your Souls" on Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 pm at the Tabernacle. The St. George Chamber Singers, who also rehearse at our church, will present part of this concert. Please mark your calendars for this special event!

We want to thank all those who have volunteered to usher for our worship services. If you are ushering, please take time to read and review the instructions for ushering. You will receive the instructions in the mail at the beginning of the month for which you volunteered. We sincerely appreciate your efforts.

Barbara McConnell

A Cluster of Praise and Prayer, continued from Page 1

If you are hungry for more of Jesus, come. If you are thirsty, come drink of Living Water. If you carry heavy burdens and you are weary and tired, Jesus says, "Come to me and I will give you rest." Let nothing, fear of praying aloud, (there are many ways of praying and they are not all out loud), fear of sharing (no one has to share), or anything else keep you away if you are drawn to such a group. But know this: As we commit to this group, we will covenant together to respect one another, keep confidences and attend regularly. Together, by God's spirit, we will grow healthy spiritual lives, closer to Jesus day by day.

*"Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
Hosea 6:3*

Rev. Dolores Wiens

Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, March 1 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, March 15 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, April 5 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Monday, April 6 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 7 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 8 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 9 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 10 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 11 Easter Vigil	<i>A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. 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 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 98:1-9	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114:1-8	John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 12 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
	<i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 19 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 26 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>First Sunday in Lent Soup Kitchen Sunday</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Study & Potluck</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Second Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Starts – Spring Forward</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Study & Potluck</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Noon Soup & Fellowship – Fred Overkamp on "The Joy of Volunteering" 1:30 pm A Cluster of Praise and Prayer</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 am Memorial Service for Fran Ming</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Session Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Study & Potluck</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Game Party 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Study & Potluck</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 1:00 pm Setup for Women's Guild Spring Tea</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 pm Women's Guild Spring Tea</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Study & Potluck</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>				

**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 – 1st Sunday of each Month

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall

Praise & Prayer – second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	2 nd & 4 th Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's
Men's Bible Study	2 nd & 4 th Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's
	Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Women's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
Choir Rehearsals	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
	Tuesday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



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 February 16th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$28,380** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$279,543** or about **72.8%** 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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Church Leadership 2020

Session

Class of 2020	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012	Church Growth
	Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	502-689-6030	Christian Ed
	Eric Westland	435-625-1399	Building
Class of 2021	Ruth Ann Horvath	435-922-5271	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	435-619-2843	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2022	Leslie Lintz	412-403-9980	Stewardship
	Barbara McConnell	435-862-4822	Worship
	Alan Paige	435-703-9272	Grounds

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