



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church



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## Easter Season Comes to Good Shepherd

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2016 will be no exception.

We began our observation of Lent in early February with our annual Ash Wednesday Services which saw amazing attendance.

This year, for the first time, Rev. Ralph also is leading a small group prayer service following choir practice each Thursday through March 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a very intimate service and is modeled on one that Rev. Ralph and Chris Schleiter participated in during their trip to Russia last July.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of men will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 8:30 am in Conklin Hall. This event is always well attended and we appreciate the efforts of all who provide food for us. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

On Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This dinner is notable because the room is lit oil lamps. If you have one or more lamps you can bring to the dinner, we would certainly appreciate it.

The following day, Good Friday, will be kicked off at 10:30 am by the annual Procession of the Cross and closed with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at New Promise Lutheran Church. Barbara McConnell will lead the combined choir.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, so we can all prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We hope to see you at as many events as you can attend.

## With Easter Comes One Great Hour of Sharing

Of course, with Easter, comes the annual One Great Hour of Sharing. Here is some history on this offering.

Following World War II, Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe and Asia. In 1949 the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns. The next year, the offering was repeated, for the first time using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The offering always has been an ecumenical effort and, while each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

A radio program called "One Great Hour" was broadcast on March 26, 1949. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our major church-wide offerings and does so much good for so many people. Please consider making a donation to this most worthwhile offering.

### 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

Brett Schroeder Joe & Cheryl Borden  
 Barbara Schultzman Evelyn Keener  
 Dorothy Nichols & the family of Fred Hampton

Wendy Christianson as she continues her final year of studies for the ministry  
 Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
 Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

Jane O'Donnell

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

### Deadline for April Newsletter

March 23, 2016

### Worship Schedule

**8:45 – 9:00 am**  
**Service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion - Sanctuary**

**9:00 – 9:45 am**  
**Adult Education with Rev. Ralph  
 CE Building**

**10:30 am**  
**Children's Sunday School**

**10:30 am**  
**Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**

**11:45 am**  
**Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall**

### Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Teaching 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 8:9-11	Life in the Spirit
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Philippians 1:27-28	One in Christ
Elder Chris Schleiter	1 Thessalonians 4:1	Walk with God
Elder Scott Florence	Luke 18:1	Always pray
Elder Judy Oar	Luke 20:23-26	Give to God
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Proverbs 27:10	Neighbor and Brother
Elder Anne Patten	Matthew 22:36-40	Greatest Commandment
Elder Gay Cunningham	Psalms 71:1-6	Refuge in the Lord
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Deuteronomy 10:12-13a	Walk with God
Elder Bob Moeller	Matthew 5:4	Blessed who mourn

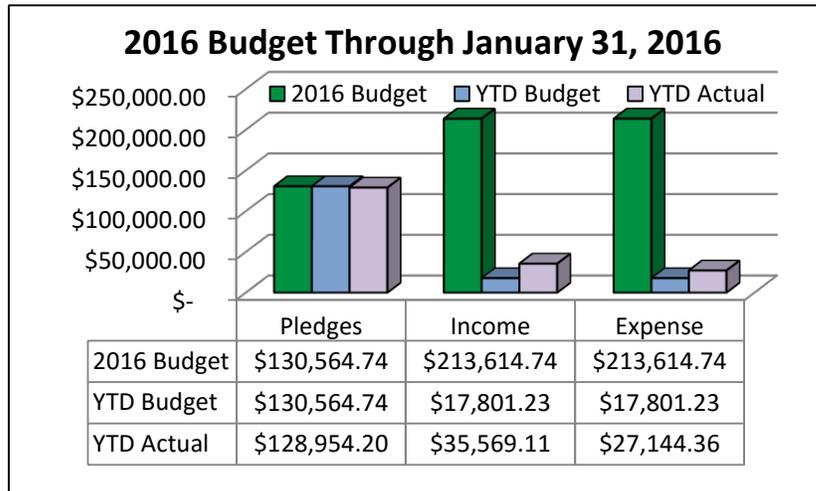
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>March</b>		
March 6	<i>Available</i>	Potluck Sunday
March 13	Shirley Fromknecht	Dick & Patti Babb John & Peggy Graber
March 20	Marjorie Bayle	<i>Available</i>
March 27	Barbara West	<i>Available</i>
<b>April</b>		
April 3	Marjorie Bayle	Potluck Sunday
April 10	Barbara McConnell	Bill & Marge Linn
April 17	Donna Baker	Ann Hogan & Jan Hirschi
April 24	Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda	<i>Available</i>

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website [qspcsq.org](http://qspcsq.org)

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
<b>As of January 31, 2016</b>	
<b>Month of January</b>	
Receipts	\$ 35,569.11
Expenditures	\$ 27,144.36
<b>2015 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 17,801.23
Actual Receipts	\$ <b>35,569.11</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 17,801.23
Actual Expenditures	\$ <b>27,144.36</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 98,893.14
Loan Balance	\$ 155,097.83
Net Building Fund	\$ (56,204.69)
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund	\$ 9,696.45
Memorial Fund	\$ 896.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,701.72



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

### **The Ascension**

*And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God.*

*Luke 24:44-53 (New American Standard Bible)*



Hallelujah, He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

With these words we begin the greatest of celebrations on the greatest of days. Yes, even more joyous and greater than Christmas. With our remembering that wonderful day our hearts and lives are raised as well with our risen Lord. We remember salvation is ours because of the love of our God for us, as John tells us, not to judge us but to save us did Christ come into our world and into our lives.

Yet, we need to remember that with the ending of the Resurrection story, the journey of Jesus now becomes our own. We are now the ones sent; we are now the witnesses "of these things "to proclaim what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ for us all.

Like those first disciples we are not called to be quiet but instead loud, not absent but visibly present to a world filled with lives who have yet seen or heard the wonderful message we proclaim every day.

That the truth is this, that with the dawn of the Resurrection morning the new day for us all has just only begun!

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

*A very joyous and blessed Resurrection Sunday to you All!  
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 a number of years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information in regards to 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.

## The Acts 16:5 Initiative

**"Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size." (Acts 16:5)**

### Building One Another

By Dr. E. Stanley Ott, Founder and President  
Vital Churches Institute

#### Followers

Sometimes what seems like extra information in the story of Jesus actually tells us a lot about what kind of people Jesus developed and how he went about it.

For example, the first verse of Luke chapter 8 tells us Jesus went through cities and villages proclaiming the good news and in the fourth verse the story narrows to the gathering of a great crowd as the setting for the famous parable of the sower.

However, in between those two verses we read, "The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources." Luke 8:1b-3

The twelve disciple-apostles often get all of the attention as the followers of Jesus as well as the focus given on the "inner three," Peter, James and John. Yet Luke teaches us that women were as close to Jesus as men.

Mary, Joanna and Suzanna had been healed in some way by Jesus, all of them helped finance his work, and two of them, Joanna and Susanna, were present when the tomb of Jesus was discovered empty and heard the incredible words, "He is not here. He has risen."

Every single one of us is invited to believe in and follow Jesus. Jesus invites you to follow him, to place all aspects of your life in his service and to know the wonder and joy of this Lord who lives!

*Joy to you*

### Wendy's Window



Philippians 4: 4-7 says:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

I have been keeping these verses in front of me as I complete my seminary courses and prepare for the next step on the journey. In *Lent and Easter: Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen*, Judy Bauer suggests that, "Lent is often portrayed as a journey, from one point in time to another point in time, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday." Scriptures, psalms, prayers, rituals, practices, and penance are all components of the Lenten journey. Bauer says that "each component, tried and tested by years of tradition, is one of the engines that drives the season and which brings the weary spiritual traveler to the joys of Easter."

I pray that this Lenten journey has been a process of spiritual growth for you that has allowed you to move from one state of being to another state. For example, Bauer says, "some people may find themselves troubled and anxious at the beginning of Lent as a result of a life choice or unanswered question, and, at the end of Lent, they may fully expect a sense of peace, or perhaps simply understanding and acceptance. Lent can be a movement from one point of view to another or, perhaps, from one interpretation of life to a different interpretation."

Peace and blessings as we continue the Lenten journey toward our Easter celebration!

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## Deacons

The annual combined Session/Deacon meeting took place on January 30<sup>th</sup> and was followed by our Deacon Training. Dick Higgins has agreed to be our visiting pastor for now and he explained the history and the role of the Deacon and the Presbyterian Organization to the Board.

I talked about the responsibility of our Deacons, such as: making regular phone calls, hospital and nursing home visits; providing meals, if necessary, or running errands, if required, and serving as a Deacon of the Month which requires collecting the prayer requests during the service and distributing the pulpit flowers to shut-ins after the service. As a group we also assist with funeral or memorial services.

Our Vice-Moderator is Virginia Hunt and she is also in charge of the Shalom Committee. For access to the Deacon Shed please contact Dick Babb (688-1120).

Our next meeting is scheduled on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.45 am following our morning worship.

As always, if you have any concerns or need assistance, please let us know.

*Tineke Ingold, Moderator*

## Fellowship

I have buds on my trees and my carpet roses have sprouted. Spring must be just around the corner.

We have had a busy few weeks. We met the Boogaards and learned about their mission in Malaysia. It was amazing to see their faith in action as they work to build bridges between Muslims and Christians one small step at a time. Their children share in their mission as they make friends with their schoolmates. We must wish them well and keep them in our prayers.

Presbyterian Women met in their first organizational meeting. They will have a kick-off pot luck lunch on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to select officers and start planning a program for the year.

Don't forget Rev. Ralph's pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.

We have started planning for Easter which is March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Easter Brunch after worship. Sign up to bring goodies or side dishes.

On Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate Bob McGrath's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party at 1:00 pm. Nancy Linden will have sandwiches and a big cake. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring salads to go with the sandwiches. Please sign up as Nancy needs to know how many sandwiches to get.

It is time to reflect and look forward to the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Growth

We held a "Meet and Greet" for our new members in Conklin Hall on February 20<sup>th</sup>. After brunch, Rev. Ralph explained the history and organization of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and each member of Session made a presentation about their area of responsibility. Russ Hurlbut and Scott Florence closed out the morning with a tour of our buildings.

The Growth committee has organized the small dining groups for 2016. If you signed up, you can find your group listing posted at the entrance to Conklin Hall. Each group has a person who has agreed to take the lead on the first dining event. Moving forward, each group will organize their dining events as they desire. If you do not find your name in a group, please contact me. We look forward to doing this again when new members join our church.

*Gay Cunningham*

## Mission/Outreach

On February 7<sup>th</sup> we participated in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. This year we raised \$360 and collected 391 pounds of food. Your generosity continues to amaze Jim Roberts and the staff at the Soup Kitchen.

We also finished our towel collection for the Dove Center on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We collected a LOT of towels. Thanks to all who donated.

Our pill bottle collection continues. Please remove the labels from your empty pill bottles (the ones you get from the pharmacy, not the large ones you get at Costco), wash them out and place them in the box in Conklin Hall. When we have a full box, we'll send them off to be used in Africa. Pill bottles are in short supply in Africa so doctors have to dispense pills in whatever containers they can find. By supplying them with pill bottles, we provide a safe means for them to dispense needed medications to their patients and keep all of those bottles out of our landfill.

Our shoe drive will move from November to April and May this year. More on that next month.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help those in our community and world who need help so badly.

*Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing Ministry

On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Michele Baker, Assistant Program Coordinator with the Washington county Council on Aging and Jeanie Johnson, Center supervisor of the St George Senior Center provided a very informative and interesting presentation on what's new and exciting at the Senior Center. There are now three Senior Centers, St George, Hurricane and Enterprise plus a meal site in Springdale. Anyone 60 or older is welcome to take part in all of the activities plus meals. The St George Center is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Friday with lunch served Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm and Brunch on Friday from 10:30 am 11:45 am. Each meal carries a suggested donation of \$3.00.

The three main services provided at the Senior Center in St George are Activities, Meals on Wheels and Dial-A-Ride. You will find a listing of all of the offered February activities listed on the Parish Nursing Ministry bulletin board in the hall between the Narthex and Conklin Hall. They are also listed on their web site which is [www.coa.washco.utah.gov](http://www.coa.washco.utah.gov).

Meals on Wheels is available to those 60 and older, are unable to prepare adequate meals due to a mental or physical condition, homebound and unable to walk. Dial-A-Ride provides transportation to Medical appointments, Pharmacies for prescription pick up, various shopping locations and lunch at the Senior Center. The fare is a suggested donation of \$3.00 for one way and \$5.00 round trip with a restriction of ONE trip daily. Clients may now shop on a daily basis Tuesday through Friday between 10 AM and 3PM. Call Tonya at the Center at 634-5743 (Option #1) to schedule your ride at least 3 days in advance.

The St George Senior Center has opportunities galore to improve your mind, enliven your body and lift your spirits in a safe place to try new things, to reach for help and keep involved and busy.

The Senior Center will hold a Wellness Fair on April 8, 2016, beginning at 9:00 am. Admission is free and vendors will be there giving away goodies, entertainment and medical checks like blood pressure and blood sugar levels. Come and enjoy the fun!

On Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am, in Conklin Hall, we will be offering a CPR/AED course for the non-professional. The class is open to both those who have never been certified or those who need to update a previous certification and will last between two and three hours. Come in casual dress and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Please contact Charlotte Phipps (410-628-8808) to register.

Another date for your April calendar is Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, when we will be sponsoring our semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive in the Education Building. If you are a regular donor, you may give blood every 56 days. Kathie Greear (207-240-0994), is the contact person for registration or you may go to the Red Cross website to sign up.

*Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak*

## 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 Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

*Louise Routh*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Received into membership: LaVerna Metzger, Lori Wille't, and Jane O'Donnell.
- Approved a one-week vacation from March 28 to April 2, 2016 for Rev. Ralph Clingan.
- Approved a resolution authorizing a credit card to Carolyn Jentzer not to exceed \$500.
- Approved a policy concerning Russian Mission Travel Authorizations.
- Approved a policy concerning Russian Mission Expense Reimbursements.
- Approved a \$1,000 contribution to Presbyterian World Mission to benefit Al and Ellen Smith.
- Approved Chris Schleter to act as temporary Clerk of Session at the March, 2016, Stated Session Meeting.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Senior Ministries

We have three events coming up for you in March.

At our Soup & Fellowship on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon, Ben Everett will talk to us about the geology of our area. You will be amazed at the hidden and in-plain-sight geologic treasures we have here in our backyard of Southern Utah. Ben, our resident geologist, will wow us with this spectacular area's history and show us how life was millions of years ago.

On Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm we'll have our monthly card party. We have a table of bridge players and another of Hand and Foot. We welcome new players and can organize our cards to play any game depending on the number of players available. We usually play for 2 hours and then determine winners (whether game is over or not). We can't sit much longer than that anyway.

Finally, on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 pm the book club will gather to discuss Mitch Albom's book The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto, a riveting spiritual read. We have several ideas for our next book, from funny to biographical. Titles suggested include: A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson, Elizabeth Warren (political) and The Nightingale (women spies in World War II) by Kristin Hanna. We have pleasant discussions about the authors and characters, motivations and consequences, etc. If you like to read, please join us and make a recommendation for our next book.

*Judy Oar*

## Stewardship

Thanks to all of you who have pledged and/or donated. As of February 14<sup>th</sup> we have pledged \$128,954, only \$1,611 from reaching our goal of \$130,565 for pledges for the general fund. The loose offerings to the general fund are also within three dollars of last January's. The building fund has 22 pledges totaling \$42,577 of our \$75,000 goal.

We were asked a question about how to include the church in your estate planning? Have an attorney, who speaks Utah "legalese" draw it up. We are also working on having attorney Katie Woods come to do a talk on this topic.

On March 13<sup>th</sup> we will kick off the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing, started in 1949, is a long standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour long radio appeal has evolved over the years from eight to twenty-nine participating denominations. There are currently programs in over 100 counties.

## Stewardship, continued

Funds from the offering are divided approximately in thirds among three programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human caused disasters.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) Takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities.
- Self- Development of People (SDOP) Partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression and injustice.

Thank you for your continued support of our church and mission.

*Bob Moeller*

## Worship and Music

We could possibly call this month “March Madness” because of all the activities and significant dates that occur in the next few weeks. The season of Lent began on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday), and it will end with Palm Sunday. You will notice that the sanctuary candles are not lit during this time—if you want to know why, ask Rev. Ralph. He will be glad to tell you the reason. Note that Lent is 40 days long (we of the Reformed Faith do not count the Sundays during Lent), perhaps a reflection of Jesus’s 40 days in the wilderness, after which He was tempted by the devil (see the Gospels of John and Matthew). Lent is a time for reflection, prayer and preparation for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday. During Lent, on Thursdays at 5:15 pm, a prayer service will be held following choir practice. These services involve prayer in small groups, praying for particular things, such as the world at large, our community, the church, etc. Bring a snack to share afterward. Please consider attending these meaningful services on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. You will be amazed at the power of intense prayer.

Palm Sunday is March 20<sup>th</sup> this year. We will have palms, of course, and great music during worship!

Maundy Thursday is on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and we will hold out traditional Agape Dinner and service in Conklin Hall at 6:00 pm. This is a lovely light meal commemorating the Last Supper and Christ’s order to “do this” (break bread and drink wine, or in our case, juice) in remembrance of Him. Please bring bread (already sliced), fruit, or cheese (already sliced or in chunks—help our set-up folks in this way) to share. We will also have our usual hand washing at each table (in place of foot washing, which is not usually popular for some reason).

Good Friday is on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and a service will be held this year at New Promise Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm. This is a solemn and sorrowful time when Jesus was crucified and died.

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is March 27<sup>th</sup>, and we will celebrate Jesus’s resurrection with a joyful worship service and music, and a luncheon afterward hosted by Fellowship. There will be an opportunity to buy Easter lilies prior to Easter Sunday. Please note, Ralph will be on vacation the week following Easter.

We hope all of you will join us for as many events as you can. Easter is really what we, as Christians, are all about.

*Blessings to you all!*

*Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell*

## Congregation News

### **Party for Bob McGrath’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Planned**

Bob and Dorothy McGrath, who moved to California in December, will be returning to St. George in April. Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall as we celebrate Bob’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Josephine Kellejan and Nancy Linden will be hosting and sign-up sheets will be available on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Let’s all turn out and salute Bob on his special day!

### **Memorial Service for Fred Hampton Planned**

The Memorial Service for Fred Hampton will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. We will be celebrating Fred’s life with a service filled with music and hope that everyone will be able to attend.

## March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I <b>1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting</b> 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble <b>1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting</b>	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir <b>5:15 pm Small Group Prayer Service</b>	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen Sunday</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>11:45 am Deacon Meeting – CE Building</b> <b>11:45 am Stewardship Committee Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir <b>5:15 pm Session Meeting</b>	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble <b>12:00 Noon Soup &amp; Bread Fellowship – Ben Everett on Geological Treasures of our area</b> <b>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Book Club – Conklin Hall</b>	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir <b>5:15 pm Small Group Prayer Service</b>	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>11:00 am Memorial Service for Fred Hampton</b>
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<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Forward</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>11:45 am Worship Committee Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble <b>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</b>	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel <b>1:30 pm Parish Nursing Ministry Meeting</b> 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir <b>5:15 pm Small Group Prayer Service</b>	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:30 am Palm Sunday Breakfast</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 5:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 pm Agape Dinner – Conklin Hall</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's <b>10:30 am Procession of the Cross</b> <b>6:00 pm Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebre Service @ New Promise Lutheran Church</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir		

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org) for the latest information.**

## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Sunday, March 20 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
Monday, March 21 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 22 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, March 23 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, March 24 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, March 25 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 <b>or</b> Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, March 26 Easter Vigil	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 <b>Exodus 14:10-31</b> ; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13,17-18 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Proverbs 8:1-8,19-21;9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 Psalm 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, March 27 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34-43 <b>or</b> Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 <b>or</b> Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 <b>or</b> Luke 24:1-12

## Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, April 3 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 10 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday, April 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday, April 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month

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
Co-Ed Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's home
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbucks Café at Barnes & Noble
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Cracker Barrel Restaurant
	Friday	7:45 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's Restaurant
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:00 pm	Bell Choir Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm	Chancel Choir Sanctuary



## Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15-year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although, with your help, we hope to pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have a number of major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$100,000, that need to be funded in addition to paying off the mortgage, meaning we need to raise \$342,000.

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through February 14<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$42,577 and additional cash donations of \$15,383 for a total of **\$159,186** or about **46.5%** of the way to our **\$342,000 goal**.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and have sufficient funds to perform needed maintenance and make other improvements in the future.

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