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Building Expansion Starting Soon!

There is good news. The estimate for the expansion of the building came in much lower than originally planned. The building committee is finalizing the mortgage and soon we will begin the physical process of increasing space in our Fellowship Hall and adding a more accessible entry to our Sanctuary.

What does it mean to all of us?

1. We will have a mortgage of \$175,600, with building costs of \$220,000. This is \$80,000 below our original estimate. Our monthly payment will be about \$1,344.00 for 15 years. Your help is needed to meet this increase in our budget. If you have not pledged or given to the building fund, please consider what God is calling you to do to support this project. Because of your prior generosity, we had enough funds on hand to reduce the mortgage amount from the full \$220,000 cost of the project to \$175,600. If you would like to give online, please visit our website gspcsg.org and visit the Giving page.
2. Once construction begins, we will no longer be able to access the church from any of the doors to the Fellowship Hall. The church can be accessed by the main door at the east end of the narthex or the west door at the middle of the Sanctuary.
3. Coffee time and other activities have been moved from the Fellowship Hall to the CE Building.
4. Ruth Ann Horvath is our moving coordinator. With her helpers, the Fellowship Hall has been cleared and the contents moved either to the CE Building or into storage. If you have some time and would like to help, please see her for the next workday.
5. While we are in this time of change, we need to remember 'THIS TOO SHALL PASS' and that patience is a gift of the Spirit.
6. Continue to keep those on the front lines of this chance in your prayers and they make decisions and coordinate this project.

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

- Wendy Christensen as she begins her studies at Princeton Theological College
- Jean Baloga and family on Steve's passing
- Ann Hogan
- Dan for comfort in the passing of Smokey
- Those Serving Our Country

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. I encourage our congregation, as part of their prayer life for congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer. Since our Session did not meet in August the following were their July selections:

Rev. Ralph	Isaiah 40:28-31	Wings of Hope
Elder Dave Patten	Romans 12:2-8	Diligence & gifts of the Spirit
Elder Mary Contreras	Psalm 91	Turn to the Lord for safety
Elder Catherine Overkamp	Psalm 73:23-28	Tenacity to hold on and grow
Elder Gay Cunningham	John 11:32-46	Raising Lazarus/waiting
Elder Amy Craig	1 Chronicles 28	God is with you
Elder Don Bachmann	Matthew 17:20	Faith
Elder Wayne Bartlett		This too shall pass

Worship Schedule

- 8:45 – 9:00 am
Service of Morning Prayer in Sanctuary
- 9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education Classes in CE Building
- 10:30 – 11:30 am
Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
(Childcare Provided)
- 11:45 am
Fellowship Time in CE Building

Thanks to our Volunteers

Fellowship

- Sept 2..... Dave & Anne Patten
.....Jim & Ruthann Horvath
- Sept 9.....Joyce Otness
- Sept 16..... Available
- Sept 23.....Mary Starrett
- Sept 30.....Picnic in the Park

Flowers

- Sept 2.....Dave & Anne Patten
- Sept 9.....George & Nancy Linden
- Sept 16..... Donna Baker
- Sept 23.....Jan Dunham
- Sept 30..... Church in the Park

September Birthdays

We would like to include the birthdays of members of our congregation in this space in future newsletters. If you would like yours included so your fellow members can remember you on your special day, email Amy Craig at presch7@msn.com.

September Anniversaries

We would like to include the wedding anniversaries of members of our congregation in this space in future newsletters. If you would like yours included so your fellow members can remember you on your special day, email Amy Craig at presch7@msn.com.

Pastor's Page

"Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work."

Psalms 35:21



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Matthew 9:36-38 ASB

One cannot argue to describe the world and times we are living through as being a time where many are feeling "distressed and dispirited." Yet like the *"Tale of Two Cities"* by Dickens, these are either the "worst of times, and the best of times" depending on one's worldview, or I would add faith view.

To be honest with you I am not generally a listener of Christian Radio, but recently on one of those seemingly never-ending trips by car from Salt Lake City, the only station that had a clear signal, I found myself listening to a sermon from an Evangelical Mega Church in California. I would have to admit it was not only a fine, Biblically sound sermon, but it was Christ filled and "spot on"!

The premise of the sermon was in essence that while the nation had endured the "Great Recession" those churches that embodied Christ in their midst and continued to reach out in mission in Christ name to the world around them, thrived. The preacher summed his message with the words, the more Christ's church blesses, and the more blessings are received. I thought to myself, "This is completely true, for this has been our experience here at Good Shepherd, and continues to be."

Recently we celebrated the start of another church year of activities with "Kick Off Sunday." The year ahead follows a summer of hosting mission teams, training our third class of Stephen Ministers, a theater group with disabilities, plans for construction, Bible studies. Continuing planning and preparation for the upcoming year of building on ministries that reach out to the community around us, and through our mission funding of projects around the world.

And as long as we continue to love one another and the honored guests who visit our church on Sunday mornings we continue to show compassion to the distressed and dispirited in Christ name, offering the healing love of Jesus Christ to one another. We are sheep who have the greatest shepherd of all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The word of our Lord is alive in our midst, "The Harvest is plentiful," and as long as we continue to embody Christ, the Lord of the Harvest, not only shall He provide, but it looks to be in the year ahead as has been the case in the year behind, "the best of times."

In Christ,

Rev. Ralph

****Pastor 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.

Choir Notes

A very special "Thank You" goes to all who provided the special music in our Worship Services this summer. You were all wonderful!

Regular rehearsals for both choirs have begun. The Bell Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m. The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. If anyone is interested in singing in the Chancel Choir, please contact Barbara McConnell at 656-1951.

We have a great year planned. Looking forward to seeing you at rehearsals.

*Barbara McConnell
Music Director*

Fellowship

PICNIC IN THE PARK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

To be held in conjunction following Worship in the Park with both the Cedar City and the Mesquite Presbyterian Churches.

The park is located on 2450 East and is known as the "Park on 2450."

Roasted chicken will be served for the entrée plus side dishes donated by all three congregations.

A signup sheet is located outside the Church Secretary's Office in the CE Building

- Nov. 18 – Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- Dec. 13 – Christmas Dinner. (Santa will be with us again.)

Please mark your calendars so you will not miss any of these special events.

Thank you for your past generosity. Without your participation, our events would not be the success that they have always been.

Fellowship Committee

Mission

Presbyterian World Mission & Mission Co-Workers

In 2012 we celebrate 175 years of Presbyterian World Mission! Today, nearly 200 mission co-workers in 50 countries are engaged in vital missions of sharing faith and working to fight poverty and violence.

Our friend from the Rocky Mountain Synod, Derek Forbes, has left service in Zimbabwe as a mission co-worker. This is a time of change and transition for Derek, the Zimbabwe Presbytery and our local Mission/Outreach program in St. George.

We will continue to collect spare change funds but now it will go to help support all of the co-workers in the mission field. Our financial support will go wherever help is needed the most. Please help our mission co-workers through your prayers and financial support. It is easy to make the change you wish to see in the world - just save your spare change!

Gloria Reynolds

Presbyterian Women News

Welcome back from the summer. Your PW are looking forward to our luncheon on November 3. Come see Patrick Curtis (aka The Cross Draw Kid) and hear his tales of life in Hollywood. We will be having our rummage sale sometime this fall, probably in November. The exact date will have to be cleared with the construction schedule. Please continue to bring rummage on the first Sunday of the month. We will keep you posted when we know the date of the sale.

FALL GATHERING

All women are invited to the PW in Utah Fall Gathering, Sept 21-22 in Cedar City. It will be a celebration of the PW Church Wide Gathering that was held in Orlando last July. There will be workshops, singing and general fun. We can carpool for the short drive. There will also be arrangements to stay overnight on Friday with members of the Community Presbyterian Church. The Gathering will be from 5 to 9 pm on Friday night and from 7:45 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday. The registration deadline is September 17.

Contact Linda Stetzenbach at 702-497-4865 or linda.stetzenbach@unlv.edu. The registration fee is \$12 and includes Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. You may attend either or both sessions. Contact me at 435-673-0442 if you would like to come.

I hope to see you there.

*Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Jentzer
Co-moderator*

Parish Nursing Ministry

Brown Bag Lunch September 19 12:00pm

Chief of Police for Ivins and Santa Clara, Bob Flowers, will be speaking to us on "How to know when it is time to stop driving and how to help a loved one to stop driving." All are welcome. Bring your lunch. Parish Nursing provides a drink and dessert.

Anne Patten & Mitzi Rak

Prayers

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 cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh

Stephen Ministry

Upcoming Events

Saturday Sept 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Retreat at New Promise Lutheran Church.
Sunday October 7th, during worship, new Stephen Minister Commissioning.

Anne Patten

Stewardship

A Stewardship Minute

"Money is deeply and significantly symbolic. It is not just a silver coin or a piece of engraved paper; it represents our time and our talents as well. It is symbolic because when we give of our money, we are giving of ourselves. And the contrary is also true; when we withhold our money, we are withholding of ourselves."

Real stewardship means more than giving money for God's work on earth. It involves offering all that we are and all that we have to serve our Creator who is the Giver of all in the first place: body, mind, spirit, talent, and energy. Stewardship is fulfilling God's plan for us as we live, serve, and give our all for the one who made us and keeps us here on earth.

There is a story about a man who understood the requirements of being a faithful steward. Another man observed his seemingly tireless work on behalf of his church and the community asked the man why he did so much to serve God and needy people in the town where he lived. The worthy steward replied by saying that he believed God was Lord and King over all the earth. He believed it was a privilege to serve as a servant and use his life to work on behalf of the kingdom of God. He might also have said that we Christians often pray for God's Kingdom to come and for God's

will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. If that is so, why shouldn't we try to help make the prayer come true by being worthy servants of the Lord here and now?

Prayer: Lord of us all, make us restless until we find rest by loving and serving you. Help us to remember daily that Jesus lived on earth as one who served. Guide us so that we may do the same. In his name. **Amen**

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Peacemaking Offering

Every time our congregation celebrates, the Lord's Supper there is the opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. As we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide, it is a time to be mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

As Presbyterians, we recognize that Christ taught us to be peacemakers and that being peacemakers is part of being Christ's followers. The Peacemaking Offering encourages all parts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent will go to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (formerly the General Assembly Mission Council) for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 7 as our church commits to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Please come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering. You may give to this offering by placing your donation in the offering plate on Sunday, on line at gspcsg.org, and by phone by texting PEACE TO 20222



Church Opportunities

Advent Trip to Israel 2013

New Promise Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church are planning a joint trip to Israel during Advent of 2013, Dec. 2- Dec. 10, 2013. Two informational meetings are planned: October 25, 2012, at 4:00 pm in the CE building of Good Shepherd Presbyterian and October 28, 2012, at 6:00 pm, at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church. This should prove to be an excellent experience and opportunity to visit the land of our Savior's birth, life, death, and resurrection during the time of year His birth is being celebrated. Any questions? Interested? Plan to attend one of these meetings or call the church office. Friends and Family are welcome to attend. An information sheet is available in the narthex.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

1st Sunday of Month

Dixie Care & Share - contributions of money & food.
 PW rummage sale items collection
 PW coffee can collection – any size is OK.

Shawl Ministry

Monday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Exercise with Rev. Ralph

Tuesday 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
 Thursday 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Woman's Bible Studies

Tuesday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon The Egg & I
 Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon Paradise Bakery @Promenade Mall

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

Choir Practices

Tuesday 3:45 pm Bell Choir
 Thursday 3:45 pm Chancel Choir

Congregation News

Alice Kremkau is doing well and is hoping to return home to St George the first part of September.

Mark your calendars for Sunday September 30. We will have our annual Worship and Picnic in the Park. Come and met our fellow Presbyterians from Cedar City and Mesquite who will be joining us in worship and fellowship

Warning

With fall comes back to school time and also a time for all of us to renew our commitment to being aware of personal safety and the safety of others around us. A church member shared a story with me that reminded me that St. George may not be a big city, things do happen here and we need to be vigilante in our care for our neighbors and our families.

Her neighbor's son was feeling ill at school. He had gone to the office and asked to go home. The office staff called his mother, who was coming right to the school to pick him up. The staff told the little boy to get his backpack. Instead of going back to the office, he went out front to wait for his mother. A car pulled and the driver asked him if he needed a ride. Don't remember this story on the TV news or in the newspaper?

Fortunately, this story had a good ending. The boy asked the driver for the "password." Of course, the stranger did not know it and the boy refused to get in the car. Several weeks before school, his mother had given her children a family password. They were absolutely not to go anywhere with anyone who did not know the password.

This situation is a good warning for all of us to be aware and remind our families, especially those with children, to practice safety and awareness.

Welcome to our New Members

Mary Starrett
Ron & Sherri Ard

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Dixie Care & Share PW Rummage / Coffee Can Collection 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	3 Labor Day 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:30 Fun Night pm Dinner & Movie	4 9:00 Staff Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	5 9:00 Stephen Ministry am Training 9:30 PW Bible Study am	6 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's 10:00 Stephen Ministry am Group Meeting	8
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30 Worship In The Park with Mesquite & Cedar City @2450 E Park 10:00 Worship In The Park am Picnic In The Park 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home						

Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, September 2 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday, September 9 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalms 125	James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sunday, September 16 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalms 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, September 23 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalms 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sunday, September 30 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalms 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, October 7 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalms 26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Sunday, October 14 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalms 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Sunday, October 21 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 28 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 42:1-6 Psalms 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

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Church Leadership 2012

Elders:

Class of 2013	Dave Patten	773-4307	Clerk of Session
	Bob McGrath	656-3888	Fellowship
	Don Bachman	974-5054	Facilities
Class of 2014	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Wayne Bartlett	673-6657	Grounds
	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed
Class of 2015	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Gay Cunningham	652-3652	Growth

Deacons:

Moderator	Judy Stringham
Class of 2013	Nancy Gearhart, Paul Phipps, Ann Hogan, Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell
Class of 2014	Ron Smith, Molly Bass, Doris Thomas, Chris Schleiter
Class of 2015	Melissa Contreras, Jackie Stuart, Judy Stringham, Tineke Ingold

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