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Good Shepherd Celebrates Pentecost, Memorial Day

It's not often in the church year that we have the opportunity to observe two important days on the same Sunday. May 24th was one of those special days. We celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church and Memorial Day, honoring those who died in service to our nation.

Pentecost is from the Greek word 'Pentekostos', which means 'fifty'. It's the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week and in Judaism is called the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:16). Traditionally the Church celebrated it as Whitsun – 'White Sunday'. It's believed that this is because it was a day for baptisms and those being baptized would wear white. Another explanation is that it derives from the Anglo-Saxon word 'wit', which we still use for verbal cleverness but which meant 'understanding' – Pentecost was when God poured out the wisdom of the Spirit.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

To honor the birthday of the church, members of the congregation were encouraged to wear red (and most did). Of course, Bob McGrath's hat brought a smile to everyone's face and a comment from Elder Dick Higgins who was filling in for Rev. Ralph, even though it didn't fit the color scheme.

Ron Smith introduced Marti Bigbie, Commander of American Legion Post 90 in St. George, and commented that they had placed a flag and said a few words in the Rose Garden before the service. He asked everyone to think about the sacrifices made by those who have died for our country.

The service began with the Pledge of Allegiance and ended with the Star Spangled Banner – a fitting tribute to our great nation.

Dick Higgins spoke about Numbers and the story of Moses and the Elders of the early church. His main point was that we should "be careful what we wish for" and to take stock of what we have before we ask for more, bringing our desires into alignment with God's will. He urged everyone to be like Moses and be open to God's leading and allow ourselves to be used by God to help build up His kingdom – and that is what Pentecost is all about.

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

Vern Rice Carolyn Jentzer
The Locasio Family

Wendy Christianson as she returns home to continue her studies for the ministry
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

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

Deadline for July Newsletter

June 23, 2015

Worship Schedule

9:00 – 9:15 am
Service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

9:15 – 10:00 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. I encourage 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 May were:

Rev. Ralph	Colossians 3:12-17	Whatever you do
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	John 15:5-9	Vine and branches
Elder Amy Craig	Matthew 6:21	Heart and Treasure
Elder Chris Schleter	Psalms 96:3-4	God's Glory
Elder Anne Patten	Colossians 3:1-4	Seeking Christ
Elder Scott Florence	1 John 4:21	Living God
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	2 Corinthians 4:11	Rejoice and live
Elder Judy Oar	1 John 4:11-12	God's love in us
Elder Gay Cunningham	1 Peter 1:3-9	Living Hope

Thanks to our Volunteers

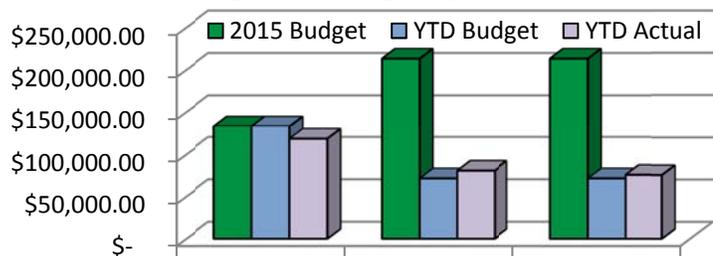
	Flowers	Fellowship
June		
June 7	Ruth & John Combes	Potluck Sunday
June 14	Shirley Taylor	<i>Available</i>
June 21	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
June 28	Ann Hogan	<i>Available</i>
July		
July 5	Shirley Taylor	Potluck Sunday
July 12	Chris Schleter	<i>Available</i>
July 19	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
July 26	Bob & Dorothy McGrath	<i>Available</i>

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspscsq.org

Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
As of April 30, 2015	
April	
Receipts	\$ 15,009.95
Expenditures	\$ 17,962.90
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 71,144.23
Actual Receipts	\$ 80,257.61
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 71,144.23
Actual Expenditures	\$ 75,331.21
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 70,686.90
Loan Balance	\$ 162,649.07
Net Building Fund	\$ (91,962.17)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 7,692.54
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,745.42
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 23,485.97

2015 Budget Through April 30, 2015



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2015 Budget	\$133,382.00	\$213,433.00	\$213,433.00
YTD Budget	\$133,382.00	\$71,144.33	\$71,144.33
YTD Actual	\$118,074.00	\$80,257.61	\$75,331.21

Pastor's Page

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." ¹² And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Acts 2:1-12 (NASB)

⁸Как же мы слышим каждый собственное наречие, в котором родились. ⁹Парфяне, и Мидяне, и Еламиты, и жители Месопотамии, Иудеи и Каппадокии, Понта и Асии, ¹⁰Фригии и Памфилии, Египта и частей Ливии, прилежащих к Киринее, и пришедшие из Рима, Иудеи и прозелиты, ¹¹критяне и аравитяне, слышим их нашими языками говорящих о великих [делах] Божиих?

Acts 2:8-11 Courtesy RussianBible.net

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



The account of Pentecost as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is striking and powerful. For the first time the Good News of the Gospel is proclaimed in all the known languages of that time and the body of Christ becomes a living witness to the world and all nations and languages, including English and Russian.

The Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptist Church of Russia, of which our sister church in Dorogobuzh is a member, is the Russia's second largest denomination, after the Russian Orthodox Church. The church, early in its existence, adopted a covenant that was very Calvinist in form, making it theologically resemble more the PC (USA) than the Baptists of our own nation. The UECBR since its inception has adopted one aim, to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

In 2010 this denomination claimed 76,000 adherents; currently it is approaching one million.

On July 14 Elder and Mission Committee Moderator Chris Schleiter and I will depart for our visit with our brothers and sisters in Dorogobuzh. I am looking forward to hearing the Good News preached by Pastor Sergei and sung by his congregation in Russian. I am praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit so that I, like those first apostles and disciples may hear the mighty acts of God in Jesus Christ, and be amazed.

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

The Sunday preceding our departure a commissioning of Chris and me as missionaries to Derogobuzh will take place during our morning worship with the chair of the Presbytery of Utah's Committee on Ministry, Dave Patten, and our Interim Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Jeff Silliman participating on behalf of the Presbytery.

If you would like to make a contribution to help defray the cost of this trip you may do so by sending your checks to the office or placing in the offering plate made out to Good Shepherd with Russian Mission in the notation.

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

PARENT MATH

A neighbor of mine lost a brother, one of nine children, and their mother was overcome with grief. Her feelings are easily understood with what Bob Benson (Come Share the Being) called parent math.

Two children or five children or three children or nine children minus one do not equal plenty. Every single child is of infinite value to her Mom and Dad.

So you may think we live in a vast universe where there are zillions of people and that God has lots of everybody and you really are insignificant. Except, our Lord only has one of you.

With parent math, even for God, a zillion children minus one, you, is not enough. God loves you personally, deeply, and irrevocably.

No matter what has happened or is happening in your life, no matter how wonderful, difficult or inappropriate, look up to the Lord who loves you and find a new heart and a new start.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28* - Jesus Christ.

BE OPEN

I visited a place this week that many years ago was, as Charlie Brown would put it, "A lot of old stomach aches." It was an ordinary place where I'd had many conversations, some pleasant yet others difficult.

To my surprise it's beautiful today. It's a pleasure to be there. The conversations were full of warmth, laughter, and expectation.

It brings to mind the simple text in Isaiah, "Do not remember the former things" Isaiah 43:18.*

How easy it is to have a fixed picture of how a place is – or how a person is – based on some past experience and yet along the way there has been a transformation.

So be open to what possibilities our Lord may bring into your own life – and into the lives of others!

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19.

Joy to you

Fellowship

We are so *thankful* that Presbyterian Women has purchased a new freezer for the kitchen. I was just getting ready to defrost the old one. Now, I can wait for the new one. If you have anything in the freezer you would like to save, put a label on it; otherwise, everything will go.

Please, don't forget to sign up to bring treats for coffee hour. If you provide the goodies, someone from Fellowship will always be there to help you serve and clean up.

Save December 5 for our Christmas Party. It will be held in Conklin Hall.

Have a wonderful summer!

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

Thanks to everyone who continues to contribute each month to Dixie Care & Share and every second month to the Community Soup Kitchen with Grace. I continue to thank our Lord for the generosity and spirit of our congregation. Jim Roberts of the Soup Kitchen has been overwhelmed by the response to our Soup Kitchen Supply Sundays. Our next one is June 21st so start saving up supplies to help the Soup Kitchen feed the hungry in our community.

Bike and Build will be back in St. George from July 8th to 10th. They will be working on a couple of Habitat for Humanity projects in our local area. As in past years, we will have a potluck dinner on Thursday, July 9, where everyone will have the opportunity to meet and greet these outstanding young people!

Rev. Ralph and I, after spending part of July in Dorogobuzh with Pastor Sergei and his congregation will be attending the annual Russian Mission Network conference in Lake Tahoe from September 23-25. The attendees will be others who have sister congregations in Russia and the program features both domestic and Russian speakers, including Al and Ellen Smith, our liaisons with our Russian brothers and sisters. We are looking forward to learning more from others who have partnerships and sharing stories about our experiences.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Senior Ministries

On Wednesday, May 20th, our final Soup & Bread Fellowship of the season was given by our own retired BLM District Manager for the Arizona Strip District, Scott Florence. He worked for the BLM for 38 years in 5 states as well as at headquarters in Washington, D.C. His job of managing herds of wild horses and burros was not an easy one.

In 1971, Congress voted (believe it or not) unanimously in favor of the Free Roaming of the Wild Horses and Burros Act. At that time, there were 25,000 wild horses. Here are some facts as they relate to the horses:

- There are more than 49,000 horses which exceeds by more than 22,500 the appropriate management level to be in harmony with the land.
- Wild horses live 20 to 30 years and double their population every 4 years.
- They have no predators.
- Half of the wild horse herds are in Nevada. Utah, Wyoming and Idaho have a share.
- Some horses are being held in corrals and other holding facilities but these are at maximum capacity today.
- The cost of feeding and housing, paid by the government, aka us, \$46,000,000.
- The rate of adoption has dropped from 7,500 to 2,500 per year.
- Stringent rules exist in order to get a permit to adopt.
- Ranchers currently have a lawsuit asking that wild horses be removed from state land.
- BLM is doing all they can to try to control the herds reproduction rate; however, the needs are costly and have almost impossible time constraints with some control methods such as spaying and neutering.

Scott has a strategy that more removals and more sterilizations systematically done over a period of years may begin to show a reduction in size of herds.

This is a short list from Scott's lecture. He suggested a web site if you want more information: wildhorses@blm.gov. Or catch Scott at church. Thank you, Scott, for your most informative and up to date facts on this difficult situation.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on May 12, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Received report on church records review from the Presbytery.
- Approved combining the Thelma Fund and the Joe and Willie Luke Fund (\$1,118.15 + \$7,930.02 = \$9,048.17) and to redistribute 10% or \$904.82 to the Russian Mission Fund and 90% or \$8,143.35 to the Building Fund.
- Session Clerk to send thank you letter to George Linden for a Poinsettia Tree and all the beautiful woodwork pieces he has contributed to the church throughout the years.
- Approved accepting the Presbyterian Women's donation of \$1,000 for a new freezer and \$3,000 for installation of a handicap door button for the west side of the narthex.
- Approved moving \$700 from contingency to Churchwide Mission to fund Rev. Ralph's and Chris Schleiter's attendance at this year's Russia Mission Network Conference.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Thank you to all of you who supported the special Pentecost offering for children and youth. A portion of the offering will remain in our local community to help children here have better and safer lives.

COMING SOON TO A MAIL BOX NEAR YOU! Yes, this June you will receive a mailer with information about our second building fund drive. Please be in prayer about your pledge for this next three year campaign. I know we are all very thankful for the changes the Fellowship Hall expansion has brought to our fellowship activities: a larger and more serviceable kitchen, a large serving area and lots of seating and still space to get around. By supporting the building fund, it is our way of expressing our gratitude for the opportunities our buildings give us for fellowship, education, special activities, and the ability to able to share with others in the community that need a meeting place.

God Owns ... We Manage

In our capitalistic system, we are allowed to own private property. We become owners through deeds, certificates, and other legal instruments. Ownership is part of the American dream. Most people would rather own than rent.

As the legal owners of so many things, it is sometimes difficult for us to acknowledge that God is the real and ultimate owner of everything. He is the owner; we are the managers or caretakers of God's property. King David wrote, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). God is the landlord. We are the tenants. We possess, we occupy, we use, we manage—but we don't own.

Scripture tells us, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). Out of nothing, God created life. The world and all who live in it are gifts from God. To sustain our lives, he gives us the ability to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). He gives us strength, wisdom, knowledge to use in this life and then eternal life with him in Heaven.

In Genesis 1:26, God puts us in charge of his kingdom.

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"

God has made us his stewards responsible for all the gifts he has entrusted to us. As wise managers, we understand that we will be held accountable for how we manage God's possessions. If we manage what we been given wisely and responsibly, we will one day hear God say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:23).

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Amy Craig

Worship and Music

Weekly practice for both choirs, bells and chancel, is over until September. When you see members of these two wonderful groups, please thank them for all the beautiful music they have sung and rung to God's glory and for the enhancement of your worship service. They work hard and practice hard during the year. And please also thank our wonderful Music Director Barbara McConnell for all her planning (and patience!!)—the choirs are not always as quick to settle down to work as she would like!! Despite the choirs' absence this summer, Barbara assures us that we will have special music every Sunday until the choirs return in September. So, prepare to enjoy yourselves.

Although the year is only half over, please mark Saturday, December 12 on your calendars. That's when our choirs and other musicians will have their annual concert at the Tabernacle. This is always held at 7 p.m. and lasts for one hour. Come a few minutes early to get the best seats.

George Linden had made a red-painted poinsettia tree for the church. It will hold approximately 45 artificial plants and will be placed under the cross in the chancel when we decorate the church for the Christmas season. Be sure to look for this around Thanksgiving, and then thank George for his lovely workmanship.

Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	2 9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:30 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	3 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting 2:00 Deacon Meeting pm	4 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	5 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	6
7 Dixie Care & Share 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Growth Committee am Meeting 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	8 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 5:15 Session Meeting pm	10 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe 6:30 Safe Harbor Support pm Group	11 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	12 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	13 9:00 Stephen Ministry am Retreat – Conklin Hall to 1:00 pm
14 Flag Day 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 11:45 Worship Committee am Meeting 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	15 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	16 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	17 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe	18 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	19 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	20
21 Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	22 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	23 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	24 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe	25 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	26 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	27
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TIME CHANGE: Adult Education on Sunday begins meeting at 9:00 am starting June 7th.

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsq.org for the latest information.

Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15) Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	Mark 3:20–35
Sunday, June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17	Mark 4:26–34
Sunday, June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 17:(1a,4–11,19–23) 32–49 Psalm 9:9–20 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5,10–16 Psalm 133	2 Corinthians 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41
Sunday, June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 1:1,17–27 Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7–15	Mark 5:21–43

Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 5:1–5,9–10 Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2–10	Mark 6:1–13
Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 6:1–5,12b–19 Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
Sunday, July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 7:1–14a Psalm 89:20–37	Ephesians 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–34,53–56
Sunday, July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:1–15 Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14–21	John 6:1–21

Deacons

Just a reminder that we have a shed full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow any items from the shed, please contact Janice Klein (628-1158) or Rev. Harold Wylie (669-4233) and they'll make arrangements to get you what you need.

Please remember that should you need anything, your Deacons will be glad to help you. That's what we're here for!

Tineke Ingold, Moderator

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

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of GSPC were very busy in May. They purchased a new, frost free, Energy Star freezer for the kitchen. Fellowship is thrilled not to ever have to defrost the freezer again! They also donated the funds for a Handicapped Button for the west door of the narthex, a cost of \$3,000. The project will be finished shortly.

PW will be donating the balance of their funds to The Erin Kimball Foundation to be used helping victims of domestic violence, both women and children, to rebuild their lives.

Thanks to all of you who have donated items for our rummage sales and all of you who have worked so hard to make the sales so successful. We have decided not to hold any more rummage sales in the future.

Again, thank you all for your support over the years.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1st Sunday of each Month

Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 3rd Sunday of February, May, June, August, October and December

Safe Harbor Support Group – 2nd Wednesday of each Month – 6:30 pm in the CE Building

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 we hope to continue our tradition of paying off our mortgages early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also need to replenish the \$45,000 that was in the fund when we began the project meaning we need to raise almost \$287,000.

Through May 24th, we have received pledges totaling \$69,881 and cash donations of \$31,973 for a total of \$101,854 or about 35.5% of the way to the \$287,000 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 free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.

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Church Leadership 2015

Elders

Class of 2015	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
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	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2016	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Scott Florence	688-2624	Grounds
	Fred Hampton	627-0017	Christian Ed
Class of 2017	Gay Cunningham	652-3654	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
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Deacons

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