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Lenten and Easter Activities Continue

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter continues in April as we anticipate our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

As he did last year, Rev. Ralph is leading a Bible Study on Monday evenings during Lent. The series will be held every Monday through April 15th. The topic this year is Lent based on Handel's Messiah.

On April 14th, 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, April 18th, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. The lighting of oil lamps adds to the significance of this service.

The following day, Good Friday, will kick off at 10:00 am with the annual Procession of the Cross and close with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at New Promise Lutheran Church.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 21st, in order to prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We hope you are able to attend as many of these events as your schedule permits.

CE Building Repairs, Office Remodeling Complete

After several months of work, the final repairs to the CE Building resulting from last October's water leak and the remodeling of Rev. Ralph's office and the church office are finally complete.

As you know sometime on the afternoon of October 14th, the Sunday of Fall Festival, the water line to the sink in the large room of the CE Building failed causing a flood and water damage throughout the back two-thirds of the building. With the help of ServPro, the damage was repaired and was mostly paid for by our insurance.

The repairs involved replacing damaged sheet rock at the bottom of the walls, painting the entire interior of the building (except for the offices) and replacing the carpet with luxury vinyl tile in the main areas and new carpet in the classroom and nursery. We had planned to paint the building and replace the flooring in 2019 or 2020, anyway, so the flood accelerated the process and, because of the insurance payment, saved us nearly \$15,000.

In addition, the church office was painted last summer and we had planned to renovate and upgrade Rev. Ralph's office and replace the flooring in both of those spaces last fall before the flood hit. That work has also been completed and the offices not only look fantastic but will be more functional for Rev. Ralph and our secretaries.

If you haven't seen the results of this work, please stop by the CE Building and take a look. We think you will be impressed.

Thanks to the Building Committee and all those who participated in these upgrades!

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

Norm Ramquist	Wendy Christianson
Roger Kitzman	Shirley Craig
Joe Borden	Peter Safreno
Dottie Malcomson	Clinton Shonkweiler
Harold Wylie	Althea Haworth
Vickie Rudd	Jim Crowe
Doris Thomas	John Abbott

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 LaVerna Metzger

May Newsletter Deadline

April 23, 2019

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 March were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 10:8-13	If you believe
Elder LaVerna Metzger	Colossians 3:12-13	Forgiveness
Elder Scott Florence	Psalms 19:1	God's Glory
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalms 121:7-8	Forever More
Elder Susan Holecheck	John 10:1-10	Abundant Life
Elder Judy Oar	Psalms 139:17-18	With You
Elder Mary Contreras	1 John 4:20	Love God
Elder Carolynn Thomas	Philippians 2:3-4	Looking to Others
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	1 Peter 5:1-4	Examples to the Flock
Elder Eric Westlake	Psalms 18:1-2	My Salvation
Elder Jan Hirschi	Psalms 143:8	My Trust

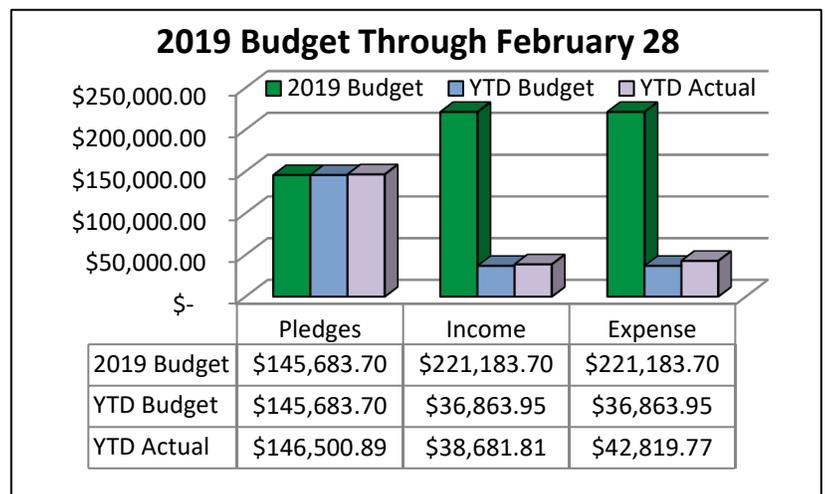
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Nursery
April		
April 7	Ed & Cheryl Mansfield	Jennifer P
April 14	Donna Baker	Donna Beasley
April 21	Ed & Cheryl Mansfield	Cindy Clingan
April 28	Charlotte Phipps	Kim Rice
May		
May 5	Shirley Taylor	Jennifer P
May 12	Tom & Vici Noble	Donna Beasley
May 19	Tom & Vici Noble	Cindy Clingan
May 26	Worship in the Park	No Nursery – Worship In the Park

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of February 28, 2019		
Month of February		
Receipts	\$	15,777.18
Expenditures	\$	14,946.47
2019 YTD Budget vs Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	36,863.95
Actual Receipts	\$	38,681.81
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	36,863.95
Actual Expenditures	\$	42,819.77
Building Fund		
Building Fund Cash	\$	55,000.89
Loan Balance	\$	(8,853.82)
Net Building Fund	\$	46,147.07
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	29,581.13
Memorial Fund	\$	2,473.77
Reserve Fund	\$	110,928.31
Russia Mission Fund	\$	7,496.88



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you." And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

Matthew 28:5-8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)



The season of Lent is not about us. But, it is about the journey Christ took to the cross and for whom. It is a time for us to journey with him in these forty days and again remember his words from Mark that in order to gain the new life He offers us, we must let go of our old lives; and as Mark puts it, "to gain our souls". This calls us to refocus and re-examine what it means to live lives that reflect the living Christ within our hearts and with our hands.

As part of my spiritual discipline for this year's season of Lent, I have revisited one of my favorite devotionals, "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers. As Chambers writes "Paul says---'I have been crucified with Christ'; he does not say---'I have determined to imitate Jesus Christ,' or 'I will endeavor to follow Him'---but---'I have been identified with Him in His death.' When I come to such a moral decision and act upon it, then all that Christ wrought for me on the Cross is wrought within me. The free committal of myself to God gives the Holy Spirit the chance to impart to me the holiness of Jesus Christ."

This time of year I am always reminded of the tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church, that includes the Russian Orthodox, that a part of the liturgy on Easter Sunday is that when the priest announces that "Christ is Risen" the congregation responds with laughter. That with the Resurrection death has become powerless, the victory won, death now is laughed at, and death has become the fool.

We are called to respond with lives of faith rooted in this Holy laughter. Again from Chambers, "This faith is not Paul's faith in Jesus Christ, but the faith that the Son of God has imparted to him---'the faith of the Son of God.' It is no longer faith in faith, but faith which has overleapt all conscious bounds, the identical faith of the Son of God."

Life as God's resurrected people, or perhaps better said as our Lord's people of the Resurrection.

A very happy and blessed Resurrection Sunday to you all.

*He Is Risen Indeed!
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.

News from the Russia Mission

With summer approaching, it's time to begin planning for our annual trip to Dorogobuzh. Pending Session approval on April 7th, Rev. Ralph and Scott Florence will be visiting Pastor Sergei, his family and congregation for their annual Bible camp. They plan to leave July 31st and return on August 10th.

In addition, the Russia Mission Network Conference will be held in Smolensk this year. Again, pending Session approval, Chris Schleter will represent us at the Conference which will be held from September 20-22.

If anyone is interested in helping to fund these trips, all contributions will be appreciated.

Our Russian sisters and brothers will celebrate Easter on April 28th, the week after we celebrate our Risen Lord. We will have a card in Conklin Hall through April 21st for everyone to sign.

Five County Association of Governments to Hold Program on Management of Chronic Pain

Five County Association of Governments is once again bringing a free health educational program to Good Shepherd. We did enjoy immensely the recent "Stepping On" series done at our church, and we look forward to this next offering: "Pain Management".

"Pain Management" is a weekly two hour class held once a week for six weeks. It is open to the public, including us and will be held on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm from April 18th through May 23rd in our CE Building.

Pain is common and is the number one cause of disability in the United States.

If you suffer with pain, we hope you will take advantage of these classes. If you are dealing with a loved one who suffers, these classes could help you.

Please contact Pebble Mowery here at church,, or call her at 435-673-9185, or call Jaime Vanderlaan at Five County 435-673-3548 (leave a message with your phone number).

Buildings

It's been another very busy month for your building committee. Tasks completed include:

- Completion of the energy-saving contracts including additional attic insulation and ventilation.
- New "smart" thermostats to heat/cool buildings by occupancy.
- Remodel of pastor's office.
- New carpeting in the two CE building offices.
- Conklin Hall carpet cleaning.
- Balancing of CE building vents.

Regarding the smart thermostats, we're slowly growing into them. Programming the system is still a work in progress, so please feel free to offer any feedback.

Heat will be set to 72 degrees and cooling we believe to 78 - we'll have to see how the new insulation and venting makes the rooms feel during the hot season.

When occupied, the fans will always run to keep the air mixed. If you hear a fan running, it does not mean the system is heating or cooling.

All of the rooms will be equipped with motion sensors to activate the heating/cooling based on occupancy.

The thermostats will be locked. Your presence in the room will keep the system going and when you leave, it will shut down to 'Away' mode.

I am using the church calendar to set up times so the room is comfortable when you arrive. But, even if I miss a time slot, simply walking by the thermostat sensor will trigger the system. If you have a special event scheduled, it never hurts to let me know.

*Blessings,
Eric Westland, Building Elder*

Deacons

The Deacons met for their quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 3rd.

One of our goals is to be more visible to our Parishes. We will be sharing information about our Deacons each month by way of the newsletter. As each of us serve as Deacon of the Month, and we will be introduced to you in church.

Three of our Deacons have served you so far this year: Jeff Clingan in January, Tineke Ingold in February and Vicky Westland in March. Virginia Hunt will be the April Deacon of the Month.

Our Deacon Shed is full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120), and 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

Easter is coming; and with it, our annual Easter Brunch on April 21st after our Easter Service. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert. Sign-up sheets will be in Conklin Hall in order to let us know what you're bringing.

Our annual Worship in the Park will be held on May 26th at 2450 East Park, just south of the Church. Mark your calendars, and plan to join us for this special worship event.

Enjoy the wonderful Spring weather, and get out and enjoy the beauty God has given us!

*Blessings
Gloria McGilloway*

Mission/Outreach

The **Lenten Food Drive** continues through Sunday, April 14th, and we are all encouraged to participate in donating food and funds. Our good friends at the Soup Kitchen are counting on us to provide many cans of food for all the hungry folks in St George. Those who receive a hot meal at the Kitchen are so very grateful for your generosity. Please consider bringing a case or a few cans of food or kitchen supplies with you to church during the next two Sundays. If you cannot bring food items, please donate a few dollars in the donation box placed in the Narthex.

Christmas in April?? Why are we talking about Operation Christmas Child so early in the year? Our Mission Committee is expanding the ways in which you can participate in this worthwhile event. Not only can you fill those red and green boxes with goodies for needy children in your own home. But, now you can also participate in a fun "fill the boxes" work day here in Conklin Hall.

Some folks just love to shop for a bargain and stretch a dollar as far as it will go. Some of us cannot get out and buy those items that fill the Christmas Child boxes. Combining those two thoughts, we are asking for cash donations towards the items that are placed in the boxes. With those donations the "Good Shepherd Presbyterian Shoppers" will keep an eye out for sales and bargains, buy shoe box items throughout the next six months, and bring all those goodies to a work day in October to fill as many boxes as possible.

Want to be a "Presbyterian Shopper"? LetCarolynn Thomas know that you would love to use donations to shop for bargains and stretch those dollars so that needy children throughout the world can receive a filled shoebox as their Christmas gift.

*Blessings
Carolynn Thomas*

Parish Nursing

Brown Bag Luncheon: On Wednesday, April 10th, we look forward to hearing our speaker, Jason Whipple, from the Washington County Department of Emergency Services. Jason will inform us about what we, as residents of this beautiful area of Utah, can do to better cope with any of the potential five natural or manmade disasters by learning: EMERGENCY PRPAREDNESS – 101. Please invite friends to come and listen to this important and possibly life-saving presentation. Bring your sandwich and we'll see you at noon on the 10th in Conklin Hall.

Parish Nursing, continued

February Brown Bag Luncheon: Our speaker was Zach Forsyth, PharmD from Hurricane Family Pharmacy. Not only was he engaging; but, he also informed us about prescription drugs and supplements and their possible interactions, how the science of genomics impacts even the prescribing of medications, and about the evolving role of the neighborhood pharmacy. He distributed a handout, which lists both common over-the-counter (OTC) meds and brand or generic drugs, cites issues related to their possible interactions and gives recommendations for avoiding problems. He added informative advice regarding a few of the more common OTC meds on the list.

Benadryl (diphenhydramine), an antihistamine, is often used as a sleep aide. New findings suggest that long-term use for sleep may be linked to Alzheimer's progression, especially in those with family history, because of the drying effect it has on brain cells. Use of non-drowsy antihistamines, such as Claritin, Zyrtec, and Allegra seems to be fairly safe.

Melatonin in pill form is synthetically formulated in a lab to simulate the body's hormone, melatonin, and is used to promote sleep. It is deemed to be safe for use long-term to supplement the aging body's dwindling production. Zach suggested a beginning dose of 1mg and increasing to 3mg if sleep is improved by its use. Meditation can help as well.

The handout listed certain OTC meds and supplements such as fish oil, which should NOT be taken by those who take anti-coagulants because they may increase the risk of bleeding.

(Copies of the handout are available on the Parish Nursing bulletin board.)

Genetic testing is being performed to determine whether one's body is able to metabolize and utilize certain medications as intended, which precludes long-term administration without hope of ever achieving the intended result.

Zach discussed the changing role of pharmacies in that many now provide home visits to advise and customize medication use and promote patient education resulting in increased compliance. Prescriptions can be filled by medications being sealed into individual packs, which clearly designate the day and time they are to be taken. Compounding pharmacies are able to formulate medications to meet the needs of the individual. The field of Clinical Pharmacy is becoming more important as larger physician offices employ a staff pharmacist. Without doubt, the local pharmacist has become a major player in delivery of our health care and can be a valuable resource in helping you maintain your best health practices.

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 me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

Deborah Stone

Senior Ministries

SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP: Since Mike Milford's report has not been presented at the time of this writing, his recap will appear next month. On Wednesday, April 17th at Noon in Conklin Hall, we will be hearing from another new member, Cort Goudie, who will tell us about his life with Disney Studios in California where he worked for many years. I am sure his story will be fascinating. Nancy may have to work and may not be present because of her work schedule with hospice nursing, but we will hear their story from Cort. Don't forget lunch is provided by this ministry.

CARD PARTY: Our monthly card party will be Wednesday, April 17th, at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall, right after Soup and Fellowship. As always, anyone is invited to stay and play. Lots of laughs and cogitation is always present, more or less. But, that is why we play.

FLICK FLOCK: So far we have determined that Sundays after fellowship, usually about 2 pm., Pine View Theatre is a good place for a movie. Also, we have scheduled Tuesday afternoons at the Main Street Theatre if a good flick is showing (whatever good means). Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. Find us after worship on Sunday. So far, it is a fairly loose event.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on March 10th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Installed Jan Hirschi as the new Growth Elder
- Approved the minutes of the February meeting.
- Discussed the health of the church: As Growth Elder, Jan discussed ways to get to know the new members by putting their names and picture on the bulletin board in the hall and doing a small autobiography on each one.
- Virginia Hunt stated they would like to have the Deacon of the month introduce themselves at church on different Sundays, so the members can recognize their Deacons.
- Judy Oar read a devotional.
- Voted to move the April meeting to April 7th because of Palm Sunday.
- Reverend Ralph led a prayer of concern.

LaVerna Metzger, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of March volunteers included Marge Linn, Janis Wick, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, Eliza Elwood, Patti and Brian Lusby, Vicky Westland, Stella Delgado, and Carol Somplatsky-Jarman. 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 Beef & Barley Stew, corn bread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolyn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stephen Ministry

Class dismissed! And a wonderful training class it was! We welcomed five new Stephen Ministers into our group last month at their commissioning on March 24th. They were Sherry Kretschmer, Mona Johnson, Sandy Paige, and Jim Robinette. (Kathryn Whitton was out of town. But, she will be commissioned as soon as possible.)

Congratulations to them. They diligently studied and attended the 2½ hour training sessions each week since October, so they deserve recognition. They will join our other Stephen Ministers in serving our congregation and community when the need arises.

We also are proud to announce that our Stephen Minister, Gloria McGilloway, is attending an intense training program in St. Louis this month and will become another Stephen Minister Leader. As a leader, she will assist all Stephen Ministers to develop their skills, answer or advise on any issues that arise, and participate in ongoing training ideas each month at our meetings as well as training new recruits in 2020. Thank you, Gloria, for taking on this additional assignment. You are welcomed by all with open arms.

As with all groups and committees, while we welcome new people, we also recognize the service and commitment of two Stephen Ministers who are stepping down from their role. Brent Holloway and Faye Gray have been valuable assets to our group, and their participation will be missed. Thank you both for the years of service you gave. Not only was your service appreciated by the group; but, also by the care receivers you comforted.

All Stephen Ministers are an extension of the ministry of this church assisting those dealing with life issues that could use a little extra support and comfort. It could be issues dealing with loneliness, grief, depression, medical issues, or any crisis where having someone to lean on helps tremendously. Our Stephen Ministers listen, encourage, support, and offer Christian care on a one-to-one confidential basis. If you would like more information about this wonderful care, please feel free to talk to Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten, Karen Kirkland, or any of our Stephen Ministers. You can recognize us as we wear a white stole on the first Sunday of each month.

May God continue to bless this valuable ministry in our church.

Karen Kirkland

Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from February 28th appears on page two, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

A reminder that One Great Hour of Sharing continues through April 21st. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The Presbyterian Mission Agency's Disaster Relief agency is already on the ground in the Midwest and Southeast helping those affected by the recent storms and flooding. Your contribution to One Great Hour assists them in helping those in need.

We continue to thank you for your generosity.

Susan Holecheck and your Stewardship Committee

Women's Guild

By the time this newsletter arrives on your doorstep, the Spring Tea will have already taken place, and I want to thank all of the ladies who helped make it another success for the Women's Guild. Obviously, I can't tell you at this point how much money we raised to help support our local charities. However, I will be making an announcement during Worship when I have that information.

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be on May 4th. Following a brief meeting at 11:00 am, we will be having Donna MacBean from Neighborhood Connection speak on what that group of volunteers are doing to help provide meals for children in need. As always, a potluck lunch will follow. June 1st from 1-3 pm is the date for our annual "Pie" event. In addition to slices of pie, this year we will be auctioning baskets containing a variety of wonderful items. The program for this event is going to be a presentation from the owner of a local landscaping business who will be giving us tips on gardening and also answering any questions we may have. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss these dates!!!

Candy Hurlbut

Worship & Music

"God So Loved the World" As we observe the 40 days of Lent, the Worship Committee is preparing special services of worship.

Palm Sunday, April 14th, begins Holy Week. The Chancel and Bell Choirs will present a special Palm Sunday musical presentation during the Worship Service.

The following Thursday, April 18th, an Agape Dinner and Maundy Thursday service will be held in Conklin Hall at 6:00 pm. Reservation sheets for that service will be placed in the bulletins prior to that date.

The Good Friday ecumenical service will be held at New Promise Lutheran Church on April 19th at 7:00 pm. Shepherd of the Hills and Good Shepherd Churches and their Bell and Chancel choirs will be participating.

And, most important, the following Sunday will be the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday! We encourage you to join us in observing these Holy days of Worship!

If you are interested in ushering or helping with the Worship Committee, please contact Mary Contreras.

Blessings

Barbara McConnell, Music Director



Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, April 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Sunday, April 14 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, April 15 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 16 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 17 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 18 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 19 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 20 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 Exodus 14:10-31; 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	John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 21 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, April 28 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 5 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday, May 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23	Revelation 7: 9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday, May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sunday, May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Thursday, May 30 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:45 Lenten Program pm with Potluck – CE Building	9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 2:30 Bell Choir pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		
7 Fifth Sunday of Lent Soup Kitchen Sunday	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Session Meeting Noon 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev.-Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:45 Lenten Program pm with Potluck – CE Building	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 2:30 Bell Choir pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch Noon Emergency Preparedness 101 – Conklin Hall	11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday	19 Good Friday	20
8:30 Palm Sunday am Breakfast – Conklin Hall 8:45 Prayer-Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev.-Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:45 Lenten Program pm with Potluck – CE Building	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 2:30 Bell Choir pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Soup & Noon Fellowship – Cort Goudie on his time with Disney – Conklin Hall 1:00 Senior Ministries pm Card Party – Conklin Hall 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 1:00 Five County Pain om Management Program – CE Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 6:00 Agape Dinner – pm Conklin Hall	10:00 Procession of the am Cross 7:00 Good Friday pm Service – New Promise Lutheran Church	
21 Resurrection Sunday	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26	27
8:45 Prayer-Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Easter Brunch am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev.-Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 2:30 Bell Choir pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe-- Barnes & Noble	11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 1:00 Five County Pain om Management Program – CE Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		
28	29	30				
8:45 Prayer-Service am 9:00 Adult Education – am Gloria McGilloway teaching 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev.-Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 2:30 Bell Choir pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph				

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from April 22nd through April 28th.

Please contact Dick Higgins (435-879-0253) or Anne Patten (773-4307) with any concerns.

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1 st 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
Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	2:30 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 will pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have several major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$145,000, that need to be funded meaning we need to raise a total of \$384,000.

Our first two campaigns produced \$195,063. Through March 24th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$54,100** and additional cash donations of **\$17,662** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$266,825** or about **69.5%** 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 pay off the mortgage early and have sufficient funds to cover maintenance and make other improvements in the next three years.

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Class of 2019	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
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	Susan Holecheck	702-265-8666	Stewardship
Class of 2020	Jan Hirschi	680-1012	Growth
	Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	502-589-6030	Christian Ed
	Eric Westland	625-1399	Building
Class of 2021	LaVerna Metzger	385-242-8622	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Carolynn Thomas	817-8288	Mission/Outreach

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Green Valley	Adele Kinkel	632-6347
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