



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## New Email Addresses for Church

Over the past several months, we've noticed that emails to the church don't always get to the people who need them.

To try to simplify sending email, we've created several email addresses on our website domain ([gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org)) for use when communicating with the church:

Email	Use	Forwards to
<a href="mailto:calendar@gspcsg.org">calendar@gspcsg.org</a>	Items relating to the church calendar (bulletin and website) or use of the buildings	Church Office
		Ruth Ann Horvath
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		Scott Florence
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By using these addresses, you ensure that everyone who needs to know about what you are sending is informed directly. The other feature of these addresses is that they will not change. We will simply update the list of people to whom the emails are forwarded.

Please DO NOT use the addresses you may have used in the past. If you do use one of the old addresses, particularly for calendar and newsletter items, we cannot guarantee that your information will be received or acted upon. Thanks!

## Nominating Committee Looking for an Elder

The Nominating Committee is looking for someone to replace Fred Hampton as Elder for Christian Education. If you are interested, please get in touch with Scott Florence or one of the other members of the committee.

### 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	Fred Hampton
Melissa Beckman	Jane O'Donnell
Joe & Cheryl Borden	Barbara Schultzman
Tineke Ingold	Evelyn Keener

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

Lori Willet  
LaVerna Metzger

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

### Deadline for March Newsletter

February 21, 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 December were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Corinthians 12:1-13	The body of Christ
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Acts 2:46-47	Together in the Lord
Elder Chris Schleiter	Deut. 13:4	God alone
Elder Scott Florence	Hebrews 4:16	Grace and Mercy
Elder Judy Oar	Matthew 18:15-17	Matthean Principle
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Ephesians 4:12	Tolerance and Love
Elder Anne Patten	Philippians 4:4-7	Rejoice in the Lord
Elder Gay Cunningham	Matthew 6:5-8	Prayer with God
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	2 Corinthians 1:3-5	Comfort in Christ
Elder Bob Moeller	Matthew 25:14-30	Talents Used

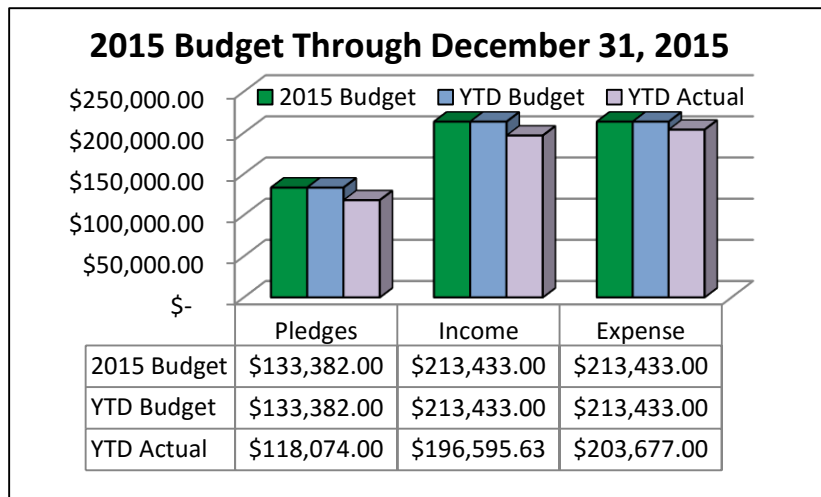
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>February</b>		
February 7	<b>Available</b>	Potluck Sunday
February 14	Don & Karen Kirkland	<b>Available</b>
February 21	Dick & Patti Babb	<b>Available</b>
February 28	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>March</b>		
March 6	<b>Available</b>	Potluck Sunday
March 13	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
March 20	Marjorie Bayle	<b>Available</b>
March 27	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>

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

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
<b>As of December 31, 2015</b>	
<b>Month of November</b>	
Receipts	\$ 16,202.06
Expenditures	\$ 20,282.08
<b>2015 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 213,433.00
Actual Receipts	\$ <b>196,595.63</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 213,433.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ <b>203,677.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 95,024.44
Loan Balance	\$ 155,947.51
Net Building Fund	\$ (60,923.07)
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund	\$ 1,686.80
Memorial Fund	\$ 896.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,698.71



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



With our two services on Ash Wednesday, February 10, we will have, with a large body of the Christian faith, entered the liturgical season of Lent – a season that in the life of the protestant tradition concludes with the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday.

The word Lent is based on an old Anglo-Saxon word for “lengthen”, for as Lent begins in the darkness of winter, it concludes in the light of spring.

The season of Lent lasts forty days modeling after Jesus forty days in the wilderness as he dealt with temptation and prepared for His ministry that would lead to the cross and His resurrection.

By tradition the season of Lent is a time of repentance and spiritual self-examination, that hopefully spiritual renewal.

Now, by all means I am in favor of repentance, however I believe rejoicing, praying and giving thanks are powerful tools for spiritual renewal, as well, and should not be neglected in this season of spiritual growth as we remember what God has done for us in the gift of Christ.

While none of us deserves this gift or the grace we have received because of His sacrifice for us all, we all have been given this gift and the next forty days are days that we too can remember and, in all circumstances, rejoice, pray and give thanks.

We have ample opportunity in joining in worship, attending our weekly prayer service on Thursday evening, studying God's word and listening for His voice as he calls us to new life in His name.

Hopefully then with the conclusion of Lent we may find our hearts and lives enjoying the light of a new day.

*In Christ  
Rev. Ralph*

### **Shrove Tuesday Breakfast, February 9, 2016, 8:00 - 9:30 am**

For the first time the men of the congregation and I will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 9:30 in Conklin Hall on Shrove Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, juice, sausage and bacon will be served. A free-will offering will be taken to defray the cost and support the General Fund.

Attention all men, I am looking for able volunteers, or somewhat able to help in the cooking and serving. Please plan to be at Conklin Hall to help serve, cook and clean up by 7:15 am that morning. Thank you!

### **Rev. Harold Wylie Named Pastor Emeritus**

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Harold Wylie was officially named Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We thank Harold for his 23 years of faithful service, wish him well in his (second) retirement and look forward, as we have for years, to his cheery demeanor and great faith in God, our Father.

### **\*\* 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*

#### Time Out!

The beginning of a new year is a good time to reaffirm the rhythms that care for your soul.

Consider this somewhat frenzied moment in the life of Jesus. The cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist, has been killed and surely that loss was difficult for Jesus. At the same time, Jesus' disciples had just returned from short mission trips and wanted to tell Jesus what happened.

On top of all that we read, "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest'" Mark 6:31.

In the times his life was busy, Jesus didn't slow down, he took time out!

He used that time out to get by himself or take his disciples on a retreat for refreshment and to reconnect with God, his Father

In your busy life make sure that you are taking such regular time outs.

Take some time each day to read your Bible and to pray.

Set aside a Sabbath day each week for worship and rest.

Observe other times in which you step out of your busyness!

Reconnect with your Lord and with your own soul!

*Joy to you*

### Wendy's Window



I am now into my final semester at Princeton Theological Seminary with hopes of graduating on May 21, 2016, with a Master's Degree in Divinity. I hope that 2016 will be a meaningful year for all of us. Billy Graham wrote the following prayer in 2008 but it is very fitting for 2016. Let us pray this prayer as we begin our new year together:

*Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.*

*We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us – but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.*

*In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.*

*In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.*

*In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.*

*As we look back over the past year we thank You for your goodness to us – far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.*

*And so, our Father, we thank You for the promises and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.*

*Amen.*

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement and support as I complete this final semester!

*Wendy Christianson  
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## Deacons

There is one change to the Parish assignments I wrote about last month: Mary Contreras will be the Deacon for Washington Parish, replacing Janice Klein.

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 me and I will 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*

## Fellowship

Thanks to Dan and Mitzi Rak and all who helped make our Scottish Festival a great success. We had a great time listening to pipers and fiddlers and watching the dances. We also raised quite a bit for the building fund.

Now we look forward to Easter at the end of March.

We have many dates available for our post-worship coffee hour each Sunday. All we ask is that you bring some goodies to share and serve, make the coffee and lemonade and do a bit of cleanup afterwards. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or you can sign up on our website.

Thank you for all your support through the year.

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Growth

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.

The next "Meet and Greet", the orientation for new members, will occur Saturday morning, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, in Conklin Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

*Gay Cunningham*

## Mission/Outreach

On February 7th we will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. For this event, we ask you to bring donations of non-perishable food which will be donated to the Soup Kitchen. Any donated food that the Soup Kitchen cannot use will be passed on to the Utah Food Bank. This event will replace our usual Soup Kitchen Sunday in February.

Session has approved a committee to oversee the Russia mission. The Russia Mission Steering Committee will approve activities and expenditures for this mission and, generally, guide our activities related to Russia and our Sister Church in Dorogobuzh. I will be the moderator of the committee and will be joined by Treasurer Carolyn Thomas, Jan Dunham, Scott Florence and Amy Craig. Rev. Ralph will be an ex-officio member. We'll be meeting in early February to put some policies in place and begin planning for Rev. Ralph's trip to Russia in August.

As I announced last month, we're collecting empty pill bottles (please remove the labels and wash them out) to send to The Malawi Project for use in Africa. Please only bring the smaller pill bottles, not the large bulk bottles for vitamins you may get from Costco or Walmart. 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. Bring your bottles to church and put them in the box by the outside door in Conklin Hall.

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

Our next Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at Noon. Bring your sandwich (beverage and dessert provided) and join us to hear Michelle Baker, Center Supervisor at the Senior Citizen Center, tell us about the various programs offered at the Center.

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 per person. Please contact Charlotte Phipps (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 January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Accepted the transfer of Madeleine Cox to Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA.
- Approved Rev. Clingan's Sabbatical Leave Proposal for June-August, 2016.
- Approved 2016 communion dates: first Sunday of each month, Early Services and Maundy Thursday Service, first Sunday of 2017.
- Accepted, with deep regret, the resignation of Fred Hampton as Elder of Christian Education.
- Approved the scheduling of a Meet and Greet and New Member Orientation on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Conklin Hall with Session and Deacon Lead to attend.
- Approved establishing a checking account at State Bank of Southern Utah for the Russia Mission Fund.
- Approved authorizing Carolynn Thomas, Treasurer, to transfer funds between all State Bank of Southern Utah checking and money market accounts.
- Approved the estimate of Armando Rivera--\$350 for trimming trees and shrubs around the main church building and along the north fence line.
- Approved the estimate of Brandon Philpott - \$1,300 for trimming/cleaning up the "back 40" and along the perimeter.
- Approved Jan Dunham, Amy Craig, and Scott Florence as congregational members of the Russia Mission Steering Committee.
- Elected Carolynn Thomas as Treasurer of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church for 2016.
- Elected Ruth Ann Horvath as Clerk of Session for 2016.
- Approved Rev. Clingan and Ruth Ann Horvath as a commission to approve the Annual Statistical Report.
- Elected David Patten as Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2016.
- Approved 2016 Stated Session meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15 PM in the Christian Education Building of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Elected Corporation Officers: Chris Schleter, President; Gay Cunningham, Vice President; Ruth Ann Horvath, Secretary; Carolynn Thomas, Treasurer.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Senior Ministries

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Senior Ministries hosted Rev. Ralph and Chris Schleiter for an encore of their presentation in August about their trip to Russia to our sister church in Dorogobuzh. We had a small but enthusiastic crowd and many asked some good questions about their experiences.

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, six members of the Book Club, hosted by Russell Estlack, met to discuss author John Ellis and his history of 1776 "Revolutionary Summer". Everyone agreed that our country's early history as seen from this author's perspective is fascinating. He expounded on the difficulties experienced during those turbulent times in birthing our United States. Discussions were lively which is why we meet. Good brain food.

Our next book is "The Magic Strings of Frankie Pesto," by Mitch Albom. This is a fictional story about the power of talent, in this case, musical talent, to change lives. Reviews are most positive. Please join us on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm, in Conklin Hall, to give us your thoughts and opinions and to recommend a book for us.

The card party is always fun and we are not a serious group of players. Whose rules we will use is often open to compromise. Our February card party will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Please join us as we always have room for more card players.

## Stewardship

Thanks to all of you for your pledges and donations. Thank you to last year's Stewardship committee (Amy, Carolynn, Chris and Dawn) for their hard work.

How about some good news? As of January 24<sup>th</sup> we are only \$1,600 from reaching our goal of \$130,565 for pledges for the General Fund. The Building Fund has 21 pledges totaling \$41,895. See Page 11 for Building Fund details. The Christmas Joy Offering raised \$562.

We are soliciting your feedback. If you have questions on how or why something is done let us know. If you have a way to raise money for the church or a money saving suggestion, please contact one of us. You can contact me, (at the Flat Earth Society, just kidding), Dawn, Chris, or Carolynn. We are in the church directory.

About ten years ago I had a fundamental shift in my thinking: things (Money, computers, cars, TVs, paintbrushes, etc.) lost much of their importance. Matthew 6:19-21 says *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; for where your treasure is there your heart will be also."*

While traveling in San Francisco I had a lot of things stolen. My guess is that a number of you have had things stolen or been ripped off. I have rarely been so angry and hurt. Many colorful metaphors went through my head (there were children present)! The safety of my family and friends was really the key issue and we should have said a "thank you" prayer. The theft almost ruined the vacation, in part because I believed those things were so important, but I was wrong. We made it through. Things are not inherently important or bad. These things are just tools, toys and money. It is when you or I give them a higher priority than we give God that it becomes an issue. What is the higher priority, me buying a new cast iron lawn dog or helping a friend in need? "Things" are not as important to me as they once were.

You or I can be laying up treasures in heaven. When we spend our time and money on the things of man, then our reward will be here on earth. If we spend our time and money on God our reward will be in heaven.

*Bob Moeller*

## Worship and Music

January has been a quiet month, musically speaking, but do not worry—as always, your choirs are hard at work, practicing for each Sunday's worship service and beginning to work on music for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Our choirs are remarkably talented, and are certainly enhanced by our dedicated Music Director and organist/accompanist.

This year on Shrove Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the day before Ash Wednesday, there will be a special breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, featuring a traditional food for that day, pancakes! Come and enjoy yourself on delicious food!

## Worship and Music, continued

Ash Wednesday is on February 10<sup>th</sup> this year. We are offering 2 services; at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to be sure everyone who wants to attend has the chance to do so. This day marks the beginning of Lent, a contemplative time in the church which runs until Palm Sunday. By the way, mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, for the men's annual Pancake Breakfast! Both choirs will be offering musical selections on that Sunday for your enjoyment. Stay tuned for Holy Week, with services on Maundy Thursday (the 24<sup>th</sup>), Good Friday (the 25<sup>th</sup>), and Resurrection (Easter) Sunday on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

During Lent, we will resume the prayer services following the chancel choir practice at 5:15 p.m. This idea for this service was born during Rev. Ralph's & Chris's trip to Russia this past summer, when they attended a similar prayer service at our sister church there. While short, these services create an intimate atmosphere where small groups of 2-4 people pray together for their community, the church at large, the world, etc. Prayer is spoken aloud as a person is moved to speak. Please plan to attend these services—they are very moving and meaningful.

*Blessings to you all!*

*Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell*

## Something to Think About

C. S. Lewis wrote:

I remember once when I had been giving a talk to the R.A.F., an old, hard-bitten officer got up and said, 'I've no use for all that stuff. But, mind you, I'm a religious man too. I know there's a God. I've felt Him: out alone in the desert at night: the tremendous mystery. And that's just why I don't believe all your neat little dogmas and formulas about Him. To anyone who's met the real thing they all seem so petty and pedantic and unreal!'

Now in a sense I quite agreed with that man. I think he had probably had a real experience of God in the desert. And when he turned from that experience to the Christian creeds, I think he really was turning from something real to something less real. In the same way, if a man has once looked at the Atlantic from the beach, and then goes and looks at a map of the Atlantic, he also will be turning from something real to something less real: turning from real waves to a bit of coloured paper. But here comes the point. The map is admittedly only coloured paper, but there are two things you have to remember about it. In the first place, it is based on what hundreds and thousands of people have found out by sailing the real Atlantic. In that way it has behind it masses of experience just as real as the one you could have from the beach; only, while yours would be a single glimpse, the map fits all those different experiences together. In the second place, if you want to go anywhere, the map is absolutely necessary. As long as you are content with walks on the beach, your own glimpses are far more fun than looking at a map. But the map is going to be more use than walks on the beach if you want to get to America.

*From Mere Christianity*

*Compiled in A Year with C.S. Lewis*

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## 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 2nd, at 1:30 pm in Conklin Hall as we celebrate Bob's 90th birthday. Josephine Kellejan and Nancy Linden will be hosting and sign-up sheets will be available on March 20th and 27th. Let's all turn out and salute Bob on his special day!

### **Thanks to Josephine Kellejan**

The Shawl Ministry (aka, the Knotty Knitters), want to say "Thank you" to Josephine Kellejan! Josie's donation allowed the group to replenish their stock of yarns. Thanks to Josie, too, for the lovely blanket (and special gift) she donated as door prizes for the Christmas party.



## February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>2</b> 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 4:00 Bell Choir pm	<b>3</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting	<b>4</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>5</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>8</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>9</b> <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 8:00 Shrove Tuesday am - Breakfast – Conklin 9:30 Hall am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 4:00 Bell Choir 5:15 Session Meeting pm	<b>10</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 11:00 Ash Wednesday am Service - Sanctuary <del>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes &amp; Noble</del> 7:00 Ash Wednesday pm Service - Sanctuary	<b>11</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 5:15 Small Group Prayer pm Service with Potluck Dinner	<b>12</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Valentines Day</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 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 Home	<b>15</b> <b>Presidents Day</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>16</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 4:00 Bell Choir pm	<b>17</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch – Noon Conklin Hall - Michelle Baker on Activities at the Senior Center 1:00 Senior Ministries pm Card Party – Conklin Hall	<b>18</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 5:15 Small Group Prayer pm Service with Potluck Dinner	<b>19</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>22</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>23</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 4:00 Bell Choir pm	<b>24</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 1:00 Senior Ministries pm Book Club – Conklin Hall	<b>25</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 5:15 Small Group Prayer pm Service with Potluck Dinner	<b>26</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>29</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm					

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

## More Congregation News

### Pledge Drive Continues

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to serve the Lord through our ministries. Through January 24<sup>th</sup>, we had a total of 50 pledges totaling \$128,954 towards our total needs of \$130,565. As you can see we still have a little bit more to go but we're almost there!

If you have not already made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or by calling the church. You can also pledge online at our website [gpscsg.org](http://gpscsg.org).

## Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, February 7 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]
Wednesday, February 10 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <b>or</b> Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, February 14 First Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, February 21 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35 <b>or</b> Luke 9:28-36
Sunday, February 28 Third Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

## 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 <b>or</b> 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 Maunder 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

## 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 January 17<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$41,845 and additional cash donations of \$14,661 for a total of **\$157,732** or about **46.1%** 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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## Church Leadership 2016

### Elders

Class of 2016	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds
	OPEN		Christian Ed
	Bob Moeller	801-707-4353	Stewardship
Class of 2017	Gay Cunningham	705-4696	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Worship
Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach

### Deacons

<b>Moderator</b>	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
<b>Bloomington Hills</b>	Dick & Patti Babb	688-1120
<b>Dixie Downs</b>		628-2381
<b>South Gate</b>	Shirley Fromknecht	
<b>East Bloomington</b>	Molly Bass	628-6440
<b>East St. George</b>	Virginia Hunt	714-955-1167
<b>Green Valley</b>	Rayanne Bartlett	673-6657
<b>Hurricane</b>	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012
	Ann Hogan	635-0993
<b>Ivins</b>	Dawn Angarone	859-351-2642
<b>Old St. George</b>	Larry Laubscher	656-0617
<b>Pine Valley</b>	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
<b>Red Cliffs</b>	Matt Fine	760-887-1251
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<b>Washington</b>	Mary Contreras	673-9745
<b>West Bloomington</b>	Candy Hurlbut	879-9394
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