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Soup Kitchen Team Reports Great Reviews

Our church "crew" serves lunch at the Community Soup Kitchen on the first Monday of each month. During the month of May volunteers included Marge Linn, Rayanne Bartlett, Ruth Ann Horvath, Candy Hurlbut, Josie Kellejan, Brian and Patti Lusby, and Carolynn Thomas. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. This month we served tuna sandwiches, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and cookies. Many positive comments were received – especially for the salads (thanks to Gloria Reynolds's recipes). Our "Presbyterian" coleslaw is famous within the Soup Kitchen circles. If you have questions about the Soup Kitchen experience or would like to join us, please contact Carolynn Thomas at 435-817-8288.

Special Request from "Management"

Our church is a VERY busy place. We have numerous groups from within our congregation as well as a number of community groups who use our facilities. Over the past few months, we have had a number of incidents where our management team was not aware of events that were planned. This led to at least one instance where our building was promised twice.

In order to manage our facilities, it is extremely important that everyone who needs to know about an event is informed of the schedule for that event. We have set up an email address for you to keep us informed of the dates of events that use our buildings. Please email all facility use requests as well as any other dates you may need to let us know about to calendar@gspcsg.org. All of the appropriate people automatically receive copies of these emails so everyone is in the loop. In addition, the Calendar Coordinating Council meets monthly on the first Tuesday to review the calendar for the following two months. If you have dates for inclusion on the calendar, please try to have them to us before that meeting.

In addition, our interim Secretary, Dawn Angarone, needs your help. If you have something that you want to have included in the weekly bulletin, especially bulletin inserts, please provide her with the information not later than Wednesday of the week the information should appear. If you can create your insert using Word and send it to her, that is even better. Dawn works on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and she prints the bulletin on Thursday morning. If she doesn't have the information you wish to have included before the bulletin is printed, it is very unlikely that your item will make it into the bulletin. Please email all bulletin items to office@gspcsg.org.

Communication is one of the keys to our success. As the great writer George Bernard Shaw once said, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." Please help us turn illusion into reality by letting us know about your plans and needs.

Thanks and Blessings!

The Management Team

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

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| Roger Kitzman | Brett Schroeder |
| Joe Borden | Norm Ramquist |
| Bruce Ingold | Lori Wille't |
| Paul and Gloria Reynolds | |
| The family of Penny Wirts | |
| Wendy Christianson as she prepares for her ordination | |
| Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia | |
| Those Serving Our Country | |

Welcome New Members

- Ann McLuckie
Dennis & Susan Hansen Peters

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

July Newsletter Deadline

June 23, 2017

Worship Schedule

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

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education
CE Building

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
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 May were:

Rev. Ralph	2 Timothy 2:3-7	Maternal Faith
Elder Chris Schleiter	Matthew 11:28-30	Come to Me
Elder Bob Moeller	Romans 8:6	Spirit and life
Elder Judy Oar	Romans 12:13	Hospitality
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Galatians 6:9	Do what is right
Elder Anne Patten	1 Thessalonians 5:12-18	Labor among you
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Jeremiah 29:1-11	My plans for you
Elder Scott Florence	John 14:1	Believe
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalms 116:7-9	Walk before the Lord
Elder Jan Hirschi	Ecclesiastes 4:9-10	Help One another

Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers

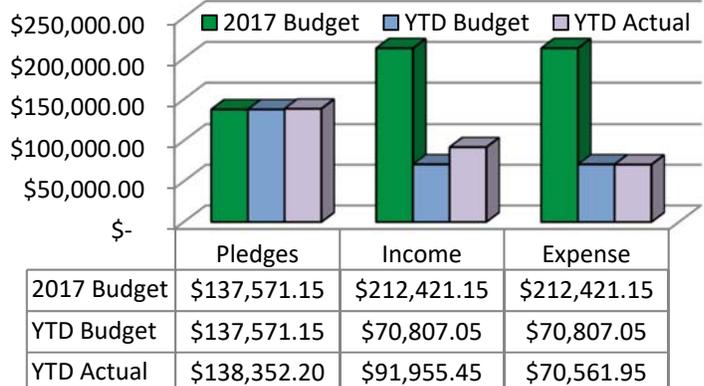
June	
June 4	Dan & Mitzi Rak
June 11	Shirley Taylor
June 18	Tom & Vici Noble
June 25	Gloria McGilloway
July	
July 2	Shirley Taylor
July 9	Chris Schleiter
July 16	Jan Hirschi
July 23	Available
July 30	Janice Klein

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspcsq.org
Our Fellowship time each Sunday is now Potluck. Please bring some goodies to share. If we have leftovers, we'll save them for a Sunday when we need a few extras.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of April 30, 2017	
Month of April	
Receipts	\$ 17,041.75
Expenditures	\$ 16,048.61
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 70,807.05
Actual Receipts	\$ 91,955.45
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 70,807.05
Actual Expenditures	\$ 70,561.95
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 85,387.107
Loan Balance	\$ 139,617.38
Net Building Fund	\$ (54,230.31)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 16,279.15
Memorial Fund	\$ 692.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 32,748.55
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 5,473.333

2017 Budget Through April 30, 2017



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

1 Peter 5:6-9



Recently I heard it reported by medical professionals that in our current environment it appears there is a lot of anxiety that is being reported and treated. I guess there is no denying we are, for whatever reasons, living in and through anxious times.

It is an important question, just how, as Christians, do we live and profess our faith in the face of national or personal anxiety?

I believe 1 Peter offers excellent if not pertinent advice, humbling ourselves under the rule of God in our lives is a great place to begin. Peter's language in our vernacular calls to place ourselves under the rule of God. Trust him, or entrust him with our lives.

Secondly Peter calls us to place all of our anxiety into our Lord's hands, because simply he cares about us and loves us. This is perhaps easier said and done.

I will always remember a woman from a former congregation sharing with me, "Pastor, I turn all my worries over to the Lord at night and in the morning I take them all back!"

It is our nature to worry and fear but it is as well in our nature to love and trust. This is where faith steps in and reminds us of who we are and to whom we belong.

And it is in our faith we learn to trust Christ with our anxiety and fears but as well our joys in the best and worst of times.

Yes, we are living in and through anxious times, but as Christ's people, not anxious ones.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Wendy Christianson to be Ordained in October

Now that she has passed her exams and has received a call, we are happy to report that Wendy Christianson will be examined by the Presbytery of Utah during the fall Presbytery meeting and will be ordained in our sanctuary on the afternoon of October 1st. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Wendy's ordination and share her faith journey.

**** 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.

News from the Russia Mission

We continue our preparations for the August visit by Rev. Ralph, Dawn Angarone and Kathie Greear to our sister church in Dorogobuzh. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the trip, please place your check in the offering plate and mark it "Russia Trip."

This fall marks the 100th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution in Russia and the subject of this year's Russia Mission Network Conference will be the revolution, the implications for the church during the Soviet period and the revival of the church in the Post-Soviet period. We have discussed many of these topics with Pastor Sergei and his congregation and it will be interesting to re-visit those subjects. Rev. Ralph and Chris Schleiter will be attending the conference in Pittsburgh, in preparation for our hosting the conference in September or October of 2018.

Meet the Member

We have quite a number of unsung heroes in our church, people who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Each month, the Growth Committee will spotlight one of our own in the hope that we can get to know each other better.

Nancy Higgins is one of those special people. Two days a week for the past ten or twelve years she has donated her time by working in the hospital, half of the time in the volunteer office, the other half at the Information Desk greeting people in the South Lobby. "I genuinely care about people and just want them to feel comfortable and welcomed," Nancy explained. Before it closed, she and husband Dick volunteered at the Hospital Thrift Store. Her service to our church includes working as a Stephen Minister. She credits the Stephen Ministry training for giving her the skills to help others. Hobbies? "I don't have any," she laughs, "unless you count sending cards and making phone calls to connect with people." What a wonderful asset she is to our church!

Congregation News

Flowers among the Crosses (by Russell W. Estlack)

In a tiny corner of Belgium, crimson poppies dance like ballerinas in the breeze among the limes of white crosses in a place called Flanders Fields. World War I is a memory, but nearly a hundred years after the "Great War" ended, these flowers endure as a symbol of the men who paid the ultimate price. Thanks to the haunting verses of "In Flanders Fields," the poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice and is proudly worn to honor the men and women who died for their country in all wars.

The world's most famous war poem was composed by Major John McCrae at the battlefield during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium on May 3, 1915. A surgeon assigned to the 1st Field Artillery, Major John McCrae spent seventeen days treating injured men from the battle raging in the Ypres salient. He described the battle as a nightmare. "For seventeen days and seventeen nights none of us has had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds ... And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, the wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give way." Major McCrae had seen enough blood and heard enough screams of the wounded and dying to last him a lifetime.

He was particularly affected by the death of his close friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer. The Lieutenant was killed by an exploding artillery shell on May 2, 1915, and buried in the cemetery outside McCrae's field hospital. In the absence of a Chaplain, McCrae performed the funeral ceremony.

The next day, while sitting in the back of an ambulance, McCrae saw the wild poppies blowing in the wind among the white crosses of the nearby cemetery. To vent his anguish, he took out his pad and wrote a poem to honor his friend.

Sergeant Major, Cyril Allison, was delivering mail when he spotted McCrae. The Major looked up as Allison approached then returned to his writing. The young soldier stood quietly waiting for him to finish. He vividly recalled the moment, "McCrae's face was very tired but calm as he wrote. He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave." Five minutes later, McCrae finished writing. He laid down his pen, took his mail, and without saying a word, handed the poem to the NCO. Allison was deeply moved by the words he read and committed it to memory.

Christian Education

Some changes are coming for the summer:

- Sunday morning classes will switch to 9:15 a.m. as of June 4, as there is no choir practice until September.
- New classes to begin the first Sunday in July!
 - Jeff Clingan will be teaching 9 lessons on "Christianity in the Roman Empire".
 - Gloria McGilloway will be teaching several lessons on the books of the Apocrypha. These books are not considered part of the canon by many Christian denominations, including ours, and are not found in every Bible. Roman Catholics DO consider them part of their Biblical canon, and you will find these books in a Catholic Bible, usually located between the Old and New Testaments.

These new Sunday morning classes will run concurrently in the CE Building, beginning July 2nd. They promise to be extremely interesting. There is so much to learn about the time & culture in which Jesus lived and carried out his ministry, a culture dominated with a heavy hand by the Roman Empire. And the Apocrypha—who knows much about them? Are you curious? Come and LEARN!

The nursery needs more help. With several young people attending youth classes now, we need an extra person to help on Sunday. Please see Charlotte Phipps or Cathy Overkamp if you would like to be a part of leading our young people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

Anne Patten

Deacons

Serving as Deacons in our church, we are each assigned members and friends who are grouped geographically to form a parish. Each Deacon has a parish with an average of about ten members and friends to know and support as needed.

As your Deacons, we want to be available to our parish members for both prayer and any help as needed; so please let us know your concerns so we can be praying. Whenever special concerns come up, we are here to help. We hold all your concerns and requests in strict confidence.

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 anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120) and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

One of the characteristics that makes Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church so special is the way that we practice "love your neighbor as you love yourself." I am experiencing this while helping out with Jack William – so many of you have stepped up to provide for our time of Fellowship each Sunday. And, the outpouring of true fellow-concern evidenced by the number of folks that have had a hand in making Worship in the Park and our Picnic in the Park possible is amazing. Thank you all from my heart. I am truly blessed to be a part of this congregation.

Gloria McGilloway

Mission/Outreach

As we continue to prepare for our team's visit to Dorogobuzh, please keep Rev. Ralph, Dawn, Kathie and, of course, Ellen and Al Smith in your prayers.

Bike and Build will be with us from Saturday afternoon, July 8th until (very early) Monday morning, July 10th. As always, we'll have a potluck on Sunday, July 9th. More on Bike and Build in next month's newsletter.

Finally, don't forget our Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Please place your donations of cups, bowls and other supplies, food and financial contributions in the boxes in the Narthex. 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

Recently, St George held the annual drive to collect unwanted and expired medications. Publicity billed the effort as disposing of the “World’s Most Dangerous Leftovers.” We have given you information in previous newsletter articles about where you may take these unwanted meds, but highlighting how you can responsibly rid yourself of these potentially hazardous drugs bears repeating. The Washington County Prevention Coalition, with the help of community agencies, has established permanent drop boxes at the following locations:

- Intermountain Community Pharmacy, Watson Dixie Pharmacy, 1st Floor River Road Campus, St George (Dixie Regional Medical Center)
- Intermountain Community Pharmacy, River Road Clinic, 577 S. River Road, St George
- Washington County Sheriff’s Office
- Hurricane City Police Department
- St George City Police Department
- Washington City Police Department
- Dixie State Campus Police
- Brent’s Pharmacy (coming soon)

For more information visit: southwestprevention.com and UseOnlyAsDirected.org

We have posted a reminder card telling about this important service on the Parish Nursing section of our church bulletin board at the entrance to Conklin Hall.

Save the Date Reminders: Red Cross Blood Drive – Friday, October 13th
Brown Bag Luncheon – Thursday October 19th

Blood Pressure checks are available the second Sunday of each month in Conklin Hall during Fellowship Hour after the Service.

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

Senior Ministries

Soup and Fellowship:

On May 3rd, Soup and Fellowship hosted Alan and Sandy Paige who entertained us with some of their favorite activities while stationed in Germany. Sandy, using her community college teaching background, was a Germany speaking tour guide for military families for eight years. One of her tours was to a pottery factory in Poland. It took an overnight ride to arrive at the factory at opening time, all day to shop and a return with a bus full of pottery. If you have been to the Polish pottery shop in St. George, you know what I mean about the beauty. Sandy had some examples and explained how the market has changed since she was there.

I submit a quote by Sandy to explain the second and more important part of their program: “We will never know just how many victims of the Holocaust there were. Recent credible sources say upwards of twelve million died at the hands of the Nazis. In 1995 a German artist, Gunter Demnig, quoting from the Talmud, declared “A person is forgotten only when his or her name is forgotten”. He set out to place a “stoplerstein” – wherever a victim of the Holocaust was taken. More than 56,000 of these small brass plaques have been placed in 18 countries, and that number is steadily increasing. Sandy and Alan met a Dutch family who lost 17 family members in concentration camps and followed the placement of the little brass plates embedded in the street where this family lived. These are done with private donations at \$160.00 each plate.

Senior Ministries, continued

Alan presented facts about the military: i.e., since 1995, a 10% reduction in force over all the armed forces is noted. He asked our audience how many were related to those who have and/or are serving and most everyone raised their hands. Since this is the month of remembering the sacrifices made for peace, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we recognize, honor and humbly, respectfully thank our Veterans. We have our own stoplersteine. Thank you Alan and Sandy for sharing your story with us. It was awesome.

Cards:

We continue the card party the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Conklin Hall. Everyone is invited. We think, plan, execute our next moves, socialize and have fun too. It is good brain health.

Brain and Health:

News flash: " Luminosity," an online game site touted to be helpful in reducing, preventing, slowing dementia, is in a class action lawsuit for false advertising. If you bought this game, maybe you will be compensated. This does not say other brain games are bogus.

Ideas to cogitate: 1: Multi-tasking is NOT good for you. Focus on one thing at a time. 2: What's good for the heart is good for the brain. 3: Drink WATER. 4: Exercise improves delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the brain. Rev. Ralph has a program right here at the church twice a week for gentle strength training. Dance classes are being offered by Mary Starrett. Check the schedule for dates and times. 5: Do things you enjoy.

Thanks, too, to committee members Barbara West, Jane O'Donnell, Joyce Otness, Sherry Kretschmer.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on May 14th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved Rev. Clingan's request for Study Leave from August 3rd to August 16th
- Approved Rev. Clingan's request for vacation from August 28th to September 3rd
- Approved to change the time of Sunday Prayer Service to 9:00 am and to change the time of Sunday School to from 9:15 am to 10:00 am, beginning June 4th through August 27th
- Approved to change the October Stated Session Meeting to October 15th
- Approved cancellation of the August Stated Session Meeting.
- Worship and Picnic in the Park (2450 East Park) will be May 28th beginning at 10:30 am.
- Fall Festival was changed to October 8th

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Please see the treasurer's report on page 2 for financial details.

Changing lives

Do you have a story of faith or good works as relates to our church or Christ. Then please share it. It needs to be a true story of how lives are being changed by Christ or his followers (you). Any form written, oral, pictures, etc. Please contact one of us (Dawn, Carolyn, Chris or Bob) with your story. The stories will be told during spotlight for Mission and published in the newsletter.

Creating Hope for Today and Tomorrow:

Pentecost Offering Helps Teen Mothers and Their Children Flourish

As a high school student, Lily Jones had a beautiful 18-month-old daughter and a strong desire to finish school. Lily knew the importance of education to her future and that of her daughter Sophia, but day care posed a problem. Family had been helpful caring for Sophia, but they could no longer provide the day care Sophia needed. In Ligonier, Indiana, a town with a population of 4,400, child care choices are limited, particularly for those in challenging financial circumstances.

Fortunately, Lighthouse Ministry Daycare, a provider housed in and supported by Ligonier's First Presbyterian Church, had a spot for Sophia.

Stewardship, continued

Parents like Lily and children like Sophia are top concerns for Lighthouse. "Our first priority is to provide child care so teen parents can get through high school," says Rachel Bales-Case, director of Lighthouse. Sophia and most of her 20 classmates at Lighthouse receive care at a reduced cost. Lighthouse serves not only children whose parents are students, but also a number of children whose parents work at low-wage jobs.

One of the funding sources of Lighthouse is the Pentecost Offering that First Presbyterian receives each year. This Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) church-wide offering serves youth, young adults, and at-risk children. Congregations retain 40 percent of the Offering for local causes, while

60 percent is sent to the national church to support Young Adult Volunteers, ministries with youth, and work on behalf of children at risk.

Thanks in part to the generosity of First Presbyterian and other local supporters, the future looks bright for Sophia and Lily. Sophie is now four and is flourishing in the preschool curriculum that Lighthouse teaches. Lily is enrolled in college studying to be a teacher when she graduates. She works at her old high school as an assistant for special-needs students and has two other part-time jobs. She is also a board member at Lighthouse.

Without Lighthouse, finishing high school would have been challenging for Lily, and college likely would have been unthinkable. She is grateful for the opportunities she has received and for a safe and nurturing place for Sophia to stay during the day. "You know and trust the people there at the church," she says.

John Lersch, pastor of First Presbyterian, considers Lighthouse a ministry of the church, and he notes the congregation's support of Lighthouse, which started in 2008, is indicative of its concern for others.

"In this church, the people have good hearts," John shares. "It is not just about ourselves. It's about others. That is the sign of a healthy church."

First Presbyterian's Pentecost Offering is another example of its good-heartedness. Through the Offering, the church helps youth, young adults, and at-risk children in its own community and also reaches out across the country through ministries of the national church that serve children, youth, and young adults.

Please give generously to this Offering, and support the future of our young people.

Grant them lives filled with hope and promise. Help us to reach out to them and extend the embrace of your loving arms.

Bob Moeller

Women's Guild

Our April 29th potluck meeting was a success with 16 ladies in attendance. Our next General Meeting will be Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 am and will also be potluck. Please sign up for you special dish.

Approximately 90 tickets were sold for the Mother's Day Tea bringing in \$453.00. Way to go team!

Did we not have a wonderful afternoon at our Mother's Day Tea? There were approximately 85 ladies in the house. The room was full of beautiful and unique hats, we had awesome servers waiting on us and amazing music to relax us and good food to eat, not to mention the prizes that were given away. Our oldest attendee was 102 and the youngest was 7. Can't wait for next year! I would like to thank Pat Kwake for the beautiful jewelry that was given away.

Our next fun event will be the "Purse and Pie" Fundraiser, held on Saturday June 17th at 2:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We will be selling pie for \$1:00 per slice and serving coffee to go with it. Take a purse you no longer want or need, find an item in your house you don't want or need (jewelry, or a trinket), wrap it and put it in the purse. We will have a silent auction and the highest bid gets the purse and the prize.

Our General Meeting will be on Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 am and is a Potluck lunch. Signup sheets are in Conklin Hall so please sign up for the dish you want to bring.

Our next fund raiser will be held Friday and Saturday, September 22nd and 23rd. This fund raiser will be Crafts and Bake Sale. So start on your crafts or get ready to bake. More on this event at a later date.

Mary Starrett

Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday June 4 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 <i>or</i> Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 <i>or</i> Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 <i>or</i> John 7:37-39
Sunday June 11 Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8	1 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Sunday June 18 Second Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
Sunday June 25 Third Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday July 2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Sunday July 9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 <i>or</i> Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
Sunday July 16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sunday July 23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
Sunday July 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b <i>or</i> Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Congregation News, continued

Flanders Fields was the most popular poem of its era. McCrae received numerous letters and telegrams praising his work when he was revealed as the author. The poem was republished throughout the world, rapidly becoming synonymous with the sacrifices of the soldiers who died in the First World War. It was translated into numerous languages and its appeal was nearly universal. Soldiers took encouragement from it as a statement of their duty to those who died while people on the home front viewed it as defining the cause for which their brothers and sons were fighting.

In Flanders Fields Where Poppies Blow

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:00 Dance Class with pm Mary Starrett	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	
4 Soup Kitchen Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
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The choirs are finished for the summer. We look forward to having them back in September. Have a GREAT Summer!

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

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st 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	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
	Friday	7:30 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:30 pm Bell Choir	Off for the Summer – See you in September
	Thursday	3:30 pm Chancel Choir	Off for the Summer – See you in September



Building Fund Update

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

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through February 19th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$29,141** for a total of **\$175,498** or about **51.3%** of 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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Class of 2017	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Christian Ed
Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2019	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds
	Bob Moeller	801-707-4353	Stewardship

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Hurricane	Ann Hogan	635-0993
Ivins	Dawn Angarone	859-351-2642
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Pine Valley	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
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