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New Elders and Deacons for 2024

With the coming of the New Year, we thank our retiring Elders and Deacons and welcome our new church officers for 2024.

We thank Deanna Flores for her service on Session. Ray Snipes was elected to replace her, and Ray will take on the Stewardship committee with Leslie Lintz moving to Christian Education.

Ka-Wai Yu has reached the limit of six consecutive years as a Deacon. We thank Ka-Wai for his faithful service. Marsha Besch will replace Ka-Wai as Deacon for Washington parish. In addition, Gordon Conklin was elected as a Deacon. Gordon will join Marilyn as Deacons for Quail Creek Parish.

Bloomington Hills and Red Cliffs parishes had become too large to manage effectively so the decision was made to split those two parishes into three. The new parish is South St. George. Terri Morgan was elected as a Deacon and will take over the new parish. Bloomington and Santa Clara/Ivins parishes are still quite large, and we would like to have one more Deacon, allowing us to split those parishes into three parishes. If someone volunteers to be a Deacon, we can do it this year. If not, we will look to recruit an additional Deacon for 2025.

Thanks to Elder Ruth Ann Horvath and the nominating committee, Ka-Wai Yu representing the Deacons, Anne Patten, Dottie Amland and Matt Fine for their excellent work last year.

This moderator of this year's Nominating Committee will be named by Session at their January meeting and Sue Lundgreen will be the Deacon representative. Dottie Amland, Paul Wiens and Linda Fucone will serve as at-large members of this year's Nominating Committee.

We will be ordaining and installing our officers during worship on January 7th and hope that you will join us in extending our congratulations to our new Elders and Deacons.

Robbie Burns Night Returns to Good Shepherd!

Robert Burns, born on January 25, 1759, is the Poet Laureate of Scotland. His birthday is a national holiday and celebrated in Scotland. Remembering our Presbyterian connection to the Church of Scotland and celebrating our Scottish Church roots we, as well, will be celebrating "Robbie Burns Birth" on the evening of February 3rd at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall.

Beginning later this month, a Scottish cookbook will be available on the sign-up table in Conklin Hall for perusing and photographing Scottish recipes to attempt for this celebration. Of course, American pot-luck cuisine will be welcome as well. Following our dinner, we will have a short program saluting the Haggis and will then adjourn to the Sanctuary where the Black Watch from Cedar City will entertain us with the pipes, fiddles and traditional dance.

Feicfidh me ann thu! (See you there! In Gaelic)

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

- Charlotte Phipps
- John & Peggy Graber
- Gloria McGilloway
- Cheryl Mansfield
- Arlene Prinselaar
- Donna Beasley
- Jan Hirschi
- Barbara Schultzman
- Russell & Luisa Estlack
- Carolyn Lucky
- Roger Clark
- Josephine Kellejan
- Jim Horvath
- Melissa Beckman and Family
- Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton
- The People of Ukraine and Russia & the Middle East
- Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
- Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

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

February Newsletter Deadline January 23, 2024

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 December were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:26-28	All things
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Isaiah 17:18	Full of joy
Elder Leslie Lintz	2 Timothy 2:13	Faithful
Elder Chris Schleiter	Matthew 21:21	It will be done
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Jeremiah 29:11-13	I will listen
Elder Mary Contreras	Hebrews 10:20-25	Encourage one another
Elder Deanna Flores	John 14:1-3	Where I am
Elder Tom Contreras	Isaiah 40:3	Clear the way
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	1Thessalonians 5:16-18	Rejoice always

2024 PLEDGES

Goal
\$185,593
Received through 11/19
\$172,950 (93.2%)
Still Needed
\$12,643

We appreciate ALL donations. Pledges help us to plan for our expected income for the year.

BUILDING FUND

Goal
\$384,000
Received to Date
\$329,380
Still Needed
\$54,620

Your donations to the Building Fund allow us to maintain and enhance our facilities.

Treasurer's Report

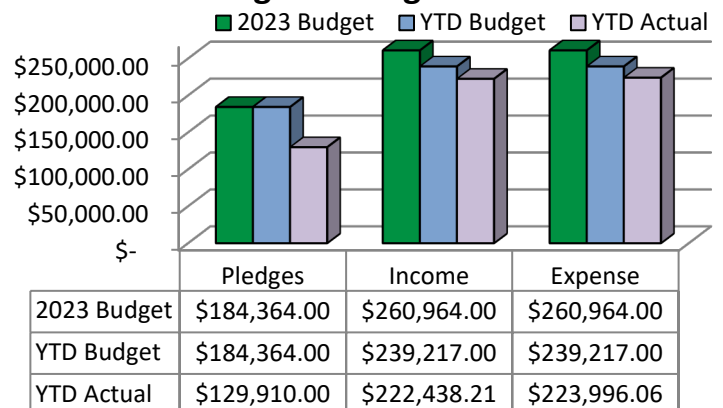
General Fund as of November 30 Month of November

Receipts	\$	18,091.64
Expenditures	\$	19,892.20
November Net	\$	(1,800.56)
2023 YTD Budget vs. Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	239,217.00
Actual Receipts	\$	222,438.21
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	239,217.00
Actual Expenditures	\$	223,996.06
YTD Net	\$	(1,557.85)

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$	31,932.91
Building Fund	\$	60,751.55
Memorial Fund	\$	4,535.00
Reserve Fund	\$	46,845.55
Bequests	\$	64,684.05
Russia Mission Fund	\$	3,010.35

2023 Budget Through November 30



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19 (NASB)



I find it hard to believe that a year has ended, and a brand-new year has begun. It seems to me that on such an occasion we are called to look back upon the year behind and look forward to the year ahead. I am sometimes left wondering in the pandemonium of the New Year's celebration whether the celebrants are rejoicing in the old year's troubles passing or new year's clean slate beginning.

However, the reality is that is just a day on a calendar, that the changing year is not a natural event, but one imposed by us. Just as Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, the truth holds that our Lord walked with us all of the 365 preceding days and will in the 365 to come. Praise the Lord!

Therefore we, as well as the body of Christ, do look forward to the year or years ahead. Knowing not only that He is with us but He is preparing before us a year of possibilities and hope. As the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah, "Will you not be aware of it?"

Even now God is doing something new. In our world, in our lives, God is making new creations out of all of us. Opportunities to grow in our faith, opportunities to serve, opportunities to live a life of joy and peace as God's people, His Church.

Too often, I believe, we approach the future with negativity and doubt. Instead, we should look at tomorrow with hope and joy. Why? Because we know our Lord is already there preparing the future for us, waiting for us to join the celebration.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

PS. would like to thank our dear church family for all the gifts and kind words that were lavished upon us. Thank you and God bless you all!

Tacky Tie and Sweater Winners Announced

Congratulations to this year's winners in Rev. Ralph's Tacky Christmas Tie and Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Taking the top prize for Ugly Christmas Sweater of the Year was Cherie Torok. Tom Contreras took home the win in the Tacky Tie category. And, new for this year, Alan Dull was the winner for the tackiest Bow Tie.

Each of our winners received an autographed photo of L'Empuror Ralph Bonaparte and a colectable 1990 edition of the Presbyterian Hymnal.



Congratulations to this year's winners and, if you didn't win this year, there's always next year!

**** Home Communion ****

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (435-628-9158).

**** Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation ****

With the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals no longer can 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.

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 in the hospital and will be unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

Prayer Corner

"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." **Matthew 21:22**

A Prayer for the New Year



Heavenly Father, as I journey through 2024,
I pray it will be a season of growth and maturing in my faith.
Let me be like a tree planted by the water, thriving
and bearing fruit every season because it is rooted in You.
Teach me to rely not on my strength,
but on Your grace that is sufficient for me.
Strengthen my faith, deepen my love, and intensify my hope in You.
God, guide me through every challenge,
protect me in every storm, and comfort me in every valley.
May the remainder of this year be marked by
significant spiritual growth,
and the experience of Your grace
in ways I have never known before.

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Rev. Dolores

Strand of Pearls (aka, the Prayer Chain)

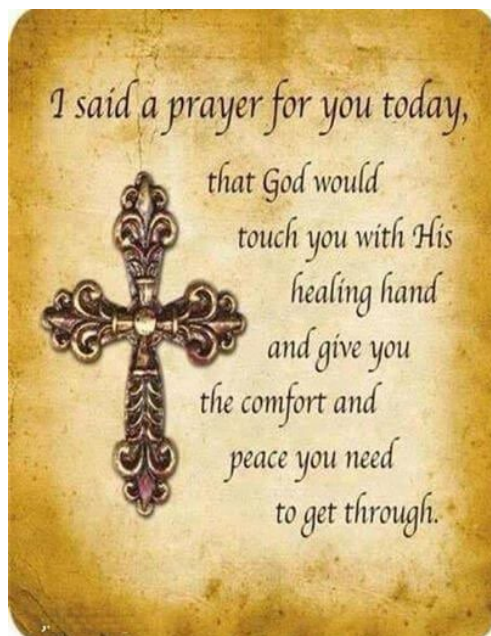
Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on.

Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or revdfw@icloud.com, and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

Rev. Dolores

Healing Prayer Offered Weekly

Healing prayer and anointing are offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Kathryn Whitton will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.



Buildings & Grounds

The new windows in the CE Building have been installed. We saved \$1,000 by using the contractor we chose compared to the other two bids. By installing these energy efficient windows, we have potential energy savings of 25%.

Comfort temperatures have been reset at all church buildings from 70 to 72 degrees.

Guy Schultzman finalized the criteria developed by Guy and the Solar Electric System committee for contractors to bid on landscaping for construction of the solar electric system at the northwest corner of the church property. All bids were to be submitted by December 31st for evaluation and awarding of the contract.

A second proposal for bids for was developed by Guy and the committee for the construction of the actual solar electric system. We expect to put this out to bid in the next couple of months and hope to have the system installed and providing power by the start of air conditioning season this year.

Water sprinklers have been turned off for the season on church property.

Mary and I have donated a sandstone bench made and installed it in the Memorial Garden in honor of our daughter Lindsey.

Tom Contreras

Christian Education

Matthew 4:4: But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

January's classes provide many options to help us better know God, as we seek spiritual understanding, transformation, and strengthen friendships with our church family. You are invited to join us as we learn and grow together.

Christian Education Classes: see the church website Activity Calendar for a listing and times of all Christian education classes for the month.

Adult Sunday School continues the winter Present Word series. Ruth Ann Horvath will lead discussions about faith and its relationship with righteousness, trust, encouragement, and transformation each Sunday in the CE building from 9:00 am to 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School meets each week in the CE Building at 10:30 am as lessons continue about women of the New Testament.

Monthly Women's Bible Study continues the series titled Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts. Discover a message that is radical, inclusive, and hope filled. Join the next session at 11:30 am on Monday January 29th in Conklin Hall.

Monday Evening Potluck and Bible Study will resume the Kerygma series on 2 Corinthians on January 22nd at 5:30 pm in the CE Building. Studies will continue each week through the Monday after Palm Sunday. Even though the class has met for two sessions, there is still time to sign-up for this series at the registration table in Conklin Hall. Your study guide will be available with the sign-up sheet. Don't miss this opportunity to learn new biblical insights.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study, taught by Rev. Ralph, is held weekly at 11:00 at the Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village, 1379 W. Sky Rocket Road in St. George.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study, taught by Rev. Ralph, is held weekly at 11:00 at the Barnes and Noble Café, located at the Red Cliffs Mall at 1720 E Red Cliffs Drive.

Thursday Men's Bible Study meets at 11:00 at Bishop's Grill at 1973 W Sunset Blvd.

Blessings for the new year as we learn and grow in Him.

Deanna Flores

Congregational Growth & Care

LUNCH & LEARN programs to be offered by our committee in the new year will focus on "Planning Today for Tomorrow," and will address how we might think about topics like aging, the place of material goods in our lives, creating legal, financial and medical surrogacies and planning for our futures including possible need for caregivers and palliative or hospice services. It may seem that these topics would be of interest to only the "older folk" in the congregation but it is never too early to plan for a future which guarantees your life decisions will prevail.

Our first **LUNCH & LEARN** event in 2024 will be held on Thursday, February 22nd from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall and we are excited to have rescheduled the talk about "Successful Aging" by Good Shepherd member, Daniel Flores, M.Div. M.A. As Daniel has said, "we all age but don't age the same due to genetics, life-style habits, thoughts, emotions and attitudes." Come with your lunch and a friend to hear him discuss what we can learn about aging from both the latest research and, also, ancient wisdom.

Our speaker at the final **Lunch and Learn** program for 2023 was Dr. Kirk Watkins, MD and sleep specialist in charge of the Sleep Center at St. George Regional Hospital. Dr. Watkins spoke to various questions and comments posed by the attendees and the first topic addressed was the pervasive problem - Insomnia. We were surprised to be told that insomnia is a learned behavior which can be unlearned. After experiencing either a negative or positive life event, we may suffer sleep loss, which is then perpetuated because non-wakeful sleep patterns have been formed. Dr. Watkins suggested that if we are unable to sleep within thirty minutes of going to bed, we should get up and engage in some quiet, relaxing activity, free of lights or screen time. Various sleep aids and suggestions for curing insomnia are commonly touted in the media, but the most effective treatment is cognitive therapy conducted by a certified sleep psychologist. There are educational phone Apps dealing with the subject, which may be downloaded, with one of the best having been developed by the VA. It is free and titled, "Insomnia Coach." Other strategies which may promote better sleep are wearing ear plugs, listening to white noise, meditating, and using red bulbs in night lights because our wake centers are not sensitive to red light.

We explored the diagnosis of restless leg syndrome, which can result in irregular sleep patterns and is known to have a genetic component as its cause. Dr. Watkins shared that recent and important findings show RLS actually might be a brain iron deficiency syndrome because those affected have been found to be deficient in the glutamate receptors responsible for extracting iron from the blood in the brain.

We also discussed the use of over-the-counter medications for sleep:

- Benadryl - antihistamine, longer-lasting sedation resulting in next day sleepiness and its anti-cholinergic properties may make dementia worse over time.
- Allegra - safest as only antihistamine that is non-sedating and not anti-cholinergic.
- Melatonin - OTC unsafe over long term and studies show actual dose may be considerably stronger than that shown on the label. Medical grade melatonin by prescription can be therapeutic.

We all know about the condition of sleep apnea, and while even babies and toddlers can be diagnosed as having the problem, it is imperative at any age to investigate any suspected lack of proper oxygenation during sleep because it could be a matter of life or death - high blood pressure, strokes and heart issues may result from poor oxygenation. Currently, most sleep studies are conducted as home tests. If treatment is indicated, there are a range of styles of CPAP masks from which you may choose, or an oral appliance may be effective in certain circumstances. Available also, at significant cost and requiring intervention, is an implantable nerve stimulating device, Inspire.

To hear the entire talk by Dr., Watkins, go to the church website, gspcsg.org, select Activities, scroll to Health and Wellness and choose "Sleep" from the list to the right. Also, take the time to check out any of our previous, informative Lunch and Learn program recordings.

Starting in January, your Growth and Care Committee is launching a wellness series, **Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life**, following the Ardmore Institute's Full Plate Living Core Program. Recommended by the prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Full Plate Living Core Program is science-based and has a proven history of success. This is not a diet program but a lifestyle program you can stick with! You will eat in abundance and still enjoy your favorite foods. No deprivation. No hunger. It's all about making tweaks to what you already eat. Common results are lower blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels, weight loss, reduced chronic pain, and improved energy, mobility and longevity.

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

You will work on a computer, tablet or mobile phone to access the FREE online lessons and workbook, be a part of a support group facilitated by Donna Flores and Virginia Hunt, coming together for discussion once every two weeks from January 23rd through April 30th. For those interested in learning more about the program, information sessions will be offered in Conklin Hall after church on January 7th and 14th, where you may also sign up for the program. And, as we always say, "bring a friend!" If you have questions, please contact Deanna Flores at 407-488-5460.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

With the coming of the New Year, we welcome three new Deacons to our ranks. Marsha Besch will replace Ka-Wai Yu in Washington Parish and Gordon Conklin will join Marilyn as the Deacons for Quail Creek Parish. Because Bloomington Hills and Red Cliffs parishes had grown so large, we split them and created a new parish, South St. George. Terri Morgan will be the Deacon for the new parish. The updated parish list for 2024 is on page 9.

John and I are your contacts for the Deacon Shed which is full of items you may need. We have walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and raised toilet seats. If you need anything from the shed, please give us a call. My phone is 801-541-7444. John's is 801-608-4158.

Peggy Graber, Moderator

Fellowship

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our many events in December. Christmas time is a time for fellowship, and we all enjoyed sharing good food and friends around the Christmas holidays.

Our next big event will be Robbie Burns Night on February 3rd. Plan to join us as we celebrate the Poet Laureate of Scotland.

The Book Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building. If you are interested in joining us, please come and bring a sack lunch. We discuss the current month's book then choose the book for the following month. The meeting lasts just one hour. We enjoy getting to know each other's viewpoints on the books we read.

Please join us for our fellowship events and Book Club. Remember...there is no fellowship without YOU !!

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

CROP Walk: The final results from the CROP Walk are in and Good Shepherd raised \$1,405 of the \$6,600 total. That put us in second place behind Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church which raised more than \$2,100, with one stellar donation of \$1,000. \$1,650 of the total raised was donated to Solomon's Porch and the great work that they do in our community.

Year-End Charity Donations: Each year we donate money to several area charities that support many diverse needs in our community ranging from medical needs to women's needs. Our donations for 2023 were:

Area	Recipient	Total
Needy	Assistance League of Southern Utah	\$ 1,000.00*
Medical	Doctors Volunteer Clinic of St. George	\$ 1,000.00
Housing	Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah	\$ 1,000.00
Child/Hung	Neighborhood Connection	\$ 1,000.00
Needy	Salvation Army	\$ 1,000.00
Hunger	Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship	\$ 1,100.00**
Needy	Switchpoint Community Resource Center	\$ 1,000.00
Women	The DOVE Center	\$ 1,000.00
Hunger	Utah Food Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Children	Washington County School District Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 10,100.00

*The Assistance League will also receive our Change4Change donations.

**Solomon's Porch received a late donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Change4Change recipient for 2024 will be Neighborhood Connection.

Chris Schleiter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on November 12th. The following actions were taken:

- Approved Rev. Clingan's request for vacation on January 11-21, 2024.
- Approved the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 28, 2024, after worship.
- Approved to remove twenty-seven members from the membership roles for the following reasons: unknown addresses, requested removal from our mailing list, inactive, or deceased.
- Approved to submit proposed 2024 Terms of Call for Rev. Ralph Clingan to the congregation at the Stated Congregational Meeting on December 17, 2023.
- E-vote on 12-15-2023 to remove Merritt and Beverly Perkins from membership at their request.
- E-vote on 12-21-2023 to approve Mission's year-end donations to local charities.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, January 7th at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session*

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who made a pledge during our annual Stewardship campaign in December. As of Christmas Eve we have received 93.2% of the pledges we need to fund the 2024 budget. Even though the formal campaign is over, you can still make a pledge.

I will be taking on the Christian Education committee beginning in January and Ray Snipes will be the new Elder for Stewardship. Please welcome Ray to Session and give him your support as we navigate our finances in the years to come.

I wish everyone a blessed, joyful, and healthy New Year! Your generosity and faithfulness in giving is appreciated. Please consider your future giving prayerfully and have a very Happy New Year!

Leslie Lintz

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild had a great year thanks to all of you who helped make it so. Our Christmas cookie sale brought in \$512.00. We sent out checks to our charities last week. Thanks again for all your help in 2023. Happy New Year!

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

A big thank you to Barbara, Steve, Ka-Wai and the choirs for the wonderful music during Advent and Christmas.

The beautiful Christmas decorations need to be taken down and all are welcome to help on January 6th at 9:00 am.

The Chancel Choir will resume weekly practices starting January 4th and the Bell Choir will resume on January 13th.

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation January 14th through January 21st. Chaplain Daniel Flores will preach January 14th and Rev. Dolores Wiens will preach January 21st.

Thanks again to all who serve as Ushers!

Ruthanne Skinner



Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Saturday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 7 Baptism of the Lord	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Sunday, January 21 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Sunday, February 14 Transfiguration of the Lord	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, February 21 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

Deacon Parishes for 2024

Sun River	Bloomington	Bloomington Hills	South St. George	Red Cliffs	Santa Clara / Ivins	Washington	Quail Creek	Hurricane	Deacons +
Mona Johnson	Candy Hurlbut	John Graber	Terri Morgan	Ann McLuckie	Jesse Henderson Melissa Henderson	Marsha Besch	Marilyn Conklin Gordon Conklin	Sue Lundgreen	Peggy Graber
Bartlett	Bass	Baxter	Barkoff	Babb	Arganbright	Cannon	Amland	Abbott	Besch
Beasley	Bayle	Clingan, J	Fucone	Dull	Baker	Carlson	Elwood	Arredondo	Conklin
Clark	Jakubczak	Cunningham	Gibbons	Estlack	Beckman, M	Jimenez	Kitzman	Borden	Henderson
Horvath	Laubscher	Kellejan	Graber	Fine	Contreras	Jordy	Lucky	Hogan	Hurlbut
Mansfield	Lintz	Morgan, B/E	Jentzer	Linn	Florence	Klein	Schleter	Hunt	Johnson
McGaha	Noble	Otness	Snipes	Metzger	Flores	Lane	Seefeld	Marsh	Lundgreen
Patten	Perkins	Phipps	Voehl	Morrison	Frausto	Morrison	Smpltsky-Jrmn	Overkamp	McGilloway
Prinselaar	Reid (Hawk)	Thomson		Wick	Gearhart	Prentice	Starks	Safreno	McLuckie
Whatley	Schroeder				Ingold, T	Schultzman		Stone	Morgan, C/T
	Skinner				McConnell	Yu		Whitton	Penzari
	Smith				Milford				
	West				Torok				
					Wiens				

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 12:00 Prayer Over the Noon City @ Tabernacle 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	2 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 Grief & Loss Support Group pm	3 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	4 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	6 Epiphany of the Lord 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 Solomon's Porch Sunday 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship - Info Session on Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life 12:00 Session Meeting Noon	8 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	9 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	10 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	13 9:00 am Take Down Christmas Decorations 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
14 Baptism of the Lord 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship - Chaplain Daniel Flores preaching 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship - Info Session on Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life	15 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	16 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	17 9:30 am Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	18 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	20 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
21 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship - Rev. Dolores Wiens preaching 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken	22 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Winter Bible Study on 2 Corinthians - CE Building	23 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 1:00 pm Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	24 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	25 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Noon Book Club @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	27 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
28 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting @ Sanctuary 11:45 am Fellowship	29 11:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Winter Bible Study on 2 Corinthians @ CE Building	30 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	31 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble			

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from January 15th through January 21st.
Please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) with any pastoral concerns.

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

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Solomon's Porch Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash for Solomon's Porth – 1st Sunday of each Month
Women's Bible Study and Fellowship – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall
Al-Anon Meeting – Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Men's Bible Study	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
Choir Practices	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Sanctuary

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January

January 7	<i>Available</i>
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January 21	<i>Available</i>
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February 4	<i>Available</i>
February 11	<i>Available</i>
February 18	<i>Available</i>
February 25	<i>Available</i>

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