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## Church Staff

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**Ruth Ann Horvath**  
Clerk of Session

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Church Secretaries

**Barbara McConnell**  
Music Director

**Stephen Talley**  
Organist

**Deborah Stone**  
Prayer Chain

**Chris Schleiter**  
Website / Newsletter Editor

## Advent Food Drive Was AMAZING!

What an amazing food drive. With a lot of help from Noah Henderson and the Cub Scouts of Pack 4208 we gathered more than 1100 food items with a total weight of just under HALF A TON. That doesn't count the plates, bowls, forks, knives and other supplies that were donated. There was so much that it took Carolynn Thomas and Chris Schleiter more than SIX HOURS to count it all.

Carolynn Thomas reported that when she delivered the Soup Kitchen's share the staff had a hard time finding space for all the food (that's a good thing). Pastor Jimi Kestin of Solomon's Porch was amazed at all the food they received, as well. Thanks to everyone who donated food and money to help eliminate hunger in our area.

Here is a photo of all the canned/boxed food collected on tables waiting to be counted.



## Souper Bowl of Caring February 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Souper Bowl of Caring takes place on the first Sunday in February. Wait! Isn't that the same Sunday as the Super Bowl? Yes, we are encouraged to take our level of passion for football and match it with our passion for giving to those in St George who are hungry. Bring your canned food donations along with you to church! Bring your money donations and place them in the donation box in the Narthex. Each donation is equal to a touchdown for those who are in need right here in our hometown.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 when a teenager participating in a Presbyterian Youth Group in North Carolina prayed – "While we watch the football game, let us be aware of those in need who don't even have a bowl of soup". Now the Souper Bowl of Caring is an ongoing organization in which hundreds of churches participate – donating to their local charities for those who are hungry.

Let's stop by our favorite grocery stores, buy many cans of food, bring them to church on Sunday to fill the Narthex, and score touchdowns for those who are hungry! This will be our last food drive until Thanksgiving so let's make an impact on this serious problem in our area.

### 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

Jan Hirschi	Ed Mansfield
Roger Kitzman	Josie Marsh
Joe Borden	Preston Hughes
Dottie Malcomson	Barbara Schultzman
Carol Somplatsky-Jarman	Dorothy Nichols
Joe Borden	Shirley Craig
Jack Ewing	Brett Schroeder
Melissa Beckman & Twins	

Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

Paul Wiens

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

### March Newsletter Deadline

February 21, 2020

### 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 January were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Corinthians 1:2-10	Thanksgiving
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalms 25:4-5	Teach your ways
Elder Leslie Lintz	Psalms 91:4	Protection
Elder Alan Paige	Isaiah 40:8	Word of God
Elder Judy Oar	Colossians 1:16	All things well
Elder Chris Schleiter	Matthew 6:29-31	True Treasure
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Romans 8:18-21	Freedom and Glory
Elder Jan Hirschi	Psalms 121:1-8	Lord's keeping
Elder Eric Westland	Jeremiah 29:11	Plan for you
Elder Barbara McConnell	Psalms 62:5-6	Bless my soul

### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Nursery
<b>February</b>		
February 2	Jan Hirschi	Jennifer P
February 9	Donna Beasley	Donna Beasley
February 16	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
<b>March</b>		
March 1	Tom & Vici Noble	Jennifer P
March 8	Tom & Vici Noble	Donna Beasley
March 15	Tom & Vici Noble	<i>Available</i>
March 22	Tom & Vici Noble	<i>Available</i>
March 29	<i>Available</i>	<i>No Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website [gpscsg.org](http://gpscsg.org)

### Treasurer's Report

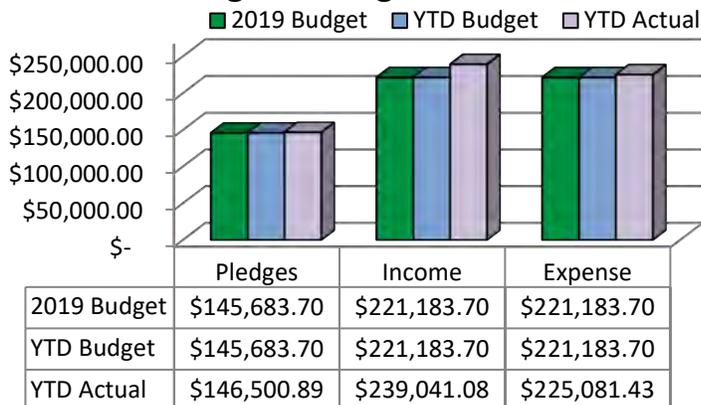
#### General Fund as of December 31, 2019 Month of December

Receipts	\$ 18,252.30
Expenditures	\$ 22,905.47
<b>2019 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 221,183.70
Actual Receipts	<b>\$239,041.08</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 221,183.70
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$225,081.43</b>

#### Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 40,509.46
Building Fund	\$ 38,423.63
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,189.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,417.27
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 3,303.05
Bequests	\$ 73,760.12

#### 2019 Budget Through December 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"*

*Luke 4:1-4 New American Standard Bible (NASB)*



For much of the Christian world the church season of Lent will begin this month on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and end on April 12<sup>th</sup>. I will say more about that in my newsletter article next month.

What you may not be aware of that the season of Lent is one of the oldest traditions of the Christian Church, a season of 40 days, symbolic of Jesus forty days in the wilderness in spiritual preparation for his mission that comes to its fulfilment with the dawn of Resurrection Sunday, Easter Morning. Church seasons are primarily twofold in purpose, for our spiritual growth and education. Our time of preparation to hear again those wondrous words, "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!", and experience the renewal of our own life, faith and hope, not only as individuals but as well as the body of Christ, His Church.

The question then for us now as we approach this time is just how? While some traditions encourage a temporary sacrifice of something we love to eat or do, I tend to believe a far better approach is to add to our lives and routines some activity that will lead to growth such as a Bible study or class, attend a service that you have not attended before, and of course follow those traditions and activities that lead you closer to Christ but as well closer to your brother and sister in the Lord.

Throughout this month's newsletter you will find many opportunities to do just that. I invite you to prayerfully look and see prayerfully what different you may take through this year's journey of Lent. It is my hope and prayer you will be led to join with me on this journey of preparation and celebration.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

### **\*\* Home Communion \*\***

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

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

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force several years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information regarding patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

So, if you or a family member is hospitalized please alert the Pastor, your Deacon, or the church office. Otherwise, we will not be informed of your presence there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

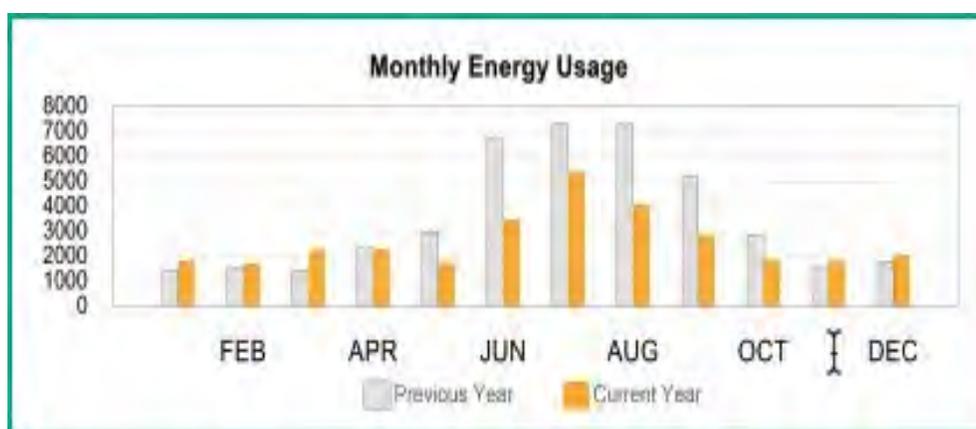
## Buildings

In between putting up Christmas decorations and taking them down, I reorganized the west storage building. During this same time, I engaged in a father-son bonding activity with my son by building new shelving to help organize the available space.

I made a big shopping trip to Costco to resupply cleaning items, paper products, etc. I placed a few of each item in the Conklin Hall closets and placed the rest out on the new shelving. I'll restock as needed.

I believe I finally have the heat programming figured out with the new smart system. The primary problem has been the sanctuary as it is such a big room to heat. The smart thermostats will definitely have it warmed up by the start of worship, but the room definitely feels hot during that warmup time as the furnaces are blasting hot air into the room. The simple solution was to get the sanctuary up to temperature for about 1 hour before the first occupancy. That seems to do the trick and heat is relatively inexpensive for the extra hour.

We just received our electric bill for the month and I thought I would share this graph showing how our energy usage dropped last summer after the investments we made last spring.



*Blessings,  
Eric Westland*

## Christian Education

Lent is fast approaching so two reminders. First, Rev. Ralph will be leading the annual Lenten Study beginning Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45 PM in the Christian Education building. This year's theme is Galatians.

Second, look for your personal copy of the Lenten devotional. The theme for 2020 is Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross. Your personal Lenten reflection will feature "beautiful ancient Christian mosaics throughout the devotional. Just the way mosaics are constructed, we are invited to reflect on how our little tile piece could be added to the beloved community where we live." The devotional features prayers and reflections by 19 ordained ministers, chaplains, lay pastors and ruling elders from the Presbytery of the Pacific, all of whom share a common passion for following Jesus.

Special Sundays include February 2<sup>nd</sup> when we celebrate the service of over 150 Presbyterian chaplains who provide spiritual ministry to those standing duty and enduring hardships for our nation. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will lift up the PCUSA health ministries including our own Parish Health Ministry here at Good Shepherd. And February 16<sup>th</sup> is one of our oldest ecumenical days of prayer when we join in prayer for students across the world and for those who aspire to be students.

Finally, on Sundays February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, those who are interested in learning more about what is being done to address global climate change are invited to join me in the Christian Ed building following coffee hour. I will report on the involvement of faith groups at the UN Climate Change Negotiations in Madrid, Spain. In December, I was fortunate to attend along as part of the World Council of Churches delegation.

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

## Deacons

As we begin 2020, your Deacons are praying for our Parish members and ready to help when needed. This year the Ivins Parish will be served by Mona Johnson. The Green Valley Parish will be served by Marjorie Bayle. The Hurricane Parish, our largest Parish both in members and area, will be served by Sue Lundgreen and Russell and Luisa Estlack. The remaining parishes will continue to be served by their present deacons. We look forward to being available to serve each of you this year.

If you have an illness or are recovering from surgery, our Deacon Shed is full of items you may need. We have everything from walkers to crutches to wheelchairs to raised toilet seats. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120), and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Lord; and hope that if there is anything you need, you will let us know.

*In Christian love and fellowship,  
Your Deacons*

## Fellowship

Friends, just a reminder that there is no Fellowship without you. Our Sunday Fellowship time and special times of celebration are well attended. We generally have more than enough contributions to our fellowship table. However, sometimes YOU are missing. When you come to Conklin Hall for a treat and a cup of coffee, are you just passing through? Have you considered what it takes to prepare and then clean up? Have you considered that this is a chance to show the love of Christ by serving others? My sincerest thanks to those of you who contribute to making our fellowship time a success. If you have any questions on helping to provide a service through fellowship, just stop in the kitchen any Sunday morning.

*With love through Jesus Christ,  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

**Advent Food Drive:** As was reported on Page 1, our Advent Food Drive was nothing short of amazing. Thanks to everyone who donated.

**Change for Change:** Our Change for Change donations for 2019 have been totaled and we donated \$423.71 to the DOVE Center. I am thankful that State Bank of Southern Utah still has a coin counter or I would still be counting and rolling coins. Just because 2019 is over doesn't mean Change for Change is over. Is your loose change getting heavy in your pocket or purse? Is that coin dish at home overflowing with coins? Bring all that loose change with you to church on Sunday and place it in the brown donation box in the Narthex. Our Change for Change recipient for 2020 will be Youth Futures.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** As was reported on Page 1, we will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring again this year. 2020 marks our 22<sup>nd</sup> year collecting food and money on Super Bowl Sunday to help those in our community who need assistance with having enough to eat. I hope you will consider donating food and money to help with this serious problem in our area.

*Peace and Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Health Ministry

**Brown Bag Luncheon:** We invite you to attend the first Luncheon of the year when our speaker, Brent McFadden, PharmD, of Brent's Pharmacy and Diabetes Care will discuss "The Care and Feeding of Diabetes." Returns on the recent questionnaire distributed to the congregation showed that there is an interest in exploration of the diagnosis of diabetes. Brent is qualified to speak about what it means to live with Types 1 and 2 Diabetes and Prediabetes. The Southwest Utah Public Health Department states that nearly 55,000 adults in Southwest Utah are unaware they have prediabetes and could be at risk for becoming diabetic in the future. If you have questions about what this all too frequent diagnosis could mean to you or someone you know, please join us at Noon on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in Conklin Hall. Bring your sandwich and we'll supply treats and beverages.

## Parish Health Ministry, continued

**Save the Date:** It's difficult to believe, but it's time again for us to host our biennial CPR CERTIFICATION on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 am. This course is for those who took the course in 2018 and need to renew to stay current or for anyone wishing to become certified. Information about the fee to be charged and registration will be forthcoming.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

*Deborah Stone*

## Senior Ministries

**Soup and Fellowship:** Our January event focused on Ann McLuckie who is a Wildlife Biologist working out of the Washington County Hurricane Fish and Game office. Her presentation was most informative and interesting with slides and graphs to explain the desert tortoise, her area of care. A few brief highlights are: 12,000 acres around us are dedicated to these animals, some have radio tracking devices. Many events have led to their decline in numbers since 2002, such as drought, fires, and disease due to lack of food and shell trauma. They have a high mortality rate of their eggs and they don't produce many in the first place. Maturity is 25 years before they can reproduce. Work is in place to restore the habitat lost to drought and fire with exotic plants and grasses. 508 tortoises have been translocated successfully over the years. It is estimated there are 13 tortoises per square kilometer. Currently, we have a local issue concerning the land to the north of us, dedicated to the tortoise, but being sought by developers. If you care about this, ask Ann what you can do to preserve this land. Bottom line: DON'T HANDLE THE TORTOISE. It can be a death sentence for the tortoise. Thank you, Ann, for this engrossing and fascinating hour of "getting to know you." Delicious soups, salads and "turtles" were offered by the committee.

At Noon on February 12<sup>th</sup> in Conklin Hall, our Soup and Fellowship will feature Tom and Vici Noble. This will be yet another worthwhile presentation for your enlightenment. Their title is "Stans by Us: Impressions of Central Asia": a little history, a little culture, little religion and a little geography. Typical food from the region will be served and, as always, lunch is free. This is not a travel log.

**Card Party:** Our monthly card party is the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. In February the date is the 19<sup>th</sup>. We continue to offer the opportunity to play cards, backgammon, rummikub and bridge if we can get four players to participate. We like new card games but usually play hearts or rummy of some kind. None of us are card sharks. Please join us. We always have a good time.

Thanks to the committee members: Barbara West, Ruthanne Skinner, Jane O'Donnell and Cheryl Mansfield.

*Judy Oar*



## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on January 19, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved, at a special meeting on December 22, 2019, Marjorie Bayle as a nominee for Deacon.
- Accepted Paul Wiens as a new member to be received into membership on January 26, 2020.
- Approved the adoption of a resolution stating that a portion (\$3,000) of the Pastor's Reimbursable Expenses be allocated to the Health Reimbursement Arrangement for the year 2020.
- Established a Deacon Fellowship Fund and to set aside \$1,000 from the Mission-Outreach Set Aside Fund for said fund.
- Approved to modify the previously approved 2020 Budget to increase Christian Education Budget by \$1,500 and to increase the Building Budget by \$400 for total increase of \$1,900. These amounts will be included in the 2020 Budget as presented in the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2020.
- Approved a contract for annual tree and shrub trimming at a cost not to exceed \$500.
- Approved, as per the approved 2020 General Fund Budget, to move \$5,000 from General Fund to Russia Mission Fund and approved the Churchwide Mission Donations as follows: \$3,000 to Ellen and Al Smith, \$1,000 to support the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy's programs for drug and alcohol rehabilitation, and \$1,500 to Presbytery for general Churchwide Mission.
- Appointed Carolynn Thomas as Treasurer for 2020.
- Appointed Ruth Ann Horvath as Session Clerk for 2020.
- Appointed Gloria McGilloway as Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2020.
- Approved the dates of Stated Session Meetings on the second Sunday of each month following worship service in the Christian Education Building in 2020 and January 2021.
- Approved the following Communion dates: the first Sunday of each month during 2020 and January 2021, Early Prayer/Communion Services each week during 2020 and January 2021, Maundy Thursday Agape Service, and to authorize the Visitation Elder to distribute communion to the shut-ins in 2020 and January 2021.
- A Meeting of the Corporation was held on January 19, 2020. Election of 2020 Corporate Officers were as follows: Chris Schleter was elected as President, Gloria McGilloway was elected as Vice President, Ruth Ann Horvath was elected as Secretary, and Carolynn Thomas was elected as Treasurer.
- The Board of the Corporation voted to submit to the Congregation an amendment to the By-Laws to bring them into conformance with the Book of Order as follows: ARTICLE 6 – Nominating Committee: The committee shall have at least three other members from the congregation at large. These members shall be nominated by the previous nominating committee or the congregation. ~~If nominated by the previous nominating committee, the other members shall not be actively serving ruling Elders.~~

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of January volunteers included Vicky Westland, Eliza Elwood, Marge Linn, Josie Kellejan, Carol Somplatsky-Jarman, Janis Wick, Patti and Brian Lusby, and Ruth Ann Horvath. As a result of our Advent Food Drive we donated 590 pounds of food plus \$136 in cash to the Kitchen. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A Winter menu of Southwest turkey stew, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## Stewardship

I would like to introduce myself as the new Elder for Stewardship. Thank you to last year's Stewardship committee for all your hard work. As of the end of December, 2019, as noted in the Annual Report, we had received pledges totaling 83% of our needs for 2020, but nearly \$25,000 more is still needed to meet our 2020 budget needs. If you have not already done so, please make your pledge for this year.

On the horizon, from February 26<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>, is One Great Hour of Sharing, when you will have the opportunity to help provide safety, sustenance, and hope to individuals and communities in need. Thank you everyone for your generosity and caring.

The Treasurer's report from the end of 2019 appears on page 2, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

## Stewardship, continued

I leave you with this thought from 1 Corinthians 12:12,27: *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ; Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

*Leslie Lintz*

## Women's Guild

The Women's Guild is looking forward to a fun-filled year. We will be changing things up a bit.

We will be kicking off our new year with the Valentine cookie sale on February 9<sup>th</sup> after Worship. Our Ladies' Spring Luncheon will be March 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale sometime in February so watch for more news on this event.

We would like to invite all women who would like a part of this group, to come join us. With our fund raisers, we are able to donate money to several children's charities here in St. George.

We have a new board this year: LaVerna Metzger will serve as Moderator, Karla Sproul as Co-Moderator, Mona Johnson will be the Secretary and Kristin Crowe will serve as Treasurer. If you are interested in joining the Women's Guild, please see one of us.

*LaVerna Metzger*

## Worship & Music

The Worship Committee is responsible for the music program, ushers, and communion helpers. There is also a sanctuary committee who takes care of the lighting of the candles. Following each service, they see that the pews are cleaned, and the attendance pads are prepared for the next service. If you are interested in helping with any of these jobs, please contact Barbara McConnell.

Anne Patten is assisting me in arranging for ushers. Our goal is to plan the usher schedule for at least two or more months in advance. If you have committed to usher, our church secretary, Candy Hurlbut, will send the schedule of ushers for that given month. Along with the reminder will be an instruction sheet stating usher responsibilities. We hope this will help with planning for ushers. We want to give everyone a chance to have this fun experience!

At the end of this month, the season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday services on February 26<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience, there will be two services, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars for this special day.

As usual, our Bell and Chancel Choirs are hard at work preparing music for every service. We can't accomplish any of this without the great organ and accompaniment music by Steve Talley. Steve also subs for Bell ringing when needed.

It is a pleasure and a blessing for me to be your Worship and Music Elder.

*Barbara McConnell*

## Congregation News

### **Friday Men's Bible Study Schedule Change**

After meeting in December, the men decided that the Friday men's Bible Study at Bishop's in Washington will meet only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month.

Blessings and hope to see you there!

*Scott Florence*

### **Emily Penzari**

Emily Penzari has moved into a new facility and reports that she is "bored out of her mind" and that she would love for members of the congregation to stay in touch with her. If you would like to contact Emily, please call the church office and they will give you her contact information.

## Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, February 2 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday, February 9 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Sunday, February 23 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Wednesday, February 26 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

## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, March 1 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, March 15 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45



## February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	<b>3</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry <b>1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>5</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>6:30 pm Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b>	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn <b>1:30 pm Parish Health Ministry Meeting</b> 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir		<b>8</b> 9:00 am Elder/Deacon Training – Community Presbyterian Church – Cedar City
<b>9</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>11:45 am Women's Guild Valentine Cookie Sale</b> <b>11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken</b> <b>11:45 am Session Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>11</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>12</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>12:00 Noon Soup &amp; Fellowship – Tom &amp; Vici Noble – Conklin Hall</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	<b>17</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>18</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>19</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>12:00 Noon Brown Bag Luncheon – The Care and Feeding of Diabetes</b> <b>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Game Party – Conklin Hall</b> <b>6:30 pm Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b>	<b>20</b> <del>11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn</del> <del>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</del> 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>12:00 Noon Christian Education Committee Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	<b>24</b> <b>11:30 am Women's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>25</b> <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> <b>8:00 Shrove Tuesday to Breakfast</b> <b>9:30 am</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>26</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service</b> <del>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes &amp; Noble</del> <b>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>27</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>29</b>

This calendar is subject to change.  
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## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Soup Kitchen Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month

**Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each Month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall

<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Exercise with Rev. Ralph</b>	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's
<b>Open Bible Study</b>	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
<b>Choir Rehearsals</b>	Tuesday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



## Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage, we estimated that we needed \$384,000 in order to pay off the mortgage and have the resources to meet our needs for maintaining and improving our facilities. Now that our mortgage has been retired, we can turn our attention to several major maintenance items and improvements that need to be addressed over the next several years. These projects, totaling more than \$145,000, need to be funded. We still need your help.

Through January 26<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$26,905** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$278,068** or about **72.4%** of our **\$384,000** goal.

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to the third campaign. If you haven't pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us ensure that our facilities remain in top notch condition and to allow us to make some needed improvements.

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