



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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### Church Staff

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Pastor

**Ruth Ann Horvath**  
Clerk of Session

**Mary Contreras**  
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**Paul Wiens**  
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**Kathy Brown**  
Chancel Choir Director

**Aaron Lund**  
Organist/Pianist

**Virginia Hunt**  
Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

**Chris Schleiter**  
Website / Newsletter Editor

## Growing Our Future

In November 2024, we announced the formation of the Growing Our Future committee, charged with understanding the needs of our Congregation and exploring various ideas for marketing our Church to newcomers. The development-phase team has been meeting since October 2024 and recently submitted "conceptual recommendations" to Session for approval. The following initiatives were approved by Session:

- Conduct a survey of the Congregation to better understand the demographics of our members, how they came to join our church, and how they use today's communication tools.
- Implement a trial campaign which will use post-card mailings to introduce our church to people who have recently moved into the greater St. George area.
- If warranted by our survey, engage professional assistance to improve to our web page (GSPCSG.org) as a tool for attracting newcomers and to raise its visibility within internet search engines.
- Investigate potential subscription-based Church Management Programs to aid in more effective and efficient communication with our members.

We expect to roll out the member survey which will be conducted, for the most part, by email, in February. For members who do not typically use email communication, we will also distribute paper versions of the surveys at Church services during that month.

As we progress through 2025 with the implementation phase of the project, we would benefit greatly by assistance from other members of the Congregation. If you are moved to help with "Growing Our Future" please contact Virginia Hunt or Alicia Kitzman.

## Souper Bowl of Caring February 9<sup>th</sup>

The Souper Bowl of Caring takes place on the second 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 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 Presbytery's Matthew 25 Initiative group is again holding a competition between Utah Presbyterian congregations to see who can gather the most food and raise the most money. The competition is on a per capita basis, meaning that the total amount collected is divided by the number of members of the church. We are a large church so, if we want to win, we will need to collect A LOT of food and cash.

The food and cash collected will go to Solomon's Porch. Let's stop by our favorite grocery stores, buy many food items (the more the better) and bring them to church on Sundays between now and February 9<sup>th</sup> to fill the Narthex and score touchdowns for those who are hungry!

### 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

- Rayanne Bartlett                      Candy & Russ Hurlbut
- John & Peggy Graber                  Cathy Overkamp
- Cheryl Mansfield                      Ann Abbott
- Molly Bass                              Barbara Schultzman
- Tineke Ingold                          Ann Hogan
- Roger & Alicia Kitzman
- Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton
- The Family of Janice Klein
- The victims of the California wildfires
- Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
- Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

#### Mark & Patti Eddington

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

### March Newsletter Deadline February 19, 2025

### Worship Schedule

- 8:30 – 8:45 am**  
**Morning Prayer and Communion**  
**Sanctuary**
- 8:45 –10:00 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	Colossians 3:15	Forgiving each other
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalm 9:1	Give Thanks
Elder Chris Schleiter	Matthew 6:19-21	Where your treasure is
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Psalm 55:22	He will sustain you
Elder Mary Contreras	Ecclesiastes 7:10, 14	consider God
Elder Tom Contreras	Psalm 57:1-2	Shadow of Your wings
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	Colossians 3:12-14	as the Lord forgave
Elder Ray Snipes	Exodus 23:4,5	help them

### 2025 PLEDGES

**Goal**  
**\$199,987**  
**Received through 12/29**  
**\$166,120 (86.1%)**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$26,867**

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

### BUILDING FUND

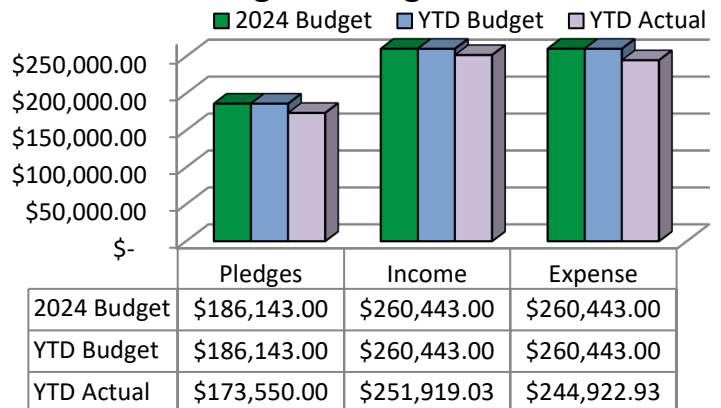
**Goal**  
**\$384,000**  
**Received to Date**  
**\$334,525**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$49,475**

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

## Treasurer’s Report

General Fund as of December 31	
<b>Month of December</b>	
Receipts	\$ 43,887.43
Expenditures	\$ 26,518.98
December Net	<b>\$ 17,368.45</b>
<b>2024 YTD Budget vs. Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	<b>\$ 260,443.00</b>
Actual Receipts	<b>\$ 251,919.03</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	<b>\$ 260,443.00</b>
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$ 244,922.93</b>
YTD Net	<b>\$ 6,996.10</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund	\$ 50,885.63
Building Fund	\$ 60,167.65
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,360.53
Bequests	\$ 51,939.13
Reserve Fund	\$ 82,692.90
Reynolds Family Bequest	\$ 93,250.84
Mission Reserve	\$ 28,962.54
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 2,610.35

### 2024 Budget Through December 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

*Psalm 46:1-7 NASB*



This past year has been for our congregation a time of change, in other words, transitions. And while change is always a difficult word, as the Psalmist says, "we will not fear, the Lord of host is with us."

We witnessed the transition from our long-time organist, Stephen Talley, who retired in May to the very capable Aaron Lund. We witnessed the transition from our long time Music Director Emerita Elder Barbara McConnell in August to Dr. Paul Wiens as our Interim Music Director.

This has led to a reorganization of our music program ending the year with Paul Wiens as Music and Bell Choir Director and with the addition of Kathy Brown as our Chancel Choir Director. As I said this has been a time of transition and we are very fortunate to have these gifted music personnel serving in the Worship of our congregation! Now with the new program in place we are in the process of building both our Chancel and Bell Choirs. Consider joining one or both!

We continue to strongly support our local mission causes. Our relationship with our sister church in Russia remains strong. It has been challenging maintaining our relationship in the face of a three-year-old war between Russia and Ukraine. Communication has been restricted but still doable. Pastor Sergei has expressed his heartfelt gratitude to God and all of you!

In response, the Eastern European Partner Network (EPPN) has established contact with other partners in the neighboring nations of Poland, Lithuania, Romania and Moldova. We have expanded our mission support for two projects in Moldova, a Church World Service refugee center in Balti and YMCA Moldova in Chisinau, Moldova.

We were very pleased to be one of the hosts for Presbyterian International Peacemaker Dimitri Roibu, the director of YMCA Moldova who presented a program on his work and service to our congregation as well as several groups in Saint George.

We continue our active participation and support of the St. George Area Interfaith Council. This year we were the second largest contributor to the annual CROP Walk. This was our most successful CROP Walk raising \$10,600 for local and international hunger programs.

The transition continues even in the face of some challenges. We know whose guiding hand continues to shepherd us throughout these days and times. Our Lord and Savior continues to call us into a new and bright future that we have only begun to enter. The transition continues. "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

In the meantime, I want to express my great appreciation to our congregation who have remained positive, supportive, generous, faithful and hopeful with a loving Christian spirit throughout these days.

The Lord is near, and he has led us through these days and now into the future. And I continue to give thanks to Him for you all.

*In Christ  
Rev. Ralph*

### **\*\* 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 about 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 you or offer pastoral care.

## Prayer Corner



There is so much for us to learn about prayer. A great book to read is called Praying like Monks, Living like Fools by Tyler Staton.

A quote from the book: "Prayer stills us, brings us peace, helps us come to terms with what is. Prayer changes the person praying from the inside out. But prayer also releases power. Prayer releases power to affect real change in the tangible world"

These are reasons members of our Prayer Chain pray for your concerns and requests.

Maybe...some of you would like to join us?

*Virginia Hunt*

## Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

The 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 Virginia Hunt [marorva@mac.com](mailto:marorva@mac.com) or 714-955-1167, and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

## Healing Prayer Offered Weekly

Healing prayer and anointing are offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. A Stephen Minister will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.

## Oasis of Blessing Prayer Group

The Oasis of Prayer meets every other Monday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We briefly meet as a group at the beginning and then spread out through the space to spend time sitting in the presence of the Lord, praying in silence and listening to the Spirit. Our prayers are focused on our church leadership, our church community, and the wider community of St. George. We invite all to join us in prayer. For information on the meeting place, please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343).

## Buildings & Grounds

The crack sealing of the parking lot was completed, and we have forestalled the need to seal the entire parking lot for a few more years. Thanks to Scott Florence for coordinating this important work.

I will be away for a few weeks. If you see anything about our buildings or grounds that needs attention, please contact Scott Florence or Chris Schleter.

*Tom Contreras*

## Christian Education

Do you remember the commercial from a couple of decades ago: "It's 10:00, do you know where your children are?" Here's my version - "It's February - do you know where the Christian Education classes are?"

If you aren't already attending one of the Christian Ed classes, I urge you to do so. It's a good means of fellowship, and more importantly, it's a way to enrich your personal Christian faith.

Our ongoing classes and Bible studies continue to be held at the same time and place. They are:

- Adult Sunday school will explore the winter curriculum from A King Forever and Ever until the end of February. Ruth Ann Horvath leads discussions exploring the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us. The spring quarter topic will be Costly Sacrifices.
- Children's Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10:30 am in the CE building.
- Monthly Women's Bible Study meets the third Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. The topic is Princesses of the Bible, and it promises to be filled with information and interesting tidbits.
- Our two weekly women's Bible studies are led by Rev. Ralph. One meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village, and the other meets at 11:00 am on Wednesdays at the Starbucks Café in Barnes & Noble.

## Christian Education, continued

- The weekly men's bible study, lead by Rev. Ralph, meets on Thursdays at 11:00 am at the Bishop's café on Sunset.

In addition, Alan Dull is teaching a Bible Study class at Sterling Court Assisted Living every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm. We are welcome to attend. The next study is on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us. And give us your input! Any area of study you'd like to see us offer? Let us know.

*Celeste Renta*

## Congregational Growth & Care

We had planned to hold our first Lunch and Learn of 2025 on January 29<sup>th</sup>, but several events forced us to postpone that presentation. We are tentatively planning to have a presentation on Personal Safety from a representative of the Washington City Police Department on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Conklin Hall. Given the rising incidence of crime in our region, we thought getting some professional advice on how to protect ourselves and our property was appropriate.

You saw on the front page that our Growing Our Future will be doing a survey of our members to learn more about who they are, how they found our church and how they use technology in their daily lives. This information will help us to look at next steps to increase awareness of our church in the St. George area and seek to grow our membership. When you receive your survey, please respond. It will greatly assist the committee in their work.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Deacons

Your Deacons are busy getting to know the members of their parishes and reaching out to let them know that your Deacon is there to help if you need it. If you haven't heard from your Deacon, you will be hearing from them soon.

Sun River	Bloomington	Bloomington Hills	Red Cliffs	Santa Clara / Ivins	Washington	Quail Creek	Hurricane	Deacons +
Curt Whatley	Candy Hurlbut	Terri Morgan	Linda Fucone	Tineke Ingold	Jeff Clingan	Sal Arredondo	Sue Lundgreen	Peggy Graber
Bartlett	Baker	Baxter	Babb	Beckman, M	Cannon	Amland	Abbott	Arredondo
Bayle	Bass	Barkoff	Conklin	Contreras, M	Carlson	Elwood	Borden	Clingan, J
Beasley, C/D	Hadrych/Renta	Cunningham	Dull	Eddington	Jimenez	Kitzman	Hogan	Fucone
Clark	Henderson	Gibbons	Estlack	Florence	Jordy	Lucky	Hunt	Hurlbut
Horvath	Jakubczak	Graber	Fine	Flores	Lane	Schleter	Marks	Ingold
Johnson	Laubscher	Jentzer	Linn	Frausto	Lenk	Seefeld	Marsh	Lundgreen
Mansfield	Noble	Kellejan	McLuckie	Gearhart	Prentice	Somplatsky-Jarman	Overkamp	Morgan, C/T
McGaha	Perkins	Morgan, B/E	Metzger	McConnell, B	Schultzman	Starks	Safreno	Whatley
Parkinson/Dinkler	Reid (Hawk)	Phipps	Wick	Milford	Yu		Stone	
Patten	Schroeder	Snipes		Torok			Whitton	
Prinselaar	Skinner	Voehl		Wiens				
Smith	West							

I am your contact 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 me a call. My phone number is 801-541-7444.

*Peggy Graber, Moderator*

## Fellowship

With Ash Wednesday being in March this year, February will be a fairly calm month.

Robbie Burns Night is Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Come and enjoy some Scottish fun, pipes and drums and (perhaps) haggis.

The Book Club meets the last Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building. If you are interested in joining them, please come and bring a sack lunch. They 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!

Remember...there is no fellowship without YOU!!

*Mary Contreras*

## Mission/Outreach

**Operation Christmas Child:** Even though our Christmas Shoebox collection ended in November, it's never too late to get started on 2025. Thanks for all the support you gave to Operation Christmas Child last year.

Donna Beasley reports that we had a remarkably successful year. We sent 157 boxes to underprivileged children. We are ready to start collecting items for this year's boxes. In February we need to collect 70 hardback children's books. The children love books with pictures in them. The best price is found at Dollar Tree where they are \$1.25 each.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** As has been our tradition for as long as we can remember, we will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will also participate in the Presbytery's Matthew 25 Souper Bowl competition. For that competition, we will add up the number of food items and the number of dollars donated and divide by our membership. The congregation with the most points will win bragging rights for the year. Since we have a large, by Utah Presbyterian standards, congregation, we need A LOT of food and money in order to win the competition so let's start gathering food and cash!

**Solomon's Porch Sundays:** Just a reminder that the first Sunday of each month is designated Solomon's Porch Sunday. On those Sundays we collect food and money for Solomon's Porch and their indispensable programs for those in our area experiencing food insecurity. Please bring non-perishable food and money donations to church and place them in the boxes in the Narthex on the first Sunday of the month. They deeply appreciate everything our church does to help them, and we hope to have Pastor Jimi join us for a word of thanks in the near future.

*Chris Schleiter*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on January 12, 2025. The following actions were taken:

- Approved to receive Mark and Patti Eddington into membership of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Approved, in concept, the recommendations of the Growing Our Future Subcommittee: 1) a survey of the members, 2) a postcard marketing campaign to new residents moving into the area, 3) Specifications and bids for a local Web Site Design Firm including search engine optimization techniques, 4) Evaluate the use of Planning Center Church Operating System. All results of research shall be brought to the Session for approval prior to implementation.
- Approved to transfer an additional \$60 from Rev. Clingan's General Expenses to his HRA, retroactive to December 31, 2024, to cover health-related expenses that were incorrectly charged to his general expenses.
- Appointed Ruthanne Skinner to be Good Shepherd's Commissioner to Presbytery for 2025.
- Approve a Study Leave for Rev. Clingan to attend the Presbytery's Pastor and CLP Spring Retreat on March 6-8, 2025
- Accepted a quote from Desert Falls Landscaping for removal of juniper bushes and replacement of landscaping rock in an amount not to exceed \$800 to be taken from the Building Fund.
- Approved as per the previously approved 2024 General Fund Budget, the following Churchwide Mission donations:
  - \$2,000 to Ellen Smith, Presbyterian Mission Co-worker for Eastern Europe
  - \$1,000 to the YMCA of Moldova for programs to aid Ukrainian refugees.
  - \$500 to Friends of Moldova's programs to aid Ukrainian refugees.
  - \$1,500 to Presbytery for general Churchwide Mission
- Approved the appointment of Ann Abbott as Treasurer for 2025.
- Approved the appointment of Ruth Ann Horvath as Session Clerk for 2025.
- Approved the appointment of Elder Ruthanne Skinner to serve as Elder-Moderator of the 2025 Nominating Committee.

## Session News, continued

- Approved to set the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building as the Stated Session Meetings for 2025 and January 2026
- Approved to set the first Sunday of each month as the dates of Communion for 2025 and on the first Sunday in January 2026. Approved to serve Communion at every Sunday Prayer Service, Maundy Thursday Service (April 17, 2025) and to members who are shut ins. During June, July, and August communion will be served by intinction.
- Approved a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Resolution covering the 2025 year and establishing the annual HRA covered expenses for Rev. Clingan be set at a total of \$6,500 for 2025.
- Approved to appoint a commission consisting of Rev. Ralph Clingan and Ruth Ann Horvath to prepare 2024 PCUSA Annual Statistical Report.
- Held a Corporation Meeting and elected 2025 Corporation Officers: Chris Schleiter, President; Celeste Renta, Vice-President; Ruth Ann Horvath, Secretary; Ann Abbott, Treasurer.
- Next Session meeting will be on Saturday, February 9, 2025, at 12 Noon in the Christian Education Building.

Other Session actions outside of the January 12 meeting:

- At a Stated Congregational Meeting on 12-15-2024, the congregation approved the 2025 Terms of Call of the pastor and accepted the report of the Nominating Committee, electing three elders and five deacons
- Approved by E-vote on January 16, 2025, a request from Mark Eddington to be baptized.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Session Clerk*

## Stewardship

The financial challenges we faced last year and coming into this year remain. We still have less than half our members who have made a pledge for 2025, and we remain far short of our budgeted needs.

Thanks to several generous contributions and watchful spending in 2024, we ended the year with a surplus of just less than \$6,700 for the year. We did have to scramble a bit during the summer to avoid having to tap our reserves and we hope that we will not have the same issues in 2025. One way you can help is to reimburse us for your Per Capita assessment (\$45.84 for this year). You can contribute your donation online at our website or by using the blue Per Capita envelopes you can find in the pews in the Sanctuary or in the Narthex. Every Per Capita donation we receive frees cash to be used for other purposes.

Our committee will meet to consider things we might do to improve the situation. In the meantime please pray for your church and prayerfully consider your financial support.

*Ray Snipes*

## Worship

Our committee continues to work with Rev. Ralph, Director of Music and Bell Choir Director Paul Wiens, Chancel Choir Director Kathy Brown and Organist/Pianist Arron Lund to provide worship that is filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Bell Choir is looking for new ringers and will continue to perform the third Sunday of the month. The Chancel Choir needs more singers, especially men!

Ushers are an important part of Worship, and we appreciate all those who sign up!

With Ash Wednesday coming in March this year, our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Conklin Hall. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Our Ash Wednesday service will be a joint service, with a soup and sandwich lunch preceding the service at Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

If you have questions about Worship, please contact me.

*Ruthanne Skinner*

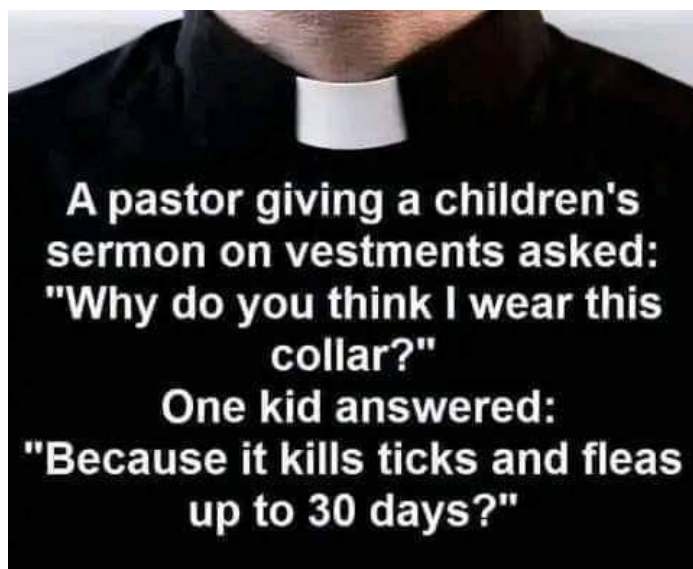
## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	New Testament
Sunday, March 2 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Wednesday, March 5 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, March 9 1st Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35 or 9:28-36
Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, February 2 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Sunday, February 9 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38

## A Lighter Note





## February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>  11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am <b>6:00 Robbie Burns</b> pm <b>Night</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Solomon's Porch Sunday</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>3</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Winter Bible Study</b> <b>pm &amp; Potluck</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss</b> <b>pm Support Group</b>	<b>5</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>6</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>8</b>  11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
<b>9</b> <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am <b>12:00 Session Meeting</b> <b>Noon</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>3:00 Oasis of Blessing</b> <b>pm Prayer Group</b> <b>5:30 Winter Bible Study</b> <b>pm &amp; Potluck</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>12</b> 11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>13</b> <del>11:00 Men's Bible Study @</del> <del>am Bishop's on Sunset</del> 2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 Edler/Deacon</b> <b>am Training</b> 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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<b>23</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am <b>12:00 Snack &amp; Chat</b> <b>Noon with Rev. Ralph</b> <b>12:00 CE Committee</b> <b>Noon Meeting</b>	<b>24</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>3:00 Oasis of Blessing</b> <b>pm Prayer Group</b> <b>5:30 Winter Bible Study</b> <b>pm &amp; Potluck</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>26</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>27</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study am @ Bishop's on Sunset <b>12:00 Book Club</b> <b>Noon</b> 2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## Congregation News

### Sad News

We are sad to announce that long-time member Janice Klein passed away on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Janice served our congregation as both a Deacon and an Elder. Our condolences go out to her family.

## A Public Service Announcement from the Utah Tech Student Association

# NEED SPRING CLEANING?

Sign-up for Utah Tech University's

# CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Weeding
- ✓ Painting fences
- ✓ Sweeping porches
- ✓ Washing windows
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ And more!

**MARCH 1ST, 2025**  
**10:00 AM - NOON**

SIGN UP BY **FEBRUARY 22**  
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## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Solomon's Porch Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash for Solomon's Porch – 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  
**Al-Anon Meetings** – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

<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>	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	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
<b>Choir Practices</b>	Thursday	2:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Sanctuary

### Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

February	
February 2	<i>Available</i>
February 9	<i>Available</i>
February 16	<b>Donna Beasley</b>
February 23	<i>Available</i>
March	
March 2	<b>Mary Contreras</b>
March 9	<i>Available</i>
March 16	<i>Available</i>
March 23	<i>Available</i>
March 30	<i>Available</i>

Sign up for Flowers on the bulletin board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website [gspscsq.org](http://gspscsq.org)

### Online Giving

Did you know that you can donate to the church using your credit card? All you need to do is visit our Online Giving page at Vanco.

-On your computer, visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4DK/home>

On your smartphone or tablet, **Scan this QR Code.**



On the giving page, click the button on the appropriate fund to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.

**We thank you for your continued support!**

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## Church Leadership 2025

### Session

Class of 2025	Celeste Renta	818-370-7892	Christian Ed
	Ruthanne Skinner	541-510-5660	Worship
	Tom Contreras	530-440-8484	Building/Grounds
Class of 2026	Alicia Kitzman	435-272-4614	Growth & Care
	Ray Snipes	435-414-4286	Stewardship
Class of 2027	Ruth Ann Horvath	435-922-5271	Clerk of Session
	Mary Contreras	435-229-8753	Fellowship
	Chris Schleter	435-619-2843	Mission/Outreach

### Deacons

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Deacons	Peggy Graber	801-541-7444
	Moderator	
Bloomington	Candy Hurlbut	435-879-9394
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Hurricane	Sue Lundgreen	773-368-3054
Quail Creek	Sal Arredondo	775-790-6344
Red Cliffs	Linda Fucone	208-561-1211
Santa Clara/Ivins	Tineke Ingold	435-574-3614
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Washington	Jeff Clingan	435-705-8692



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