



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## May is Per Capita Time

With Easter behind us, May is Per Capita Month for Good Shepherd. You may have noticed the blue envelopes in the pews and in the narthex, marked "Per Capita." Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, "Exactly what does per capita do?"

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$39.45) that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Our congregation benefits from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country. Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- Our congregation is involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth. In many places in our world, it is difficult to "do mission" except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- We benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions. Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- We want future generations to learn about our congregation's present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions). Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- We want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- We want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more. Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, our per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like us about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

By contributing your portion of per capita, you free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. The 2019 per capita payment due from Good Shepherd is nearly \$10,000. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

### 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

Norm Ramquist	Wendy Christianson
Roger Kitzman	Shirley Craig
Joe Borden	Peter Safreno
Dottie Malcomson	Clinton Shonkweiler
Harold Wylie	Althea Haworth
Vickie Rudd	Jim Crowe
Doris Thomas	John Abbott
Barbara Schultzman	

Our sister 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 LaVerna Metzger

### June Newsletter Deadline

May 23, 2019

### 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 April were:

Rev. Ralph	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	New Creation
Elder LaVerna Metzger	Luke 6:27-28	Do good
Elder Scott Florence	Jeremiah 15:16	Your words
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalms 121:7-8	Forever More
Elder Susan Holecheck	2 Chronicles 16:9	Fully committed
Elder Judy Oar	Isaiah 35:6-7	Shout for joy
Elder Mary Contreras	1 John 4:20	Love God
ElderCarolynn Thomas	Philippians 2:13	Good purpose
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	1 Corinthians 15:58	Be steadfast
Elder Eric Westlake	Titus 2:7-8	An example
Elder Jan Hirschi	Psalms 143:8	My Trust

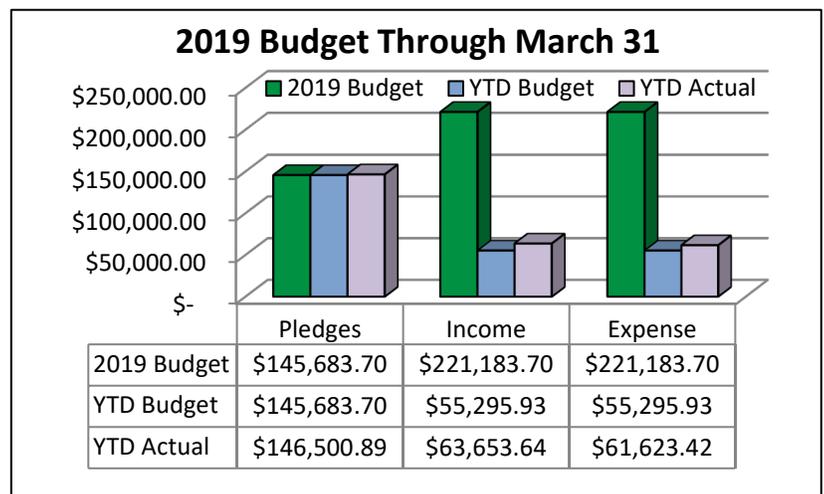
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Nursery
<b>May</b>		
May 5	Shirley Taylor	Jennifer P
May 12	Tom & Vici Noble	Donna Beasley
May 19	Tom & Vici Noble	<b>Available</b>
May 26	Worship in the Park	No Nursery – Worship In the Park
<b>June</b>		
June 2	Dave & Anne Patten	Jennifer P
June 9	Shirley Taylor	Donna Beasley
June 16	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
June 23	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
June 30	Dave & Anne Patten	No Nursery – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday

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 March 31, 2019		
<b>Month of February</b>		
Receipts	\$	24,972.23
Expenditures	\$	18,803.65
<b>2019 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	55,295.93
Actual Receipts	\$	<b>63,653.64</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	55,295.93
Actual Expenditures	\$	<b>61,623.42</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund Cash	\$	44,982.55
Loan Balance	\$	(6,736.13)
Net Building Fund	\$	38,246.42
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
General Fund	\$	35,902.19
Memorial Fund	\$	2,773.77
Reserve Fund	\$	111,008.39
Russia Mission Fund	\$	7,596.88



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:*

*'The Lord said to my Lord,*

*"Sit at My right hand,*

*Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.'"*

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."*

*Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"*

*Acts 2:32-37 New American Standard Bible (NASB)*



What shall we do?" is certainly the perfect question for the day after Resurrection Sunday, commonly referred to as Easter. For forty days we read, we pray, we sacrifice, we serve, we worship, we eat, all for a lovely ham dinner following services on Easter Sunday?

I have to believe that there is more to this day and season than that. That we are called not simply to remember and rejoice and return to our homes as if nothing new has happened but as our Lord has been raised we too are to be raised to new lives ourselves.

For after all, Paul declared in his letters that in His resurrection, "the old things are finished and gone, all things are fresh and new, we are a new creation. Jesus himself said he came "that we may have life abundant."

In Acts at the conclusion of his sermon on the occasion of Pentecost the "congregation" responded with the words and question, "What are we to do?"

Peter's response was for them to "repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". In other words, change the direction of our lives, recommit to your devotion and dedication to our Lord, and open our hearts and lives to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

This of course this is the act of faith by people of faith who now just don't recall the resurrection but have become, in Jesus Christ, His Resurrected people.

*He Is Risen Indeed!  
Rev. Ralph*

### **Worship In The Park – May 26<sup>th</sup>**

I hope all of you will join us on May 26<sup>th</sup> as we go down the road (a half a mile or so) for our annual Worship In The Park and Picnic In The Park. We'll gather at the usual 10:30 am hour at 2450 East Park, about half a mile south of the church for worship, followed by a potluck picnic. Plan to bring a dish to share as we enjoy the beautiful Memorial Day weather in Southern Utah. I hope to see everyone there and if any of you have mobility concerns, we will have wheelchairs available to help you get down the hill.

### **\*\* 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.

## Congregation News

### **Three Brothers/Sisters from the same Father? Religious Sibling Rivalry?**

There are three major religions that are classified as being Abrahamic Religions. While these faiths may disagree in many ways all three claim to belong to the same God and family tree of Father Abraham from Genesis in the Old Testament of our Bibles.

Can you guess who they are? They are Judaism, Islam and Christianity. For three Sundays, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, we will compare their history, beliefs, and differences during our Adult Sunday school that meets in the CE Building at 9:00 am, immediately following our Morning Prayer service, with Communion, service at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary.

### **Have you visited the Memorial Garden?**

If you haven't been to the Memorial Garden recently, we encourage you to stop by and take some time to reflect and "smell the roses" which should be putting on a fine display very soon.

### **GSPC Participates in the Stations of the Cross**



As we do each year, Rev. Ralph and members of the congregation took part in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. This is an ecumenical event that commemorates Christ's last day on Earth as a man. See if you recognize anyone in the photo.

## Buildings

After the CE building repairs and the energy conservation project, this last month has been relatively quiet. The energy project came in under budget thanks to Guy Schultzman who oversaw the work, sought the best prices and submitted the piles of paperwork to get rebates from Dominion Gas. Thanks, Guy!

A few more notes:

- The doors into the sanctuary, kitchen and Conklin Hall are fire doors. These will slow down the spreading of flames from room to room, but they only work if they are closed when we are out of the buildings. Please keep them closed at the completion of any church activity.
- We have two AED's located in the Chapel and the CE building. Also inside each AED cabinet is a dose of Narcan for opioid overdoses. Please familiarize yourself with their specific locations.
- Every restroom now has motion detecting switches to power the lights and fans. They will shut themselves off after 15-30 minutes, but if you are at church during a quiet time, you can manually press the button on the switch and turn off the light/fan. This will help as we approach the cooling season.

If you notice anything in or around our buildings that needs attention, please contact me or one of the other members of the building committee. Thanks.

*Blessings,  
Eric Westland, Building Elder*

## Deacons

Tom and Vici Noble are our Deacons serving the Dixie Downs/Santa Clara Parish. Vici Noble will be the Deacon of the Month for May.

In each newsletter we will be introducing the Deacon serving for the upcoming month. If you haven't met this Deacon yet, please introduce yourself. As Deacons we want to be more available to our church members and friends.

Our Deacon Shed is full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120), and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

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

Now that Easter is over it's time to begin thinking of summer and there's no better way to kick off the summer than a PICNIC! And when better to have a picnic than the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend?

We'll gather at 2450 East Park, about a half mile south of the church, at 10:30 am for our traditional Worship in the Park. After worship, we'll have a potluck picnic to celebrate the beginning of summer. Bring something to share and enjoy the fellowship of the day.

In past years several members of the congregation have said that they didn't come to the park because it was just too hard for them to get from their cars to the picnic pavilion. To try to make access better, we'll have several wheelchairs available to assist you in getting down the hill.

Come and join us as we kick off the summer! We hope to see you there.

*Blessings  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

**Lenten Food Drive:** You are such a generous congregation that we donated 400 pounds of food and paper products and \$180 to the Soup Kitchen. Thank you to each and every one who donated goodies. The Soup Kitchen staff was all smiles when Lorna Hammond and I arrived. They are so appreciative of every can of food and dollar we give to them. So many hungry folks in St George benefit from the hot meals served at the Soup Kitchen.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Yes, we are working towards filling our Christmas Child shoeboxes early this year. With the blessing of Session and congregation donations we have funds to take advantage of school supply sales as they happen during the Spring, Summer and Fall.

How can you help?? Do you like to shop and enjoy stretching a dollar?? You can be one of the shoppers who watch for sales – using church donations to make your purchases. ContactCarolynn Thomas 435.817.8288 to receive a shopping list and donation funds to do your shopping for the shoeboxes.

Are you not inclined to shop for shoebox goodies – or cannot get out easily to go shopping?? You can make cash donations to the church for those who will be shopping for shoebox supplies. Just indicate on your check or cash that it is for Christmas Child purposes.

Yes, we will still take home shoeboxes to fill at home, but also meet up at church in the Fall to fill additional boxes. Our Knotty Knitters are creating beautiful, colorful purses to tuck into each of the boxes. Making and purchasing supplies to fill the boxes can be an ongoing, fun time for all.

**Used Shoe Drive:** We are giving you a one year break in donating used shoes this year. So, please still save your gently used shoes – but hold on to them until next Spring and we will collect them from you then.

*Blessings  
Carolynn Thomas*

## Parish Health Ministry

Yes, we have a changed name—the Parish Nursing Ministry has recently voted to change our name to **Parish Health Ministry!** This is in response to the recognition that this ministry has evolved and expanded and is no longer just the province of nurses but to anyone with an interest in the health and well-being of our congregation. We also wanted to separate ourselves from the national organization known as Parish Nursing Ministry. So, get used to the change of name but know that the ministry is the same!

The Parish Health Ministry sponsored a Brown Bag Lunch on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker was Jason Whipple of Washington County Emergency Services, who gave an excellent, informative talk on what he does and what services are available in the event of an area disaster. The objective of his organization is to identify potential threats to our community and to be prepared. Threats can include natural occurrences (flood, tornado, landslides, fire, and earthquakes), technological threats (power grid, nuclear, hazardous materials, area contamination) and intentional threats (cyber-attacks, information theft, malware, chemical, biological and radioactive). In our area, the main issues are flood, fire, drought, earthquake, and pandemic disease.

So, what do we do about all this? **Get informed, have a plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved!**

Washington County has a Facebook page where you can check on area resources and disaster/incident information. There is also a Washington County website, where there is a link to the Facebook account. Check it out! Radio Station 890 KDXU broadcasts public service announcements for Washington County. The County also uses Reverse 911, which works **ONLY** on landlines, not cells. You can also visit **911Register.com** and register to receive emergency notifications via cell, text, email or landline.

**Have a plan** for what to do in an emergency—where are your important papers/documents? Can you get to them? Who do you need to call? Where will you go? How? Share your plan with family, neighbors and friends.

**Build a kit** of emergency supplies for a minimum of 72 hours: food, water, purification supplies, personal items like medications & clothing, first aid kit, & pet supplies. Have your kit ready-to-grab.

**Get involved!** Check if there is a CERT (**C**ommunity **E**mergency **R**esponse **T**eam) in your area, find amateur radio people (“ham” radio operators), join the medical reserve corps, check out the Washington County Emergency Services website. As Jason said—**Don’t Wait! Communicate! Make a Plan Today!**

Sites to consult for emergency information: (Note: When searching, you should specify Washington County UTAH as there are Washington counties in other states.)

- [washco.utah.gov/departments/emergency-services.com](http://washco.utah.gov/departments/emergency-services.com) Phone: 435) 634-5734
- [911register.com](http://911register.com) to register for Washington County Citizen Alert notifications
- [ready.gov/kids](http://ready.gov/kids) - a site geared toward helping kids prepare for and meet disasters
- [USGS.gov](http://USGS.gov) - an informational site monitored by our Emergency Services department

*Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak*

## Prayer Chain

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

All prayers are important.

*Deborah Stone*

## Senior Ministries

**SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP:** We have had two new member speakers since the last newsletter. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Mike and Connie Milford presented a slide show of their early marriage. Connie taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade and music. Mike explained the graphic and impressive surgery techniques he used throughout his career as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. People with out-of-proportion facial boney growth can be helped with removal of bone wedges to point where the rest of the face becomes more agreeable. Mike showed several slides where noses, originally thought to need to be remodeled, became normal looking after maxillofacial reconstruction, helping many people lead better lives. I understand Mike went through many boxes of slides he hadn’t seen for years. We benefitted from his search.

## Senior Ministries, continued

Mike worked in Guam in 1967. They loved living there. He was in the Navy Dental Corp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune NC and also served on the Naval Hospital ship "Sanctuary" for 2 years. He went into private practice in 1974 and retired in 2010. Mike and Connie have two children who live nearby. Their son is a neurologist in Las Vegas. Their daughter lives in Cedar Hills, Utah, so they don't have far to go to visit their grandchildren. Mike and Connie are choir members and super people. We are honored to have them with us in our congregation.

Our April 17<sup>th</sup> speaker was Cort Goudie. He and his wife Nancy became new members a few months ago. During his 30-year career with Disney and Warner Brothers, he was known as "#2 Pencil". He was the man who could get things done and everyone came to him for help. Cort does not like computers and prefers to compute by himself, with a pencil. Disney is not for the individual. No one could put their name to their work. It was the Disney team. They hired clean cut kids whereas at Warner Brothers, they didn't care what you wore. He also liked not being micromanaged. Everyone was talented and did their work with joy. Cort's favorite project was "Animal Kingdom". He worked 8 years getting it ready. Grizzly Adams was another favorite. He worked closely with the star, getting to know him personally and doing all the graphics on the show. Nancy was a nurse for Disney. It was a stressful job and SHE often came home stressed out. Cort listened to her with sympathy. When Nancy asked Cort how his day went, he related that it was also stressful. He couldn't decide which color pink to paint Minnie Mouse's cheeks. Cort designed all of the Disney theme parks. He was full of interesting stories of his 30 years with Walt Disney Imagineering. By the way, Cort has a collection of B Westerns, like every one ever made. He has promised to have theatre time with us, especially showing "Painted Stallion," which was filmed in Utah. He will show any we want and we promised to take him up on that. Cort and Nancy, thank you for this happy trip to a fantasy land, a place we can only visit sometimes. You got to live that dream. We are blessed with your membership.

**CARD PARTY:** Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. Open to all. Please join us for fun and memory challenge.

**FLICK FLOCK:** We are attempting to determine if Sunday after fellowship would be a good time for Cort to show one of his movies. Would we be able to make the fellowship hall dark enough to enjoy the film? Stay tuned.

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Met with new member Leslie Lintz, and welcomed her to our church family.
- There were many members out of town, so there were no motions to be voted on.

*LaVerna Metzger, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of April volunteers included Ruth Ann Horvath, Marge Linn, Janis Wick, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, Eliza Elwood, Patti and Brian Lusby, LaVerna Metzger, Stella Delgado, and Carol Somplatsky-Jarman. 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 Beef & Barley Stew, corn bread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolyn Thomas 435-817-8288.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from March 31<sup>st</sup> appears on page two, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

As noted on the first page, we are asking each of you to consider donating your share of our Per Capita assessment to the church. By donating your share, you free budget monies that can be used to advance our congregation's work both in our area and around the world.

We continue to thank you for your generosity.

*Susan Holecheck and your Stewardship Committee*

## Women's Guild

It's been a busy time for your Women's Guild as we wind up the Spring events and begin planning for the Fall.

I'm pleased to announce that we were able to raise \$635 from the proceeds of the Spring Tea which will be added to the year end contributions to our local charities. Thank you to everyone who contributed sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and their time to make this event such a success. Also, a huge thank you to Karen Kirkland who provided entertainment for everyone while distributing the door prizes.

Our next meeting is coming up on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a brief half hour meeting from 11:00 am to 11:30 am followed by a presentation from Donna MacBean of Neighborhood Connection who will speak about what that volunteer organization is doing to provide meals for children in need. A potluck lunch will follow. We are hoping for a good turnout.

Please keep the June 1<sup>st</sup> "Pie" event on your calendars, and more information will be coming your way soon.

*Candy Hurlbut*

## Worship & Music

As our beautiful spring days approach the lazy, hot days of summer, the month of May will be filled with special events and worship services!

Two special musical events will be held at our church in May. The St. George Chamber Singers will present a concert on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm. This choir, conducted by Dr. Paul Wiens, is considered the "Best of the Best" of the community choirs in the St. George area. Our church has provided our building for their rehearsals. The concert is a "Thank You" to us for the use of our facility. Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of choral music!

The other musical event will take place at our church on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. It is the Cello Society of Southern Utah conducted by Dr. Ka-Wai Yu. Players of all ages will be performing cello music. It will be a delightful concert you do not want to miss!

As by tradition, the men will conduct the worship service on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>. It is always a delight to see the mothers honored on that day!

The last Sunday of the month, May 26<sup>th</sup>, is Worship in the Park which will be held at the 2450 East Park. The service will be followed by a potluck picnic.

Last, but not least, we wish to thank the members of the Bell and Chancel Choirs who have provided special music for our services this year. What a wonderful year of music we have had. We thank all the members of the choirs for their dedication and hard work. They will take a summer break, but you will be hearing beautiful music with solos and ensembles during that time.

If you wish to participate in our worship services, such as ushering or serving communion, please contact our Chairperson, Mary Contreras.

*Blessings*

*Barbara McConnell and the Worship Committee*

## A Little Church (Bulletin) Humor

We all know that sometimes, even with the best intentions, well-meaning announcements can come out terribly wrong. Here are a few items that appeared in some (other) church's bulletins:

- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
- Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- A worm welcome to all who have come today.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

Thanks to our secretaries (and Rev. Ralph) for making sure this kind of thing NEVER happens in our bulletins...

## Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 5 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday, May 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23	Revelation 7: 9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday, May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sunday, May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Thursday, May 30 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

## Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Sunday, June 9 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
Sunday, June 16 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Sunday, June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 and Psalm 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

## More Congregation News

A photo from the Lenten study series on Handel's Messiah



Plan to join the group during Advent for another study series.

May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>1:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</b> <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b> pm	<b>2</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> <b>7:00 National Day of Prayer Breakfast – Dixie Center</b> 11:00 Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 St. George Chamber Singers Concert - Sanctuary</b> pm	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 Women's Guild Meeting &amp; Potluck</b> am
<b>5</b> <b>Soup Kitchen Sunday</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship – Commissioning of Stephen Ministers 11:45 am Fellowship <b>12:00 Session Meeting Noon</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 Cello Society of Southern Utah Concert - Sanctuary</b> pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken</b>	<b>13</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>14</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>15</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>1:00 Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</b> <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b> pm	<b>16</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</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>20</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>22</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Worship in the Park Picnic in the Park</b> 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship in the Park – 2450 E Park 11:45 am Church Picnic – 2450 E Park 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>28</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>29</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>30</b> <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	<b>31</b>	

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

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

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

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



## Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15-year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although we will pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have several major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$145,000, that need to be funded meaning we need to raise a total of \$384,000.

Our first two campaigns produced \$195,063. Through April 21<sup>st</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$54,100** and additional cash donations of **\$17,977** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$267,140** or about **69.6%** 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 pay off the mortgage early and have sufficient funds to cover maintenance and make other improvements in the next three years.

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	Eric Westland	625-1399	Building
Class of 2021	LaVerna Metzger	385-242-8622	Clerk of Session
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