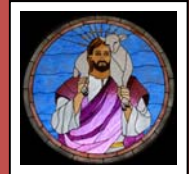




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## New Elder and Deacons Elected

At a Congregational Meeting before worship on April 19<sup>th</sup>, a new Elder and two new Deacons were elected to serve our congregation.

Fred Hampton, who had been serving as the Deacon for Red Cliffs Parish was elected to be an Elder. He will serve on Session overseeing Christian Education, replacing Jan Hirschi, who moved to Arizona earlier this year.

Rayanne Bartlett and Matt Fine were elected to serve as Deacons. Rayanne will be responsible for Green Valley Parish, taking over from Tineke Ingold and Shirley Fromknecht. Matt will replace Fred Hampton in Red Cliffs Parish.

We thank all three of these outstanding individuals for agreeing to serve and look forward to their leadership in the future.

## Second Building Fund Campaign to Kick off

Time flies! Can you believe that it has been three years since we added the addition to the fellowship hall? It has been wonderful to have comfortable seating for everyone for our Thanksgiving and Easter luncheons and have plenty of room for buffet tables. But while we are enjoying all the benefits of a larger hall and remodeled kitchen, we still are paying for the mortgage which made this possible. As our first building fund campaign ends in May, it is time for Building Fund, Part II. As of April, the balance on our 15-year mortgage is \$163,474.91 and our goal for the 2015-2017 campaign is \$75,000. This amount includes the mortgage and other necessary building updates and repairs. Below is the breakdown for this number:

Mortgage payments for 36 months:	\$ 48,366
Building repairs for 2015	\$ 8,400
Add power assist to Narthex door, Add outside stoop at north door to Conklin Hall, Repair roof over choir room)	
Building repairs for 2016	\$ 21,500
Add break area (sink, counter, etc.) in CE Bldg., Repair stucco and paint exterior of main building, Replace flooring in Narthex and bathrooms.	
Building repairs for 2017	\$ 12,000
Seal and re-stripe parking lot	
Building Fund Reserve	\$ 50,000
Contingency	\$ 5,485
Total needs	\$140,266
Building Fund Balance (March 31, 2015)	-\$ 70,751
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED FOR 2015-2017</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>

In thinking about this campaign, we came across this scripture from Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I think we can all agree that Conklin Hall is the heart of our time together as a congregation. Let's all use some of our treasure to finish paying for the heart of our buildings and taking care of our other building needs. Pledge cards will be mailed and are also available in the Narthex. Pink building fund envelopes can be found in the pew holders as well as in the Narthex. If you would like a box of envelopes, Dawn, our financial secretary, would be happy to get you a box.

*Stewardship Committee*

### 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

Cindy Clingan                      Dick Babb  
 Sherri Ard

Wendy Christianson as she continues her studies for the ministry in India  
 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 Ruth Ann Horvath

### Deadline for June Newsletter

May 23, 2015

### Worship Schedule

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

9:00 – 9:45 am  
 Adult Education with Rev. Ralph  
 CE Building

10:30 am  
 Children's Sunday School

10:30 am  
 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am  
 Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall

### Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Teaching and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. I encourage 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	Ephesians 2:4-11	Walk in Grace
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalm 37:1-9	Happiness in the Lord
Elder Amy Craig	Psalm 73:23-26	God is with us
Elder Chris Schleiter	Ephesians 2:8-10	By Grace
Elder Anne Patten	Psalm 33:1-5	Sing for Joy
Elder Scott Florence	John 20:29	See and believe
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Isaiah 32:1-2, 16-17	Abiding Righteousness
Elder Judy Oar	Luke 12:54-56	Seeing the Kingdom

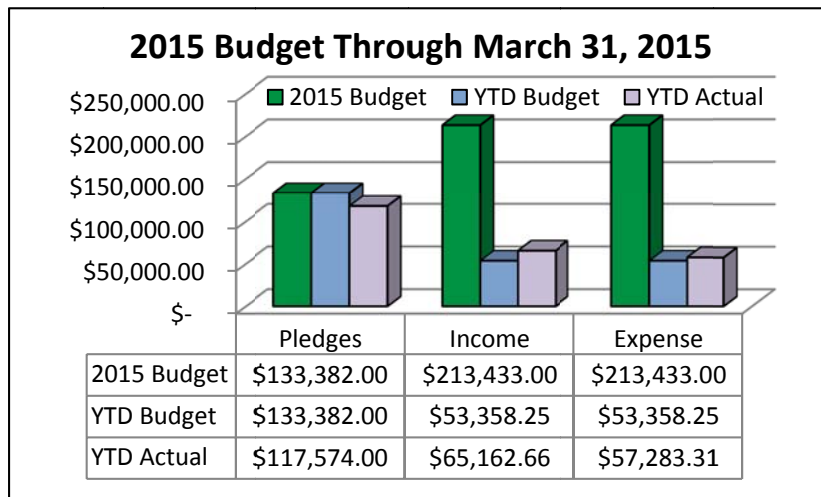
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>May</b>		
May 3	<i>Available</i>	Potluck Sunday
May 10	Shirley Taylor	Mother's Day
May 17	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 24	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 31	Anne & Dave Patten	<i>Available</i>
<b>June</b>		
June 7	Ruth & John Combes	<i>Available</i>
June 14	Shirley Taylor	<i>Available</i>
June 21	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
June 28	Ann Hogan	<i>Available</i>

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website [gspsq.org](http://gspsq.org)

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund As of March 31, 2015 March	
Receipts	\$ 23,199.73
Expenditures	\$ 14,406.63
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 53,358.25
Actual Receipts	\$ 65,162.66
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 53,328.25
Actual Expenditures	\$ 57,283.31
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 70,751.15
Loan Balance	\$ 163,474.91
Net Building Fund	\$ (92,723.76)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 11,477.35
Memorial Fund	\$ 4,510.05
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 23,367.85



## Pastor's Page

*<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."*

*John 21:18-19, New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

### Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



When Ellen Smith, our missionary liaison to our sister church in Derogobuzh, Russia, visited us last year she shared with us that the experience of the Russian culture is very often expressed in the stories they share.

One story from our sister congregation touched me and continues to do so.

During the 1930's at the height of the Stalinist repression of the Christian Church in the then Soviet Union, a member of that congregation accepted the call to lead as an Elder, knowing full well the peril it placed him in. As was unfortunately expected, shortly thereafter late one evening the police broke into the home, taking the father away into the dark of night.

The following morning, his wife visited the local police station as to inquire if her husband might be visited, at which time she was informed that he had been sent to Siberia as a prisoner.

Initially the family considered attempting to immigrate but the wife and mother of the exiled Elder would not go, saying that when he returned they must stay so that he could find his family. Even as war came and the Germans advanced on the city the wife and family would not leave so that their missing loved one upon his return might find them waiting.

The war ended and years came and went in silence without word or contact and yet they waited and prayed for his return.

Finally, many years later when the Soviet Union fell and secret files were opened, the family discovered that this Baptist Elder, husband, father, grandfather, for whom they had been waiting all those years for word or return, had been executed at the local police station the night of his arrest.

I look forward to hearing more stories from our brothers and sisters in Derogobuzh this summer as our mission team visits and worships our common Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our sister family of faith in Derogobuzh.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

PS If you would like to help defray the cost of this mission trip contributions may be made by either sending checks made out to Good Shepherd Presbyterian to the church office or by placing them in the Sunday morning offering with the notation "Russian Mission Trip 2015" on the memo line on the check.

### **\*\*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 Note Regarding Hospital Visitation: \*\***

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

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

## The Acts 16:5 Initiative

*"Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size." (Acts 16:5)*

### Building One Another

*By Dr. E. Stanley Ott*

*Founder and President, Vital Churches Institute*

#### GRANDS

I've had the joy of seeing all four of our grandchildren in two cities within twenty-four hours!

My Dad used to say he had "patriarchal feelings" when referring to the intensity of his warm emotion when he saw his grandchildren. Now I know what he meant. I know my Mom had her own wonderful "matriarchal feelings."

Proverbs 17:6 says, "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged." While I am not feeling particularly "aged" at the moment, I do see how grandchildren are my crown and joy. You are a crown of your own grandparents!

Interestingly while the Bible says a great deal about parenting, it doesn't say much about grand parenting. One proverb does give us a clue to good grand parenting, "The good leave an inheritance to their children's children" Proverbs 13:22.

The proverb makes a great point. I remember receiving a modest inheritance from one of my grandparents while the majority of their legacy went to my parents. Nevertheless I will never forget the feelings of being valued, affirmed, and loved.

Furthermore, there is more to leave one's grandchildren than money or possessions! The time you give, the stories you share, the love you offer will last their lifetimes.

By the way, while we are no longer in a letter writing age, to write a letter of affirmation and love to each of your grandchildren, to be read and treasured now and in the future is one way to offer a continuing reminder of your love. You may do the same thing for your own grandparents!

Joy to you

#### JOYFULLY

I remember vividly after preaching a sermon based on Philippians 4:6, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice," of going home and learning of my father's brain cancer. I found myself singing that simple worship song, "Rejoice in the Lord, always, and again I say rejoice," while weeping at the same time – and realizing the two were utterly appropriate at the same time.

I feel that way again.

A great many of us are grieving the death of Steve Hayner, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, and quite plainly one of the most authentically real Christians any of us have ever known. Our prayers for his wife, Sharol, and their family and friends continue.

When I served with Jim Tozer as an associate pastor on his staff for fifteen years, I was taken with the way Jim always signed his letters, "Joyfully, Jim."

Wanting to emulate Jim without being a copycat, I began to sign all of my letters and later my emails "With joy, Stan." Others who knew Jim followed suit in various ways.

Years later when enjoying the novels of Patrick O'Brian and his stories of Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin who sailed for the Royal Navy in the years following 1800, I noticed they often took leave of one another saying, "Joy to you," an expression I have loved and used ever since.

Over the many years I have known Steve Hayner he always signed his letters and emails, "Joyfully, Steve." I don't know what inspired him to do that but I do know it was the genuine expression of who he was on this earth and who he is now, face to face with Lord who loves him.

"Although you have not seen him [Jesus], you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." I Peter 1:8-9

Joy to you

*Courtesy of The Vital Churches Institute*

## Deacons

We welcome our two new Deacons – Rayanne Bartlett and Matt Fine. Rayanne will take over Green Valley Parish from Shirley Fromknecht and me and Matt will have Red Cliffs Parish, replacing Fred Hampton who is the new Elder for Christian Education. Our thanks go to Fred for his stellar service as a Deacon. You'll be hearing from your new Deacon soon!

Bob Morgan is no longer in charge of the Deacons' Shed. If you need to borrow any items from the shed, please contact Janice Klein (628-1158) or Rev. Harold Wylie (669-4233) and they'll make arrangements to get you what you need.

Please remember that should you need anything, your Deacons will be glad to help you. That's what we're here for!

*Tineke Ingold, Moderator*

## Fellowship

At long last, the directories will arrive this month! But not in time for Mothers' Day and I will be distributing them during coffee hour once they arrive.

We have a request regarding the photos in the directory. Lifetouch delivered the free 8x10's for those who did not order photo packages to us for distribution. We scanned those and have copies for future use. We did not receive photos for those who DID order packages and we would love to have scans of those, as well. I'm asking those of you who ordered packages to allow me to borrow the 8x10 of the photo that appears in the directory so we can scan it and return it to you. Just bring your photo to church and we'll get it scanned and back to you as quickly as we can – usually the Sunday after you bring it to me.

Thank you all for your donations on Pot Luck Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. It has been wonderful sampling all the treats. We are looking forward to our next Pot Luck Sunday Coffee Hour.

Happy Mothers' Day!

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Grounds



On April 11, three members of the church and nine volunteers from Dixie State finished the project to spread rock in our back yard. Thanks to everyone who helped. I think everyone will agree that our back yard looks a lot better.

In the near future, we'll be adding a couple of picnic tables on the new concrete pad next to the Memorial Garden. We hope you'll find the new tables a pleasant place to eat your lunch or just enjoy the outdoors!

*Scott Florence*

## Mission/Outreach

Thanks to everyone who continues to contribute each month to Dixie Care & Share and every second month to the Community Soup Kitchen with Grace. I continue to thank our Lord for the generosity and spirit of our congregation.

Plans for our trip to Russia in July are moving forward. I only wish our study of the Russian language was progressing as quickly as the plans. Rev. Ralph and I will be visiting our brothers and sisters in Dorogobuzh and doing a bit of sightseeing in Moscow and St. Petersburg from July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Blessings*

*Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing

Thanks to everyone who donated blood at our Blood Drive on April 17<sup>th</sup>. While we didn't meet our quota, every unit of blood helps someone!

*Kathie Greear*

## Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

*Louise Routh*

## Senior Ministries

At our last two Soup and Bread Fellowships, we've had very interesting presentations from members of our church.

On February 25, retired Rear Admiral James D. Cossey took us on a virtual tour of submarines since he was the commander of the nuclear attack submarine USS SNOOK as well as having other shipboard assignments on other subs, minesweepers and destroyers. He drew a graph explaining the different types of subs and gave us a looksee into everyday life under the ocean. Can you imagine living with 120 men for 90 days in small quarters, deep under the ocean? You can't see out. You can't shower. You can't communicate with anyone at home if you're on a secret mission. Water is in short supply and filtered and recirculated and bathing is by wash cloth. Flushing the toilet must be carefully attended to in order to prevent the contents from showering back. Food storage is under the floors of the ship. You have to run silent, without detection.

Jim reported Russian ships were detected because of their engines noise but ours were completely stealth. A secret and rather simple design change made our engines run silent but satellite pictures have revealed the adaptation. He explained hot bunking referring to the sleeping arrangements. Since there's no room for 120 bunks, 60 coffin-like bunks are shared every 12 hours by day crew and traded with night crew.

We were treated to tales of Admiral Rickover, father of the nuclear Navy and well known for his combative and deliberately provocative ways with his men. For example, he cut off two legs of a slippery leather chair to annoy and test the wits of naval officers who had interviews.

For 33 ½ years, Jim served this country with honor and distinction. Many of those years were at high level foreign country assignments. The hour with Jim Cossey was fascinating and most informative. Thank you Jim and Beth.

On April 16, author of several books, veteran and fellow member of our church Russell Estlack presented a dark and unwritten page of history during WWII in the Aleutian Island Chain. His book, The Aleut Internments of World War II: Islanders Removed from Their Homes by Japan and the United States, sheds light on the little-known story of the Aleut people and the events in war and peace that shaped their lives. In addition to his comments, Russell shared a DVD that tells the story in pictures and includes interviews with many of the Aleuts who were involved.

These peaceful, hardworking, God loving natives of this harsh land knew how to harvest the valuable seals and were the only ones allowed by law to take them. For this reason, they were cruelly enslaved first by the Russians in 1741 and then in 1867 by the US government. When the Russians first arrived 8,000 natives lived on their native grounds. In 1867, when the USA bought the land, only 2,000 remained. The inhumane treatment by Russians, then Japanese continued at the hands of the US government who continued to amass wealth from the seal trade at the expense of the Aleuts. These simple living defenseless people were removed from their islands in the guise of protecting them from the Japanese during WWII. The Aleuts were taken from their homes and placed in abandoned southeast Alaska fishing camps which were not fit for human shelter. Funter Bay was the worst place. They lived in deplorable, oppressive conditions with several families living in 8 by 10 foot rooms with no adequate sanitation, no heat, food or safe water supply or medical supplies. (Our enemy POW camps were superior to this camp.) Many died of TB, pneumonia, measles. Some Alaskan tribes heard about the conditions and brought fish and some supplies.

The internees were not fully repatriated until 1945 when they returned to their villages to find inexcusable destruction of their island homes. They had been burned, or ransacked or destroyed, windows broken and their icons stolen by the US Army stationed there. The Russian Orthodox Churches were ransacked. Restitution was accomplished when Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska added the Aleuts to a bill to provide restitution for the Japanese internees many years after the war. They asked for 6 items: restore churches, remove all debris of WWII, an apology for this travesty, a trust fund set up for the Aleuts, public awareness of this injustice and payments. 70 years later, with dignity and strength, the Aleuts are gaining political power and have a vision of a resourceful future. This is truly a sad story of an innocent people living in the wrong place at the wrong time. Russell has masterfully chronicled this story and fulfilled one of the stipulations of the Aleut repatriation demands. Please contact Russell for details and questions.

Our next Soup and Bread Fellowship will be at Noon on May 20<sup>th</sup> when Scott Florence will discuss Wild Horses and Burros: By the Numbers. We hope you'll join us!

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Received recommendations from Nominating Committee: Rayanne Bartlett and Matt Fine as Deacons, Fred Hampton as Elder. Candidates elected and installed on Sunday, April 19, 2015.
- Session Clerk to send appreciation letters to Bob Moeller and Alan Paige for their work on the community garden.
- Approved Pastor's vacation May 18-27, 2015.
- Approved procedure documents: Acceptable Use of Church Facilities, Sexual Misconduct, Use of Funds, Reporting of Expenses, Contracting for Services, Expense Advances.
- Approved purchase of a storage shed for the community garden.
- Approved the purchase of two picnic tables.
- Approved the purchase of a replacement wireless microphone.
- Approved the reimbursement of Russian Trip expenses for Chris Schleter and Rev. Clingan up to \$2,000 each.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Stewardship

On Sunday, May 24, we celebrate Pentecost and, as part of Pentecost, we collect our Pentecost Special Offering. This offering is the second of our special offerings and is dedicated to helping children and youth. It provides the funds for the Youth Triennium, to which we have been able to send a number of young people from our congregation. This offering helps to support Young Adult Volunteers who serve for a year at their own expense in an area of need. This offering makes it possible for the youth of the church to be engaged and active in the work of Christ in the world as well as programs to teach and grow them in their Christian beliefs. There will be inserts in the bulletin for several weeks highlighting the ways this offering supports youth ministries. Thank you for your generous support of our special offerings!

### Eternal Treasures

An old epitaph reads, "What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost."

Obviously this person had much wisdom. He realized that, during his life, only that which was given to the Lord had any lasting value. The things he had purchased while alive were used up and gone, and the possessions he owned at death were of no good to him then.

Speaking to this subject, Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Jesus said that treasures on earth would not last. The cars we buy will become dented and end up in the junkyard. The clothes we wear will wear out. Jesus said that we are to store up treasures in heaven or as the epitaph reads, "What I gave, I have." How do we store up treasures in heaven? When we give cheerfully and generously to God through our churches, we store up treasures in heaven. What are these treasures? Well, what is the only thing that goes to Heaven? Is it gold and silver? Maybe stocks and bonds? How about that car or mansion? No! The treasure is people! God is blessed and honored through our faithful giving because, through it, the Gospel is preached and taught and souls are saved.

In a quote from Joe Seaborn we read:

*"In a real sense, giving to the cause of Christ is nothing more or less than laying aside eternal investments so that when we stand before Christ in heaven, we have gold, silver, and precious stones that we have been laying at his feet all along. The crown that we talk about laying at his feet will just be one more thing that we give, our final offering, in a long string of offerings that began long before."*

May God grant us the wisdom and then the strength to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven rather than treasures here on earth.

## Worship and Music

On behalf of the Worship committee, we want to thank everyone for their faithful work during the Lenten and Easter season. The sanctuary looked beautiful for Easter, we had wonderful music and it was you who helped to make it happen.

Choir practices have ended for the summer. Thanks to everyone in both the Chancel and Bell Choirs for a wonderful year of music. Practices will begin, again, in September, but, in the meantime, we look forward to special music to enhance all of our services.

As a reminder, May 31<sup>st</sup> will be Lectionary Sunday. On these 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, instead of a sermon, we will read each of the scriptures from the Lectionary then sing a hymn. This is an experiment that we will continue through the rest of 2015 so let us know how you feel about it!

Finally, don't forget to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>!

Blessings

*Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell*

## Congregation News

### **Thanks from Candy Hurlbut**

A big "thank you" to my Church family for all the cards, concerns, and prayers following my recent knee replacement surgery.

*Candy Hurlbut*

## Email from Pastor Sergei from October, 2013

This is the translation of the email received by Rev. Ralph from our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh in October, 2013:

The Evangelical Christian-Baptist Church of the city of Dorogobuzh, Smolensk Region (State).

We greet you, brothers and sisters in Christ of the Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd.

Please excuse us that our response to your letter has been so delayed. We found your email address through the website of your church.

We thank God that you wish to join with us in His heart – that you wish to be our sister church.

We pray to God that He will use our fellowship for the fulfillment of His will and for the edification of the Church of Christ in spreading His word.

Our Church has a 90 year history. It was established after the revolution in 1918, but was destroyed during the period of repression beginning in 1937. The activities of the church were renewed in 1993.

In our city, there are two Orthodox churches and two monasteries. There is a group of Jehovah's Witnesses, and a group of Seventh Day Adventists, as well as a Pentecostal rehabilitation center.

Within 7 kilometers of our city is another small city, with a population of 15000. It is also a part of our county. Dorogobuzh also has a population of about 15,000. Our city has 3 major factories and several small businesses.

We have a ministry in the neighboring small city. We visit a hospital, a nursing home, and a clinic for patients with tuberculosis and have a small group for Bible study.

In the summer, our church holds a 5 day VBS program for children. At Christmas, we visit a sanatorium/shelter for children 2-7 with a Christmas program and some material assistance. We also organize a Christmas party at church and invite children and families of non-believers.

Our young people glorify God with musical instruments.

We are glad that you have a desire to visit us, to work together to glorify our Lord! We pray that this meeting could take place.

We hope that together we will be able to join together for a VBS program in August 2014.

*Pastor, Sergei Vladimirovich Grokhotov*



## MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Dixie Care &amp; Share</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Growth Committee am Meeting 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>4</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>5</b> 9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:30 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>6</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:30 National Day of am Prayer Breakfast – Gardner Center 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>8</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>11</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>12</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 5:15 Session Meeting pm	<b>13</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe	<b>14</b> <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>15</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>18</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>19</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>20</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe 12:00 Soup & Bread Noon Fellowship – Scott Florence on Wild Horses & Burros: By The Numbers	<b>21</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>22</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship – Dick am Higgins Preaching 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>26</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>27</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe	<b>28</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>29</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship – am Lectionary Sunday 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home						

**Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from May 8<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rev. Harold (669-0330) with any concerns.  
PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gpscsg.org](http://gpscsg.org) for the latest information.**

## Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 3 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26–40 Psalms 22:25–31	1 John 4:7–21	John 15:1–8
Sunday, May 10 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44–48 Psalm 98	1 John 5:1–6	John 15:9–17
Thursday, May 14 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
Sunday, May 17 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15–17,21–26 Psalm 1	1 John 5:9–13	John 17:6–19
Sunday, May 24 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 104:24–34,35b	Romans 8:22–27 or Acts 2:1–21	John 15:26–27;16:4b–15
Sunday, May 31 Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1–8 Psalm 29	Romans 8:12–17	John 3:1–17

## Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15) Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	Mark 3:20–35
Sunday, June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17	Mark 4:26–34
Sunday, June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 17:(1a,4–11,19–23) 32–49 Psalm 9:9–20 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5,10–16 Psalm 133	2 Corinthians 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41
Sunday, June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 1:1,17–27 Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7–15	Mark 5:21–43

### Nepal Disaster Relief

As you are no doubt aware, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter Scale struck west of the ancient Nepali capital of Kathmandu, Pokhara, on April 25th. It is the most powerful earthquake to hit the region in 81 years. As of Sunday afternoon, the death toll from the quake had risen to more than 2,500 and was rising further. Humanitarian staff and officials are also affected.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's (PDA) partner ACT Alliance and ACT members on the ground will continue to coordinate with relevant government institutions, UN agencies, and International NGOs. Access to information is limited, due to the destruction of communications channels. It is expected that more concrete information on the scale of the disaster, number of people affected and the immediate needs will be available after ACT members in Nepal met on Sunday 26 April to initiate a joint rapid assessment and emergency response plan.

If you would like to support relief efforts in Nepal, please visit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website and click on the red Donate Now button in the upper right corner.

Our prayers are with those affected by this disaster and the aid workers who are seeking to help.

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month  
 Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February, May, June, August, October and December  
 Safe Harbor Support Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each Month – 6:30 pm in the CE Building

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Co-Ed Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's home
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>Starbucks Café at Barnes &amp; Noble</b>
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Cracker Barrel Restaurant
	Friday	7:45 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's Restaurant
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



### 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 hope to continue our tradition of paying off our mortgages early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also need to replenish the \$45,000 that was in the fund when we began the project meaning we need to raise almost \$287,000.

Through April 19<sup>th</sup>, we have received pledges totaling \$69,881 and cash donations of \$28,278 for a total of \$98,159 or about 34.2% of the way to the \$287,000 goal.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.

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### Elders

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Class of 2017	Gay Cunningham 652-3654 Russ Hurlbut 879-9393 Anne Patten 773-4307	Growth Building Worship

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