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Party for Bob McGrath's 90th Birthday Planned

Bob and Dorothy McGrath, who moved to California in December, will be returning to St. George this month. Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 2nd, at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall as we celebrate Bob's 90th birthday. Josephine Kellejan and Nancy Linden will be hosting. Let's all turn out and salute Bob on his special day!

April is Per Capita Month

You may have noticed blue envelopes in the pews, in the narthex, and in your box of offering envelopes 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, \$36.62) 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:

- Does our congregation want to benefit 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.
- Do 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.
- Do 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.
- Do 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 (USA) 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.

We do not believe in being lone rangers in the PC (USA). We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, and ministry of each other in this place, so, too, do we benefit from an even wider array of gifts and ministry of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across the church. Your per capita pays for the programs, training, and resources that help us work together and discern the mind of Christ for the PC (USA).

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of \$36.62. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. This year's total is \$9,228.84. 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

Brett Schroeder Steve Gray
Dorothy Bywater

Wendy Christianson as she continues her final year of studies for the ministry
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

Gloria & Chuck McGilloway

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

Deadline for May Newsletter

April 23, 2016

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. 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 March were:

Rev. Ralph	Philippians 3:12-14	Pressing on in Christ
Elder Chris Schleter	Romans 12:2-8	Gifts of Faith
Elder Scott Florence	Galatians 5:22-23	Fruit of the Spirit
Elder Bob Moeller	Matthew 5:4	Blessed
Elder Judy Oar	John 7:37-39	Come to Me
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Proverbs 16:23	Heart of Wisdom
Elder Gay Cunningham	Colossians 3:12-17	Peace of Christ
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Isaiah 61:10-11	Rejoice in the Lord

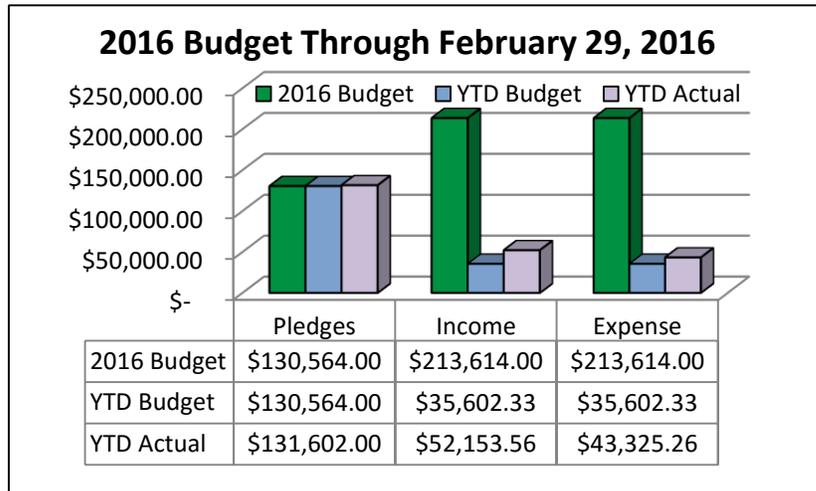
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
April		
April 3	Marjorie Bayle	Potluck Sunday
April 10	Barbara McConnell	Bill & Marge Linn
April 17	Donna Baker	Ann Hogan & Jan Hirschi
April 24	Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda	Available
May		
May 1	Shirley Taylor	Potluck Sunday
May 8	Available	Available
May 15	Available	Available
May 22	Available	Available
May 29	Available	Available

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspcsq.org

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of February 29, 2016	
Month of February	
Receipts	\$ 16,584.45
Expenditures	\$ 16,180.89
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 35,602.33
Actual Receipts	\$ 52,153.56
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 35,602.22
Actual Expenditures	\$ 43,325.26
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 98,704.00
Loan Balance	\$ 154,245.46
Net Building Fund	\$ (55,541.46)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 10,727.80
Memorial Fund	\$ 896.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,704.53
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 3,091.00



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:46-48 (New American Standard Bible)



Terrorist attacks, warring political factions, mass killings, epidemics. No, I'm not talking about 2016, but about the time of Jesus. In that time, Jesus entered Jerusalem proclaiming peace, and before Caesar's representative proclaimed a coming new kingdom and with the Resurrection declared its arrival. God's promised Kingdom and the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the message, and we are the messengers.

It was against that back drop that Paul the Evangelist wrote to his church in Philippi while imprisoned under the empire's control and arrest, that he was truly free, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

In dark times and in a dark world it can become easy to lose sight of just what this day we recently celebrated, Resurrection Sunday, really means and holds for us as the body of Christ. In times of fear, we the bearers of hope that declare that death and fear have no rule or place with us, because of who we are and to whom we belong.

It's important that we remember this and keep our focus on the living Christ who now calls us to new life in his name. Life abundant, which is a light our world needs to see and hear by the way we live as people of the Resurrection. A people of hope who dwell in God's Kingdom under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and, as Paul declares to the Romans, no one or any event can separate us from His love.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Congregation News

Wendy Christianson moves to Alaska

Wendy Christianson has sent us word that she has completed all of her coursework, psychological evaluation and field studies and has three ordination exams remaining before she can be ordained as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church. As you can imagine, school can be a financial burden so she will be moving to Barrow, Alaska, temporarily, to make some money while she completes the PC (USA) ordination process of seeking a call. We wish her well!

**** 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 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*

The Mess

On July 26, 2013, The Washington Post carried a fascinating article about baseball star Darryl Strawberry. He tells of his descent into drug and alcohol addiction and the change in his life after turning to Jesus. Darryl concludes by saying, "Here I am, a baseball superstar, falling into the pits, having everybody write you off and then having God say, 'I'm going to use your mess for a message.' How beautiful is that?"

Our Lord will use your mess for a message too! We do live messy lives. One of the great realities of our walk with Jesus is that he walks with us in our mess and through our mess! Jesus will actually work through the mess in your life in ways that reveal God's love, presence, and power.

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7*

I recently spoke with a woman who is having difficulty landing a job. She told me her friends don't understand how she maintains a hopeful spirit through disappointment after disappointment. It was obvious to me. She absolutely trusts in the Lord who loves her to see her through what she is going through.

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." 2 Corinthians 4:8-10

Joy to you

News from the Russia Mission

Beginning this month, we'll bring you news from, and information about, our Sister Congregation in Dorogobuzh and how we are interacting with them and sharing our faith with each other and those around us.

Rev. Ralph and Pastor Sergei communicate regularly, sharing each others' congregations prayer requests and their faith in our Lord and Savior. Last week, Pastor Sergei sent us some photos of a visit by Senior Presbyterian Victor Ignatenkov, who brought a youth choir from Smolensk to share the Dorogobuzh congregation's spring revival.



As a part of his sabbatical this summer, Rev. Ralph will be making a return visit to Dorogobuzh in August, this time helping with their annual Bible Camp. He will also be teaching a group of Russian pastors and lay people some counseling techniques similar to what our Stephen Ministry provides to our congregation.

We wish Ralph well on his journey and look forward to hearing about it in the fall.

Deacons

We hope all of you had a joyous Easter and are enjoying the wonderful Spring weather.

I wanted to remind you that we have a shed full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow any items from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120) and he will 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

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. Thank you for bringing your favorite dishes to our brunch.

Make plans to join us for Worship in the Park on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th. Bring your appetite for sloppy joes after the service.

The Women's Guild will be holding a ladies' tea on Saturday, May 7th. It will be a beautiful event to bring the women of the congregation an opportunity to get together. Look for more information in the month to come.

I have been enjoying watching God's work in the renewal of His world in the springtime. Let us all thank God for the beauty of the season.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

Our shoe drive will begin on April 10th and end on May 22nd. As you do your spring cleaning, please gather up shoes that you no longer need or want, bring them to church and place them in the boxes in Conklin Hall or the Narthex. We'll send them off and they'll be re-sold at very low prices to those who need them. As a reminder, we can only accept **WEARABLE** (no holes in the soles, or shoes that need cobbling or mending) **PAIRS** (either tie them together or place a rubber band around them) of men's, women's and kids shoes. We **CANNOT ACCEPT** ski boots, heavy winter boots, roller skates, rollerblades, ice skates, **flip-flops/crocs**, bedroom slippers or single shoes. Last year, we collected 208 usable pairs of shoes (and received \$104 for our efforts). Let's beat that this spring!

Our pill bottle collection continues. Please remove the labels from your empty pill bottles (the ones you get from the pharmacy, not the large ones you get at Costco), wash them out and place them in the box in Conklin Hall. Our original recipient, Medicine Bottles for Malawi, is no longer accepting donations but we have found another charity that is still accepting bottles. When we have a full box, we'll send them off. By supplying pill bottles to those who need them, we provide a safe means for them to dispense needed medications to their patients and keep all of those bottles out of our landfill.

Finally, don't forget our Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Please place your donations of cups, bowls and other supplies, food and financial contributions in the boxes in the Narthex.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help those in our community and world who need help so badly.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing Ministry

The month of April brings some important events involving Parish Nursing and we trust you have planned to be involved in as many of the activities as possible.

Wednesday, April 6th, beginning at 9:00 am, we will be offering a CPR/AED course for the non-professional in Conklin Hall. It is open to both those who have never been certified and those who need to update a previous certification and will last between two and three hours. Come in casual dress. The cost is \$25 per person. Please contact Charlotte Phipps (410-628-8808) for information.

Parish Nursing Ministry, continued

Friday, April 15th we will sponsor our Spring Red Cross Blood Drive in the CE Building. If you are a regular donor, you may give blood every 56 days. Register for an appointment to donate either by contacting our church representative, Kathie Greear (207-240-0994), or by utilizing the Red Cross website.

Wednesday, April 20th, at Noon we will be holding a Brown Bag Luncheon in Conklin Hall. Our speaker will be Brad Stapley, PharmD, a second generation St. George pharmacist, who will speak about "Finding Solutions Through Your Pharmacy." Gone is the corner drug store we once knew and Brad will share how today's local pharmacist has become a key player in helping us realize and maintain optimum health and wellness. Gather your friends to join you, bring a sandwich and questions for Brad and we'll provide beverages and treats.

The St George Senior Center will be holding its 7th annual Celebrating Wellness Expo on Friday, April 8th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Admission is free and will feature Health Screenings, Booths for mind, body and spirit, a Variety Show, BBQ Lunch and Prize Drawings. Join the fun at the Senior Center – 245 N 200 W.

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 Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on March 8th, 2016. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Received Gloria and Chuck McGilloway into membership.
- Approved the appointment of Anne Patten as an additional Ruling Elder Commissioner to Presbytery.
- Approved holding the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 2, 2016.
- Approved amending the Pledge Income budget to \$130,564.
- Approved the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner, powder coating the handrails in front of the church and the purchase of shelving or cabinets for the large closet in Conklin Hall.
- Approved a proposal from Arbor Tech for deep feeding of the trees and shrubs.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Senior Ministries

On March 9th, Ben Everett gave a fascinating presentation on the geology of our area with slides and narration. Ben is a member of our congregation and active geologist who is retired after a 25-year career with the Utah State Geological Survey, where he worked on developing earthquake hazards programs, and the Division of Water Resources. He says geology is a study of puzzle pieces. The rocks tell the story but one must know how to read the clues the rocks tell us to put the pieces together to understand the whole picture. It is helpful to understand the three stages of formation, going in a cycle, from deposition to uplift to erosion, all of which can be seen all over our area. Ben says we live in a geologically rich area as so much earth activity can be seen here. Did you know that recent research determined the whole western US is stretching to the east? One centimeter a year! Our dinosaur museum in Washington City is world class. "We exist with permission from geology and this permission can be withdrawn at any time." With that quote from Ben, we thank him most graciously for his time, knowledge and willingness to share with us. And we continually ask permission from our Maker to exist as we do here in our beautiful land.

Our card party happens every third Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Bridge and Hearts, Rummy and Hand and Foot card games continue with two hours of thinking with friends. Please join us to see what we mean on April 20th.

Book Club is reading "Fighting Chance" by Elizabeth Warren. As I write this, we have not met yet this month. Since we meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm, our next book hasn't been chosen. Please join us April 27th if you like to read and discuss and help us choose another book.

Senior Ministries, continued

Senior Ministries' goal is to maintain good brain health. With that in mind, here is a simple but most important tip to help you do this: DRINK WATER.

How simple can that be! Keep in mind that research has determined seniors do not have the desire to drink water when we are dehydrated. We get fuzzy thinking and problems with kidneys as a result. This can be prevented if you just set out at least a quart of water on your counter every day and determine to drink it all by the end of the day. Did you know that coffee, tea, soda pop and lemonade are also good sources of water in your diet? It pays off in clearer thinking and, HOPEFULLY, no urinary tract infections.

Judy Oar

Stewardship

First, thank you to all who have made pledges and donations to further our mission as stewards of God's gifts.

As you read on the front page, April has been designated Per Capita Month at Good Shepherd. Per Capita, which is a mandatory payment to Presbytery and is based on our membership, is one of our largest expenses each year. By reimbursing the church for your portion of this charge, you free up money to be used for other items in the budget. Each year, more of the congregation is making this donation and, if you haven't been doing so, we hope that you will prayerfully consider it.

Another area that needs our attention is the Building Fund. We started a second three-year campaign last summer and, to date, have not received enough pledges to cover three years of mortgage payments. In addition to the mortgage, we also have more than \$40,000 in needed maintenance on our buildings that must be funded during this period. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so by filling out and returning the pledge form on the last page of the newsletter.

Bob Moeller

Worship and Music

March was one of the busiest months for Worship and Music! From Fred Hampton's memorial service to Resurrection (Easter) Sunday, we were hard at work.

We were very sad to say good-bye to Fred Hampton, our wonderful and feisty organist/accompanist, on March 12th. As an addition to the service, in the rose garden we had a military honor guard present to give a 21-gun salute and the presentation of an American Flag (which will go to Dorothy Nichols). We will miss him and his often stated love for all of us in our church. We are confident he rests in our Savior's loving arms.

Palm Sunday was on March 20th, with the men providing a delicious pre-worship breakfast; palm leaves for everyone; and great music by the bell and chancel choirs. We remembered Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem for the Passover celebration on a young donkey, symbolizing "I come in peace".

Our Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner was held on March 24th in Conklin Hall to commemorate the Last Supper, with a simple meal of bread, fruit and cheese; celebration of Holy Communion; and a moving anthem by our chancel choir reminding us to "Remember Me" (Jesus).

This year's Good Friday service was held at New Promise Lutheran Church on March 25th. This service was beautiful and somber, remembering Jesus's crucifixion, death and humanity's blood guilt.

Resurrection Sunday on March 27th was a joyous worship experience, with uplifting music, including a version of Handel's "Halleluiah Chorus", an excellent sermon on "Seeing and Believing" by Rev. Ralph, followed by a delicious Easter Brunch (thanks to Fellowship).

****Please remember**** Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from March 28th through April 3rd. Rev. Harold Wylie will be preaching on April 3rd. For pastoral care in this time, please contact Dick Higgins (879-0253), Anne Patten (773-4307-home, 619-6005-cell) or Karen Kirkland (688-9044).

Blessings to you all!

Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	1:30 pm 90th Birthday Party for Bob McGrath – Conklin Hall
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Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	9:00 am CPR Certification Class – Conklin Hall – Contact Charlotte Phipps if interested 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 1:00 pm Women's Guild Meeting – Conklin Hall 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
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Rev. Ralph will be on vacation through April 3rd

Please contact Dick Higgins (435-879-0253), Anne Patten (773-4307) or Karen Kirkland (688-9044) with any concerns. PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information.



Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, April 3 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 10 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday, April 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday, April 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35

Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 1 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 5 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, May 8 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Sunday, May 15 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, May 22 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Sunday, May 29 Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39 Psalm 96	Galatians 1:1-12	Galatians 1:1-12

Women's Guild

Ladies, the Good Shepherd Women's Guild, formerly Presbyterian Women, will be having their general meeting on Thursday, April 7th, at 1:00 pm, in Conklin Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. We have upcoming events to discuss and need to get your thoughts and ideas. We are also looking for a Vice Moderator, if you are interested.

We are planning a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday May 7th and hope you will all attend. We will be selling tickets for this event and the proceeds will go into our account for future events.

We are excited about the group and hope you are also. I have created a group on Facebook for communications with the members, so if you are already on Facebook (or once you sign up), search for my name then click on my name, that will take you to my page. Once you are on my page, click on "More" in the menu below my photo, click on Groups in the dropdown menu, then click on Good Shepard Women's Guild and add yourself to the group. I have added those who I know are on Facebook, so please check to see if you are already a member.

We're looking forward to seeing you April 7th.

Mary Starrett

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st 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
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	Starbucks Café at Barnes & Noble
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, with your help, we hope to pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have a number of major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$100,000, that need to be funded in addition to paying off the mortgage, meaning we need to raise \$342,000.

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through March 27th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$42,577 and additional cash donations of \$16,753 for a total of **\$160,556** or about **46.9%** of the way to our **\$342,000 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 have sufficient funds to perform needed maintenance and make other improvements in the future.

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

Date _____

In consideration of my/our interest in the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, and in appreciation of its important place in the life of this community, and as an expression of thanks to God for His blessings, I/we desire to help in the Building Fund Program as follows:

156 weekly payments of \$ _____ per week

or 36 monthly payments of \$ _____ per month

or _____ payments of \$ _____ per _____

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION \$ _____ Payments begin _____

Should unforeseen circumstances arise, this pledge may be adjusted or cancelled by contacting the Financial Secretary.

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

The following subscription is gratefully acknowledged:

_____ payments of \$ _____

Weekly Monthly

Quarterly _____

Total Subscription \$ _____

Payments begin _____

Called on by _____

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