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Operation Christmas Child Underway

Operation Christmas Child kicked off on October 4th and we'll collect filled shoeboxes on November 15th and 22nd. Please consider taking a shoe box (or three) and filling it with goodies for a needy child. In addition to all of the fun that the kids have opening their box, they also learn about Jesus and His plan for us.

Last year we filled 99 shoeboxes (actually 100 but one didn't arrive before the deadline) and this year we want to fill at least 125 shoeboxes! As of October 25th, we had distributed nearly 100 shoeboxes so we're well on the way to our goal.

Here's one story of a life changed by an Operation Christmas Child shoebox:

Shayal received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift as a teenager in her Hindu village of Vunika. She accepted the invitation to participate in The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship course for children who receive shoebox gifts, and soon accepted Christ as her Savior. The class began to grow to include parents and siblings until a church opened in the village for the very first time. Shayal brought her mother and brother to church where they also became believers. Today she is sharing Christ boldly with her friends at school. She said, "My duty as a child of God is to save lives."

Three times a week, Pastor "Waisea" Liwaiono walks up to 10 miles one way to villages like Shayal's to teach The Greatest Journey. He said, "Operation Christmas Child has taken me into rural areas where people haven't heard the Gospel. We're talking about Hindus. We're talking about Muslims. Operation Christmas Child has begun building up churches in these communities." Because caring people take the time to pack shoebox gifts every year, Pastor Waisea said, "Many lives have changed. Families have gotten back together, churches have worked together, and pastors have forgiven each other through Operation Christmas Child."

CROP Hunger Walk November 14

The sixth annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on November 14th. We'll begin the walk at 10:00 am in Larkspur Park at the corner of Fort Pierce Drive and Larkspur Road in Bloomington Hills. St. George Mayor Jon Pike and Washington City Mayor Ken Neilson will be there to send the walkers on their way.

You can walk or you can make a donation to support one of our walkers and a portion of the money raised stays here in our area and supports the Soup Kitchen and Solomon's Porch. In the five previous walks, we've raised more than \$30,000 to end hunger and look forward to 2015 being a record-setting year.

Walkers can sign up through November 8th and we'll set out all of our walkers' envelopes on tables in Conklin Hall during Fellowship on the 8th for anyone who is unable to walk but would like to make a contribution.

Please join us in helping to end hunger both in our community and in the world at large.

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

Larry Laubscher Bob Prinselaar
 Emily Penzari Candy Hurlbut
 Dorothy Bywater
 Lynn Jakubczak & Mary Peterson on the death of
 their sister, Dorothy Lee
 Wendy Christianson as she continues her final
 year of studies for the ministry
 Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia

Welcome New Members

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

Deadline for November Newsletter

November 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. 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 October were:

Rev. Ralph	Ephesians 3:14-21	Love of Christ
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Mark 12:28-31	Greatest importance
Elder Amy Craig	2 Corinthians 9:6-8	sow bountifully
Elder Chris Schleiter	2 Chronicles 14:11	Our God
Elder Scott Florence	Psalms 55:22	Cast your cares
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Romans 8:28	Working together
Elder Judy Oar	1 John 3:1	Children of God
Elder Gay Cunningham	Luke 8:16-18	Light of Christ
Elder Fred Hampton	Matthew 7:1-5	Speck and board
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Luke 3:10-14	John the Baptizer

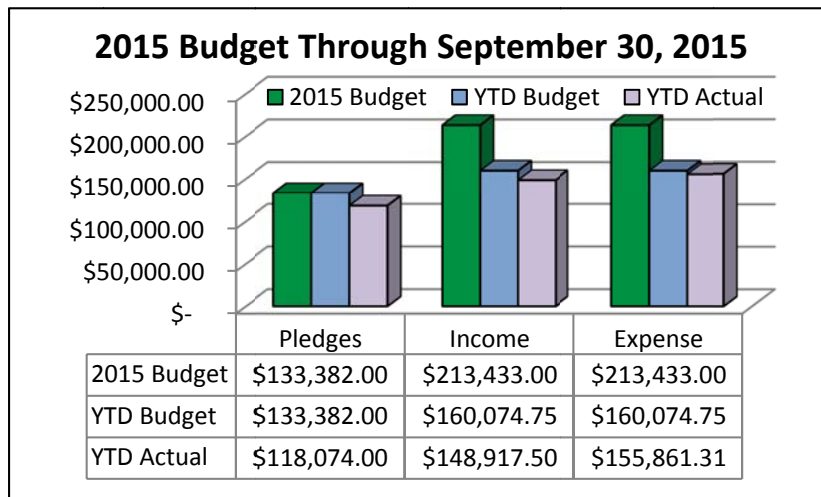
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
November		
November 1	Emily Penzari	Potluck Sunday
November 8	Dick & Patti Babb	Deacons
November 15	<i>Available</i>	Bill & Marge Linn
November 22	<i>Available</i>	Thanksgiving Brunch
November 29	Dave & Anne Patten	<i>Available</i>
December		
December 6	Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda	Potluck Sunday
December 13	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
December 20	Donna Beasley	<i>Available</i>
December 27	Chris Schleiter	<i>Available</i>

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund As of August 31, 2015 Month of August	
Receipts	\$ 13,058.86
Expenditures	\$ 16,925.51
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 160,074.05
Actual Receipts	\$ 148,917.50
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 160,074.05
Actual Expenditures	\$ 155,861.31
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 86,933.58
Loan Balance	\$ 158,480.48
Net Building Fund	\$ (71,546.90)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 1,496.86
Memorial Fund	\$ 846.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,689.79



Pastor's Page

"Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."

Nun Danket Alle Gott, Martin Rinkart 1636

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



Whenever I reflect upon our great national holiday, Thanksgiving, the words of this familiar Thanksgiving hymn come to my mind. Even though it was written in a time and land far away from our Pilgrims in Plymouth it continues to summarize our national and religious purpose in coming together annually on that November Thursday to give thanks.

What I find so humbling about this hymn even beyond its words are the circumstances from which it was penned. Pastor Martin Rinkart wrote these words as a family table blessing at the conclusion of the Thirty Years War. A war that saw the devastation of siege, death and plague decimate not only this congregation's city but as well over fifty percent of the members of his congregation. At one point Pastor Rinkart was the only protestant pastor alive in the city and left with his doing over 40 funerals a day. The Rinkart home

itself on occasion became a makeshift refugee center. It must have been for all in that city and congregation a terrible and dark experience, if not faith shaking.

Yet Pastor Rinkart begins his famous hymn with the words "Now Thank We All Our God." In the face of such great adversity these reflect a deep and wonderful faith that looks beyond the present to the love of God which is timeless. The same Christian love we celebrate every day of the year.

I would imagine that the present state of our nation and world might leave us with a feeling of discouragement, if not fear. In many ways the present world might seem to us to be a frightening place.

Like Martin, we too are called to look beyond and to our Christian faith. To trust the one who continues to love us and shower gifts each day if we are willing to see them, and that indeed takes faith. And in so doing, along with Martin then, and as now together we may sing boldly on Thanksgiving Day and all other days, "thank we all our God"!

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

****Home Communion****

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

****Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation: ****

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force 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*

FOUND!

Getting ready to leave this morning I unconsciously touched my back pocket and realized no wallet was there. It wasn't on the kitchen desk or the end table or where my computer was. Puzzled I went up to my bedroom. Nope!

A gentle anxiety began to rise. Precious and important things are in that wallet: family pictures, insurance cards, medial cards, licenses, credit cards, and even my old draft card!

So down to my home office I ran, then back up to the bedroom and finally it dawned on me. I'd thrown some clothes in my car to take to the laundromat. Sure enough in one of the pairs of pants there it was. Joy!

The last words of the story of the Prodigal Son are so life giving, "He was lost and has been found.

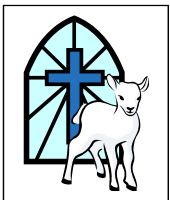
All of us have moments and seasons in which we know we are lost in some way and the experience of being found, being welcome, being wanted is overwhelmingly wonderful.

As the woman said who searched for her lost coin, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." And Luke concludes, "Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" Luke 15:8-10.

When we turn away from our lost way to the Lord who loves us his loving embrace is immediate.

Joy to you

Wendy's Window



At Princeton Theological Seminary, the first week in November means that we are half way through the semester. Among my classes this semester is a Reformation History class taught by Dr. Elsie McKee titled "Theology of John Calvin". In the class, I have come to appreciate John Calvin as one of the great theologians of the Protestant Reformation and have developed a deeper understanding of the ways in which his thoughts have been extremely influential both within the Christian church and wider society.

In 2013, Donald K. McKim, a prolific Presbyterian theologian and author, wrote a Calvin devotional book called Coffee with Calvin: Daily Devotions. Each morning as I am sipping (or gulping) my coffee, I read one of eighty four practical devotions which look into the enduring theology of John Calvin. Each day's devotion presents a short excerpt from Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, followed by a topical reflection by Donald K. McKim. According to the publisher, "readers will come away seeing Calvin as an eminently practical theologian with timeless insights into the Christian life." Whether you drink coffee or not, I recommend this devotional book.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Christian Education

Do you really know what the LDS faith is about? If not, join us for Adult Education on Sunday mornings during the month of November as Rev. Ralph will be presenting the Bridges program created by the Salt Lake Theological Seminary to help us understand the beliefs and customs of our LDS neighbors. Each week (except November 22nd when we will host Ellen and Al Smith, our Mission Co-Workers for Russia) we will examine a different area of Mormon beliefs and culture. Sundays begin with a prayer service including Communion at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary before we move to the CE Building for Adult Education at 9:00 am. Please join us for both.

Coming soon the Christian Education Committee will be re-invigorating the Presbyterian Women's group. Whether you are a past member or interested in joining for the first time, please consider this opportunity to join with other women in Christian fellowship (and have a lot of fun, too).

We will be looking for a date in January 2016 to plan a kick-off meeting. Watch your newsletter and Sunday bulletins for more information.

Fred Hampton

Deacons

The Deacons will meet again in December. At our last meeting, we talked about the responsibilities of the Deacons, in general, and the job of the Deacon of the Month. If there is anything that you would like us to consider or if you have any suggestions for how we can do our job better, please speak with me or your parish Deacon.

Just a reminder 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 Janice Klein (628-1158) and she 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 enjoyed the tacos at the Fiesta. Now, it is time to turn our thoughts to the holiday season.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 22nd. Fellowship will make the turkeys and the gravy. The signup sheets will be in Conklin Hall during Fellowship through November 15th. Please let us know if you are coming, so we have enough turkey to go around.

The Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 5th at 5:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Katering Koncepts will serve a buffet dinner of spinach salad, marinated tri tip or chicken cordon bleu, mashed sweet potatoes and either spice cake or mini cherry cheesecakes for dessert. There will be plenty of coffee. Kevin Auvernig, who provided the music for Fiesta, will provide music of the season for us and we have a special handmade raffle item donated by Josie Kellejan. Come by the Fellowship Hall to check out this beautiful item. The price will be \$25 per person in advance and we will be accepting prepaid reservations during Fellowship. The caterer needs the count before Thanksgiving, so the last day to make reservations will be November 22nd.

Finally, save the night of January 23, 2016, for the Third Annual Scottish Festival – Haggis, optional.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

First, I want to thank everyone who has donated to the Soup Kitchen. I continue to be inspired by the generosity of our congregation in helping those in need.

Please join us in our efforts both to bring the Gospel to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child and to end hunger through the CROP Hunger Walk. Every donation touches lives.

Finally, Ellen and Al Smith, our Mission Co-Workers for Russia, will be with us on November 22nd to share their thoughts on our relationship with our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh. They will be leading our Sunday Adult Education class and presenting a Minute for Mission during worship. Please join us and make them feel welcome.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing Ministry

Christie Benton, dietician, from LiVe Well Center at Dixie Regional Medical Center provided the Brown Bag attendees an excellent presentation on making it easier to cook for one or two. She noted that as we get older it is a challenge to meet the nutritional demands with fewer calories. It means those fruits and veggies and lean meats, fish and chicken are necessary to provide this. Here are some pointers that she shared with us:

- Shop with convenience in mind
- Take advantage of your freezer
- Cook a batch and freeze single portions- be sure to write contents & date
- Prepare one-dish meals like stew or casseroles
- Use extras wisely so you can use the extras in new dishes
- Hit the cookbooks for ideas
- Try to include foods from 3 food groups
- Set a pleasant table
- Think healthy snack, humus or fruit
- Go out or invite friends over for occasions
- Enjoy community supplied meals on occasions
- Cook ahead- use your crock pot

For those that missed this presentation, Chris has posted the handouts and audio on the church Website, gspscsg.org.

Looking ahead to Thursday, December 3rd at Noon, we will welcome Karen Schlieter, MS, Gerokinesiologist (someone who studies the mobility, fitness and rehabilitation of the older adult) as our Brown Bag Luncheon speaker discussing: "5 Steps to Reduce Falls."

It's time to get your flu shot. This year, the effectiveness of the inactivated virus strains contained in the vaccine is predicted to be in the 50-60% range as opposed to last year's 13%. Although you have the shot, you still may contract the flu but the severity of your illness and your risk for side effects (such as pneumonia) will be less than if you had not had the vaccine at all. Supplies are not limited and people of all ages are encouraged to be immunized. It will take about two weeks to develop maximum protection so get your shot soon!

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive at Good Shepherd Church on November 13th. Please see Kathie Greear to make an appointment to give the gift of life.

Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak

Senior Ministries

At our November 11th Soup and Fellowship, our speaker will be Kristyn Decker, an ex-polygamist, who will tell us about her experiences in this FLDS life. This is a hot topic lately with Warren Jeffs and the publicity he has received. Please join us for delicious soup, bread, cookies and Kristen.

CARDS: We meet at 1:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. This month that date is November 18th. We have been playing Hand and Foot, Hearts and Bridge, (at different tables of course). We have a good time and enjoy the company which is the goal. If you don't know how to play any of the games (except Bridge), we'd love to teach you! Please join us.

BOOK CLUB: We are into history this month. The Revolutionary War is the setting with Summer of Revolution by Joseph Ellis as the recommended book. The date has not been determined yet so watch the bulletin for details. If you have a favorite book you would like to discuss, we would like you come to the meeting.

Finally, don't forget Rev. Ralph's gentle exercise program on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This program is one of Rev. Ralph's ways of helping us to continue to live healthy and happy lives in God's love.

Our interest is your good health, mental and physical, and of course spiritual above all.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on October 13, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved installation of shut off valve, pressure relief valve and expansion tank in Church Building at a cost of \$312.69.
- Approved payment up to \$600 for airfare for Ellen & Al Smith to come to Good Shepherd in November.
- Regretfully accepted the resignation of Harold Wylie as visitation pastor.
- Accepted the nominations of 2016 deacons: Shirley Fromknecht, Jeff Clingan, Dawn Angerone, and Mary Contreras. Accepted nominations of 2016 Nominating Committee at-large members: Amy Craig, Nancy Higgins, and George Linden
- Approved 2016 Budget without Terms of Call.
- Approved presenting By-Law amendments regarding Called Congregational Meeting in November or December and Annual Congregation Meeting in January and to clean up other inconsistencies in the By-Laws.
- Set Stated Congregational Meeting for December 6, 2016 for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and acting upon it, presenting the 2016 Budget and Terms of Call of the Pastor, and considering By-Law Amendments.
- Set a Pulpit Exchange for November 8, 2015 [Ed note: This has been postponed until early 2016].
- Authorized Carolynn Thomas, Treasurer, to transfer funds between various church accounts at State Bank of Southern Utah and to pay credit card bills.
- Allowed Mary Starrett to conduct no-cost dance lessons in Conklin Hall.
- Approved the establishment of a new checking account at State Bank of Southern Utah for Russian Mission Funds.
- Established a long range Russian Mission Committee to review and set long and short term goals, to be led by Rev. Clingan and include Mission/Outreach Elder, Chris Schleter and 1-3 other members from the congregation.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Please watch your mail box for your Stewardship mailing. It will have a message from Rev Ralph, the Stewardship committee, the 2016 budget and pledge information. Please be in prayer for how you can participate in the life of our church through giving in 2016.

Thank you to all of you who have generously given this year. We still have a few more months of this year and items to pay. Please see the treasurer's report on page 2. As of September we spent \$155,861 (which is below the amount budgeted) and received \$148,917 (unfortunately even more below the budgeted amount). As you can see we are behind in what we need to receive to meet our expenses.

In November, Stewardship is welcomes "Brother Steward" as our Steward thought for the month and monthly bulletin insert. We hope you will enjoy and learn from this new program.

Brother Steward

Can I Be Trusted with Much?

Oswald Chambers wrote, "Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exciting test of all to survive is prosperity." This quote provides a clear warning: Those who become prosperous are also very likely to become filled with pride. Pride can cause inflated egos and self-worthiness. Agur, a writer of proverbs, gave us this warning: ". . . *give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God*" (Proverbs 30:8-9). When our bills are paid and we have money in the bank, we may feel secure and depend only on ourselves. In speaking about the curse of success, someone once said, "Ninety-nine people out of 100 can handle adversity whereas only one out of 100 can handle prosperity." The wealth that many seek can be more of a curse than a blessing.

Stewardship, continued

God blesses us with work and the ability to earn our incomes. Unfortunately, we may foolishly begin to believe that we are solely responsible for the success we've achieved. As Moses wrote, *"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth . . ."* (Deuteronomy 8:18). We should understand that only by God's grace are we able to have a place to call home, a savings account, and a retirement plan. God's Word is clear that we are managers, not owners. *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1).

Even though it is difficult to pass the test with money, the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, enables us to understand that all we are and have are gifts from God. Joseph provides us a good example of stewardship. Separated from his home and family, he still trusted God and feared him, refusing to give in to the temptations that came with the position God enabled him to fill. As second in command in Egypt, one of the most powerful kingdoms of his day, he retained his humility, realizing that he was only the manager of Egypt's resources. But he managed those resources well, working at it *"with all [his] heart, as working for the Lord, not for men"* (Colossians 3:23). Just as God empowered Joseph in his stewardship, so he does for us today, whether our resources are vast, as were Joseph's, or small.

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Amy Craig

Worship and Music

November and December will be busy months: we will decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am; Advent begins on Sunday November 29th our annual Tabernacle Concert is Friday, December 12th at 7:00 pm; the church Christmas Concert will be on Sunday December 13th and the Christmas Eve service will be on December 24th! Also, Session approved adding a short mid-week prayer service during Advent (and Lent) on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m., beginning on December 3rd and continuing on December 10th and 17th. So mark your calendars. As you can see, both choirs will be extremely busy! And Rev. Ralph will be exhausted!

The Worship & Music Committee needs YOUR help with taking the decorations from their various storage places and moving them into Conklin Hall on Friday November 27th at 10:00 am. This will help save time on Saturday November 28th when we will AGAIN need your help to decorate the church, beginning at 10:00 am. Both the Sanctuary and Conklin Hall will be made beautiful with our decorations and your help. We will also set up our Nativity pieces in the front yard near the church sign AND we are planning another bit of new outside decoration this year. Come and help us make Christmas gorgeous! To entice you, we are going to share lunch on that Saturday as well. So come one, come ALL, and help us make our church beautiful, as we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and as we hopefully await His Coming again.

The choirs love to feel appreciated as we work hard to make your worship experience something to remember joyfully. But we sing and ring as an act of worship, to praise and glorify God, not as a performance for an audience. So, please, do NOT clap after a musical anthem (with the exception of our Tabernacle Concert). Rather, come and tell us how much you enjoyed hearing our musical praise of God! We thank you for your understanding.

Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell

Congregation News

Rev. Harold Wylie Resigns

At the meeting on October 13th, Session reluctantly accepted the resignation of Rev. Harold Wylie as Parish Associate. Rev. Harold became our Parish Associate in March of 1993 and has done yeoman's service over the years ministering to our shut-ins and others in need, as well as filling in for our pastors when they were away. He will still be singing in the choir and ringing bells and filling in for Rev. Ralph but needs to have more time to attend to family needs.

We thank Rev. Harold for his service and look forward to having him and Hazel with us for many years to come.

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back All Saints Day Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	2 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	3 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	4 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting	5 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	6 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	7
8 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	9 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	10 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir 5:15 pm Session Meeting	11 Veterans Day 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 pm Soup & Bread Noon Fellowship – Kristyn Decker on Polygamy 6:30 pm Safe Harbor Support Group	12 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	13 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 9:00 am Blood Drive – CE Building to 1:00 pm	14
15 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	16 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	17 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	18 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party	19 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	20 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	21
22 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education am Ellen & Al Smith Discuss Russia Mission 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	23 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	24 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Shepherd of the Hills UMC	25 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	26 Thanksgiving Day 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	27 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 10:00 am Move Christmas decorations to Conklin Hall	28 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens & Potluck Lunch
29 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship – Lectionary Sunday 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	30 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry					

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.

Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, November 1 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	<i>All Saints Day</i> Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 24:1–10	Revelation 21:1–6a	John 11:32–44
	Ruth 1:1–18 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11–14	Mark 12:28–34
Sunday, November 8 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1–5,4:13–17 Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24–28	Mark 12:38–44
Sunday, November 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:4–20 1 Samuel 2:1–10	Hebrews 5:1–10	Mark 10:35–45
Sunday, November 22 Christ the King	Job 42:1–6,10–17 Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22)	Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25	Mark 13:1–8
Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14–16 Psalm 25:1–10	1 Thessalonians 3:9–13	Luke 21:25–36

Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1–4 Luke 1:68–79	Philippians 1:3–11	Luke 3:1–6
Sunday, December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14–20 Isaiah 12:2–6	Philippians 4:4–7	Luke 3:7–18
Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2–5a Luke 1:46–55 or Psalm 80:1–7	Hebrews 10:5–10	Luke 1:39–45 (46–55)
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2–7 Psalm 96:1–13	Titus 2:11–14	Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)
Friday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6–12 Psalm 97:1–12	Titus 3:4–7	Luke 2:(1–7) 8–20
	<i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7–10 Psalm 98:1–9	Hebrews 1:1–4 (5–12)	John 1:1–14
Sunday, December 27 1st Sunday after Christmas	1 Samuel 2:18–20,26 Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12–17	Luke 2:41–52

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

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 1st Sunday of each Month
 Safe Harbor Support Group – 2nd 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	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 October 18th, we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$39,745 and additional cash donations of \$6,465 for a total of **\$147,436** or about **43.1%** 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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