



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Fall Festival October 13th

It's time to mark your calendars with our annual "Fall Festival" on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> after Worship. Visit our Session Members' displays in the Christian Education Building showing what they and their committees do for your Church.

We are putting together a cookbook with recipes contributed by members of the congregation. As everyone knows, we have some really good cooks in our midst, and several of them will be showing their skills as they prepare some of their favorite recipes to share during our Fall Festival lunch.

You will also be able to pick up your family's copy of our new church photo directory. We have more photos of our church life and photos of more than 175 of our members and friends. Be sure to pick up your copy.

If you visit all of the Session displays in the CE Building and get your card stamped, you might even win a \$50 gift card for visiting each table. The drawing will be during lunch in Conklin Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

Please sign up in Conklin Hall and let us know how many to expect and what you are planning to bring for lunch. Everyone is welcome. Invite and bring your neighbors and friends.

## Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off October 13th

Operation Christmas Child will kick off on October 13<sup>th</sup> and conclude on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Now is the time to gather those items that kids either need or just can't resist, and get ready to pack those boxes.

As a reminder, you can no longer include any liquids or gels or anything that can be ingested in your boxes. This includes items like toothpaste and candy. Also, no toy guns or war toys are allowed. The reason for this change is that entire shipments of boxes can be held up at Customs if any of them include these items.

Over the summer we've collected a lot of items for shoeboxes, and we have some custom knitted goods to fill some boxes this year. We'll have a "Packing Party" sometime in late October or early November to get all of the goodies in boxes and ready to go to children all over the world. We'll give you plenty of notice, so you can join us for this fun and fulfilling event.

Boxes will be available at the Mission table during Fall Festival and in Conklin Hall until mid-November. You don't have to wait, though. If you have regular shoeboxes, you can pack them, as well. Just be sure to put a Boy/Girl sticker on each box, and indicate the most appropriate age for the child who will receive the box.

We collected only 94 boxes last year which was down about 30 from 2017 and more than 50 fewer than 2016. Let's try to get back to that magic 150 number this year.

### 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

Jan Hirschi	Wanda Tighe
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Joe Borden	Preston Hughes
Dottie Malcomson	Barbara Schultzman
Faye Gray	Althea Haworth
Clinton Shonkwiler	Faye Gray
Marge & Norm Ramquist	

Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

**Ruthanne Skinner**

If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please see Rev. Ralph or Session Clerk LaVerna Metzger

### November Newsletter Deadline

October 23, 2019

### Worship Schedule

**8:45 – 9:00 am**  
Morning Prayer and Communion  
Sanctuary

**9:00 – 9:45 am**  
Adult Education  
CE Building

**10:30 am**  
Children's Sunday School  
CE Building

**10:30 am**  
Worship  
Sanctuary

**11:45 am**  
Fellowship Time  
Conklin Hall

### Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Minister of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. Rev. Ralph encourages our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for August were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 15:13	God of Hope
Elder La Verna Metzger	Revelation 21:4	New Day
Elder Scott Florence	James 5:7	Patience
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Galatians 6:9-10	Do good
Elder Susan Holecheck	Ephesians 2:19-22	Holy Temple
Elder Judy Oar	John 17:23	Complete
Elder Carolynn Thomas	Matthew 24:42	Day of the Lord
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17	Grace
Elder Jan Hirschi	Philippians 4:6	Clearly
Elder Eric Westland	2 Thessalonians 3:13	Doing good

### Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
<b>October</b>		
October 6	Russ & Candy Hurlbut	Jennifer P
October 13	Dave & Anne Patten	Donna Beasley
October 20	Doris Thomas	<b>Available</b>
October 27	Dick & Patti Babb	<b>Available</b>
<b>November</b>		
October 3	Alan & Sandy Paige	Jennifer P
October 10	<b>Available</b>	Donna Beasley
October 17	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
October 24	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website [gpscsq.org](http://gpscsq.org)

### Treasurer's Report

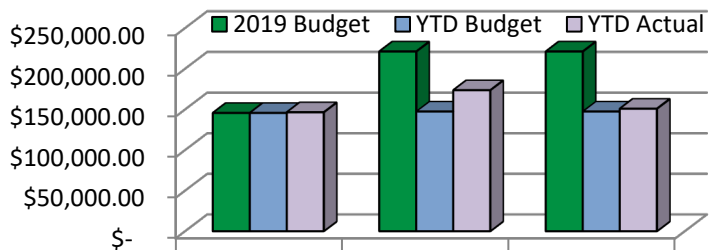
#### General Fund as of August 31, 2019 Month of August

Receipts	\$ 12,244.52
Expenditures	\$ 15,878.66
<b>2019 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 147,455.80
Actual Receipts	<b>\$173,614.00</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 147,455.80
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$150,862.95</b>

#### Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 35,738.25
Building Fund	\$ 44,046.14
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,264.79
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,072.71
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 4,737.59

#### 2019 Budget Through August 31



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2019 Budget	\$145,683.70	\$221,183.70	\$221,183.70
YTD Budget	\$145,683.70	\$147,455.80	\$147,455.80
YTD Actual	\$146,500.89	\$173,614.00	\$150,862.95

## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

*<sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?!*

*1 John 5:1-5 New American Standard Bible (NASB)*



As I mentioned in my July newsletter article, in my preparation of our August Mission trip to our sister church in Russia I was required to prepare two sermons. In that article I shared with you excerpts from my first sermon. The following are excerpts from the second sermon I gave in Dorogobuzh this past summer:

On our first visit here five years ago Pastor Sergei took us to visit the nursing home for worship. In his greeting to the residents, Pastor Sergei commented that he had with him visitors from America from a church full of "Babushka's"! The residents cheered!

This for the most part, remains true. A large number of our congregation consist of 'Babushka's and De-adushka's' (Grandmothers, Grandfathers). We do have a few young children and young families, and on more than one occasion one of our older members commented on our lack of young children. I then remind them of the bond we have with you, and tell them, "We do have children, and they speak Russian."

As written in John, "Whoever loves the Father, loves the child born of Him", and through him the world is overcome by our common victory and our common faith in Him.

As I shared with you last Sunday, in the hall way between our fellowship hall and sanctuary there is a bulletin board that has pictures of our visits to Russia as well as pictures of events and celebrations that Pastor Sergei has sent me over the years. Included are pictures of Christmas and Easter programs at the orphanage, Christmas and Easter events at your Word of Life Church with the young people and children of the congregation both singing and acting. We have been praying for your success and that the Lord would touch these young lives through your ministries. We rejoice and praise God for His answer to our common prayers.

But, we also praise God that through our common prayers, even though we are thousands of miles apart and our prayers are in Russian and English, they are one in the Lord as we are.

And, now with the new addition to your building, we anticipate that the Lord will bless your ministries and mission to your community and will grow in many and wonderful ways. Our prayers will continue to join yours daily that this may be so.

It has been my pleasure to introduce our Brother Scott to our Russian brothers and sisters. Like my first visit here five years ago, and like all those who have visited here from Good Shepherd, I know he has been touched by your faith, ministry and welcoming love. Together we will return to Good Shepherd and be your witnesses that together we are, through Him, overcoming the world by our common victory and our common faith in Him.

By nature we are uncomfortable with change. We like things to stay the way they are. However, acknowledging that we are in a constant state of change the truth is that we want things to stay the way they were.

I believe, however, that God is always calling us into a future he has prepared for us. It's a matter of trusting ourselves and our tomorrows to His care. The psalmist reminds us that we are not God and not captains of our destiny. But, we are loved creations in his hands. In other words, do not fear in the face of a changing world. But, instead have faith and live lives that reflect that faith and peace.

*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 several years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information regarding patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

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

## News From the Russia Mission

As you probably remember, the Russia Mission Network held its annual conference in St. George a year ago and was quite successful but not as well attended as we would have hoped. After that conference, our Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith decided that, for the first time, it was time to hold the conference in Russia. The conference was scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> outside of the city of Smolensk at the church camp of Pastor Victor Ignatenkov, the Vice President of the Baptist Union in Russia. Victor's church, Smolensk Central Baptist, is the partner church of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC.

A fire destroyed the original church camp about 15 years ago, and the new camp was built largely with funding and work provided by Presbyterian Mission and several Presbyterian churches in the United States. During mission trips to Russia, church members have helped to build the buildings and several churches' knitting and sewing groups have provided a quilt for each bed in the camp. It is a wonderful facility and was perfectly suited to hosting the conference.

We opened the conference on Friday morning. Our partners, Pastor Sergei, his wife, Nina, and son, Tima, joined us for the opening day. We were greeted by Leonid Ignatenkov, the Senior Executive Presbyter of the Smolensk region on his 60th birthday and Pastor Victor gave us a message and led us in prayer. His message was based on 2 Timothy 4:6-16, and he stressed the importance of team & partnership. He said that through this partnership God's will is done and added that we learn from Paul how to build partnerships.

There were 15 Americans partners representing five of the US partner churches. In addition, there were 23 Russians including representatives of partner churches and members of Victor's family and church who organized the conference. Each partner introduced themselves. Pastor Sergei spoke about our relationship, and he said that for them the most important thing was the sharing of faith and the breaking down of barriers. He also thanked us for helping them with the construction of their building. I said that our relationship and the depth of their faith strengthens our faith, and that we love to come and share Bible camp and pray for each other. The common thread among all of the US and the partners was the sharing of faith and ministries and giving all of us an understanding that in God's eyes we are all the same and of the global reach of the Church and of God's presence.

Ellen and Victor then spoke on their views of what partnership is. Ellen said that the things we do for one another strengthen us. Initially, the goal of partnership was to overcome cold war stereotypes. But, it has grown far beyond that. It is important for people to come and share because, among other things, we look at problems in our own communities differently because many of the problems here are the same as those in our own country. We get a new view and new ideas. We are also peacemaking when we partner with Russian churches. What we see when we visit here and what our partners see when they visit us is important, and when we come together, we inspire each other. There's nothing insignificant happening, and often the little things are as important as the big things. She closed by noting that even drinking tea together is important.

Victor said that the partnership relationship is a blessing from God that allows them to expand their ministries. He noted that they began building partnership relationships in the 1990's and many are still active today. The partnerships have allowed them to expand their ministry, and friendships have been formed that continue today. Partnership helps to form bridges between our countries. The Russian government is happy to see that the churches are building good relationships with others and that helps to keep doors open and open new doors for the Russian churches. Partnership also spurs harmony among the major churches in Russia. Victor believes that it is very valuable for Russian churches to visit partners in America noting that we learn from each other. He said that initially, they thought they would learn from us. But, we have found that we also learn from them. He also believes that it is good when a church prays for another church across the ocean.

Opening remarks were followed by a discussion of working with children in orphanages. The Russian churches badly need partner contributions to their orphanage ministries. These contributions can be craft supplies, Christian items, small gifts, knitted items (coverlets, hats, scarves, gloves), Christmas cards with handwritten messages (in Russian) for children in the orphanages (Victor can provide Russian text). There are two types of children in orphanages in Russia: true orphans whose parents have passed and social orphans whose parents simply cannot provide for them. Children of social orphans get food & teachers are paid. But, the children do not receive clothes, etc., so partner churches can help with providing those items, and clothes are the biggest need. We heard from a former orphan with special needs (visual impairment) about how much she loved having the churches come and how they helped her to be educated. She is now in college (we would call it a trade school) learning to be an artist.

The remainder of the two days was spent discussing and sharing, from both the Russian and American perspective, on how our partnerships can make a difference among Russians and how helping with those needs strengthens all of us.

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## Buildings

Your Building Committee has had a busy September juggling the air conditioning usage during a hotter than normal month. Two big challenges that presented themselves like a chapter from Exodus were,

- The main CE building AC unit was failing, so we had to run it almost non-stop just to keep the building marginally cooled.
- If we turned on everything at the same time, we could create a peak demand that would require us to pay an additional "demand charge", plus risk getting put into a higher rate category as a big-time user.

This last few weeks, we took care of both of those.

We moved the relatively little-used AC unit that was added when Conklin Hall was enlarged to replace the main CE building's failing unit. This saved us the expense of new equipment. We also replaced the 20-year old AC unit that cools the offices.

Now that we have six air conditioners rather than seven, we can build snowmen in the Sanctuary in July and not exceed the demand limit set by the city.

Thanks for your patience dealing with slightly warmer weekends indoors.

Three more reminders:

- If you exit through a locked door, please check after it closes that it is actually latched.
- The Sanctuary doors, the kitchen doors and the door between the Narthex and Conklin Hall are fire doors. They can be open while a bunch of us are at church. But, please close them at the end of an activity. This will slow down the spread of a fire should one occur.
- We now have motion sensing light/fan switches in all of the bathrooms. They work so well that even Reverend Ralph's dog Freckles can turn them on. What Freckles probably doesn't know only because she is so darn sweet is that each switch has a button on it to turn the light/fan OFF when you leave. Doing so during times of light occupancy helps prevent the already warm/cool air we paid for from getting pumped out of the building.

*Blessings,  
Eric Westland, Building Elder*

## Deacons

As Deacons we are trying to be more visible. Our goal is that all of you know your Deacon and feel free to call with questions and concerns.

During October Sandy Paige will be our Deacon of the Month. She serves our members in the Bloomington Hills Parish.

Being a Deacon is such a good way to get acquainted with many new friends at church. We are hoping to find several new deacons to replace those who are going off the Board. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord and our church in this way.

If you have an illness or are recovering from surgery, our Deacon Shed is full of items you may need. We have everything from walkers to crutches to wheelchairs to raised toilet seats. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120), and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Lord; and hope that if there is anything you need, you will let us know.

*In Christian love and fellowship,  
Your Deacons*



## Fellowship

The Fellowship time after Sunday Worship is going strong. There are many conversations, lots of laughter, and shared experiences during this opportunity to get to know our fellow worshipers.

Many thanks to all of you that have contributed to our Fellowship table and also to those who have contributed their time and helping hands to make this time a blessing for all. Please thank Cathy Overkamp for changing our décor for the fall season.

It is now officially Fall! Our friends who have been in cooler climes are returning. What a joy to welcome them back.

Remember, there is no fellowship without you!

*Blessings  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

**Soup Kitchen Food Drive Donations:** Our September donations to the Soup Kitchen included 125 pounds of food and paper goods, \$10 cash, and \$140 from church Mission funds. They are so appreciative of every can of food and dollar we give to them. So many hungry folks in St George benefit from the hot meals served at the Soup Kitchen. The First Sunday of each month is "Donations to Soup Kitchen Sunday".

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

How can you help?? Do you like to shop and enjoy stretching a dollar?? You can be one of the shoppers who watch for sales – using church donations to make your purchases. ContactCarolynn Thomas at 435-817-8288 to receive a shopping list and donation funds to do your shopping for the shoeboxes.

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

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

**C.R.O.P. Walk:** Please mark your calendars to participate in the annual C.R.O.P. Walk that will take place on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Beginning at Fall Festival you can pick up a donation envelope from Chris Schleter. If you don't want to walk but would like to contribute, we'll have all of the walker envelopes at fellowship after worship on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so you can put your donations into one of the walkers envelopes.

*Blessings  
Carolynn Thomas*

## Parish Health Ministry

**Brown Bag Luncheon:** Our next Brown Bag Luncheon will be held in Conklin Hall on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at Noon. We will be privileged to hear from Dr. Melissa Henderson of Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her presentation will explain this new university in the desert, situated on Center Street in Ivins. Opening their doors to students in July of 2017, Rocky Vista University is educating students to become physicians.

Professor Henderson came to Utah from Tennessee where she was a faculty member of Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. Melissa has received multiple awards, published many articles for and given frequent presentations in the field of biomedical science.

Melissa and her husband Jesse have two young children, Noah and Amelia. They are members of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

## Parish Health Ministry, continued

Everyone is invited to Melissa's presentation. Bring your own sandwich, or salad, or even ribs! We will supply the beverages and treats. Forgot your lunch? Come anyway. You won't go hungry. Beverages, treats, fellowship and a wonderful presentation will strengthen you.

**Emergency Contact Information:** There are at least 216 definitions of the acronym, ICE, but the one we'd like to discuss is, **IN CASE of EMERGENCY**. In a previous Newsletter article, we wrote about the importance of carrying personal contact information in your wallets and purses so that it is readily available to professionals in the event of accident or medical emergency and you have become unable to provide it. Completing an ICE form, such as the one provided online by AAA ([https://www.aaa.com/aaa/057/static/news/aaa\\_ice\\_card.pdf](https://www.aaa.com/aaa/057/static/news/aaa_ice_card.pdf)), will give first responders timely and potentially life-saving access to your pertinent and identifying information. In addition to the requested items, it would be helpful to add your blood type (if known), list of medications and whether you wish to be an organ donor. Copies of the AAA form also will be available to you in Conklin Hall.

Next fellowship hour, get your coffee and a treat and then remember to pick up a handout that one day just may help save your life!

*Alicia Kitzman & Pebble Mowery*

## Prayer Chain

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

All prayers are important.

*Deborah Stone*

## Senior Ministries

**Soup and Fellowship:** We held the September fellowship on the last Wednesday of September which was after the deadline for this newsletter, so I will report on this in November's newsletter. Our next Soup and Fellowship will be Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Our speakers will be Reverend Ralph and Scott Florence who will report on their trip to Russia. We will be serving Borsch soup, potato soup and Russian Tea Cakes.

**Card Party:** October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will play Bridge, Backgammon and card games. Everyone is invited to play. It is social interaction and mental stimulation, all good for brain health, a Senior Ministry goal.

**Flic Flock:** We saw "Downton Abbey" on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some worthwhile movies are coming up this fall and winter, and we will offer our company to anyone wanting to attend. Company is guaranteed, and rides are available for anyone needing one.

**Consider:** You don't stop playing because you grow too old. You grow old because you stop playing.

Bundles of thanks to my super committee: Jane O'Donnell, Barbara West and Cheryl Mansfield, who do all the thinking and planning so very well and are so much appreciated. We miss Sherry Kretschmer already and wish her the best in her new city of Tucson.

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

Session did not hold a meeting in August. Actions from August are below:

- Approved to set aside \$3,500.00 for a custom-written anthem with \$2,557.78 to come from the Memorial Fund and the remaining \$1,242.22, to be donated. The anthem is to be ready by Easter, 2020.
- Approved amending the budget by moving budget from contingency to various budget lines: \$700 to Worship to cover the costs of Rev. Harold Wylie's memorial service; \$1,300 to travel to cover costs for Gloria McGilloway to travel to Presbytery meetings; \$300 to Postage to cover additional postage needs; \$500 to Technology to cover the renewal of hosting services for the church website and the purchase of several unanticipated items during the year.
- Approved \$12,000 from the Building Fund to complete the air conditioning project

*LaVerna Metzger, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of September volunteers included Ruth Ann Horvath, Marge Linn, Janis Wick, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, Patti and Brian Lusby, and Judy Wallace. Donations from our church included 125 pounds of food and supplies along with \$10 plus the Church Mission funds donated another \$140. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A Labor Day menu of cheese burgers, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolyn Thomas 435-817-8288.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from August 31<sup>st</sup> appears on page 2, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

The theme of our fall pledge campaign will be "Excel in the Grace of Giving." This program focuses on the importance of giving in our lives. Winston Churchill aptly stated: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Another appropriate phrase says, "The mind grows by what it takes in, the heart grows by what it gives out." When we give, we are blessed as much as the recipients of our gifts. Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38). We will begin the campaign in the next few weeks and ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help us by providing resources that allow us to continue to fulfill God's mission for us.

We continue to thank you for your generosity.

*Susan Holecheck and your Stewardship Committee*

## Women's Guild

The Women's Guild has been busy planning events for the upcoming Church year. Here are some dates that you will want to mark on your calendar: Annual Craft & Baked Food Sale, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with setup on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm; Women's Guild meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> with Donia Jessup, Mayor of Hilldale, speaking; Annual Christmas Cookie Sale following worship on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>; and, last but not least, will be the Spring Tea on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep in mind the money raised from our events is given to local charities and your continuing support makes this possible.

*Candy Hurlbut*

## Worship

As we welcome the cooler days of October, plans are warming up for the upcoming events at Good Shepherd.

Fall Festival is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Come and see the table for the Worship and Music committee

October 27<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday and is also the annual "Kirkin' O'Th'Tartan" Worship Service. The service will begin with the Beadle carrying the Bible into the service accompanied by the Scarlet and Black Bagpipers. It is a special day of recognizing those members with Scottish heritage as well as acknowledging the history of the reformed church and the Scottish Church connection.

Our church is very generous in reaching out to our community by allowing other groups to use our facilities. One is the Interfaith Choir which is sponsored by the Interfaith Council. They rehearse in our sanctuary Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm. They will be presenting a special Veterans Day program at the St. George Tabernacle on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All veterans are invited to attend!

*Barbara McConnell  
Director of Music*



## Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Old Testament Lesson	Epistle	New Testament Lesson
Sunday, October 6 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Sunday, October 13 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, October 20 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Sunday, October 27 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

## Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Old Testament Lesson	Epistle	New Testament Lesson
Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Sunday, November 3 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
Sunday, November 10 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b—2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Sunday, November 17 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Sunday, November 24 Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

## Congregation News

### **Women's Bible Study/Fellowship**

A new Bible study has been added to our Bible studies. It is for all women and will be held on the last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. It is followed by Christian fellowship, treats and "bring your own lunch if you want". Virginia Hunt facilitated our first study September 30<sup>th</sup>, Gay Cunningham will facilitate the study on October 28<sup>th</sup> and DeEtte Delaney will facilitate our study November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Self-guided study manuals are available at cost from Donna Beasley or Pebble Mowery.

For those without manuals, copies will be available each meeting. Our theme, "God's Promise: I Am With You" can be appreciated even by sporadic attendance, so please come as you can.

*Pebble Mowery*

### **News from the Russia Mission, continued**

With the conference concluded, those of us who were not from Omaha joined Nancy and Ed McLean from White Memorial for worship at Pastor Victor's church in Smolensk. Their church has about 245 members plus over 100 children. They have a beautiful church and an exquisite choir, and the service was quite beautiful and moving. After worship Victor invited us to come back next year after our visit to Dorogobuzh to worship with them and see the city.

Ellen was spot on in her desire to hold the conference in Russia. By being there and having person to person contact with a variety of American and Russian partners, each of us came away feeling inspired by the work that is being done, and each of us has new ideas for ways to make our partnerships more meaningful.

I am happy to discuss anything from the trip with any of you, and I hope that you will consider joining us on a trip to Dorogobuzh in the future.

*Chris Schleiter*

## October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>5:30 Russian Class pm</b> <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group pm</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>1:00 pm Set Up for Women's Guild Craft &amp; Baked Food Sale</b>	<b>9:00 am Women's Guild Craft &amp; Baked Food Sale</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Soup Kitchen Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>12:00 Noon Session Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry <b>6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>12:00 Noon Brown Bag Luncheon – Melissa Henderson</b> <b>5:30 pm Russian Class</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		<b>Presbytery Meeting @ Wasatch</b> <b>10:00 am Set Up for Fall Festival</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Fall Festival</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship – Fall Festival <b>11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</b> <b>5:30 pm Russian Class</b> <b>6:30 pm Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting</b> 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>5:30 pm Russian Class</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		
<b>27</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship – Kirkin' O' The Tartans 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	<b>11:30 am Women's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship – Conklin Hall</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>5:30 pm Russian Class</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm		

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

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

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

**Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each Month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall

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



## Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage we estimated that we needed \$384,000 in order to pay off the mortgage and have the resources to meet our needs for maintaining and improving our facilities. Now that our mortgage has been retired, we can turn our attention to several major maintenance items and improvements that need to be addressed over the next several years. These projects, totaling more than \$145,000, need to be funded. We still need your help.

Through September 22<sup>nd</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$54,100** and additional cash donations of **\$23,281** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$272,444** or about **70.9%** of our **\$384,000** goal.

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to the third campaign. If you haven't pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us ensure that our facilities remain in top notch condition and to allow us to make some needed improvements.

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	Eric Westland	625-1399	Building
Class of 2021	LaVerna Metzger	385-242-8622	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Carolynn Thomas	817-8288	Mission/Outreach

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