



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Church Financial Situation Is Concerning

As you've no doubt heard, our church is in the early stages of a significant financial shortfall. We simply are not receiving enough in donations, both pledged and unpledged, to meet our basic costs.

On average in 2024 we have spent about \$20,085 each month, which is less than our average budgeted amount by about \$1,300. Unfortunately, we have only received an average of about \$16,650, about \$4,765 below our average monthly budget leaving us with an average deficit of about \$3,465 each month. To date, through July, we have spent \$24,000 more than we have received.

Like our personal budgets, the vast majority of our spending is non-discretionary. We can cut around the edges by, for example, not making color copies, turning the thermostats up a couple of degrees and buying less expensive items to operate the church but those savings are minimal.

Of the total budget of \$258,443 for the year, only about \$14,000, or 5.4%, are expenses not involved with personnel or keeping the church buildings and programs running in a way that enhances our congregational fellowship and service. That \$14,000 includes our most important expenditure: for Mission.

In short, we need your help. Many of you made pledges at the end of 2023 so that we could get a good idea of how much money we expected to receive. We thank you for that. Unfortunately, we have received only 78% of the amount of pledge offerings that we should have received through the end of July. Our non-pledged offerings are about 72% of what we expected to receive through July.

We have an opportunity to fix the problem. If you made a pledge, please ensure that your pledge payments are up to date. You will receive a statement soon showing your giving for the year. If you haven't paid your Per Capita, please do so. If you can find a way to give us just a bit more each month, we would thank you.

We realize that many of us are stretched thin by the current economic climate, but without your financial help, we will be forced into a situation that none of us wants to be in.

Please prayerfully consider your giving and help us if you can do so.

## Inquiring Minds Want to Know

Beginning Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and continuing the last Sunday of each month, Rev. Ralph will be in the Christian Education building at 11:45 am, following the service, for "WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD."

He will be available to discuss not only our congregational life but also to answer questions about what it means to be a Presbyterian and what becoming a member of our church might look like for anyone who might be interested in joining our fellowship.

EVERYONE is welcome - whether you are a long-time member, more recent member, one who might be considering becoming a part of our church family or you just want to learn about us. There is no formal agenda. If you wish, pick up a treat and beverage from the post-service fellowship table in Conklin Hall and make your way to the CE building to 'Snack and Chat' with Rev. Ralph!

## Church Staff

**Rev. Dr. Ralph Clingan**  
Pastor

**Ruth Ann Horvath**  
Clerk of Session

**Mary Contreras**  
Church Secretary

**Paul Wiens**  
Interim Music Director

**Aaron Lund**  
Pianist

**Rev. Dolores Wiens**  
Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

**Chris Schleter**  
Website / Newsletter Editor

### 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

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| Dolores Wiens                                      | Candy & Russ Hurlbut |
| John & Peggy Graber                                | Cathy Overkamp       |
| Gloria & Chuck McGilloway                          | Chris Schleiter      |
| Cheryl Mansfield                                   | Ann Abbott           |
| Karen Shaw Miller                                  | Janice Klein         |
| Molly Bass   | Kathryn Whitton      |
| Tineke Ingold                                      | Randy Stone          |
| Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton                      |                      |
| Peace for People of Ukraine, Russia, Israel & Gaza |                      |
| Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia     |                      |
| Those Serving Our Country                          |                      |

### Welcome New Members

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

### October Newsletter Deadline September 23, 2024

### Worship Schedule

- 8:30 – 8:45 am  
Morning Prayer and Communion  
Sanctuary
- 8:45 – 9:30 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:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rev. Ralph             | Psalms 133              | Unity                   |
| Elder Ruth Ann Horvath | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 | Do good                 |
| Elder Chris Schleiter  | Luke 16:10              | Trust                   |
| Elder Alicia Kitzman   | Romans 15:13            | Abound in Hope          |
| Elder Mary Contreras   | Numbers 6:26            | Give You Peace          |
| Elder Tom Contreras    | 1 Peter 5:6             | Humble Yourselves       |
| Elder Ruthanne Skinner | Romans 8:38-39          | Love of God             |
| Elder Ray Snipes       | Romans 5:1-5            | Justified Through Faith |

### 2024 PLEDGES

**Goal**  
**\$186,143**  
**Received through 5/28**  
**\$173,550 (93.2%)**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$12,593**

We appreciate ALL donations. Pledges help us to plan for our expected income for the year.

### BUILDING FUND

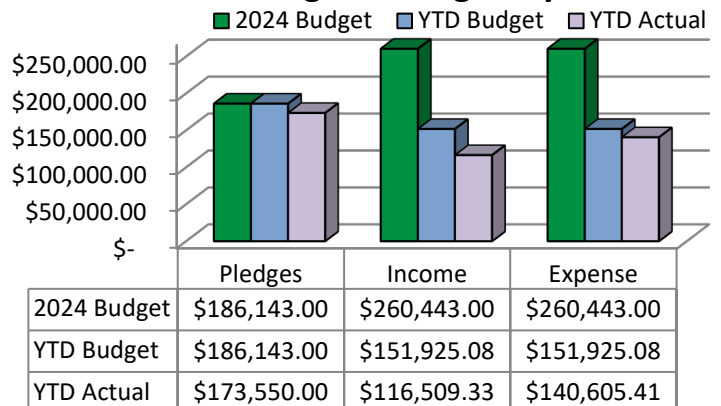
**Goal**  
**\$384,000**  
**Received to Date**  
**\$333,158**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$50,842**

Your donations to the Building Fund allow us to maintain and enhance our facilities.

## Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of July 31	
Month of July	
Receipts	\$ 9,109.33
Expenditures	\$ 24,465.21
July Net	\$ (15,355.88)
2024 YTD Budget vs. Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 151,925.08
Actual Receipts	\$ 116,509.33
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 151,925.08
Actual Expenditures	\$ 140,605.41
YTD Net	\$ (24,096.08)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 8,504.04
Building Fund	\$ 58,538.69
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,750.89
Bequests	\$ 52,202.75
Reserve Fund	\$ 47,788.90
Reynolds Family Bequest	\$ 116,997.45
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,630.35

### 2024 Budget Through July 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*  
*Colossians 2:6-7 (NASB)*



Seemingly simple, Paul's two verses to the Colossians were far from simple. These two verses are loaded! Read them again, slowly focusing on the commands: walk in, built upon, established in, abounding in thanksgiving!

Paul is making a very important overall statement. Whether he knew that or not is another question. The point one can take away may be summed up succinctly: We do not grow in our Christian faith by osmosis. To become established in Him we must be taught the faith we have come to believe.

That once we come to receive Christ as Lord, we are not the finished product. There is much work to be done in the building up and establishing of that faith in the not only in the context of our personal faith but as well in the context of the body of Christ, the Church.

There is much more to living and growing in Christ than 60 minutes on a Sunday morning. There is not a whole lot a preacher can teach in 15 minutes.

As the summer is drawing to a close and our summer travels lead us home, I would challenge all of us to prayerfully review and consider our shared Christian faith and life. I would invite all of us to prayerfully consider the way and places we can participate in the life, ministry and mission of our congregation.

Very simply to pray, "Lord, where can I better serve you, how can I better know you?"

I won't list the many places and opportunities that can be found in this newsletter in answer to that prayer. But I believe they can be found here. Please pray, review and let the Spirit lead, and then take the walk.

*Blessings In Christ*  
*Rev. Ralph*

### **Mark your calendars! Save the date!!!**

Every year the Presbyterian Peace-Making Committee brings to the United States individuals who have made significant contributions of service to their communities or nations. This year one of the Presbyterian Peace Makers is Dumitru Roibu. "Dima" is the director of Moldova YMCA. He and his team have made tremendous progress in assisting youth and Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. Dima will be visiting St. George October 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will plan an event during his stay with us. Rev. Ralph spent time with Dima and the Moldova YMCA during his mission trip to Moldova in 2023 and saw firsthand the tremendous work and energy that is in the leadership and service of this young man. The Moldova YMCA is supported by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and our church! We look forward to welcoming him!

### **\*\* Home Communion \*\***

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (435-628-9158).

### **\*\* Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation \*\***

With the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals no longer can give out any information about 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.

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 in the hospital and will be unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

## Prayer Corner

### Blessings on the People of Good Shepherd



I bless you, people of Good Shepherd, with the profound assurance that you are deeply loved by the King of the Universe. May you grow in the desire to be in a deeper relationship with Him, who seeks you always. I bless you with a fresh outpouring of the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit, drawing you closer and closer to His heart.

I bless you to love one another. Where there have been estrangements, where forgiveness is needed for reconciliation to occur, I bless you with the grace to choose forgiveness and to forgive as Jesus forgave from the cross.

I bless you with the overflowing of the Holy Spirit from this church into the community, that the Spirit may draw others into the fellowship, making them feel as though they have finally come home. May they choose to stay because they know, without a doubt, that Jesus dwells there among you.

I bless you with the sustenance of all you need, as you gather at His Table to meet Him, to be touched by Him, and to be healed in body, mind, and spirit. I bless you to pass it on! I bless you with provision, not only for yourselves but enough to share with others in need.

I bless you with a faith that flourishes, ever deepening and expanding. May you say "Yes and Amen, and more Lord" whenever He calls you to open your heart fully to Him. I bless you with a heart overflowing with love and gratitude for the many blessings you receive. I bless you to praise, honor, and glorify Him from the depths of your being.

All these blessings I declare over you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

I challenge you to receive this blessing and watch to see what God will do. I invite you to come to the Blessing Class to listen and learn. It's not too late to sign up. The class begins on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and meets every other Monday afternoon in the CE Building. Learn about the foundation of blessing in Scripture. Learn how to bless and how to be a blessing to others. Learn that when you bless, it releases those blessings from God to the ones you bless. Bless those you love, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and yes, your enemies.

*Rev. Dolores*

### Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on.

Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or [revdfw@icloud.com](mailto:revdfw@icloud.com), and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

### Healing Prayer Offered Weekly

Healing prayer and anointing are offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and/or a Stephen Minister will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.

### Oasis of Blessing Prayer Group

The Oasis of Prayer meets every other Monday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We briefly meet as a group at the beginning and then spread out through the Sanctuary to spend time sitting in the presence of the Lord, praying in silence and listening to the Spirit. Our prayers are focused on our church leadership, our church community, and the wider community of St. George. We invite all to join us in prayer.



## Christian Education

Our classes and Bible studies continue as they always do. Please check the church website Activity Calendar for a listing and times of all Christian education classes for the month.

Our Sunday education programs continue. Adult Sunday School is exploring the summer curriculum from *The Present Word* series, *Experiencing Hope*. Ruth Ann Horvath leads discussions exploring the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us.

Children's Sunday School has resumed each Sunday at 10:30 am in the CE Building.

Our Monthly Women's Bible Study resumes on the last Monday of September.

Our Tuesday and Wednesday Women's Bible studies and our Thursday Men's Bible Study continue to meet as usual.

Let us continue to learn and grow in Him.

## Congregational Growth & Care

The word "hospice" has its origins in a Latin word "hospitum" from which we get our word, "hospitality," meaning a place of rest and protection by a host not only for the weary traveler but also for the sick. Although they didn't last long, it is thought that hospices were available for care to ill or dying pilgrims to the Holy Land with history showing that the first hospice was opened in Rhodes in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, France is credited with reviving the hospice movement and Roman Catholic healthcare has always included hospice care and shelter.

Development of the modern Hospice movement can be credited to a British nurse, Cicely Sanders. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, when caring for terminally ill patients, she recognized the need for focusing not only on a patient's disease but also focusing on addressing all types of distress that the patient and family were experiencing: physical, emotional, social and spiritual. In fact, nurse Saunders believed so strongly in this philosophy that she became a physician to have more power to implement her ideas. She introduced her movement to the US at Yale in 1963. Dr. Florence Wald, Dean of the Yale School of Nursing, took up the cause and the American Hospice movement was born.

We have shared this history about Hospice because at our Lunch & Learn program on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm, we will welcome speakers from Renew Home Health and Hospice. Director of Nursing, Janice Millett, and nurses will be discussing what we are calling, "How Do You Want to Go?" - know your options for home care and hospice. They will discuss the role of the caregiver and ramifications of hospice and perhaps dispel misconceptions about what is meant by being "under hospice care." Not only are they coming to be our speakers, but they also will bring sandwiches for our lunch! We'll provide treats and beverages. So - no excuse - come have lunch with us on September 18<sup>th</sup> and become informed about this important topic. As we have emphasized this year, be as proactive as you can be in planning for YOUR future physical and financial needs while you are able to make such decisions.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Deacons

Your Deacons continue to offer their help and support whenever you need it. Please don't hesitate to get in touch when something comes up and you could use our assistance.

I am your contact for the Deacon Shed which is full of items you may need. We have walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and raised toilet seats. If you need anything from the shed, please give me a call. My phone is 801-541-7444.

*Peggy Graber, Moderator*

## Fellowship

As fall is around the corner (though it sure doesn't feel like it) we will be seeing returning snowbirds back at church.

We are excited to see our friends and catch up. We continue to have great turnout in Conklin Hall for coffee after church. If you haven't joined us, please come back and get to know each other. We welcome each of you and especially our visitors.

A huge THANK YOU to those who bring treats, make the coffee, serving and helping me clean up afterwards!!

*Mary Contreras*

## Mission/Outreach

At our Mission Committee Meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, we reviewed our Mission activities for 2024 and began the process of looking forward to 2025. We also did some brainstorming to seek new Mission programs in our area that we would like to undertake. We will be meeting again in September and I'll share what we decide in next month's article.

Donna Beasley reports that we have almost everything we need to pack 110 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The only items needed are wash cloths and jump ropes to finish filling our boxes. We also need 8 size 4 soccer balls, 6 size 5 soccer balls and 14 small pumps. If you can help with these items we would appreciate it.

Please note the information on Rev. Ralph's page concerning the October visit to St. George of Dumitru Roibu. "Dima" is the director of YMCA Moldova and the work he and his team are doing with at risk kids and Ukrainian refugees is an inspiration to all of us. We look forward to his visit.

*Chris Schleter*

## Music

As of next Saturday, both of our choirs will be back to practicing to bring wonderful music to our worship services. We are always looking for new members to join us.

**Bell Choir:** If you are a musician and read music (play piano or an instrument), you are welcome to join the ringers at Good Shepherd. Eleven regulars are joined by a small group of subs so that each rehearsal will be spiritually enriching, musically productive and fun. Ringers are members of Good Shepherd PC, Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Grace Episcopal Church, LDS, and some are unaffiliated. The Bell Choir rehearses Saturdays, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and performs about once a month in worship services. The first rehearsal is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Chancel Choir:** If you love to sing (read music or simply enjoy singing with others), you are welcome to join the Good Shepherd Chancel Choir. Fifteen returning members comprise three vocal sections to sing Anthems and descants in the worship service. Extend your vocal range, improve your enunciation, learn to support your voice, develop courage to sing more strongly, and harmonize with tuneful intonation. The Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays, 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm and sings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

If you are interested in either choir, please contact me at 630-890-8342 or [paul.wiens@wheaton.edu](mailto:paul.wiens@wheaton.edu).

*Paul Wiens  
Music Director*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The following actions were taken:

- Approved vacation request from Rev. Clingan for September 22, 2024.
- Approved a request by Rev. Clingan for study leave to attend the Utah Fall Pastor Retreat September 22-24, 2024, at Price, Utah.
- Approved Anti-Harassment Policy PO-P-004
- Approved Anti-Racism Policy PO-P-005

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Session Clerk*

## Stewardship

The financial situation of our church is a concern for us all. We are facing three opportunities which call for our help. First, the Pledges we have made for 2024 are \$12,593 less than what we have budgeted for Pledge income for the year. Second, on top of pledging less than we need, we have given less than we have pledged to give by a stunning \$22,599. So we haven't pledged enough to cover the costs of operating our church and our missions, and we have not given all that we have pledged we would give. The third problem is that gifts on Sunday mornings in the offering plates are \$11,253 less than we expected based on previous year giving.

The total of these three opportunities is a breathtaking \$46,445. Our total budget for the year is \$258,443. So our deficit for pledges and other giving is nearly 20% of our total budget. You will surely understand the significance of this situation.

## Stewardship, continued

So, we encourage you to consider your giving to support your church and its missions. If you haven't pledged, please consider a pledge for the balance of the year. If you have pledged, please confirm that your giving matches your pledge, and if it doesn't, please consider when and how you can make up the difference.

We all want to see our church thrive and continue all of its programs for our congregation and our missions for our community and the world. Your help is needed currently. Please pray for our church and its work. Thank you.

*Ray Snipes*

## Worship

Our (interim) Director of Music, Paul Wiens, has been very busy organizing the schedules for the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir. In addition, he has sent Music Director and Organist vacancy notices/descriptions to eight college/university choral directors & organists, three St. George High School Choral directors, more than 40 Chamber Singers and 30 orchestral musicians. As of August 14<sup>th</sup> there has been no response. This announcement will be repeated September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chancel Choir rehearsals began August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:45 pm and the Bell Choir will begin rehearsing September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

Thanks to all who serve as ushers. We appreciate your participation in Worship.

Many thanks to those who serve as ushers, we appreciate your dedication.

*Ruthanne Skinner*

## Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, September 1 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday, September 8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125	James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sunday, September 15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, September 22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sunday, September 29 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

## Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, October 6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Sunday, October 13 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1-9; 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Sunday, October 20 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 27 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

## September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Solomon's Porch Sunday</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 10:30 am Communion 11:45 am Fellowship <b>12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting</b>	12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry <b>3:00 pm Oasis of Blessing Prayer Group</b>	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph <b>6:30 pm Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b>	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Practice	12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	11:30 am Bell Choir Practice
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Rev. Ralph will be at the Presbytery Pastors' Retreat from September 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) with any pastoral concerns.  
This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gpspcg.org](http://gpspcg.org) for the latest information.**



## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Solomon's Porch Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash for Solomon's Porch – 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 - **Resumes in September**  
**Al-Anon Meetings** – Monday and Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

<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>Men's Bible Study</b>	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
<b>Choir Practices</b>	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	<b>Sanctuary - Resumes September 7<sup>th</sup></b>

### Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

September	
September 1	<i>Available</i>
September 8	Eliza Elwood
September 15	<i>Available</i>
September 22	<i>Available</i>
September 29	<i>Available</i>
October	
August 6	<i>Available</i>
August 13	<i>Available</i>
August 20	<i>Available</i>
August 27	<i>Available</i>

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