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Reopening Guidelines Developed

In 1942, just after British forces turned back Rommel's forces at El Alamein, Winston Churchill commented, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." While it may be some time before we resume live worship, we believe that we are closer to that day than to the start of the COVID-19 crisis.

As we begin to think about resuming live worship, the Parish Health Ministry, Building Committee and Session have been working diligently to put together guidelines covering how we will begin to come together again to worship God. Please note that these guidelines are still a work in progress and may require modifications once we get the go ahead to resume live worship.

When the decision to resume live worship is reached, each family will receive a letter with information on when and how this is to happen. The guidelines are based on guidance from study findings of scientific experts, the CDC and local, state and federal health agencies and from proposals to churches issued by PC(USA), the Wisconsin Council of Churches and others. At the forefront of any decision-making has been, "How can we provide the greatest safety for the greatest number while staying true to both our Christian tradition and the latest scientific data?" There are many in our congregation who are among the most vulnerable due to age or pre-existing physical conditions and they should not feel pressured or hurried to return to in-person worship. Deciding when to return must be an individual decision based on one's level of comfort in doing so. Opportunities for online worship and involvement will continue to be available.

The guidelines may seem like too many rules and regulations but be assured they are similar to those being formulated by other churches engaged in finding how best to safely resume meeting together as congregations.

For your safety, we have procedures in place for disinfecting and sanitizing the environment after each event. At all times while you are inside the church buildings, you will be required to wear a mask covering both your mouth and nose. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one for you. Children under the age of two are not required to wear a mask. You will also be asked to sanitize or wash your hands and maintain 6 feet of social distance. In brief, "NO MASK - NO DISTANCE - NO SERVICE."

We will be prepared to seat a maximum of 40 attendees, which includes both worshippers and those involved in facilitating the service. In order to be able to provide seating and remain in compliance with social distancing requirements, it will be necessary for you to make a "reservation" each week in order to attend Sunday worship. You may reserve your seat(s) by either calling or emailing the church office with your name, your email address, a phone number and the number of people attending, not later than Noon on Thursday before the service. We will confirm your reservation by phone or email. Please DO NOT come to church if you have not made a reservation.

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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

Joan Kupczyk	Isaiah Ramquist
Peter Safreno	Ed Mansfield
Cheryl Mansfield	Mary Peterson
Joyce Otness	Emily Penzari
Irma Larson and Family	

Our Elected Officials for God's guidance as they make life-changing decisions
 Friends & family affected by the fires
 Firefighters in the Northwest
 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

November Newsletter Deadline

October 23, 2020

Worship Schedule

Sunday by 10:30 am
Worship
Sermon Network

11:30 am
Virtual Fellowship
Zoom

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 September were:

Rev. Ralph	Colossians 2:6-7	Overflowing gratitude
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Phil. 3:12-14	Press on
Elder Leslie Lintz	Phil. 4:18	Pleasing to God
Elder Alan Paige	1 Corinthians 13:4-5	Patient Love
Elder Judy Oar	Phil. 4:6-7	Peace of God
Elder Chris Schleiter	1 Thessalonians 5:14-23	Rejoice Always
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Psalms 33:3-4	Steadfast Love
Elder Jan Hirschi	Jeremiah 17:7-8	Bear fruit
Elder Eric Westland	Ephesians 2:8-9	Gift of God
Elder Barbara McConnell	Romans 5:3-4	Confident Hope
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Isaiah 41:10	Do not fear

Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
October		
October 4	If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services.	Canceled
October 11		
October 18		
October 25		
November		
November 1	If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services.	Canceled
November 8		
November 15		
November 22		
November 29		

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website gspcsg.org

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of August 31 Month of August

Receipts	\$ 9,961.82
Expenditures	\$ 14,420.64

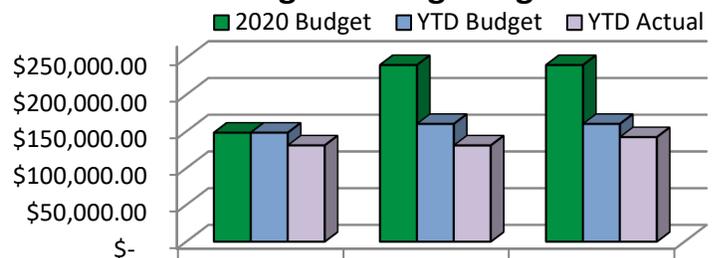
2020 YTD Budget vs Actual

YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 160,256.00
Actual Receipts	\$130,942.74
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 160,256.00
Actual Expenditures	\$142,244.15

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 30,805.49
Building Fund	\$ 48,001.22
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,093.64
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,559.87
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,773.05
Bequests	\$ 73,991.71

2020 Budget Through August 31



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2020 Budget	\$148,364.00	\$240,384.00	\$240,384.00
YTD Budget	\$148,364.00	\$160,256.00	\$160,256.00
YTD Actual	\$131,006.84	\$130,942.74	\$142,244.15

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE." But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Luke 10:25-29 NASB



Several years ago, a colleague of mine found himself in a precarious position. Being a local election year, he had the unique experience of having both mayoral candidates as members of his congregation. Their solution was having buttons printed with the words, "This year, vote Presbyterian!"

We as well now find ourselves fast approaching the end of an election season. Many of us will shortly vote; and as your pastor it is not my place to tell you who to vote for. However, it most certainly is my area to counsel you as to how to vote.

There are several sayings that characterize how some vote; such as, with their pocketbooks or party lines. There is of course many who vote for the person that represents their best interest.

All the above, however, is not the way a Christian votes.

In the passage from Luke above, Jesus answered the lawyers test very clearly. On another occasion with a very similar answer Jesus answered a similar question, "What is the greatest commandment?" It is interesting side note that Jesus answered the lawyers' question, "Who is my neighbor?" with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

For us as Christians our votes are about who we are, to whom we belong, and how we are to live in this life. Simply put, we should love God and neighbor before ourselves and our self-interest. As Christians when we vote it is with our Lord in our hearts and our neighbor in mind, and what and who will best serve their interest before our own. Yes, this includes wearing our masks!

So as your pastor I would invite and encourage you to take our Lord with you as you vote, begin with prayer, then love your neighbor.

*In Jesus name,
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 be advised that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, I am unable to visit anyone in any of our area medical facilities. Once things return to normal, please keep in mind that with the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, 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.

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.

Reopening Guidelines Developed, continued

In order to ensure that we can reach the Sanctuary's maximum capacity, each person in each family group will be assigned a seat and the ushers will know where you are to sit when you arrive. You may ONLY sit in the seat(s) assigned to you and the others in your group and you likely will NOT be sitting where you normally do.

Please arrive at the church not earlier than 30 minutes nor later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the service. The only access to the Sanctuary will be through the glass doors which lead from the parking lot at the rear of the building into the Narthex. None of the wooden doors at the front of the church, the entry door to the choir room, the entry door on the west side of the Sanctuary or the door into Conklin Hall will be available for entry.

Everyone will be required to pass by a Health Screener upon entering, so please respect social distancing as you wait. Once inside and wearing your mask, the Screener will take your temperature with a no-touch thermometer and will ask you the usual COVID-19 related questions. The full text of the questions will be included in the letter you will receive before we open.

In the interest of caring for both yourself and others, please do not attend church if you answer in the affirmative to any of the questions. If, upon screening, your temperature is found to be 100.4 degrees or above or you have answered "Yes" to any of the questions, you will, respectfully, be asked to leave and return to worship when you are feeling better or have completed quarantine as directed by your healthcare provider. As a part of the screening process, we will request that you use hand sanitizer from one of the automated dispensers.

While you are in the building, please - no handshakes, no hugs and no fist bumps. Socializing with others should be deferred until the church service has concluded and you are once again outside. At the end of the service, in order to provide distancing, Ushers will dismiss the rows beginning with those at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please do not congregate in the Narthex and depart the building via the doors through which you entered as quickly as possible.

Bulletins will be available for use during the service. To minimize handling by others, we ask that you take yours with you at the close of the service or place it in the recycle bin near the exit door. Other high-touch, shared items such as hymnals, Bibles, attendance pads, cards in seat backs and items from the Narthex have been removed. You may bring your Bible from home.

There will be no passing of collection plates. Instead, please place your offering in the offering plates in the Narthex.

Because the act of singing has been documented to be a potential "super-spreader," there will be no choir at this time and we will not be singing the hymns; however, we will be playing back recordings of each hymn and an anthem from a previous service. If there is to be a live anthem, it will be offered by a limited number of musicians.

There will be no child care or in-person Sunday School until further notice. Children are welcome to sit with their parents and will remain in their seats for the Children's Sermon.

Prayer request cards will not be collected by Deacons during worship but special requests for prayer during the service may be emailed or texted to Rev. Ralph (pastor@gspcsg.org) or (435-705-1867) no later than 9:00 am Sunday morning.

Greeting each other and Passing of the Peace will be done verbally from our seats and without physical contact.

The Sacrament of Communion will not be observed during in-person worship. Instead, it will be offered, virtually, as a part of our recorded service on the first Sunday of each month. The recording of the day's service will be available on the Church Website (<http://gspcsg.org>) and our Sermon Network site (<http://gspcsg.sermon.net>) by Noon each Sunday. We will note in the description of the Communion service the approximate time in the recording at which Communion begins.

The serving and sharing of food and beverages during Church gatherings and holding of post-worship Fellowship Hour are suspended until further notice. Accordingly, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary, with the exception of water in a small bottle or in a sippy cup for children. The restrooms will be available and it is important that you adhere to the information about sanitation found on the signage in each facility.

While we appreciate that these rules and restrictions will make our worship together quite different from what we were used to before the pandemic, our main interest is to do everything we can to ensure that everyone who comes to worship is as safe as possible and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Buildings

As we prepare for a possible reopening when the conditions merit it, you should know that several of your fellow congregants are preparing plans and developing systems to help us worship again in the safest possible manner. They have studied this harder this last month than I did during my entire senior year of college. Actually, that's not a real high bar to get over. But trust me, they have put a great plan in place. More info will follow once we get to green and know the actual conditions, but for now, rest assured effective actions are happening behind the scenes.

Sheriff Andy Taylor (Guy Schultzman) and Deputy Barney Fife (myself) have studied various possible modifications to our ventilation system to help reduce the spread of viruses during worship in the Sanctuary. Keeping in mind that even with infinite funding we could not make the sanctuary 100% virus-free. That being said, we recommended to Session, and they approved funding the following changes,

- An improved filtering system to help filter out more tiny bad guys. This will help, but not at a level to eliminate all airborne viruses. Maybe we'll get all of the chunky ones.
- Modifications to change the air more often. Unless your building is manufacturing microchips or designed to be as sterile as possible, most heating/cooling systems try to re-use the air as many times as possible to save energy. Our system is no exception so, we're going to modify it to dump the conditioned air more often, along with some of the floating bugs, to the outside.

*Blessings,
Eric Westland*

Christian Education

In October, Adult Sunday School is moving from a theme of "Issues of Love" as found in the Genesis stories of Joseph and his family to a theme of "Inclusive Love" for the stranger, the poor, and enemies as well as divine love reflected in human life. Our thanks to Ruth Ann Horvath for leading the September discussions that included thoughtful discussion and time for self-reflection.

Rev. Ralph has picked up the baton for October. All are welcome to participate at 9:00 am each Sunday. Just contact Rev. Ralph for a Zoom invitation, and we will get a study book to you.

October has several special themes on the PCUSA calendar. October 4th was World Communion Sunday when Christians globally celebrate the Lord's Supper. Children's Sabbath is October 18th with the focus on "Educate a Child, Transform the World."

And the month comes to a close with Reformation Sunday on the 25th. You can find resources on the website of the Presbyterian Historical Society. This year's theme is "Lord God, Help Us in This Trouble" about the life and witness of Reformation Leader Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) who led the church during a time of plague.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Deacons

As you shelter-in-place as much as possible, so do your Deacons. Hopefully, you have recently been contacted via your land line, your cell phone, your email or even "snail mail." Thankfully most of us are doing okay. God's blessings and promises are so helpful during this unusual time.

Isaiah 41:13 *"I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you: 'Do not fear, I will help you.'"*

Just as a reminder, John and Peggy Graber are our new contacts for the Deacon Shed. 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 anything from the shed, please give John a call at 801-541-7444, and he'll work with you get you what you need.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Conklin Hall, the Kitchen and Pantry are all clean and ready for our restart, whenever that may be. It gives me a strange feeling to stop in to check on things while knowing that the date is still a mystery. I look forward to the Sunday when we can once again enjoy fellowship in person.

Please consider joining in on our virtual fellowship via Zoom every Sunday at 11:30! No need to stay for the hour – just sign in to let us know how you are doing. Contact Rev. Ralph for the access information.

*With love through Jesus Christ,
Gloria McGilloway*

Mission/Outreach

Mark your calendars. We will pack at least 60 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 7th. If you would like to help Carolyn Thomas, Donna Beasley, Liz Larsen, Marge Linn and me pack the boxes, join us in Conklin Hall at 10:00 am and we'll make short work of it. Everyone is welcome to come to Conklin. Of course if you would prefer to pack your own boxes, we have plenty of boxes for you to fill. If you would like to have some, please let Carolyn or me know and we'll make arrangements to get them to you.

The Belarus Ukraine Russia Mission (BURM) Network held its annual conference from September 17th through the 19th with Rev. Ralph as one of the moderators and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman leading a program on Climate Change and how it is affecting those nations. Because the conference was held using Zoom, there were participants from all over the world and it was an interesting and informative three days.

We continue to thank all of you for your support of our Mission program.

*Peace and Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Health Ministry

This year it will be crucially important that we go into the annual cold and flu season with our immune systems functioning as well as is possible. We all know the drill - eat a well-balanced diet consisting of the freshest of foods to provide health-giving vitamins and minerals, get adequate rest and sleep, allowing the immune system to re-charge, nurture relationships with family and friends as much as social distancing permits, and EXERCISE. The act of engaging in physical activity ties all other wellness measures together to boost the immune system, lift our mood and improve the overall health of our bodies. It's never too late to begin an exercise program, no matter the extent of time spent and intensity.

By unscrambling the letters in the following AARP quiz (answers are on page 10), you will not only be challenging your brain, but also will discover tips for engaging in the basic activity of walking. The best news is that taking a good walk can count as exercise-time served!

1. If you haven't exercised lately, check with your doctor before increasing your **(TIVCAIYT)** level.
2. **(RMAW)** up and cool down for at least five minutes each time you walk.
3. Start slowly with short **(TADINCESS)** . Gradually increase by 10% to 20% a week.
4. Keep it fun by walking with a buddy (while distanced and masked) or by **(AHGCIGNN)** your route.
5. Wear well-cushioned, **(POSVPUTRIE)** shoes and loose-fitting clothes.
6. Maintain good **(OESTUPR)** . Keep your back straight, chin up and shoulders relaxed.
7. Walk in a safe place, such as a mall, school track or well-lit neighborhood with **(IWSDEASLK)**.
8. Bring a **(AAMCRE)** to capture the beauty of the sights along your walk.

Get moving, stay hopeful, phone a friend and don't let yesterday intrude too much on today!!

Alicia Kitzman

Prayer Chain

The Strand of Pearls folks are actively praying for prayer requests as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on. Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores, 630-890-8343 or revdfw@icloud.com. Indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential, otherwise, it will be named in the GSPS prayer list.

Rev. Dolores Wiens

Prayer Corner

"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22



Divine Intervention: The unmistakable bugle of the elk called out to hunters on the opening day of the season one Sunday in November, 2010. Dick was no exception; he and his friend headed out to Kolob mountain to hunt. I went to church. Afterwards, I noticed with alarm, that I'd missed 11 calls! His friend, desperately trying to reach me,

left a terrifying message, "Dick collapsed on the mountain and is in the ER with excruciating pain and varying levels of consciousness. Come ASAP." Dick was having a massive heart attack and came right up to death's door. He coded twice in the ER and was beckoned by the white light. But the Lord had other plans; his intervention was evident from the outset. Dick's friend frantically tried his cell phone in an area which had never had cell service. Miraculously, he got a signal; he was able to reach Life Flight and direct them to their site. An observer came forward with an aspirin, effective in reducing the blood clots blocking a coronary artery during a heart attack. Hours later Dick was moved to the ICU and I finally was able to see him. There, after a battery of tests, the medical team learned that two blood clots had dislodged. Quickly the doctors placed stents and open-heart surgery was avoided. After five days he stabilized in the ICU, transitioned to a hospital room and from there to home to complete his recovery. We thank God every day for the miracle and gift of life he was given.

Nancy Higgins

Cluster of Prayer and Praise continues via Zoom

The Cluster of Prayer and Praise will meet via Zoom on September 9th at 1:30pm. All are welcome. Call or text Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 to request a Zoom invitation.

Rev. Dolores

Senior Ministries

I will be brief this month to allow information on the reopening of our doors which will require lots of adjustments and room in this newsletter.

The answers to the stumpers from last month:

JR is Jim Robinette. BM is Barbara McConnell. BW is Barbara West.

God bless and protect you and yours.

Judy Oar



Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on September 13, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved expenditure of up to \$4,000 from Bequests for HVAC modifications to help mitigate COVID-19 spread during occupancy.
- Approved expenditure of up to \$1,000 from the Memorial Fund for a computer, monitor, and needed peripheral equipment for the Sanctuary.
- Approved a 2021 Draft Budget to send to members in October with Stewardship Campaign materials.
- Discussed reopening of Worship and other Church activities with agreement to proceed with caution and consideration of the recommendations of the State of Utah, Presbytery, and Local Health Departments. Reviewed and accepted GSPC Re-Opening Guidelines for the Congregation prepared by the Health Ministries and Buildings Committees. Agreed to continue at this time with the current virtual Worship Services, Zoom Bible Studies and Zoom Fellowship Hour and Zoom Christian Education Classes for both adults and children.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, October 4th at 12:15 pm via Zoom.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. This month our church donations included 20 pounds of food and supplies plus a \$150 donation. During the month of September volunteers included Eliza Elwood, Vicky Westland, Josie Kellejan, LaVerna Metzger, Nancy Higgins, Brian Lusby and Patti Lusby. This was our third month cooking in the Switchpoint kitchen. Serving over 60 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A menu of Sloppy Joe's, green salad, baked sweet potatoes, corn, baked beans, fruit salad and dessert was served. Those who are hungry in St George continue to come to the Soup Kitchen for our "to go" meals. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stewardship

The Treasurer's report for June appears on page 2, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

On behalf of Rev. Ralph, Session and your Stewardship Committee, I want to thank those of you who have continued your financial support of the church during the pandemic. Even when we are worshipping remotely we still have to pay the bills and your continued generosity ensures that we have the resources to do so.

We will be beginning our annual Pledge Campaign in October. This year's campaign will be a challenge since we likely will not be worshipping together, at least in the beginning. Your Stewardship Committee has worked hard to pare down the 2021 budget but, frankly, there are not many areas that can absorb large cuts. Discretionary spending makes up only about 5% of our annual budget and, while we can try to reduce our fixed costs, there is only so much we can do. We believe that you want us to continue paying our employees, keep the lights on and to maintain our buildings so we don't incur major expenses down the road.

You will be receiving a letter in early October with a pledge form and a copy of the proposed 2021 budget. This budget is not final as there are still a few items for which information is not available. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge so Session can plan for how much income we can expect.

To make your pledge you can fill out the pledge form and mail it to Financial Secretary, PO Box 1499, St. George UT 84771-1499. If we resume live worship, you can also bring your pledge form to church and drop it in the collection plate. Finally, you can make a pledge online at our Website (gspcsg.org). Select Stewardship from the main menu, then Pledge Support and click on "Make a General Fund Pledge" on the right side of the Pledge Support page.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. You can continue your giving on the our website, gspcsg.org, or you may mail donations to Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 1499, St. George, UT 84771-1499.

Leslie Lintz

Worship & Music

As we look forward to the cooler days of Autumn, we look forward to when we will be able to resume our in-person worship services. As this article is written, we are waiting for Washington county to return to the green level so that we may be able to have our services in our building. While it is unlikely, hopefully, by the time you have received this newsletter, we will be back!

Please continue to listen each Sunday to the recorded service. You will find it on the church's website, gspscg.org. We extend our appreciation to all who prepare our recorded weekly services, and especially to Rev. Ralph, Chris Schleter, and Steve Talley. You can also join Rev. Ralph's Bible studies through Zoom as well as joining with others for Fellowship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Barbara McConnell

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, October 4 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday, October 11 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 18 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday, October 25 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, November 1 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
	<i>All Saints Day</i> Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday, November 8 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday, November 15 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday, November 22 Reign of Christ / Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37



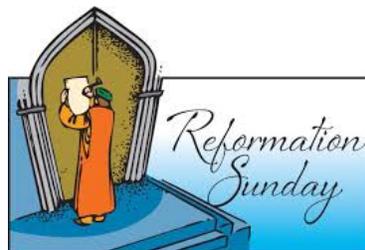
October 2020

October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 am Children's Sunday School via Zoom 9:00 am Adult Education via Zoom 11:45 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom 12:00 Noon Session Meeting via Zoom	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry via Zoom 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting via Zoom	9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom	11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom		7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
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25 Reformation Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween
8:30 am Children's Sunday School via Zoom 9:00 am Adult Education via Zoom 10:30 am Worship via Zoom – Kirkin' O' The Tartans 11:45 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry via Zoom	11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom	11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom			

PLEASE NOTE:

This calendar is subject to change.

In the event that we resume in-person worship during October, please check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information on what events will be held via Zoom and what events will be held live.



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st Sunday of each Month **(Canceled)**
Women's Bible Study and Fellowship – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall **(Canceled)**
Praise & Prayer – second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary **(Via Zoom)**

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	(Via Zoom)
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	(Canceled)
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	(Canceled)
Men's Bible Study	2 nd & 4 th Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Via Zoom
Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	(Canceled)
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	(Canceled)
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Via Zoom
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Via Zoom
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	(Canceled)
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	(Canceled)



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 20th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$36,434** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$287,598** or about **74.9%** 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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