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Bike & Build Returns July 8th

Our summer tradition continues as the young people of Bike and Build will again be staying with us from July 8th through July 10th. We look forward to having them each year and thank them for the work they do to bring affordable housing not only to our area but, also, to other areas of the nation that need assistance.

Thirty-one riders left Jacksonville, FL, on May 11th en route to their final stop in Monterrey, CA, on July 27th. During their journey, they will work with local housing agencies in eight cities, including St. George, to help provide affordable housing for those in need.

They will arrive on our doorstep from Zion on Saturday, July 8th, and have a great dinner provided by the Elks. Rev. Ralph and the Palm Sunday Breakfast team will serve a big, and early, breakfast for them on Sunday, July 9th.

Then, Sunday evening, July 9th, at 6:30 pm, in Conklin Hall, we will hold a potluck dinner for the group, congregation and community. The bikers will tell us about their trip and we'll hear from our local Habitat for Humanity and from others in the community. We'll be providing pasta and sauces and ask you to bring a salad or dessert.

Very early on July 10th, we'll have a big breakfast for the bikers before they head out to Overton, NV, on their way to Las Vegas and beyond.

Please plan to join us on July 8th and help us show these wonderful young people how much we appreciate what they do.

Mission Team Prepares to Visit Dorogobuzh

On August 3rd, Rev. Ralph, Dawn Angarone and Kathie Greear will depart for this year's visit to Dorogobuzh. As Rev. Ralph did last year, they will be assisting Pastor Sergei and his congregation with their annual summer Bible camp. They will also be carrying with them an "autographed" photo of some of the Women's Guild members to be presented to the women of the church.

During worship on the Sunday before they leave, July 30th, David Keene, Moderator of the Presbytery of Utah will be with us to commission them as missionaries in preparation for their trip.

As he did last year, Al Smith will be accompanying the group to Dorogobuzh and will be making sure that communication does, in fact, take place. We hope to be able to speak with them via Skype during Fellowship following worship on July 26th, so plan to stick around for that.

We wish our missionary team a safe, productive and blessed journey and look forward to hearing their stories when they return.

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

Roger Kitzman Brett Schroeder
 Joe Borden Gene Thomas
 Bruce Ingold Dottie Malcomson
 Paul and Gloria Reynolds

Wendy Christianson as she prepares for her ordination
 Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
 Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Member

Susan Holecheck

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

September Newsletter Deadline

August 23, 2017

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

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

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

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

The scriptures for June were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 5:1-5	Justified by Faith
Elder Chris Schleiter	Ecclesiastes 1:3	Guard your steps
Elder Bob Moeller	Ecclesiastes 4:6	Rest
Elder Judy Oar	1 John 2:16-17	No boasting
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Matthew 11:28	Come to me
Elder Anne Patten	Hebrews 13:20-21	God of Peace
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Ephesians 3:16-19	Wealth of Glory
Elder Scott Florence	Psalms 145:1-3	Praise God
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalms 8:3-4	What is Man
Elder Jan Hirschi	Psalms 84:1	God our Shield
Elder Mary Contreras	Galatians 6:2	Law of Christ

Thanks to our Volunteers

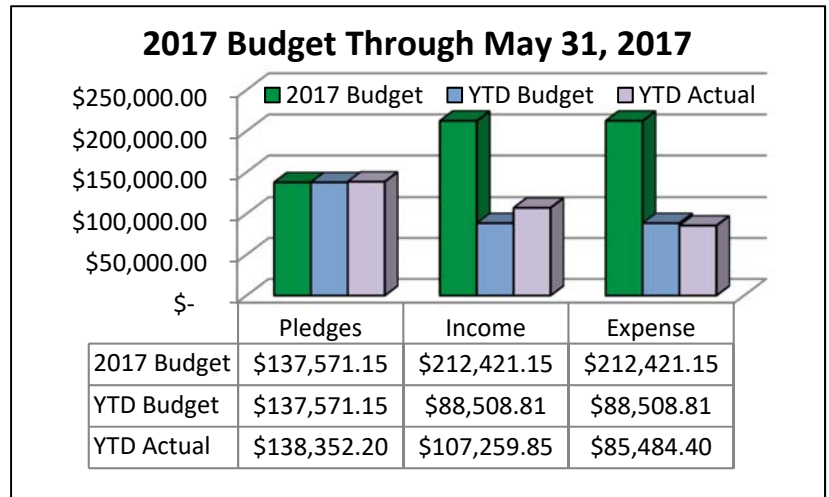
Flowers

July	
July 2	Shirley Taylor
July 9	Chris Schleiter
July 16	Jan Hirschi
July 23	Gordon & Bev Haines
July 30	Janice Klein
August	
August 6	Tom & Vici Noble
August 13	Available
August 20	Available
August 27	Dick & Patti Babb

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspcsg.org
 Our Fellowship time each Sunday is now Potluck. Please bring some goodies to share. If we have leftovers, we'll save them for a Sunday when we need a few extras.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of May 31, 2017	
Month of May	
Receipts	\$ 15,304.40
Expenditures	\$ 14,922.45
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 88,508.81
Actual Receipts	\$ 107,259.85
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 88,508.81
Actual Expenditures	\$ 85,484.40
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 79,527.15
Loan Balance	\$ 137,915.99
Net Building Fund	\$ (58,388.84)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 16,908.56
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,291.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 32,755.50
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 5,523.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

16But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20 NASB



Following our usual summer tradition there will not be an August newsletter which means that the next newsletter article you will read from me will be after our third Russian Mission Team has made its journey to our sister church, the Word of Life Church in Dorogobuzh, Russia.

This year our team will have three members, Dawn Angerone, Kathy Grear, and myself. As *I did* last year, we *will* be participating in their annual community Bible Camp, their main outreach event of the year and their most successful evangelism tool. We'll be departing on August 3rd and returning on August 16th.

At a recent meeting of our Presbytery's Council, our moderator, Ruling Elder David Keene, member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, who will be joining us on July 30th *during worship* for the commissioning of our Mission team, shared with the council that in sharing with his fellow members his absence from their worship that day was asked "Why are they going to Russia?". His response, "To serve with their brothers and sisters in Christ, bear witness to love of Christ for all His children, and to build up the Kingdom of God which knows no national boundaries."

I could not have offered a better and more succinct answer myself. We go to fulfill the Great Commission that Christ himself gave us. In faithfulness to that call we go to our Christian family in Russia to demonstrate our witness and truth that we are the Body of Christ and that His love binds us together as one and sends us forth in His name.

At the conclusion of my time with our sister church last year at the closing worship the oldest member of that congregation presented me with a certificate that read:

To Brother Ralph,

You decided to come to Russia from a country far away and in doing so, to serve God. We say: Thank you! For coming, and for your help and participation in putting on the camp.

May God grant you many years of health and happiness, and the desire and the possibility and conditions to come back at some time.

Please convey our gratitude and greetings to our brothers and sisters.

We need to be friends, love one another, serve Jesus, and not forget His commandments.

"Word of Life" Church, Dorogobuzh, Russia, August, 2016

I look forward to sharing with you all our journey in September. We covet your prayers.

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

If you would like make a contribution to help defray the cost our 2017 Russian Mission Team's travel expenses checks can be sent to the office or placed in the offering plate with notation on the memo line "Russian 2017 Mission". Donations should be in the office no later July 30th.

**** Home Communion ****

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

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

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force a number of years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information in regards to patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

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

Meet the Members – Richard and Deborah Stone

We have quite a number of unsung heroes in our church, people who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Each month, the Growth Committee will spotlight one of our own in the hope that we can get to know each other better.

Richard Francis Stone was born on December 29, 1942, in Providence, Rhode Island. Because his dad was in the U.S. Navy, he lived in several different states until moving to Imperial Beach, California, where he graduated from high school. While attending college, he met Deborah and they were married on July 31, 1965. After graduating from San Diego State College with a physics degree and a specialty in optics, he worked for several businesses in the San Diego area including Cubic Corporation and SAIC. He was Project Engineer for Army Support at Fort Irwin, California, and Project Manager for Fiber Optic Communication at China Lake in Ridgecrest, California. He designed their home in Ridgecrest and worked there until retirement in 2002. While employed, the family vacationed in Southern Utah several times, and they decided to move to Hurricane where he designed their retirement home. A form of Muscular Dystrophy has caused him to lose his ability to walk but not his talent for fixing things. His current hobbies include astronomy and amateur radio.

Deborah Hope Smith Stone was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 16, 1943. Her parents were missionaries to the Blackfoot tribe in northern Montana for seven years during her childhood. When they moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts, she started organ lessons and played a pipe organ at the church where her father was the pastor. The family moved to Riverside, California, where she graduated from high school. While attending California Western University in San Diego, she was the school organist and accompanist for the choral and sacred dance choirs. After marrying Richard, she taught high school English until Randolph Richard was born in 1968. Peter Bernard arrived 19 months later. She started teaching piano and eventually worked with over 60 weekly students. During the same time, she was active in United Methodist Women and held the office of Conference Publicity which included being the editor of the monthly newsletter. After moving to Ridgecrest, California, she returned to teaching school and retired in 2004. During their retirement years, the couple have enjoyed traveling in their RV throughout the western United States and Canada.

GSPC Hires New Secretaries



With the sudden and unexpected passing of Church Secretary Amy Craig, we were left with a very large hole to fill. Luckily, Amy had shared her duties and activities with Dawn Angarone and Candy Hurlbut and they were able to step into the breach, so to speak, and keep our office running. We are forever indebted to them for their willingness to take on a daunting task in such a professional way.

During May, the Stewardship/Personnel committee interviewed five candidates to be our new church secretary. After completing the process, the committee recommended that we hire three people to fill the Secretary role for the church. The reasoning behind hiring three people was to reduce the load on any one person and to ensure that several people can handle the job in case we encounter another emergency.

Dawn Angarone has been hired as our Administrative Secretary. She will coordinate the activities of the Secretarial Team and ensure that everything gets done. New member Susan Holecheck and Candy Hurlbut round out the team. We look forward to working with all of them.

We want to thank everyone who gave prayerful consideration to helping us fill this vacancy.

Christian Education

PLEASE NOTE: The CE Committee has decided that **there will be NO Adult Sunday School or child care on Sunday July 9th** as Bike & Build will be occupying the entire CE building that weekend.

Also, the CE Committee has decided that on 5th Sundays, there will be no child care, and any children are asked to attend the worship service with their families. Children need to learn about worship, and this gives them that chance to do so with their families. Months that have a 5th Sunday occur three to four times per year. For the rest of 2017, this includes July, October and December.

We still need extra help in the children's Sunday school. Please consider this wonderful way to minister to our younger generation. Please see Charlotte Phipps or Cathy Overkamp.

We hope to see you in our NEW Adult Sunday School Classes!!! Jeff Clingan and Gloria McGilloway will be teaching Adult Sunday School for the months of July and August. Jeff is teaching us about Christianity and the Roman Empire, and Gloria is teaching us about the Books of the Apocrypha, those mysterious and mostly unfamiliar (to Protestants) books that are not in our Biblical canon. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new and different!

Anne Patten

Deacons

As Deacons we try to serve our Parish members with timely care, faithful prayers and warm friendship. We try to do this quietly yet effectively. However we do want all of you to know who we are ... So on Sunday July 30th, we will be sponsoring the fellowship time with an old-fashioned ice cream social! Please be sure to join us and see who we are.

We have a shed full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120) and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

Your Deacons

Fellowship

What a hot month of June we are having! Your Fellowship Team is providing extra ice water and lemonade for Sunday Fellowship. Thanks to Anne Patton and Carolyn Thomas for coming up with the idea of Donuts for Dads to celebrate Father's Day. Very clever and yummy!

Just a reminder, every Sunday Fellowship is pot luck unless a person or group wishes to provide for the fellowship table. Having some fresh fruit and veggies makes a nice addition to our sweets.

Gloria McGilloway

Growth

It won't be long now! This year's Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 8th. The theme will be "Getting to Know You". One of the best ways to get to know a person is to learn about their interests. Do you collect something? Share it with us. To reserve table space for your collection, please contact me at 435-680-1012 or booknutjan@gmail.com.

Jan Hirschi

Mission/Outreach

When Rev. Ralph, Dawn and Kathie return from Dorogobuzh, we thought it would be a good time to bring Al and Ellen Smith back for a visit. As of now they are planning to join us on the weekend of October 15th. Plan to join us and hear their news about the mission program in Russia.

Don't forget our Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Please place your donations of cups, bowls and other supplies, food and financial contributions in the boxes in the Narthex. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help those in our community and world who need help so badly.

*Blessings
Chris Schleter*

Parish Nursing

We never know when we might be involved in an accident or medical emergency. The importance of being prepared for such an eventuality prompts the topic for our article this month and asks the question—"What's in YOUR wallet??" We may keep certain personal items but also needed is basic, and perhaps life-saving ICE (In Case of Emergency) information for Emergency Responders at a time we may be unable to provide it ourselves.

- Basic Personal ID – Name, Age, Address, Telephone Numbers and Email
- Primary Contact Person and Relationship – Phone Numbers (Home, Mobile and Work)
- Secondary Contact Person and Relationship – Phone Numbers (Home, Mobile and Work)
- Allergies and Pertinent Health Issues which might affect immediate care
- Blood type (if known)
- List of Medications
- Organ Donor Wishes– yes or no

Additionally, those on Medicare have been asked to carry a card providing one's ID number, which happens to be the individual's Social Security number or Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN). Should the wallet be lost or stolen, the Medicare card could fall into the wrong hands, resulting in identity theft and fraudulent claim benefits. You may feel that, without this card as proof of Medicare Insurance, you might not be treated in the event of an emergency. Treatment would not be denied and the only requirement is to provide proof of insurance before being discharged from medical care. If you do wish to carry some evidence of Medicare Insurance, it is suggested that you copy the card, black out the last four digits of your Social Security number and carry the copy for emergencies while leaving the original card safely at home. The only time to consider carrying the card is on an initial visit to a medical provider. Alternatively, you could phone the provider's office ahead of your visit, give the number verbally and your information will be stored in electronic files.

Another very important part of being prepared for medical emergencies is to complete and convey a copy of your Advanced Directives to your primary care provider. However, your physician's office may be closed when the documents are needed but would not be able to be retrieved. It is important that the Records Department of your local hospital have a copy on file, as well, not only for times of emergency but as part of documentation when undergoing certain procedures.

Our wallets, most always with us, can carry information in addition to just our name and address. They can store information essential for helping medical responders provide the best care in time of emergencies, assist them in contacting our loved ones and friends and facilitate faster decision making regarding needed treatments.

Perhaps the question should be – "What's NOT in your wallet??"

Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak

Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on June 11th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved to recommend Susan Holecheck for membership. (Susan Hansen Peters, Dennis Peters, and Ann McLuckie were approved for membership at a Called Session Meeting on May 21, 2017 and received into membership that day).
- Approved to remove Kay Posell from membership per her request.
- Approved the employment of Dawn Angarone as Administrative Secretary and Candy Hurlbut and Susan Holecheck as Associate Secretaries.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$800 from the Russia Mission Fund to pay airfare for Al and Ellen Smith to visit in the fall.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$1,250 from the Building Fund to upgrade the network and Wi-Fi capabilities in our buildings.
- Adopted a Child and Youth Protection Policy.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

News from the Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of June volunteers included Marge Linn, Rayanne Bartlett, Ruth Ann Horvath, Sue and Mark Licher, Janis Wick, Josie Kellejan, Brian and Patti Lusby, and Carolynn Thomas. Serving over 90 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. This month we served tuna sandwiches, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and cookies. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Stewardship

Please see the treasurer's report on page 2 for financial details.

Brother Steward - Jesus, the Light

Are you waiting for something that seems to be too long in coming? Maybe it's a job promotion or a raise. Maybe it's just employment of any kind! Perhaps you've been praying for someone's salvation, and you don't see any sign of God's working in that person. It's difficult to wait. People in Jesus' day were waiting for a Messiah. It seemed to many that his coming was long overdue, but Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5, "When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." Our waiting is over! The Light has come into the world!

Simeon was one who knew that "the time had fully come," and "moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts" (Luke 2:27). There he saw the child whose parents brought him there to fulfill what the Law required of them. Simeon knew Jesus was the light. He proclaimed, "For my eyes have seen your salvation . . . a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:30, 32).

Unfortunately, not all who were waiting for the Messiah recognized him when he came. In John 1:4-5 we read, "In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." Still today the darkness misunderstands the Light. Yet he continues to shine, and, as he shines, he dispels darkness.

And he calls upon us to shine also. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described a lamp that is put on a stand so that it lights up the whole house. Then he said, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

The only way to dispel darkness is to fill it with light. As stewards, it is our joyous task to be reflections of Christ's light. So we are "prepared in season and out of season: [we] correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2). We are always prepared "to give an answer to everyone who ask [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have. And we do so "with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against [our] good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander" (1 Peter 3:15-15). In this way we proclaim that the waiting is over! Jesus, the Light, has come into the world!

Bob Moeller

Women's Guild

Once again we have put on a great event, the Purse & Pie Fund Raiser, and it was a success. We made \$237.00 on this fund raiser. We are very proud of the ladies of this congregation and look forward to many more successful events, without you we would not be such a success. Even Pastor Ralph came to check out the event, thank you.

We will be dark until September when we will have a general meeting on September 16th at 11:00, another potluck. On September 23rd will be having our Craft and Bake Fund Raiser. So ladies, get out your craft and baking skills and be prepared for another successful event.

Thank you again for helping us be successful

Mary Starrett

Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday July 2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Sunday July 9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 <i>or</i> Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
Sunday July 16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sunday July 23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
Sunday July 30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b <i>or</i> Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Lectionary Readings for August

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday August 6 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday August 13 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday August 20 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
Sunday August 27 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday September 3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Sunday September 10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday September 17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 <i>or</i> Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sunday September 24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

A Little Church Humor

Why Go to Church?

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1) they don't like me, and (2) I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church:

(1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Soup Kitchen Sunday	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Bike & Build Arrives
8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Growth Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 7:00 pm Interfaith Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
9 Bike & Build	10 Bike & Build Departs	11	12	13	14	15
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information.

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with (Virtual) Rev. Ralph	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
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Rev. Ralph will be in Russia from August 3rd through August 16th, attending a Presbytery Retreat from August 24th through August 26th and on vacation from August 28th through September 3rd.

Please contact Dick Higgins (435-879-0253) or Anne Patten (773-4307) with any concerns.

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

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st Sunday of each Month

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Co-Ed Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
	Friday	7:30 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:30 pm Bell Choir	Off for the Summer – See you in September
	Thursday	3:30 pm Chancel Choir	Off for the Summer – See you in September



Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15-year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although, with your help, we hope to pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have a number of major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$100,000, that need to be funded in addition to paying off the mortgage, meaning we need to raise \$342,000.

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through February 19th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$29,476** for a total of **\$176,059** or about **51.5%** of our **\$342,000 goal**.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and have sufficient funds to perform needed maintenance and make other improvements in the future.

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Church Leadership 2017

Session Elders

Class of 2017	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Christian Ed
Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2019	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds
	Bob Moeller	801-707-4353	Stewardship

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Green Valley	Rayanne Bartlett	673-6657
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Ivins	Dawn Angarone	859-351-2642
Old St. George	Larry Laubscher	656-0617
Pine Valley	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
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