



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation  
A Member of the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship  
Serving Southern Utah since 1988

Sister Congregation to the Evangelical Baptist Church of Dorogobuzh, Russia



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## 2018 Pledge Drive Begins

We want to personally thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life, mission and ministry of our congregation. 2017 has been a truly blessed year!

Due to your support of the financial life of our congregation we were able this past year to train more Stephen Leaders and Ministers in the service and care of those whose lives are in times of crisis.

Due to your support, we have been able to reach out with the love of Christ not only to the homeless and hungry in our area through our CROP Walk and area social ministries, we were able as well to extend our love to the children of the world including children of Dorogobuzh, Russia, through the Bible Camp ministry of our sister congregation.

Due to your support, we have been able to support our witness and worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus by offering to our community each Sunday a joyful fellowship and meaningful worship that welcomes all with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

In other words, due to your commitment to our Lord, lives have been changed in His name.

Pledge forms and a copy of the proposed budget for 2018 were mailed to everyone this week. If you didn't receive yours, please see Bob Moeller or Chris Schleter and they will see that you get one.

While our budget is about \$7,500 higher than last year (mainly due to electricity cost increases and deferred maintenance on the buildings), we've seen our loose offerings grow by more than \$4,000 this year so we're asking for about \$3,500 more in pledges for 2018 to cover our expenditures. Every pledge, no matter how big or small, puts us closer to our goal.

You can pledge by dropping your pledge form in the offering plate on any Sunday or by returning it to the church office.

You can also pledge online by going to our website, hovering over Stewardship in the menu and clicking Pledge Support. On the Pledge Support page, click on General Fund Pledge on the right then fill out and submit the form. Our Financial Secretary, LaVerna Metzger, will receive an email with your pledge.

If you have any questions, please speak with Bob Moeller, Carolyn Thomas or Chris Schleter, members of your Stewardship Committee.

We will dedicate our pledges during worship on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to the year ahead and continue to grow and expand our ministries and mission partnership with you..

### 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	Jim Sullivan
Joe Borden	Norm Ramquist
Bruce Ingold	Doris & Gene Thomas
Jim Crowe	Dottie Malcomsen
Alice Blair	The Routh Family
Paul & Gloria Reynolds	The Angarone Family
Shirley Craig	Betty Miner

Wendy Christiansen as she prepares for Ordination.  
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

Jack Ewing

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

### December Newsletter Deadline

November 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.

Rev. Ralph	Philippians 4:4-7	Rejoice
Elder Chris Schleiter	I Corinthians 15:5-6	Excellent faith
Elder Bob Moeller	John 16:33	Peace in me
Elder Judy Oar	Matthew 13:10-12	Kingdom of Heaven
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Revelations 21:4	Every tear
Elder Anne Patten	Psalm 62:1-2	Waiting soul
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Luke 10:38-42	Mary and Martha
Elder Scott Florence	Psalm 121:1-2	Help from above
Elder Gloria McGilloway	1 John 3:1	Great commandment
Elder Jan Hirschi	1 Chronicles 58:11	Lord will guard you
Elder Mary Contreras	1 Thessalonians 5:15	Fear no evil

### Thanks to our Volunteers

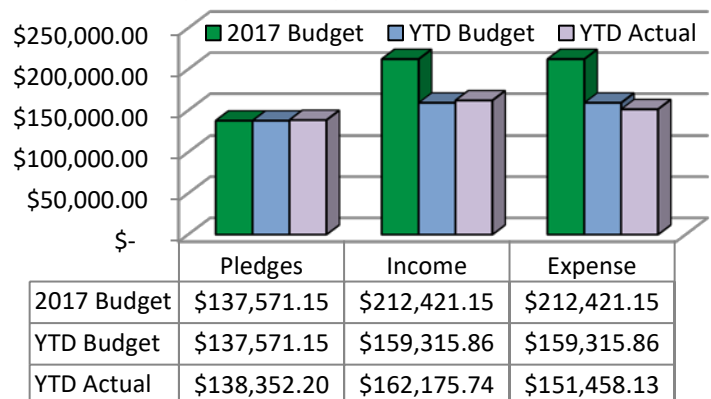
Flowers		Nursery
November		
November 5	<b>Available</b>	Jennifer P
November 12	<b>Available</b>	Donna Beasley
November 19	Arlene Prinselaar	Cindy Clingan
November 26	Dave & Anne Patten	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras
December		
December 3	In memory of Dawn Angarone	Jennifer P
December 10	Paul & Charlotte Phipps	Donna Beasley
December 17	Carolynn Thomas	Cindy Clingan
December 24	Donna Beasley	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras
December 31	Chris Schleiter	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - No Nursery</b>

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website [gspscsq.org](http://gspscsq.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 September 30, 2017	
Month of September	
Receipts	\$ 14,038.25
Expenditures	\$ 18,339.68
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 159,315.86
Actual Receipts	\$ <b>162,175.74</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 159,315.86
Actual Expenditures	\$ <b>151,458.13</b>
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 74,685.78
Loan Balance	\$ 131,056.39
Net Building Fund	\$ (56,370.61)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 5,566.20
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,442.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 32,782.88
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 807.33

### 2017 Budget Through September 30, 2017



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*

*Colossians 3:15-17 New American Standard Bible (NASB)*

*"Whereas, it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor — and, whereas, both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."*

*President George Washington, 1789, Thanksgiving Proclamation as requested by both houses of Congress of the United States.*



In just a few weeks we will be gathering around our dining room tables with family and friends to observe our annual feast of Thanksgiving. That national holiday set aside for the purpose of giving thanks. However I wonder if perhaps we have drifted away the original intent of holiday.

I have observed families that have taken turns going around their table sharing what they are thankful for: new house, car, health etc.. However if I am reading President Washington and the Apostle Paul correctly, and I believe I am, Thanksgiving is not about what we have received or for that matter what we are thankful for but to Who

we are thankful to. It is a day and time to be thankful to God for in essence everything, as Paul has stated in another letter, "in all circumstances". After all the word "Holiday" is a combination of the words "Holy Day".

And yes, if in all circumstances, you can be thankful to God even while eating pumpkin pie and watching Dallas get beat. Again it's a matter of who we are directing our thankful hearts to.

However, in Paul's case there is one little item that should be mentioned: Paul indicated in the living of our Christian faith we are to give thanks to God not just one day a year, but continuously, 365 days a year. Wow, that's a lot of turkey!

And a lot of thanksgiving! It is well deserved and directed.

A very happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you all!

*In Christ  
Rev. Ralph*

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

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

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

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

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

## News from the Russia Mission

We were extremely happy to have our Mission Co-Workers Ellen and Al Smith with us on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The news they bring from Russia and their "can do" attitude always instill a sense of fellowship and community both with them and with Pastor Sergei and his congregation.

Planning is well underway for next year's Russia Mission Network Conference, which will be held in St. George from September 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for volunteers to help out with meals, transportation and logistics. We will also be looking for a few members of the congregation to provide homestay opportunities for some of our (American) participants. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Chris Schleter. One way or another, we'll find something to do for anyone who wants to help!

### Meet the Members Joe & Cheryl Borden

The Growth Committee is happy to highlight our long time members Joe and Cheryl Borden. Visiting their home in LaVerkin is a special treat... a trip into a museum filled with the earth's history. On display are hundreds of artifacts they have found and collected. Fossils and arrowheads are Joe's special pride and joy. Inside lighted display cases are treasures that show the history of the earth preserved in fossils, or naturally petrified.

Joe and Cheryl are high school sweethearts from Trumansburg, New York. They have been married for 53 years. Cheryl jokes that they have each been married three times! They first eloped in 1964 to be married. Later they had a formal wedding in their church. Finally after 35 years, they renewed their marriage vows here at Good Shepherd.

They were blessed with three children, two daughters and a son. Their eldest daughter was awarded a scholarship to BYU and wanting to get out of the cold, snowy weather, she started the Borden's move to Utah.

This move was a long way from Joe's birthplace in Panama. After a diagnosis of polio at the age of 4, Joe's family moved to New York for medical treatment. At an early age began his interest in rocks, fossils and arrowheads. Upper New York State was the perfect place to hunt for his treasures. Together Joe and Cheryl have gone on field trips to many states to search for their treasures.

## Save the Date

### **Rev. Ralph's Christmas Open House**

Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff will hold their annual Christmas Open House on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Plan to bring a beverage and something to share and join everyone in the joy of the holiday season.

### **Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest to kick off November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Consider yourselves warned. Once again as we usher in the season of Advent on November 26<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Ralph is challenging the men of the congregation to find and wear to church the TACKIEST Christmas ties they can find and the women of the congregation to wear their TACKIEST Christmas sweater. The winners will receive a special prize.

All women's entries must be publicly identified as being "Tacky" to avoid any unfortunate misidentification of a treasured family or handmade heirloom. Ladies, you can pick up a sticker from Hawk to indicate that your sweater is, in fact, an entry into this year's contest.

We can't wait to see what you've found!

### **Presbytery Pulpit Exchange – November 12<sup>th</sup>**

One of the goals of the Presbytery of Utah's long range planning is to build on the relationship of our churches and promote unity within the bounds of our Presbytery. One the ways to do this is to hold Presbytery wide pulpit exchanges. Thus on November 12<sup>th</sup> our pulpit will be filled by the Rev. Derick Forbes, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Logan. Rev. Ralph will be filling the pulpit of First Presbyterian of Logan that same day. Please warmly welcome Rev. Forbes!

## Christian Education

Christian Education at Good Shepherd is alive, well, and kicking! We have children consistently in Sunday School Class; we have 8-10 people attending Jeff Clingan's Adult Sunday School classes on "**Christianity in the Roman Empire of the East**" (we are learning things we NEVER knew about the early Christian church!); and the 5 weekly Bible Studies in public venues (except for Sunday evening at Rev. Ralph's house) are consistently well attended and act as a witness to the community about the importance of studying and discussing the Bible and its meaning for us in today's world. In fact, the current Bible studies are SO well attended that Rev. Ralph is adding another study to be held each Friday at 11:00 am at Bishop's. And we have Rev. Ralph's "Bah Humbug! 101" Advent classes to look forward to after Thanksgiving!

We continue to BEG for everyone's contributions to the Advent Devotional booklet. There are still many empty days in Advent that need filling with your thoughts, insights, stories, prayers, readings, favorite Bible passages, etc. PLEASE consider adding to this delightful work. Put your written submissions in the envelope attached to the trifold display in Conklin Hall or email it to Jan Hirschi at [booknutjan@gmail.com](mailto:booknutjan@gmail.com). **DEADLINE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12!**

We are again planning to have **Advent Lessons & Potluck Suppers** on Monday evenings at 5:45 pm beginning on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>, and continuing on December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you plan to attend—a sign-up sheet is in Conklin Hall. We have ordered study books for these lessons, and we need to know if we have enough. Rev. Ralph will be teaching us all sorts of things we never knew before! Please come and bring food to share. It is always interesting to find out "What's For Supper".

*Anne Patten*

## Deacons

As Deacons we strive to befriend and support our church family through our Parish ministry. After serving for many years we want to send a big thank you to the Deacons who will be leaving their job at the end of the year: Dick and Patti Babb, Rayanne Bartlett, Molly Bass, Matt Fine, Ann Hogan and Tineke Ingold.

Just as a reminder, 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.

*In Christian love and fellowship,  
Your Deacons*

## Fellowship

We certainly have entered our busy season. It is already time to prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. It takes many hands to provide a great meal for our fellow congregants, so don't be surprised if you are asked to help in some way. Your help, no matter how small the task, will be greatly appreciated and will lessen the load for your brothers and sisters in Christ as we gather in celebration. Watch for sign-up sheets in Conklin Hall.

Best wishes to all who are participating in this year's Crop Walk. Your Fellowship Committee will be there to cheer you on at Confluence Park with water and granola bars. In fact, with the change in route for this year, you'll have TWO chances to stop and partake!

*Blessings  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Growth

Thank you to all who made our Fall Festival a success. We couldn't have done it without all of those of you who generously shared your collections. They were amazing and so diverse! Thank you to all of you who viewed the collections. Ann McLuckie (who shared her collection of turtles and tortoises) collected all of the stamps on her card and won the Mastercard Gift Card. And finally a huge thank you to the Growth Committee members and everyone who chipped in with the serving and the behind-the-scenes work to make our Fall Festival happen. I am currently compiling a list of ways to make our next Fall Festival even better. If you are interested in working with us to plan next year's Festival, make our new members feel like they are a viable part of our congregation, and think of ways to make all our members enjoy our church family even more, please let me know.

*Jan Hirschi*

## Mission/Outreach

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing and will conclude on the Sunday before Thanksgiving when we will dedicate our shoeboxes and send them on their way. We had a goal of 150 shoeboxes last year, but we only filled 149. As they say, "go big or go home," so let's shoot for 175 boxes this year. Shoeboxes are available on the table near the parking lot door in Conklin Hall.

The CROP Hunger Walk will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> this year since the second Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veteran's Day. Start getting in shape to walk the six mile course and raise money to feed the hungry both here and around the world. Thanks to Gloria McGilloway for manning our Aid Station this year.

Finally, as we did last year we'll be collecting canned food during the four Sundays of Advent to benefit the Soup Kitchen. Last year we collected \$385 and 446 pounds of food. Let's go for \$500 and 500 pounds this year.

I continue to be amazed by your generosity and willingness to share.

*Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing

At our Brown Bag luncheon on October 19<sup>th</sup>, we were privileged to have Karen McMullin, Investor Education Coordinator, Division of Securities for the State of Utah as our speaker. Karen was a font of interesting information, education and insight into the world of scamming and deception to which each of us is exposed every day. Though you, personally, may not have been scammed, statistics indicate someone known to you has been. A scammer is out to obtain one thing and that is your personal information. Karen reviewed the most usual types of scams employed to accomplish this.

**IMPOSTER SCAMS:** Through a call or email, you may be told you have won something or, the caller, having obtained personal information from social media, may impersonate someone you know, such as a grandchild, in order to get you to wire money to pay taxes or fees. NEVER wire money because it cannot be tracked. Also know that the "real" IRS never seeks payment by telephone.

**CHARITY FRAUD:** Someone calls and says they represent a charity, the name of which may sound familiar, and pressure you to donate money but may refuse specific details of how it will be used. Do not promise money until you have had time to research the validity of the request. Stick with legitimate charities, which must be registered with the State of Utah.

**HEALTH CARE SCAMS:** Health Care scammers intent on obtaining Social Security numbers are especially active in the Fall during Medicare open season or when health care is in the news. People may feel obligated to give personal information in order to "comply" with supposed regulations. Check it out before sharing information!

**PAYING TOO MUCH:** Keep close track of unusual charges on your bills, especially those for fees or services. Be sure costs have not been escalated improperly and never hesitate to try negotiating for a lowering of ongoing charges or interest rates. Research credentials and references of any contractors employed to work for you.

**"YOU'VE WON" SCAMS:** The old "you're a winner" trick -- You may be told you have won something but must pay a fee to receive it and then are asked for your credit card number to make this happen. Either way, you don't win. You only lose!

Karen spoke about the EQUIFAX breach and referred us to the Utah government site: [IDTHEFT.utah.gov](http://IDTHEFT.utah.gov). to learn about our credit standings and be directed to the proper sources for information. You may also call Division of Securities at 801-530-6600, for personal answers to specific questions. A packet of pertinent material, including a list of Dept. of Commerce regulating agencies and their contact information, is available by calling either Mitzi Rak (435-674-1204) or Alicia Kitzman (435-272-4614). Bottom Line - you can never be too cautious or protective of your personal information. Never give out your Social Security number or banking information to a stranger. And - **If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!!**

You can listen to the audio of Karen's presentation and download a copy of her handouts on our website.

*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 me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

*Deborah Stone*

## Senior Ministries

**Soup and Fellowship** – We are excited to host Rev. Ralph and Kathie Greear on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at Noon for our annual Russia Mission Report. Lunch will be provided. Will it be borscht again this year? You'll have to come and see. This event has always been informative so please put it on your calendar and join us. Time for hot soup.

**Cards** – Our November card party will be on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Conklin Hall. Everyone is invited. Whether it's Bridge and Rummy Dummy, or Hand and Foot or Hearts or Rummikub or Golf, we think, plan, execute our next moves, socialize and have fun too. It is good brain health.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Do something you enjoy so much, you lose track of time.

Thanks, as always to the members of the Senior Ministries Committee: Jane O'Donnell, Joyce Otness, Barbara West and Sherry Kretschmer.

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved the tentative 2018 Budget for distribution to the congregation with the pledge campaign letters.
- Approved to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in December, 2017, the following Terms of Call for the Pastor for 2018: Salary \$35,017.12, Housing \$36,326.00, Pension \$7,847.74, Dental Insurance (estimated) \$950.00, Medical insurance \$17,479.07, Disability Insurance \$713.43, Reimbursable Expenses \$7,000.00, Total=\$105,333.36.
- Approved the upgrade of the projection screen and permanent mounting of the video projector in Conklin Hall at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, to be paid from the Memorial Fund.
- Approved to permit Althea Haworth to make and sell Christmas wreaths from her own supplies with all proceeds to be given to the Building Fund.
- Approved (by E-Vote on September 24, 2017) to hire Arlene Prinselaar for the Executive Secretarial position at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of October volunteers included Marge Linn, Ruth Ann Horvath, Janis Wick, Josie Kellejan, Rayanne Bartlett, Brian and Patti Lusby, and Carolynn Thomas. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. To kick off the Fall season we served Southwest chicken stew with rice and beans, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert. We received many positive comments – 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 two for financial details.

Thank you to the church members for your pledges and donations.

What does the Stewardship/Personnel Committee do?

The personnel portion is pretty much what it sounds like, care of our one full time and several part time employees. What is the Stewardship portion?

## Stewardship, continued

We are managing or supervising the financial aspects of our Church. Our team takes in the money, signs the checks to pay our debts and analyzes and recommends the budget to Session. Remember the Story of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30) or (Luke 19:12-27) A master who was leaving his house to travel entrusted his property to three servants, two did well increasing their master's wealth, and were counted Good and faithful. The third, who hid his master's money, not so much. Our job is to be "Good and faithful" servants.

You should have received, or will receive in the next couple of days, a packet concerning our pledge drive for next year. The packet includes a pledge form and a copy of next year's proposed budget. Please review it carefully and prayerfully consider making a pledge.

What are the different ways we can give? (This is one of the most frequent question I receive.)

- Give your Time.
- Pledge an amount for the year. (See the enclosed documents)
- Loose offerings, put something in the plate.
- Online giving, using a credit card or your bank account.
- Have your bank do a direct deposit, say a monthly gift.
- Leave a gift when you are gone, put something for the church in your will or Trust. Some methods even have tax advantages. (Check with an Attorney.)

How much should you give? A full tithe is 10%. Look in your heart, look at what you can afford, pledge and give what you can.

Matthew 6:19-21 says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; for where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

*Bob Moeller*

## Women's Guild

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in Conklin Hall and will be potluck. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

*Mary Starrett*

## Congregation News

### **A BIG Thank You!**

A big to thank you to all who participated in recent work days to:

- 1) prepare for removal of the trees that blew down in the August windstorm,
- 2) replace the weed mat and landscape rock following removal and re-planting of trees,
- 3) spread landscape rock in the community garden and
- 4) pull and pile weeds in the "back 40."

Without the help of all of our volunteers the big jobs would take a lot longer!

*Scott Florence*

### **Arlene Prinselaar Joins the Secretarial Team**

Session has approved the hiring of Arlene Prinselaar to fill out our secretarial team. With this change, the hours that the office will be open will be changing, as well, to Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. Arlene or Candy Hurlbut will be in the office on Wednesday and Susan Holecheck will be working on Friday. If you need help outside of those hours, please email [office@gspscs.org](mailto:office@gspscs.org) or call the church office. Candy regularly checks both the church email and the voicemail.



## Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Wednesday November 1 All Saints' Day	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday November 5 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday November 12 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 19 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday November 26 Reign of Christ / Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 <i>or</i> Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

## Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday December 3 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Sunday December 10 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Sunday December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 <i>or</i> Luke 1:46b-55	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sunday December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 <i>or</i> Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Sunday December 24 Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Monday December 25 Nativity of the Lord	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 <i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Titus 3:4-7  Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20  John 1:1-14
Sunday December 31 First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

## A Poem from Dorogobuzh Memories of Sister Dawn

We seldom speak about death,  
But I want to write about her.  
Who will tell: "I am not afraid" - don't believe,  
It is terrible to living all to die...

God gives everyone on forces,  
Our Jesus has won against death!  
And, if she  
Will die easily who loved all.

Yes... it is only known to Him,  
But I want to die so,  
As our guest, the song  
To enter the palace to Christ and to sing

It only is given the little,  
Who heart was already ready  
Also it was installed there - at God...  
The sister we will remember everything without words...

## NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 7:00 Interfaith Choir Rehearsal	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 Open Bible Study @ Bishop's	10:00 am <b>CROP Hunger Walk – Larkspur Park – Bloomington Hills</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back!! Soup Kitchen Sunday</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9:30 am <b>Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:30 pm <b>Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</b> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm <b>Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 7:00 Interfaith Choir Rehearsal	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 Open Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>Veterans Day</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship – Pulpit Exchange – Rev. Derek Forbes Preaching 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 am <b>Blood Pressures Taken</b> 12:00 <b>Session Meeting Noon</b> 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 <b>Brown Bag Lunch Noon Soup &amp; Fellowship – Rev. Ralph &amp; Kathie Greear on their trip to Russia - Conklin Hall</b>	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 Open Bible Study @ Bishop's	11:00 Women's Guild Meeting & Potluck – Conklin Hall
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 am <b>Thanksgiving Brunch</b> 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 7:00 Interfaith Choir Rehearsal	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ New Promise Lutheran Church	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm <b>Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day Newsletter Deadline</b> <del>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</del> <del>3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph</del> <del>3:45 Chancel Choir</del> <del>pm</del>	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 10:00 am <b>Move Christmas Decorations to Sanctuary</b> 11:00 Open Bible Study @ Bishop's	9:00 am <b>Hanging of the Greens with Potluck Lunch</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
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**PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gpspcsg.org](http://gpspcsg.org) for the latest information.**



## Regularly Scheduled Activities

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

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
Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
	Friday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's
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 8:30 am	Bishop's
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



## Building Fund Update

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

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through October 22<sup>nd</sup> we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$31,808** for a total of **\$178,391** or about **52.2%** 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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