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2020 Pledge Drive Begins

We want to personally thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life, mission and ministry of our congregation. 2019 has been a truly blessed year!

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 2020 were mailed to everyone this week. If you didn't receive yours, please see Susan Holecheck or Chris Schleter and they will see that you get yours.

Our theme for this year's Pledge Drive is Excel in the Grace of Giving. Giving is our faith response to God's gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives. We also give out of obedience because God's Word directs us to give.

While our budget is about \$10,600 higher than last year (mainly due to increased mission spending as we seek to tithe as a church, salary increases and inflation), we've seen our loose offerings grow by almost \$25,000 this year so we're asking for about \$1,000 more in pledges for 2019 to cover our expenditures.

Every pledge, no matter how big or small, puts us closer to our goal. You can make a 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 Susan Holecheck, Chris Schleter, or one of the other members of your Stewardship Committee.

We will dedicate our pledges during worship on December 15th.

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

Jan Hirschi	Wanda Tighe
Roger Kitzman	Josie Marsh
Joe Borden	Preston Hughes
Dottie Malcomson	Barbara Schultzman
Faye Gray	Althea Haworth
Marge & Norm Ramquist	
The Family of Fran Ming	

Our sister 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 LaVerna Metzger

December Newsletter Deadline

November 23, 2019

Worship Schedule

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

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

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
CE Building

10:30 am
Worship
Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time
Conklin Hall

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

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

The scriptures for October were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:37-39	Nothing Can Separate Us
Elder LaVerna Metzger	Isaiah 56:1	God's Day is Coming
Elder Scott Florence	1 Corinthians 10:13	God is Faithful
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Galatians 5:22-23	Fruit of the Spirit
Elder Susan Holecheck	2 Corinthians 8:8-15	Give as You are Able
Elder Judy Oar	Luke 6:45	Good vs. Evil
Elder Carolynn Thomas	1 John 4:7	Love One Another
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Genesis 1:31	God's Creation
Elder Eric Westland	Titus 2:7-8	Set a Good Example
Elder Mary Contreras	Joshua 1:9	Be Strong

Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Nursery
November		
November 3	Alan & Sandy Paige	Jennifer P
November 10	Ed & Cheryl Mansfield	Donna Beasley
November 17	Roger & Alicia Kitzman	Available
November 24	Ed & Cheryl Mansfield	Available
December		
December 1	Ed & Cheryl Mansfield	Jennifer P
December 8	Dick & Nancy Higgins	Donna Beasley
December 15	Charlotte Phipps	Available
December 22	Donna Beasley	Available
December 29	Chris Schleiter	No Nursery – 5 th Sunday

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

Treasurer's Report

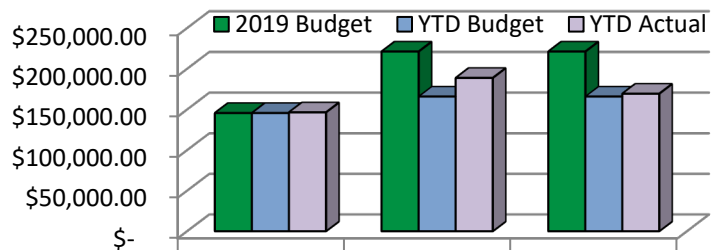
General Fund as of September 30, 2019 Month of September

Receipts	\$ 15,090.64
Expenditures	\$ 18,455.07
2019 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 165,887.78
Actual Receipts	\$188,774.64
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 165,887.78
Actual Expenditures	\$169,388.02

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 32,099.89
Building Fund	\$ 33,961.66
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,189.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,158.47
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 3,274.35
Bequests	\$ 77,684.25

2019 Budget Through September 30



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2019 Budget	\$145,683.70	\$221,183.70	\$221,183.70
YTD Budget	\$145,683.70	\$165,887.78	\$165,887.78
YTD Actual	\$146,500.89	\$188,774.64	\$169,388.02

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And guard us through all ills in this world, till the next! Martin Rinkart 1636
(Table grace composed by Pastor Rinkart during the Thirty Years War)*

*Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th. day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks,
President George Washington Thanksgiving Proclamation
Oct. 3, 1789*



A few weeks ago I received from our sister church in Russia a video clip of their Harvest Celebration Service, their Thanksgiving so to speak. The clip was of their choir singing their anthem for that special day. Of course they were singing in Russian but melody was unmistakable, they were singing the old hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".

In a number of weeks as a nation we shall again gather at our tables as families and friends to celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving. A number of families will begin the feast with all at their tables sharing something they are thankful for. Some will offer a brief prayer, some will grab their plates and head to the nearest television to watch football.

Now let me offer here a disclaimer. I am all for giving thanks, praying and football. But, I wonder if sometimes we forget or miss the purpose of the day. That purpose should be to offer God, as Washington put it, "our sincere and humble thanks".

That perhaps that day, and every day, we should remember who has provided not only our great feast but all things to our benefit out of His great and never ending love for us. This should be true on Thanksgiving; and, just perhaps, what we do on that day is merely a symbolic act of what is true every day.

As our brother Paul put it in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

A very blessed and happy Thanksgiving to you all!

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

Save the Date – December 8th

Please join Cindy, Jeff and me as we hold our annual Christmas Open House on December 8th 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.

**** Home Communion ****

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

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

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

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

Congregation News

Adult Education Topics for November and December

During the month of November our Sunday Adult Education will focus on Books that never made it into the Bible. In November we will be studying the Gnostic Gospels. As mainline Christianity began to rise in the first and second centuries, a series of heretical groups began to rise under Christianity's umbrella. These groups, referred to as the Gnostics, were so heretical and feared by the early church fathers, and these groups disappeared so completely that we knew little about them until their writings were discovered in recent history. We meet at 9:00 am on Sunday morning following the Morning Prayer and Communion service in the CE building. Come join us for some of Rev. Ralphs "No-doze" coffee and "secret knowledge".

Advent Study begins November 25th

Liturgical seasons are meant to be guides to direct us in focus and faith. One of their purposes is to lead us to take the time to grow in our spiritual faith and study. This season of Advent we will be doing just that in a weekly evening study based on the Kerygma curriculum on the Letter to James. Beginning November 25th and running for four weeks we will meet at 5:45 pm Monday evenings in the CE building for a light pot luck dinner and study.

The great Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, so strongly disliked the Letter to James he strongly advocated its removal from the Bible. He lost that argument. Come and find out why!

Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest Kicks Off December 1st

As you prepare for the Advent season, be on the lookout for the tackiest Christmas ties and sweaters you can find and wear them to church. Rev. Ralph will pick the absolute tackiest and the winners will receive a special prize. The contest kicks off on December 1st and runs through December 22nd.

Church Photo Directories are Available

We began distributing the new church photo directory at Fall Festival in October and hope that all who have received it are enjoying it and finding it useful. If you have not yet received your copy; please see Chris Schleter, and he'll be happy to provide you with one. If you don't live in the area and would like to have a copy, please email newsletter@gspcsg.org or call the church office, and we'll be glad to mail one to you. Please include your name and full address in the email to be sure we have your information correct.

Youth of Utah Presbytery Visiting November 1st through 3rd

The youth of the Utah Presbytery are coming! About 70 young people will be visiting St. George and the surrounding area over the first weekend in November. While here they will be staying in the CE Building and will be joining us for Worship on November 3rd. Because the CE Building will be pretty inaccessible during that weekend (think Bike & Build x 2), there will be no Sunday School on the 3rd and Adult Education will be cancelled. We look forward to having these great young people with us.

Buildings

I am pleased to report that our investments in energy conservation this last year are already seeing measurable results. Electrical demand is now below the threshold established by the city, and we will be able to maintain our favorable rate schedule. Electrical usage has also been down 10-20% during the hot summer months, which helps us recover the outlay in our insulation and ventilation investments.

I had to run off to Scottsdale as my brother was in the ICU (he's fully recovered) during the Fall Festival. I want to thank Alan Paige for manning the table in my absence. The Building Committee is a great group and if you are interested in being more involved in our church, joining this group is a great way. We only get together for a meeting a couple of times a year. Otherwise, we help each other out doing what we can to keep the buildings in good shape. Please contact me if you are interested.

The old Narthex drinking fountain has been replaced with a new unit. I thank you for your patience. Buying one from the factory, and putting it in ourselves saved about \$600. So, I think it was worth the wait!

*Blessings,
Eric Westland, Building Elder*

Christian Education

Advent is just around the corner, a time when Christians prepare to welcome the Christ child. Preparing is a spiritual discipline as we set aside time for prayer and reflection. To focus your practice, we will have available a devotional Straw for the Manger: Creating a Matthew 25 Advent Season. Based on Matthew 25:31-46, we are invited to follow Jesus's command to love one another and care for "the least of these."

The Rev. Sherry Blackman, a Presbyterian pastor who is also a chaplain and award-winning writer and poet, challenges us to fill Advent with simple, practical and loving deeds that help our neighbors. Each act of kindness is a piece of "straw" for the manger to be a warm and soft bed for the Christ child this Christmas.

Here are some other books available at the PC(USA) Store that you may wish to explore this Advent: God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Kneeling in Bethlehem: Poetry for Advent and Christmas by Ann Weems, and Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent by Walter Brueggemann.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Church Growth

Thank you for making this year's Fall Festival a success. Without the generous participation of those who submitted recipes, our church cookbook would not have happened. I am preparing a 2nd edition of the cookbook as you read this. (All three of the winning recipes will be in the 2nd edition.) If you would like to receive one of these cookbooks, let me know. They make great gifts. There are a few people I would like to publicly thank for their extra effort. Without them, our Fall Festival would not have happened. They are: Ann Abbott, Ann Hogan, Josette MacIsaac-Rudolph, Cheryl Mansfield, Gloria McGilloway, Pebble Mowery, Cathy Overkamp, Arlene Prinselaar, and Chris Schleiter.

Jan Hirschi

Deacons

Your Deacons of the month for November and December will be Candy Hurlbut, serving Sun River Parish, and Dr. Ka-Wai Yu, serving Washington Parish.

It was good to see so many of you for our Fall Festival. Almost everyone we saw knew their Deacon and received a treat. We are working hard to get to know each member and friend in our parishes. Please do call us with questions and concerns,

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

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

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Are you loving this beautiful fall weather?

Thanks to Jan Hirschi and her team for a delightful Fall Festival! Congratulations to all of the cooks. Be assured that you may cook for Fellowship any time you want to! Yummy!!!

Have a spooky/non-spooky Halloween – whichever you chose. We do not have anything planned for this "holiday."

However, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and we'll be holding our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Sunday, November 22nd. Expect to find sign up sheets in the very near future. Our Thanksgiving Luncheon is definitely one of the highlights of our Fellowship year. Please plan on attending, and also consider how you can help to show your thankfulness by supporting the luncheon in whatever way you can.

Gloria McGilloway

Mission/Outreach

Soup Kitchen Food Drive Donations: Our October donations to the Soup Kitchen included 125 pounds of food and paper goods, \$125 cash, and \$25 from church Mission funds. They are so appreciative of every can of food and dollar we give to them. So many hungry folks in St George benefit from the hot meals served at the Soup Kitchen. The first Sunday of each month is "Donations to Soup Kitchen Sunday".

C.R.O.P. Walk: The annual C.R.O.P. Walk will take place on Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 am beginning at Larkspur Park and continuing for approximately 6 miles (the distance people in developing countries have to walk each day in order to get water). If you would like to walk, you can get your envelope from Chris Schleiter. On Sunday, November 2nd, all of our walkers will put their envelopes on a table in Conklin Hall, so our non-walkers can add their donations. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the walk stay in St. George and go to Solomon's Porch to help feed the hungry in our area. Please help us work to eliminate hunger both here and around the world by walking or donating.

Operation Christmas Child: A great time was had by all who attended our first "fill shoeboxes" event at the church. Thirty boxes were filled with hand crafted items thanks to Donna Beasley, Shirley Wilson, Sandy Paige, and all of our Knotty Knitters. Shoppers for other items in the boxes included Liz Larsen, Nancy Higgins, and Chris Schleiter. Following a tasty lunch, volunteers filled each box based on the child's gender and age group.

Many empty shoe boxes remain to be filled. Will you take home a box, fill it with thoughtful items that will light up the eyes of a child, and then return the box to church? The story of Jesus is included into each box, so that the children who receive a Christmas box know why we are sending them a gift filled with Christian love. Dedication of all our filled boxes will take place on Sunday, November 24th, and then the boxes will be taken to the collection center in Washington City.

Change for Change: Is your loose change getting heavy in your pocket or purse? Is that coin dish at home overflowing with coins? Bring all that loose change with you to church on Sunday, and place it in the brown donation box in the Narthex. At the end of the year these coins will be counted and donated to the DOVE Center.

Carolynn Thomas

Parish Health Ministry

October Brown Bag Luncheon: On October 9th, we were privileged to have church member, Melissa Henderson, as our speaker. We know Melissa as wife of Jesse and mother to Noah and Amelia. But, we learned about Melissa, the Associate Professor at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ivins. She has her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and she talked about not only her role as faculty member, but also about just what an education in Osteopathic Medicine entails.

The Ivins campus of Rocky Vista, established about two years ago, is a sister university to a like facility in Parker, CO. Both are for-profit medical schools, the cost for attending is approximately \$50,000 per year, and current class size is about 130 students. The tuition is invested solely for the education of its students. There is a sharing of course content between the two universities through recorded streaming of professors' lectures, thus keeping costs down and lessening professor workload.

Education until the third year is conducted through simulation and cadaver study. There also is strong emphasis on the value of diagnosing with ultrasound. Clinical experience is gained in the 3rd and 4th years by rotations served in physicians' offices in southern Utah, Ogden, Salt Lake, Provo. Rocky Vista looks forward to graduating its first class; and upon completion of four-years, students may obtain a DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) after sitting for the same Board exams as those seeking an MD license. Many are pre-dental students or may continue to traditional medical schools. Some seek Master's degrees in health professions or choose honors tracks in military, global, rural or wilderness medicine.

Osteopathic manipulative medicine is a separate optional specialty, and it is not equal to that of the study of chiropractic. DO's are licensed physicians and certified to provide care in all aspects of the medical profession after having undergone similar schooling, which includes serving in residency positions or post graduate work for those who are seeking to become MD's. DO's practice under certain principles of care based on the concepts set forth in 1874

Parish Health Ministry, continued

by the founder of Osteopathic Medicine, Andrew Taylor Still. The body is a unit - Body, Mind, and Spirit - and the body has the capability for self-regulation, self-healing and health maintenance. Structure and function are reciprocally interrelated such as muscles allow the body to work a certain way even down to the individual cell, each programmed to function in a unique way. DO's administer rational treatment based on an understanding of these basic principles and strongly believe in the power of touch in caring for their patients. The University has a strong commitment to serving the community of St George, and this area is fortunate to be home to one of the only two medical schools in the state. We thank Melissa for sharing her time with us.

Save the Date: At our Brown Bag Luncheon at Noon on December 4th in Conklin Hall we will be discussing "Holiday Blues Make Me Sad" with Rev. Ralph as our leader. Holiday times can exaggerate feelings of depression, grief, or sadness that we may harbor whether or not we recognize or acknowledge it. You are not alone. Bring your sandwich and a friend and join us as we address this important topic.

Alicia Kitzman

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: Our next Soup and Fellowship will be Wednesday, November 13th, at Noon. Our speakers will be Reverend Ralph, Scott Florence who will report on their trip to Russia. We will be serving borsch soup, potato soup and Russian tea cakes.

Game Party: November 20th at 1:00 in Conklin Hall. We will play Bridge, Backgammon and other card games. Everyone is invited to play. It is social interaction and mental stimulation, all good for brain health, a Senior Ministry goal.

Bundles of thanks to my super committee: Jane O'Donnell, Barbara West and Cheryl Mansfield who do all the thinking and planning so very well and are so much appreciated.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session met on October 6th. Actions from the October meeting are below:

- Approved a policy and application form for formation of new programs or groups within our church.
- Approved the tentative church budget for 2020 and authorized its distribution to the congregation.

LaVerna Metzger, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of October volunteers included Ruth Ann Horvath, Vicky Westland, Janis Wick, Rayanne Bartlett, Eliza Elwood, Patti Lusby, and Judy Wallace. Donations from our church included 125 pounds of food and supplies along with \$125 plus the church Mission funds donated another \$25. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A Fall menu of sloppy joe's, chips, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolyn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from September 30th appears on page 2, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

As discussed on page one, the theme of our fall pledge campaign will be "Excel in the Grace of Giving." This program focuses on the importance of giving in our lives. Does someone who views giving as an obligation plead for the opportunity to give? Probably not. When giving is an obligation, we will give. But, giving as an obligation will not give us the joy or the attitude of pleading for the privilege to give as the Macedonians had (2 Corinthians 8:4). As God's people, we have both an obligation and an opportunity. Scripture is clear that we are called to give. Paul said, "*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made*" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

The campaign will begin at the start of November and continue through the dedication of our pledges on December 15th. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help us by providing resources that allow us to continue to fulfill God's mission for us.

We continue to thank you for your generosity.

Susan Holecheck and your Stewardship Committee

Women's Guild

Before I list our upcoming events I just want to share the proceeds of our Craft & Baked Food Sale. You'll need to imagine a 'drum roll' here; and, without further adieu, our proceeds exceeded over \$1,800. I can't thank everyone enough for all the support you have given your Women's Guild over the years. When we meet in November we will be deciding the local charities who will benefit from your generosity.

With that in mind, please remember our November 9th meeting at 11:00 am. This will be a brown bag luncheon with Donia Jessup, the Mayor of Hildale, as our guest speaker. The other dates to mark on your calendar will be our Christmas Cookie Sales after Worship on December 8th and 15th. Then looking ahead to 2020, please mark your calendars for our Spring Tea on March 28th. I encourage and welcome all the ladies from our congregation to attend our meetings and become part of your Women's Guild.

Candy Hurlbut

Worship

November is the month we show our gratitude for our blessings! We are blessed to have so many talented people in our church as well as in our community. Please mark your calendars for some upcoming special services and concerts.

- November is the month we honor our Veterans! A special program of Patriotic music will be presented by the Interfaith Choir at the St. George Tabernacle on Saturday, November 9th at 7:00 pm.
- The St. George Chamber Singers, one of our very best community choirs, will present a concert to be held at our church on Saturday, November 23rd at 7:30 pm.
- A special Thanksgiving worship service will be held at Good Shepherd on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm. Our Chancel Choir will join the choirs from Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church and New Promise Lutheran Church for the service. It is a beautiful service, and we hope you can join us!
- We will start the "Hanging of the Greens" on Friday, November 29th and finish on Saturday, November 30th. We will start at 10:00 am on both days. If you can come on one of those days to help, it will be greatly appreciated!
- And last, but not least, our very own Bell and Chancel Choirs will present their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary. Part of the program will be presented that morning during the worship service. It will be a musical program honoring the birth of our Savior, one you won't want to miss!

Barbara McConnell
Director of Music

Lectionary Readings for November

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

Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
	<i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]	John 1:1-14
Sunday, December 29 First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Youth of Utah Presbytery Fall Weekend	2 Youth of Utah Presbytery Fall Weekend
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back Soup Kitchen Sunday Youth of Utah Presbytery Fall Weekend 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education – Conklin Hall 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	4 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	5 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	6 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 5:30 pm Russian Class – Conklin Hall 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	7 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	8	9 10:00 am C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk – Larkspur Park 11:00 am Women's Guild Meeting – Conklin Hall
10 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 12:00 Noon Session Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	11 Veteran's Day 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	12 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	13 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Noon Soup & Fellowship – Rev. Ralph and Scott Florence on their trip to Russia - Conklin Hall	14 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	15	16
17 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	18 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	19 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	20 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Game Party – Conklin Hall 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	21 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	22	23 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm St. George Chamber Singers Concert - Sanctuary
24 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship – Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes 11:45 am Thanksgiving Luncheon 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	25 11:30 am Women's Bible Study and Fellowship – Conklin Hall 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	26 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:00 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - Sanctuary	27 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	28 Thanksgiving 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	29 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens	30 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens with potluck lunch

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.



Regularly Scheduled Activities

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

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

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
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
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
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



Building Fund Update

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

Through October 20th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$54,100** and additional cash donations of **\$2,056** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$271,219** or about **70.6%** 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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	Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	502-589-6030	Christian Ed
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