

## **Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

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Stephen Talley Organist

Prayer Chain

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# **Good Shepherd Adapts During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Unless you have been hiking in the Amazon for the last month you have no doubt been affected by the global Coronavirus pandemic. Our lives have been turned outside in as we self-isolate and try to stop the spread of this new illness. Even though Southern Utah has been affected to a lesser degree than other places, we're all learning to cope with a new, hopefully short-term reality.

To say that the latter half of March was a challenge for our church would be an understatement. Orders from the State of Utah to cancel all gatherings of 100 or more people forced us to close our buildings to all but essential personnel. The later closing of restaurants left us with no venues for Bible Studies. Those closures and knowledge that the virus is most virulent in those over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions (most of our congregation) and left us looking for creative ways to continue to join together to worship our Lord and provide support and fellowship for our members and others in our community. And creative we have been:

#### **Worship**

Even though we cannot worship together in person, we have found a way to share worship each Sunday. Each week, Rev. Ralph will record a new worship service that we will make available on our Sermon Network site. Steve Talley will be providing music and we will publish both a bulletin and lyrics for the hymns sung during the service so everyone can join in from home. To access the weekly service, visit our website, <a href="mailto:gspcsg.org">gspcsg.org</a>, and you will find a link to our Sermon Network page on the homepage where the Sunday worship schedule normally appears.

#### **Bible Studies**

Even if we can't gather at local restaurants or at church, the Internet allows us to gather virtually to study the Word of God. All of our regular weekday Bible Studies will be held online using Zoom Video Conferencing. To join one of our weekday Bible Studies using Zoom, please follow the Zoom instructions on page 4. Please note that Rev. Ralph's Sunday evening Bible Study will not be held virtually and is canceled until further notice.

#### **Virtual Fellowship**

Since we are not worshiping at church each Sunday, we also are not gathering for Fellowship after worship – at least not in person. Like our Bible Studies, Rev. Ralph will host "Virtual Fellowship" every Sunday at 11:30 am. Attire and choice of beverage are completely up to you. To join our Virtual Fellowship using Zoom, please follow the Zoom instructions on page 4.

On page 4 you will find information on what activities are on, which ones are canceled and how to join in virtually. As always, you can find the most up to date information on our website, <a href="mailto:gspcsq.org">gspcsq.org</a>.

#### **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
Roger Kitzman
Joe Borden
Dottie Malcomson
Larry Gearhart
Leslie Lintz
Jack Ewing
Melissa Beckman & Twins

Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia Those Serving Our Country

#### **Welcome New Members**

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

#### **May Newsletter Deadline**

April 23, 2020

#### **Worship Schedule**

Sunday by 10:30 am Worship Sermon Network

11:30 am Virtual Fellowship Zoom

#### **Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures**

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

#### The scriptures for March were:

Rev. Ralph	Psalm121	Our help comes
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Isaiah 55:3	Come to Me
Elder Leslie Lintz	Isaiah 41:10	Fear not
Elder Alan Paige	1 John 4:12	Love one another
Elder Judy Oar	Philippians 4:12-13	Everything through Him
Elder Chris Schleter	Psalm 91:9-12	Lord is our refuge
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	John 3:3	Born of water and Spirit
Elder Jan Hirschi	Joshua 1:9	God is with you
Elder Eric Westland	Ephesians 2:8-9	By Grace
Elder Barbara McConnell	Romans 5:3-5	Our Hope
Elder Gloria McGilloway	2 Peter 7:5-7	Add to your faith

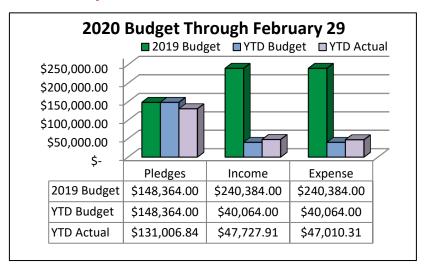
#### **Thanks to our Volunteers**

Flowers		Nursery		
	April			
April 5	If you ordered flowers, we			
April 12	will use your flowers	CII		
April 19	during a service once we	Canceled		
April 26	resume worship services.			
May				
May 3	76			
May 10	If you ordered flowers, we			
May 17	will use your flowers	Canceled		
May 24	during a service once we resume worship services.			
May 31	resume worship services.			

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website <a href="mailto:gspcsg.org">gspcsg.org</a>

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### General Fund as of February 29, 2020 Month of February Receipts 17,563.80 Expenditures 15,996.97 2020 YTD Budget vs Actual YTD Budgeted Receipts 40,064.00 **Actual Receipts** \$ 47,727.91 YTD Budgeted Expenditures \$ 40,064.00 **Actual Expenditures** \$ 47,010.31 **Fund Balances** General Fund 27,714.96 Building Fund 41,228.13 Memorial Fund 1,494.49 \$ Reserve Fund 45,583.85 Russia Mission Fund 8,353.05 Bequests 73,760.12



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39 New American Standard Bible (NASB)



Our brother Paul could have just as easily added to his list of sufferings in his question of who will separate us from the love of Christ the word "pandemic" or for that matter specifically "Coronavirus." Whatever he or we might choose to add to the question, the answer remains the same for Paul then as for us today. There is nothing that can separate us from the love of Christ.

As of this writing we are in our first week of our official shut down. For the first Sunday in a long time, other than when I have been on vacation, I won't be driving over to the church to open the doors and start the coffee. I won't be getting the sanctuary ready for your arrival and surveying the shelves in my office to look for inspiration for the children's sermon. The world and our lives have in a very short time changed.

Traditionally speaking, we have always been uncomfortable with change. We are uncomfortable with not knowing what the future holds. And this period in our lives is no different in its uncertainty. However, I would ask, "Have we ever known, for certain, what the future holds?"

But, what we do know is what Paul reminds us in that yesterday, today and tomorrow nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. That same love that binds us to each other, even in a time of social distancing and self-isolation, remains. None of us are alone; the ties that bind, as the old hymn goes, remain. We will get through this, and we will be okay because we know to whom we belong and in whom we trust ourselves and each other.

In this past week I have read a number of predictions that when these troubling times have passed we will find ourselves stronger than before. I believe that this well may be the case – that those aspects of our lives that we have taken for granted, perhaps even our faith, we take for granted no longer. We might discover the true strength of Christian love, faith and community. With that we find ourselves drawn much closer to each other and the Lord who given us this living hope.

In this time my prayers for us all are reflected in Paul's words from Ephesians 3:14-21:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

In Christ, Rev. Ralph

#### **GSPC Coronavirus Survival Guide**

#### **How to use Zoom Video Conferencing**

All of our events that have not been canceled will be held virtually using Zoom Video Conferencing. Here's a quick guide for how to use Zoom:

In order to join a Zoom event, you will need an invitation. To be invited, email Rev. Ralph (<a href="mailto:revralph1@msn.com">revralph1@msn.com</a>) and request an invitation. He will send you an email containing the information about the event. It will look something like this:

Ralph Clingan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Friday Men's Bible Study

Time: Mar 20, 2020 07:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/603068088?pwd=TTNSWTVIZU5IU3QzNURhdjZNQ0tJdz09

Meeting ID: 603 068 088

Password: 166403

To join the event, click on the link in the email. The Zoom website will open and, if you have downloaded and installed the Zoom app on your device, you will be asked if you want to join through the app. If you haven't installed the Zoom app, you will be given the opportunity to do so or to join through your browser. If you plan to join multiple events, installing the Zoom app will make joining events faster. If you prefer to use your browser, you will be asked to enter the Meeting ID and Password and will then be taken to the meeting. You can also navigate to zoom.us sing your browser and click on Join A Meeting at the top.

All events will include live video so if you have a webcam you are welcome to use it but, if you prefer, you can join via audio only. If you don't have a computer, smartphone or tablet, you can also dial in on any telephone at 253 215 8782 or one of the other numbers that will be listed in the invitation and you will be able to participate by phone.

While we won't be together, we can continue to join together to learn from and support each other until life returns to something resembling normalcy.

#### What's Off and What's On

The short answer is, if an event is not listed below, it is canceled until further notice.

## Event How to Access Worship

Sunday by 10:30 am

**Bible Studies** 

Lenten Series – Monday April 6, 5:45 pm Tuesday Women's Bible Study @ 11:00 am Wednesday Women's Bible Study @ 11:00 am Thursday Open Bible Study @11:00 am Friday Men's Bible Study @ 7:45 am

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weeks only)

## Virtual Fellowship

Sunday @ 11:30 am

Zoom (Request an invitation from Rev. Ralph)

under Sunday Worship Schedule)

Church website gspcsq.org (Click the link on the homepage

#### **Other Meetings**

Some of our other meetings (Stephen Ministry Group Supervision, Session and others) will be held using Zoom. If you are expected to attend the meeting, Rev. Ralph will invite you to join.

Always check our website <u>gspcsq.orq</u> for the latest information on events happening in our church.

## **Buildings**

The buildings are closed for the time being. That helps keep them virus-free for those that have a need to be there. Our cleaners are still employed and will use this time to deep clean areas that don't get cleaned weekly, including disinfecting surfaces, especially high-touch areas like door handles, countertops, etc.

In other activity:

- We have a new congregation using our CE building for worship, Iglesia Apostolica, on Sunday evenings.
- A window in the CE building was somehow broken and has been repaired.
- Solar shading will soon be added to the CE building windows. The windows on the south side really heat up the building during the summer, hopefully this action will mitigate some of that additional heating (and cooling expense).
- I think I finally got the Narthex doors fixed so they latch closed after someone exits the building. Please continue to check that they are locked after you leave and let me know if they don't.

Blessings, Eric Westland

#### **Christian Education**

During the Coronavirus crisis, be sure to join Rev. Ralph for his "Virtual Bible Studies" via Zoom Video Conferencing. See page 4 for instructions. Keep the faith. We will get through this.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

#### **Church Growth**

These dark days of isolation are hard on everyone, but you can help. Reach out to members of our church family. You know those people you look forward to greeting at church? Call them. I have it on good authority that Coronavirus cannot be transmitted through phone connections. We have a lovely new directory for the church. Don't have one (or can't find it)? Ask someone you speak to regularly, call the church office, or call me (Jan Hirschi 435-680-1012). I know exactly where my directory is, and I'll be happy to help you.

Jan Hirschi

#### **Deacons**

The Deacons want to express their thanks to Deborah Stone for the many years she led our Prayer Chain. I know our church members will want to express appreciation to her also. She started the calls through our prayer chain as many of you and your loved ones have been supported in prayer.

We are looking for a member to step up and head this important ministry. If you value the role of prayer in our lives, the Deacons hope you will want to head our Prayer Chain.

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). He will make arrangements to get you what you need, even during the Coronavirus crisis.

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**

Just because you are self-isolating at home doesn't mean that you can't join us for a "Virtual Fellowship" each Sunday via Zoom. If you'd like to join in, please email Rev. Ralph to ask for an invitation and follow the directions on page 4 to join in. Attire and choice of beverages are completely up to you.

Pray that we can resume our normal lives soon!

With love through Jesus Christ, Gloria McGilloway

## **Mission/Outreach**

In this challenging time we continue to reach out to and pray for our community and the world. We have heard from Pastor Sergei that all of the members of his congregation are fine, and they continue to worship, but their schools are closed until at least April 1<sup>st</sup>. He says they are praying constantly for the virus to go away.

**Shoe Drive:** Assuming the Coronavirus has subsided by then, our biennial shoe drive will take place this year from the Sunday after Easter through the Sunday before Memorial Day. As you do your spring cleaning, please gather any shoes that you no longer need (or want) and have them ready to put in the box in Conklin Hall after Easter.

Peace and Blessings Chris Schleter

## **Parish Health Ministry**

In our article this month, we will mention two programs which our committee has scheduled, although we realize, considering the current reality, telling you about these programs may be a useless exercise. However, it's good to make plans for the future, keeping in mind that these plans are subject to change. If we have to cancel the current dates for either of these events, they will be rescheduled for a future time when we all can be safe.

<u>CPR COURSE for the NON-PROFESSIONAL:</u> On Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:30 am in Conklin Hall, we will be hosting our biennial CPR COURSE, which is to be a refresher for those needing to renew certification and also for those who do not currently hold certification but would like to. The cost will be \$25 to be paid directly on the 29th to our instructor, Rob Hooper, who has previously taught us this course. As usual, we will sustain you with morning treats and beverages. There is a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall at this time, but because of current Church closing, you may choose to register by contacting either Charlotte Phipps at cskyeisle@aol.com or Alicia Kitzman at akitz5@me.com or 435) 272-4614.

**EXCITING BROWN BAG LUNCHEON EVENT:** On Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Noon our speaker will be David Jones, PhD, the Intermountain Precision Genomics' Senior Scientific Program Director. Dr. Jones will be speaking about Population Genomics, which may be a term you have not heard before. In February of 2017 at a Brown Bag Luncheon, we learned how new findings about DNA could impact treatment of cancer by watching the video, Moonshot Through the Double Helix, produced by the Digital Film class at Dixie State. In the film, we were introduced to the contributions of Drs. Lincoln Nadauld and Derrick Haslem of Intermountain's Precision Genomics. The video explained their involvement in the ground-breaking work being done nationally and in St. George as a result of DNA sequencing.

A person's DNA (fundamental and distinctive characteristics peculiar to a person's genetic makeup) is identifiable to that individual alone. However, there can be specific genetic mutations or changes from the norm carried in the DNA of each member of a particular family. We are most familiar with hearing about how a family's genetics may be implicated in their contracting breast cancer, colon cancer or high cholesterol. Scientists are interested in studying how the presence of genetic mutations found, both in the individuals and in groups (Population Genomics), might affect health, contribute to disease development and subsequently evolve into finding prevention measures and treatments for those diseases. As Senior Scientist at Precision Genomics, located in IHC's Cancer Center, Dr. Jones has offered to tell us about current work being done in the study of the human genome and how the findings might transform delivery of healthcare as we know it.

During these times, it is a given that we feel very anxious and helpless and even afraid. Just remember, in the quiet of your own thoughts, you are not alone. If searching latest updates, be aware, much information "out there" is misinformation. Be certain you learn your facts from reputable sites and not from someone's pass-along email, which may be spreading myths and personal bias. Instead of communicating, as we have become accustomed to doing, by text or email, think about picking up the phone and calling your relative, or neighbor or friend. Hearing a 'live' voice can be very comforting and reassuring both for you and for the other person. Make a purposeful effort to maintain health, both physical and mental, for yourself and any others with whom you are sharing space. The Good Shepherd Website offers information and references regarding Church programs for your spiritual care. Your Deacon stands ready to serve as a caring contact person. In addition, if we of Parish Health can be of assistance, please call Alicia Kitzman at 435) 272-4614.

## **Prayer Chain**

Deborah Stone has stepped down as the moderator of our Prayer Chain and we need a replacement. If you are interested in filling this role, please contact Rev. Ralph, Deacon Moderator Virginia Hunt or your Deacon or call the church office.

All prayers are important.

#### **Senior Ministries**

March 11<sup>th</sup> was an enjoyable morning for all who attended the Instant Pot demonstrations by Arlene Prinselaar and Mary Beth Gibbons. Arlene taught us how to safely set up and use this appliance to prepare meals quickly and deliciously. They prepared the Soup and Fellowship lunch which was very well received. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. If anyone wants recipes for the Instant Pot, Arlene and Mary Beth are more than willing to share.

Immediately following the Instant Pot training, our Fred and Cathy Overkamp presented their experiences as multiple Christmas Shop owners during their many years in Maine. One of Fred's passions is miniature railroading, as shown by his designing a major model railroad museum, for which he received an award. Fred and Cathy were both teachers during their long careers when they taught art, science, math and English. They left Maine for the same reason many of us leave where we came from: SNOW. Fred's current volunteer career is paleontology. He works at the Dinosaur Museum in Washington, piecing together little fragments of prehistoric animals. You can see him working behind the glass, using a lighted magnifying device at the museum and I bet if you tapped on the door, he would gladly show you around. You will find Cathy volunteering in our children's Sunday school. They both find volunteering most rewarding. Thank you both for sharing your story with us.

The Card Party on March 18th was canceled due to the Coronavirus crisis. We will resume playing once the crisis has passed. In the meantime, keep on playing anyway!!!!!

Judy Oar

#### **Session News**

Session held their monthly meeting on March 15, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved membership of Craig and Terri Morgan. They will be received into membership at our next worship service.
- Approved by e-vote on February 25<sup>th</sup>, permission for the Evangelical/Apostolic Church to hold worship services at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Approved by e-vote on March 13<sup>th</sup>, the cancellation of Sunday Worship Services on March 22 and March 29, 2020.
- Approved at a Called Session Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the cancellation of all activities at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church for two weeks.
- Approved an appropriation of \$2,000 from the Mission Set Aside Fund to fund the Deacon's Relief Fellowship Fund.
- Approved up to \$750 for from the Building Fund solar screening on the CE Building windows to balance the heating and cooling.
- Approved up to \$300 from the Building Fund for materials to improve the choir loft safety railing across the back side of the risers.

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 March volunteers included Vicky Westland, Marge Linn, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, Carol Somplatsky-Jarman, Janis Wick, Patti and Brian Lusby, and Ruth Ann Horvath. 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 Winter menu of Southwest turkey stew, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received — especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

## **Stewardship**

First, I hope that everyone in our church family is well and staying strong through the changes we are experience because of Coronavirus. Although we are apart for now, we are one in Christ, and we will have great joy when we are able to see one another again! During this difficult world crisis, we are made even more acutely aware of the needs of the hungry and the oppressed. The One Great Hour of Sharing is still going on, and I would like to encourage everyone to contribute to this very important ministry. You can continue your giving through the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church website or mail donations to P.O. Box 1499, St. George, UT 84771. You are all in my prayers.

The Treasurer's report February January appears on page 2 and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

I leave you with this thought from I John 4:12: "No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us."

Leslie Lintz

#### Women's Guild

The Women's guild started off their new year with a great Valentine cookie sale, only to have our tea foiled by the Corona virus, we still plan on having the tea when things get back to normal, if you bought tickets for the tea, they may still be used when we can finally have our tea. Anyone wishing a refund can see Kristin Crowe or LaVerna Metzger to get their money back. We have a lot of fun events planned for this year and are praying this virus passes without too many people getting sick. Miss you all and thank you all for your support.

LaVerna Metzger

## **Worship & Music**

As I write this article, there is no answer as to when we will be back together for our Sunday worship services. Please know that you can go to the church's website, <a href="mailto:gspcsg.org">gspcsg.org</a>, to hear a recorded worship service for the Sundays we will miss worshiping together. Also, you can follow the lectionary bible verses for each Sunday which are printed in our newsletter. I want to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Ralph for his leadership, the ushers, the Bell and Chancel Choirs, and everyone who contributes to our weekly worship. As Rev. Ralph stated the last time we met: "We will pick up where we left off when we meet again."

Our Bell and Chancel choirs have had a wonderful musical and worshipful year. When we are back again, the Chancel Choir will continue working on the commissioned anthem composed for our church. It is titled "And I Saw a New Heaven" by Eric Nelson. The text is taken from Revelation 21: v. 1-4. It is a beautiful composition and we look forward to bringing you this powerful message.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our "snowbirds" who have contributed so much to both choirs and our worship services. They will be leaving soon to go back to their homes for the summer. We look forward to seeing them again next January.

Barbara McConnell

## **Lectionary Readings for May**

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Sunday, May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sunday, May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Thursday, May 21 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Sunday, May 31 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

## **Lectionary Readings for April**

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, April 5 Passion/Palm Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Monday, April 6 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 7 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 8 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, April 10 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 11 Easter Vigil	A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. Exodus 14 should always be used. Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Jonah 1:1-2:1 Jonah 2:2-3 (4-6), 7-9 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98:1-9	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114:1-8	John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 12	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Easter Evening Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 19 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 26 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

April 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Zoom	2 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Zoom	3	4
Falm Sunday  10:30 Worship @ Sermon Network  11:30 Virtual Fellowship @ Zoom  12:00 Session Meeting Noon @ Zoom	6 5:45 Lenten Study & pm Potluck @ Zoom	7 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Zoom 6:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting @ Zoom	8 11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Zoom @ Zoom	9 Maundy Thursday 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Zoom	10 Good Friday 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Zoom	11
Resurrection Sunday  10:30 Easter Worship @ am Sermon Network  11:30 Virtual Fellowship @ am Zoom	13	14 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Zoom	15.00 Women's Bible Study am @ Zoom	16 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Zoom	17	18
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This calendar is subject to change.

Always check the church website <a href="mailto:gspcsq.org">gspcsq.org</a> for the latest information.

#### **More Coronavirus News**

#### **Church Office Open Virtually**

During the closure of church facilities, you can still contact the office by phone or email. Candy Hurlbut will be checking the phone messages and church Inbox at least daily and will handle any communications as needed.

#### **Continue Giving During This Time of Concern**

Even though we are not meeting in person, the church continues to have expenses to pay. You can continue to pay your pledge or make a donation via Bill Pay at your bank, by mailing your contribution to the church office, or online at our website, <a href="mailto:qspcsq.org">qspcsq.org</a> (go to Stewardship then Giving and click the Online Giving button).

We know that the crisis is stretching all of us to the limit but appreciate your continued generosity as we keep the church running.

## **Regularly Scheduled Activities**

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

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



## **Building Fund Update**

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

Through February 16<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$29,615** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$280,778** or about **73.1%** 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.

## **Church Contact Information**

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## Session

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	Alan Paige	435-703-9272	Grounds

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