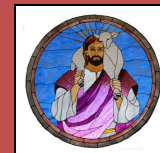


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COVID-19 Is Not Getting Good Shepherd Down

Even as the COVID-19 crisis begins to wind down, at least a little, we continue to observe restrictions to our movement and social interactions and will continue to do so for some time to come. Although Southern Utah has been affected to a lesser degree than other places, restrictions placed on us by state, county and city officials continue to be part of our everyday lives.

Even as the state hopes to begin removing some of the current restrictions about May 1st, they will continue to recommend that we remain at home as much as possible. When we are out and about, health experts continue to urge us to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing. Stores continue to limit the number of customers inside at any one time.

With the knowledge that the virus is most virulent in those over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions (most of our congregation), we will likely be worshiping, studying the Bible and joining in fellowship remotely for some time to come. As Rev. Ralph has said each Sunday during our recorded church service, "We will resume our normal activities only when the Southwest Utah Public Health Department deems it safe to do so.

Worship

We will continue to share worship each Sunday through a recorded service that we make available on our Sermon Network site. Steve Talley provides the music and we 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, gspscg.org, and you will find a link to our Sermon Network page on the homepage where the Sunday worship schedule normally appears.

Bible Studies

With local restaurants closed and access to our own buildings restricted to groups of 10 or fewer people, 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 email Rev. Ralph for an invitation. The Bible Studies are a way for all of us to continue to learn about our Lord and to share time together.

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 hosts a "Virtual Coffee Hour" every Sunday at 11:30 am. This fun event has been well attended since our shut down in March. Attire and choice of beverage are completely up to you. To join our Virtual Fellowship using Zoom, please email Rev. Ralph for an invitation.

As always, the most up-to-date information can be found on our website, gspscg.org.

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

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| Jan Hirschi | Ed Mansfield |
| Roger Kitzman | Josie Marsh |
| Joe Borden | Preston Hughes |
| Dottie Malcomson | Barbara Schultzman |
| Larry Gearhart | Dorothy Nichols |
| Leslie Lintz | Shirley Craig |
| Melissa Beckman & Twins | Brett Schroeder |

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 April were:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Rev. Ralph | Revelation 21:1-5 | The new heaven and earth |
| Elder Ruth Ann Horvath | Psalms 36:7 | God's precious love |
| Elder Leslie Lintz | Isaiah 55:8-9 | God's higher ways |
| Elder Alan Paige | Isaiah 40:31 | God gives strength |
| Elder Chris Schleiter | 1 Corinthians 10:13 | God will help you endure |
| Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman | 2 Timothy 1:6-7 | Rekindle the gift of God |
| Elder Jan Hirschi | Isaiah 41:10 | Do not fear |
| Elder Eric Westland | 2 Thessalonians 3:3 | The Lord is faithful |
| Elder Barbara McConnell | Psalms 130:7 | Have hope in the Lord |
| Elder Gloria McGilloway | Psalms 130:5-6 | I wait for the Lord |

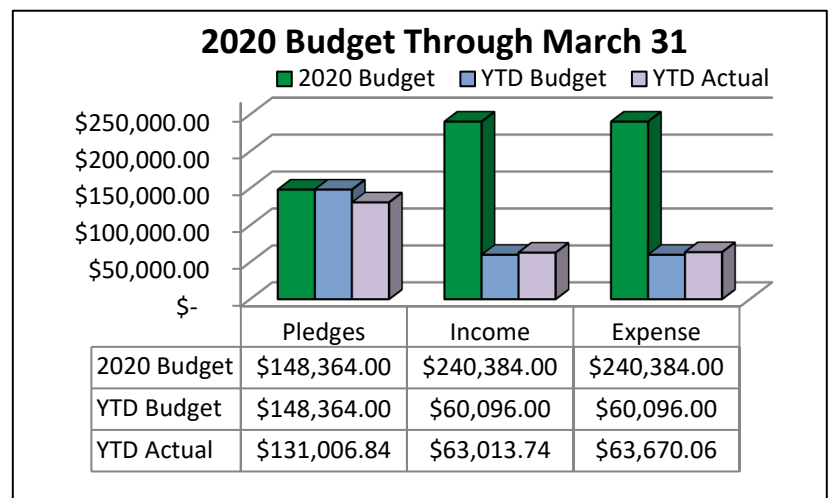
Thanks to our Volunteers

| Flowers | | Nursery |
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| May | | |
| May 3 | If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services. | Canceled |
| May 10 | | |
| May 17 | | |
| May 24 | | |
| May 31 | | |
| June | | |
| June 7 | If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services. | Canceled |
| June 14 | | |
| June 21 | | |
| June 28 | | |

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

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| General Fund as of March 31 | |
| Month of March | |
| Receipts | \$ 16,013.43 |
| Expenditures | \$ 15,972.15 |
| 2020 YTD Budget vs Actual | |
| YTD Budgeted Receipts | \$ 60,096.00 |
| Actual Receipts | \$ 63,013.74 |
| YTD Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 60,096.00 |
| Actual Expenditures | \$ 63,670.06 |
| Fund Balances | |
| General Fund | \$ 28,272.20 |
| Building Fund | \$ 42,722.93 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 2,919.49 |
| Reserve Fund | \$ 45,641.23 |
| Russia Mission Fund | \$ 8,403.05 |
| Bequests | \$ 73,760.12 |

Treasurer's Report



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, [or Covid-19] Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20:19-21 New American Standard Bible (NASB)



It has been noted in a number of our Zoom Bible Studies how this year's scriptures and church season ironically speak loudly to our current situation. Such is the case, with this lesson from John being particularly so.

The scene is three days following Jesus death. The disciples, soon to be apostles, are shut in, socially distancing themselves out of fear of what may happen to them. Not knowing what to do or where to go as they wait in fear and isolation.

But then the scene changes, sorrow becomes rejoicing, and fear is replaced with peace. What brought about these wondrous changes? The presence of Jesus who has come to them changes everything.

We now find ourselves in the second month of our time of fear and social distancing; and while we may need to continue these practices for a while longer, there is a place we can go to find both joy and peace. That place is the presence of our Lord.

Can we take a little time from cleaning and organizing our closets for the third time and take the time to pray together? Can we take some time to read God's word of hope and promise and, when possible, use the modern God-given tools of our technology to worship, and share fellowship with our brothers and sisters in faith? Then we too might discover His presence with us and hear again in our hearts and lives those wonderful words, "Peace be with you", and also "and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Luke 28:20)

*The Peace of Christ be with you all.
Rev. Ralph*



**** Home Communion ****

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

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

Please be advised that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, I am unable to visit anyone in any of our area medical facilities. Once things return to normal, please keep in mind that with the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information regarding patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

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 will be unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

A Message from your Stewardship Committee

During these challenging times our faith and reliance on God help us to cope with the uncertainty of our lives and those of others in our community. The church continues to fulfill its mission both in our lives, the lives of our community and in the world at large.

As many of you have no doubt heard, our church applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$13,400 to be used solely for salaries and some utilities and only by the recipient of the loan. Several members have voiced objections to our having applied for this funding arguing that pledge revenue will come in, our church is in a good position financially and that other businesses needed the money more than we did. Your Stewardship Committee would like to explain the rationale for our having applied for the loan.

Our church runs on faith that donations will continue to meet our expenses. When the annual budget is approved each year by our Session and "blessed" by the congregation, this action begins our annual fiduciary responsibility to meet the promises made to our employees, contractors, and mission outreach efforts. Now that our funding sources – pledges and loose offerings – have been impacted by the need to shut our doors, the Session and Congregation needs to seriously review our financial situation.

Our reserves have been set aside and came to be by all the donations made to the church over the twenty-seven years it has been in existence. From the widows "mite" to larger donations, these monies need to remain intact to assure our church can continue to meet their financial promises. No one knows how long we will be required to shut our doors. Will it be another two months? Will this virus issue return and we are required to close during the Fall and Winter? Will we be faced with this same issue next year?

While it is true that pledges do continue to be received, both by mail and electronically, our total offering revenue for March and April was down by over \$31,000 or about 65% from last year. March pledge revenue was nearly \$5,000 below last year and April, through the week of April 19th is nearly \$18,000 below last year. Our March loose offerings were down nearly \$4,000 from last year and April is down nearly \$5,000. In addition, we have not yet received pledges, which make up about 65% of our offering revenue, that fully fund our budget. Without loose offerings, we would not be able to continue to pay our staff and keep our buildings operational. Ensuring that no employees are laid off is the purpose of the PPP loans, and we need to continue to pay our employees during this time. The loan will cover salaries and utilities for about 2 months. It should also be noted that the loose offerings that we have lost due to not having services are very unlikely to be made up during the rest of the year.

It is true that we have a reserve of just over \$45,000. With our current revenue and with fixed expenses of about \$15,000 per month, that reserve will be exhausted sometime in July. Once the reserve is exhausted, we will be forced to borrow from other funds, many of which were donated to the church for specific purposes, without the assurance that we will be able to replenish those funds in the near future.

Without the proceeds from the PPP Loan we have received, the Session either would need to stop paying some or all of our employees or put out a plea for very large donations from all of us to continue to meet our budget obligations. Could any of us stand up and donate an amount equal to this loan of \$13,400? Or donate another \$45,000 when our reserves are depleted?

We want to note that all churches in the Presbytery of Utah were encouraged by Presbytery to apply for these loans and most have done so. In addition, at the last Interfaith Council meeting, all member churches in our area that qualified to apply for a loan had done so.

We are sensitive to the fact that small businesses are hurting. But, whether we like to believe it or not we are also a small business, and our goal is to continue our mission with as little disruption as is possible during the current crisis.

We thank you for your continued support.

Blessings
Your Stewardship Committee

Buildings

While we have not been able to meet collectively in person this last month, the buildings are still there and need some love.

I shut off most of the utilities when this whole pandemic thing started, although right now is not a high period for energy consumption.

The Assistant to the Assistant Building Elder, Vicky, has continued to check the AED's weekly. Additionally, she updated the first aid kits at the church. I argued that some of the items with a 1997 expiration date could easily go another few months (or years), but I was outvoted. So there are fresh first aid items if we should need them. We have also installed simple eye-wash stations in the two buildings, in the custodial closets. These will be available for those that want to ease into Matthew 7:3, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Next time you see Guy Schultzman, please thank him for doing some plumbing upgrades with the supply lines for some of our sinks. As if that wasn't enough, he oversaw the installation of solar screening on the south side of the CE building. This will help us reduce air conditioning demands during our warmer months and balance the temps between the north and south sides.

Several people including me drop by the church throughout the week and I want to thank them for helping to keep an eye on things.

*Blessings,
Eric Westland*

Christian Education

THY KINGDOM COME- A Global Prayer Movement: Pentecost is Sunday, May 31st, and since 2016 Christians around the world have joined in prayer for the 11 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Thy Kingdom Come hopes participants will 1) deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, 2) pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know, and 3) come to realize that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. This continues a historic tradition of Christians praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. More information is available at www.thykingdomcome.global. Please consider joining with fellow Christians around the world in this prayer movement.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Church Growth

One event I have always enjoyed is a family reunion. The opportunity to see and visit with family members I haven't seen in a while makes my heart sing. Every Sunday at 11:30 am, Fellowship Time is a chance to participate in a family reunion of a different sort - a reunion with members of our church family. Contact Rev. Ralph for a Zoom invitation. Then use that invitation every week until we meet again. Zoom is a free app that is so easy to use. There are directions on our website, gspcsg.org. The best thing about it? We get to see and speak with each other as if we were in the same room. Please join us. I can't wait to see you.

Jan Hirschi

Deacons

As your Deacons, we have tried to keep in touch with each of our Parish members. When you are contacted, please let us know if you need extra prayers or help with food or medicine. We will work to solve any needs.

Last month we thanked Deb Stone for her years as head of our Prayer Chain. Please note that Deb is continuing to serve until we can find her replacement. If you are interested in leading the Prayer Chain, please let Rev. Ralph know.

This month we are thanking Dick Babb for his many years as keeper of the Deacon shed key. When a member needed access to the shed, Dick would be called to come to church and unlock the shed. He has been so faithful: first serving while a Deacon and then continuing to help our members whenever he was needed. 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

Deacons, continued

to wheelchairs to raised toilet seats. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick (688-1120). He will make arrangements to get you what you need, even during the COVID-19 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

Who would have thought that we would be enjoying virtual Fellowship? It is really fun and different. We have even gotten acquainted with some adorable pets! Join us each Sunday at 11:30 am via Zoom. Instructions are available on our website, gpscsg.org.

Celebrating Easter and not being able to gather for our traditional Easter dinner was sad. However, Rev. Ralph has declared our first worship together to be our celebration of Resurrection Sunday. The hams are ready to be sliced and all we need are some of our wonderful cooks to sign up for the rest of the dinner – and, desserts of course. No signup sheets in Conklin Hall but that will not stop us!

Send an email to gmcgUtah@gmail.com or a text to 610-349-6045 to sign up for:

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| Mashed potatoes | Macaroni & cheese |
| Vegetable dish | Green Salad |
| Other Salads | Pickles/Olives |
| Bread | Desserts |
| Desserts | Deserts |

I will also need you to volunteer to help set up – a bigger task since we have not been using Conklin Hall; to serve at the meal table; to manage the dessert table; and every one's favorite – help with the clean-up.

Let's pray that this will happen sooner than later.

What about Worship in the Park??? We have reserved East Park for May 31st in a hopeful spirit.

*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 but that they are not allowed to leave home other than to buy groceries and go to work. They are continuing to pray for us; and also, for COVID-19 to make an early exit.

Shoe Drive: While we should be about half way through our shoe drive by now, obviously we've had to delay it. Once we get back to worshipping in person, we'll collect your old shoes for six or eight weeks. So use some of your spare time to clean out those closets and get your shoes ready to donate.

*Peace and Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Health Ministry

Brown Bag Luncheon: In our April article, we talked about our May Brown Bag Luncheon and our scheduled speaker, Dr. David Jones, Intermountain Precision Genomics' Senior Scientific Program Director. As might have been expected, it has been necessary to postpone the event until a later date, possibly November 11th. We will update you when more definitive plans have been made.

CPR Course for the Non-Professional: Our biennial CPR course was supposed to be at the end of April and also was canceled. As of now we do not have a new date but will keep you updated.

Parish Health Ministry, continued

Impact of COVID-19: It's certainly not "new news" these days that we each find our lives as we knew them upended and impacted by the Coronavirus and all it entails. Sadly, there are always those in society, who find a way to take advantage and successfully profit from troubling times. They, and others, seize on the current unrest and uncertainty to take advantage of the fact that people sequestered at home may respond to email, text, social media, promos or phone calls when they usually might not have done so. Remember to never click on a link in an email, which is uninvited or looks unfamiliar. You could be inviting a virus into your computer.

Currently, there is no Coronavirus vaccine even though you might be enticed by amazing offers to purchase one. Bogus potions, regimens and treatments may be touted for the prevention and cure of the virus when in reality, there is no "magic bullet" that, through controlled scientific testing, has been proven to be effective. The IRS, Social Security Administration, Medicare and Health and Human Services will NEVER contact you by telephone/robocall or email to ask for personal information, such as your Social Security number or for money. Still, other scams and fraudulent sources may offer the purchase of personal test kits. The only authentic, at-home test kit is one which recently has been authorized by the FDA and may be ordered online with doctor's approval. The specimen is collected and then mailed back to LabCorp for analysis. At this time, first responders and health workers are prioritized for its use.

As always, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't. Rely on reputable sources for your information; and, if you have doubt about the veracity of a message or text, "phone a friend" for advice. Protect yourself - not only your physical and mental self but also your financial self and stay safe.

Alicia Kitzman

Prayer Chain

Because there doesn't seem to be anyone anxious to volunteer to lead the Good Shepherd Prayer Chain, I have agreed to continue taking prayer requests. 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.

Deb Stone

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on April 5, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved by e-vote on March 25, 2020, to continue paying Steve Tally for organist services per his contract during the Coronavirus emergency.
- Approved the observance of a virtual Sacrament of Communion on Resurrection Sunday's service, April 12, 2020, during the virtual worship service on-line. Members will be instructed to use their own bread and wine, grape juice, or water.
- Approved to apply for an SBA loan in the estimated amount of \$18,000 through the State Bank of Southern Utah using the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. The amount is to be spent during the eight weeks following the funding of our request and is to be used to pay salaries and utilities.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. Our church donations included 65 pounds of food/supplies and \$70 in cash. During the month of April volunteers included Eliza Elwood, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, 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 Beef & Barley stew, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Those who are hungry in St George continue to come to the Soup Kitchen for our "to go" meals. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stewardship

First, I hope that everyone in our church family continues to be well and stay strong through the changes we are experiencing because of COVID-19. 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 Treasurer's report for March appears on page 2 and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

Leslie Lintz

Worship & Music

Since we are unable to meet together for worship services at this time, I would like to remind you Rev. Ralph is recording a worship service each week. You will be able to find it on Good Shepherd's website at gspscg.org. The music is provided by the Chancel Choir which was prerecorded from prior worship services. Also, you will find the lectionary bible verses for each Sunday which are printed in the newsletter as well as on the church's website.

We do not know at this time when we will be back together for worship in our sanctuary. But, we look forward to seeing you when that is possible. I want to thank Rev. Ralph for his spiritual leadership, to Steve Talley for his beautiful music for each recorded service, and to Chris Schleiter for recording the services.

Paul wrote in Romans 15:13: *"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Barbara McConnell

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday - May 17, 2020

A congregation is a community of faith that transcends time, place and space writes Dr. Frederick J. Heuser for the Presbyterian Historical Society. It is more than a physical structure; it represents a gathering of individuals—past, present, and future—who have become a covenant Christian community. The local congregation is a product of its own history, shaped by the faithfulness, actions, and commitments of its members over time.

It is important to remember that a congregation is a living, dynamic entity that is continually shaped by the stewardship of those who have been part of the community, past and present. Congregations are encouraged to celebrate Heritage Sunday to remember all the individuals whose unique gifts have and continue to shape the life of the congregation, providing models of Christian service to imitate in the present and guide us in the future.

A congregation's story has many authors, and its chapters chronicle the challenges and faithfulness of members across time. I Corinthians reminds us that there are many parts of the Body of Christ and that each member through its gifts contributes in its own special way.

On Heritage Sunday, we rejoice and honor those whose service has strengthened and enriched the Body of Christ that is the local congregation. As ruling or teaching elders, deacons, Christian Education teachers, administrators and members, the role of each is vital to a servant ministry.

On Heritage Sunday, explore the history of Presbyterian congregations and the story of Presbyterians in the U.S. at www.history.pcusa.org.

Rev. Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

A Little Church Humor

A couple of COVID-19-related church signs that might amuse you.



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 June

| Date | Reading 1 | Reading 2 | Reading 3 |
|--|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday, June 7 Trinity Sunday | Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| Sunday, June 14 Second Sunday after Pentecost | Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 | Romans 5:1-8 | Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23) |
| Sunday, June 21 Third Sunday after Pentecost | Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 | Romans 6:1b-11 | Matthew 10:24-39 |
| Sunday, June 28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 | Romans 6:12-23 | Matthew 10:40-42 |

More COVID-19 News and Resources

Virtual Church Office Open

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 email at least daily and will handle any communications as needed.

Please Continue Giving During This Time of Concern

Even though we are not meeting in person, the church continues to have expenses of about \$15,000 per month 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, gspcsg.org (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, we appreciate your continued generosity as we keep the church running.



| May 2020 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | | 1 7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom | 2 |
| 3 10:30 am Communion Worship via Sermon Network 11:30 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom 12:00 Noon Session Meeting via Zoom | 4 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting via Zoom | 5 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 6 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 7 National Day of Prayer 11:00 am Open Bible Study via Zoom | 8 7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day 10:30 am Worship via Zoom 11:30 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom | 11 | 12 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 13 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 14 11:00 am Open Bible Study via Zoom | 15 7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom | 16 |
| 17 10:30 am Worship via Zoom 11:30 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom | 18 | 19 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 20 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 21 Ascension of the Lord 11:00 am Open Bible Study via Zoom | 22 7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom | 23 Newsletter Deadline |
| 24 10:30 am Worship via Zoom 11:30 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom | 25 Memorial Day | 26 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 27 11:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom | 28 11:00 am Open Bible Study via Zoom | 29 7:30 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom | 30 |
| 31 Pentecost 10:30 am Worship via Zoom - WEAR RED 11:30 am Virtual Fellowship via Zoom | | | | | | |

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



Regularly Scheduled Activities

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

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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) |
| | 2 nd & 4 th Friday | 7:30 am to 8:30 am | Via Zoom |
| Men's Bible Study | 2 nd & 4 th Friday | 7:30 am to 8:30 am | Via Zoom |
| | Open Bible Study | Sunday | 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm |
| Women's Bible Studies | Thursday | 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon | Via Zoom |
| | Tuesday | 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon | Via Zoom |
| Choir Rehearsals | Wednesday | 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon | Via Zoom |
| | 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 16th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$29,940** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$281,103** or about **73.2%** 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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