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COVID-19 Restrictions Continue

Even as life begins to reopen, 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 businesses reopen, the state and the Southwest Utah Health Department (swuhealth.org) continue to recommend that we remain at home as much as possible. That is especially true for those over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions. When we are out and about, health experts continue to urge us to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

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 continue to worship, study the Bible and join 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 without restrictions."

Worship

We continue to share worship each Sunday through a recorded service that we make available on our Sermon Network site. Steve Talley and an occasional soloist provide 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, gspcsg.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 50 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 worshipping 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, gspcsg.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

Jan Hirschi	Ed Mansfield
Roger Kitzman	Josie Marsh
Joe Borden	Brett Schroeder
Dottie Malcomson	Barbara Schultzman
Larry Gearhart	Dorothy Nichols
Melissa Beckman & Twins	Shirley Craig
The Family of Preston Hughes	
The Family of Jack Ewing	
Al and Ellen Smith and Family	
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

July Newsletter Deadline

June 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 May were:

Rev. Ralph	Psalm 23	Thou art with me
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Isaiah 40:31	Not grow weak
Elder Leslie Lintz	Jeremiah 17:8	No worries
Elder Alan Paige	Romans 8:38-39	Love of God
Elder Judy Oar	Isaiah 43:4	Do not be afraid
Elder Chris Schleiter	James 3:17-18	Sow in peace
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Psalm 67:1-3	Bless us
Elder Jan Hirschi	Colossians 4:6	Full of Grace
Elder Eric Westland	Ephesians 4:2	One another in love
Elder Barbara McConnell	Romans 15:13	Source of hope
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalm 139:7, 9-10	You are there.

Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
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		
June		
July 5	If you ordered flowers, we will use your flowers during a service once we resume worship services.	Canceled
July 12		
July 19		
July 26		

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 April 30 Month of April

Receipts	\$ 12,831.35
Expenditures	\$ 18,122.20

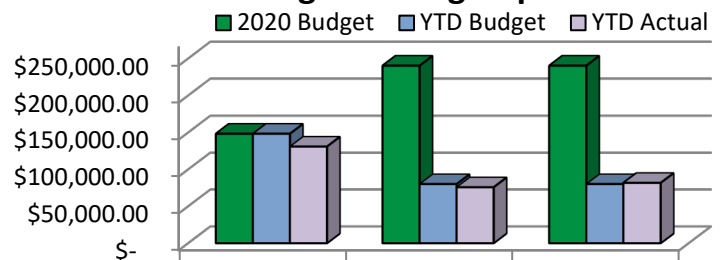
2020 YTD Budget vs Actual

YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 80,128.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 75,855.09
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 80,128.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 81,792.26

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 23,896.49
Building Fund	\$ 43,472.02
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,994.49
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,513.84
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,503.05
Bequests	\$ 73,916.95

2020 Budget Through April 30



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2020 Budget	\$148,364.00	\$240,384.00	\$240,384.00
YTD Budget	\$148,364.00	\$80,128.00	\$80,128.00
YTD Actual	\$131,006.84	\$75,855.09	\$81,792.26

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb! May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy! He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126 Revised Standard Version (RSV)



I imagine when we are FINALLY able to return to our sanctuary and join in song, prayer and praise we, like the captives returning from Babylon to Jerusalem, will be like those in a dream. Our mouths will be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. I imagine there will be tears of joy, including my own.

We all have had to adapt to a different schedule, habits and activities, most of which we will never get used to. For example, I will never get used to preaching and worshiping in an empty sanctuary as we record each Sunday's service. I will never get used to not seeing you all in the flesh in our studies and fellowship. Zoom has been a very helpful tool. But it just isn't the same as being with each other in the same room or at the same table.

And like the captives, our day of release and return is coming. However for us, we are not there yet.

Currently under our area's "Yellow" designation we can meet in groups up to 50 as long as all the self-distancing guidelines are followed: six feet apart and wearing masks. Following these guidelines, we can fit only forty into our sanctuary at a time. It is also recommended that no singing take place; and finally, anyone over the age of 65 should stay home. Currently these guidelines, for the most part, make our returning to worship impossible.

Therefore, for the sake of all our health and safety, as things look at this writing, we more than likely will not attempt to resume our worship until our area reaches the "Green" designation.

That time will come. Like the captives, we shall return and what a happy day that will be.

Until then, let us remember the Word as found in 1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11 (NASB):

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Indeed, Amen!

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

**** Home Communion ****

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

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

Please 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.

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 in the hospital and will be unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

News From the Russia Mission

On May 7th, right before we recorded our Sunday worship service, we spoke by Zoom with Pastor Sergei and his family. Rev. Ralph and Chris Schleter were in the CE Building, Gloria McGilloway was at home recovering from minor surgery and Kathie Greear joined us from her home in Maine. Of course we would not be able to communicate with our Russian “family” without the assistance of our Mission Co-Workers, Ellen and Al Smith. Ellen joined the call from Berlin and Al from Wisconsin where he was dealing with arrangements following the death of his father.

On the Russian side, Sergei was joined by his wife, Nina, their soon Kostya and his wife Katya, daughter Elena and her boyfriend Sergei, son Tima, daughter Rita and their new cat.

It was a truly worldwide call.

Everyone in Pastor Sergei’s family is doing fine although, like us, they will be overjoyed when the restrictions on movement and meeting are lifted. They are not allowed to meet as a church so they are meeting in their own homes, reading the Bible and praying. All in all, what they are doing is not a lot different than what we are doing, although more of us have access to technology and are better able to have social interaction using the Internet.

At this point, they are still hoping to hold Bible Camp this summer but, given the COVID-19 situation, that may not be possible. We agreed that it will not be feasible for Chris and Gloria to visit this year but we hope to be able to join them next year.

They continue to pray for us as we do for them.

It was a lot of fun seeing everyone and being able to laugh, catch up and meet their new cat. Of course, Chris had to share photos of his cats, as well. We hope to be able to call about every other month. If anyone in the congregation would like to join us, please let Chris or Rev. Ralph know and we’ll keep you in the loop.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds to COVID-19



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

In company with the whole church - its congregations, pastors and chaplains, mid councils, and national staff, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has entered this strange new world of pandemic, beginning our response to COVID-19 with a solidarity grant to our ACT Alliance partner in China in February, to support their local response. As the virus began to spread, PDA prepared and offered guidance to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations for safe practices in the event of a widespread contagious disease outbreak, an outbreak which has reached the level of pandemic.

A pandemic is, in our lifetimes, an almost unprecedented kind of disaster. In its breadth, it surpasses the flu pandemic in 1968. In its scope, range, and potential for mortality, its nearest and most sobering parallel is the HIV/AIDS pandemic that began in the mid 1970’s and only achieved effective treatment in 2012. It is clearer, day by day, that COVID-19 affects all of us. It requires attention, a commitment of resources, a duty of care, and a dedication to the common good from all of us. Even as a sense of vulnerability begins to affect some of us for perhaps the first time, make no mistake, it makes those who are already vulnerable, more so.

This is a beginning. We realize that two and a half million dollars is not a great deal of money when spread over the needs of partners at home and all over the world. And we realize that fundraising efforts now for COVID-19, and in general for the ongoing work of disaster response—the floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and mass violence events that continue to occur with indifference to the impact of COVID-19—is going to be challenging as all economic systems are affected at present. We respect the challenges especially of our churches and mid councils as they continue to serve and in some cases, work to survive.

But we need your help. Please support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s emergency response and long-term recovery work as well as ministry continuation funding for congregations experiencing great needs during COVID-19 by making a gift to [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) today. Designate gifts to DR000148. You can also give by phone at (800) 872-3283.

Buildings

While we have not been able to meet collectively in person again 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. However, it's going to get hot soon, so the AC will be cycling on a few times to keep the buildings at 85 degrees. Additionally, I'm setting up several Home Depot buckets throughout the spaces which I'll fill with water. This will help keep the humidity up so as to not dry out the wood and sheetrock. It should be a lovely effect as the early dawn sun rays filter through the stained glass windows and cast long mysterious shadows on the awakening water surface bound in orange plastic. Magical, dare I say spiritual? Maybe not.

I did contact the various outside groups that use our church facilities regarding their wishes for their near term usage, but most do not plan on resuming any activity at GSPC until next fall at the earliest. We do have one small group of 10 that will worship on Sunday evenings in the CE building. They have agreed to wipe down all high-touch areas when they leave. I'll also have our cleaners come in and do a wipe-down the following day.

Several people including myself drop by church throughout the week, and I want to thank them for helping keep an eye on things. So far, so good.

*Blessings,
Eric Westland*

Christian Education

June is a good time to join the Bible Study on Job each Monday evening at 5:45 PM. The lessons and discussion are very much on point in this time of tragic suffering around the world, and here in Washington County as our cases of COVID-19 increase. Job faced incredible adversity and loss, and he had to find new and deeper spiritual understandings as God speaks to him.

Another opportunity to grow spiritually is a worship service sponsored by the National Council of Churches during Memorial Day weekend. The leadership of many Christian churches came together to memorialize the lives lost to the virus, lament their passing, and pray for God's healing presence to be with their families and all of us. The service is available on the NCC's web site at www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us.

June also brings Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st. The ministry of Presbyterian Men is also celebrated that day. The General Assembly mandate for the work of Presbyterian Men dates to 1895. The national office is staffed by Rev. Bob Abrams. Also available on its webpage is an extensive Bible Study oriented toward men of faith, including one on Job: The Story of a Man Confronting Adversity.

The General Assembly of the PCUSA will be held at the end of June. It will be a "virtual" gathering with an agenda slimmed down to handle "essential" business from an organizational and financial viewpoint. There will also be inspiring worship and preaching as the Assembly gathers to discern and respond to the Word of God in our time.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Deacons

Your Deacons continue to try to keep in touch with all our Parish members. Thankfully most of our contacts with you have been positive with words of encouragement letting us know you have been coping and are well. We continue to pray for you and are eager to see you once again in worship at church.

Last month after expressing my thanks to Dick Babb, past keeper of the key to the Deacon shed, I should have mentioned the need for a new volunteer to "keep the key." Please let Virginia Hunt or the church office know if this is the perfect job for you. 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 Virginia Hunt and she will work with the church staff to get you what you need.

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

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Worship in The Park, scheduled for May 31st was, obviously, postponed. We are considering moving this wonderful worship opportunity to this fall - possibly on Labor Day weekend. Hopefully we will be "green" by then!

Our Zoom Fellowship on Sunday mornings has been very successful. Please consider joining in. It is very informal and sugar-free!

*With love through Jesus Christ,
Gloria McGilloway*

Mission/Outreach

As noted in News From the Russia Mission, we had a very enjoyable call with Pastor Sergei and his family on May 7th. It was wonderful to see them in good spirits and continuing to look to Christ to bring them through the COVID-19 crisis. It was also quite special to have Kathie Greear join us all the way from Maine! Isn't technology wonderful. We hope we'll be able to check in with them every couple of months.

The church received a donation from a member who requested that it be used "where it would help the most people." After consultation with Rev. Ralph, the Mission Committee decided to split the donation equally between Switchpoint and Solomon's Porch. There are so many people in our community who are in need of a helping hand and these two organizations do a great job in providing assistance where it is needed most.

*Peace and Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Health Ministry

In the future, it will be interesting to re-read what has been written in our newsletter articles during these strange coronavirus times. This month's writing is still reflective of our reality.

To defend against this virus, we have read about ways to keep ourselves and others safe. One of those proposed is the wearing of masks or face coverings. Anyone who has ventured out into the community has learned that two items should now be a part of their journey: face coverings and sanitizer. Current directives from the State of Utah dictate that masks, or some sort of suitable face covering, are to be worn in public when there is the expectation that a social distancing of six feet cannot be maintained. It seems there are various and individual interpretations of this request and so it becomes an individual's responsibility to provide for one's own personal safety. A fair number of our congregation are VIP's - Vulnerable Important People - and wearing masks, keeping social distance and not touching the face can go a long way toward giving us and the people we encounter, the best shot at staying virus-free. While wearing masks does not provide failsafe protection and may give some the license to return to normal routine, there will be a need to employ these preventive measures for some time to come. It is important to remember that once you put on the face covering, it should not be touched until it is safely removed and properly washed. Do not handle it by any area except the ties/elastic or the very edges and wear it over both the mouth and the nose to maximize its intended effect. An excellent rationale for the wearing of masks can be found in an April 22, 2020, article from [The Atlantic](#): "The Real Reason to Wear a Mask (Don't Wear a Mask for Yourself)." Enter the title in a search bar to find the article.

Another source of authoritative, easy to understand information may be found by searching the name Erin Bromage to read any of his articles and blogs about coronavirus. Erin is a PhD, Comparative Immunologist and Professor of Biology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

And finally, reputable information can be found on the Medical News Today site. They offer articles pertaining to coronavirus findings and research, which are published following peer review and approval by their team of scientists, who represent various medical disciplines.

We each must decide on how we'll structure our personal lives based on information provided by those tasked with unearthing the secrets of this all too pervasive, uninvited intruder. The various interpretations set forth and options available may seem mind- boggling. However, as Christians, we never have been presented with a better opportunity to live what we say we believe - the tenants of the Golden Rule. "Protect others as you would protect yourself."

Alicia Kitzman

Prayer Chain

Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) has enthusiastically agreed to become, beginning June 1st, the leader of the Prayer Chain. She may be sending out a new calling chain so this would be a perfect time for more church members to join in this ministry. When there is a prayer need, the request should go to Dolores and then there will be at least 18 people praying about that need. Prayer should not be an unused power, especially at this time of health crisis.

Deborah Stone

Senior Ministries

Because we can't meet in our regular way, "Soup and Fellowship" will be "Soup for the Soul" for a while.

This month we will meet the newest family to join our church, the Greens. We met them as two and now they are three.

Roy and Heather Green moved to St George from Des Moines, Iowa, in September of last year. They have been attending church services with us since January and were excited to have Roy baptized when they joined the church in February. They moved to the area for Roy's job - he is an Agency Manager with Farm Bureau Financial Services. Heather worked in business systems, also with Farm Bureau, through February of this year at which time she resigned to stay home with their son.

They are enjoying the scenery and weather St George has to offer, and are very happy to have found such a welcoming Presbyterian church family to be a part of.

The couple welcomed their first child, a son named Remy Ellis Green, on February 26th. Remy was 6 pounds 11 ounces and 18.5 inches when he was born and he has already reached 16 pounds. He is healthy, happy, and growing quickly! He is keeping his parents busy! They are looking forward to when we can all gather again and hold Remy's baptism.

We are so fortunate to have YOUTH in our community. And we welcome them enthusiastically, from a great distance and with masks and elbow bumps.

Welcome Roy, Heather and Remy.



Next month I want to try something new. I am asking anyone who thinks they can stump the audience to try to do so. I will publish little known facts about anyone who will allow the information to go public. It can be funny or obscure or just amazing or most interesting. Try to stump the congregation. You can email, phone or text me with your information.

Senior Ministries, continued

For example, my first mystery person allows this info to be published. Can you guess who it is? "I was a legal secretary for 30 years in New York City. I am in the Huntsman Hall of Fame and I am a Notary Public." Do you know this person?

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on May 3, 2020. Here is a synopsis of their actions:

- Approved a modification to Pastor's Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan to \$4,000 reimbursable expenses for the year 2020. This is an internal adjustment and does not affect the budget or incur any additional expense to the church.
- Approved to request the Presbytery of Utah to submit the final draft of the Overture on Engagement in Russia and Ukraine to the 2020 General Assembly.
- Discussed reopening of Worship and other Church activities with agreement to proceed with caution and consideration of the recommendations of the State of Utah, Presbytery, and Local Health Departments. Agreed to continue at this time with the current virtual worship services, Zoom Bible Studies and Zoom Fellowship Hour.

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 25 pounds of food/supplies and \$150 in Mission support. During the month of May volunteers included Marge Linn, Eliza Elwood, Rayanne Bartlett, Vicky Westland, 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 April appears on page 2 and our Building Fund report is on page 11. We thank everyone who has kept up their giving even though we are not able to meet together. Our Mission and Ministries continue thanks to your generosity!

Leslie Lintz

Worship & Music

As I write this article, there is no date set as to when we will be back together for our Sunday worship services. Please know that you can go to the church's website (gspcsg.org) to hear a recorded Sunday service led by Rev. Ralph for the Sundays we miss worshipping together. Also, you can follow the lectionary bible verses for each Sunday which are printed in our newsletter.

We send a big thank you to Chris Schleter for recording the worship services, Steve Talley, our organist and accompanist, and to Dr. Ka-Wai Yu for providing special music this past month. Chris also uses prerecorded Chancel Choir music for some of the recordings.

Barbara McConnell

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

Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, July 5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Sunday, July 12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sunday, July 19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sunday, July 26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Congregation News

Congratulations are in order

On May 29th in Salt Lake City, Dr. Ka-Wai Yu took the oath as a brand new citizen of the United States of America. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 he was not able to have any family or friends join him for the ceremony. He had told us how important it was to him to become a US Citizen in time to vote in our Presidential election in November and, even in the midst of the pandemic, he accomplished his goal. Congratulations to Ka-Wai!

At the end of May Mary Contreras retired from her 35-plus year career as a school teacher. Congratulations Mary on a long and successful career and we wish you the best in your retirement.

Thursday Bible Study canceled

With everyone who participated in the Thursday Bible Study having moved to the Friday Men's Bible Study, the Thursday Bible Study is canceled, at least until we can meet in person.



June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:45 Kerygma Bible Study pm on the Book of Job via Zoom	2 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	3 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	4	5 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	6
7 Trinity Sunday 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:30 Virtual Fellowship am via Zoom	8 5:45 Kerygma Bible Study pm on the Book of Job via Zoom	9 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	10 11:00 Women's Bible am Study via Zoom	11 11:00 Open Bible Study am via Zoom	12 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	13
14 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:30 Virtual Fellowship am via Zoom 12:15 Session Meeting pm via Zoom	15 5:45 Kerygma Bible Study pm on the Book of Job via Zoom	16 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	17 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	18 11:00 Open Bible Study am via Zoom	19 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	20
21 Father's Day 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:30 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom 10:30 Worship via Zoom am	22 5:45 Kerygma Bible Study pm on the Book of Job via Zoom	23 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	24 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom	25 11:00 Open Bible Study am via Zoom	26 7:30 Men's Bible Study via am Zoom	27
28 10:30 Worship via Zoom am 11:30 Virtual Fellowship via am Zoom	29 5:45 Kerygma Bible Study pm on the Book of Job via Zoom	30 11:00 Women's Bible Study am via Zoom				

This calendar is subject to change.

**In the event that restrictions are lifted during June, our online calendars will be updated as needed.
Always check the church website gspscsq.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)**

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 nd & 4 th 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	(Canceled)
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 May 24th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$31,134** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$282,298** or about **73.5%** 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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