



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## May Brings the Return of All Activities

After more than a year of restricted gatherings, Zoom calls and not being together for church activities, we will be returning to normal activities at the beginning of May.

Please note: recommendations for COVID-19 protective practices are constantly changing, and vary with the health of the individual and the local situation. If you do choose to attend any of our church activities, whether you are vaccinated or not, it is your responsibility to decide on the level of protective practice that is appropriate for you, subject to the restrictions listed below. In addition, if you choose to attend any of our activities in person please be aware that you do so at your own risk.

Below is a summary of our plans for each type of activity:

### Worship

Our last Worship in the parking lot will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> and we will move back into the Sanctuary on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first Sunday in May will be Communion Sunday, using pre-packaged elements, and we will celebrate it as "Reunion Sunday" not only in 2021 but in the years to come, as well.

As we return to worship in our building, Please **BE PATIENT, RESPONSIBLE & RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS**. Use the provided hand sanitizer, wash your hands frequently, and **IF YOU FEEL SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME!** If you have been fully vaccinated, it is your decision whether or not to wear a mask and practice social distancing in the Sanctuary. If you have **NOT** been vaccinated, for the safety of others use a mask and socially distance yourselves. For the time being, the **PULPIT** side of the sanctuary will be reserved for those wishing to socially distance themselves. The **ORGAN** side of the sanctuary will be reserved for those who do NOT wish to socially distance. We strongly encourage people to wear a mask when moving around the church premises. Please do not congregate near the main walkway, in Conklin Hall or the Narthex without masks prior to the worship service, to allow those who want to practice social distancing to have sufficient space to feel safe and comfortable. Please remember this is a work in progress which will likely be modified depending on future circumstances.

We will resume our Sunday Morning Prayer and Communion Service on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary.

### Fellowship

We will resume our Fellowship Hour in Conklin Hall after Worship on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, as well. We'll celebrate Reunion Sunday with cake and togetherness.

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### 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

Emily Penzari	Carl Beasley
Jan Hirschi	Doug Hirschi
Nancy Higgins	Josie Marsh
Peter Saffreno	James Saffreno
Ed Mansfield	Cheryl Mansfield
Karen Kirkland	Don Kirkland
Sharon Lewis	Marena Fosler

Caregivers in our area, state and nation  
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

### June Newsletter Deadline

May 23, 2020

### Worship Schedule

**8:30 am**  
**Children's Sunday School**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**

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

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

**10:30 am**  
**Worship**  
**Sanctuary**

**11:45 am**  
**Fellowship Time**  
**Conklin Hall**

### Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

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

The scriptures for April were:

Rev. Ralph	Revelation 21:1-5	New Day
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalms 86:11-12	Teach us
Elder Leslie Lintz	John 17:20-21	All be one
Elder Alan Paige	Lamentation 3:25-26	The Lord is good
Elder Chris Schleiter	Galatians 2:20b	Christ in me
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	2 Peter 3:11-14a	New heaven, new earth
Elder Eric Westland	John 5:24	Eternal life
Elder Barbara McConnell	Psalms 9:1-2	Praise the Lord
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalms 150	Let everything praise

### Thanks to our Volunteers

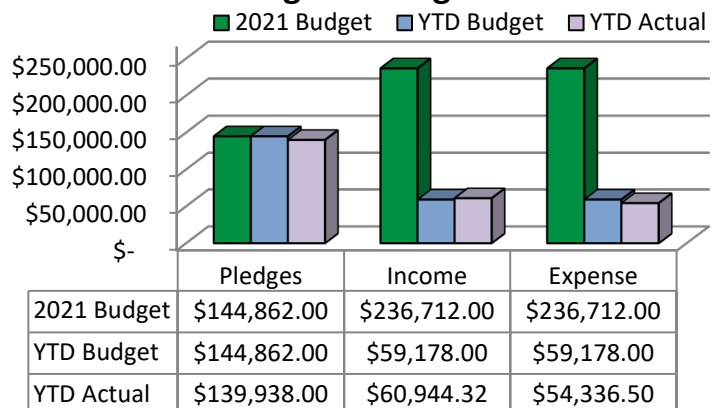
Flowers		Nursery
<b>May</b>		
May 2	Shirley Taylor	<b>Canceled</b>
May 9	<i>Available</i>	
May 16	<i>Available</i>	
May 23	<i>Eliza Elwood</i>	
May 30	<i>Worship in the Park</i>	
<b>May</b>		
June 6	<i>Available</i>	<b>Canceled</b>
June 13	Shirley Taylor	
June 20	<i>Available</i>	
June 27	Shirley Taylor	

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website [gpscsq.org](http://gpscsq.org)

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of March 31	
<b>Month of March</b>	
Receipts	\$ 16,183.15
Expenditures	\$ 17,269.34
<b>2021 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 59,178.00
Actual Receipts	<b>\$ 60,944.32</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 59,178.00
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$ 54,336.50</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund	\$ 32,633.93
Building Fund	\$ 60,284.55
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,586.45
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,618.28
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,373.05
Bequests	\$ 80,234.58

### 2021 Budget Through March 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."*

*Revelation 21:3-5 (NASB)*



*"Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them"*

Finally, after over a year, a year of Zoom meetings, classes and recorded services, God's people of Good Shepherd Presbyterian will be returning. Not only to some semblance of normalcy mixed with nostalgia but as well worship in our sanctuary.

On May 2, 2021, we will return to worship in our sanctuary and share in Holy Communion. From that Sunday on the first Sunday of May shall forever be for Good Shepherd Presbyterian designated and celebrated as "Reunion Sunday". (See the front page for further information.)

A day to look back on a year of challenges and loss but as well a year of growth in our faith and dedication to the work, mission and ministry of Christ's Church. A day to join in Communion and remember and rejoice who it was who walked with us every step of the way.

A day to remember who it was who comforted us in our fears and doubts and who kept us close to Him and each other as we journeyed this pandemic together.

A day to see who it is who is now calling us into a new future that has been waiting for us all along, that only now we are beginning to see.

The Gospel of Matthew concludes with words of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20, the very last words from Jesus being "and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

These words have become for us a promise kept and continuing. Our Lord and Savior indeed has been with us. With the eyes and hearts of faith we can see how his love and presence have been with us, even now. Thus, we do have much to rejoice in, and to look forward to on Reunion Sunday.

Welcome home Good Shepherd Presbyterian! And to the journey!

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

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

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

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

With the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals no longer are 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.

## Prayer Corner

**"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22**



I've always felt closer to God in my car. Jesus was usually in the passenger seat and I would talk to him about whatever was going on in my life. So, it shouldn't be a surprise that, examples of times that God was with me, protected me and never failed me occurred while in my car.

My hometown is right in the middle of the Snow Belt. One pleasant afternoon, I was listening to the radio. The newscaster announced that a serious snow storm was imminent. But it was still so nice out that I decided to go to the store for ice cream.

I was at the store in about ten minutes, got some ice cream and was back in my car in no time.

The closer I got to home the harder it snowed. I was still unconcerned. When I turned onto my road, I lost my breath. I had turned into a total white-out! The five miles of straight road was already lined with 10 feet high snowbanks. The wind was coming straight at me down the tunnel formed by those snowbanks.

Panic and prayer! It was slow going and I was bouncing from one snowbank to the other. After what seemed like an eternity, I was stuck on the left side of the road not really knowing where I was. Another prayer. I needed God to save me. Just then there was a small break in the snow, and I caught a glimpse of the black shutters of my house. I was right in front of it! I got the car out of the snowbank and followed it until I felt the opening to my driveway. I floored it to spin the car in.

Just as I entered the driveway, a car going in the opposite direction went by and clipped the back of my car! I sat there and thanked God for his good timing. He saved me from a head-on collision!

Getting out of the car, I crawled to the house. I made it! How? My loving God showed me the black shutter and got me into the driveway in the nick of time.

*Elder Gloria McGilloway*

## May Brings the Return of All Activities, continued

### **Children's Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday School for children on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow our Sunday School staff to join us for our reunion worship and Communion. Sunday School for children will be held via Zoom on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and will not be held again until fall when it will return in person in the CE Building during worship.

### **Bible Studies**

All of our Bible Studies, with the exception of the Sunday Bible Study that has been held at Rev. Ralph's home, will resume, at their previous locations, the first week in May. The Sunday Bible Study at Rev. Ralph's home will be replaced by a series of Kerygma Bible studies (with a potluck dinner each week) on Mondays at 6:00 pm in the CE Building. Social distancing and mask requirements will be observed as needed.

Adult Education will also resume on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the CE Building.

### **Choirs**

The choirs will resume rehearsals sometime early this summer and will be performing for us during Worship starting after Labor Day. Music Director Barbara McConnell will notify all choir members once the plan is in place.

### **Exercise with Rev. Ralph**

Rev. Ralph's twice a week exercise classes resumed on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Activities**

The Knotty Knitters will return to Conklin Hall on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As we have for many years (except for 2020) we will hold our annual Worship in the Park and church picnic on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2450 E Park. More details on that will be coming in the near future.

We look forward to being together. It's been WAY too long. As the saying goes, "See you IN church!"

## Buildings

As we get ready to move back inside for worship, the buildings are ready to welcome all of us back.

One of the concerns during our closing was that with little water flow over the past year, bacteria may have grown in the pipes. After flushing the lines, I had the water tested by the county and it passed as safe. Being caffeine free, it won't keep you awake during the sermon, but it is safe to drink.

The new HVAC modifications have been completed. The air filters will do a better job providing cleaner air and we now have controls that will allow us to change the air in the sanctuary more often. Set to level 10, Barbara can now have off-tune tenors sucked from the choir loft. Once again, this won't filter viruses, but we will have cleaner air to breathe.

Some of the AED pads are due for replacement and the Narcan injectors have been replaced should we encounter a participant affected by a drug overdose. There was no expense to the church for the Narcan. The AEDs are located in the chapel and the CE Building.

*Eric Westland*

## Christian Education

May is Mental Health Month, an excellent opportunity to be more aware of the impact of mental illness on the person, their families and their church communities. We often pray for loved ones, neighbors and others with physical illnesses, enduring grief, etc. How seldom do we hear prayer requests for someone struggling with depression? The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has resources at [www.pcusa.org/mentalhealth](http://www.pcusa.org/mentalhealth).

May is also National Foster Care Month. For 109 years, the Children's Bureau has focused on improving the lives of children and families. In 1988, President Reagan proclaimed May as National Foster Care Month to raise awareness of the needs of children in foster care and recruit more foster parents. With more than 423,000 children and youth in foster care, we need to celebrate those who make a difference in their lives. More information can be found at [www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth](http://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth).

Adult Sunday School returns to the CE Building every Sunday at 9:00 am with the class also available on Zoom, studying the prophets Micaiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. Also, during May Rev. Ralph will be leading a study on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the CE Building with a potluck dinner. The theme is "An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World." Contact Rev. Ralph for details and time. Children's Sunday School will meet via Zoom on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and then take the summer off, resuming in September. Contact Charlotte Phipps for details on joining.

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

## Deacons

As the new Deacon Moderator, I would like to thank Virginia Hunt, outgoing Moderator, and Deacons Jeff Clingan, and Candy Hurlbut for their faithful service in caring for members and friends of our congregation. You all are very much appreciated and can't be thanked enough. Well done!

Now it is time to find replacements. We are in need of three Deacons, currently. I have reached out to some of you. If you are interested in learning more about this role of compassion and service at our church, please contact me at <mailto:deaconmod@gspcsg.org>

I can personally say it has been a joy and a blessing to serve as a Deacon for the past three years, so please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity!

To all those who are currently serving as Deacons, our first meeting of 2021 will be on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 Noon after the service in the CE building. Please let me know if you are able to attend. Thank you!

John and Peggy Graber are our contacts for the Deacon Shed which is full of items you may need. We have everything from walkers to crutches to wheelchairs to raised toilet seats. If you need anything from the shed, please give John a call at 801-541-7444, and he'll work with you to get you what you need.

Know you have been in our thoughts and prayers during our time away.

*In Christ's service,  
Vicky Westland*



## Fellowship

Well, it is finally happening! We are going back into the Sanctuary and Conklin Hall is reopening for Fellowship on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. How we've all been waiting for that day to come. On that Sunday we will celebrate our reunion and return to normal activities on "Reunion Sunday." We will celebrate our coming back together each year on the first Sunday in May every year. Please stop by for some cake and camaraderie after Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

After missing last year, we will gather at 2450 E Park on May 30<sup>th</sup> for our annual Worship in the Park and church picnic. As usual we will provide burgers and hot dogs and we're asking you to bring the rest. We'll have signup sheets available at Fellowship on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*With love through Jesus Christ,  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

With life returning to normal Mission will be getting back on our normal schedule, as well.

We resumed Soup Kitchen Sunday in April and it will happen on the first Sunday of every month as it always has. Any donations of food, supplies and cash are always welcome. A list of what is needed will be in the announcements on the last Sunday of each month so you can do your shopping in time for the first Sunday.

We traditionally have held our shoe drive in May and, after a two year hiatus, we WILL be collecting shoes through the months of May and June. It's time for some spring cleaning anyway so attack those closets and bring us shoes that you no longer need or wear. Boxes will be set up in Conklin Hall for you to deposit your gently used shoes. The company we have used to process our shoes for the last few years is no longer collecting shoes so we will return to working with Soles4Souls. There are four important ways donated shoes help others: Donated shoes **create opportunity**: Gently used shoes you collect get funneled to developing countries, where people start small businesses to sell them. They **generate income**: By selling shoes, business owners have money to provide for their family—and people who need shoes the most get them at a price they can afford. Donated shoes **provide relief**: Funds generated through Soles4Souls' [micro-enterprise program](#) allow them to use 100% of donor contributions for direct assistance and disaster relief programs in all 50 states. And, finally, shoes you donate **Protect the environment**: By repurposing discarded shoes and clothing, you keep them out of landfills and help promote sustainability. The shoe drive is a win/win for everyone and we look forward to filling lots of boxes of shoes this year.

Also we will resume collecting items for Operation Christmas Child during May when the focus is on hygiene items like washcloths, hair brushes and toothbrushes. If you have questions about what we need, please contact Carolyn Thomas.

It's good to be back to working toward making the world a better place.

*Peace and Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Health Ministry

Our long-awaited Reunion Day will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> when we will once again meet in-person, indoors, in our Sanctuary! Read elsewhere in this Newsletter, recommendations that allow for each attendee's safety and protection when for gathering together at this time of COVID-19.

### **Wellness Concern of the Month - HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Hypertension)**

Approximately half of the adult population of the United States has high blood pressure! More men under the age of 60 and more women over 60 are affected and the condition can run in families. Often called the "silent killer" because, before being discovered, the sustained hypertension already may have damaged blood vessels predisposing to stroke, heart attacks, kidney disease and also dementia.

As we age, our arteries naturally become stiffened and thickened and there can be changes in blood pressure readings. We have heard that higher pressure just goes along with aging but the latest studies of hypertension did not allow for age and results showed that, in general, aiming to lower all adult blood pressures to 120/80 or less resulted in fewer incidences of heart disease, heart attacks and strokes over a three year period. The American Heart Association's current recommendation is that **Normal** blood pressure be defined as **120** (systolic) over **80 or less** (diastolic).

## Parish Health Ministry, continued

**Hypertension Stage 1** is 130-139 over 80-89, **Hypertension Stage 2** is 140+ over 90+ and **Hypertensive Crisis** is 180+ over 120+. Although there are proven health benefits to be realized from maintaining the lower blood pressure, only you and your physician can decide, based on your overall health, what blood pressure goal is best for you. However, once diagnosed, successful treatment of high blood pressure most often includes medication, making dietary and lifestyle changes to limit alcohol, avoid tobacco use and maintain healthy weight, engaging in regular physical activity, and learning stress management techniques.

Part of any personal wellness plan should include having your blood pressure checked at least once a year and even better, being able to have and use a blood pressure machine in your home. Testing in familiar surroundings usually provides a much more accurate indication of true levels of the upper **systolic** number (pressure exerted against the artery wall by each heartbeat) and lower **diastolic** number (pressure against the artery when the heart is at rest between beats). If you do have your own device, make it a habit to periodically, and at various times of the day, take your own pressure. Keep a record of the time and readings to share with your health care provider. We of Parish Health Ministry, look forward to the time we are able to resume providing monthly, second Sunday blood pressure checks and, if you need help, we would be happy to show you how to properly take your own blood pressure. Don't let this silent killer sneak up on you. Be proactive in taking the best care of yourself!

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Prayer Chain

The Strand of Pearls folks are actively praying for prayer requests as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on. Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or [revdfw@icloud.com](mailto:revdfw@icloud.com), and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be named in the GSPC prayer list.

*Rev. Dolores Wiens*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Here is a synopsis of the actions taken:

- Approved to submit an Overture to the 225th General Assembly that World Mission expand its presence in the region of Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine to listen deeply and broadly to the many different voices in the region
- Approved in-person worship services to be held inside the church building on Sunday, May 2, 2021, and proclaiming that day to be Reunion Sunday.
- Approved to replace the power amplifier in the Sanctuary PA system with a Yamaha PA2120 2-channel amplifier and replace the existing equipment rack with a Nave Point 9 Unit Wall Mount Rack at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid from bequests.
- Approved to replace the printer in the pastor's office with an Epson EcoTank 3760 Color Multifunction Printer/Scanner/Copier and a two year supply of ink at a total cost not to exceed \$500 to be paid from bequests.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, May 9, 2021, at 12:15 pm in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. This month our church donations included 20 pounds of food and supplies plus a \$350 donation. During the month of April volunteers included Eliza Elwood, Josie Kellejan, Marge Linn, Sue Lundgreen, Mary Laubscher and Patti Lusby. Cooking in the Switchpoint kitchen we served over 80 hungry folks which is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A menu of ham/vegetable/cheese/rice casserole, bread, green salad, fruit salad, and dessert was served. Those who are hungry in St George continue to come to the Soup Kitchen for our "to go" meals. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

*Carolynn Thomas*

## Stewardship

It has been so wonderful to see everyone at the outdoor services and we look forward to our first in-sanctuary service of the year on Sunday, May 2, 2021! We have reason to celebrate! Thank you all for your continued faithfulness in pledges and offerings. You are very much appreciated!

*Leslie Lintz*

## Worship & Music

Our in-person worship services held outdoors in the parking lot have been well attended. We will have worship services in our building beginning on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please refer to the front page of our newsletter where you will find the recommendations for attending services in our Sanctuary. Any questions you may have will be addressed there.

Please mark your calendars for May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our annual "Worship in the Park" on that day at the 2450 East Park. It will be followed with a potluck lunch.

Our appreciation goes to all who have prepared for worship in our sanctuary.

*Barbara McConnell*

## Congregation News

### **Bible Studies Resume**

Beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> our weekly Bible Studies will begin at several locations, just bring yourself, a Bible (any translation) and your appetite for the Word of God and perhaps lunch or breakfast.

- **Tuesday Women's Bible Study** will meet Tuesday mornings at 11:00 at First Watch restaurant.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday mornings at 11:00 at Starbucks at the Mall.
- **Thursday Open Bible Study** (men and women) will meet at Thursday mornings at 11:00 at the Village Inn.
- **Friday Men's Bible Study** will meet at the second and fourth Friday mornings at 7:00 at Bishops Grill and Restaurant in Sunset Plaza.

### **Rev. Ralph's afternoon Exercise Class has returned!**

On April 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ralph's Exercise Class resumed. This class takes place at 3:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Classes are for thirty minutes and are low impact geared for the older adult. It is open for female and male participants, both members and friends. Equipment is provided but please bring water, a towel and a positive attitude!

Come join us for thirty minutes of strength for the body and soul!





## Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
Thursday, May 13 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Sunday, May 23 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Sunday, May 30 Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

## Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, June 6 Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Sunday, June 13 Third Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
Sunday, June 20 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Psalm 133	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
Sunday, June 27 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43



## May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Reunion Sunday Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>3</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>6:00 Open Bible Study pm &amp; Potluck - Kerygma's "An Odd Couple - Jonah &amp; Ruth"</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting via Zoom</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:30 Worship am Committee Meeting - CE Building</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>6</b> 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am <b>11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken</b> <b>12:15 Session Meeting pm</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>6:00 Open Bible Study pm &amp; Potluck - Kerygma's "An Odd Couple - Jonah &amp; Ruth"</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>12</b> 11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>13</b> <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>14</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>17</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>6:00 Open Bible Study pm &amp; Potluck - Kerygma's "An Odd Couple - Jonah &amp; Ruth"</b>	<b>18</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting</b> <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>20</b> 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Pentecost - WEAR RED Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>24</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>6:00 Open Bible Study pm &amp; Potluck - Kerygma's "An Odd Couple - Jonah &amp; Ruth"</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>26</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<b>27</b> 11:00 Open Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	<b>28</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am <b>10:30 Worship in the am Park - 2450 East Park</b> <b>11:45 Picnic in the Park am - 2450 East Park</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm					

## PLEASE NOTE:

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gpscsg.org](http://gpscsg.org) for the latest information.

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

<b>Soup Kitchen Sunday</b>	– Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month		
<b>Women's Bible Study and Fellowship</b>	– last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall <b>(Canceled)</b>		
<b>Cluster of Praise &amp; Prayer</b>	– second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary <b>(Canceled)</b>		
<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>Conklin Hall</b>
<b>Exercise with Rev. Ralph</b>	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	<b>Bishop's in Sunset Plaza</b>
<b>Open Bible Study</b>	Monday	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	<b>CE Building</b>
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>Village Inn</b>
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>First Watch</b>
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	<b>Starbucks @ Barnes &amp; Noble</b>
<b>Choir Rehearsals</b>	Tuesday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>Resumes this summer</b>
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>Resumes this summer</b>



## 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 have turned 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 April 18<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$49,725** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$300,888** or about **78.4%** 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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