

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Your Church – Behind the Scenes – Getting Involved

During a recent Adult Sunday School class the question was asked, "During the 2020 Pandemic Year, what did you miss the most? – the church building or our church community?" A lively discussion followed and the consensus developed around the thought that each person within our congregation was what we missed the most. Every one of us is vital to the life of our congregation and our church's mission within our community.

September is a special month because it marks the beginning of a new school year. We can feel the excitement in the air as students bring along their sharpened pencils and pristine erasers tucked into their backpacks to a new classroom. September can be an exciting new beginning for each of us as members of Good Shepherd. There are so many pieces that come together to create a dynamic and powerful church. Which piece will you be?

Each Sunday Rev. Ralph blesses us with an inspiring message, the choir inspires us with a beautiful song, and our organist, Steve Talley, graces us with masterful music. But what goes on behind the scenes to bring this weekly event together? Who puts the blue prayer request forms into the back pockets of your pew? Who makes sure there are pretty flowers to grace the pulpit? How do the coffee and sweets appear to nourish our fellowship? These are some of the small things that happen behind the scenes at Good Shepherd.

This is your time to get involved in supporting the life of our congregation. Take the time to read each article within our monthly newsletter and prayerfully consider — is this the area in which I would like to be involved? Can I step into this piece of church activity and make a difference in the vitality of our church? At this beginning of our new church year each of us can get involved in creating a supportive and active church membership. All it takes is finding where each of us fits in.

Women's Guild Dinner Coming Up

The Women's Guild held their first meeting since the Covid outbreak. We planned our first event which will be held September 18th at 5:00 pm - an Italian Buffett! There will be several pastas and sauces served, along with bread, salad and a light desert. This buffet is for everyone and we encourage you to attend. All proceeds go to support local children's charities. We have some amazing men and women in our congregation. The best way to get to really know each other is to attend these functions. Please join us and let us feed you.

LaVerna Metzger, Moderator

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

Luisa Estlack
Jerry & Carolyn Lucky
Brian Hurlbut
Ann Hogan
Emily Penzari
Peggy Thompson

Margaret Ramquist
Russ & Candy Hurlbut
Liz Larsen
Ed & Cheryl Mansfield
Carolynn & Bill Thomas

The families of Norm Ramquist and Norma Hurlbut

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

NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST October Newsletter Deadline

September 23, 2021

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 July were:

Rev. Ralph	Colossians 2:6-7	Walk in Christ
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Romans 1:16-17	Confidence
Elder Leslie Lintz	Luke 6:38	Given
Elder Alan Paige	Hebrews 12:2	Perfecter of faith
Elder Chris Schleter	Psalm 29:11	Bless His people
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Romans 1:16	Power of God
Elder Eric Westland	2 Thessalonians 3:3	Lord is Faithful
Elder Barbara McConnell	1 John 1:16-17	Trust in His love
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Psalm 9:1-2	Rejoice in You
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Mark 10:27	All things

Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Children's Sunday School 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

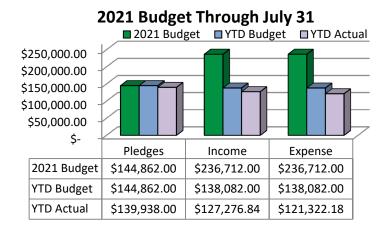
Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery			
	Septemb	er			
September 5	Dave Patten				
September 12	Donna Baker	No Live Nursem, due to COVID			
September 19	Alan & Sandy Paige	No Live Nursery due to COVID			
September 26	<i>Available</i>				
	October				
October 3	Russ & Candy Hurlbut				
October 10	Available				
October 17	Available	No Live Nursery due to COVID			
October 24	Available				
October 31	Available				

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website qspcsq.orq

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of July 31 Month of July 18,455.70 Receipts **Expenditures** 18,330.30 2021 YTD Budget vs Actual YTD Budgeted Receipts 138,082.00 **Actual Receipts** \$ 127,276.84 YTD Budgeted Expenditures 138,082.00 **Actual Expenditures** \$ 121,322.18 **Fund Balances** General Fund 32,101.32 **Building Fund** \$ 65,078.16 Memorial Fund \$ 3,786.45 \$ Reserve Fund 45,641.40 Russia Mission Fund 7,973.05 **Bequests** 74,531.10



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

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

Romans 8:37-39 (NASB)



Without question my favorite chapter in the entire Bible is Romans 8. If fact I would encourage you to stop reading here and read Romans 8 now! Romans 8 summarizes the hope and promise of our shared faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His love for us which Paul declares inseparable for all time and circumstances. Thanks be to God!

In his summary of the chapter that concludes in verses 37-39, Paul declares that he is "convinced" (vs 38 NASB). The Revised Standard translates this Greek word as "sure", The King James, "persuaded" and another translation as "absolutely convinced."

As you can see it's a strong word indicative of a strong and total faith that recognizes that the battle for our souls has already been won by the one whose wonderous and amazing love for us transcends today's and tomorrow's turmoil and fears and can never ever be separated from us.

I would have to say that in certain respects we are living in tumultuous times. COVID continues to plague us, natural disasters fill the news. There are a lot of fearful people who having lived through some difficult days are wondering to themselves or out loud, what's next?

Only God knows, and that fundamentally is the gospel truth, only God knows.

But, we know God's amazing love for us and whatever tomorrow or today may bring, nothing can or will change that. And like Paul we need to bring the same strong faith to how we live today.

Christians are people who live in hope through faith. We trust our Lord to be with us and walk with us, no matter the storm, into the calm seas of faith. Faith that trusts Him with each other and with ourselves. Always in all ways.

In this, I am absolutely convinced.

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 (435-628-9158).

** 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



Driving from Green River to Denver, climbing I-70 near Glenwood Springs with my friend Maggie, our daughter and son, our car lost its coolant and overheated. We stopped on the shoulder. In a few minutes, a highway patrolman stopped and assessed our situation; he said we would need a tow truck. While the patrolman was still there and we were trying to decide how we could be rescued, a tow truck happened along, and sensing a fee, stopped and asked if we needed a tow. His truck was already burdened with two cars, but he said he could tow us behind his truck. The toothless driver looked like he had come straight from the woods, but with few choices, we agreed to let him tow our car.

The patrolman observed that we needed to get to Denver as well. With no obvious options, Wilbur offered to let us ride in his cab. We asked the patrolman what he thought. He said he thought we would be fine. So, the four of us climbed into the cab, and scrunched together on the bench seat designed for three passengers. Our son was shoved up against the driver, who now had to shift gears between David's legs. Maggie sat by David and Elizabeth wedged herself between Maggie and the door. This left me with nowhere to go. I sat and hovered on and over Elizabeth for the next two hours.

Several Rocky Mountain passes lay ahead, and the hillbilly's truck labored up each of them at 10 mph. These trials were followed by death-defying descents that conjured the truck's questionable brakes, and our chances of surviving the ride. Maggie and I agreed that we were likely to die on I-70 that afternoon.

Then I saw a figure sitting at an angle on the hood of the truck. It was a woman in flowing rose colored fabric, her long hair blowing in the wind. She turned to me, looked in my eyes, and nodded her head. She didn't speak, but I heard in my head, "don't worry. You will be fine."

I told Maggie, "we are going to be okay." Maggie, who had also seen the woman, said "Yes I know." In the next moment, the angel was gone, along with my anxiety and fear. Though I couldn't see her, I knew my angel followed us home.

Adele Snipes

Prayer Chain

Those on The Strand of Pearls are actively praying for 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, 630-890-8343 or revdfw@icloud.com. Indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential, otherwise, you will be named in the Good Shepherd prayer list.

This Fall I want to invite members of Good Shepherd to consider if God is calling them to this Ministry of Prayer – a pearl to be added to the Strand of Pearls. If you find this is so, contact me at the information above. I also want to commend those who have participated in this ministry since 2009. They are Debbie Stone, Evelyn Morgan, Tineke Ingold, Nancy Higgins, Marena Fosler, Anne Patten, Donna Baker, Rayanne Bartlett, and Ann Hogan.

May God richly bless each one of you for your faithfulness to the Lord as expressed through the prayer ministry.

Rev. Dolores Wiens

Buildings

Air conditioning is expensive to begin with, but the city tacks on an additional "Demand Charge" of several hundred dollars, based on the highest amount of power used in a 15-minute period. We have a limit on the demand charge and, if we exceed the limit, the city can move us into a different category which costs us several thousand dollars a year. After we did some work and reduced our AC units from seven to six, we did not think we could exceed the limit, but this summer we exceeded it again for at least two months.

It is not new that we have been paying demand charges, but we are working to reduce them as they are a big expense that does not provide even one-degree of cooling. Thursdays and Sundays are our most active days when we get these charges.

Towards this goal, I am going to program the thermostats to try to have only three AC units on at one time. The biggest adjustment will be on Sundays where I am going to try to cool the east side of the sanctuary to the usual 75 degrees and use the west side in fan-mode to keep the air moving. If the east side can't keep up, the west side will kick in to add some additional cooling. Conklin Hall will not be cooled during worship as no one is in it but will be ready for coffee hour. The CE building will be cooled for morning Bible study, but then set back to away-mode until Sunday School resumes.

Buildings, continued

I'm hoping this works while keeping everyone comfortable. I'm hoping it also saves us some big bucks that we could better use elsewhere.

Really, these changes only affect the hot summer months. We use natural gas to heat and there are no demand charges from the gas company.

Eric Westland

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School began the Fall Quarter Study of The Present Word's theme "Celebrating God." In September, the class led by Rev. Ralph will study examples of biblical people who celebrate God. In October, we will study psalms that call God's people to praise and celebration, and, in November, visions in John's gospel of celebration for God's ultimate victory in establishing a realm of peace and justice. Join us at 9:00 am in the CE building.

The November lessons will dovetail nicely with the Fall study of the Gospel of John led by Rev. Ralph on Monday evenings. Children's Sunday School via Zoom continues led by Charlotte Phipps and Donna Beasley.

September is a busy month in the life of the church. Christian formation, higher education and seminaries are important themes. The 22nd is Native American Day.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Congregational Growth & Care

This is the first Newsletter article from your new Session committee, Congregational Growth & Care - (formerly known as the Growth, Senior Ministries and Parish Health committees). We are tasked with welcoming new members, encouraging their involvement at Good Shepherd and, also, nurturing and caring for the health and wellness of our entire church family.

In the past months, we often have heard the words, "we're in this together" and, we are. We want to continue being known as a friendly and welcoming church and thank you for taking the first steps when you extend greetings of Christian fellowship to our visitors, many of whom go on to join with us. We also plan to offer programs and information about wellness that will serve the entire congregation. Currently, you are welcome to join Rev. Ralph's low impact, FREE, Exercise Classes each Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 pm in Conklin Hall and members of our Growth and Care Committee are available to take your Blood Pressure at the back of Conklin Hall during Fellowship Hour on the third Sunday of each month. The CPR Course for the non-professional will now be held November 17th, both for those who have never been certified and, also, those needing to renew certification.

Finally, with concern about the increasing presence of COVID-19 in our area, Session emphasizes personal responsibility regarding care of yourselves and others as you go about your daily lives and when attending church functions. New findings are published daily but according to the CDC, certain "knowns" prevail — VACCINATION works, SANITIZING AND HAND WASHING work, DISTANCING works and for both those vaccinated and unvaccinated, WEARING MASKS in indoor group settings works. Should you need them, masks and sanitizer are available in various church locations to assist you in helping provide a safer environment for our gathering together.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

With Summer winding down, and we return perhaps to more of a "routine", your Deacons want to remind you that we are here for you! Please reach out to your Parish deacon if there's something you need help with, or prayer for, or even just a listening ear.

The Deacons are hosting another Ice Cream Social, on September 5th during Fellowship Hour after the service. You won't want to miss this. Come and enjoy some ice cream, toppings, and cookies!

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.

In Christ's service, Vicky Westland

Fellowship

For the last few weeks, I have experienced such joy as I saw you gathered around the tables in Conklin Hall and listened to the chatter and laughter of Fellowship once again. Thank you. Also, thank you to those who are sharing cakes and cookies, etc., on our Fellowship table.

Are you looking forward to some cooler weather? How strange that 99-degrees can feel cool! It is time to change the seasonal décor in Conklin Hall. Do you have this gift? If so, please let me know when you could assist and we can set a date.

Gloria McGilloway

Mission/Outreach

With everyone settling back into our normal rhythm, we can begin to turn to our Fall activities. Operation Christmas Child will officially kick off on September 19th. We will have boxes in Conklin Hall for you to pack so stop by and pick up a few boxes to add to our total. You can also contribute by purchasing items that we can include in the boxes that we pack as a church. Our Operation Christmas Child featured item in September is "GAMES" Please bring your donations and place them in the collection box on the table near the outside door to Conklin Hall.

The annual (except for last year) C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk will be held on November 13th beginning at 10:00 am at Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. Plan to walk with us as we seek to end hunger in our community and the world. Walker envelopes will be available at the beginning of October and, as usual, we will place the walker's donation envelopes on a table in Conklin Hall on November 7th for anyone who would like to make a donation.

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

Peace and Blessings Chris Schleter

Session News

Session did not have a monthly meeting in August however, the following motions were approved by E-votes in August:

- Approved to purchase training materials for Stephen Ministry Class not to exceed \$1,000.
- Accepted a bid of \$10,133.18 from Holbrook Asphalt Company to seal and stripe the rear portion of the parking lot.

At a Called Congregational Meeting on July 18th, the congregation approved to amend the 2021 Terms of Call for the Pastor, retroactive to January 1, 2021, an increase of 2.5% to salary, housing, pension, medical insurance and disability insurance and to amend the budget by moving funds from contingency.

The next Session meeting will be on Sunday, September 12th, at 12:00 Noon 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. During July and August our church donations included 50 pounds of food and supplies plus a \$310 donation. Volunteers were Eliza Elwood, Josie Kellejan, Vicky Westland, Mary Laubscher, Ruth Ann Horvath, Marge Linn, LaVerna Metzger and Patti Lusby. Cooking in the Switchpoint kitchen we serve over 100 hungry folks each month which is just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A menu of Shepherd's Pie, meatloaf, green salad, fruit salad, yogurt 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? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stewardship

Thanks to everyone who has paid their Per Capita for 2021. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please consider paying your share to free up funds for other purposes. The Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$39.45 per person.

While our third Building Fund campaign ended at the end of May we still need donations to maintain at least a \$50,000 reserve to cover large expenses relating to the buildings as well as some needed improvements. We thank you for your continued generosity!

Leslie Lintz

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Our Women's Bible Study/Fellowship is returning after a one-year hiatus! We are excited and looking forward.

All women of our congregation as well as friends, guests, even the curious, are welcome.

It is held once a month, the last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. The study discussion is followed by Christian fellowship. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided for you before, during or after.

Self-guided study manuals are available at cost from Virginia Hunt or Pebble Mowery. For those without manuals, copies of the study will be available each meeting.

Sandy Paige will facilitate our first study Monday, September 27th. We are very excited for her leadership. Sandy teaches at ICL and loves people. Each one of our facilitators is a volunteer from within our congregation.

Our theme, "Into the Light through Prayers of Lament" from Women's Presbyterian Leadership can be appreciated even by sporadic attendance, so please come as you can. We welcome you.

Pebble Mowery and Virginia Hunt, Coordinators

Worship & Music

We welcome the return of our regular worship services and activities at Good Shepherd. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 3:45 pm. If you enjoy singing and would like to participate in our choir, please see Barbara McConnell. Our Bell Choir will begin their rehearsals in September.

Anne Patten arranges for our ushers for each Sunday. She will make those arrangements one month in advance. If you have committed to usher, you will receive a schedule for the month. Also, a reminder will be sent to you on the Friday before the Sunday you usher. If you are interested in this important job, please see Anne.

We will continue to follow the guidelines of the Southwest Utah Public Health Department concerning the Delta variant. If you feel comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.

Barbara McConnell

Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125	James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sunday, September 12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, September 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sunday, September 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, October 3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Sunday, October 10 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1-9; 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Sunday, October 17 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 24 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, October 31 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34

September 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting - Noon CE Building	
5 Soup Kitchen Sunday	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 Presbytery of Utah
8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Worship Noon Committee	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study & Potluck - The Gospel of John - CE Building	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP 1:00 Growth & Care pm Committee Meeting - CE Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	7:30 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting - Noon CE Building	Women's Retreat 1:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal - pm Sanctuary
Meeting 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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PLEASE NOTE:

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

Congregation News

Former Pastor Jeff Baxter Experiencing Health Issues

Former Pastor Jeff Baxter, now retired and living in Arizona, is experiencing some health issues. If you would like more information or would like to contact him, please contact Shirley Seefeld and she can give you the details. We wish Pastor Jeff the best and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and $\cosh - 1^{st}$ Sunday of each Month **Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hal **Al-Anon Meeting** – Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Men's Bible Study	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	IHOP
	2 nd & 4 th Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's in Sunset Plaza
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	First Watch
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday Thursday	1:00 pm Bell Choir 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Resumes September 11 Sanctuary



Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage, we estimated that we needed \$384,000 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 August 22nd we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$52,305** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$303,468** or about **79%** of our **\$384,000** goal.

Thanks to everyone who continues to contribute to the Building Fund to help us ensure that our facilities remain in top notch condition and to allow us to make some needed improvements.

Church Contact Information

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	Rev. Dolores Wiens

Music Director	Barbara McConnell
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Information on Stephen Ministry www.stephenministries.org



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Church Leadership 2021

Session

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