



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

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## 2022 Pledge Drive Begins

We want to personally thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life, mission and ministry of our congregation. With all that has happened with COVID, 2021 has been a truly blessed year!

Due to your support, we have been able to reach out with the love of Christ not only to the homeless and hungry in our area through our CROP Walk and area social ministries, we were able as well to extend our love to the children of the world including children of Dorogobuzh, Russia, through the Bible Camp ministry of our sister congregation.

Due to your support, we have been able to support our witness and worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus by offering to our community each Sunday a joyful fellowship and meaningful worship that welcomes all with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

In other words, due to your commitment to our Lord, lives have been changed in His name.

Pledge forms and a copy of the proposed budget for 2022 were mailed to everyone the third week in October. If you didn't receive yours, please see Leslie Lintz, Carolyn Thomas or Chris Schleter and they will see that you get yours.

Giving is our faith response to God's gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives. We also give out of obedience because God's Word directs us to give.

Our budget is about \$12,570 higher than last year due to prices going up due to inflation, an unknown increase in our insurance premiums (we've been told to expect about a 20% to 25% increase), contracting for a landscaping service to maintain our grounds and salary increases for Rev. Ralph, Steve Talley and our secretaries. We've seen our loose offerings drop by nearly \$10,000 this year so we're asking for about \$22,570 more in pledges for 2022 to cover our expenditures.

Every pledge, no matter how big or small, puts us closer to our goal. You can make a pledge by dropping your pledge form in the offering plate on any Sunday or by returning it to the church office.

You can also pledge online by going to our website, hovering over Stewardship in the menu and clicking Pledge Support. On the Pledge Support page, click on General Fund Pledge on the right then fill out and submit the form. Our Financial Secretary, LaVerna Metzger, will receive an email with your pledge.

If you have any questions, please speak with Leslie Lintz, Carolyn Thomas or Chris Schleter, your Stewardship Committee.

We will dedicate our pledges during worship on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 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

Deanna Flores	Margaret Ramquist
Jan Hirschi	Ed & Cheryl Mansfield
Josie Marsh	Liz Larsen
Emily Penzari	Eric Westland
Laura Stellmon	Candy 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

### December Newsletter Deadline

November 23, 2021

### Worship 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

### 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 October were:

Rev. Ralph	Colossians 3:14-17	Put on Love
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalms 25:15-21	Help from the Lord
Elder Leslie Lintz	John 8:12	Light of Life
Elder Alan Paige	1 Samuel 12:24	All your heart
Elder Chris Schleiter	Isaiah 55:6	He is near
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Hebrews 4:16	Help in need
Elder Eric Westland	2 Corinthians 5:21	Righteousness of God
Elder Barbara McConnell	Hebrews 11:1	Faith and confidence
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Ephesians 4:2-6	Bond of Peace
Elder Alicia Kitzman	2 Peter 3:8-9	Lord keeps his promise

### Thanks to our Volunteers

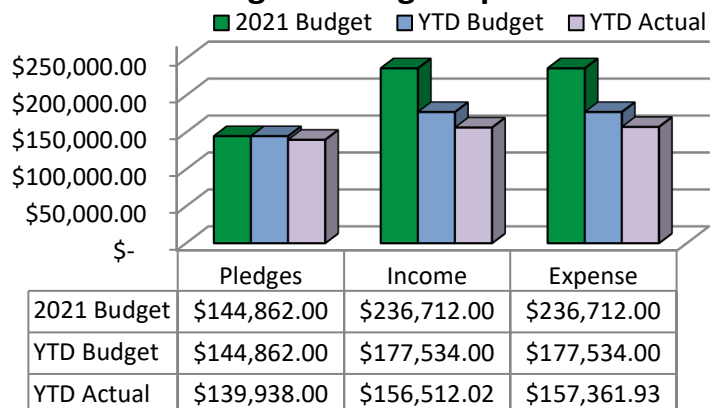
Flowers		Nursery
<b>November</b>		
November 7	<i>Available</i>	<b>Cancelled due to COVID</b>
November 14	<i>Available</i>	
November 21	Patti Babb	
November 28	<i>Available</i>	
<b>December</b>		
December 5	Donna Beasley	<b>Cancelled due to COVID</b>
December 12	LaVerna Metzger	
December 19	Donna Beasley	
December 26	Chris Schleiter	

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

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of September 30	
<b>Month of September</b>	
Receipts	\$ 13,568.60
Expenditures	\$ 17,810.13
<b>2021 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 177,534.00
Actual Receipts	<b>\$156,512.02</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 177,534.00
Actual Expenditures	<b>\$157,361.93</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund	\$ 23,167.33
Building Fund	\$ 54,918.26
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,734.50
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,652.85
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 8,073.05
Bequests	\$ 74,285.84

### 2021 Budget Through September 30



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)*



In a sermon at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Gary Wilburn said: "In 1636, amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, a German pastor, Martin Rinkart, is said to have buried five thousand of his parishioners in one year, an average of fifteen a day. His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote this table grace for his children:

*"Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things had done  
In whom His world rejoices.  
Who, from our mother's arms  
Hath led us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today."*

Without question my favorite Thanksgiving hymn is "Now Thank We All Our God", #643 in our Presbyterian Hymnal. Not only is it my favorite because of the beautiful simplicity of faith expressed in thanks to God, but, as well, the faith of its author in the God of our lives and times.

Thanksgiving, our national holiday, was set aside as a time to look back upon the blessings we have received from our bounteous Lord and God and to give thanks for the year behind, looking forward to the year ahead.

One could look back upon the past couple of years and give thanks these years are behind us and withhold our thanks depending on what lies ahead.

However, there is no comparison between what Pastor Rinkart and his congregation and city experienced to what we have endured, not even close!

Yet in our possible cynicism we need to understand that Pastor Rinkart found faith and thanksgiving. More likely, rather, Pastor Rinkart did not find his faith but instead leaned wholly upon it; which led him to the end of those dark days to give thanks and praise to the living God who *"Hath led us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."*

May we, as we enter our season of Thanksgiving, seek to be as faithful...and thankful.

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you all!

*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**



This year has been a roller coaster ride for my emotions and faith in all things God can do for me. I had noticed years before that my husband was having a great deal of trouble remembering words and places. Not surprising for someone in his mid-seventies. But his memory issues were getting much worse. I was aware of Memory Matters, a local organization helping caregivers and those with memory loss. I received an immediate response when I requested their recommendation for the best doctor to diagnose his condition. Being in the doctor's waiting room

and noticing the cross on the wall and the prayer request box on the shelf, I knew that God had provided that first answer to prayer in this Christian doctor.

With his "dementia" diagnosis, I prayed for guidance and support as we faced our journey ahead. I shared my husband's condition with a water aerobics friend who surprised me with an admission that her husband had died earlier in the year from dementia and gave me assurance that I could depend on her for support and understanding. Another source of comfort comes from my memories of my mother, suffering from diabetes and Parkinson's Disease, assuring me that God does not give me more challenges than what I can handle with His constant love.

Through sharing my husband's diagnosis with my church family at Good Shepherd, God has provided comfort from those who have experienced this same journey. He has blessed me with constant support and knowledge that I am not alone. Never before in my faith journey have I received such affirmation that my trust in God and His goodness will be with me in our years ahead.

*Carolynn Thomas*

Take a look at your Christmas stocking of memories and see if you have a "God" story you'd like to share in the December newsletter, particularly about an experience that relates to Christmas. If you do, please let me know by November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have a story, but it doesn't relate specifically to Christmas, let me know anyway. It will be published in subsequent issues. This is a chance to give witness to answer to prayer or God's presence in a specific way and is an encouragement to those who read it. Thank you.

*Rev. Dolores*

## Strand of Pearls (aka, the Prayer Chain)

Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made 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 included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

*Rev. Dolores Wiens*

## Congregation News

### **Operation Christmas Child Nearing the Finish Line**

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. What, exactly, is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts - filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items - and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Good Shepherd's goal for 2021 is 150 shoeboxes so grab one (or several) red and green shoeboxes from Conklin Hall, fill them up and bring them back to Church by November 21st. If you'd rather help pack boxes rather than packing your own, we're having a box packing party in Conklin Hall at 10:00 am on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome and we'll have everything needed to pack 60 (or more) shoeboxes.

We'll dedicate our shoeboxes on November 21<sup>st</sup> and deliver them to the collection point on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Buildings

Thankfully, it's been another quiet month. We did have a leak in our main water supply line near the sanctuary front entrance. There was a very small pinhole leak in one of the tees, but when I dug it out to patch, I had made a much larger leak. That's the sort of work I do best. So, I replaced it and so far, so good. I am told by those that have gone before me that we've had a bunch of leaks over the years.

We've experienced some minor vandalism again on the Deacon's shed and the Gazebo plaques. Thanks to Alan for taking care of the repairs. I'm not quite sure what we can do to prevent that sort of thing from happening, but we're thinking about solutions.

*Blessings  
Eric Westland*

## Christian Education

The Adult Sunday School continues to meet at 9:00 am in the Christian Education Building. Currently, the group is studying The Present Word's Fall quarter curriculum on "Celebrating God." A lively discussion each week.

The Children's Sunday School meets via Zoom. All are invited. Contact Charlotte Phipps for details.

The Monday evening potluck and study of the Gospel of John will wrap up on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Unlike past years and because the Monday night group has been working so hard, we will not hold an Advent Bible Study on Monday nights this year.

For more resources, visit [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/).

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman*

## Congregational Growth & Care

**SAVE THE DATE:** CPR for the NON-PROFESSIONAL class - Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and continuing until 11:00 or 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. COVID-19 precautions will be followed. The cost is \$25 payable to the instructor, Rob Hooper, on the morning of the class. Rob previously has been our instructor and accepts cash, check or credit card. Plus - donuts will be served!

Whether you need re-certification (due every two years) or have never taken such a class before, please join us. Rob also reviews use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) device - available as part of our Church's emergency equipment. There is no advance study required for attending the class and it's a non-threatening way for you to gain knowledge and the ability to possibly save a life in an emergency situation. A sign-up sheet can be found in Conklin Hall or contact Charlotte Phipps for further information at [cskyeisle@aol.com](mailto:cskyeisle@aol.com)

**IT'S FLU VACCINE TIME.** If you haven't yet received your Flu vaccine this year, it's not too late to do so. The maximum immunity lasts 4-5 months and, optimally, should be timed to most effectively cover the typical February-March prevalence of cases of flu in our area. As we have read, medical professionals feel it will be especially important to have a Flu shot this year because of the additional prevalence of COVID-19 virus. Neither the COVID or Flu vaccines claim to be 100% effective, but, having had them can lessen the severity of illness should you contract either or both viruses. You may receive more than one of the vaccines at the same time.

You also might want to consider checking with your medical provider about whether you are up-to-date with other important vaccinations -

- Shingles Vaccine - starting at age 50 - two doses
- Pneumonia Vaccine - one dose
- COVID-19 Vaccine - two doses
- COVID Vaccine Booster - six months after second of two initial shots

Moderna boosters are available, according to CDC directives, through the SW Utah Department of Health and you can get a Moderna booster regardless of the type of your initial vaccination. At this time the Health Department is administering COVID vaccines by appointment only. For information or to register, contact them at 435-986-2591 or [swuhealth.org/COVID-vaccine/](http://swuhealth.org/COVID-vaccine/) or [swuhealth.org/booster/](http://swuhealth.org/booster/)

## Congregational Growth & Care, continued

With the exception of shingles, flu, COVID and pneumococcal diseases are spread by droplets and may exhibit similar symptoms. It's important to be proactive in protecting yourself and others. Continue wearing masks in crowded areas, distance, wash or sanitize your hands frequently and stay home if you feel sick. If you do become ill and have ANY question about the cause of your infection, see your medical provider and - GET TESTED for the possibility it could be COVID - whether or not you have been vaccinated.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Deacons

### A Prayer for Autumn Days

By Joyce Rupp

God of the seasons,  
there is a time for everything;  
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.  
We need courage to enter into  
the transformation process.

God of autumn,  
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,  
letting go of what has been.  
We, too, have our moments of surrender,  
with all their insecurity and risk.  
Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves  
lying in colored patterns on the ground,  
our lives have their own patterns.  
As we see the patterns of our own growth,  
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,  
there is always the dimension of mystery  
and wonder in our lives.  
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.  
May we gain strength from this.

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*

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,  
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.  
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.  
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south  
for another season, your wisdom enables us  
to know what needs to be left behind  
and what needs to be carried into the future.  
We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers  
touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,  
may your love keep our hearts  
from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life,  
you believe in us, you enrich us,  
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.  
For all this, we are grateful.

Amen.

## Fellowship

Are you enjoying these beautiful cool mornings? They make me want to stay outside all morning. I feel so blessed to be here – in God's country.

Thanksgiving week will be busy around the church, as usual. We'll kick off the celebration with our traditional Thanksgiving Brunch following worship on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll supply the turkey and we ask everyone to bring a salad, side or dessert to share. Sign up sheets will be in Conklin Hall for you to let us know what you are bringing and how many to plan for. Let's make this brunch a truly festive occasion.

Remember: There is no Fellowship without you!

*Blessings  
Gloria McGilloway*

## Mission/Outreach

The C.R.O.P. walk will be held on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. We hope to have a LOT of Good Shepherd folks walking with us.

Operation Christmas Child will wrap up on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Again this year we will pack boxes as a church on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in Conklin Hall. You don't need to bring anything but we will need hands to pack 60 or more boxes (last year we packed 80). Plan to join us for this fun event.

Due to the COVID situation in Russia, Rev. Ralph has decided to forego a trip to Dorogobuzh in January for Orthodox Christmas. We are planning a trip in August for Bible Camp and our new Executive Presbyter, Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior, has indicated that she would like to join us for the trip. If you, too, are interested in going, please let me or Rev. Ralph know. We'd love to have you along!

Thank you for all you do to support our Mission programs.

*Peace and Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of the action that was taken:

- Approved to enter into contract with Proforma Landscape to provide landscape maintenance for the church for one year beginning January 1, 2022, at a cost of \$430 per month.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, November 14, 2021, 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 October our church donations included 150 pounds of food and supplies plus a \$175 donation. Volunteers included Eliza Elwood, Ruthanne Skinner, Ruth Ann Horvath, Vicky Westland and Patti Lusby. Cooking in the Switchpoint kitchen we served over 100 hungry folks each month which is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A menu of meatloaf, green salad, fruit salad, chocolate milk 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

The holiday season is just around the corner, and I am looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas with everyone! It's a good time to start thinking about the upcoming Christmas Joy Special Offering. Thank you to all those who have submitted pledges and offerings. Your generosity helps keep us thriving. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 7<sup>th</sup>! I am praying that all are safe and healthy as we move toward our cool but sunny winter in St. George.

I hope you had a chance to read the article on Page 1 regarding our 2022 Pledge Campaign and the financial uncertainty that we are facing next year. I also ask that you review the budget you received with our mailing and prayerfully consider whether you can make a pledge or increase your pledge. Only with your financial support can we continue to do the work that God is calling us to do.

*Blessings  
Leslie Lintz*



## Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Our first monthly study for Women's Bible Study & Fellowship was September 27<sup>th</sup> with Sandy Paige as our leader. Sandy introduced us to our manual, *"Into the Light through Prayers of Lament"* from Women's Presbyterian Leadership. We learned together what lament means: a prayer to God, and it presupposes we have a relationship with God, that we have faith in Him. We direct that prayer as a request, (or demand?) that He right the wrong. We want to know He is with us because we sometimes feel His absence. "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me!"

The goal is not only to learn about lament and how to lament, but to help us reclaim lament as a practice, whether it is lamenting together or lamenting privately about death, or life, or about women's lament, or lamenting over our city. We will even discuss that God laments, & Creation laments. Is there an end to lament? Yes there is: Lesson Nine.

Sandy had us each write our own private lament, a special kind of communication.

Vicky Westland led our study October 25<sup>th</sup> & Virginia Hunt will lead our study in November. Pebble Mowery will lead our study in December & Gay Cunningham will lead our study in January.

*Pebble Mowery & Virginia Hunt*  
Moderator

## Worship & Music

There is a saying "Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile". How we all have enjoyed the beautiful colors of the season! This is also the season we recognize our veterans and give thanks on the fourth Thursday of the month. The following are special dates for concerts and worship services for November:

- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veteran's Day. A special concert featuring the Interfaith Choir and Crimson Cliffs High School Concert Choir will present a program of Patriotic music at the Tabernacle starting at 7:00 pm. All are invited and especially our veterans!
- The St. George Chamber Singers will present a concert to be held at Good Shepherd on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.
- The congregations of Shepherd of the Hills Methodist, New Promise Lutheran, and Good Shepherd Presbyterian will hold an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at our church on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

The Worship committee would like to invite you to help decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. Since the first Sunday of Advent is November 28<sup>th</sup> we will decorate on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and enjoy a day of decorating and a potluck lunch!

Our annual Christmas Concert featuring our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and soloists will be held on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, in our Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you in worship!

*Barbara McConnell*

## More Congregation News

### **Save the Date – December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Please join Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff as they hold their annual Christmas Open House on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Plan to bring a beverage and something to share and join everyone in the joy of the holiday season.

### **Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest Kicks Off November 28<sup>th</sup>**

As you prepare for the Advent season, be on the lookout for the tackiest Christmas ties (men) and sweaters (women) you can find and wear them to church. Rev. Ralph will pick the absolute tackiest and the winners will receive a special prize. The contest kicks off on November 28<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Shortage of Crutches, Walkers & Wheelchairs Reported**

Health providers on the local, state and national level say they are running out of something they never thought they would run out of: crutches, canes, walkers and nonmotorized wheelchairs. St. George Regional Hospital will be holding donation drop-offs over the next three Saturdays looking for unused aluminum crutches, canes, walkers or wheelchairs that people may have stashed in their homes. Deseret Industries will also be gathering donations. If you have anything to donate, please consider doing so.



## Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Monday, November 1 All Saints' Day	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-10	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Sunday, November 7 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Sunday, November 14 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Sunday, November 21 Reign of Christ / Christ the King	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Sunday, November 28 First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

## Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96:1-13	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Saturday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97:1-12 <i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1-9	Titus 3:4-7  Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)	Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20  John 1:1-14
Sunday, December 26 First Sunday of Christmas	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

## More Congregation News

### Healing Service November 14<sup>th</sup>

On November 14<sup>th</sup> our worship service will focus on prayer and healing with an invitation during the service to come forward and pray for healing with one of our Stephen Ministers and Rev. Dolores Wiens.

Rev. Dolores and our Stephen Ministers will be positioned at various locations around the sanctuary and congregants are invited to join one for a time of prayer and anointing if so desired. Please pray for all who are hurting physically or spiritually to take advantage of this invitation to be upheld and supported in prayer.

## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b></p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p><b>5:30 Stephen Ministry pm Training Class - Conklin Hall</b></p> <p><b>6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study &amp; Potluck - CE Building</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p> <p><b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group - Conklin Hall</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Barnes &amp; Noble Cafe -Red Cliffs Mall</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p> <p>3:45 Chancel Choir pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting - Noon CE Building</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:00 Operation Christmas am Child Box Packing Party</p> <p>2:00 Bell Choir pm</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Soup Kitchen Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends - FALL BACK</b></p> <p>8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom</p> <p>8:45 Prayer Service am</p> <p>9:00 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Communion am Worship</p> <p><b>11:30 Memorial Service am for Wanda Tight - Memorial Garden</b></p> <p><b>12:30 Fellowship pm</b></p> <p><b>12:30 Worship pm Committee Meeting - Chapel</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p><b>5:30 Stephen Ministry pm Training Class - Conklin Hall</b></p> <p><b>6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study &amp; Potluck - CE Building</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Barnes &amp; Noble Cafe -Red Cliffs Mall</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b></p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington</p> <p><b>2:00</b> Exercise with Rev. <b>pm</b> Ralph</p> <p><b>2:45</b> Chancel Choir <b>pm</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting - Noon CE Building</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>10:00 C.R.O.P. Walk - am Larkspur Park - Bloomington Hills</b></p> <p>2:00 Bell Choir pm</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom</p> <p>8:45 Prayer Service am</p> <p>9:00 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship - Healing am Service</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p> <p><b>11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken</b></p> <p><b>12:00 Session Meeting Noon</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p><b>5:30 Stephen Ministry pm Training Class - Conklin Hall</b></p> <p><b>6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study &amp; Potluck - CE Building</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p> <p><b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group - Conklin Hall</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>9:00 CPR Certification am Class - Conklin Hall</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Barnes &amp; Noble Cafe -Red Cliffs Mall</p> <p><b>6:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p> <p>3:45 Chancel Choir pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting - Noon CE Building</p> <p><b>7:30 St. George pm Chamber Singers Concert - Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>2:00 Bell Choir pm</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>Christ the King Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom</p> <p>8:45 Prayer Service am</p> <p>9:00 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship am</p> <p><b>11:45 Fellowship - am Thanksgiving Brunch</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p><b>5:30 Stephen Ministry pm Training Class - Conklin Hall</b></p> <p><b>6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study &amp; Potluck - CE Building</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p> <p><b>7:00 Ecumenical pm Thanksgiving Service - Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Barnes &amp; Noble Cafe -Red Cliffs Mall</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p> <p><del>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington</del></p> <p><del>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</del></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset</p> <p><b>9:00 Decorate the am Church for Christmas</b></p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting - Noon CE Building</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>2:00 Bell Choir pm</p> <p>3:45 Chancel Choir pm</p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>8:30 Children's Sunday am School via Zoom</p> <p>8:45 Prayer Service am</p> <p>9:00 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship am</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>11:30 Women's Bible am Study &amp; Fellowship</b></p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p><b>6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study &amp; Potluck - CE Building</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting</b></p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>				

## 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

**Soup Kitchen Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month

**Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall

**Al-Anon Meeting** – Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
<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>	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	IHOP
	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's in Sunset Plaza
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	First Watch
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
<b>Choir Rehearsals</b>	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	2:00 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary



## 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 June 20<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$53,845** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$305,008** or about **79.4%** of our **\$384,000** goal.

While we are not currently conducting a Building Fund campaign, we do need donations to the Building Fund in order to ensure that our buildings and grounds are kept in good condition. Please consider a donation to the Building Fund to help us reach our goal.

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