

## **Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation A Member of the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship Serving Southern Utah since 1988 Partner Congregation to the Evangelical Baptist Church of Dorogobuzh, Russia



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## **Church Staff**

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**Rev. Dolores Wiens** Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

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## Lent and Easter Are Coming to Good Shepherd

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2022 will be no exception.

We will celebrate the Good Shepherd version of Mardi Gras on Shrove Tuesday, March  $1^{st}$ , but instead of a Shrove Tuesday Breakfast this year's celebration will be a pancake DINNER. Join us from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Conklin Hall.

Our observation of Lent begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with our annual Ash Wednesday Services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

As he did last year, Rev. Ralph will be leading a Bible Study on Monday evenings during Lent. The series, which kicked off on February 21<sup>st</sup>, meets in the CE Building at 6:00 pm and will continue every Monday through April 11<sup>th</sup>. The topic this year is the Gospel of Mark.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of men will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 8:30 am in Conklin Hall. This event is always well attended and we appreciate the efforts of all who provide food for us. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

On Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. The lighting of oil lamps adds to the significance of this service.

The following day, Good Friday, will kick off at 10:00 am with the annual Procession of the Cross and close with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, so we can all prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We hope you can attend as many of these events as your schedule permits.

## **Services Live Streamed Every Sunday**

Let's say it's Sunday morning and you just can't make it to church. What can you do? You can join us through the live stream we provide both at our website (<u>http://gspcsg.org</u>) and our Sermon Network site (<u>https://gspcsg.sermon.net/</u>). The stream begins about 10:28 am each Sunday and concludes at the end of the Postlude. With Jeff Clingan producing, you'll be able to watch the entire service and a bulletin including hymn lyrics and the calendar for the week is available for download.

The video will be available until Sunday evening if you prefer to watch later in the day and the audio will be available for at least a couple of months. Please be aware that we do not publish the service - this is handled by Sermon Net - and it generally takes about 30 minutes after the service before it is published, so please be patient.

We look forward to seeing everyone in church but if you just can't make it, we hope you will find the live stream useful and fulfilling.

#### **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

John & Kathryn Whitton and their son Bransby Fred & Cathy Overkamp Mary Contreras's sister & family who lost their home in the Colorado fire Peter Safreno Shirley & Don Wilson John & Ann Abbott Roger & Carol Clark Josie Marsh

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

### April Newsletter Deadline March 23, 2022

#### Worship Schedule

8:45 - 9:00 am **Morning Prayer and Communion** Sanctuary 9:00 - 9:45 am **Adult Education CE Building** 10:30 am (Beginning January 9) **Children's Sunday School CE Building** 10:30 am Worship Sanctuary 11:45 am **Fellowship Time Conklin Hall** 

General Fund as of January 31					
Month of Janua	Month of January				
Receipts	\$	33,453.17			
Expenditures	\$	22,404.98			
2022 YTD Budget vs	Actu	al			
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	20,872.00			
Actual Receipts	\$	33,453.17			
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	20,872.00			
Actual Expenditures	\$	22,404.98			
Fund Balances					
General Fund	\$	50,885.63			
Building Fund	\$	60,167.65			
Memorial Fund	\$	4,168.76			
Reserve Fund	\$	45,675.91			
Russia Mission Fund	\$	8,123.05			
Bequests	\$	71,834.65			

#### **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 February were:

Rev. Ralph Elder Ruth Ann Horvath Elder Leslie Lintz Elder Alan Paige Elder Chris Schleter Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman Luke 6:17-19 Elder Eric Westland Elder Barbara McConnell Elder Alicia Kitzman **Elder Mary Contreras** 

Romans 8:31-39 Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 Isaiah 40:30-31 Isaiah 33:2 Mark 16:15-16 1 Chronicles 16:11 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Psalm 34:14-15 Matthew 6:25-36

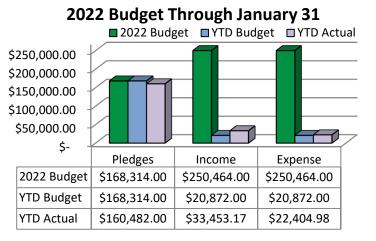
Love of God God is Hope in the Lord Mercy Into all the World Power Look to the Lord Love is Seek peace Do not worry

#### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Nursery		
March				
March 6	Available	Available		
March 13	Available	Available		
March 20	Available	Available		
March 27	Available	Available		
April				
April 3	Available	Available		
April 10	Available	Available		
April 17	Available	Easter Sunday - No Nursery		
April 24	Available	Available		

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

### **Treasurer's Report**



## **Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought**

"Lent" comes from the old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith---through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. In ancient Christian practice, Lent was a time pf preparation for the celebration of Baptism as Easter. In many churches it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for Baptism or confirmation, and for the whole community of faith to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship. Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—reconciliation with God and with one another through the Grace of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of forty days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Nineveh, and Jesus' testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter."

Book of Common Worship, WJK 2018



Lent begins officially following our Shrove Tuesday Dinner, on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. A time to acknowledge our sin and failing and begin a spiritual journey that leads us to the great celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

Historically this church season, Lent, is a time to fast and self-sacrifice. I like to see it as a time of opportunity. The opportunity to grow in our Christian faith, commitment, and discipleship. To use the various tools available to help us accomplish to our benefit this sacred time. Such as Bible study, we have a number available to choose from. Volunteer to serve on one of our several committees in the area that may interest you. Increase your prayer time or find a daily devotional to journey through the season. Seek ways and times to join in the fellowship and love of our Christian community.

Primarily and most importantly recognizing that each day is a gift, especially in Lent, I invite you and encourage you join me on this Lenten journey, receive this gift, and with the Resurrection dawn, return this gift to the Lord, our Risen Lord, our lives and selves.

In Christ, Rev. Ralph

### Late, Late, Late Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

The church season of Lent begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday which this year falls on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, going back to the earliest days of Christianity and church seasons, Shrove Tuesday, the day that precedes Ash Wednesday, has been observed as a day to indulge in food, particularly pancakes and the usual accompaniments. Our tradition has been to observe with a breakfast; however, it is far more common for the timing of this pre-Lent meal to be during the supper hour. Therefore, this year we are moving our Shrove Tuesday Breakfast, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from the early morning to the dinner hour 5:30-7:00 pm. The dinner will conclude with a brief evening worship in Conklin Hall thus preparing us for the season of Lent. In other words, our Shrove Tuesday Breakfast is becoming our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Sign up sheets for attendance and volunteering can be found on the sign-up table in Conklin Hall or speak to 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 can 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

#### A Prayer for New Growth and Flourishing



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the "March winds and April showers that bring May flowers." Father, you know what is necessary to prepare us for what You have in store for our lives. Help us to receive what You have for us. Prepare us as You prepare the seeds. Grow us strong, nourish and protect us with Your truth so that we can break through the dirt, sprouting into healthy "flowers" that radiate Your glory in the earth. We ask this for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom. Amen.

If you have a story in which you have encountered Jesus, or a moment in which you know God intervened in your life in a way that preserved you or protected you, share your story in this space for the encouragement of our community of faith. Text me or send an email to let me know.630-890-8343, revdfw@icloud.com.

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 <u>revdfw@icloud.com</u>, 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

## **Healing Prayer Offered Weekly**

Following our Healing service which was held in November, Healing prayer and anointing will now be offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Carolynn Barnett will be available in the Chapel to offer healing prayer for all who desire it. Due to the very positive response and feedback we have received following our Healing Service, a Healing Service will take place in the spring on a date yet to be determined.

## **Congregation News**

#### **Executive Presbyter Preaches at Good Shepherd**

On Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> we were joined for worship by the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Utah, Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior and her family. She delivered a wonderful sermon titled "Easier Said than Done" about how hard it can be to forgive. Here are a couple of photos of the service and fellowship in Conklin Hall.



### **Buildings**

I'm finally back in the saddle after 3 months of shoulder replacement recovery, so I'm starting to take care of items that sort of piled up. Included are removing the lock on the Knotty Knitters closet, fixing the CE Building glass door, Secretary office door, choir door - stuff like that. What I have NOT been able to fix is the glass narthex door. If you don't push the panic bar most of the way, the door will not close properly, so please check it as you leave (if the church is locked up) to be sure the door closes and is locked.

Looking forward, we need to improve our outside lighting to help reduce vandalism and increase nighttime safety and we will be taking a look at that over the next couple of months.

Eric Westland

## **Christian Education**

As Lent begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. Ralph already has begun a Monday evening study of the Gospel of Mark. In addition to the study participants share a potluck dinner. It's a great time to learn and share a meal so please join us. In addition, Adult Sunday School continues at 9:00 am. We continue the use of *The Present Word*. Children's Sunday School meets at 10:30 am in the Education Building.

PC (USA)'s annual Lenten Devotional, "Lord, When Did We See You?" is now available free online. To access this program, please visit <u>https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/2022lent/</u>.

March has several special days. *World Day of Prayer* is on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is *I Know the Plans I Have for You*. It is an invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering. March 6<sup>th</sup>, in anticipation of *International Women's Day* on March 8<sup>th</sup>, will be a celebration of the gifts of women. The church will celebrate the legendary Mr. Rogers on *Mr. Rogers Day*, March 20<sup>th</sup> and *Building Vital Congregations Sunday*, a part of the Matthew 25 Initiative will be March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

## **Congregational Growth & Care**

We are pleased to say we will be holding our first **Zoom at Noon** program on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at, you guessed it, Noon. As we have told you, our speaker will be Deanna Flores, a Good Shepherd member and member of our committee presenting "Live Longer, Feel Your Best: Secrets of the World's Blue Zones." You may not be aware of the term 'Blue Zone,' but it relates to a project begun in 2004 when a team of demographers, scientists and anthropologists set out to learn why residents in certain geographic areas (Blue Zones) in Costa Rica, Italy, Greece, Japan and the United States seemed to live longer and lead more emotionally happy lives than people in other parts of the world. Deanna will talk about the amazing findings of the studies and how they may relate to us, and the possibilities offered to improve our daily lives and overall health and wellness.

We are providing you with the choice of attending either in-person, with your sandwich in hand, or from the comfort of your home by Zoom. Following the instructions in the article on page 9 explains how to participate by using Zoom. If you will be attending in-person, we will have special treats and a beverage available for you. Also, rumor has it that there will be an opportunity drawing of names during the program when three lucky participants, attending either in-person or by Zoom, will receive a special gift. Why not plan on spending your lunch hour with us on March 24<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend. You could become one of the winners!

Alicia Kitzman

### Deacons

After a good Elder/Deacon training meeting, your deacons are ready to serve you in 2022! We will be spending time getting familiar with the new parish realignments and "new" members of our individual parishes and be reaching out soon. We look forward to getting to know 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.

In Christ's service, Vicky Westland

## **Fellowship**

Spring is coming and that means more opportunities for fellowship as we get closer to Easter. We won't have any events in March, but April will be busy. More about that next month.

In the meantime, it is great to see so many people joining us each Sunday for our weekly Fellowship time in Conklin Hall. We hope to see you there soon, too.

Mary Contreras

## Mission/Outreach

Our Souper Bowl of Caring was quite successful this year. We raised \$455 and received 121 pounds of food along with a good supply of plates, bowls and supplies. We donated \$230 to Solomon's Porch for their Sunday Feast and the food and remaining \$225 went to Switchpoint.

Please keep Operation Christmas Child in your thoughts throughout the year. Each month we collect a different group of items that we will use to pack shoeboxes in November. For March the emphasis is on craft items. Please place your donations in the box on the table in Conklin Hall.

We will be making our annual Churchwide Mission donations in March.

Thanks, Peace and Blessings

Chris Schleter

### Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of the action that was taken:

- Approved an E-Vote of January 24, 2022, to purchase a laptop for the church treasurer at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.
- Approved April 28- May 7, 2022, vacation for Rev. Ralph Clingan.
- Approved the expenditure of \$609 for 2022 Lenten Study curriculum.
- Adopted Expense Reporting Policy #PO-5-002 regarding reimbursable expense policy and procedures.
- Authorized Mary Laubscher, Treasurer, to transfer funds between all State Bank of Southern Utah checking and money market accounts. These accounts include but are not limited to: General Fund, Memorial Fund, Building Fund, Russia Mission Fund and Capital Reserve Fund. In addition, Mary Laubscher is authorized to transfer funds from the General Fund, Memorial Fund, Building Fund, Russia Mission Fund and Capital Reserve Fund to pay State Bank of Southern Utah credit card bills as they become due.
- Adopted a Resolution authorizing the State Bank of Southern Utah to issue a credit card to Mary Laubscher with a credit limit of \$500.
- Voted to delay the appointment of Mary Laubscher as Treasurer until it is necessary to do so.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

## Stewardship

As always, our congregation steps up when asked. While we are still a few thousand dollars short of fully funding our budget for 2022, we are in pretty good shape. A special thank you to all those who have submitted pledges for 2022. Your generosity helps keep us thriving.

As of February 13<sup>th,</sup> we have received pledges totaling \$160,482 or slightly more than 95% of our \$168,314 need for this year. If you haven't yet submitted a pledge, it's never too late to do so. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge so we have our budget for the year fully funded. Remember that a pledge is a commitment but if circumstances change, they can always be modified. We thank you for your continued support.

Blessings Leslie Lintz

## Worship & Music

March 1<sup>st</sup> is Shrove Tuesday, or known as "Fat Tuesday", which proceeds the Liturgical season of Lent. Good Shepherd will observe this day with a Pancake breakfast, but will be served at 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The following day, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Ash Wednesday. You can choose between two services to attend. The first is at 11:00 am and the second at 7:00 pm.

We encourage all to attend these services to prepare our hearts for a season of prayer and reflection.

As usual, our Bell and Chancel Choirs are hard at work preparing music for every service. We will be observing Lent with beautiful music presented by both choirs. We appreciate all who help with the various jobs of ushering, lighting the candles, and preparing the sanctuary for each service. And we thank Rev. Ralph for his leadership in making each service spiritual and meaningful.

Barbara McConnell



## A Little Church Humor (Before Lent Begins)



Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, March 6 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, March 13 <sup>2nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17—4:1	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36
Sunday, March 20 <sup>3rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Sunday, March 27 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## **Lectionary Readings for March**

# **Lectionary Readings for April**

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, April 3 5th Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Sunday, April 10 Passion/Palm Sunday	Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14 - 23:56 <i>or</i> Luke 23:1-49
Monday, April 11 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 12 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 13 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 14 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, April 15 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1 - 19:42

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#### Lectionary Readings for April, continued

Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil	A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used. Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Jonah 1:1-2:1 Jonah 2:2-3 (4-6), 7-9 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 17 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 65:17-29 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Luke 24:1-4
Sunday, April 24 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 <i>or</i> Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

### How to Join Zoom at Noon

Joining a Zoom meeting is easy. You can join with video from your webcam or with audio only. You also can use either a computer or your phone or tablet.

To join the meeting, open your browser and enter <u>zoom.us</u> in the address bar. When the Zoom page opens, click on Join a Meeting at the top and, when the join meeting page opens, enter the Meeting ID (822 4060 7546) in the box at the center of the screen, enter and wait to be admitted to the program.

Everyone's microphone should be muted when they enter the meeting. Please check when you enter the meeting. If there is a red diagonal line across the microphone symbol in the bottom left corner of the screen and the caption reads "Unmute" your microphone is muted. If there is no red line and the caption reads "Mute" please click on that symbol to mute the microphone.

To ask a question please unmute your mic by clicking on the microphone symbol and when you are done click on the symbol again to mute it again. Please wait until the speaker asks for questions to do this.

If you want to share video from your camera, click the camera symbol to the right of the microphone symbol (the caption should read "Start Video") to start sharing your camera. There is no need for you to share your camera unless you wish to do so.

You're ready so just sit back and enjoy the program.

When the program ends or if you wish to leave the Zoom session, click on the red Leave Meeting button at the bottom right of the screen. You can rejoin the meeting later if you wish by going back to the Zoom page and following the instructions in the second paragraph above.

March 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		L Shrove Tuesday 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 5:30 Shrove Tuesday t0 Dinner 7:00 pm 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	2 Ash Wednesday am Service 11:00 Ash Wednesday am Service 11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe Barnes & Noble 7:00 Ash Wednesday pm Service	<b>3</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>5</b> <del>2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal</del> pm
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1** Sunday in Lent         Soup Kitchen Sunday         8:45       Prayer Service with         am       Communion         9:00       Adult Education         am       Initial Communion         10:30       Communion         am       Worship         10:30       Children's Sunday         am       School & Nursery         11:45       Fellowship         am       12:00         More Committee       Meeting	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Lenten Bible Study pm - Kerygma's Gospel of Mark	10:00       Memorial Garden Meeting         am       Committee Meeting         11:00       Women's Bible         am       Study @ First Watch         3:00       Exercise with Rev.         pm       Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am IHOP in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	7:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal pm
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Session Meeting	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Lenten Bible Study pm - Kerygma's Gospel of Mark	<ul> <li>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch</li> <li>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</li> <li>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group</li> </ul>	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<ul> <li>11:00 Men's Bible Study @</li> <li>am IHOP in Washington</li> <li>3:00 Exercise with Rev.</li> <li>pm Ralph</li> <li>3:45 Chancel Choir</li> <li>pm Rehearsal</li> </ul>	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	2:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal pm
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PLEASE NOTE:

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## **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

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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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	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 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup> we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$56,300** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$307,463** or about **80.1** of our **\$384,000** goal.

While we are not currently conducting a Building Fund campaign, we do need donations to the Building Fund 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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