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May is Per Capita Month

With Easter behind us, May is Per Capita Month for Good Shepherd. You may have noticed the blue envelopes in the pews and in the narthex, marked "Per Capita." Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, "Exactly what does per capita do?"

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$41.48) that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Our congregation benefits from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country. Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- Our congregation is involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth. In many places in our world, it is difficult to "do mission" except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- We benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions. Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- We want future generations to learn about our congregation's present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions). Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- We want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations. Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- We want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more. Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, our per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like us about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

By contributing your portion of per capita, you free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. The 2022 per capita payment due from Good Shepherd is nearly \$10,500. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

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Rev. Dolores Wiens

Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

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Prayer Concerns

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it" John 14:13-14

Cathy Overkamp
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Cheryl Mansfield
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John & Kathryn Whitton
Ann Abbott
Darlene Baxter
Paul Wiens
Fred & Cathy Overkamp's cousin
The Contreras Family on the death of Lindsey
The People of Ukraine and an end to the war
Caregivers in our area, state and nation
Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

**Gordon & Marilyn Conklin
Jerry & Ruth Leonard**

If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please see Rev. Ralph or Session Clerk Ruth Ann Horvath

June Newsletter Deadline

May 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 (Through May 22nd)
Children's Sunday School
CE Building
10:30 am
Worship
Sanctuary
11:45 am
Fellowship Time
Conklin Hall

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

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

The scriptures for April were:

Rev. Ralph	Revelation 21:1-4	New heaven
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Matthew 21:5	Look, your king
Elder Leslie Lintz	Isaiah 55:6-8	Seek the Lord
Elder Alan Paige	Acts 14:23	With Prayer
Elder Chris Schleiter	Isaiah 53:5-6	We are healed
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	2 Corinthians 5:17	New creation
Elder Eric Westland	Ephesians 2:8	For by grace
Elder Barbara McConnell	James 1:17-18	Prized possession
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Acts 4:12	Salvation is
Elder Mary Contreras	Colossians 3:14,17	Put on love

Thanks to our Volunteers

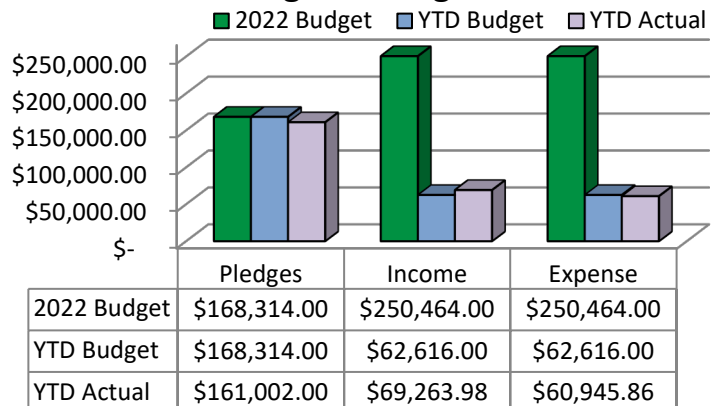
Flowers		Sunday School
May		
May 1	John & Peggy Graber	<i>Available</i>
May 8	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 15	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 22	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 29	Eliza Elwood	Summer Break
June		
June 5	Roger & Alicia Kitzman	Summer Break
June 12	Shirley Taylor	Summer Break
June 19	<i>Available</i>	Summer Break
June 26	<i>Available</i>	Summer Break

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of March 31	
Month of March	
Receipts	\$ 16,646.91
Expenditures	\$ 20,536.57
2022 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 62,616.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 69,263.98
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 62,616.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 60,945.86
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 52,423.98
Building Fund	\$ 62,192.42
Memorial Fund	\$ 4,268.76
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,687.00
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 7,173.05
Bequests	\$ 68,365.09

2022 Budget Through March 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

*Eight days later His disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you." Then He *said to Thomas, "Place your finger here, and see My hands; and take your hand and put it into My side; and do not continue in disbelief, but be a believer." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*

John 20:24-29 NASB



The few remaining Lilly's left in the sanctuary are looking like they are in need of water. The oil lamps from the Agape Dinner have been boxed up and put away. The Halleluiahs Chorus has been retired from the choir folders, I'm sure thankfully by the choir. The last leftovers from the Easter brunch have been given away. Easter/Resurrection Sunday has come and gone, but where did it go?

It's conjecture on my part but I wonder where Thomas was when Jesus first visited the disciples, now apostles. Considering the scary times they were living in and through, culminating with Jesus horrific death on the cross, did he conveniently disappear. Was he in hiding wondering where did all the good days go? Was he pondering a return to his former life before Jesus turned it upside down?

After eight days he could wait no longer. He returned to his family, brothers and sisters who confronted him with a strange claim and witness: Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed.

The Monday after Easter seemed like any ordinary day. The images on my television and computer were just as ugly and sad. Yet just a few hours earlier I declared with others the world had changed and with it came hope and promise of the new life and hope we all share.

Perhaps we like Thomas need to return to who we have become. To the faith that shapes how we see the world and each other and trust the one who has called us to new life in his name. And hear the words the risen Jesus directed to Thomas and now us:

and do not continue in disbelief, but be a believer." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

*A Blessed Easter Season to you all,
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



Does Jesus still heal today? I mean, does Jesus heal like he did when he was on earth? Hebrews 13:8 does tell us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Well, I learned that the answer is "Yes," many years ago, when Paul and I were a young married couple with 3 small children. Scott was barely 5 years old, and he was coming down with something. Paul's brother Wendell and his family had just arrived from Kansas; we had planned a weekend trip to the mountains. What to do! I was concerned because I had not been able to coax Scott to eat for several days. However, Wendell was a physician and he said he thought Scott would be OK; he

promised to take care of him. But Scott only became more ill, and I could still not coax him to eat. On Sunday, driving home, Wendell urged us to take him to the emergency room right away. A pediatrician was called in who took a series of x-rays and immediately admitted Scott to the hospital. After running tests, he came to tell us that Scott had pneumonia, but what puzzled him was that it was caused by klebsiella, a type of bacteria that was often seen in alcoholics and burn patients, but not in an otherwise healthy child. Several days passed. Scott continued to refuse to eat. He wore an oxygen mask and sat up night and day because he could not breathe lying down. One day, the pediatrician came in shaking his head. He told us that he had done all he could do for Scott; Scott was dying. He wanted to rush him to the Children's Hospital in Atlanta hoping they would be able to save his life. He asked me to run home and pick up what I might need to take with me while he prepared the paperwork. I dashed home, but on the way back, I ran by my friend Martha's house to pick up homemade chicken broth she had prepared, hoping to tempt Scott to eat. Martha urged me to come in for just a moment so she could pray for Scott. She had a visitor who joined us as Martha began to pray. Suddenly, I heard a loud gasp! I looked up and her visitor's eyes were big as saucers and her jaw was on the floor! With a trembling voice, she spoke, "Oh Lord, you have just told me that all we have to do is ask and you'll heal Scotty . . . and I'm asking you to heal him right now." I wondered about that, but I thanked them both, took the soup and hurried back to the hospital. As I stepped off the elevator, Paul was standing just outside Scott's door watching for me. When he saw me, he flew down the hallway, grabbed me by the hand and said, "Come and see! Scott has just eaten a bowl of hospital soup!" I walked in to see Scott, oxygen mask hanging around his neck, still sipping the soup! I had no sooner gotten in the room when the doctor literally came running in, with a sheath of papers in his hand. "The paperwork is completed," he said. "Let me check him over one more time before he goes." The doc hurried over to the other side of the bed, stethoscope in hand. Holding it up to Scott's chest, he checked, then he checked again then he turned to us and said, "I cannot believe this is the same child I examined an hour ago. He will not need to be transferred to Atlanta. The sounds of pneumonia the doctor had been hearing were gone from his lungs. Subsequent x-rays confirmed that no pneumonia remained; his lungs were clear. Scott spent several more days in the hospital and it took him weeks to recover his strength, but that day, in that moment, Jesus reached down touched Scott and restored his life. Over the years in my hospital ministry, I have seen such healings, where people were cured. I have seen times when people were healed but not cured. I have seen times when people were healed as they left this earth and were received through the gates of heaven. But, please, my dear brothers and sisters, I want you to know that with God nothing is impossible.

Rev. Dolores

Strand of Pearls 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, and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

Healing Prayer Offered Weekly

Healing prayer and anointing is offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Kathryn Whitton will be available in the Chapel to offer healing prayer for all who desire it. A Healing Service will take place in the spring on a date yet to be determined.

Buildings

I finally installed a buzzer that will alert people exiting the glass narthex doors if the locked door does not latch correctly. If this happens to you, just push the panic bar in completely and the latch will reset.

We have not had the sanctuary carpets cleaned in over one year of use, so it is time. Removing the chairs/Bibles/hymnals goes quickly as we have plenty of helping hands after worship, but putting everything back a few days later is what takes time, so I'll be asking folks to sign up and then later set a date.

I believe our smart thermostats have saved us a lot of money since we installed them. I program the heat/AC each Sunday afternoon for the following week's activities. The tricky time to program is on Sundays during the hot months. I have a choreographed schedule that follows who is doing what in each building. This helps minimize the extra charges we incur if we have all the AC units on at the same time.

I took the passcode off the thermostats, so if you are at an activity other than Sunday, you can have the temps your way. They are programmed to return to their scheduled setting two hours later, so if you are at home later and realize you forgot to reset the temperature, it will take care of itself. Having said that, please don't touch them on Sundays. Barbara only lets me sit with the choir so I can observe how many are bundled up in blankets vs. those fanning themselves with the bulletin. I think I found the Goldilocks setting for worship.

Eric Westland

Christian Education

Now that Easter is over we move into a much quieter period in the life of the church. Adult Sunday School will continue through the summer at 9:00 am in the CE Building. We continue the use of *The Present Word*. Children's Sunday School will meet until May 22nd then will be on summer break.

May is *Mental Health Awareness Month* and *Foster Care Month*. Very appropriate for our congregation is Older Adult Week which happens during the first week in May. This special emphasis week for those 65 and above has been around since it was adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly in 1992.

In addition, May has several special days. *Legacy Giving Sunday* is May 1st, the *National Day of Prayer* is May 5th. *May Friendship Day*, a day to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the day of need is May 6th, *Fair Trade Day*, a day to promote fair trade as a means of eliminating world hunger is May 14th. *Presbyterian Heritage Sunday*, a day to reflect upon and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian church in America is May 22nd and *Mission Worker Sunday*, honoring all Mission Workers in the Church, is May 29th.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Congregational Growth & Care

On March 24th, we enjoyed our first Zoom at Noon event when Deanna Flores presented "*Live Longer, Feel Your Best : Secrets of the World's Blue Zones*." The Blue Zones Project began in 2004 when Dan Buettner, an American National Geographic Fellow, along with a team of demographers, scientists and anthropologists, studied the dietary and everyday living habits of residents in five geographic areas of the world - the Nicoya peninsula, Costa Rica, the Barbagia region of Sardinia, Italy, the islands of Icaria, Greece and Okinawa, Japan and the California city of Loma Linda. Their goal was to learn why the people from these areas appeared to live longer, happier, more active lives while not suffering many of the degenerative diseases common to the rest of the industrialized world and — what could those findings mean for us?

As a result of the study, the team determined there were nine, evidence-based factors all Blue Zone regions shared in common, the Power 9. Dan Buettner has written about how adopting the principles of these nine healthy habits could translate to the betterment of our everyday living and overall health. In her talk, Deanna encouraged discussion of each of his Power 9 points and gave examples of how, if we were to make even little changes in our daily lifestyle and dietary habits, we might improve the quality of our lives. It is never too late to live a healthier lifestyle by following the tips as suggested by Dan Buettner

- Move Naturally - Engage in basic (no marathons needed) physical activity around the house, garden, walk, cycle, take the long route from parking your car to the store, walk when talking on the phone.
- Know Your Purpose - Have a reason for starting each day

Congregational Growth and Care, continued

- Kick Back - Employ personal stress-buster activities such as praying, napping, meditating, socializing with others
- Eat Less - Deanna emphasized we should eat until we are no longer hungry and not until we are full - the 80% rule.
- Eat Less Meat - Cut meat consumption to perhaps, twice a week. Otherwise, eat beans, nuts, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, healthy fats, fish and seafood.
- Drink in Moderation - Residents of Blue Zones, with the exception of Seventh Day Adventists in the Loma Linda zone, have been known to enjoy a glass of wine or two each day, best shared with others.
- Have Faith - Being part of a faith-based community can add years to one's life.
- Power of Love - Having and nurturing strong family connections and keeping aging parents and grandparents close by, if possible, is important.
- Stay Social - Maintain a social network of close friends who share and support healthy behaviors.

We will continue to post healthy living tips and information for you on our Growth and Care Committee bulletin boards in the Conklin Hallway. Make it a habit to pause and read what's there as well as to pick up your copy of the Healthy Recipe of the Month. TRY it, you just might LIKE it! Recipe for May - Caprese Avocado Salad.

As an added NOTE: Deanna has graciously agreed to re-do her presentation in a casual setting and at a date to be determined for those wishing to hear it again or those members and friends who missed the March 24th event. We will be offering an opportunity in the near future for you to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE: Our next scheduled luncheon will be **Thursday, June 9th at Noon** in Conklin Hall. Our speakers will be two principals involved with the HerediGene Population Study at St George Regional Hospital. The topic: Precision Genomics - The Future of Medicine

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

Christ is Risen!

"Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I will keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

Psalm 16: vs 1-2, 5-11, NIV.

As we contemplate these verses, let us keep our eyes always on the Lord, with thanksgiving, remembering what God in Christ has done for us. He is risen indeed!

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

With the Easter season behind us our next big event will be Worship in the Park and our annual Church picnic on May 29th at 2450 East Park about half a mile south of the church. We will also celebrate Reunion Sunday which commemorates our return to live worship following COVID-19. Plan to join us for this event as it is always a good time. We'll provide the main course and we ask you to bring a side or dessert to share. We will have a signup sheet in Conklin Hall for you to let us know how many are coming and what you will be bringing.

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

Back by popular demand, May is the time for our annual shoe drive. It's time for some spring cleaning anyway so attack those closets and bring us shoes that you no longer need or wear. Boxes will be set up in Conklin Hall for you to deposit your gently used shoes. All donated shoes will go to Soles4Souls. The shoe drive will run from Sunday, May 1st through Sunday, June 12th. There are four important ways donated shoes help others:

- Donated shoes **create opportunity**: Gently used shoes you collect get funneled to developing countries, where people start small businesses to sell them.
- They **generate income**: By selling shoes, business owners have money to provide for their family—and people who need shoes the most get them at a price they can afford.
- Donated shoes **provide relief**: Funds generated through Soles4Souls' [micro-enterprise program](#) allow them to use 100% of donor contributions for direct assistance and disaster relief programs in all 50 states.
- Shoes you donate **protect the environment**: By repurposing discarded shoes and clothing, you keep them out of landfills and help promote sustainability. The shoe drive is a win/win for everyone and we look forward to filling lots of boxes of shoes this year.

Donna Beasley continues to coordinate our Operation Christmas Child effort. The May emphasis is Hygiene Items. Please place your donations in the box in Conklin Hall.

Each year Donna gathers a group to make dresses to put in the shoeboxes. She has all the supplies to make 30 dresses and needs some volunteers to help make them. They take about 60 to 90 minutes to sew. If you are interested, please contact Donna at 435-619-2538.

Thanks, Peace and Blessings

Chris Schleiter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on April 3rd. Here is a synopsis of the action that was taken:

- Approved for membership into Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Gordon & Marilyn Conklin and Jerry & Ruth Leonard.
- Approved the sacrament of Baptism of Dale Waugh on March 16, 2022.
- Approved the purchase of 14 refillable candles for a cost not to exceed \$1,300, including shipping. The expense will be paid out of the Memorial Fund.
- Approved the purchase of audio and network cabling, conduits and connectors to install permanent audio cabling and network infrastructure in Conklin Hall at a cost not to exceed \$500 to be paid from the Building Fund.
- Approved to adopt Policy PO-F-002 - Eligibility for Internment in Memorial Garden.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

We welcome the beautiful weather of Spring in Southwest Utah! I hope everyone is healthy and getting a chance to enjoy the sunshine. The church is doing well financially because of your generosity in pledges and offerings. Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated.

May is Per Capita month! For more information on what Per Capita is and how you can help the church to meet our obligations for Per Capita, please see page 1.

*Blessings
Leslie Lintz*

Worship & Music

As our beautiful spring days approach the lazy, hot days of summer, the month of May will be filled with special events and worship services!

A special musical event will be held at our church in May. The St. George Chamber Singers will present a concert on Friday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm. This choir, conducted by Dr. Paul Wiens, is considered the "Best of the Best" of the community choirs in the St. George area. Our church has provided our building for their rehearsals. The concert is a "Thank You" to us for the use of our facility. Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of choral music!

As by tradition, the men will conduct the worship service on Mother's Day, May 12th. It is always a delight to see the mothers honored on that day!

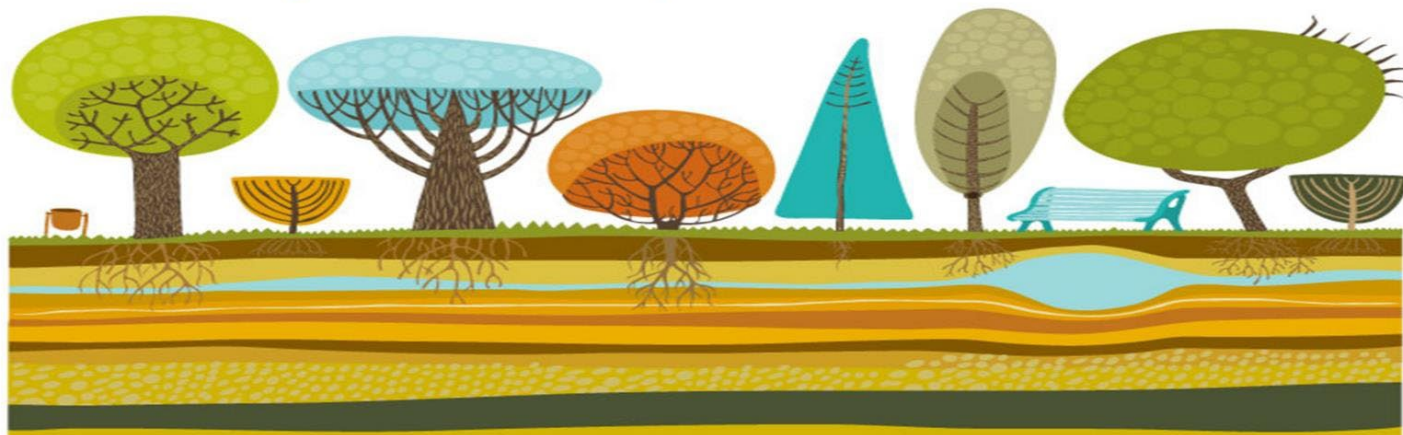
The last Sunday of the month, May 29th, is Worship in the Park which will be held at the 2450 East Park. The service will be followed by a potluck picnic. It will also be a celebration of Reunion Sunday which commemorates our return to live worship following COVID-19.

Last, but not least, we wish to thank the members of the Bell and Chancel Choirs who have provided special music for our services this year. What a wonderful year of music we have had. We thank all the members of the choirs for their dedication and hard work. They will take a summer break, but you will be hearing beautiful music with solos and ensembles during that time.

If you wish to participate in our worship services by ushering or serving communion, please contact Anne Patten.

Barbara McConnell

worship in the park



**MAY 29TH 10:30 AM
2450 EAST PARK**

Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Sunday, May 8 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Sunday, May 15 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sunday, May 22 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5	John 14:23-29 <i>or</i> John 5:1-9
Thursday, May 26 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 <i>or</i> Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, May 29 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, June 5 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 <i>or</i> Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 <i>or</i> Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 (25-27)
Sunday, June 12 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Sunday, June 19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 26 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Congregation News

Sad News

We were devastated to hear of the passing of Lindsey Contreras in a car accident on April 3rd. Our prayers go out to Tom, Mary, Adam, Melissa and Colton. A Memorial Service will be held for Lindsey on May 21st at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Memorial Service Scheduled

A Memorial Service for Shirley Fromknecht Wilson will be held on May 14th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we remember the life of our sister Shirley.



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 10:30 am Communion Worship - Rev. Dolores Wiens preaching 11:45 am Fellowship	2 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	3 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	4 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	5 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ IHOP in Washington 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	6 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 pm St. George Chamber Singers Concert - Sanctuary	7
8 Mother's Day 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Session Meeting	9 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	10 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	11 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	12 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ IHOP in Washington 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	13 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	14 11:00 am Memorial Service for Shirley Wilson
15 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting	16 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	17 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	18 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	19 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ IHOP in Washington 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	20 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	21 11:00 am Memorial Service for Lindsey Contreras
22 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship	23 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 11:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship	24 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	25 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	26 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ IHOP in Washington 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	27 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	28 5:00 pm Women's Guild Dinner
29 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship in the Park 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Picnic in the Park	30 Memorial Day 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	31 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ First Watch 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph				

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from April 28th through May 7th.

Please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) with any pastoral concerns.

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

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st 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	Bishop's in Washington
	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	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	On Summer Hiatus - Resumes in August
	Saturday	9:00 am Bell Choir	On Summer Hiatus - Resumes in August



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 April 24th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$61,470** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$312,633** or about **81.4** 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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