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Get Ready For A Busy Fall Season

To say that October is going to be a busy month in the life of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church would be an understatement.

On October 2nd, the Deacons will be hosting Parish Sunday during post-worship Fellowship. This event will be an old-fashioned ice cream social and each parish will have a table where parish members and their Deacon can join together to enjoy a sundae and get to know each other better.

October 16th will be Heritage Sunday when we will celebrate the history of our congregation. We'll get out the scrapbooks from the early days of the church and look back on how we started and how we came to be where we are. Be sure to wear your Good Shepherd polos as we celebrate our heritage.

Reformation Sunday is October 30th this year. As always we'll have bagpipes for worship and recognize and commemorate Martin Luther's nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517.

Two of our major mission projects also kick off in October.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available beginning October 2nd. Pick up one or several shoeboxes, fill them with goodies for children in developing countries and bring them back on November 20th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, when we'll dedicate our shoeboxes for 2022. We plan to pack 90 shoeboxes as a church on October 29th and welcome anyone who would like to join us. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes introduce Christ to children who may never have received a gift before and the children are offered an opportunity to know our Lord and learn more about Him.

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will also kick off in October as we distribute envelopes to those who want to walk with us to fight hunger both in our area and around the world. The walk will begin at 10:00 am on November 12th at Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. We hope that everyone will either walk with us or make a donation to one of our walkers. Good Shepherd has a history of making the largest donation to the CROP Walk of any organization in the area and we hope the tradition will continue.

Coming up in November, Presbytery will be meeting in our Sanctuary on Saturday, November 5th and we'll welcome the other churches in Utah to our little corner of creation. Everyone is welcome to attend the worship service and we will need everyone's help to ensure that the meeting comes together. We will also have Al (and possibly Ellen) Smith with us for Presbytery and for worship on November 6th.

November also brings our annual healing service and, of course, the start of Advent and our progression to Christmas. We'll decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 26th, to get ready for a joyous Advent and Christmas season.

There won't be a dull moment in our church life and we hope that everyone will participate in as many of these events as possible. There is no church without you!

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

Ann Hogan
 Russell Estlack
 Jan Hirschi
 Molly Bass
 Gloria McGilloway and family
 Tom & Mary Contreras and Colton
 Donna Beasley for safe travels
 Vicky Westland and family
 The People of Ukraine and Russia
 Caregivers in our area, state and nation
 Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
 Those Serving Our Country

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 September were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:31-37	Nothing can
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Genesis 12:3	Bless all
Elder Leslie Lintz	2 Corinthians 9:8	You will abound
Elder Alan Paige	Proverbs 21:3	Do justice
Elder Chris Schleiter	Psalm 143:10	Teach me
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	2 Corinthians 5:17-20	New Creation
Elder Eric Westland	Proverbs 31:8-9	Speak up
Elder Barbara McConnell	Romans 5:1-2	Peace with God
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Isaiah 41:10	Do not fear
Elder Mary Contreras	Philippians 4:19-20	All your needs

Welcome New Members

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

November Newsletter Deadline

October 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
Children's Sunday School
 CE Building
10:30 am
Worship
 Sanctuary
11:45 am
Fellowship Time
 Conklin Hall

Thanks to our Volunteers

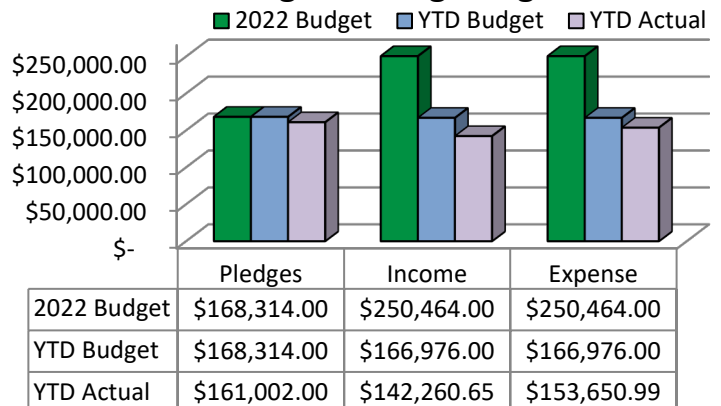
Flowers		Sunday School
October		
October 2	Russ & Candy Hurlbut	<i>Available</i>
October 9	Curt & Linda Whatley	<i>Available</i>
October 16	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
October 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
October 30	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
November		
November 6	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
November 13	John & Peggy Graber	<i>Available</i>
November 20	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
November 27	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

Sign up for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website gspsq.org

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of August 31	
Month of August	
Receipts	\$ 14,220.19
Expenditures	\$ 20,135.14
2022 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 166,976.00
Actual Receipts	\$142,260.65
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 166,976.00
Actual Expenditures	\$153,650.99
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 42,657.37
Building Fund	\$ 68,485.54
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,739.63
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 6,323.05
Bequests	\$ 68,444.06

2022 Budget Through August 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39 NASB



Recently I attended a retreat for our presbytery's clergy and certified lay preachers. The theme of the of the retreat was "Mourning to Morning." In all actuality this retreat was two and a half years in the making. It was originally scheduled for May of 2020, and we all know what happened. For many of us this was the first time we had been in each other's company, other than on a computer screen, in over two years. For some of us it was the first time we had met each other.

The first half of the retreat afforded us the opportunity to share our experiences of the last two years. The second half was the sharing of the new day that all of us felt was beginning as our Lord is leading us to be people of hope, joy and love.

I often attribute it more to the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit, rather than coincidence, that not only did we have common shared experiences but as well we discovered that we shared a sense of a new day dawning, one that holds promise

and hope. Like a new day, we could neither predict or discern clearly what this new day holds for us, but all of us perceived what awaits us our Lord is providing, and it will be one of hope for tomorrow, as old hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" goes. Which also includes the words, "morning to morning fresh mercies I see."

We have now entered the season of Autumn - the time of year when the days become darker and colder. There are those we share this life with who are already, spiritually, living in Winter.

I believe for our congregation, as the body of Christ, we have entered Spring. You may be saying to yourself that I am showing my optimist credentials - guilty as charged! But I base this hope filled vision not on wishful thinking but on my faith. On the knowledge that as Paul declares, nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We saw this clearly at our retreat and know that the same holds true for tomorrow. This is our message and our witness to those living in Winter and an invitation to join us, God's people of hope, in this new day. The Spring of our Savior's love and call.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

**** Home Communion ****

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (435-628-9158).

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

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



This is the second of seven Thoughts on Prayer compiled by Tony Cook. Watch for more of them in subsequent newsletters. Spend time meditating on these thoughts in the month ahead and apply them to your own prayer life.

2. Prayer is not a one-way conversation.

"God must speak to us before we have any liberty to speak to him." (John Stott)

"The true spirit of prayer is no other than God's own Spirit dwelling in the hearts of the saints. And as this spirit comes from God, so doth it naturally tend to God in holy breathings and pantings. It naturally leads to God, to converse with him by prayer." (Jonathan Edwards)

Jesus said in John 15:7, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

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.

For the silent prayers
deep in our hearts
that have no words
but simply images
held out to you
of those we love
and those we miss,
the suffering, the sick,
the lonely and the lost.
Hear our prayers,
the offering of our hearts,
and bless the ones
we lay before you now.



Buildings

A huge thank you to all those that helped after Sunday services with clearing out the sanctuary furniture so the carpets could get cleaned, and then showed back up a couple of days later to put it all back. The carpet had not been cleaned since we had it installed a few years ago, so after clearing out all the furniture, it was obvious it really, really needed it. I have seen cleaner floors in a tire shop. There were two big stains, probably from spilled drinks, but it all cleaned up pretty nicely.

Next, we'll get Conklin Hall's carpets cleaned along with all of the upholstered chairs. It is a little trickier clearing out Conklin after fellowship hour because it can be dangerous to cut short Paul Phipps' snack time, but I am certain that, with the Lord's help, we will get it done.

The Sanctuary paint was looking pretty rough in places, so I did a bunch of touch up and repainted the west door which must have been suffering from being a backstop for Rev. Ralph's Axe Throwing Bible Study Hour. We can put off repainting the sanctuary for several more years.

Eric Westland

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School is going strong and Adult Sunday School continues a new quarter of The Present Word study on Sundays at 9:00 am. The theme this quarter is "God's Exceptional Choice," tracing the arc of salvation history from Abraham to Jesus and on to the early church.

Rev. Ralph says that probably he would identify Romans 8 as his favorite chapter in the whole Bible. Paul's letter to the Romans probably has had the most significant effect on the life and history of the church since its inception during the first century. The reformer Dr. Martin Luther identified Romans as the source of his conversion to Christian faith. Thus, we are excited to offer a nine-week study of Paul's letter to the Romans continues through October 24th. The study takes place in the CE building on Monday evenings with a potluck supper at 6:00 pm. If you want to participate but didn't receive a workbook, please let us know and we'll get one for you. Come join in!

Rev. Ralph has also indicated that there will not be a Kerygma Bible Study for Advent this year so if you need your Kerygma fix the Monday study is the last one until Lent.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Congregational Growth & Care

OCTOBER EVENTS sponsored by your Growth and Care Committee:

Wednesday, October 12th at Noon - Join us to "Lunch and Learn" all about Osteoporosis. We will meet in Conklin Hall from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm and have a presentation about osteoporosis and how, if undiagnosed and untreated, it affects both men and women and can change one's quality of life. Our speaker will be Dr. Vafa Tabatabaie, Endocrinologist, from Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY. She will be coming to us via Zoom but we will be able to ask her questions regarding the topic. Bring a bag lunch. Beverages and treats will be provided.

Sunday, October 16th, will be "Heritage Sunday." Our church service will be a re-creation of the service held on April 10, 1988 (yes, nearly thirty-five years ago) - the day the church was chartered. It will be festive event to honor our history and those who were instrumental in helping us to realize the ministry we share today. If you have one, please help us celebrate by wearing your Good Shepherd polo shirt. Following the service, take time join us in Conklin Hall to chat and peruse the historic memorabilia which will be on display.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR - with a twist . . . It's Time to get your Flu Shot - if it is your annual routine - but this year, you are invited to add the latest booster against the SARS-CoV-2 virus - the Omicron bivalent booster. Because the booster is formulated based on the original, successful, Messenger RNA vaccine platform while targeting the two common variants, BA.4 and BA.5, scientists have felt comfortable in making it available at this time in order to be ahead of the possible increase in flu and COVID cases expected later this Fall. You may choose to receive both the flu vaccine and Omicron booster at the same time but, it is also suggested that waiting two weeks between injections may minimize possible reaction and allow for determining which vaccine may have been the cause of any reactions you might have. Eight weeks should have elapsed since having had any previous COVID booster, you must have received the original "starter" doses of the vaccine before being eligible for the bivalent booster and you may mix sources of vaccine - Pfizer or Moderna. It takes two weeks for your body to develop antibodies from either the flu or

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

COVID vaccine and any acquired immunity may tend to wane after two to three months. Neither vaccine promises to prevent disease but each has been shown to lessen the most severe illness from either virus. Both COVID and the flu can present with similar symptoms - cough, sore throat, chills, fever, fatigue and the only sure way to diagnose which virus is the culprit is by testing with a disease-specific test. It is encouraging that scientists are in the process of developing a way to diagnose both flu and SARS-CoV-2 with a single test.

Although the best practice for optimum health is to receive both vaccines, we have always stated that you should seek healthcare recommendations from your primary provider. By taking good care of yourself, you'll be caring for those you know and love.

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.

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

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Please mark your calendar for Parish Sunday, October 2nd during Fellowship after church. This is an opportunity for you to enjoy getting to know your Deacon and others in your parish. After getting a bowl of ice cream and toppings, have a seat at the table labeled with your parish's name and linger awhile for a time of informal fellowship! If you're not sure what parish you are in, don't worry. We'll have a current list for you to use to find the right table.

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.

Vicky Westland

Fellowship

As we move from quiet summer into busy autumn, take note of the special days that are coming up. October 2nd will be Parish Sunday, a chance for everyone to sit down with their Deacon and members of their parish to get to know each other better. On October 16th we will celebrate Heritage Sunday and look back at our church's history. Be sure to wear your (new or old) Good Shepherd shirts that day!

First, thanks to Jeff Clingan for making our coffee each Sunday and to those who have helped with setup and cleanup for our Sunday fellowship each week. Putting together our weekly fellowship time is a lot of work and cleaning up is even more work. With everyone busy during the summer we have not had as many people to help as we have had in the past. I hope that several of you will step up to help on Sundays. If you're interested, please let me know.

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

Two of our major Mission activities move to the top of our queue during October.

Operation Christmas Child, coordinated by Donna Beasley will begin in earnest on October 2nd and continue through the fall. Pick up one (or several) shoeboxes, fill them up and bring them back on November 20th when we dedicate out shoeboxes for this year.

We will have a packing party on October 29th at 10:00 am in Conklin Hall, as well. We'll pack up all of the items that have been donated during the year and hope to fill 90 shoeboxes - which would be a record. Please continue to remember items for shoeboxes as you do your shopping. We still need 18 wash cloths and 60 children's card games by October 28th for the boxes we will pack as a church. Please place your donations in the box in Conklin Hall.

Each box has a suggested donation of \$10 to pay the costs involved in processing and shipping the boxes all over the world. The church pays the \$10 for each shoebox that we pack at our packing party and with a goal this year of 90 shoeboxes, the cost comes to \$900. That is money that will not be available to help our local charities at the end of the year. Please consider making a donation to help us cover this cost by dropping a check or an envelope with cash in the offering plate. Please mark your check or envelope "Mission - OCC."

The 13th Annual St. George CROP Walk will be held on Saturday, November 12th. Sign ups for walkers will begin on October 2nd so pick up your envelope after church any Sunday between then and November 6th. The six mile walk, as always, will begin at 10:00 am at Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. Why six miles? Six miles is the average distance that someone in a developing country walks EACH DAY just to get food and water. There will be refreshments along the way and the mayors of both St. George and Washington City will be there to send all of us on our way. If you would like to help but can't or don't want to walk, our walkers will put their envelopes in Conklin Hall on November 6th and you can stuff them full of donations. The local portion of the donations will be given to Solomon's Porch for their Sunday Feast and Friday Food Pantry. Whether you walk or donate we hope you will support our efforts to end hunger in our area and the world.

On November 6th we will be joined by Al (and possibly Ellen) Smith. Al will be here for the Presbytery meeting on the 5th and will be staying over to join us for worship. He will lead Sunday Adult Education and we will have a potluck in his honor on Sunday during fellowship. We look forward to having Al back in St. George and hope that everyone will turn out to hear from him and share a meal.

Thanks, Peace and Blessings

Chris Schleiter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on September 11th. Here is a synopsis of the actions that were taken:

- Appointed Anne Patten to the position of Commissioner to the Presbytery for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.

Session News, continued

- Approved the Conceptual Design of the Memorial Garden Upgrades planned for 2022 (Phase 1), and 2023 (Phase 2), omitting the installation of power in the gazebo from the project.
- Approved the funding of Phase 1 of the Conceptual Design of the Memorial Garden Upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$5,850 to be taken from bequests.
- Approved to merge the Memorial Garden Committee into the Buildings and Grounds Committee to support the execution phases of the Memorial Garden Upgrades project.
- Approved payment of Ellen Smith's airfare to attend the Presbytery Meeting at GSPC on November 5, 2022, and worship with us on November 6, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid from the Russia Mission Fund.
- Approved a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Revision Resolution for 2022 increasing the HRA amount to \$4,700. (No change in the pastor's total reimbursement amount).

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, October 9, 2022, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Fall brings cooler weather, changing leaves and the start of planning for our budget for 2023. Inflation has been hard on all of us and the church is no different. It seems like everything we buy is more expensive. For 2023 we expect to have an increase in salaries (after all our employees need to eat and pay bills, too), Per Capita, most of our contracted services, flowers, garbage collection, our copier . . . you get the picture. We also know that, as we ask for more pledges to cover the increased expenses, many of you are having challenges making ends meet. We'll be kicking off our fall Stewardship campaign later in October and you will receive a copy of the proposed budget in your annual letter. In the meantime we ask you to prayerfully consider what you may be able to do to help us to continue to provide our services in 2023.

Thanks and blessings.

Leslie Lintz

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild had their annual Craft/Bake/Rummage Sale on Saturday September 24th. We had amazing women who stepped up to bake goodies, set up tables, work the sale and help clean up. We raised over \$1,500.00 and are planning on selling the leftover baked goods to our church family for a reduced price. Thanks to all who made this sale a wonderful success and have formed great friendships through the time working together.

Love you all.

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

There is a saying, "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower". We welcome the change of colors and the cooler days and nights. We also welcome back the Bell and Chancel choirs who are rehearsing for our worship services. If you are interested in singing in the Chancel Choir or Ringing bells in the Bell Choir, please contact me. The Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 3:45 pm and the Bell Choir rehearsals are on Saturdays at 11:30 am. We need both singers and ringers!

Heritage Sunday will be on October 16th when we will celebrate the history of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We will observe Reformation Sunday on October 30th with special music by a Bagpipe band. On November 5th, the Utah Presbytery will have their worship service and meeting at our church. All are invited to attend!

If you are interested in helping with ushering, please contact Anne Patten. We sincerely thank those who are volunteering in those positions at this time.

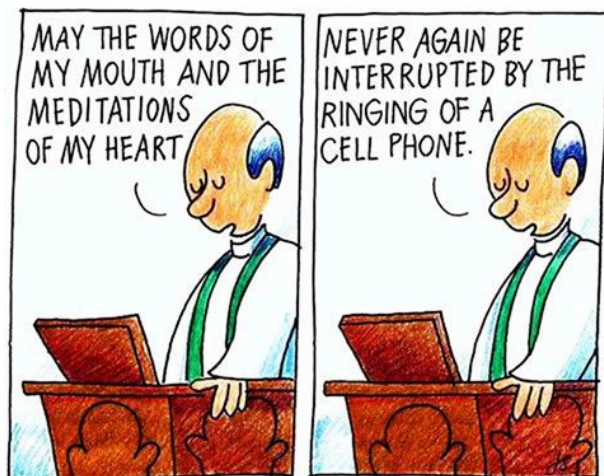
Barbara McConnell

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, October 2 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 <i>or</i> Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Sunday, October 9 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, October 16 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Sunday, October 23 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, October 30 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Sunday, November 6 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b - 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 <i>or</i> Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Sunday, November 13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Sunday, November 20 Reign of Christ / Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Sunday, November 27 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
2 Soup Kitchen Sunday Parish Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship - Parish am Sunday 12:00 Worship Noon Committee Meeting	3 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Kerygma Bible pm Study - The Book of Romans	4 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ First Watch 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	5 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	6 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's On 3050 E in Washington 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	7 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	8 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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30 Reformation Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - Kirk'n 'O am tha Tartans 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am	31 Halloween 11:30 Women's Bible am Study & Fellowship 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm					

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be attending the BURM Network Conference from October 6th through October 8th.
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 Grill in Washington
	2 nd & 4 th Friday	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's Grill 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	11:30 am 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 **September 25th** we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$66,427** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$317,590** or about **82.7** 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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