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2023 Pledge Drive Begins

We want personally to thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life, mission and ministry of our congregation. With our church life back to normal after COVID, 2022 has been a truly blessed year!

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

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

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

Pledge forms and a copy of the proposed budget for 2023 will be mailed to everyone early in November. If you don't receive yours, please see Leslie Lintz, Mary Laubscher or Chris Schleiter and they will see that you get yours.

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

Our budget is about \$12,000 higher than last year due to inflation, an unknown increase in our insurance premiums (we've been told to expect about a 10% to 15% increase), and unknown Per Capita assessment and salary increases for Rev. Ralph and Steve Talley. We've seen our loose offerings drop by nearly \$5,000 this year so we're asking for about \$17,500 more in pledges for 2023 to cover our expenditures.

Every pledge, no matter how big or small, puts us closer to our goal. You can make a pledge by dropping your pledge form in the offering plate on any Sunday or by returning it to the church office. No one will see your pledge other than our Financial Secretary, LaVerna Metzger.

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

If you have any questions, please speak with Leslie Lintz, Mary Laubscher or Chris Schleiter, your Stewardship Committee.

We will dedicate our pledges during worship on December 18th.

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
- Shirley Seefeld and Family
- Pastor Sergei and his 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 October were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 12:9-13	One another
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Romans 8:26	How to pray
Elder Leslie Lintz	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust the Lord
Elder Alan Paige	Isaiah 41:10	Fear not
Elder Chris Schleiter	Lamentations 3:22-24	Steadfast love
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Proverbs 18:10	strong tower
Elder Eric Westland	Ephesians 4:31-32	Be kind
Elder Barbara McConnell	Romans 15:13	Joy and peace
Elder Alicia Kitzman	1 Peter 1:10-11	Whatever gift
Elder Mary Contreras	Philippians 4:19-20	All your needs

Welcome New Members

Dottie Amland
Gayle Prentice

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

December Newsletter Deadline

November 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

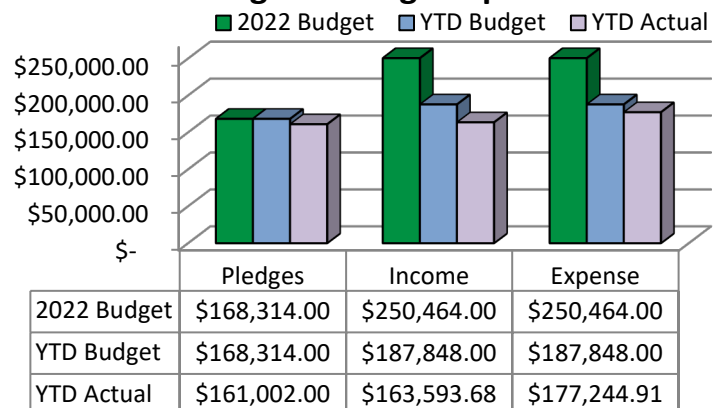
	Flowers	Sunday School
October		
November 6	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
November 13	John & Peggy Graber	<i>Available</i>
November 20	Patti Babb	<i>Available</i>
November 27	Bev & Gordon Haines	<i>Available</i>
November		
December 4	LaVerna Metzger	<i>Available</i>
December 11	Donna Beasley	<i>Available</i>
December 18	Marjorie Bayle	<i>Available</i>
December 25	Chris Schleiter	<i>Available</i>

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of September 30	
Month of September	
Receipts	\$ 11,133.03
Expenditures	\$ 21,048.61
2022 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 187,848.00
Actual Receipts	\$163,593.68
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 187,848.00
Actual Expenditures	\$177,244.91
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 31,639.45
Building Fund	\$ 68,942.09
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,762.13
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 5,973.05
Bequests	\$ 64,602.81

2022 Budget Through September 30



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek what is good for one another and for all people. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:15-16 NASB



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you all!

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

**** Home Communion ****

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

News from the Russia Mission

Annual BURM Conference

What can be said about connecting with our partners in Russia, the Christians in Ukraine who are suffering from the war, the refugees in Belarus who are being used as pawns in a political game and the authoritarian regimes that are rising to political power in Europe and elsewhere?

Lots can be said, and lots was said at the Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Mission (BURM) Network conference October 6th to 8th. The conference was held in person and virtually via live stream from the First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay, WI. Rev. Ralph attended as a member of the BURM Network Steering Committee and as Good Shepherd's representative.

The model for engagement has been "pairing" Russian and U.S. congregations. Since we cannot visit Russia now or in the near future, we will want to find other ways to engage. It is important to stay in contact with our Russian friends, but we must be very generic in our communications – messages that we're thinking about them are wonderful, but we can't ask questions that could raise their visibility. So, we need to hold them in prayer and make small talk when we communicate with them.

The conference centered on the war in Ukraine and how we can be involved in helping those who are affected. The attendees heard from several groups who are seeking to make a difference in the region. Thinking about the reasons this war began and why it continues was a significant topic at the conference. Attendees learned about the history of the region and how the borders have changed through the years. They learned about the political climate and how a poor economy can lead to the election of Fascists as well as how destructive our dependance on fossil fuels is. We fight wars over oil and as we burn it, we contribute to climate change, which is affecting agriculture in Ukraine. All these problems seem insurmountable but discussing them and understanding them helps us move toward change.

Ellen Smith will speak more about the situation in the region and how it affects our relationships when she visits on November 6th.

Buildings

By the time you read this, the Conklin Hall carpets will have been cleaned along with all 298 of our upholstered chairs. No one can remember if the chairs have ever been cleaned before, but they all need it. Getting the dripped candle wax out will be a challenge, or so the cleaners say, so fingers crossed.

Thanks again for all the help I had moving furniture around in Conklin Hall for the cleaning.

Eric Westland

Christian Education

November will see several events at GSPC including an Advent Bible Study led by Rev. Ralph on Monday evenings beginning on November 28th through December 19th.

Adult Sunday School will be wrapping up its Fall Quarter in anticipation of the Winter Quarter of The Present Word with its contemporary theme of "Chosen, Not Choice." The class will explore the peculiarity of God's calling as rooted in grace rather than in humankind's merit. The lessons will teach us that God's call—and the responsibilities of that call—is without regard to an individual's past.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Congregational Growth & Care

Lunch and Learn - Via zoom on October 12th, we were privileged to have Dr. Vafa Tabatabaie, Endocrinologist, Associate Professor and Director of the "Fracture Liaison Service" at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY speak to us about Osteoporosis. We learned that:

- One in two women and one in four men over the age of 50 will experience a fragility fracture in their lifetime. Fracture care is costly and certain complications such as loss of quality of life, pain, impaired mobility, isolation, deformity and even death can and do occur. As a live tissue, bone undergoes a continuous process of destruction, repair and regeneration accomplished by two types of cells - osteoclasts (the clean-up crew) and osteoblasts (the repair crew). Until our early 30's, these two types of cells work in balance together to maintain healthy bone. With aging or due to other medical conditions, the osteoclasts increase in number and become more active, but the osteoblasts cannot keep up resulting in more bone being removed than being restored. The bone's structure becomes more porous or honeycombed in appearance leading first to milder osteopenia and then, if untreated, to osteoporosis. The good news is we need not become statistics. Bone density test or DXA to the rescue! The US Preventive Task Force recommends that women starting at age 65 should be screened for osteoporosis, but it is never too late to have that first scan and periodically thereafter, depending on the findings. This painless Xray of hip, spine and/or wrist, is covered every 24 months by Medicare, does not require disrobing and the amount of radiation exposure is equal to 1/5 that of a chest x-ray.
- If bone fracture happens as a result of low force trauma, it is diagnostic of osteoporosis. Weakened, osteoporotic bones may be fractured merely by riding over a bumpy road or even by the simple act of sneezing. Changes in bone health may be due to aging, menopause, certain medications, sedentary lifestyle, excessive alcohol drinking, smoking, and chronic diseases such as COPD and overactive thyroid. Timely diagnosis of osteoporosis and institution of treatment will be necessary. The physician discusses treatment options and monitors progress. While any medication can have side effects, the oft cited and concerning osteonecrosis of the jaw is rare; in fact, it has been demonstrated in fewer than 1 in 10,000 to 100,000 patients.
- Maintaining good bone health includes living a healthy lifestyle, staying active and ensuring your diet includes proper amounts of both Vitamin D and Calcium. Optimally, one's daily diet choices can provide proper amounts of Calcium (1200 mg) and Vitamin D (800-1000 IU). Foods that are rich in calcium include dairy (plant or animal source), dark leafy greens, nuts, and some fortified cereals . Some might need calcium supplementation. Calcium carbonate needs stomach acid for absorption so is best taken with food. Calcium citrate is gentler on the stomach and may be taken anytime with or without food. Vitamin D can be produced in skin when exposed to sun, or may come from plant (D2) or animal (D3) sources and is found in fatty fish such as tuna, salmon, swordfish, sardines, egg yolks and in foods fortified with Vitamin D. Don't let Osteoporosis rob YOU of living your best life!!

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

To learn more, the video and the audio of this presentation by Dr. Tabatabaie as well as the handout about osteoporosis are available to you on our church website. Visit gspcsg.org then click on Activities and select Health and Wellness. Finally, select Osteoporosis in the list on the right side of the page. The video is hosted on Dropbox and when you click the link for the video a player should open. Just click the play button and you will be able to watch the video.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

Thanks to all who made our first annual Parish Sunday a fun and successful event! Many people volunteered to help, several behind the scenes. We couldn't have done it without you. The deacons are most appreciative and extend a big thank you to each parish member who attended. It was good to have time to sit and enjoy fellowship together! We look forward to our next Parish Sunday, in October 2023.

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

First of all **THANK YOU!** to everyone who has brought goodies for Fellowship after church and especially to those of you who stay to help me clean up afterwards. Remember- there is no fellowship without you!!

We are entering a very busy time of year, Thanksgiving and Christmas. There will be sign-ups in Conklin Hall for the events.

There will be a potluck in honor of our Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith luncheon on November 6th. Ellen will be presenting a program on her travels to Ukraine, Russia and Eastern Europe.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 20th. Sign-ups will be beginning October 30th in Conklin Hall. Turkey will be provided, please sign up if you are able to cook one.

Rev. Ralph's annual Christmas Open House will be December 4th at his home and our Christmas Brunch and Sing Along will be December 18th.

I hope to see you at as many of the events as you can attend.

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 is in full swing. We held a packing party on October 29th and planned to pack 90 shoeboxes - which would be a record. As I write this on October 24th the results of the day are obviously not known. I'll let you know next month how many boxes we actually packed.

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 donating 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. As of this writing we have ten walkers signed up, but we can always accommodate more. If you would like to walk, please pick up your envelope from me after church any Sunday between now 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

Mission/Outreach, continued

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 our Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith. Ellen will also be speaking at the Presbytery meeting on November 5th. She will lead Sunday Adult Education and we will have a potluck in her honor on Sunday during fellowship where she will make a presentation on the current situation in Eastern Europe. We look forward to having Ellen back in St. George and hope that everyone will turn out to hear from her and share a meal.

Thanks, Peace and Blessings

Chris Schleiter

Nominating Committee

Change in our weather is not the only thing that occurs during these months of Fall. It is also the time when your church Nominating Committee works to fill both Ruling Elder and Deacon positions known to be coming vacant in the new year. We'd like to share our progress to this point.

Our congregation recently celebrated Heritage Sunday and we were reminded that those who have gone before have, with guidance by the Holy Spirit in all things, brought us to become the church we are today. This concept has not been lost on us, and thus, as a committee, we do not take our responsibilities lightly. We are well-aware that those members we may be led to name to fill positions of leadership and compassion today will be those who will inspire us and influence our church history, presence and mission going forward. We were tasked with having to seek four members to fill Elder positions and three to become Deacons and it has been, by no means, an easy assignment. We have experienced limited success, both by re-assigning currently serving members to different positions and, also, by new members agreeing to accept the call. We most certainly respect that, for various reasons, not every person approached is able to respond in the affirmative to an invitation. However, at the time of this writing, the reality is the Building Elder and Grounds Elder positions and two Deacon positions remain unfilled. As a result, we may be forced to combine Session committees, which will require amending the By-Laws, and reduce the number of parishes to ensure that all positions are filled.

Frankly, we need your help! Your church family needs your help! Serving as an Elder or a Deacon can be rewarding. There are many who have served in these roles and continue to heed the call to serve again and again. We owe them much, but they are weary. If you feel you'd like to or are being led to take a leadership role in the mission of the church, let us know by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee. And, if you are asked to serve, consider saying, "I will!" Join those who have answered, "Here am I. Send me!" Don't just DO mission, BE the mission.

Your Church Nominating Committee

Alicia Kitzman, Moderator, Vicky Westland, Deacon Representative, Scott Florence, Anne Patten, and Ruthanne Skinner, Congregational Members-at Large

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on October 9th. Here is a synopsis of the actions that were taken:

- Approved to receive M. Gayle Prentice and Dorothy (Dotty) Amland into membership of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. They will be introduced to and received by the congregation on October 16, 2022.
- Approved by e-vote on 9-19-2022 to modify the position of church secretary and approve Peggy Graber to share the position with Candy Hurlbut as needed.
- Approved to clean the chairs in Conklin Hall and the Sanctuary and clean the carpet in Conklin Hall at a cost not to exceed \$1,200 from the General Fund.
- Approved the purchase of a new Audio-Technica ATW-2020 wireless microphone system for the Sanctuary at a cost not to exceed \$800 to be paid from bequests.
- Approved the 2023 Draft Budget as submitted to send to members and attendees with the Stewardship Letter.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, November 11, 2022, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Another summer has passed and on we go to the holiday season! Thank you to all who have been faithful in giving pledges and offerings. As we move toward a new season of giving, please remember to prayerfully consider your future gifts and pledges. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

You will receive your annual Stewardship letter sometime in the next couple of weeks. We are holding off on sending the letters in the hope that we can get final costs on a couple of large items in the budget.

We encourage everyone to make a pledge as pledges provide us with an estimate of how much income we will have for the year. 2023 will be a challenge as, like you, the church's costs have risen with inflation and our giving has been somewhat less than we anticipated. We need about \$17,500 more in pledges next year than we received this year.

2022 has been challenging. Through September the church's expenditures for 2022 have exceeded our income by about \$10,500. About 80% of our budget is non-discretionary - the basic costs of providing our services, keeping the lights on, our buildings maintained and paying our staff. The discretionary portion of the budget provides our programs like Mission, Worship, Fellowship, Christian Education and others. These ARE our church life and mission in the community and the world. Please consider making a pledge so that we continue to be the church that God has led us to be.

Thanks and blessings.

Leslie Lintz

Worship & Music

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

The Utah Presbytery will hold their meeting at our church on Saturday, November 5th. A worship service will also be held at 10:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend worship.

The congregations of Shepherd of the Hills Methodist, New Promise Lutheran, and Good Shepherd Presbyterian will hold an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at New Promise Lutheran church on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

The Worship committee would like to invite you to help decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. This event will take place on Saturday, November 26th, starting at 9:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and enjoy a day of decorating. A light lunch will be provided!

Our annual Christmas Concert featuring our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and soloists will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at Good Shepherd at 7:00 p.m. We encourage you to come and enjoy a festive evening of Advent and Christmas music. And please invite your friends and neighbors, as well!

Looking forward to seeing you in worship!

Barbara McConnell

Congregation News

Ken Seefeld

We extend the Fellowship of Christian Sympathy to Shirley Seefeld and her family on the passing of Deacon Ken Seefeld on October 18th. Private services were held for the family.

Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest Kicks Off November 27th

As you prepare for the Advent season, be on the lookout for the tackiest Christmas ties (men) and sweaters (women) you can find and wear them to church. Rev. Ralph will pick the absolute tackiest and the winners will receive a special prize. The contest kicks off on November 27th and runs through December 18th.

Save the Date – December 4th

Please join Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff as they hold their annual Christmas Open House on December 4th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Plan to bring a beverage and something to share and join everyone in the joy of the holiday season.

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 or 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

Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Sunday, December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Sunday, December 18 4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Sunday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 <i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Titus 3:4-7 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)	Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20 John 1:1-14



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 All Saints Day</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's Grill on 3050 E 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>5 Presbytery Meeting</p> <p>3:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>6 Soup Kitchen Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends - FALL BACK</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship - Potluck for Ellen Smith</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's Grill on 3050 E 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am CROP Walk 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship - Healing Service 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Session Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's Grill on 3050 E 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>20</p> <p>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 - Thanksgiving Brunch</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ New Promise Lutheran Church</p>	<p>23 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's Grill on 3050 E 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Decorate the Church for Christmas with Potluck Lunch 3:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>27 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>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</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Kerygma Advent Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>			

PLEASE NOTE:

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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 **October 23rd** we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$67,487** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$318,650** or about **83.0** 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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