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The Merry (and Busy) Month of December Kicks Off

As usual, December will be a VERY busy month. Beginning on November 27th, the first Sunday of Advent, with the kickoff of Rev. Ralph's Annual Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest and culminating on Christmas Eve with our traditional worship service, there is something in December for everyone.

Sunday, December 4th, Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff will host their annual open house 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.

On Sunday December 11th at 7:00 pm, the choirs will perform their annual Christmas concert in our Sanctuary. The choirs will perform a portion of the concert during worship that morning. This is a wonderful program, and we hope you will all join us.

We will hold our Stated Congregational Meeting after worship On Sunday, December 18th, to elect officers for next year and approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Ralph for 2023.

Also on the 18th we will dedicate our pledges for 2023 and, following worship, we'll hold our annual potluck Christmas Celebration in Conklin Hall. Bring hors d'oeuvres or snacks to share and we'll sing some Carols of the season.

At 7:00 pm on Christmas Eve we will anticipate the birth of our Savior with our Candlelight Worship, and we'll wrap up the Christmas season with worship **at 10:00 am** on Christmas morning, December 25th. There will be no Adult Ed, nursery or fellowship.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this most joyous season!

Rev. Ralph Announces Annual Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest

Consider yourselves warned. Once again in 2022 Rev. Ralph is challenging the men of the congregation to find and wear to church the TACKIEST Christmas ties they can find and the women of the congregation to wear their TACKIEST Christmas sweater. The winners will receive a special prize.

All women's entries must be publicly identified as being "Tacky" to avoid any unfortunate misidentification of a treasured family or handmade heirloom. Ladies, you can pick up a sticker from Peggy or John to indicate that your sweater is, in fact, an entry into this year's contest.

We can't wait to see what you've found!



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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

Ann Hogan Jeanne Schroeder
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 Jan Hirschi Dolores Wiens
 Molly Bass Josephine Kellejan
 Gloria McGilloway and family
 Tom & Mary Contreras and Colton
 Nancy Linden 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

Welcome New Members

Karen Barkoff

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

January Newsletter Deadline

December 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

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 November were:

Rev. Ralph	2 Corinthians 9:7-8	Cheerful Giver
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Romans 8:26	How to pray
Elder Leslie Lintz	Deuteronomy 31:8	Goes Before
Elder Alan Paige	1 Chronicles 16:35	Give Thanks
Elder Chris Schleiter	Matthew 22:37-40	Great Commandment
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Proverbs 27:14	Life Reflects
Elder Eric Westland	Romans 12:1-2	Living Sacrifice
Elder Barbara McConnell	Romans 15:13	Joy and peace
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Mark 11:24	Prayer
Elder Mary Contreras	1 Corinthians 13:8,13,14	Special Gifts

Thanks to our Volunteers

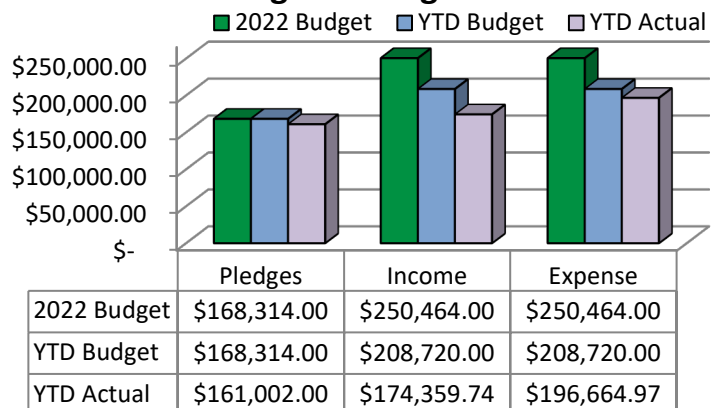
	Flowers	Sunday School
December		
December 4	LaVerna Metzger	<i>Available</i>
December 11	Donna Beasley	<i>Available</i>
December 18	Marjorie Bayle	<i>Available</i>
December 25	Chris Schleiter	<i>Christmas Day - No Nursery</i>
January		
January 1	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 8	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 15	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 22	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
January 29	<i>Available</i>	<i>5th Sunday - No Nursery</i>

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of October 31	
Month of October	
Receipts	\$ 10,766.06
Expenditures	\$ 16,654.50
2022 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 208,720.00
Actual Receipts	\$174,359.74
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 208,720.00
Actual Expenditures	\$196,664.97
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 25,979.55
Building Fund	\$ 69,994.91
Memorial Fund	\$ 4,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,802.23
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 5,973.05
Bequests	\$ 64,662.95

2022 Budget Through October 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them until it came to a stop over the place where the Child was to be found. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh

Matthew 2:8-11 NASB



There are a multitude of stories surrounding the Christmas story. Some fictional, some Biblical, some cultural, such as the case of the "Little Drummer Boy".

I will always remember one of my first Christmas seasons here in this congregation. After teaching an adult class on how such myths and cultural carryovers cloud our eyes to the Christmas miracle, I cited as a clear example that the story of the "Little Drummer Boy" was absolutely, emphatically, clearly NOT in the Bible! You can imagine my horror as shortly thereafter, walking into our sanctuary, on top of our grand piano sat a statuette of who else but THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY! He shortly disappeared, never to be seen hence. Another Christmas mystery.

Another example would be the Magi, or Three Kings of the Gospel of Matthew. Popular tradition has given them the names, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Tradition has given them number, and a much more recent suggestion includes gender. In that they had to be women in that they stopped and asked for directions. However, examining the actual Biblical text from Matthew we know neither number or name. Just that they were from the east, looking for a promised king, following a star, bearing three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

It is a story of faith. The story of a faith journey, for they had left their comfort zones and lives to search for a savior. They followed their hope in the light of a seemingly far off star. Make notice, their great joy and excitement came in seeing the star's message before ever seeing the child.

In the business of this season and days, how many of us, instead of driving the Christmas message, have allowed the Christmas message to drive us on such a journey of faith. To trust both the message and messenger. To follow the hope and promise this child's coming, life, death, and resurrection hold for us all. To leave our old lives behind and journey in faith to a new place of life, light and joy.

I invite us all to embark this Christmas season on such a journey.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Cindy, Jeff and I would like to wish you all the merriest and most blessed Christmas and happiest New Year!

**** Home Communion ****

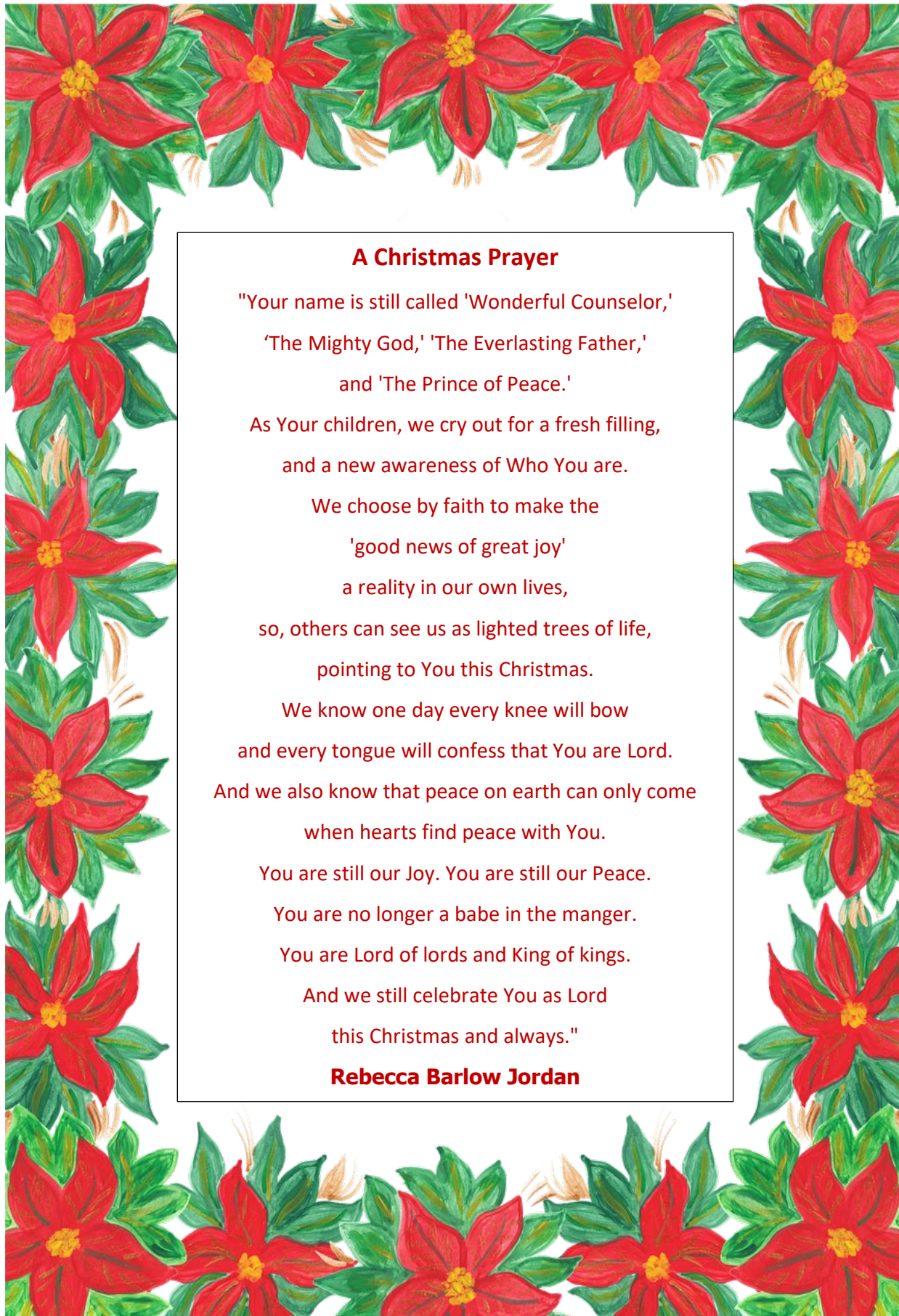
If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (435-628-9158).

**** 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



A Christmas Prayer

"Your name is still called 'Wonderful Counselor,'
'The Mighty God,' 'The Everlasting Father,'
and 'The Prince of Peace.'

As Your children, we cry out for a fresh filling,
and a new awareness of Who You are.

We choose by faith to make the
'good news of great joy'
a reality in our own lives,
so, others can see us as lighted trees of life,
pointing to You this Christmas.

We know one day every knee will bow
and every tongue will confess that You are Lord.
And we also know that peace on earth can only come
when hearts find peace with You.

You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace.
You are no longer a babe in the manger.
You are Lord of lords and King of kings.

And we still celebrate You as Lord
this Christmas and always."

Rebecca Barlow Jordan

Christian Education

Advent, a time of spiritual renewal as we await the birth of Jesus, is upon us. The Monday evening Advent study led by Rev. Ralph is underway, but you can still join as its final session is December 19th. The Adult Sunday School begins its winter quarter of Bible Study. Meanwhile, don't forget to pick up your Celtic Advent Devotional from Presbyterians Today in the Narthex. Entitled Kindling the Flame of Love, there are daily reflections on Bible verses designed to deepen our faith and help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

*God, kindle thou in my heart within
A flame of love to my neighbor,
To my foe, to my friend, to my kindred all,
To the brave, to the knave, to the thrall,
O son of the loveliest Mary,
From the lowliest thing that liveth,
To the name that is highest of all.*

And don't forget that we are also in a season of giving, particularly the Christmas Joy offering which supports the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions to help clergy and church workers in need, and education and leadership development of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges serving communities of color.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Congregational Growth & Care

Our committee has enjoyed sponsoring Lunch and Learn programs this year and plans are underway for similar events in 2023. Our first Lunch and Learn will be held Thursday, February 9th and will feature Good Shepherd's own Tech Guru, Chris Schleter. Chris will be offering a computer "do this and not this" tutorial aimed at helping us maneuver through some of the mysteries of our ever-changing computer world. More information will be forthcoming but, save the date, and in the meantime, consider searching for interesting sandwich recipes to prepare for your brown bag lunches.

We hope you've made it a habit to stop by our bulletin boards on your way to Conklin Hall and have availed yourselves of the Blue Zone Tips and Recipe of the month selected by committee member, Deanna Flores. The recipe for December features the delicious Cold Curried Yam Salad she shared at our Good Shepherd Christmas Potluck meal. Also on the bulletin board, we feature the photos and bios of our church's newest members. We recently have been pleased to welcome to our congregation, Marsha and Bob Besch, Dottie Amland, Gayle Prentice and Karen Barkoff.

As we go through the Winter months, we trust you will be diligent about maintaining the wellness of an important person - YOU! Some experts have been warning we may be subject to a possible Tripledemic as Flu, COVID and RSV could reach their prevalence together. Others are encouraged by evidence that viruses fight with each other to gain dominance and believe we may be spared the "perfect storm" of all three peaking at one time. Regardless, each virus can cause serious illness and poses a threat, especially, to young children, the elderly and those with compromised immunity. Fortunately, this year's flu vaccine seems to be a good match for the circulating virus. The available COVID bivalent booster has been shown to be effective against Omicron variants by boosting waning antibody levels. And while there is no universal vaccine against RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), a vaccine is available for very young children and children with compromised immunity.

Although we have grown exhausted and perhaps dismissive of the recommendations of the past two years, the recent recommendations for disease prevention still prevail. As you make your plans for gatherings with loved ones and others during this holiday season, plan, also, to protect both yourself and those you care about by:

- Being vaccinated for Flu and COVID
- Covering your mouth or sneezing/coughing into your bent elbow
- Masking up in densely congregated groups and public transportation
- Washing your hands frequently and using sanitizer
- Testing for COVID the day of gathering for holiday celebrations
- Staying home, disheartening as it may be, if you feel sick

Congregational Growth & Care continued

We members of your Congregational Growth and Care Committee - Deanna Flores, Mary Beth and Dick Gibbons, Virginia Hunt, Anne Patten, Charlotte Phipps, Chris Schleter, Vicky Westland and Rev. Ralph (Ex officio) - wish you a Healthy and Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

God's richest blessings to you this Christmas! We may not know of a need you have unless you inform us, so please stay in communication with your deacon. Your deacons are here for you.

Enjoy some quiet time this December as you ponder and celebrate the Lord's coming.

In The Bleak Midwinter, by Rossetti and Holst. An excerpt.

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter, long ago

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

What can I give Him, poor as I am
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man, I would do my part
Yet, what I can, I give Him, give my heart.

Vicky Westland

Fellowship

Thank you to all who assisted with our Thanksgiving Luncheon, and to those of you that were able to join in the celebration of all of our blessings. The food was delicious, and the fellowship was wonderful.

Now we can look forward to our Christmas Brunch which will be held on December 18th. Please bring hors d'oeuvres or snacks to share and we'll sing Carols of the season. What a perfect way to kick off the week of our Savior's birth!

Time sure seems to be flying by, so let's continue to enjoy our outstanding fellowship gatherings.

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

First, thanks to everyone who participated in our fall events: Operation Christmas Child and the C.R.O.P. Walk.

We set a goal of 150 boxes for Operation Christmas Child for 2022 and we fell just short. As a church we packed 147 boxes, up from 2021 but far short of our record 225 in 2017. Thanks to everyone who packed a box or helped us pack 108 boxes at our packing party in October. We have some empty boxes left over and if anyone wants to get a head start on 2023, please let me know and I'll be happy to get you the boxes you need.

The 13th Annual St. George CROP Walk was held on Saturday, November 12th. Eight members of the congregation joined us in walking six miles - representing the average distance that someone in a developing country walks EACH DAY just to get food and water. We were also joined by Mayor Kress Staheli of Washington City and Councilwoman Danielle Larkin of St. George. The total donations received is still being tabulated but they first report is that \$3,675 was raised this year and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church contributed \$800 to the total.

We were pleased to have our Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith with us on November 6th. She led our Adult Education class and made a presentation on the situation in Ukraine and Eastern Europe during a fellowship potluck. Her message was powerful, and it reminds us to keep all of those affected by the war in Ukraine in our prayers.

Thanks, Peace and Blessings

Chris Schleter

Nominating Committee

In our November Newsletter article, we offered a status report of the work of your Nominating Committee as we sought to fill Elder and Deacon positions to begin in the new year. We are encouraged to be able to report that all positions, except for one Elder and one Deacon, have been filled. As representatives of the congregation, we extend a grateful thanks to those who have answered the call to serve:

ELDERS:

Worship - Ruthanne Skinner
Christian Education - Deanna Flores
Buildings - Tom Contreras
Grounds - Vacant

DEACONS:

Peggy Graber - Moderator
Marilyn Conklin
John Graber
One Parish without Deacon Leadership

We hope to be able to fill the two vacant positions and we and look forward to presenting the slate of leadership to the congregation at our Stated meeting on December 18th.

I want to express my appreciation for the diligence and concern shown by the members of your 2022 Nominating Committee: Deacon Representative Vicky Westland and Members at-Large Scott Florence, Anne Patten, and Ruthanne Skinner

Alicia Kitzman, Moderator

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on November 13th. Here is a synopsis of the actions that were taken:

- Approved to receive Karen Barkoff into membership of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. She will be introduced to and received by the congregation on November 20, 2022.
- Approved to allow the Deacons to manage the parish structure and membership without explicit approval from Session.
- Approved to allocate up to \$500 from the Building budget for restocking cleaning supplies and \$750 from the Building budget to obtain an appraisal of our buildings for insurance purposes.
- Approved to authorize the expenditure of \$1,080.00 to cover the shipping donation for the 108 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes packed by the church. Funds to come from Local Mission.
- Approved to amend the authorization by Session on September 11, 2022, to increase the amount of Ellen Smith's airfare from \$1,000.00 to \$1212.70 to be paid for from the Russia Mission Fund.
- Approved to authorize the expenditure of \$500 as a donation to Pastor Sergei and the church in Dorogobuzh for their Christmas programs for children.
- Approved to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 as a donation to Pastor Sergei and the church in Dorogobuzh to pay for the occupancy certificate for their building addition.

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

*Chris Schleiter
Clerk of Session, pro tempore*



Stewardship

Welcome to the Advent season as we await and prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas! Thank you to everyone who has been faithful in pledging and giving offerings. Please prayerfully consider what you as a member of the body of Christ can do with your future gifts and pledges. We are extremely grateful for your faithfulness and generosity!

Thanks and blessings.

Leslie Lintz

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will be having our annual Christmas cookie sale on December 11th and 18th in Conklin Hall right after church. Cookie bags make great gifts for neighbors or friends or just to enjoy. The cost will be \$3.00 a bag. Sign up sheets for making cookies will be in Conklin Hall. Thanks for all you do.

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

"To prepare our hearts for Christmas, we must cultivate the spirit of expectancy." Welcome to our Advent season as we prepare for the coming of Christ!

Our Advent season at our beautifully decorated church is filled with worship services and concerts. Please mark your calendar for the annual Christmas concert to be held at our church at 7:00 pm on Sunday, December 11th. It will be a concert of Christmas music performed by the Bell and Chancel choirs along with special duets and solos by Leslie and David Lintz, Susan and Steve Talley and Dr. Ka-Wai Yu. It is a program you will not want to miss!

Our candlelight Christmas Eve service begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be joyous music to welcome the Christ Child by the Chancel choir, organ, and brass.

The Interfaith Council will hold a "Prayer Over the City" on New Year's Eve Day at Noon at the Tabernacle. Many churches in our community will be represented and will offer prayers for our new year.

"The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us all."

Barbara McConnell

Congregation News

George Linden

We extend the Fellowship of Christian Sympathy to Nancy Linden and her family on the passing of George on November 13th.

Higgins Ringers Back in Action

The Higgins Ringers Salvation Army Christmas Kettle will be manned again at Albertsons (near Costco) each Thursday to Saturday from now until Christmas Eve.



We still need volunteers for this year. We had 31 different people fill 56 spots last year. I still have many spots this season to fill, so if I don't find you at church on Sunday with my clipboard, you can sign up online at <https://westland.dscloud.me/yourls/higginsringers> or scan the QR code on your phone/tablet. Even easier, just call me at (435) 625-1399 or email me at eric.westland@gmail.com.

GSPC members have been ringing at Albertsons since about 2000 when Dick Higgins started getting us all involved. That single kettle has probably raised funds in the low six-figures to help with food boxes, emergency housing/transportation, help overcoming addiction, clothing, etc. Every penny donated stays in Washington County to help with these efforts.

One slot is two hours and everything is provided. You just need to show up and ring. This time of year can be cold and while I can't control the weather, I will provide a heated pad to keep your feet warm, a propane heater and hand warmers, so your time ringing will be just like a day at the beach in Maui, except the view isn't as nice.

Eric Westland

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 <i>or</i> 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

Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, January 1 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
Friday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday, January 15 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Sunday, January 22 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Sunday, January 29 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on 3050 E 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
4 2ns Sunday of Advent Soup Kitchen Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
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 am 12:00 Worship Noon Committee Meeting 3:00 Open House @ pm Rev. Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Kerygma Advent pm Bible Study	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ CE Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on 3050 E 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	7:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
11 3rd Sunday of Advent	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Session Meeting Noon 7:00 Choirs' Christmas pm Concert	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Kerygma Advent pm Bible Study	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ CE Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on 3050 E 1:15 Growth & Care pm Committee Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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PLEASE NOTE:

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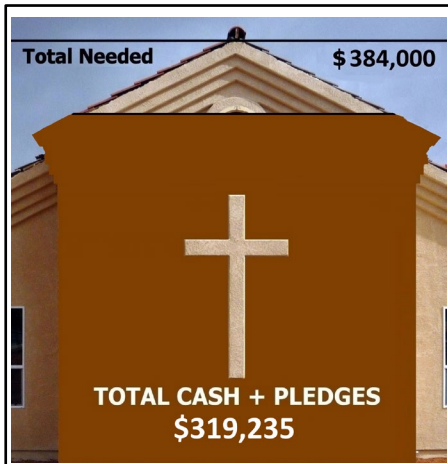
Please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) with any pastoral concerns.

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscg.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	CE Building
	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 **November 20th** we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$68,072** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$319,235** or about **83.1** of our **\$384,000** goal.

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

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