



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Souper Bowl of Caring February 11<sup>th</sup>

The Souper Bowl of Caring takes place on the second Sunday in February. Wait! Isn't that the same Sunday as the Super Bowl? Yes! We are encouraged to take our level of passion for football and match it with our passion for giving to those in St George who are hungry. Bring your food donations along with you to church! Bring your money donations and place them in the donation box in the Narthex. Each donation is equal to a touchdown for those who are in need right here in our hometown.

The Presbytery's Matthew 25 Initiative group is again holding a competition between Utah Presbyterian congregations to see who can gather the most food and raise the most money. The competition is on a per capita basis, meaning that the total amount collected is divided by the number of members of the church. We are a large church so, if we want to win, we will need to collect A LOT of food and cash.

The food and cash collected will go to Solomon's Porch. Let's stop by our favorite grocery stores, buy many food items (the more the better) and bring them to church on Sundays between now and February 11<sup>th</sup> to fill the Narthex and score touchdowns for those who are hungry!

## Lent Begins This Month

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2023 will be no exception.

With Easter a lot earlier this year, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Lent will begin on Valentines Day.

We will celebrate the Good Shepherd version of Mardi Gras on Shrove Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, with our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at 5:30 pm in Conklin Hall. Dinner will be followed by a short "Retiring the Alleluia" service in Conklin Hall. Rev. Ralph needs volunteers to help cook for this event and onsite training will be available! A sign-up sheet will be available soon on the sign-up table in Conklin Hall.

Our observation of Lent formally begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. At Noon we will hold a joint soup and sandwich lunch in Conklin Hall with our brothers and sisters from Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church. Lunch will be followed by our annual Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary. For those who can't attend during the day, Rev. Ralph will be in the Sanctuary again from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm on Ash Wednesday for the Imposition of the Ashes.

Rev. Ralph's Lenten Bible study and potluck will kick off on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the CE Building. The weekly study, focusing on a Spiritual Journey through Holy Week, will continue until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lent will continue through March, and we'll have more about our Holy Week activities next month.

We hope everyone will participate in as many activities as possible during this most important season of the church year.

### 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                      Ann and John Abbott
- John Graber                    Barbara Schultzman
- Gloria McGilloway            Russell & Luisa Estlack
- Cheryl Mansfield              Sue Lundgreen
- Arlene Prinselaar              Donna Beasley
- The family of Jan Dunham
- Ka-Wai Yu's mother and his family
- Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton
- The People of Ukraine and Russia & the Middle East
- Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
- Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

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

### March Newsletter Deadline February 21, 2024

### 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 January were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:37-39	Love of God
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Hebrews 11:1-3	Assurance and Hope
Elder Leslie Lintz	Isaiah 43:18-19	A new thing
Elder Chris Schleiter	Titus 2:11-13	Salvation to All
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Isaiah 43:18-19	A new thing
Elder Mary Contreras	Proverbs 3:3-6	Trust in the Lord
Elder Deanna Flores	Hebrews 11:1	Confidence
Elder Tom Contreras	Romans 5:3-5	Hope
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	Philippians 4:6-7	Everything by prayer

### 2024 PLEDGES

**Goal**  
**\$186,143**  
**Received through 11/19**  
**\$173,550 (93.2%)**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$12,593**

We appreciate ALL donations. Pledges help us to plan for our expected income for the year.

### BUILDING FUND

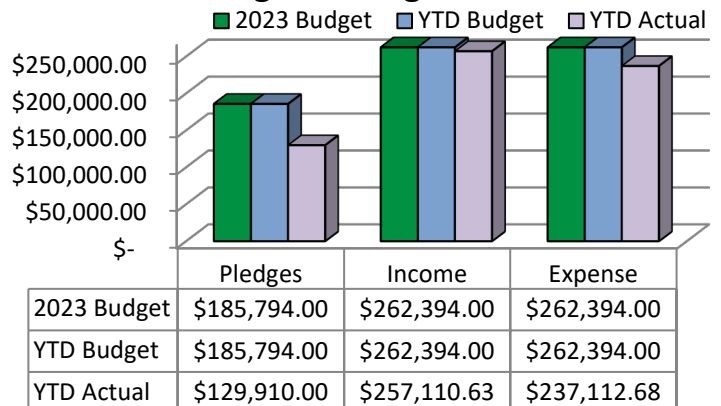
**Goal**  
**\$384,000**  
**Received to Date**  
**\$330,786**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$53,214**

Your donations to the Building Fund allow us to maintain and enhance our facilities.

## Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of December 31	
Month of December	
Receipts	\$ 39,482.71
Expenditures	\$ 28,233.59
December Net	\$ <b>11,249.12</b>
2023 YTD Budget vs. Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ <b>262,394.00</b>
Actual Receipts	\$ <b>257,110.63</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ <b>262,394.00</b>
Actual Expenditures	\$ <b>237,112.68</b>
YTD Net	\$ <b>19,997.95</b>
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 50,636.79
Building Fund	\$ 54,710.64
Memorial Fund	\$ 4,535.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 47,080.70
Bequests	\$ 65,008.77
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 2,010.35

### 2023 Budget Through December 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*"Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.  
Isaiah 43:19 (NASB)*



This past year the common phrase to describe the times we have lived through and are living in is the "New Normal". I'm not sure any of us fully likes the "New Normal", but also in common use is the phrase, "It is what it is."

However, it is important to not be complacent in these challenging times. We look ahead and see what God is preparing for us in our common future. For I do believe God is doing something new, as we hear in the words of the prophet Isaiah, and challenging us to faithfully see and follow into the future that our Lord is calling us into.

I believe this past year has been our building of the foundation for that new day and strengthening the foundation upon which, we together, as Good Shepherd Presbyterians, stand.

We continue to strongly support our local mission causes. Our relationship with our sister church in Russia remains strong. It's been challenging in the face of a two-year-old war between Russia and Ukraine. Communication has been restricted but still doable. Pastor Sergei has expressed his heartfelt gratitude to God and all of you!

The Belrussia, Ukraine, Russian Mission (BURM) Network in response has established contact with other partners in the neighboring nations of Poland, Lithuania, Romania and Moldova. I was part of a team from BURM to visit Moldova in the fall. I received strong support from the congregation to make this mission trip for which I am very grateful. My experiences on this trip have touched me deeply.

We continue our active participation and support of the Saint George Area Interfaith Council, for which this year we were the second largest contributor to the annual CROP Walk. However, from our congregation we saw a substantial increase in both participation and contributions.

The rebuilding continues even in the face of some challenges. We know whose guiding hand continues to shepherd us throughout these days and times. Our Lord and Savior continues to call us into a new and bright future that we have only begun to enter. The New Day, I believe, is dawning! "Will you not be aware of it?"

In the meantime, I want to express my great appreciation for our Session, Deacons, Stephen Ministers and staff for their care, leadership, and counsel through these interesting and challenging days.

And I want to express my great appreciation to our congregation who have remained positive, supportive, generous, faithful and hopeful with a loving Christian spirit throughout these days.

The Lord is near, and he has led us through these days and now into the future. And I continue to give thanks to Him for 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

### A Blessing for Spiritual Growth from Rev. Dolores



In the Name of Jesus Christ,  
I bless you with knowing the joy of the Lord that is your strength.  
I bless you with knowing joy in his faithfulness  
in profound and life-giving ways.  
I bless you with remembering times when he showed you his faithfulness.  
I bless you with enlarging your spirit to know profoundly and deeply  
that your Father is pleased with you,  
I bless you with receiving the truth of your identity legitimacy and birthright  
I bless you with knowing who you are in your Father's eyes  
and in drinking deeply of the joy that He has in who you are. Amen.  
(Sylvia Gunter)

*Rev. Dolores*

### Strand of Pearls (aka, the Prayer Chain)

Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on.

Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or [revdfw@icloud.com](mailto: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 are offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Kathryn Whitton will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.

### Interfaith Harmony Day February 17<sup>th</sup>

The St George Interfaith Council and Choir will join with churches and congregations throughout the world in February to celebration Interfaith Harmony Day. This will be St George's second time joining the world to "...encourage understanding, respect, and cooperation among people of all faiths for the well-being of our communities and peace in the world."

An Interfaith Harmony Concert & Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Crescent View High School. There will be two wonderful parts in this unique evening:

First, music will be provided by six musical groups including our choir.

The second cool part of this unique Interfaith Harmony celebration will be the opportunity to visit with and ask questions about 12 different religions. A representative of each religion will be standing next to a poster that will list the basic beliefs and their expression of "The Golden Rule." Refreshments will be served as guests visit at the posters with the religious representatives. Included in this group of religions are Methodist, Presbyterian, Buddhist, Muslim, Episcopal, Catholic, Unitarian, Lutheran, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Solomon's Porch, Jewish and more...

Food offerings will be collected and given to Our Mother's Food Pantry at the Saint George Catholic Church.

Come celebrate with the St George Interfaith Council and Choir the spirit of unity that we enjoy in our community. We will together join with all the world religions, which at their core recognize that we are all in this together and that we need to love and support one another to live in harmony and peace.

## Buildings & Grounds

Good news! Desert Fall Landscaping has been awarded the contract for landscaping of the western undeveloped part of the church property to support installation of a Solar Electric System (SES). The original contract was expanded to include the entire back area to improve the security of the back area for the solar panels and improve the overall appearance of the property. The anticipated overall cost of the landscaping phase will be \$34,500.

Work is planned to start February 12<sup>th</sup> with expected completion March 1<sup>st</sup>.

A chain link fence and gate contract will be advertised for bid around the SES portion later.

Guy Schultzman is currently accepting bids for the SES by interested contractors at this time with the hope of awarding the contract for the system in the spring.

*Tom Contreras*

## Christian Education

With the coming of the new year, I have been appointed the Christian Education elder, replacing Deanna Flores. Thanks to Deanna for the great work she did with enhancing the Christian Education program in 2023. I look forward to carrying on her efforts and innovations.

Our classes and Bible studies continue as they always do. Please check the church website Activity Calendar for a listing and times of all Christian education classes for the month.

Our Sunday classes are continuing to explore the same content as before Christmas. Adult Sunday School continues the winter Present Word series. Ruth Ann Horvath will lead discussions about faith and its relationship with righteousness, trust, encouragement, and transformation and Children's Sunday School meets each week in the CE Building as lessons continue about women of the New Testament.

Our Monthly Women's Bible Study continues the series titled Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts. Discover a message that is radical, inclusive, and hope filled.

The Winter Monday Evening Potluck and Bible Study has been postponed until later in the year. Instead, Rev. Ralph will lead a class entitled, "Hosanna A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week" on Mondays at 5:30 pm beginning on February 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing through March 18<sup>th</sup>. Each Monday's class will be preceded by a potluck dinner. A signup sheet is available on the Signup Table in Conklin Hall.

Our Tuesday and Wednesday Women's Bible studies and our Thursday Men's Bible Study will meet as usual.

Let us continue to learn and grow in Him.

*Leslie Lintz*

## Congregational Growth & Care

**LUNCH & LEARN** - We've heard it said that "age is just a number," and that is partially true. Science shows that changes in our metabolism begin as early as age 20, and in our cognition at age 40 and continue as a progressive process throughout our lives. Although we couldn't have traded the genes we received at birth, how we may have treated them during the ensuing years has relevance today. While some eventualities in our lives are beyond our control, it is never too late to make lifestyle choices which help us care for the amazing bodies we have been given. We have come a long way since 1900 when our life expectancy was 47.3 years of age, and much has been discovered about the psychological, emotional and medical aspects of the science of aging. At our first Lunch and Learn event in 2024 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, church member, Daniel Flores, M.Div., M.A., will help us think about what "Successful Aging" might entail. Bring a friend and a sandwich and plan to join us in Conklin Hall.

**FULL PLATE LIVING FOR A FULLER LIFE PROGRAM** - Our committee has been more than pleased with the response to our being able to offer the Ardmore institute's lifestyle program to Good Shepherd members and friends. Deanna Flores and Virginia Hunt are facilitating a support group for the participants which began on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue every other week until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

For others of you not actively engaged in being a part of the ongoing Full Plate Living series, you can still realize the benefits and importance of taking care to make your own good diet and lifestyle choices which promote optimum



## Congregational Growth & Care, continued

health. During these winter months, especially, given the increased presence of disease and illness, research shows that your immune system will thank you for deciding to:

- Eat “real food,” including fresh fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, fish, grains and =legumes without depending on supplements, which are not regulated by the FDA.
- Exercise (walk, move around) as you are able. Everything counts!
- Get plenty of sleep. (7 to 9 hours per night)
- Stay well hydrated.
- Be a nonsmoker and limit alcohol consumption.
- Keep vaccinations up to date.
- Reduce stress by finding joy in life events, value in relationships and renewal through social interaction and communal worship. Studies have shown those living a faith-based, spiritual life have a greater sense of purpose and stronger immune systems.

**Have a healthy February - you'll have an extra day to make it happen!  
Bring a friend to church and we'll see you on the 22nd!**

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Deacons

Our Deacons are putting the finishing touches on our organization plan for 2024. Your Deacons will be reaching out to their parishes shortly and we look forward to being here should you need us.

The Book of Order mandates that the Deacons and Session meet jointly each year. At Good Shepherd we accomplish that requirement by holding a joint Elder/Deacon training session where we meet jointly and then break up into separate Deacon and Elder sessions to learn more about the responsibilities of our offices. This year's training will be on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

John and I are your contacts for the Deacon Shed which is full of items you may need. We have walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and raised toilet seats. If you need anything from the shed, please give us a call. My phone is 801-541-7444. John's is 801-608-4158.

*Peggy Graber, Moderator*

## Fellowship

Again, I would like to say THANK YOU !! to you all for bringing treats, making coffee, serving and helping to clean up after Fellowship hour on Sundays.

February is going to be a busy month.

We'll kick it off with Robbie Burns Night on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. There will be a potluck dinner followed by Scottish bagpipe music and dancing in the Sanctuary. Please try a new Scottish recipe from the book on the signup table. We look forward to a wonderful night of food, music, and dancing !!

Then we'll prepare for Lent with our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Conklin Hall. Rev. Ralph and his “crew” will provide us with some wonderful food, and we'll follow dinner with a short service in Conklin Hall.

On Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be joined by Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church for a soup and sandwich lunch, followed by the traditional Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

The Book Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building. If you are interested in joining us, please come and bring a sack lunch. We discuss the current month's book then choose the book for the following month. The meeting lasts just one hour. We enjoy getting to know each other's viewpoints on the books we read.

Please join us for our fellowship events and Book Club. Remember...there is no fellowship without YOU !!

*Mary Contreras*

## Mission/Outreach

As you read on the front page, the Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat. Twenty-two churches raised \$5,700 in the first year. Now the Souper Bowl of Caring is an ongoing organization in which hundreds of churches participate – donating to their local charities for those who are hungry. Since its inception the Souper Bowl of Caring has raised more than \$100,000,000 in cash and food.

We will be competing with the other churches in the Presbytery to see who can bring in the highest average amount of food or cash per member. Let's do what we usually do with the CROP Walk and lead all the others!

You may have noticed that this year's Change 4 Change donation will go to Neighborhood Connection. Neighborhood Connection is a non-profit organization dedicated to fight childhood hunger. They provide supplemental weekend food, called Pantry Packs for school children who qualify for school breakfast & lunch programs. Pantry Packs are gallon sized Ziploc bags filled with enough child friendly, shelf-stable food for 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and several snacks. In Washington County there are approximately 35,000 students enrolled in grades K-12. Of these students, over 17,000 qualify for free & reduced lunch. Neighborhood Connection serves Pantry Packs to 800 students each week who are at risk of going without food on the weekends. These students are identified by teachers and administrators as children "in need of food assistance." Distribution is done in such a way as to preserve the dignity of the children and their families. So, gather up your spare change and put it in the box in the Narthex!

For those who are interested, all of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were shipped to Mexico. Donna Beasley reports that, even though it's February, it's never too early to start gathering items to go in shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have a goal of filling 100 shoeboxes in November and need your help. The featured items for February are toothbrushes and bar soap. The Knotty Knitters are busy making baby doll cradles and pillowcase dresses. We hope you will help us with our biggest Mission project of the year.

*Chris Schleiter*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The following actions were taken:

- Approved by E-vote on 12-11-2023 a request from Merritt and Beverly Perkins for removal from membership.
- Approved by E-vote on 12-22-2023 year-end donations to local charities in the amount of \$10,000 as requested by Mission/Outreach Committee.
- Approved to award a contract for landscaping of the far western side of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church property to Desert Falls Landscaping to support the installation of a Solar Electric System in the northwest corner of the property at a cost not to exceed \$34,500.
- Approved to schedule the 2024 Elder/Deacon Training on February 24, 2024, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon in Conklin Hall and the CE Building.
- Approved to purchase a new Christ Candle (oil candle) and holder for the Advent Wreath at a cost not to exceed \$500 to be paid from the Memorial Fund.
- Approved to purchase a AODSK Weighted 88-key Digital Piano and CAHAYA Adjustable Keyboard Stand at a cost not to exceed \$350 to be paid from the Memorial Fund.
- Approved as per the approved 2024 General Fund Budget, Churchwide Mission Donations as follows:
  - \$2,000 to Ellen Smith, Presbyterian Mission Co-worker for Eastern Europe
  - \$500 to the YMCA of Moldova for programs to assist Ukrainian refugees
  - \$500 to Zdorovil Gorod's programs to assist Ukrainian refugees
  - \$1,500 to Presbytery for general Churchwide Mission
- Approved the appointment of Mary Laubscher as Treasurer for 2024.
- Approved the appointment of Ruth Ann Horvath as Session Clerk for 2024.
- Approved the appointment of Anne Patten as Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2024.
- Approved the appointment of Elder Leslie Lintz to serve as Elder-Chairperson of the 2024 Nominating Committee.
- Approved a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Resolution covering the 2024 year and establishing the annual HRA covered expenses for Rev. Clingan be set at a total of \$4,000 for 2024.
- Approved to set the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building as the Stated Session Meetings for 2024 and January 2025, except for the month of February 2024, when the meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 9:30 am at Ovation Senior Living in Washington, Utah.

## Session News, continued

- Approved to set the first Sunday of each month as the dates of Communion for 2024 and on the first Sunday in January 2025. Approved to serve Communion at every Sunday Prayer Service, Maundy Thursday Service (March 28, 2024) and to members who are shut ins. During the months of June, July, and August communion will be served by intinction.
- Approved to appoint a commission consisting of Rev. Ralph Clingan and Ruth Ann Horvath to prepare 2023 PCUSA Annual Statistical Report.
- Held a meeting of the Corporation and elected 2024 Corporate Officers: Chris Schleter, President; Leslie Lintz, Vice-President, Ruth Ann Horvath, Secretary; Mary Laubscher, Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at Ovation Senior Living Center.

*Ruth Ann Horvath*  
Clerk of Session

## Stewardship

As the newest member of Session, I have assumed the role of Elder for Stewardship, replacing Leslie Lintz who has replaced Deanna Flores as the Elder for Christian Education. Thanks to Leslie for her good work over the last four years.

I look forward to working with Rev. Ralph, Session and all of you to expand and enhance our Stewardship programs, not only in terms of our financial stewardship but, also, our giving of time and talents. We all have something outside of money to give to God and I hope we can get more members actively involved in our mission as a church.

*Ray Snipes*

## Worship & Music

There are many things happening in February at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church!!

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate Robbie Burns Night with a potluck followed by a great program with pipers and dancers. It begins at 6:00 pm so come and bring a dish and friends for an evening of fun! There is a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be February 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall. Come out for all the pancakes, bacon and sausage you can eat!!

We will kick off Lent with Ash Wednesday activities on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in Conklin Hall. Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church will join us for soup and sandwich lunch followed by our Ash Wednesday Service There will be a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall for soup and attendance. The Methodist Church is bringing sandwiches. For those unable to attend the service, Rev. Ralph will be in the Sanctuary that evening from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes.

We look forward to seeing all of you in busy February!

*Ruthanne Skinner*

## Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Sunday, February 14 Transfiguration of the Lord	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, February 21 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38



## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 <i>or</i> Psalm 119:9-16	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Sunday, March 24 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 11:1-11 <i>or</i> John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47 <i>or</i> Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)
Monday, March 25 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70:1-5	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, March 29 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22:1-31	Hebrews 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil	<i>A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.</i> Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Jonah 1:1-2:1 Jonah 2:2-3 (4-6), 7-9 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	John 20:1-18
Sunday, March 31 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Mark 16:1-8
	<i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				11:00 Men's Bible Study - am Bishop's on Sunset 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 <b>6:00 Robbie Burns Night - Conklin Hall</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Solomon's Porch Sunday</b> 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	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>10:00 Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life - CE Building</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b> pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am - Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<del>11:00</del> Men's Bible Study - am <del>Bishop's on Sunset</del> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	9:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal - am Shepherd of the Hills UMC <b>9:30 Session Meeting &amp; am Retreat - Ovation</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 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	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am - Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner &amp; Service- Conklin Hall</b> pm	<del>11:00</del> Women's Bible Study - Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble <b>11:00 Ash Wednesday am Service - Sanctuary</b> <b>6:30 Imposition of Ashes - Sanctuary</b> pm	11:00 Men's Bible Study - am Bishop's on Sunset <b>1:15 Growth &amp; Care Committee Meeting - CE Building</b> pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:00 Memorial Service for am Jan Dunham <del>11:30</del> Bell Choir Rehearsal am <b>7:00 Interfaith Day of Harmony Celebration - Crescent View HS</b> pm
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 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 <b>11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken</b>	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Lenten Bible Study &amp; Potluck - Hosanna A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week- CE Building</b> pm	<b>9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am - Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village <b>1:00 Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life - CE Building</b> pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b> pm	<b>9:30 Stephen Ministry am Group Supervision Meeting</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am - Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study - am Bishop's on Sunset <b>12:00 Coping with Aging - Chaplain Daniel Flores - Conklin Hall</b> Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>9:00 Elder/Deacon am Training - Conklin Hall</b> 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>		
<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 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	<b>11:30 Women's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</b> am 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Lenten Bible Study &amp; Potluck - Hosanna A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week- CE Building</b> pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am - Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am - Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<del>11:00</del> Men's Bible Study - am <del>Bishop's on Sunset</del> <b>12:00 Book Club - CE Noon Building</b> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm		

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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## Congregation News

### Jan Dunham

We are saddened to hear of the death of Elder Jan Dunham on January 11<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial Service for Jan will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family.

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Solomon's Porch Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash for Solomon's Porth – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month  
**Women's Bible Study and Fellowship** – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall  
**Al-Anon Meeting** – Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Exercise with Rev. Ralph</b>	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
<b>Choir Practices</b>	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Sanctuary

### Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

#### February

February 4	Linda Whatley
February 11	<b>Available</b>
February 18	Donna Beasley
February 25	<b>Available</b>

#### March

March 3	<b>Available</b>
March 10	<b>Available</b>
March 17	<b>Available</b>
March 24	<b>Available</b>
March 31	<b>Available</b>

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-On your computer, visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4DK/home>.

On your smartphone or tablet, **Scan this QR Code.**



On the giving page, click the button on the appropriate fund to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.

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	Ruthanne Skinner	541-510-5660	Worship
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Class of 2026	Alicia Kitzman	435-272-4614	Growth & Care
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