

# **Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation A Member of the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship Serving Southern Utah since 1988 Partner Congregation to the Evangelical Baptist Church of Dorogobuzh, Russia



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**Rev. Dolores Wiens** Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

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### **Easter Is Just Around the Corner**

It's been a busy Lenten season in 2024 and Easter will be here very soon.

We anticipated the beginning of Lent with the Shrove Tuesday Dinner. As we move closer to the Resurrection of our Lord on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday, we look forward to several upcoming events.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of volunteers will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 8:30 am in Conklin Hall. This event is always well attended, and we appreciate the efforts of all who provide food for us. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

Rev. Ralph will wrap up his Lenten Bible Study series on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the CE Building. The topic this year has been Hosanna, A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. The lighting of oil lamps adds to the significance of this service which is a celebration of The Last Supper.

The following day, Good Friday, will kick off with the annual Procession of the Cross. Churches in the area will gather at 10:30 am at Diagonal Park and finish around Noon at the St. George Catholic Church. Good Friday will close with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary with New Promise Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, so we can all prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at as many of our Holy Week events as can attend.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has given Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We will be receiving donations for One Great Hour of Sharing through Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Look for an insert and giving envelope in upcoming bulletins.

#### **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

Curt Whatley Candy & Russ Hurlbut John & Peggy Graber Cathy Overkamp Gloria McGilloway Russell & Luisa Estlack Cheryl Mansfield Roger Clark Arlene Prinselaar Donna Beasley Roger & Alicia Kitzman Cherie Torok John Whitton Donna Baker LaVerna Metzger's Father and 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

#### April Newsletter Deadline March 23, 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

General Fund as of January 31 Month of January 18,044.57 Receipts ¢ Expenditures 23,499.78 \$ (5,455.21) January Net \$ 2024 YTD Budget vs. Actual YTD Budgeted Receipts 21,703.58 \$ Actual Receipts 18,044.57 \$ YTD Budgeted Expenditures 21,703.58 \$ Actual Expenditures \$ 23,499.78 YTD Net (5, 455.21)\$ **Fund Balances** General Fund \$ 34,452.42 Building Fund 70,844.60 \$ Memorial Fund 5,383.96 \$ Reserve Fund 50,659.75 \$ Bequests 47,190.03 \$ Russia Mission Fund 2,110.35

#### **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 February were:

Rev. Ralph Elder Ruth Ann Horvath Elder Leslie Lintz Elder Chris Schleter Elder Alicia Kitzman Elder Mary Contreras Elder Tom Contreras Elder Ruthanne Skinner Elder Ray Snipes Isaiah 30:18-21 John 15:1-4 Proverbs 19:8 Proverbs 21:21 1 Peter 5:6-7 1 John 4:7-8, 11 1 John 4:18 John 15:5 Matthew 25:40 He will answer Remain in me Wisdom Righteousness Humble yourselves Love One Another Perfect Love Bears Much Fruit Whatever you did

### 2024 PLEDGES Goal \$186,143

#### \$100,1<del>4</del>5

## Received through 12/31

### \$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** 

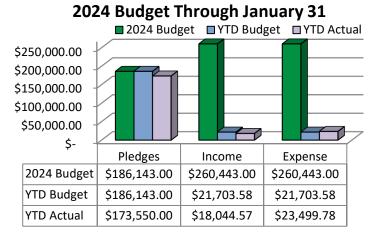
\$330,959

**Still Needed** 

### \$53,041

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

## **Treasurer's Report**



### **Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought**

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." John 20:1-19 (NASB)



In a few short weeks we will begin a celebration with the words, "HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!" Together we will hear that wondrous news of what God, Himself, has done for us in our Lord's Resurrection. Together we will remember the story of that first morning. Together we will sing hymns of joy and proclaim before the world who we are, and to whom we belong. Then in true Presbyterian fashion, we shall eat a ham dinner.

Then what? As for myself, I will be very ready for my post-Easter nap. But I must believe there is a little more to the occasion or should be.

I believe the Gospel of John's account of Easter Sunday gives us a clue as the disciples move from fear to peace, to rejoicing, then taking this God-given peace with them as they go into all the world to share the Good News.

During these troubling times we, as well, will bring with us into worship on Easter morning at least a little fear if not more. What we hear and are invited to take within our hearts is that with Jesus's risen presence we have peace with God. Spurring us to leave fear and death behind, letting the joy of Christ enter our hearts and lives. And then, as commissioned or charged, we are to take this declaration and peace to this fearful world that resides outside of our sanctuary walls. A world that desperately needs it!

That for all of us, as the body of Christ, there are two there are two declarations me must not only remember, but truly hear;

HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!

PEACE BE WITH YOU; AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I ALSO SEND YOU.

A Blessed and Joyful Resurrection Sunday 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

#### An Invitation to the Oasis of Blessing



Dear Members of the Good Shepherd Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we gather regularly at our beloved church, we are reminded that Good Shepherd is truly a haven of prayer, where we seek God's guidance, mercy, and blessings for ourselves and others. Many of you faithfully practice the discipline of prayer at home, showcasing your commitment to discipleship and love for Jesus.

The "Strand of Pearls" remains a dedicated prayer chain within our church community, fervently interceding for the needs of those who seek prayer, be it during our services through the blue cards in the pews or individual requests that come to us. The Women of the Knotty Knitters contribute to this intercessory ministry, praying for the needs of their fellow knitters and passing those requests on to the Strand of Pearls.

Today, we extend a heartfelt invitation to come and be part of a special gathering in the Oasis of Blessing – our chapel. In this unique space, we not only engage in fervent prayer but also embrace the spirit of worship. The current group meets every other week on Monday afternoons at 3:00 pm. in the church chapel, which we have aptly named "The Oasis of Blessing." Together, we have discovered the chapel to be a sanctuary of blessing, a place where hearts are lifted in both prayer and worship.

We extend this invitation to both men and women who yearn to devote themselves to prayer and worship, drawing inspiration from the early church's example. In our time together, we explore the theme of blessing others in the name of Jesus, echoing the ancient call given to Moses to bless the people. This powerful act of blessing is woven throughout the scriptures, reminding us of the profound impact it can have on our lives and the lives of others.

We warmly invite you to join us on this journey of prayer, worship, fellowship, and blessing in "The Oasis of Blessing." As we gather there, may we collectively experience the joy and power of communal prayer and worship, lifting one another up and seeking God's blessings upon our church and community. Let us grow together in the richness of prayer, worship, and blessing.

When: Every other Monday at 3:00 pm beginning on February 26<sup>th</sup>

Where: The Oasis of Blessing (Church Chapel)

Your presence will add to the tapestry of our shared spiritual journey.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dolores Wiens

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 <u>revdfw@icloud.com</u>, 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.

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Our major projects are moving forward. Desert Falls Landscaping has been hard at work clearing the "back 40" in preparation for the installation of our Solar Electric System (SES). The contract to install and commission the SES has been awarded to Hedgehog Electric and we expect to have it operational in time for the start of the air conditioning season this year.

Of course, installing a \$90,000 SES also requires some security. Allied Fencing has been awarded the contract to install an 8' fence with an 8' double gate that will enclose the area from the southwest corner of the big shed to the west and north fences. This will encompass the area in which the SES will be installed as well as some added space to allow for expansion in the future should we decide that we need more electric generation.

Finally, Guy and the team of Scott Florence, Chris Schleter and me, are working on the specifications for a video-based security system to cover the area where the SES will be installed. This will allow us to keep an eye on things and prevent vandalism of the SES.

All of these improvements were made possible by a nearly \$250,000 bequest from Paul and Gloria Reynolds' estate. Their love for our church and our planet makes this use of their funds quite appropriate.

We're looking forward to the completion of the projects and the financial and environmental benefits that will come from it.

Tom Contreras

### **Christian Education**

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 a 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.

I wanted to let everyone know that I have resigned from Session, the Nominating Committee and, after a lot of prayer, membership in the church. I have spent hundreds if not thousands of hours in prayer and study over the last couple of years, and I have made the decision to dedicate my life to the Catholic faith.

A couple of years ago, I attended Mass for the first time here in St. George, and I immediately knew that was where I needed to be. I have never in my life felt such peace from God and such assurance that I had come home. Every time I went to Good Shepherd and saw all the people I loved, I felt so terribly sad and didn't want to leave any of them. But my heart was telling me I needed to be at Mass. God finally gave me the courage to bring all this out in the open, and I finally have peace with my decision. I have been blessed so much by the people at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. This congregation is made up of some of the most welcoming and kind people I have ever known. I love every single person [at Good Shepherd] just like they are my own family. I cherish so many incredible memories of love, music, service and laughs, and of course all the amazing food! This church will always have a very special place in my heart.

I know I am making the right decision for me, but this is still so hard. Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

### **Congregational Growth & Care**

**WE'RE ANNOUNCING** that we have scheduled our second Lunch and Learn program to be held during this year of being dedicated to helping you **Plan Today for Tomorrow!** On Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall, we will welcome local Elder Care lawyer, Kristin (Katie) Woods, as our speaker talking about what we've titled, "Estate Planning - Are All My Legal Ducks in a Row?" Some of you may recall that Katie was one of our Brown Bag Luncheon speakers six and ten years ago. We are most fortunate that she has agreed to come once again to help us wade through the legal maze of what documents and arrangements are necessary to have in place should we become incapacitated or deceased. Although the thought can be daunting, untoward things can occur at any stage of our lives. It is never too early nor too late to create a roadmap of what we, and not the courts, might wish to be the disposition of our assets and who is to serve as our agent in the event we are unable to care for ourselves. Estate planning is not only for the wealthy but for anyone having assets and a desire to guarantee they are managed according to personal intentions, while providing security for loved ones. Among other topics, Katie's talk will include a discussion about the various documents required for having a proper estate plan in place: wills, trusts, POA's, medical directives and appointment of financial and health care agents. Mark the date on your calendars and come with your questions and concerns - Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.

In the meantime, we members of your Growth and Care Committee wish you a very Happy Easter and pray that you will find joy and blessings in celebration of the Resurrection.

Alicia Kitzman

#### Deacons

Your Deacons continue to offer their help and support whenever you need it. Please don't hesitate to get in touch when something comes up and could use our assistance.

This past Saturday we held our annual Elder/Deacon Training. We talked about the role of the Deacon in the Presbyterian Church and discussed ways that we can be more responsive to your needs.

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.

March will start out quiet, but boy will the last week be busy with Holy Week activities.

We'll start out with the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast on March 24<sup>th</sup>, prepared by Rev. Ralph and his kitchen full of cooks, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in Conklin Hall.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll commemorate the Last Supper with our traditional Agape Dinner at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. One of the features of this meal is that it is lit with oil lamps.

After worship on Resurrection Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we'll gather for Easter brunch in Conklin Hall. We'll provide the ham and ask everyone to bring a side or dessert to share. There will be a signup sheet in Conklin Hall soon.

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

Donna Beasley reports that collections for Operation Christmas Child are well underway for 2024. So far this year we asked for toothbrushes in January. We received a lot but still need more. In February we asked for children's books. Hardback books are best for small children. Dollar Tree has a good supply of Bible story books for \$1.25 each. In March we are asking for craft items. We thank you all for your generosity.

The Souper Bowl of Caring was a rousing success. Together we raised \$870 and donated 447 food items weighing 294 pounds. All of the proceeds went to Solomon's Porch for their Friday Pantry and Sunday Feast. Pastor Jimi was especially happy to see all of the cans of corn and green beans since they use A LOT of them feeding the hungry. He told me that on the Friday before the Souper Bowl they had people in line for the Friday Pantry who, together, represented more than 165 people, and they nearly ran out of food. Our contributions help them to serve those in our community who so desperately need help. We are making a difference and changing lives.

Another way we are making a difference is through our support of our overseas partners. We donated \$500 this year to YMCA Moldova and, together with funds from the Presbyterian Mission Agency and others, they are partnering with HP to provide computers to young people across Moldova, some of whom are Ukrainian refugees. The aim of the program is to empower youth to integrate with the digital world with all of the benefits that come with that integration.

In our own back yard, but a bit farther away, our contributions to Chinle Planting Hope for the Navajo Bookmobile project helped them to obtain over 17,400 books either by donation or purchase, issue 1,400 library cards and check out more than 4,100 books in their effort to promote literacy for all. We will be doing more with projects to help the Navajo Nation later this year and in years to come.

Our efforts truly are making a difference both here and in faraway places.

Chris Schleter

### **Session News**

Session held their monthly meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The following actions were taken:

- Approved a request by Rev. Clingan for continuing education, February 29 through March 1, 2024, for the Utah Presbytery Pastor's and CLP Spring Retreat.
- Approved with regrets, a letter of resignation of Mary Laubscher as Treasurer, effective April 1, 2024, or when a new treasurer is found, whichever comes first.
- At the February 18, 2024, Called Session Meeting, Session approved to award a contract for installation of a Solar Electric System to Hedgehog Electric at a cost not to exceed \$92,000 to be paid from the Paul and Gloria Reynolds bequest.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath

### Stewardship

Our pledges year to date are \$173,550, which is \$43,640 more than last year, for which we are grateful. Thank you to everyone who is supporting our church and it's work through your pledges. We are still \$12,600 short of our projected needs for this year. If you haven't made a pledge for this year, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our church and its mission in this way.

**Monthly Opportunity:** There are many ways to support and serve our church beyond financial support. Each month we will highlight an opportunity we have for you to help with the work and mission of the church. This month our focus is on **Ushers**. We need four Ushers for our morning worship service every Sunday.

Time commitment: Light - 30 minutes once a month.

Workload: Moderate - You will stand and greet people as they enter the church for thirty minutes before the service. You will also collect the offering. That's all.

Reward: Moderate - You will get to meet people you know and new people you don't know. You can chat with friends and potential friends. Maybe even make a new friend.

Please contact Ruthanne Skinner, 541 510 5660, ruthannes@msn.com, to help our church in this important way.

### **Worship & Music**

There are many things happening in March at Good Shepherd, and you need to mark your calendars for them.

- March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Breakfast 8:30 am-9:30 am in Conklin Hall Palm Sunday Worship - 10:30 am
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall, bring bread, cheese and fruit to share.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service at Good Shepherd 7:00 pm.
- March 31<sup>st</sup>
   Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church and New Promise Lutheran Church joining with us.
   Easter Sunday Service 10:30 am

Easter Brunch following Worship. Ham provided by Fellowship, bring a side dish or dessert.

We hope everyone will attend these Holy Week events.

Thanks to all who serve as Ushers.

Ruthanne Skinner

### **Congregation News**

#### Ladies Luncheon April 13th

On behalf of New Promise Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church and our own Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, ladies from these three churches are invited to a Tri-church Ladies Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in Conklin Hall. Tickets will be \$10.

The fun begins at 10:00 am with a get acquainted time, followed by lunch. We'll then be led "In Search of the Wild Goose" by our guest speaker, Rev. Joyce DeToni-Hill.

Joyce will share her real honest-to-goodness modern day wild goose chase across Spain. She will show us how each of us can delight in the fun of our own wild goose chase on our daily faith journey too.

Please see Virginia Hunt for tickets or more information.

### **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	Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion 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

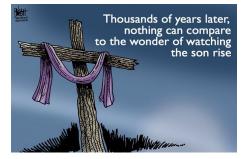
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### Lectionary Readings for March, continued

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil	A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used. 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 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	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
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	<i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49

# Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, April 7 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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3rd Sunday in Lent Solomon's Porch Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am Uorship 10:30 Communion am Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:30 Lenten Bible Study pm & Potluck - Hosanna A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week- CE Building	10:00 am     Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life @ CE Building       11:00     Women's Bible am       Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village       3:00     Exercise with Rev. Ralph       6:30     Grief & Loss Support Group	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins - Spring Forward 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>12:00 Session Meeting</b> Noon	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:30 Lenten Bible Study pm & Potluck - Hosanna A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week- CE Building	<ul> <li>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village</li> <li>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</li> </ul>	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 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 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 12:00 Worship Non Committee Meeting - Chapel	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:30 Lenten Bible pm Study & Potluck - Hosanna A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week- CE Building	<ul> <li>10:00 Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life @ CE Building</li> <li>11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village</li> <li>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</li> <li>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss pm Support Group</li> </ul>	9:30 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<ul> <li>11:00 Men's Bible Study @</li> <li>am Bishop's on Sunset</li> <li>115 Growth &amp; Care</li> <li>pm Committee Meeting - CE Building</li> <li>3:00 Exercise with Rev.</li> <li>pm Ralph</li> <li>3:45 Chancel Choir</li> <li>pm Rehearsal</li> </ul>	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	Newsletter Deadline 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
24	25	26	27	<b>28</b> Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30
Palm Sunday 8:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast @ Conklin Hall 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>31</b> Resurrection Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am	11:30 Women's Bible am Study & Fellowship 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ 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	11:00 Men's Bible Study am @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Book Club @ CE Noon Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 5:00 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal 5:30 Maundy pm Thursday Agape Dinner @ Conklin Hall	10:30 Procession of the am Cross - Diagonal Park 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon 7:00 Ecumenical Good pm Friday Service - Sanctuary	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
10:30 Worship am <del>10:30 Children's Sunday am School &amp; Nursery</del> 11:45 Fellowship - Easter						
am Brunch			PLEASE NOTE:			

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### **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

Shawl Ministry Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Monday Tuesday Thursday
Men's Bible Study	Thursday
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday Wednesday
Choir Practices	Thursday Saturday

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon 3:45 pm Chancel Choir 11:30 am Bell Choir Conklin Hall Conklin Hall Conklin Hall Bishop's Grill on Sunset

Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village Barnes & Noble Cafe Sanctuary Sanctuary

#### Flowers

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March				
March 3 Available				
March 10	March 10 Available			
March 17	Cherie Torok			
March 24	Available			
March 31	Available			
April				
April 7	Available			
April 14	Tom & Mary Contreras			
April 21	Available			
April 28	Available			

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Class of 2025			Christian Ed
	Ruthanne Skinner	541-510-5660	Worship
	Tom Contreras	530-440-8484	Building/Grounds
Class of 2026	Alicia Kitzman	435-272-4614	Growth & Care
	Ray Snipes	435-414-4286	Stewardship

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