



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Changes Come to GSPC's Music Program

By now everyone knows that Barbara McConnell retired as Director of Music effective on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We thank Barbara for being an integral part in our church for 16 years and, in recognition of her service in leading our music programs, Session voted to name her Director of Music Emerita and her photo now hangs in the Narthex.

Paul Wiens has agreed to assume the Director of Music role on an interim basis through the end of 2024. He has exciting plans for the direction of our music program, and you can read about those plans in his Music column on page 6 of this month's newsletter.

With Steve Talley's retirement as our organist at the end of May, we have engaged Aaron Lund to be our new Pianist. While Steve will not be playing for us, he will still have a hand in our music program: he has agreed to teach Aaron to play the organ! Learning the organ is a long-term process but we look forward, down the road, to Aaron at the keyboard of our organ, adding stirring music to our worship.

## Solar Electric System Up and Running

Thanks to funding provided by the estate of Paul and Gloria Reynolds, Good Shepherd now has a fully functional Solar Electric System (SES) installed behind the shed at the back of our property. Thanks to Guy Schultzman and the committee (Scott Florence, Tom Contreras and Chris Schleiter) for their hard work to make the system a reality.

The system consists of 39 solar panels that have a combined rated output of just over 23 kilowatts. The system was sized so that our net electric usage each year will be close to zero.

The system has been up and running for just over a month and, when the sun is shining, produces about 150 kWh per day. We haven't had an electric bill with a full month of solar output yet, but we expect to see a substantial reduction in our electric bill going forward.

One reason we decided to pursue an SES in 2024 is that the Inflation Reduction Act provides for a 30% tax credit of the total cost of the system and, for the first time, non-profits like Good Shepherd are eligible to receive the credit. The total cost of the system was around \$113,200 so we will get a check from the IRS for almost \$34,000 once the paperwork is complete.

A side benefit of installing the SES is that we had to clear all of the brush and debris from the area where the SES was to be installed before we could begin construction. After some discussion, we decided that we would clear not only the SES area, but the entire back of the property. That area had been a hangout for people over the years (we found burned wood, balls and enough beer cans to start our own recycling company). All of the plants and debris were also a major fire hazard.

Before and after photos are on page 8 of this newsletter.

### 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

Barbara Schultzman	Candy & Russ Hurlbut
John & Peggy Graber	Cathy Overkamp
Gloria & Chuck McGilloway	Russell & Luisa Estlack
Cheryl Mansfield	Ann Abbott
Karen Shaw Miller	Roger Clark
Molly Bass	Kathryn Whitton
Tineke Ingold	Randy Stone
Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton	
Peace for People of Ukraine, Russia, Israel & Gaza	
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

### August Newsletter Deadline July 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

### 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 June were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Thessalonians 5:12-19	Do Not Quench the Spirit
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Romans 5:1-5	God's Love
Elder Chris Schleiter	1 Peter 4:8	Love One Another
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Romans 12:2	Be Transformed
Elder Mary Contreras	Philippians 4:6-7	Do Not Be Anxious
Elder Tom Contreras	Isaiah 43:2	God Is With You
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	Hebrews 11:1-2	Faith is Assurance
Elder Ray Snipes	Ephesians 4:29-32	Build Others Up

### 2024 PLEDGES

**Goal**  
**\$186,143**

**Received through 5/28**  
**\$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**  
**\$333,050**

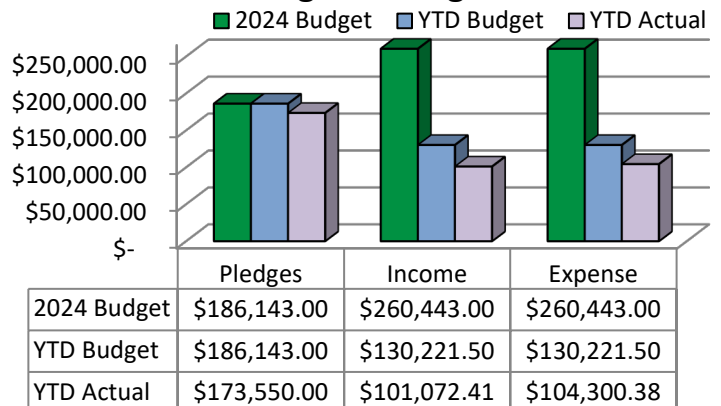
**Still Needed**  
**\$50,950**

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

## Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of June 30	
Month of June	
Receipts	\$ 27,360.99
Expenditures	\$ 12,984.02
June Net	\$ 14,376.97
2024 YTD Budget vs. Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 130,221.50
Actual Receipts	\$ 101,072.41
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 130,221.50
Actual Expenditures	\$ 104,300.38
YTD Net	\$ (3,227.97)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 30,717.26
Building Fund	\$ 58,538.69
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,750.89
Bequests	\$ 52,297.88
Reserve Fund	\$ 47,667.33
Reynolds Family Bequest	\$ 116,699.82
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 2,630.35

### 2024 Budget Through June 30



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forever.*

*Psalm 133 (NASB)*



As many, if not all, of you may know, it was my honor to serve the Presbytery of Utah as its Teaching Elder Commissioner to the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which met in Salt Lake at the end of June and beginning of July.

Along with my duties as a commissioner I was a vice-moderator of the one of the Assembly's standing committees, which necessitated my spending close to two weeks in Salt Lake. The first week was the committee meetings preparing for the full General Assembly which would take place the following week.

I've been asked what items of great import we accomplished; this is difficult to answer. We accomplished a lot of little things, some of which you may never know and in some cases you will.

The most important result of the GA, in my humble opinion, was the presence and witness of the Holy Spirit and the promise this holds for our church today and tomorrow.

I was the Commissioner for Utah at the 220<sup>th</sup> GA in 2012. That GA was filled with infighting and a negative spirit sometimes with open hostility towards each other! Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

This GA was the complete opposite. Unity, love and joy filled the Ballroom of the Salt Palace. Rich diversity and love for our Lord and His church was evident. Apparently as the PCUSA gets smaller, we are closer and, perhaps, being exactly who Christ is calling us to be "in times such as these."

If I can bring this same Holy Spirit to our church, and community, then just perhaps this has been one of the most successful GA's we have ever come to know!

*Blessings In Christ  
Rev. Ralph*

### **Mark your calendars! Save the date!!!**

Every year the Presbyterian Peace-Making Committee brings to the United States individuals who have made significant contributions of service to their communities or nations. This year one of the Presbyterian Peace Makers is Dumitru Roibu. "Dima" is the director of Moldova YMCA. He and his team have made tremendous progress in assisting youth and Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. Dima will be visiting St. George October 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will plan an event during his stay with us. Rev. Ralph spent time with Dima and the Moldova YMCA during his mission trip to Moldova in 2023 and saw firsthand the tremendous work and energy that is in the leadership and service of this young man. The Moldova YMCA is supported by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and our church! We look forward to welcoming him!

### **\*\* 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 about 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

### Why Bless?



*God directs us to bless one another; blessing others is powerful!*

In the Oasis of Blessing, we have discovered a profound truth; offering blessing in the Name of Jesus is a directive of God, our Father in Scripture, and it is powerful in its effect. The directive immediately follows the blessing Abraham and his sons were to give to the children of Israel, the one that is beloved by all, "*The Lord bless you and keep you . . .*" (Numbers 6:22-26). The directive is found in verse 27: "*So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.*" This verse speaks to the profound impact of invoking a divine blessing, highlighting that **when God's name is placed upon the people, He Himself bestows His blessings upon them.** This passage underscores the intimate connection between God and His children, where **the act of blessing is not just a ritual but a conduit for divine grace and favor.** Blessings send God's presence, protection, and peace into the lives of those who receive it. Blessing someone can transform their circumstances, and reinforce a sense of belonging to a community under divine care. **By placing God's name upon the people, the blessing becomes a powerful affirmation of His enduring covenant and love, ensuring that they are remembered, cherished, and guided by His everlasting care.**

Does this excite you? But perhaps you wonder how **you** can become God's conduits of blessing to those around you? You can easily learn by joining us for our study of the Blessing Course in the CE building beginning Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, every other week, ending on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Yes, the books are being ordered, but I have found that pdf's of the material can be downloaded right up until the day before the course begins).

During the course you will find that understanding and experience flourish together. Working in a group session enables you to learn better, laugh together and rejoice together, practice together, make friends and deepen fellowship. Doesn't that sound inviting?

The course is intensely practical. Key subjects include:

- THE GOD WHO BLESSES / Grasping the goodness of God
- BEING BLESSED / Our Personal Discovery of Foundational Truth
- CALLED TO BLESS / The Priestly Role of Every Christian
- BLESSING / The Person in Front of Me
- BLESSING / The Land
- BLESSING / Areas, Regions, Nations
- BLESSING / A New Life and a New Community

A typical session would involve:

- A welcome
- A Scripture
- A written prayer read together reflectively
- Introduction to the video
- A video of around 15 minutes
- Opportunity to respond to the video
- A question to consider
- Some additional insights
- Prayer, with opportunity to hear God speaking to you
- A practical Plan of Action for the coming week

By the end of the course, you should expect to be more confident in your personal relationship with the Lord; enjoying the experience of his blessing on your life; and being effective at blessing others through words as well as deeds.

*Rev. Dolores*

## 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 one of our Stephen Ministers will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.

## 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 education programs continue. Adult Sunday School is exploring the summer curriculum from *The Present Word* series, *Experiencing Hope*. Ruth Ann Horvath leads discussions exploring the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us.

Children's Sunday School will resume on August 25<sup>th</sup> after our children return to school in mid-August.

Our Monthly Women's Bible Study will resume in September.

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

Let us continue to learn and grow in Him.

## Congregational Growth & Care

We hope you've had a great summer. There has been a change in our Lunch and Learn schedule. Our next program, to be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, will feature the topics of Hospice and Caregiving and our Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> program will be a discussion of De-cluttering and Downsizing. Both events will complete our year of helping you plan for your future, and we hope you will plan to attend each program and - Bring a Friend!! (More about our September 18<sup>th</sup> program in our next newsletter article but here's a hint - we won't be recommending that you bring your lunch!!)

We already have endured our share of hot, summer days but, sadly, given that cooler days are probably not in our immediate futures, it is important to consider the effect these hot days can have on our bodies. According to an AARP publication, although older adults are the most vulnerable to the dangers of excessive heat, we know it can be detrimental to those of any age. Physiologically, we each are programmed to deal with excessive heat in the same way - we perspire, and moisture is given off to the skin's surface which evaporates into the atmosphere, and we experience a cooling of our bodies. However, other factors, such as which medications we take, can interfere with this process and influence how our bodies respond to this cooling process. Medications themselves can be affected by heat so it's a good idea to be familiar with special instructions about your medication found on the package insert or printed on instructions your pharmacist includes with each filled prescription. It is generally advised to store a medication in a cool, dry place and some, like insulin, are to be kept below 30 degrees. Although medications aren't prescribed based on possible seasonal variances, some physicians may choose to reduce the dose or substitute medications during the hotter summer months.

Below are some classes of medications and examples of those which may influence how our bodies handle heat:

- HEART MEDICATIONS - Diuretics or water pills (Lasix, HCTZ, HydroDiuril), Beta Blockers (Toprol, Tenormin, Inderal), ACE inhibitors (Lisinopril, Zestril, Prinivil)
- ARB'S - Angiotensin II receptor blockers (Losartan, Valsartan, Antiplatelets 9Plavix)
- ANTIDEPRESSANTS - (Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, Cymbalta, Elavil)
- ANTIPSYCHOTICS - (Risperdal, Seroquel, Haldol)
- ANTICHOLINERGICS - (Cogentin, Ditropan XL, Detrol)
- ANTIHISTAMINES - (Benadryl)
- DECONGESTANTS - (Sudafed, Afrin spray, Zicam, Dristan, Mucinex)
- DOPAMINERGICS - (Sinemet, Adderall, Desoxyn, Ritalin)

If you are unsure about how your medication may be affecting you, do not summarily stop the medication but consult your physician with your concerns. Additionally, we each should be proactive in following lifestyle measures that lessen the hot weather's impact. Wear hats, loose-fitting clothing and sunscreen which offer protection against the sun. Keep your home as cool as possible with air conditioning, fans and window shading against the sun's rays. Stay well-hydrated, avoid engaging in outdoor projects and activities during the hottest time of the day and consider the fact that in a few months, we most likely will be complaining about the cold temperatures we are experiencing!

## 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 you could use our assistance.

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

We continue to have a great turnout for our post-worship fellowship time in Conklin Hall. If you attend worship, be sure to join us for some refreshments and the chance to catch up with others in the congregation.

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.

*Mary Contreras*

## Mission/Outreach

We are planning a Mission Committee meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining us in our Mission efforts, please plan to join us after worship in the CE Building.

Our annual shoe drive wrapped up in June and we collected 100 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls. Their mission is to turn unwanted shoes and clothing into opportunities, by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty. Thanks to everyone who donated shoes this year.

Please note the information on Rev. Ralph's page concerning the October visit to St. George of Dumitru Roibu. "Dima" is the director of Moldova YMCA and the work he and his team are doing with at risk kids and Ukrainian refugees is an inspiration to all of us. We look forward to his visit.

*Chris Schleiter*

## Music

By the time you read this, summer has peaked and fall plans for the Bell and Chancel Choirs are well underway.

**Bell Choir:** If you are a musician and read music (play piano or an instrument), you are welcome to join the ringers at Good Shepherd. Eleven regulars are joined by a small group of subs so that each rehearsal will be spiritually enriching, musically productive and fun. Ringers are members of Good Shepherd PC, Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Grace Episcopal Church, LDS, and some are unaffiliated. The Bell Choir rehearses Saturdays, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and performs about once a month in worship services. The first rehearsal is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Chancel Choir:** If you love to sing (read music or simply enjoy singing with others), you are welcome to join the Good Shepherd Chancel Choir. Fifteen returning members comprise three vocal sections to sing Anthems and descants in the worship service. Extend your vocal range, improve your enunciation, learn to support your voice, develop courage to sing more strongly, and harmonize with tuneful intonation. The Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays, 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm and sings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. The first rehearsal is Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you are interested in either choir, please contact me at 630-890-8342 or [paul.wiens@wheaton.edu](mailto:paul.wiens@wheaton.edu).

*Paul Wiens  
Music Director*



## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The following actions were taken:

- The clerk reported that a thank you letter was sent to an LDS young men's group who cleared weeds from the community garden.
- Agreed to support the Worship Committee in details regarding the retirement of the Music Director.
- Approved vacation time of. August 2-4 to Rev. Clingan.
- Approved to accept the bid of Desert Falls for replacement of four valves plus installation at a cost of \$610.00.
- Approved to purchase two Panasonic AW-UE50 PTZ cameras, a Panasonic AVHSW10 switcher and required support equipment from MediaRight plus installation supplies at a total cost not to exceed \$15,000 to be paid from Bequests.

A called meeting of Session was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The following actions were taken:

- Approved to name Barbara McConnell as Music Director Emerita of GSPC.
- Approved to hire Paul Wiens as Interim Music Director at \$1,000 per month for a term July 1 through December 31, 2024, including responsibilities as specified in a contract.
- Approved donations of half of our annual amount to each of our local charities for the total of \$6,000.
- Approved a donation of \$500 each to Friends of Moldova and YMCA Moldova from mission set aside fund.
- Approved a donation of \$1,000 to the church in Dorogobuzh for Bible Camp from Mission Set-Aside Fund.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to be taken from the Reynolds's Family Bequest to mitigate the effects of the Solar Electric System on our neighbor. Also to give authority to Chris Schleiter to conduct future negotiations with the property owner.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, August 11, 2024, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Session Clerk*

## Stewardship

I hope you've found a way to escape the heat this month. Fall seems far away. The heat is on our finances too because we are still short of our pledge goal, and to compound the problem, we've not received all the monies that have been pledged. So, we're getting stressed and hoping you will help. Please catch up with your pledge if you've fallen behind, and if you didn't make a pledge, please consider doing so.

*Ray Snipes*

## Worship

We are truly grateful to Barbara McConnell for her many years of service as Music Director. Her dedication to music for the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir has enriched worship at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We extend to her our love and blessings as she enjoys her retirement.

Chancel Choir rehearsals start August 22<sup>nd</sup> with Paul Wiens as our Interim Director. For those who love to sing, please join us!

Many thanks to those who serve as ushers, we appreciate your dedication.

*Ruthanne Skinner*

## Letter from Steve Talley

Session Clerk Ruth Ann Horvath received the following letter from Steve Talley and wanted to share it with the congregation:

Dear Ruth Ann,

Please express my sincere gratitude to the Session, congregation, and choir of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church for their generous cash parting gift. We will enjoy spending it on a couple of vacation adventures this summer.

When Susan and I retired in 2015 after 40 years of full-time church music ministry, we did not plan to work in the church again. That said, I am grateful for the past several years in which we have served together, loving each other, and praising our Lord.

It has been a pleasure to work under the leadership of Barbara McConnell and Rev. Ralph Clingan. I wish you all the best in your music and community ministries.

Sincerely,  
Steve

## Some Before and After Photos of the SES and Back 40





## Lectionary Readings for August

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, August 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Sunday, August 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Sunday, August 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Sunday, August 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

## Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, September 1 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sunday, September 8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125	James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sunday, September 15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, September 22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sunday, September 29 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

## Thank you from the Presbytery of Utah

Dear members of the Presbytery of Utah,

We would like to extend to you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your help in welcoming the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to Salt Lake City. This could not have happened with your countless hours of planning, preparation, and volunteering. Thank you!

Many of the people attending GA last week commented to us on how welcome they felt in Salt Lake, and how much they enjoyed the 226th General assembly. They loved our volunteers welcoming them at the airports & Trax stations, and they greatly appreciated worshipping with you in some of your congregations on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastors and church staff, thank you for helping to publicize this and making it possible for people to sign up and volunteer.

As the COLA chairperson I would like to thank everyone who met with us monthly preparing the numerous little details and tasks and taking care of things that had to be planned and scheduled. None of this could have happened without your collective effort of thousands of hours of preparation and volunteering. On behalf of the Presbytery of Utah, we are so grateful for your efforts. The Spirit was present with well over 1,000 Presbyterians gathering for the assembly. The work of the church continues, thanks be to God. GA 226 was a success!

Grace and peace be with you all,

Rev. Derek Forbes, FPC Logan

Rev. Dr. Mirjam Haas-Melchior, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Utah

Tim Fluetsch, Volunteer Coordinator

## August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	
<b>4</b> <b>Solomon's Porch Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
9:00 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:15 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion 11:45 am Fellowship	12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph <b>6:30 pm Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b>	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	
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<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
9:00 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:15 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship <b>11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken</b> <b>12:00 Noon Mission Committee Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>10:00 am Full Plate Living for a Fuller Life Support Meeting</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph <b>6:30 pm Grief &amp; Loss Support Group</b>	<b>9:30 am Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

**This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org) for the latest information.**

## Congregation News

### Reception for Barbara McConnell

July 28<sup>th</sup> was Barbara McConnell's final service as Director of Music. She was recognized during worship and a reception was held in her honor during Fellowship in Conklin Hall. Rev. Ralph and Worship Elder Ruthanne Skinner recognized Barbara's 18 years as our Director of Music and presented her with a card and gift from the choirs and congregation.

Barbara wanted the congregation to know how much she has enjoyed her tenure with Good Shepherd and to thank everyone for their support through the years and for the wonderful gifts she received.

## 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 - **Resumes in September**  
**Al-Anon Meetings** – Monday and 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	<b>Sanctuary - Resumes August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	<b>Sanctuary - Resumes September 7<sup>th</sup></b>

### Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

August	
August 7	<i>Available</i>
August 14	John & Peggy Graber
August 21	<i>Available</i>
August 28	<i>Available</i>
September	
September 1	<i>Available</i>
September 8	Eliza Elwood
September 15	<i>Available</i>
September 22	<i>Available</i>
September 22	<i>Available</i>

Sign up for Flowers on the bulletin board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website [gspscg.org](http://gspscg.org)

### Online Giving

Did you know that you can donate to the church using your credit card? All you need to do is visit our Online Giving page at Vanco.

-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.

**We thank you for your continued support!**

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## Church Leadership 2024

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	Mary Contreras	435-229-8753	Fellowship
	Chris Schleiter	435-619-2843	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2025	Ruthanne Skinner	541-510-5660	Christian Ed
	Tom Contreras	530-440-8484	Worship
			Building/Grounds
Class of 2026	Alicia Kitzman	435-272-4614	Growth & Care
	Ray Snipes	435-414-4286	Stewardship

### Deacons

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