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All Good Things

It is said that "All good things must come to an end," and that is certainly true for our Church as Rev. Ralph retires at the end of June.

Rev. Ralph graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in Religion in 1979. He completed work for his M. Div. in Theology at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York, in 1983, and received his D. Min. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta in 1996.

He was ordained at his home church in Canisteo, New York, on July 10, 1983, by his home presbytery, the Presbytery of Geneva, Geneva, New York. During his ministry he has served in four presbyteries; Genesee Valley, Geneva, National Capital and Utah.

He began his ministry at Livonia First Presbyterian Church in Livonia Center, New York, serving from 1983 to 1986. From Livonia, he moved to Sodus Presbyterian Church in Sodus, New York, from 1986 to 2000 then served as Associate Pastor of the Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Maryland, from 2000 to 2005. In November of 2005, he was seeking a new church, and Good Shepherd was seeking a new Pastor. We seemed to be a good fit and he was hired as the third full-time Pastor of our church.

At Neelsville, Rev. Ralph was assigned to the Stephen Ministry, where he oversaw 25 active Stephen Ministers and four Stephen Leaders. He also began a Parish Nursing Ministry. He brought both of those programs with him when he came to St. George. He also founded the St. George C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk in 2009.

Rev. Ralph's tenure in St. George has been marked by growth and change. When he arrived, the offices for the Pastor and church secretary were located where the chapel and Narthex entry are today. Quickly noticing that there were two larger spaces in the CE Building that were not being utilized to their fullest potential, the offices were moved to the CE Building.

In 2012, the church had completely outgrown its fellowship hall, and an addition was added to provide more space. We moved into the new space in February 2013 and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church in the new facility in April.

In March of 2013, the church joined the Presbyterian Mission Twinning Program and have partnered with the Word of Life Evangelical Baptist Church in Dorogobuzh, Russia since. He has visited Russia with other members of our congregation several times and we maintain an active partnership with pastor Sergei and his church to this day.

While Rev. Ralph has been with us, he has seen new hymnals placed in the Sanctuary, new choir robes for both of our choirs, new carpet in the Sanctuary and Narthex, a flood in the CE Building, COVID, which forced the church to worship online and, eventually, in the parking lot, the creation of a prayer labyrinth adjacent to the Memorial Garden and the addition of a solar electric system in our "back 40."

It's safe to say that it's been a busy almost 20 years. What the future holds for Rev. Ralph and our church is in God's hands.

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Prayer Concerns

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it" John 14:13-14

- Ann Hogan
- Molly Bass
- Donna Beasley
- Katherine Whitton
- Aaron Lund's son Isaac
- Jan Hirschi's brother
- Rev. Ralph as he begins his retirement
- Our congregation as we look to the future
- Rev. Celeste Lasich, our Interim Pastor
- Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
- Those Serving Our Country
- Cheryl Mansfield
- Russ & Luisa Estlack
- Barbara Schultzman
- Janis Wick

Welcome New Members

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

NO JULY NEWSLETTER
August Newsletter Deadline
May 23, 2025

Worship Schedule

- 9:00-9:15 am**
Morning Prayer and Communion
Sanctuary
- 9:15-10:00 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 May were:

Rev. Ralph	Isaiah 43:18-19	A new thing
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	1 Corinthians 6:11	You were sanctified
Elder Chris Schleiter	Philippians 4:7	Peace of God
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Romans 8:31-32	God is For Us
Elder Mary Contreras	Isaiah 40:31	Wait on the Lord
Elder Tom Contreras	John 12:46	Light into the world
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	Psalm 23:1	Lord is My Shepherd
Elder Ray Snipes	Matthew 7:12	Do not judge
Elder Celeste Renta	1 Corinthians 12:27-31	Body of Christ

2025 PLEDGES

Goal
\$192,987
Received through 4/20
\$182,440 (94.5%)
Still Needed
\$10,547

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

BUILDING FUND

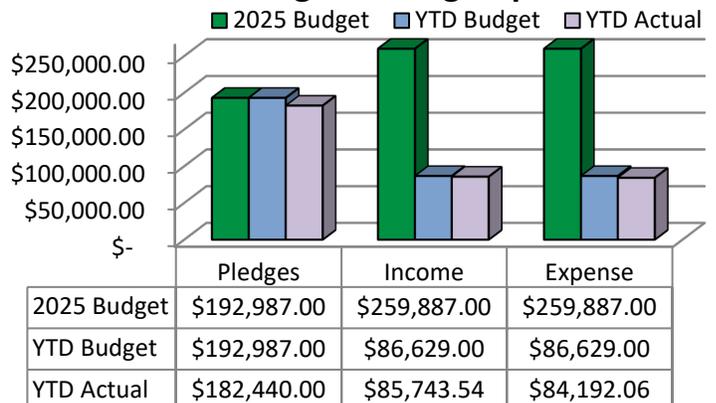
Goal
\$384,000
Received to Date
\$335,179
Still Needed
\$48,821

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of April 30		
Month of April		
Receipts	\$	15,343.00
Expenditures	\$	26,556.49
April Net	\$	(11,213.49)
2025 YTD Budget vs. Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	86,629.00
Actual Receipts	\$	85,743.54
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	86,629.00
Actual Expenditures	\$	84,192.06
YTD Net	\$	1,551.48
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	39,347.33
Building Fund	\$	47,049.17
Memorial Fund	\$	8,645.83
Bequests	\$	51,228.20
Reserve Fund	\$	83,444.46
Reynolds Family Bequest	\$	91,715.66
Mission Reserve	\$	28,733.95
Russia Mission Fund	\$	4,690.35

2025 Budget Through April 30



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:9-10 (NASB)

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart,

Philippians 1:3-7a (NASB)



Twenty years ago, after receiving an invitation from the Pastor Nominating Committee of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Saint George, Utah, to be their next Pastor, at 28,000 feet somewhere between Las Vegas and Baltimore, I read the above text from Acts. As I read the text, I clearly heard God's call and answer to the PNC. Minutes after returning home I called the PNC and accepted the invitation. The rest is history.

Twenty years later as I discerned it was time to conclude my service to our Lord and you, I introduced my announcement using the text from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Appropriately so, in that Philippians is Paul's farewell letter to his favorite congregation. The love they held for each other cannot be missed in the letters gracious words.

There is neither the time or space for me to share with you what is in my heart for all of you, nor to recount all the history we share with each other and our Lord.

I think Paul said it all perfectly. Let me just add that I am so thankful to God for your love, support, and the ministry that we have shared all these years. Whatever God has in mind for me, wherever our Lord may send me, know that like Paul, I will thank God in all my remembrance of you, because I have you all in my heart.

Let me conclude as I have concluded every single report I have offered to the Session: "I continue to thank God every day for the opportunity to serve our Lord in serving you."

God bless Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, God bless you all.

*In Christ, always.
Rev. Ralph*

Interested in Expanding Your Library?

After 42 years, I have an extensive library in my office - too extensive to go into retirement with me. Please feel free to visit my office and find a new home for my books covering many topics and subjects. On June 15th we will move the remaining books to Conklin Hall where you will have the opportunity to claim any books that appeal to you. Any remaining after June 22nd will be disposed of.

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 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 you or offer pastoral care.

Prayer Corner



A Strand of Pearls

The Strand of Pearls is our church's Prayer Chain. Our prayer warriors believe in God's promise to hear and honor the prayers we offer on behalf of our members and friends.

The 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 Virginia Hunt marorva@mac.com or 714-955-1167, 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. A Stephen Minister will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.

Oasis of Blessing Prayer Group

The Oasis of Prayer meets every other Monday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We briefly meet as a group at the beginning and then spread out through the space to spend time sitting in the presence of the Lord, praying in silence and listening to the Spirit. Our prayers are focused on our church leadership, our church community, and the wider community of St. George. We invite all to join us in prayer. For information on the meeting place, please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343).

Christian Education

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:7

Our ongoing classes and Bible studies continue to be held at the same time and place. They are:

- Adult Sunday school meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Christian Education building. Ruth Ann Horvath leads discussions exploring the spring quarter topic - Costly Sacrifices.
- Children's Sunday School has wrapped up for the summer and will resume in mid-August.
- Monthly Women's Bible Study meets the third Monday of each month and is exploring Princesses of the Bible.
- Our two women's Bible Studies and our Men's Bible Study will meet with Rev. Ralph through June and will go on hiatus until Rev. Celeste Lasich arrives in mid-August.

Please Note that Alan Dull is teaching a Bible Study class at Sterling Court Assisted Living every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm. We are welcome to attend. Please contact Alan if you're interested in attending so he can have material for you.

Please join us at one of these studies. Learning and growing in our faith has transformative power and helps us to live a life that aligns with God's teaching. There is so much to know. Please - give us your input! Any area of study you'd like to see us offer? Email me at celesteren@aol.com or text to 818-370-7892.

Celeste Renta

Congregational Growth & Care

At Lunch and Learn on May 7th, our speaker, Ka-Wai Yu, master cellist, took us on the "Journey of Dr. Ka-Wai Yu — so far." Ka-Wai, born into a Christian family in Hong Kong, is the middle brother of three boys. He has an interesting family in that his mother and one brother are also musically inclined and his father has a position with UNESCO in France. Ka-Wai attended an English school, so he learned to speak English with a British flair. He also speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, some French and as he stated, the language of Music. It was in high school where he developed his passion for all things music and not only played the cello but also sang and has been a composer. He first came to the U.S. after receiving an eight-week scholarship to the Aspen Festival in 2003 where he also discovered he enjoys hiking and biking. He went on to receive a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and M.A. of Music in Cello performance from the prestigious School of Music at Indiana University. In 2015, Ka-Wai came to Dixie State University, now Utah Tech, as an Associate Professor. He said that he loves both teaching and performing and feels that each complements the other. He became a citizen in 2020. We learned much more about this man we

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

call fellow church member and friend - his belief in living his faith daily, his talents and kindness, and invite you to do the same. Please view the entire program, including the beautiful Bach composition which Ka-Wai played for us at the beginning of his talk, by going to our church website, gspscsg.org then clicking Activities on the menu bar and clicking Health and Wellness.

Guy Schultzman, moderator of the Growing our Future subcommittee, reports: The GOF Committee completed its Easter marketing campaign. Unfortunately, current visitor accounting methods did not show any demonstrable increase in newcomers to our Church. As a result, Session has decided to suspend any further marketing efforts until the leadership is further into our transition process. However, Session did approve a new effort to welcome newcomers by gifting a white boutonniere to each adult visitor who attends a worship service. This will allow congregants to easily identify visitors and enhance our welcome of them while also improving our accounting of visitations.

The subcommittee also had a couple of suggestions for Session's consideration during our transition period to prepare the congregation for future growth initiatives and we'll write more about this in future newsletter articles.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

I am your contact 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 me a call. My phone number is 801-541-7444.

Peggy Graber, Moderator

Fellowship

Worship in the Park was a lot of fun, as it always is. We had forty join us and enjoyed the music provided by Aaron Lund and Dr. Ka-Wai Yu.

Our next big event will be the Celebration and Reception for Rev. Ralph's retirement on June 28th at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be music, prayer and we will be joined by Executive Presbyter Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior, local dignitaries and members of our congregation to celebrate Rev. Ralph's retirement. We hope you will join us!

The Book Club meets the last Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building. If you are interested in joining them, please come and bring a sack lunch. They 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!

Remember...there is no fellowship without YOU!!

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

Shoe Drive We will hold our annual shoe drive from April 27th through June 15th. As you do your Spring cleaning, be sure to gather gently used shoes that you no longer need, and we'll pack them up and send them to Soles4Souls where they'll be provided to those who need them.

Solomon's Porch Sundays Just a reminder that the first Sunday of each month is designated Solomon's Porch Sunday. On those Sundays we collect food and money for Solomon's Porch and their indispensable programs for those in our area experiencing food insecurity. Please bring non-perishable food and money donations to church and place them in the boxes in the Narthex on the first Sunday of the month. They deeply appreciate everything our church does to help them, and we hope to have Pastor Jimi join us for a word of thanks in the near future.

Chris Schleiter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on May 11, 2025. The following actions were taken:

- At the April 2025 Stated Session Meeting Session accepted the 2025-2026 Terms of Call for Rev. Celeste Lasich as Interim Pastor with a start date of August 18, 2025.
- At the May 2025 Stated Session Meeting the following items were approved:

Session News, Continued

- Accepted the resignation of Ruth Ann Horvath as Clerk of Session effective May 11, 2025. Ruth Ann will continue on Session thru 2025 as Elder of Christian Education.
- Appointed Celeste Renta as Clerk of Session, effective May 11, 2025.
- Approved the purchase of tangible items to be used to identify visitors to Good Shepherd.
- Accepted the resignation of Ann Abbott as Treasurer of GSPC.
- Appointed Chris Schleter as Treasurer of GSPC.
- Approved utilizing \$500 from Bequests Fund to engage a Brass Ensemble to perform at Rev. Ralph's retirement celebration on June 29, 2025.
- Approved to replace 11 Pink Gauras plants in the Memorial Garden at a cost of \$570 to be paid from the Memorial Fund.
- Approve to send \$1,000 from our Russia Mission Funds to Pastor Sergei in Dorogobuzh in support of their annual Bible Camp
- At a Corporation Meeting held on May 11, 2025, Session elected the following officers of the Corporation for the remainder of 2025: Chris Schleter as Treasurer, Alicia Kitzman as Vice President and Celeste Renta as Secretary.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 12:00 Noon at Ovation.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Session Clerk

Stewardship

Summer is upon us and our pastor is retiring. As we honor and say goodbye to Rev. Ralph, please pray for him, our church, and listen to the Spirit calling us help and serve our church as we go through this coming transition. We are the church and are called to serve, so please remain engaged and participate.

Ray Snipes

Worship

To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ the Worship Committee of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church invites you to the Honorary Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dr. Ralph Clingan June 28th, 2025, at 2pm followed by a reception in Conklin Hall.

The Rev. Dr. Mirjam Haas-Melchior, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Utah, the Honorable Kress Staheli, Mayor of Washington City, and Rev. Buddy Herrington, President of the St. George Interfaith Council will be our guest speakers. Comments from the Congregation are welcome but limited to 3 minutes please.

There will be special music from the Chancel Choir, the GSPC Bell Choir and a Brass Ensemble.

We have been blessed to have had Rev. Ralph as our pastor for 20 years and for his 42 years as an Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church USA and we hope you will join us for this special time together. Please RSVP by June 20th.

Ruthanne Skinner

Congregation News

Congregational Meeting June 29th

Following worship on June 29th, as required by the Book of Order of PC(USA), we will hold a congregational meeting, moderated by Executive Presbyter Mirjam Haas-Melchior, to formally end Rev. Ralph's pastoral relationship with Good Shepherd.

Interim Minister Hired

Session is pleased to announce that we have hired our Interim Minister who will lead us through our church's transition following Rev. Ralph's retirement. She is Rev. Celeste Lasich. She joins us after a period with Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, California, and will begin work with us on August 18th.

After graduating with her M.Div. from McCormick Seminary in Hyde Park Chicago, Pastor Celeste's first call was as an Associate with First Presbyterian Church in Tracy, California. Celeste is passionate about Transitional Ministry and all the ways God shows up to encourage and empower churches ready to trust the Holy Spirit's energy and wisdom.

We welcome her and look forward to her leadership during this uncertain time.

New Treasurer Appointed

Ann Abbott has resigned as Treasurer and Chris Schleter has agreed to assume that role. Please send all bills and financial correspondence to **bills@gspcsg.org** or place them in the Treasurer folder in the Chapel.

Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	New Testament
Sunday, June 1 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Sunday, June 8 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 <i>or</i> Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 <i>or</i> Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 (25-27)
Sunday, June 15 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Sunday, June 22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	New Testament
Sunday, July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sunday, July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Sunday, July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Sunday, July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13

Rev. Ralph Through the Years



Back in 2012, Rev. Ralph was banished to the Memorial Garden to eat his lunch...Note the hair!



With Rev. John Mahon - Church 25th Anniversary Celebration

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Solomon's Porch Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Service with am Communion</p> <p>9:15 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Communion Worship am</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p>3:00 Oasis of Blessing pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset</p> <p>2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Pentecost - Wear Red</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Service with am Communion</p> <p>9:15 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship am</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Full Plate Living Support Group</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset</p> <p>2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Trinity Sunday Father's Day</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Service with am Communion</p> <p>9:15 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship am</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p> <p>11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken</p> <p>12:00 Session Meeting Noon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p>3:00 Oasis of Blessing pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset</p> <p>2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Service with am Communion</p> <p>9:15 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship am</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village</p> <p>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 Men's Bible Study am @ Bishop's on Sunset</p> <p>12:00 Book Club Noon</p> <p>2:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:00 Celebration of pm Rev. Ralph's Retirement</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Service with am Communion</p> <p>9:15 Adult Education am</p> <p>10:30 Worship am</p> <p>11:30 Congregational am Meeting</p> <p>11:45 Fellowship am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry pm</p> <p>3:00 Oasis of Blessing pm Prayer Group</p>					

PLEASE NOTE:

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpspcg.org for the latest information.

All Good things, continued

To celebrate Rev. Ralph's retirement, we will hold a Celebration on Saturday, June 28th in the Sanctuary with a reception following in Conklin Hall. We will be joined by a number of Rev. Ralph's colleagues and members of the congregation will be invited to speak (please limit your comments to three minutes). Let's send Rev. Ralph off with a very special event.

We hope to see all of you at the celebration. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Ruthanne Skinner by June 20th.

July 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	2 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	3	4 Independence Day 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	5
6 Solomon's Porch Sunday 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am	7 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	8 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	9 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	10	11 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	12
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Rev. Ralph Through the Years



Worship in the [windy] Park



Worship in the Parking Lot during COVID

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Robbie Burns Night - a Pastor and 2 Fiddles



Time with Younger Disciples



Pancakes, anyone?



Christmas Eve Worship



C.R.O.P. Walk



Fellowship with Pastor Sergei and his flock
Dorogobuzh, 2015

Regularly Scheduled Activities

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

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Men's Bible Study	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
Women's Bible Studies	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
Choir Practices	Thursday	2:45 pm Chancel Choir	Resumes in August
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Resumes in August

Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

June	
June 1	Available
June 8	Shirley Taylor
June 15	Available
June 22	Available
June 29	Available
July	
July 6	Shirley Taylor
July 13	Chris Schleiter
July 20	LaVerna Metzger
July 27	D. Hope Stone

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Class of 2027	Ruth Ann Horvath	435-922-5271	Christian Ed
	Mary Contreras	435-229-8753	Fellowship
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