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December - A Busy Month at Good Shepherd

As usual, December will be a VERY busy month. Beginning on December 3 with the kickoff of Rev. Ralph's Annual Tacky Tie Contest and culminating on Christmas Eve with the traditional worship service, there is something in December for everyone.

On December 4, Senior Ministries will kick off a new series of Soup and Fellowship Lunches. This lunch features a presentation by Carolynn Thomas on the Women of Faith Conference she attended.

The following Saturday, December 7, the Stephen Ministers will hold a retreat in Conklin Hall.

Session has called a Congregational Meeting on December 8 to elect officers for next year and approve the Call for Rev. Ralph. In past years we have approved Rev. Ralph's call at the annual meeting in January but new IRS rules require that it be approved prior to January 1.

Thursday, December 12 will be the annual Christmas Dinner at the Bell Tower. There are more details in Carolyn Jentzer's Fellowship on page 5.

Sunday, December 15 will be a VERY busy day! Rev. Ralph will begin his annual Christmas 101 – Bah Humbug (also known as "A Very Merry Commercialized Formerly Pagan Holiday!!") during Adult Education, the choirs will perform numbers from their Christmas Concert at the Tabernacle during worship and Rev. Ralph and Cindy will host their annual open house from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

On the 18th, the choirs will perform their annual Christmas Concert at the Tabernacle and on Sunday, December 22nd, Rev. Ralph will wrap up Christmas 101.

Finally, on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm, we will anticipate the birth of our Savior with our Candle Light Worship.

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

Rev. Ralph Announces Annual Tacky Tie Contest

We're giving you fair warning. Once again, in 2013, Rev. Ralph is challenging the men (and women) of the congregation to find and wear to church the TACKIEST Christmas ties they can find. So start scouring yard sales, thrift shops and your closets and wear your ties to church starting December 3.

Clingan Open House on December 15

Rev. Ralph and Cindy invite the congregation to their annual Christmas Open House on December 15 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Bring a beverage and something to share and join everyone in the joy of the holiday season. Rev. Ralph lives at 331 Vermillion Avenue in Bloomington Hills. Please see Rev. Ralph if you need directions. We hope to see everyone there!

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

Jim & Ginny Sullivan Gene Carney
LaVerne Summers Dee Stringham
Shirley Craig Bob Routh
Doris Thomas Lyn Jacobzek
 Rayanne Bartlett
Wendy Christianson as she studies for the
 ministry
Our sister 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

Deadline for January Newsletter

December 18, 2013

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Service of Morning Prayer - Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education Classes - CE Building
Rev. Ralph
Science and Religion – Can't We Just Get Along?
Rev. Harold
Kerygma Class Series – A Topical Look at the Scriptures

10:15 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Teaching and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. I encourage our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for November were:

Rev. Ralph	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	Triumph in Christ
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Acts 4:7-12	Jesus name can save
Elder Catherine Overkamp	Luke 13:10-13	Healing and promise
Elder Amy Craig	Phil. 4:19	God will meet our needs
Elder Chris Schleter	Psalms 37:34	Keeping the Lords way
Elder Jim Horvath	Romans 5:1-5	God's grace and hope
Elder Gay Cunningham	Philippians 2:5-11	Finding and living Christ
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Matthew 6:1,5-6	Righteousness rewards

Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
December		
Dec 1	Dave & Anne Patten	Ann Abbot & Jan Hirschi
Dec 8	Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda	Doug & Pat Sater John & Eliza Elwood
Dec 15	Ann Hogan	Donna Beasley
Dec 22	Donna Beasley	Gay Cunningham
Dec 29	Chris Schleter	Available
January		
Jan 5	Available	Available
Jan 12	Available	Available
Jan 19	Available	Available
Jan 26	Available	Available

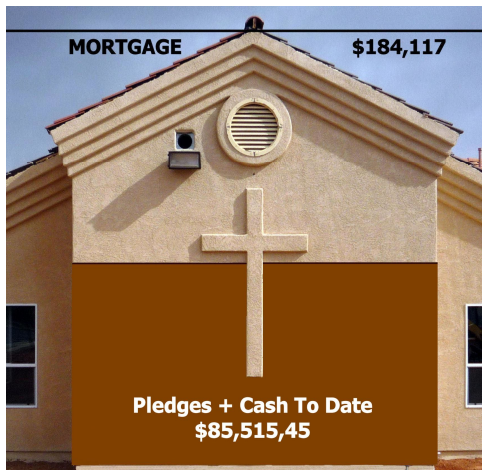
Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspcsg.org

Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15 year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although we hope to continue our tradition of paying off our mortgages early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also need to replenish the \$45,000 that was in the fund when we began the project meaning we need to raise almost \$300,000.

Through the middle of November, we had received pledges totaling \$65,456.00 and cash donations of \$20,059.45 towards retiring the mortgage. That puts us about 29% of the way to the \$300,000 goal.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.



Pastor's Page

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy."

Exodus 20:8

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



"A Very Merry Commercialized Formerly Pagan Holiday!!"

Recently, standing at the cashiers counter at a local chain restaurant, I witnessed a couple berating the young cashier for her employer having only "Happy Holiday" gift cards and no "Merry Christmas" gift cards. They were almost yelling at the poor young lady who had no more say in regards to her employers gift card policy than I do, "We're Christian and want Christ in Christmas!!"

I felt badly for the young lady — if she wasn't feeling the warmth and witness of Christian love at that point I could hardly blame her!

However, following that scene, I was led to ponder a few questions surrounding the yearly celebration we affectionately refer to as Christmas.

To begin with what is wrong with referring to December 25th as a "Holiday"?

The word "Holiday" comes to us from the old English and originally meant "Holy Day". Personally with all the commercialization that now fills all our senses from now until the big day I personally would like to see a little more "Holiness" surrounding the day.

I understand there are those who object just as strongly to the term "X-Mas in reference to the day associated with the birth of Christ, however perhaps we have forgotten that originally our "X" was the Greek letter Chi and for the early church was one of the universally accepted symbols for "Christ". Personally I would like to see a little more "Christ" associated with the day most commonly associated with gifts and love.

Perhaps then, before we accost any more teenage cashiers in the name of Christ, we should consider a few facts that are generally not known or considered.

To begin with December 25th was originally a pagan holiday and not a Christian one. A majority of scholars believe Christ was born in the spring, not in winter. However early in the life of the church, as Christianity grew, a Pope decided to take the holiday, make it a Christian one and tone down the party. While the pagans and populace were willing to give up the day they were completely reluctant to give up the party, much to the chagrin and complaining of the Pope.

Therefore a few thoughts to consider: it is perhaps time for us again to take back the December 25th event in our own lives – to again make the day Holy by centering our lives and day on the joyous gift we have been given in the gift of the Christ and, through his cross, the new life we all now have received and celebrate in Christian love, every day of the year.

A very blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Rev. Ralph and family

****Home Communion****

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

****Pastor Note Regarding Hospital Visitation: ****

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force a number of years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information in regards to 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.

So, 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 there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

Choir Notes

The Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir are preparing music for Advent and Christmas. Both choirs will present a concert at the St. George Tabernacle on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Besides the two choirs, the concert will also include a Brass and organ duet and a violin solo. Part of the program will be presented at our Worship Service on Sunday, December 15. Fred Hampton will accompany the solos and Chancel Choir on both the organ and piano.

The Bell Choir will also perform for the Washington L.D.S. 3rd Ward Christmas party on Monday, December 2.

It has been a joy and privilege for me to work with the wonderful people participating in both choirs.

Please mark your calendars for these special dates!

*Barbara McConnell
Music Director*

Christian Education

We had nine children for our Advent Workshop on November 16th. While we would have liked to have had more, we are excited to have been able to touch each of these children's hearts with the love for our Savior as we celebrate His birth.

Thanks to volunteers Marena Fosler and Barbara Henstrom who helped us out with this important activity. We put up a Bulletin Board and Christmas Tree to help us celebrate our lesson and crafts. Donna Beasley and Marena were in charge of teaching our children about the hand bells and we sang many Christmas Carols on that day.

We thank God for the opportunity to be able to bring his word to these wonderful children.

*Blessings to all,
Catherine Overkamp*

Deacons

With the new year come new Deacons. The Book of Order specifies that a Deacon can serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms and this means that Ron Smith and Molly Bass will be leaving our group at the end of the year. On behalf of the congregation, I want to personally thank Ron and Molly for their dedicated service as Deacons. Scott and Barbara Henstrom and Ann Abbott have been nominated to replace them and Doris Thomas has agreed to serve for another term.

I also want to remind you that if you have a need for care or support, please contact your Deacon – that's what we're here for! If you don't know who your Deacon is, please see me or give Amy a call in the office – we'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

Tineke Ingold

Fellowship

I hope you have enjoyed our beautiful fall this year. Now that the season of Advent is here, it is time to think of our Christmas Party. It will be Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm at The Bell Tower. The cost is \$25 per person. We are offering Turkey with the fixings or Pork Loin as the entrees. You will be able to make your paid reservations through Sunday, December 8. Hope to see you there.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Bobbie Burns Night on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 5:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Robert Burns is the national Poet of Scotland. His life is remembered with a special ceremony with pipers and special food for a Pot Luck supper (No, we will NOT have Haggis). Fellowship will provide the main dish. We will also search for authentic Scottish recipes for you to make and share if you would like. The recipes will be on the church website and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us on February 8 as we sing "Auld Lang Syne" for Bobbie Burns.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

Saturday, November 9, saw 17 members of our congregation participate in the 5th Annual Saint George CROP Hunger Walk. The weather was beautiful and, as a congregation, we raised more than \$1000 towards ending hunger. Overall participation in and donations to this very important activity were down a bit from last year but the event still raised more than \$5000. I hope you will mark your calendars for November 8, 2014, and plan to walk with us.

In late October, Rev. Ralph received an email from Pastor Sergei from our sister church in Dorogobuzh, Russia. This is the first time we have had direct contact with them.

Pastor Sergei emphasized that they have been praying for a church to join them in their faith for some time and how blessed they feel that we have answered that prayer. He also formally invited us to visit them and participate in their annual Vacation Bible School in August.

Rev. Ralph, in his reply, thanked God that we have been joined in faith and invited Pastor Sergei and his congregation to visit us (suggesting that they consider coming in the fall, winter or spring).

If you would like to read the two emails, they are posted on the Mission-Outreach bulletin board.

We look forward to many more communications between our congregations and a long relationship in which we can share our faith.

As I noted last month, we are nearing the time when we make our end of year donations to local charities. If you have a suggestion for a charity that we should consider, please let me know.

Chris Schleiter

Parish Nursing Ministry

Brown Bag Lunch

At our Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, November 13, Mark Phillips of Alpha Hospice made a presentation on hospice care. Rev. Ralph works closely with this hospice program and began by pointing out that there are many misconceptions regarding hospice. Mark then explained how hospice works.

Anyone whose physician certifies that, in his or her best judgment, a patient could die within 6 months is eligible for Hospice care whether due to a stroke, diabetes, COPD or cancer, etc.

Hospice can take place at home, assisted living facility, nursing home or even in the hospital.

Services include medications, nursing/aide (help with daily living such as bathing, dressing, and meals), pain management, social services, spiritual care, diet and nutritional education and bereavement follow up. It includes 5 days of respite care (one time only).

Volunteers are also available. Many are pre-med students performing community service which is a requirement for admission to med school.

Your physician can stay in charge of your care or can hand it over to the Medical Director of Alpha who is Dr. Grace Paradela assisted by other physicians including Dr. Kent McDonald. Rev. Ralph is their spiritual adviser.

For more information, you may call Mark Phillips at 435-862-6143.

Our next Brown Bag Lunch will be on Wednesday, January 15, when we will hear a presentation on Hearing and Balance. We hope you will bring your lunch and join us!

Blood Drive

Thanks to everyone who participated in our blood drive on November 18th. We collected 14 pints of blood, which will help multiple people in need. The Red Cross personnel love coming to our church, they say, because we always serve coffee! Our next blood drive will be Friday, April 18th. So, please save your blood!!

Mitzi Rak & Anne Patten

Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh

Senior Ministries

Recently we added Senior Ministries to our endeavors to meet the needs of our congregation and our community at large. Senior Ministries is closely aligned with our Parish Nursing Ministry and is actually a buddy to all our ministries.

The mission of Senior Ministries is three-fold: we support the great programs that are already in place at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church; we lean on our willing seniors (folks 65 or older) to continue serving Christ vigorously into advancing age; we hope to provide some needed services for our aging population in our congregation and our community at large.

One of our goals is increased fellowship through Soup and Fellowship Lunches, hosted by seniors of our congregation who can inspire us, entertain us or tell us about themselves. As the saying goes, "to know us is to love us". Our lunches are open to all. Our speakers are our own seniors among us.

Our first lunch is Wednesday, December 4th at Noon when our own Carolyn Thomas will share from the national Christian Conference, "Women of Faith", which she recently attended. Bring a friend or just yourself to our free bread & soup table for fellowship.

We plan to follow up after the holidays with Dan Rak, speaking on his career at the Pentagon.

If you would like the opportunity to share by speaking at Soup and Fellowship in the future be sure to let Rev. Ralph, Pebble Mowery or Anne Patten know. You are welcome to suggest somebody for a speaker.

Pebble Mowery

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

We continue to be blessed with a wonderful group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support to people experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, job loss, loneliness, disability, relocation and other life difficulties. All interactions with Stephen Ministers are completely confidential.

We have thirteen Stephen Ministers in our congregation, eleven of whom have been assigned care receivers. They are led by Rev. Ralph, Bob McGrath and Anne Patten.

We encourage members of the congregation who believe they would benefit from working with a Stephen Minister to see Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten or Bob McGrath.

Stewardship

God Is Able

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus...Amen." Ephesians 3:20

We confess, "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ or come to him..." While it is impossible for us on our own to believe in Jesus or accomplish his will, God is able. God is able to give us faith (Romans 12:3) and God is able to "equip [us] with everything good for doing his will..." (Hebrews 13:21). God is able through the working of the Holy Spirit to transform and renew our minds so that we have faith to obey and to do God's will (Romans 12:2).

God is able to change us from the selfish people we are by nature into giving and generous people. In 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9, Paul wrote about the generosity of the Macedonian Christians and how God's grace was available to the people in Corinth to become cheerful and generous givers as well. "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians

9:8). Just as God enabled the Macedonians and Corinthians to give generously, God is able to give us hearts that are eager to give.

God is "...able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..." (Ephesians 3:20). He is able to "...make [our] love increase and overflow for each other" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). He is able to make us grow in faith (1 Corinthians 3:7). He "gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). "his divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3).

We are God's clay vessels which he forms and shapes into the people he wants us to be. He sanctifies us, he equips us, he makes us grow, he gives us victory, he gives us resources, and he gives us his incredible power. God is faithful to us and will provide.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to depend upon and trust in you. Amen.*

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If you liked this devotional, copies of the devotional book are available in the literature racks in the narthex or we would be happy to send you one. You should have received your pledge mailing. If you did not and would like to pledge, please contact me at the church office, 628-9158, email me at presch7@msn.com, or see me after church any Sunday. Also please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions about the information in the packet. Pledges will be dedicated on December 8 during the worship service. Thank you to all of you that gave so generously this year and thank you to all of you who have already pledged and to all of you who are in the process of pledging for 2014. You make the work of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church possible.

Amy Craig

Session News

To keep members of the congregation better informed on Session decisions that may affect them, each month we will report key actions taken by Session at their monthly meeting.

Session held their regular monthly meeting on November 12, 2013. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- A Congregational Meeting was called to be held on December 8, 2013, to hear and act on the report from the Nominating Committee and to consider the Terms of Call of the pastor
- We will hold a Robert Burns supper and concert on February 8, 2014.
- Wreaths will be purchased and placed on sanctuary walls during the Christmas Season.
- The 8:45 am Sunday Prayer Service will include weekly communion beginning in January.
- Rev. Clingan will attend the Acts 16:5 Initiative Workshop on December 11, 2013 in Salt Lake City.
- Jan Hirschi was appointed as Financial Secretary for 2014. Jan will replaceCarolynn Thomas who will become co-Treasurer with Tom Noble in January.
- It was voted to purchase a laptop computer for the Financial Secretary.
- A Session Meeting was called for January 12, 2014, to meet and greet Ellen Smith, Regional Liaison for Eastern Europe from the Presbytery Mission Agency. Ellen is our primary contact for our sister congregation in Russia and will share a Minute for Mission during worship that morning.

*Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session*



Congregation News

Session names co-Treasurers for 2014

At its meeting in October, Session named Tom Noble and Carolynn Thomas to serve as co-treasurers of the church for 2014. Tom has been the treasurer since the church's founding and, after more than a quarter century of exemplary service, indicated that he felt it was time to turn the keys to the vault over to someone else. Carolynn, who has been our Financial Secretary, agreed to accept the position. Carolynn will be the primary treasurer and Tom will be available during the year to answer questions and provide advice as needed.

Of course, with Carolynn Thomas moving into the Treasurer's Office the church needed a new Financial Secretary. Jan Hirschi has accepted the position and will be working with Carolynn during the rest of the year to get next year's pledges in the system. Thanks to Jan for taking on this critical role for our congregation.

We cannot thank Tom enough for his many years of faithful and dedicated service to Good Shepherd and we wish him and Vici much happiness in the coming years!

Pledge Online

Just a reminder that you can make your pledge to the General Fund or the Building Fund online. Just go to the website, gspscsg.org, put your mouse over Stewardship and click on Pledge Support. On the pledge support page, click on either the General Fund Pledge or Building Fund Pledge link on the right side and follow the directions on the form to submit your pledge. Only the Financial Secretary will see your pledge so making your pledge online is just as secure as dropping a pledge form in the offering plate.

Early Service to Include Communion

Beginning in January, our weekly 8:45 am prayer service will also include the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We hope those who cannot be with us for regular worship service on the first Sunday of the month will be able to join us for this intimate celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Wendy Christianson to do Field Education at Good Shepherd

We are excited that our very own Wendy Christianson will be doing Field Service Education here at Good Shepherd next summer. Wendy is a second year student at Princeton Theological Seminary and, as a part of her program; she is required to work in a church to develop her skills at ministry. We look forward to having Wendy back with us next summer!

Rummage Sale

Just a reminder that Presbyterian Women WILL have a rummage sale next year - on March 28th and 29th! We are collecting rummage on the first and third Sundays of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Morgan or Nancy Linden. Thank you for all your support.

Big Changes for Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship

It never rains but it pours. We are sad to report that Pastor Bill Youmans of Valley New Church Development in Mesquite resigned in late September. The Valley NCD has been in existence since 2008 and will become a chartered Presbyterian church once its membership has grown a bit more. Pastor Bill's departure will present a number of challenges to the Valley NCD and we pray that the Presbytery of Nevada is successful in their search for a new pastor to resume servant leadership.

In mid-November we learned that Pastor John Guthrie of Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City has also resigned to become pastor of a church in New Mexico. John has been in Cedar City since 2009 and will start his new position on January 1. We wish John, his family and his new congregation the best for the future.

Hospice Care

While there are a number of excellent Hospice providers in our area I have been consulting with one hospice provider for over a year and have firsthand knowledge of their services and work and would like to recommend them to you. If you or a loved one are in need of hospice care please contact me and I would be very willing to assist you in the process of receiving this special and compassionate care.

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Dixie Care & Share PW Rummage Collection Tacky Tie Contest Kickoff 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study @Clingan's Home pm	2 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	3 9:30 Staff Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	4 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 12:00 Senior Ministries Noon Soup & Fellowship Lunch – Carolynn Thomas on the Women of Faith Conference 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	5 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	6 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	7 9:00 am Stephen Ministries Retreat – Conklin to Hall Noon
8 Dedication Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:30 Congregational am Meeting 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Deacons' Meeting am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study @Clingan's Home pm	9 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	10 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm	11 9:30 PW Bible Study am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	12 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 6:00 pm Christmas Dinner @ The Bell Tower	13 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	14
15 PW Rummage Collection 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am Rev. Ralph – Christmas 101 (Bah Humbug) 10:30 am Worship – Christmas Concert 11:45 Fellowship am 3:00 Rev. Ralph's Open to House 6:00 pm	16 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	17 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	18 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 7:00 pm Tabernacle Christmas Concert	19 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	20 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	21
22 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am Rev. Ralph – Christmas 101 (Bah Humbug) 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Luminary Preparation am 5:00 Bible Study @Clingan's Home pm	23 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	24 Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Worship	25 Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 am Worship – Rev. Harold preaching 11:45 Fellowship am	30 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	31 New Year's Eve				

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from December 26 through January 3.
 Please contact Rev. Harold (669-0330) with any concerns.

Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday, December 24 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 <i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Titus 3:4-7 Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20 John 1:1-14
Sunday, December 29 First Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23

Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, January 5 Second Sunday After Christmas Day	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:[1-9] 10-18
Monday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday, January 19 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Sunday, January 26 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1st Sunday of each Month

PW Rummage Collection – at the shed behind the CE Building – 1st & 3rd Sunday of each Month

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
Co-Ed Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's home
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Paradise Bakery @Promenade Mall
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Cracker Barrel Restaurant
	Friday	7:45 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's Restaurant
Choir Practices	Tuesday	3:45 pm	Bell Choir
	Thursday	3:45 pm	Chancel Choir

Treasurer's Report

As of October 31, 2013

General Fund		Building Fund		Fund Balances	
October		Building Fund Cash	77,783.50	General Fund	\$ 5,058.73
General Fund Receipts	\$ 15,200.36	Loan Balance	\$ 177,902.00	Memorial Fund	\$ 4,125.14
General Fund Expenditures	\$ 14,264.93	Net Building Fund	\$ (100,118.50)	Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 28,677.35
Year To Date					
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 163,750.00				
Actual Receipts	\$ 161,010.85				
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 163,750.00				
Actual Expenditures	\$ 171,497.35				

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Church Leadership 2013

Elders

Class of 2013	Wayne Bartlett	673-6657	Grounds
	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed
Class of 2014	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Gay Cunningham	652-3654	Growth
	Jim Horvath	773-6790	Facilities
Class of 2015	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Pebble Mowery	673-9185	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach

Deacons

Moderator	Tineke Ingold
Class of 2013	Ron Smith, Molly Bass, Doris Thomas
Class of 2014	Dottie Malcolmson, Judy Stringham, Tineke Ingold, Anne Patten
Class of 2015	Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell, Fred Hampton, Jan Hirschi, Janice Klein, Bob Morgan, Evelyn Morgan, Shirley Fromknecht



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