



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season Comes to Good Shepherd

Easter is always a busy season at Good Shepherd and 2014 will be no exception.

We began our observation of Lent in March with our annual Ash Wednesday Services which saw amazing attendance.

On April 13, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of men will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 7:30 am in Conklin Hall. This event is always well attended and we appreciate the efforts of all who provide food for us. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 7:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This dinner is notable because the room is lit oil lamps. If you have one or more lamps you can bring to the dinner, we would certainly appreciate it.

The following day, Good Friday, will be kicked off at 10:00 am by the annual Procession of the Cross and closed with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at New Promise Lutheran Church.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 20, so we can all prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We hope to see you at as many events as you can attend.

Of course, with Easter, comes the annual One Great Hour of Sharing. Here is some history on this offering.

Immediately following World War II, Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe and Asia. In 1949 the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns.

The next year, the offering was repeated, for the first time using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The offering always has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from 8 to 29 participating communions. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In recent years Presbyterians have given about \$7.5 million annually.

A radio program called "One Great Hour" was broadcast on March 26, 1949. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

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 Coupethwaite Gene Carney
Jerry Hayes Lyn Jacobzek
Robert Sears & family Family of Fae Reigle

Wendy Christianson as she continues her studies for the ministry
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

Karen Kirkland

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

Deadline for April Newsletter

April 23, 2014

Worship Schedule

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

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education with Rev. Ralph
CE Building

The History of the Bible
Who, What, When, Where and Why

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 March were:

Rev. Ralph	1 John 4:17-19	In Love there is no fear
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Philippians 1:6	A good work completed
Elder Carolynn Jentzer	Job 19:22	My redeemer lives
Elder Amy Craig	Proverbs 3:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Elder Chris Schleiter	James 1:2-6	God gives to all
Elder Jim Horvath	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity of the Body
Elder Pebble Mowery	John 1:17	Grace and truth
Elder Mary Contreras	Psalms 146:5-10	Happy are those who
Elder Cathy Overkamp	Psalms 145:1	Exalt the Lord
Elder Scott Florence	Genesis 1:26-31	Behold, It was very good

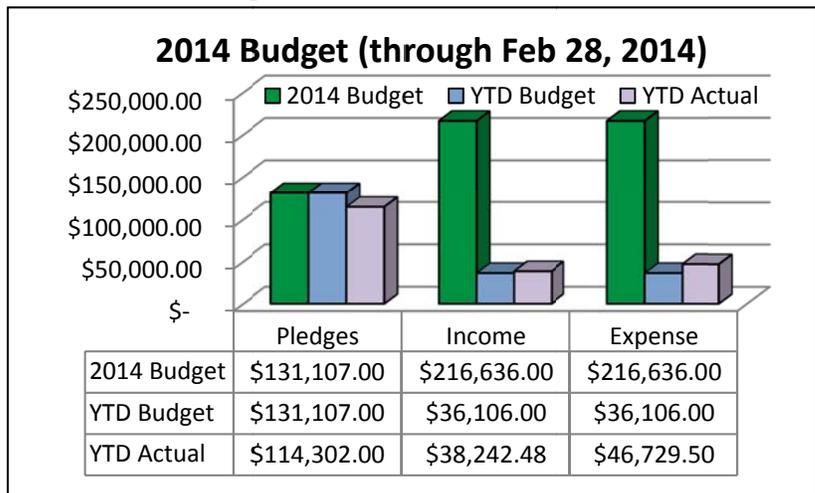
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
April		
Apr 6	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Apr 13	Donna Baker	<i>Available</i>
Apr 20	Jan Dunham	John & Eliza Elwood
Apr 27	Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda	Fred Hampton
May		
May 4	Dick & Patti Babb	<i>Available</i>
May 11	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 18	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
May 25	Ann Hogan	<i>Available</i>

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
As of February 28, 2014	
February	
Receipts	\$ 25,133.33
Expenditures	\$ 28,138.60
2014 Budget vs Actual	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 216,636.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 38,242.48
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 216,636.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 46,729.50
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 70,548.33
Loan Balance	\$ 174,766.62
Net Building Fund	\$ (104,218.29)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 13,070.90
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,231.54
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 28,982.70



Pastor's Page

"Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas (Peter) and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother."

Galatians 1:18-19

"For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me."

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



When we consider again the message of Resurrection Sunday and its celebration while most refer to the Gospel accounts I find Paul, whose letters make up roughly over half of the New Testament, for myself to be the most significant.

For in Paul's words we hear the testimony of a second hand witness. While the four gospels reflect traditions handed down, Paul actually spoke with first hand witnesses who were there years earlier on that first Easter morn who witnessed the actual events of that first Holy Week, Peter and James. And what they told Paul are the very same voices we hear on Resurrection Sunday, "He is raised, He is raised indeed!"

That they interpreted Christ death and resurrection as God's act of salvation for us all, that the power of sin and death had been broken for all time, and as Paul later wrote to Rome, that through Grace by this event we have been reconciled to God and now share in the life and victory of His Kingdom now and for all time.

As always with great celebrations, it's not the party but the day and days that come after that are of the greatest importance. As Paul bore witness to the words, hope and promise he heard in the very voices of Peter and James, we are now called to add our voices to Paul's and bear witness to what we have heard and what we believe.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

He is raised indeed! Hallelujah!

A Very Joyous and Blessed Easter/Resurrection Sunday to you all!

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

Please Join Us

You are cordially invited to an open house at Rev. Clingan's residence on May 3, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm in celebration of Jefferson Clingan's graduation from Southern Utah University the previous day. All are invited to bring a snack to pass and beverage of choice. Gifts are neither required nor expected.

**** 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.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative

Email and Social Courtesies

By E. Stanley Ott, Ph.D., president of the Vital Churches Institute

An essential facet of vital congregational life is the way the people within the fellowship communicate with each other. While face-to-face conversation permits a much fuller interaction including all of our non-verbal cues; the use of email, texting and social media such as Facebook continues to increase every day.

Email and various social media can be excellent means of communication that develop group cohesion and facilitate the group's work. On the other hand, it may also create unnecessary tension since the tone of an email or a Facebook message is subjective to the reader, and a reader cannot hear the "tone of voice" intended by the writer.

Use email and social media primarily for affirmation and information but not for confrontation and rarely for persuasion. If the group is small, email and social media may be effectively used for conversation as well. Although it is possible to carry on conversations with larger groups such as closed Facebook groups than with email, the challenge is getting full participation by the members of the group.

Affirmation

"Thanks Marty – we really appreciate the outstanding work that you and your team have offered us."

Information

"We meet at 7:00 p.m. April 22, 1011 in the Gathering Space."

Confrontation

"Morgan, cut that out and get your act together."

Confrontation happens when the email specifically addresses speech, attitudes, and behavior. While such confrontation may be appropriate, email simply isn't the way to do it because it doesn't permit the range of facial expression and tones of voice that are essential to good communication. In fact, we may later discover we did not possess a full understanding of a situation; and a sent email gives us no way of adjusting our remarks based on the immediate response of the other party. Furthermore, we run the risk of making statements that will be forwarded to others.

Persuasion

"Marion, we want you to head up the committee in charge of seeking pledges."

Persuasion is a form of leadership in which we ask someone to do something or seek to win him or her to a point of view. While email works fine when we ask people to do something they want to do (go to a movie, grab an ice cream cone), it is less effective when we want to lead people to commit to that which is difficult, time consuming, requires an effort, involves some risk. If you want to ask someone to undertake some task or agree to some position, call that person or speak face-to-face. Use the power of non-verbal communication to facilitate your persuasiveness.

Conversation

"Dana, what do you think we should serve next week?"

"I don't know, Robin, but I am thinking chicken over beef."

The upside of conversation by email and with social media such as Facebook is its capacity to enable good communication when meeting physically or by conference call is a challenge. The downside is that for groups larger than seven to twelve, success in getting everyone to participate in the conversation is tenuous at best. Some people won't participate; and if the issue is "hot," with the use of email you can assume it will be forwarded to people outside the group.

Finally, when using email among members of a group, keep the concept of boundaries in mind. Use email to communicate matters relevant to a group only to the group's members. To include those outside the group's conversation requires consent from the group's leader and perhaps from the whole group. When people who are not a part of a group are copied on emails, they are included in a private conversation. Such recipients find themselves inadvertently eavesdropping. Real possibilities of misunderstanding surface because they are not a part of the conversational loop.

May these words apply to your use of email: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:16-17 NRSV

Choir Notes

There is a saying "When Words Fail, Music Speaks"! The worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13th, will be filled with joyous music as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem. The Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will be playing and singing music for that special day.

The Chancel Choir will also be singing special music for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (at New Promise Lutheran Church) and Easter Sunday. Please mark your calendars for these special services.

Both Choirs have been so faithful with attending their rehearsals in order to prepare music for every Sunday worship service! What a joy it has been to direct them!

*Barbara McConnell
Music Director*

Christian Education

As we move into spring, I hope you will join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for our weekly Adult Education class led by Rev. Ralph. Currently we are studying "The Day After: An examination of the church's first days following the Resurrection". Please join us as we continue to explore a wide range of topics, not only about the Bible but, also, about the nature and history of our faith and the Presbyterian Church.

*In Christian Love
Catherine Overkamp and the Christian Education Committee*

Deacons

I 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.

Also, please remember that pretty much everything you might need after a hospital or rehab visit is available from the Deacon's Shed. Please contact Bob Morgan if you need to borrow something.

Tineke Ingold

Fellowship

Spring has come to St. George. It is amazing to see God's hand working to restore the vegetation wracked by the December snow and cold.

We will be celebrating Easter on April 20 with a brunch after the worship service. There will be ham as the main dish. I would like to invite everyone to bring a favorite dish to share as we look to the coming year with renewed faith in God's love and mercy. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so that we will know how many people will be coming.

Finally, don't forget Rev. Ralph's famous Palm Sunday pancake breakfast. See you there!"

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

As of this writing, we will not be participating in Soles4Souls this year. They no longer have a drop-off location in Las Vegas and shipping the shoes would cost about \$2.00 per pair. We are looking at an alternative program in which to participate and will have news soon.

As Gloria has mentioned during the announcements on Sundays, Habitat for Humanity will be doing a women's build this year. Gloria has obtained a stud to be used in the house and it is in Conklin Hall. When you donate change to the Change for Change box, please sign the stud. Thanks for helping to make a difference for members of our community who need some help with housing.

We have committed to hosting Bike & Build this year. The bikers will arrive for dinner on July 15 and depart after breakfast on July 17. I spoke with the team leader in March and he told me that they really look forward to visiting us, especially for the good food we provide, and helping Habitat for Humanity of Southwestern Utah. I hope you will consider assisting with providing meals for our guests. If you are interested in helping, please see me or Gloria Reynolds.

Once again, we thank God for allowing us to spread his Word through our works.

Chris Schleiter

Parish Nursing Ministry

Brown Bag Lunch – March 26

At our Brown Bag Lunch on March 26, Scott Condie of Southwest Skin and Cancer gave us important information on skin cancer. We'll have a full report in next month's newsletter.

Our next Brown Bag Lunch will be held on April 30 at noon when Drs. Luekenga and Whitaker return to talk about Tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Bring your lunch, and enjoy a delicious dessert and beverage.

Our semi-annual blood drive will be held on Friday, April 11 in the CE Building. Please see Anne Patten to sign up for a time to give the Gift of Life.

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

We continue to have amazing support for our Soup and Bread Fellowship! Thanks to all of you who come out and support us. And a special thanks to all our presenters to date: Carolyn Thomas, Dan Rak, Chris Schleiter and Gloria Reynolds.

March 12 was a wonderful presentation by Gloria, backed up well by husband, Paul. We were enchanted with the most thought-provoking theatrical stories from the Pueblo Indian culture. Additionally, Gloria showed us delightful pottery depicting storytellers. Her material was unique.

Bob and Dorothy McGrath displayed some of their ceramics. Anne Patten displayed a pottery bought for her and Dave's home, a lovely pottery which happened to be made by Gloria! Praise be to God for the talent Gloria and Paul share with church and community; and what a blessing our congregation is to each other and the larger community.

Our next Soup and Bread Fellowship is being planned for May. Come one, come all. Bring a friend.

Besides awesome speakers, we have a lot of talent at our free soup and bread table! Bring your appetite.

Pebble Mowery

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on March 11, 2014. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Rev. Clingan's vacation was approved for April 20 through April 27, 2014.
- Approved the purchase of two new coffee makers.
- Approved the installation of new exhaust fan to service both bathrooms in church building.
- Approved crack sealing of the parking lot which will be done on April 2, 2014.
- Approved the purchase of a refurbished AED (defibrillator) for the CE building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session*

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.

You will notice cards in the pews that allow you to communicate with us. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or if you believe you would benefit from working with a Stephen Minister, you can indicate that by filling out the card and placing it in the offering plate on any Sunday. You may also communicate directly by speaking with Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten or Bob McGrath.

Stewardship

Pledge Update

Thank you so much to all of you who have given and continue give to the work of the church. Through the end of February we received pledges of \$114,302.00 with \$22,082.00 paid and loose offerings of \$12,056.34. The building fund has pledges of \$68,826.00 and we've received \$51,328.50 against those pledges and loose offerings of \$24,640.45!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts." (Romans 5:5)

This scripture is the theme for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. It reminds us that this offering brings hope to people who are dealing with poverty, disaster, war, displacement and suffering. Your gift to OGHS is a gift of hope. Your gift allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by natural and human-caused disasters. Your generosity helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally. Your sharing makes it possible for Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people. Look for bulletin inserts on the three Sundays before Easter and on Easter for personal stories of how your offerings have worked to help others through these programs

I want to extend an invitation and a challenge to you this Lent. First, visit the One Great Hour of Sharing website (www.pcusa.org/oghs) to find out more about how your support of OGHS helps people all over the world. That brings me to the challenge, which also relates to our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. Just as we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of the world's poorest and hungriest people, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. I challenge you to give strong consideration to your gift for this special offering. I invite you also to see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. And I hope you will join us Sunday, April 20, as we join Christians all across the country in opening our hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Below is an outline of how the church wide offering was used in 2012. In 2013 our congregation contributed \$821.00.

Financial Summary

2012 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Offering Receipts \$7,030,031

Expenses

Fundraising (7 percent) \$476,098

Shared Services charges \$351,546

Total Expenditures (12 percent of receipts) \$827,644

Disbursements (after expenses)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \$2,010,464

Presbyterian Hunger Program \$2,212,994

Self-Development of People \$1,978,929

Total One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Disbursements \$6,202,388

Give through our congregation, text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10.00, or at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs



Quick Stewardship Quote

"The compassionate life is a grateful life, and actions born out of gratefulness are not compulsive but free, not somber, but joyful, not fanatical but liberating. When gratitude is the source of our actions, our giving becomes receiving and those to whom we minister become our ministers." Unknown

Amy Craig

Congregation News

Aluminum Can Recycling Program

The aluminum can recycling program has ended. Please do not bring cans to church to recycle but DO recycle your cans. Bins are located all over Washington County. Thanks to all who have supported Presbyterian Women by recycling their aluminum cans.

Mourning the Loss of Two Friends

March was a difficult month for our congregation as we lost two of our own. Phyllis Sears passed away on March 19. She and Bob had been friends of our church for several years. Fae Reigle passed away on March 21. She was 89.

We will miss both of these dear friends.

Claims Against Good Shepherd Settled

On October 30, 2013, Presbytery of Utah (the owner of the church building) was served with a summons notifying them that they had been named in a lawsuit brought by Contractors Supply, LLC, a sub-sub-contractor on our building project, alleging that they had not been paid by AC&H Services, a sub-contractor hired by the General Contractor, Sunwest Builders, to provide HVAC equipment and services for the project. The plaintiff filed a lien against the building and demanded a response to the complaint by November 18, 2013, or they would seek foreclosure on our building.

Under Utah law, the owner of a building is liable for any unpaid balances due sub-contractors on a project so, even though we had paid Sunwest in full and been assured by Sunwest that they had paid all of their subcontractors, we were liable for the overdue amount of \$15,323.39, plus interest.

On November 12, Session authorized Chris Schleiter, President of the Corporation, Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session, and Wayne Bartlett, Construction Manager, to pursue legal counsel to try to resolve the complaint. Presbytery was informed of this action and we had a discussion with Ron Truman of the Truman Law Firm, who agreed to represent us. Attorney Truman was authorized to answer the complaint, which he did on November 15.

We met with Attorney Truman again on December 5 and he advised us, after reviewing all of the materials provided by the plaintiff and by us, to pay the amount due and determine a course of action to seek to recover the money from Sunwest Builders. He was authorized to seek to negotiate a reduced settlement.

There was no further progress through the end of December.

At its January meeting, Session authorized Chris to ask Attorney Truman to make an offer of \$10,000 to the plaintiff. He did so and the offer was summarily rejected. They did agree to accept the original amount of the complaint and waive outstanding interest. In addition, Rick Godfrey of AC&H Services agreed to pay \$1,000 of the original amount. We, reluctantly, accepted the settlement and wrote a check. On February 24, 2014, Attorney Truman recorded the Release of Lien and Release of Lis Pendens and the matter is now closed.

One additional claim for \$413.15 was received from Big City Insulation and this amount was paid in March.

Including legal fees totaling \$2,321.38, the total cost to the Building Fund was \$17,057.92.

*Chris Schleiter
President of the Corporation*

APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 Staff Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	2 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	3 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	4 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	5
6 Dixie Care & Share 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	7 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	8 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm	9 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 6:30 Safe Harbor Support pm Group	10 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	11 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's 9:00 Red Cross Blood Drive am – See Anne Patten for to info 1:00 pm	12
13 Palm Sunday 7:30 Palm Sunday am Breakfast 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	14 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	15 10:00 Building Committee am Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	16 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	17 Maundy Thursday 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm 7:00 Agape Dinner – pm Conklin Hall	18 Good Friday 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's 10:00 Procession of the am Cross 7:00 Good Friday Service pm @ New Promise Lutheran	19
20 Easter No Prayer Service No Adult Education 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Easter Brunch am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	21 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	22 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	23 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	24 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	25 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	26
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information.

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from April 21 through 28. Please contact Rev. Harold (669-0330) with any concerns.



Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, April 6 5th Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Monday, April 14 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 15 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 16 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, April 18 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil <i>A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.</i>	Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 & Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 & Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 & Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah 55:1-11 & Isaiah 12:2-6 Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6 & Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 & Psalm 42 & 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 & Psalm 143 Zephaniah 3:14-20 & Psalm 98 Romans 6:3-11 & Psalm 114		Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday, April 20 Resurrection of the Lord	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday, April 20 Easter Evening	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, May 11 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Sunday, May 18 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sunday, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

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
 Safe Harbor Support Group – 2nd Wednesday of each Month – 6:30 pm 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
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



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 \$287,000.

Through mid-March, we had received pledges totaling \$68,826.00 and cash donations of \$24,683.76 for a total of \$93,509.76 or about 32.6% of the way to the \$287,000 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.

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	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed

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Class of 2015	Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell, Fred Hampton, Jan Hirschi, Janice Klein, Bob Morgan, Evelyn Morgan, Shirley Fromknecht
Class of 2016	Ann Abbott, Barbara Henstrom, Scott Henstrom



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