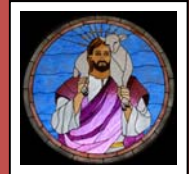




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Fall Festival Coming on October 12

Please plan to stay with us after church on Sunday, October 12, as we kick off the new church year. As we did last year, we'll kick off the year with a Fall Festival with picnic food have picnic food – chili dogs, chips, coleslaw and beverages will be provided and we're asking you to sign up to bring a dessert – but there will be so much more than just lunch to see and do.

The varied programs our church provides will be on display in the CE Building beginning at about Noon and continuing until 2:00 pm.

Stewardship will be sharing details of our pledge campaign for 2015 and how you can help us achieve our goals. Please stop by and pick up a pledge card for next year.

Mission-Outreach will have demonstrations of our website (and answer any questions you may have), some booklets on the history of the church and some information on our sister congregation in Russia (we're hoping to have a special surprise from Russia, as well). You can also sign up for the CROP walk in November, pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes or order your GSPC swag.

There will also be displays of the many hobbies and crafts that members of our congregation enjoy. Please see Cathy Overkamp if you would like to display your talents for everyone to see.

Everyone who stays for lunch will receive a Good Shepherd Frisbee. Be sure to bring your Frisbee to the CE building and get a sticker from every booth. Everyone who collects ALL of the stickers will be entered in a Frisbee throw (yes, you can ask someone to throw your Frisbee for you) and the person who throws their Frisbee the farthest will win a \$50 Visa gift card. We'll have the Frisbee throw at around 1:30 pm.

It will be an enjoyable day for everyone and a chance to get to know more about our church and the members of our congregation. If you have friends who might be interested in what we are about, bring them along – everyone's welcome and we hope to see EVERYONE there.

CROP Walk and Operation Christmas Child Kick Off in October

The annual St. George CROP hunger walk will be held on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 9:00 in Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. If you want to walk and you will receive your donation envelope please see Chris Schleter. If you can't walk, there will be opportunities to sponsor a walker.

Also in October, we'll kick off Operation Christmas Child with the distribution of shoeboxes to be filled and returned in late November. A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.

Prayer Concerns

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

Bob Prinselaar Paul Reynolds
Emily Penzari Roger Kitzman
Larry Laubscher

Wendy Christianson as she continues her studies for the ministry in India
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 November Newsletter

October 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
Kerygma Study of The Book of Revelation

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 September were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:37-39	Victorious living
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalms 119:105	God's Word is our light
Elder Amy Craig	2 Cor. 8:7	Gift of Grace
Elder Chris Schleiter	Phil. 2:1-5	Encouragement
Elder Jim Horvath	Phil 4:8	Focusing on good
Elder Mary Contreras	Proverbs 17:27-18:f	Words of Wisdom
Elder Scott Florence	Proverbs 10:19	Restraint
Elder Pebble Mowery	Malachi 3:5	Justice

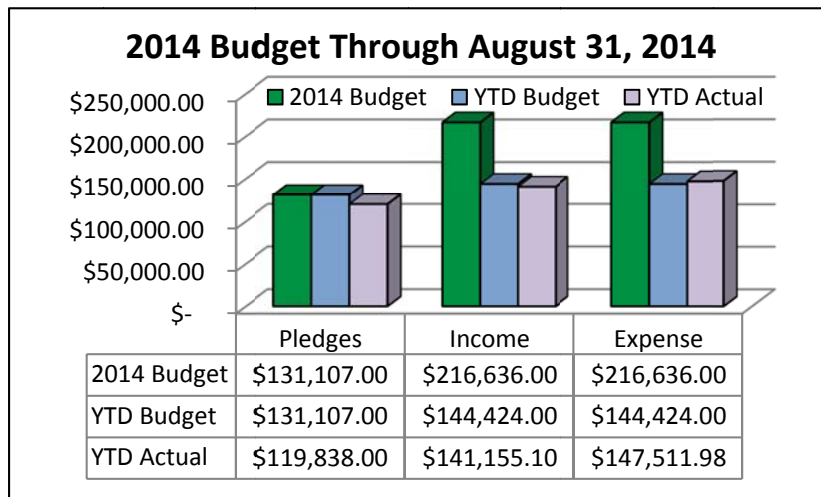
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
October		
October 5	<i>Available</i>	Potluck Sunday
October 12	Amy & Shirley Craig	Fall Festival
October 19	<i>Available</i>	Wayne & Rayanne Bartlett
October 26	Dan & Mitzi & Dan Rak	Dan & Mitzi Rak
November		
November 2	Dick & Patti Babb	Potluck Sunday
November 9	Chris Wheeler	<i>Available</i>
November 16	Russ & Candy Hurlbut	Bill & Marge Linn
November 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
November 30	Dave & Anne Patten	<i>Available</i>

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
As of August 31, 2014	
July	
Receipts	\$ 15,530.37
Expenditures	\$ 15,537.41
2014 Budget vs Actual	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 216,636.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 141,155.10
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 216,636.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 147,511.98
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 65,539.04
Loan Balance	\$ 169,182.28
Net Building Fund	\$ (103,643.24)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 2,188.34
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,959.35
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 30,469.61



Pastor's Page

"Each one of you must do just as he purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything; you have an abundance for every good deed."

2 Cor. 9:7-8(NASB)

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



I will forever remember on the congregation's stewardship campaign in a former parish the Elder in charge of stewardship quoting from this passage from 2 Corinthians and adding her own addendum saying: "And remember, God loves a cheerful giver, but he'll take it from a grumpy one as well!"

Well, that may be but personally I would like to think He prefers the cheerful ones.

As churches and congregations begin to enter the season of fall traditionally this is the time of year when budgets are prepared and stewardship is considered and promoted in earnest. For our congregation this is equally true. Our budget has been prepared and plans made to remind us all just what stewardship is and its importance in the life of our congregation.

Our stewardship committee will encourage us to examine our hearts and faith and respond to the gracious love of God that we have encountered in our Lord Jesus Christ and prayerfully, thankfully, cheerfully, return our love in the form of our talents, time, and treasure.

I hope and pray that you will follow their direction and encouragement and make your stewardship commitment a time to prayerfully reflect not on regards what we have received but what we may participate in: the work, ministry and mission of Christ's church, not only in St. George but across the face of our world. That our commitment to our church's life and ministry may be for us an act of faith and faithfulness to the Lord who has led us to this place and time and now calls us into the future He has prepared and is preparing.

Every Sunday I call for the offering with the words; "Jesus said, 'It is far better to give than to receive,' let us now take up our tithes and offering." Tithes and Offering, in other words returning to the Lord a portion of what we have received but as well an offering of worship and thanksgiving for who we have become: Christ's heart, hands and love, His people.

May we this stewardship season prayerfully respond to this call to love and return Christ love with joy and gratitude and of course.....cheerfully.

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

****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

"Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size." (Acts 16:5)

Present Demand

By Dr. E. Stanley Ott, Founder and President, Vital Churches Institute

"Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' " Luke 10:40*

For Martha it's all about the to-do list. She reminds me of the White Rabbit with his giant watch running away from Alice in Wonderland crying, "I'm late! I'm late! For a very important date. No time to say hello goodbye I'm late I'm late I'm late." Ever feel like that? I bet you do all the time!

I like to call our over busyness, "The Law of Present Demand." It sure was the White Rabbit's problem! Present demand includes all of the things coming at you, demanding you right now. It's what Jim Dobson calls the "sustained panic," what John Ortberg calls "hurry sickness" and what Brigid Schulte calls "time confetti" in the book *Overwhelmed* on being too busy to live.

The Law of Present Demand regulates our lives in three ways. The pressure of present demand moves any non-pressing item to the bottom of the list. The routine of present demand convinces us that everything we are doing is necessary. The comfort of present demand lulls us into thinking that while we complain about our busyness, we actually like it.

Some years ago the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Boulder, Colorado, Bob Oerter, led a retreat with a bunch of us all being crushed by the Law of Present Demand. He offered this amazing word, "Learn to live with the load of the unfinished!" That has stuck with me ever since.

In a society where we have to "get all of this stuff done," our sense of "present demand" overwhelms our priorities and easily diverts us from loving our Lord, loving ourselves, loving our neighbors. Learn to live with the load of the unfinished so that like Mary you take time for Jesus, you take time for your neighbors, you take time for yourself and those you love.

Courtesy of The Vital Churches Institute

Wendy's Window



Greetings to you all! As I write this, I have been in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India for 8 days. What a unique and interesting place this is! Initially, I experienced jet lag, altitude adjustment and culture shock. I am still experiencing elements of all three but they are not as bad. I think I can do this for 8 months. I pray daily for safety and sanity.

Here's a little update on some of the things I'm dealing with in my "new" life:

I have a cute little cottage that is part of a three-plex located on what is called the Ganga Campus. It is about a 15 minute walk (uphill) to the main campus where I will do most of my work. I have two large furnished rooms with a bathroom that has a toilet, shower and hot running water. There is a woodburning stove in my bedroom which I will need in a month or so. I have a two burner gas stove and a working refrigerator. All laundry is done by hand so I have hired an AYA (maid) to come to my house once a week to clean, do laundry and cut firewood. I have to pay her 150 rupees a week which is less than \$3.00. I live at 7000 feet in the mountains, surrounded by forest. Last night there were 3 huge bison in my yard eating everything. They can be quite dangerous so I was cautious.

I can eat all my meals at one of two cafeterias. The food has been excellent and safe. Only today am I experiencing GI distress but I think it is because I was asked to travel to another location called Dindugul yesterday to have my visa approved by the Indian government. It was a 3 hour trip one way in an uncomfortable van into the very hot plains. They took us out to eat at a restaurant and I think I was not as careful as I needed to be. At least I do not have nausea and vomiting. That would be much worse. Indian food is FABULOUS. The way the vegetables are spiced is so unique - so much better than any Indian food I have had in the US.

My job entails volunteering with the chaplain, religious education department and social experiences department. I will be involved in Sunday worship, church youth activities, dorm devotions, teaching Grade 5 Religious Education, and co-teaching Grade 11 Religious Education with a Lutheran pastor from Wisconsin who has been in India for 14 years. My supervisor is named Raja Krishnamoorthy. He is an ordained pastor in the Indian Presbyterian church with 30 years of experience. He is a great guy and very funny!!

This is India. Crazy drivers honking their horns, cows in the street, poverty, food smells, ugly smells, pollution, little shops all over, a variety of religions (Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, etc.), temples, garbage all over the place, tons of people. The school is a sanctuary within the busy city. I like that. I like going out to the shops and coming back to the serenity of the school campuses. The Kodaikanal International School website is www.kis.in.

Thank you for your encouragement and support. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Wendy
wendy.christianson@ptsem.edu

Choir Notes

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir have begun their rehearsals with both choirs preparing beautiful music. What a joy it is to direct them! Besides rehearsing music for the next few months, we will soon begin rehearsals for the Christmas concert to be held at the St. George Tabernacle. Please mark your calendars for Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Many thanks go to all the musicians for their hard work and efforts each week, and may you find blessings in their music!

Barbara McConnell, Music Director

Christian Education

Adult Bible Classes on Sunday Morning have been well attended and you should note that we will continue our in-depth study of the Book of Revelation for the rest of the fall. We still have a couple of books left and welcome anyone who would be interested in learning more about the last book of the Bible.

We are planning an Advent workshop on November 1. The theme will be "Sing and Sew" where we will build on last year's theme with music and bells and a few new carols to sing. For a craft we will be making a Christmas Star ornament from craft floss and plastic canvas. If you know of children who might be interested, please let me know.

Our Annual Fall Festival date has been set for Sunday, October 12. After a special Worship Service we will have lunch as our Church fellowship hour. As our part in the celebration, we request that each and everyone think seriously as to what talent, hobby, or area of expertise you might like to display in the CE Building that day. Last year we had over 40 displays by our church members. This is certainly a fun way to get to know your church family and if you are interested in displaying your talents, please let me know. Let us continue to learn more about our family this year also.

*Blessings to you all,
Catherine Overkamp*

Deacons

The Deacons have been giving rides to those members who otherwise would not be able to attend our services and are always available for home visits if requested. Also please remember that we have a Deacons' closet full of health aids for you to use. Bob Morgan is in charge of that so get in touch with him if you need to borrow something.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or don't know who your Deacon is, please call me at 435-574-3614.

Tineke Ingold, Moderator

Fellowship

Fall is here! Time for a Festival! Sunday, October 12. Lunch will be served after worship. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. Bring your favorite dessert and come join the fun!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Our Thanksgiving Lunch will be Sunday, November 23. There will be sign-up sheets for side dishes starting November 2.

The Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec. 13 at 5:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Katering Koncepts will serve a buffet including a choice of brisket or chicken marsala. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. I will be taking paid reservations starting November 2.

We will be updating our church directory in January. LifeTouch Photographers will be here Tuesday, Jan. 13 through Saturday, Jan. 17. Each family will receive a free 8" x 10" copy of their favorite photo and will have an option to purchase additional picture packages. No purchase is necessary. I will be taking appointments starting November 2.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

Autumn is upon us and the Mission committee will be busy for the next couple of months with our two traditional fall projects.

The annual St. George CROP Walk to End Hunger will be held on November 8th this year. Last year, our congregation raised about half of the total money raised by the event. This year, we're hoping for even more. You can walk or support someone else who is walking. Please see me to pick up your donation envelope. We'll have all of our walkers' envelopes on a table in Conklin Hall during Fellowship on October 26 and November 2 so you can support your favorite walker. Please support our efforts to end hunger in our community and the world.

After a year's hiatus, we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Gloria Reynolds and Kathie Greear will be leading our effort to collect as many shoeboxes for underprivileged kids as possible. Look for more information in the bulletins in October and plan to bring your filled shoeboxes to church on either November 16th or November 23rd.

When you stop by the Mission table at Fall Festival, you'll be able to pick up a CROP Walk envelope, a Christmas Child shoebox or, even, order a shirt, hat, hoodie or other article of clothing with the Good Shepherd logo on it so you can show our colors around town. I hope to see you there!

Chris Schleiter

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

Parish Nursing Ministry

At our first Brown Bag Lunch of the year on September, Elder Law attorney Katie Woods made an excellent presentation on all of the documents that you should have in place NOW to be prepared when you are no longer able to handle your financial or health care decisions. A study done in 2010 showed that over \$77 million per year is taken from seniors through exploitation. Over 50% of the perpetrators of these crimes are relatives of the victims.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Plan early - Do your estate planning. Determine how your assets will be distributed. Write a Will. Consider creating a trust - Wills do not eliminate the need for probate. Trusts can help avoid probate. To be effective all assets must be properly transferred to the trust.
- Protect yourself when you can no longer manage your own affairs. Don't worry about hurting feelings.
 - Appoint an agent to make financial decisions for you through a Power of Attorney document.
 - Select someone you trust to give your Health Power of Attorney (Directives to Physician; Living will); declare end of life preferences such as life support, organ donating, etc.
 - Give a copy of your Living Will to your Physician and place in medical records in the hospital

Because of various legal requirements it is advisable to seek professional assistance for all these documents.

The audio from Katie's presentation and copies of the handouts are available on our website gspscg.org. We urge you to listen to Katie's presentation, download the attachments and fill out your Utah Advance Healthcare Directive.

Be sure to join us at our next Brown Bag Lunch on October 22 when LuAnn Linstrom will discuss "Communication Validation."

Also remember that we will be happy to check your blood pressure monthly. Stop by our table in Conklin Hall after worship on October 17th and we'll give you a quick BP check!

Anne Patten & Mitzi Rak

Senior Ministries

It is hard to believe it has been a bit over a year ago since Senior Ministries was established here at Good Shepherd! We have had fun getting better acquainted, learning the ropes, supporting the great ministries already in place here, and continuing to develop opportunities to serve each other and the broader community.

Our Soup and Bread Fellowship has been well supported and a joy. Our upcoming Fellowship is Wednesday, October 8, 12:00 Noon in Conklin Hall and will be very special, since we are showcasing our Stephen Ministry and Deacons. Our presenters will be Anne Patten, Bob McGrath, Tineke Ingold and Rev. Ralph. This is too special for our congregation to miss since many of us come from backgrounds of other faiths and may not even know of the opportunities and blessings that surrounded us at Good Shepherd. In November we will hear from Preston Hughes speaking about Turkey and Islam. Colonel Hughes is our expert on Turkey and Islam and we are privileged that he is in our congregation, even if he is off visiting Turkey right now!

We are looking forward to Fall Festival and will share a table with Parish Nursing Ministry. We hope to have a laptop with continuous coverage of our October Soup and Bread Fellowship. We support Parish Nursing in all that they do.

Pebble Mowery

Stewardship

Excel in the Grace of Giving

In October we will begin our annual pledge campaign. Our theme for this year is *"Excel in the Grace of Giving."* In the next weeks you will receive your pledge mailing including the 2015 budget and a pledge card. We will be dedicating our pledges on Sunday, December 7.

By the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are molded and transformed into stewards who follow God's ways and become more Christ-like in our giving. As Christians, we are motivated to give by the gift of God's grace through his son. With hearts filled with God's love and grace, we can give faithfully.

Giving is our faith response to God's gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives. We also give out of obedience because God's Word directs us to give. The Apostle Paul said, *"But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving"* (2 Corinthians 8:7). Just as Paul urged the people in Corinth to give, we are urged to *"excel in this grace of giving."*

As in the past, we will also have a Bible study available to all who would like to participate in this special time of study in becoming better stewards in our lives. The themes of the lessons are *"Why Christians Give"*, *"Outrageous Giving"* and *"Principles of Giving"*.

The Stewardship committee would like to thank you for all of your generous gifts in the years past. You have made possible many special projects as well as the day-to-day operation of the church. Among the projects committees have done this year that your donations have made possible are:

- Building: several projects which have made our buildings more energy efficient and helped to reduce our utilities.
- Fellowship: updated our kitchen equipment to make it easier to do coffee time and allow us to have our wonderful fellowship times. They also organize and make possible our Thanksgiving dinner and other special times together.
- Growth: heads up our Fall Festival to celebrate each other and the work of our congregation. They are also providing fellowship and support to new members of our congregation.
- Mission: we support many organizations serving others in the community; soup kitchen, Dixie Care and Share, Habitat for Humanity and the Dove Center to name a few. We have been blessed to host Bike & Build.
- Senior Ministries: hosts a number of lunch time programs that provide us with a wide variety of useful information.
- Christian Education: works hard to provide an uplifting time to children who visit our nursery on Sundays. They also provide the materials for the adult Sunday school classes, as well as their support to our various Bible studies.
- Worship: provides us with wonderful music for Sundays as well as our special services. They have been working to update our Christmas decorations to make that special time of year more beautiful.
- Grounds: works hard to provide us with our beautiful landscape and the care of our memorial rose garden.
- Clerk of Session: works to keep our records in order.
- Technology: a hearing aid loop is now installed in Conklin Hall. Our church services are available to all by the internet. We have an active and current website, including a way to give to the church electronically.

May God bless and keep us in His peace and joy as we give to Him!

Amy Craig

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	2 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	3 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	4 St. George Marathon
5 Dixie Care & Share PW Rummage Collection 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's	6 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	7 9:30 Coordinating Council am Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:00 Stephen Minister pm Training 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm	8 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 12:00 Soup & Bread Noon Fellowship – Anne Patten, Tineke Ingold and Rev. Ralph on Deacons and Stephen Ministers	9 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	10 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	11
12 Fall Festival 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fall Festival am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's	13 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	14 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:00 Stephen Minister pm Training 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm	15 9:00 Grounds Work Day am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	16 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	17 PW Rummage Sale 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	18 PW Rummage Sale
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26 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's	27 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	28 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:00 Stephen Minister pm Training 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm	29 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	30 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise With Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	31 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsq.org for the latest information.

CONGREGATION NEWS

Grounds Work Day – Wednesday, October 15

The Grounds committee will be holding a work day on Wednesday, October 15, beginning at 9:00 am to, as Elder (and Rotarian of the Year) Scott Florence put it, pull weeds in the “back 40”. Let’s all give Scott and his committee a hand as we beautify our grounds and get them ready for winter and congratulate Scott on his award!

Happy 99th Birthday Dorothy Bywater

It’s not often that we have the opportunity to congratulate one of our members on reaching a milestone birthday, but I want to congratulate Dorothy Bywater on turning 99 years young in September. We look forward to her century celebration this time next year!

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, October 5 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday, October 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 19 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday, October 26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Saturday, November 1 All Saints' Day	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday, November 2 21st Sunday after Pentecost 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday, November 9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday, November 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday, November 23 Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Sunday, November 30 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

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On the last page of this newsletter you will find a questionnaire requesting your thoughts about establishing a respite center at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We ask that you read the Mission Statement, answer the questions and make any comments or ask any questions you may have in the space provided.

When you have completed your questionnaire, please return it to us by 1) dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday, 2) mailing it to the church office or 3) placing it in one of the marked boxes in the Narthex and Conklin Hall. Please fill out only one questionnaire so we can get an accurate gauge of the Congregation's feelings.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to reviewing your questionnaires and seeing where God leads us to go.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1st 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	4:15 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



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 September 21, we had received pledges totaling \$68,881.00 and cash donations of \$25,662 for a total of \$94,543 or about 32.9% 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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Church Leadership 2014

Elders

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
Class of 2016	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Scott Florence	688-2624	Grounds
	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed

Deacons

Moderator	Tineke Ingold
Class of 2014	Dottie Malcolmson, Tineke Ingold, Anne Patten
Class of 2015	Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell, Fred Hampton, Jan Hirschi, Janice Klein, Bob Morgan, Evelyn Morgan, Shirley Fromknecht
Class of 2016	Ann Abbott



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The purpose of this document is to inform and to seek input from the congregation regarding establishing a senior respite care center at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. We'd appreciate your answering the questions at right. Please respond one time only.

(The Parish Nursing Ministry)

MISSION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Senior Respite Center

Our purpose is to enhance quality of life of seniors by providing a safe and friendly environment in which they can enjoy activities and interact with others while giving their caretakers a respite.

Our goal is to serve the community as a senior resource.

We are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of seniors and their families. This service will be performed with the same dignity and compassion to all seniors as a loving Christian Community.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

1. I am aware there is a need for senior respite care facilities in our community.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. At this time or in the near future, I, or someone in my family would benefit from attending such a respite daycare program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. I know of another family who would benefit from such a program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4. I see creating a respite care facility as being a mission of our congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Although not being counted on for staffing, church members should be encouraged to interact with the program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. I would be interested in serving as a non-professional volunteer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY AND FEEL
FREE TO ADD QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BELOW.**

After you have completed this anonymous questionnaire, it may be deposited in the collection plate, mailed to the church office or deposited in one of the designated boxes found in the church narthex and Conklin Hall.

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