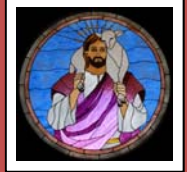




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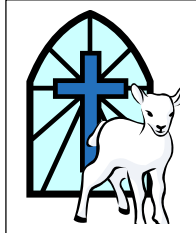
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**Louise Routh**  
Prayer Chain

**Chris Schleter**  
Website Editor

## Wendy's Window



Greetings from Princeton, NJ where I have returned after spending the academic year in Kodaikanal International School (KIS) in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India. I am grateful for the International Field Education Program at Princeton Theological Seminary which offered me the opportunity for this very interesting and formative experience. My time in India was spent assisting the KIS with worship each Sunday, preaching monthly, planning special assemblies and seasonal services (Advent, Lent, Holy Week & Pentecost), teaching Religious Education classes, engaging in weekly devotions in the residential dormitories and chaperoning student activities.



I worked directly with Raja Krishnamoorthy, an ordained Presbyterian minister and the Dean of Religious Life at KIS and John Hildebrant, an ordained Lutheran minister who taught Religious Education at KIS and had been working in India for the past 12 years. Both ministers were very encouraging and helpful to me as I developed an understanding of ministry in another culture. It truly was my privilege to spend time learning about the culture of South India; an experience I will never forget!

Back in Princeton, I will be completing a Greek course this summer and will embark on my senior year as a seminary student in September. My hope is to graduate with a Master's Degree in Divinity in May 2016.

*Blessings,  
Wendy Christianson  
[Wendy.christianson@ptsem.edu](mailto:Wendy.christianson@ptsem.edu)*

### 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

The Family of Carolynn Thomas  
Shirley Koch

The Family of Vern Rice  
Louise Routh

Wendy Christianson as she returns home to continue her 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 September Newsletter

August 23, 2015

### Worship Schedule

9:00 – 9:15 am  
Service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

9:15 – 10:00 am  
Adult Education with Rev. Ralph  
CE Building

10:30 am  
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am  
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am  
Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall

### 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 June were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:26-28	Victory
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Ezekiel 36:26-28	A new heart
Elder Amy Craig	Matthew 5:13-16	Light of the World
Elder Chris Schleiter	Isaiah 6:7-8	Send Me
Elder Anne Patten	Psalms 100	Shout with Joy
Elder Scott Florence	Isaiah 40:31	Wait for the Lord
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	1 Corinthians 13:4-8a	Love never fails
Elder Judy Oar	Mark 4:13-20	Harvest time
Elder Gay Cunningham	Exodus 16:15-20	stewardship
Elder Fred Hampton	Matthew 22:37-39	Heart and Soul
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Proverbs 3:13-18	Praise of Wisdom

### Thanks to our Volunteers

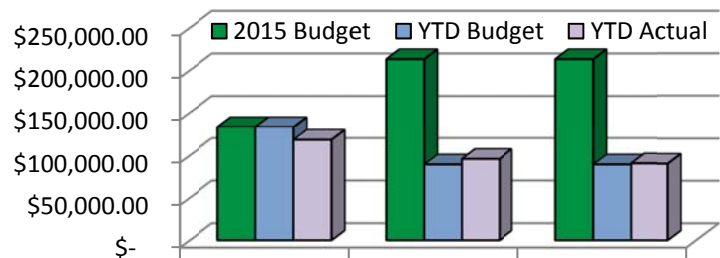
	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>July</b>		
July 5	Shirley Taylor	Potluck Sunday
July 12	Chris Schleiter	<b>Available</b>
July 19	<b>Available</b>	Bob & Dorothy McGrath
July 26	Dawn Angarone	<b>Available</b>
<b>August</b>		
August 2	Dick & Patti Babb	Potluck Sunday
August 9	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
August 16	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
August 23	Gene & Doris Thomas	<b>Available</b>
August 30	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website [gspcsq.org](http://gspcsq.org)

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund As of May 31, 2015 Month of May		
Receipts	\$	15,204.85
Expenditures	\$	14,928.86
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	88,930.42
Actual Receipts	\$	95,462.46
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	88,930.42
Actual Expenditures	\$	90,260.07
Building Fund		
Building Fund Cash	\$	82,187.68
Loan Balance	\$	161,820.62
Net Building Fund	\$	(79,692.34)
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	8475.33
Memorial Fund	\$	1,099.26
Capital Reserve Fund	\$	23,449.62

### 2015 Budget Through May 31, 2015



	Pledges	Income	Expense
2015 Budget	\$133,382.00	\$213,433.00	\$213,433.00
YTD Budget	\$133,382.00	\$88,930.42	\$88,930.42
YTD Actual	\$118,074.00	\$95,462.46	\$90,260.07

## Pastor's Page

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

*Isaiah 6:8 NASB*

*И услышал я голос Господа, говорящего: кого Мне послать? и кто пойдет для Нас? И я сказал: вот я, пошли меня.*

*Isaiah 6:8 Courtesy RussianBible.net*

### Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



Several years ago, while reading the latest addition of the periodical Presbyterians Today, I noticed an article pertaining to our church's mission agency sponsoring relationships between churches in the US and churches in Eastern Europe. I called this article to the attention of our then new chair of mission Elder Chris Schleiter and encouraged him to investigate.

To make a long story short Chris did and we have entered into a sister/twinning relationship with an Evangelical Russian Baptist Church in Dorogobuzh, Russia. We have shared pictures and information about each other and on July 17<sup>th</sup> Chris and I will take the next step in building this relationship by going in person to Dorogobuzh and meeting our brothers and sisters in Christ there.

It is an exciting venture; we will be in rural Russia staying with Russian families. One has to wonder who is more nervous about our meeting?!

It is our hope and prayer that this is merely the next step in a long and loving relationship between our congregations that demonstrates that the love of Christ and our being the body of Christ can cross all boundaries, even those of nation and language.

We covet your prayers for a successful journey.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday preceding our departure, Chris and I will be commissioned as missionaries to Dorogobuzh during our morning worship. The chair of the Presbytery of Utah's Committee on Ministry, Dave Patten, and our Interim Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Jeff Silliman will be joining us on behalf of the Presbytery.

If you would like to make a contribution to help defray the cost of this trip you may do so by sending your checks to the office or placing in the offering plate made out to Good Shepherd with Russian Mission in the notation.

### **\*\* 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 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)*

### Building One Another

*By Dr. E. Stanley Ott*

*Founder and President, Vital Churches Institute*

#### NOURISHMENT

One of the simple joys of spring for me happens as I enjoy watching the growth of the tadpoles in a pool of water in a nearby park.

When our son was around ten years old, we were bicycling near a construction site and noticed a large pool of water where some dirt had been excavated and there we found a billion tadpoles.

We rushed home, found an empty coffee can, and returned to scoop up fifty of them. We put them in a clean kitty litter pan with two inches of water and fed them fish food – what else would we feed them we wondered – and they swam happily around for two months.

We decided to bike back to the outdoor pool only to discover the tadpoles were gone but around the water's edge were a billion tiny frogs. Now we really wondered what do tadpoles eat?

Turns out they adore lettuce, preferably boiled for a few minutes or frozen to break down the cellular structure and before you know it, little frogs are hopping around.

The spiritual life is much the same. We can subsist on a variety of books and videos that do provide some substance yet our Lord already has provided the food our souls crave to have.

"Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper" Psalm 1:2-3.

#### ALONGSIDE

Recently a friend helped me figure out how to navigate a complex situation I was facing. It reminded me of one of my favorite New Testament words, paraclete, which means, "one who is called alongside to help."

"Paraclete" describes the very character of God for ours is the "comes alongside to help God."

God the Father is our Paraclete – "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort [paraklasis]" II Corinthians 1:3.\*

Jesus the Son is our Paraclete - "But if any one does sin, we have an advocate [paraklaytos] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" I John 2:1.

The Holy Spirit is our Paraclete – "And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor [paraklaytos, also helper] to be with you forever" John 14:16.

The whole Trinity is our Paraclete – Who loves to come alongside us – to help us.

In the same way, we are sent to be paracletes to the people positioned in our lives – sent to come alongside them to offer help, encouragement, and presence.

Thank God for the paracletes in your own life, the people who love you, guide you when the going is tough, who put steel into your backbone when you are afraid, who stand with you in the storm.

Joy to you

## Deacons

Just a reminder that we have a shed full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow any items from the shed, please contact Janice Klein (628-1158) or Rev. Harold Wylie (669-4233) and they'll make arrangements to get you what you need.

Please remember that should you need anything, your Deacons will be glad to help you. That's what we're here for!

*Tineke Ingold, Moderator*

## Fellowship

It is going to be a quiet summer for Fellowship but I would like to encourage you to join us on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm as we host a potluck dinner in honor of the young people of Bike and Build. We'll have sloppy joes and we ask you to bring salads and desserts. This event is always enjoyable and these exceptional young people appreciate our support.

Save December 5 for our Christmas Party. It will be held in Conklin Hall.

Have a wonderful summer!

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Mission/Outreach

Thanks to everyone who continues to contribute each month to Dixie Care & Share and every second month to the Community Soup Kitchen with Grace. I continue to thank our Lord for the generosity and spirit of our congregation. Jim Roberts of the Soup Kitchen has been overwhelmed by the response to our Soup Kitchen Supply Sundays. Our next one is August 16<sup>th</sup> so start saving up supplies to help the Soup Kitchen feed the hungry in our community.

Bike and Build will be back in St. George from July 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be working on a couple of Habitat for Humanity projects in our local area. As in past years, we will have a potluck dinner on Thursday, July 9, where everyone will have the opportunity to meet and greet these outstanding young people! Please plan to join us.

Rev. Ralph and I are looking forward to our visit to Russia from July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Our Russian is not fluent (we ARE trying) but at least we can recognize words and phrases and we hope our hosts will bear with us and will appreciate our efforts to communicate with them in their native tongue. We are hoping to be able to speak with you from Dorogobuzh during Fellowship following worship on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for us as we embark on this adventure!

*Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing Ministry

Parish Nursing will continue to take blood pressure readings during the summer months on the second Sunday of the month. Stop by our table at the back of Conklin Hall during fellowship after worship[ on July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>

Looking ahead to our Fall events, we have scheduled our next Brown Bag lunch on October 15th when our speaker will be Christie Benton, who will be giving us tips on "Cooking for One or Two." Also, save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at our church on Friday, November 13.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Parish Nursing, please contact Mitzi Rak (674-1204), or Alicia Kitzman (272-4614).

Timely Tip: Remember to stay well hydrated during our extra warm St George summer weather!

*Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak*

## Senior Ministries

Playing games!!! It's all about brain power and maintaining healthy brain function . . . and having fun too. Game playing helps short-term memory and requires the player to interact with others. We held our first card party on June 24<sup>th</sup> and hope to continue to hold these events one Wednesday a month. Our next event will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We played bridge and Hand and Foot at our first party but these are certainly not the only games we can play and would love to have you join us.

## Senior Ministries, continued

We are also organizing a book club for anyone interested in discussing books and authors. The club and discussions will be led by authors in our congregation. Your input regarding the kind of books you like to read is encouraged. If you're interested in the Book Club, please call or talk with Pebble Mowery (673-9185) for more information.

Enjoy the summer.

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on June 9, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Scheduled the Annual Christmas Party for Dec. 5, 2015.
- Scheduled a Fall Festival Planning meeting on July 19.
- Approved an Orientation Packet of useful information for new members.
- Approved a five year Strategic Plan.
- Cancelled the Session Meeting in July as Rev. Ralph, Chris Schleiter and Russ Hurlbut will all be out of town.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Stewardship

Thank you for your generous support of our General Fund, Building Fund, and mission work! Remember as you travel this summer, you can make pledges and give online at our church website at [gspcsq.org](http://gspcsq.org).

### Checking on our Job as Stewards

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, "Could I use the telephone?" The druggist replies, "You certainly can," and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, "Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?" The man says, "No, we already have a stock boy." The boy inquires, "If he isn't doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job." The man replies, "No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing," so the boy hung up the telephone.

The druggist hears the conversation and says to the boy, "I'm sorry you didn't get the job." The boy says, "I don't need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work." What if we could call God to ask about the job we are doing as his stewards? If it were possible to call, what kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person who acknowledges all that you have as having been given to you by him and yourself as a manager, not an owner? Would God tell you that you are using your time, talents, and treasures in ways that please him? Would God commend you for feeding the hungry, for sheltering the homeless, for giving generously to those in need? Would God be pleased with what you are giving to his church? Would God tell you, "Well done, good and faithful steward?"

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God's standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the cross, we are forgiven for all the times that we have failed to be faithful stewards. With God's grace given to us through his Son, we can be molded and transformed into God-pleasing stewards. In Christ, we can be stewards who do God's work well.

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*Amy Craig*

## Worship and Music

Well, summer is here, with its high temperatures and no formal choirs! But don't worry—the choirs will begin rehearsing in early September. In this "good ol' summertime", please enjoy the special music which is provided each Sunday to enhance your worship experience. Remember--it takes a lot of courage to stand in front of the congregation, with all eyes on you, and sing or play an instrument. So, if you enjoy the musical selections, please thank those who provide it.

Our first 5-Sunday month service was on May 31st, and the next will be August 30th. Please let Rev. Ralph or Anne Patten (chair of the worship & Music Committee) know what you think of the service order changes involved in these special services. We want your comments, good or bad! The Session will be re-evaluating this concept early next year to determine whether to make it a permanent change in our worship or to eliminate it altogether. So, please make your voice heard!

*Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell*

## JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting	<b>2</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>3</b> Independence Day (Observed) 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>4</b> Independence Day
<b>5</b> <b>Dixie Care &amp; Share</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>6</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>7</b> 9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:30 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>8</b> <b>Bike &amp; Build</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 6:30 Safe Harbor Support pm Group	<b>9</b> <b>Bike &amp; Build</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 6:30 Bike & Build Potluck pm Dinner - Conklin Hall	<b>10</b> <b>Bike &amp; Build</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>13</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>14</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 5:15 Session-Meeting pm	<b>15</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble	<b>16</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>17</b> <b>Rev. Ralph &amp; Chris Schleiter Depart for Russia</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - Rev am Harold Preaching 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>20</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>21</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>22</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble	<b>23</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>24</b> <b>Pioneer Day</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - Dick am Higgins Preaching 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>27</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>28</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>29</b> <b>Rev. Ralph &amp; Chris Schleiter Return from Russia</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble	<b>30</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>31</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	

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**Please contact Anne Patten (619-6005) or Bob McGrath (656-3888) with any pastoral concerns.**

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## AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>16</b> <b>Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>17</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>18</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>19</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe	<b>20</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>21</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>24</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>25</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>26</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Harmon's Cafe	<b>27</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph	<b>28</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:15 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship – am Lectionary Sunday 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>31</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm					

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## Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 5:1–5,9–10 Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2–10	Mark 6:1–13
Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 6:1–5,12b–19 Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
Sunday, July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 7:1–14a Psalm 89:20–37	Ephesians 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–34,53–56
Sunday, July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:1–15 Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14–21	John 6:1–21

## Lectionary Readings for August

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, August 2 10th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a Psalm 51:1–12	Ephesians 4:1–16	John 6:24–35
Sunday, August 9 11th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 18:5–9,15,31–33 Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:25–5:2	John 6:35,41–51
Sunday, August 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 Psalm 111	Ephesians 5:15–20	John 6:51–58
Sunday, August 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10–11) 22–30, 41–43 Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10–20	John 6:56–69
Sunday, August 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8–13 Psalm 45:1–2,6–9	James 1:17–27	Mark 7:1–8,14–15,21–23

## Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, September 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1–2,8–9,22–23 Psalm 125	James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17	Mark 7:24–37
Sunday, September 13 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20–33 Psalm 19	James 3:1–12	Mark 8:27–38
Sunday, September 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10–31 Psalm 1	James 3:13–4:3,7–8a	Mark 9:30–37
Sunday, September 27 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1–6,9–10; 9:20–22 Psalm 124	James 5:13–20	Mark 9:38–50

## No Newsletter in August

Please note that we will not be producing a newsletter for August; however, you can still keep up with happenings at Good Shepherd on our website, [gpscsq.org](http://gpscsq.org). The deadline for the September newsletter is August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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*

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month  
 Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February, May, June, August, October and December  
 Safe Harbor Support Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Starbucks Café at Barnes & Noble
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	4:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>On Summer Break</b>
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>On Summer Break</b>



### 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, with your help, we hope to pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have a number of major maintenance items over the next several years totaling more than \$100,000 that need to be funded in addition to paying off the mortgage, meaning we need to raise \$342,000.

Through June 21<sup>st</sup>, we have received pledges totaling \$69,881 and additional cash donations of \$32,083 for a total of \$101,964 or about 29.8% of the way to the \$342,000 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 have sufficient funds to perform needed maintenance and make other improvements in the future.

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## Church Leadership 2015

### Elders

Class of 2015	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2016	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Scott Florence	688-2624	Grounds
	Fred Hampton	627-0017	Christian Ed
Class of 2017	Gay Cunningham	<b>705-4696</b>	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Worship

### Deacons

<b>Bloomington</b>	Dick & Patti Babb (688-1120)	<b>Santa Clara</b>	Dottie Malcomson (673-4471)
<b>E. Bloomington</b>	Molly Bass (628-6440)	<b>Pine Valley</b>	Tineke Ingold (574-3614)
<b>South Gate</b>	Candy Hurlbut (879-9394)	<b>Hurricane</b>	Ann Hogan (635-0993)
<b>W. Bloomington</b>	Jeff Clingan (705-8692)		Virginia Hunt (714-955-1167)
<b>Old St. George</b>	Larry Laubscher (656-0617)	<b>Red Cliffs</b>	Matt Fine (760-887-1251)
<b>Dixie Downs</b>	Shirley Fromknecht (628-2381)	<b>Washington</b>	Janice Klein (628-1158)
<b>Ivins</b>	Ron & Sherri Ard (674-1382)	<b>E. St. George</b>	Bob Moeller (801-707-4353)
<b>Green Valley</b>	Rayanne Bartlett (673-6657)		



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# NEW BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

As our first building fund campaign ended in May and now it is time for Building Fund, Part II. As of May, the balance on our 15-year mortgage was \$161,820.62. Our goal for the 2015-2018 campaign is \$75,000. This amount includes the mortgage and other necessary building updates and repairs. Below is the breakdown for this number:

Mortgage payments for 36 months:	\$ 48,366
Building repairs for 2015	\$ 8,400
Building repairs for 2016	\$ 21,500
Building repairs for 2017	\$ 12,000
Building Fund Reserve	\$ 50,000
Contingency	\$ 5,485
Total needs	\$140,266
Building Fund Balance (March 31, 2015)	-\$ 70,751
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED FOR 2015-2018</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>

In thinking about this campaign, we came across this scripture from Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* I think we can all agree that Conklin Hall is the heart of our time together as a congregation. Let's all use some of our monetary treasure to finish paying for the heart of our buildings and taking care of our other building needs. Pledge cards have been mailed and are also available in the Narthex and below. Pink building fund envelopes can be found in the pew holders as well as in the Narthex. If you would like a box of envelopes, Dawn, our financial secretary, would be happy to get you a box.

Thank you for your continuing generous support!

===== TEAR HERE =====

### Building Fund - Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of my/our interest in the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, and in appreciation of its important place in the life of this community, and as an expression of thanks to God for His blessings, I/we desire to help in the Building Fund Program as follows:

156 weekly payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week

or 36 monthly payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

or \_\_\_\_\_ payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payments begin \_\_\_\_\_

Should unforeseen circumstances arise, this pledge may be adjusted or cancelled by contacting the Financial Secretary.

### Building Fund Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

The following subscription is gratefully acknowledged:

\_\_\_\_\_ payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly

Quarterly  \_\_\_\_\_

Total Subscription \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payments begin \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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