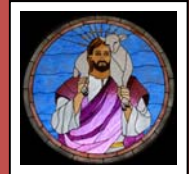




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Fall Fiesta Coming October 4

Everyone is invited to stay with us after church on Sunday, October 4, as we kick off the new church year with our annual Fall Festival. This year's theme is a FIESTA! We'll have tacos for lunch and beverages will be provided. 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.

There will be live music in Conklin Hall during lunch and we'll have a pinata you can take a whack at.

Our church programs 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 2016 and how you can help us achieve our goals.

Mission-Outreach will have demos of our website (and answer any questions you may have), have some booklets on the history of the church and some information on our sister congregation in Russia. You can also sign up for the CROP walk in November, pick up your shoebox for Operation Christmas Child or order your GSPC swag. If everything goes according to plan, you'll also be able to watch a video of Rev. Ralph's and Chris's presentation on their trip to Russia.

Parish Nursing will be checking blood pressures and you can check in with Worship and Building & Grounds on what they are planning for the new year.

Everyone who stays for lunch will receive a punch card. Be sure to bring your card to the CE building and get your card validated at every booth. At about 1:30 pm, we'll have a drawing for everyone who gets their card completely validated and the winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

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.

Soup & Bread Fellowship Rev. Ralph and Chris Schleiter

If you read the blog on the website, you probably know that Rev. Ralph and Chris Schleiter spent two weeks in Russia in July visiting our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh. They returned on July 29th and have loads of stories to tell.

At the first Soup and Fellowship of the fall, they'll share their stories, as well as their impressions of their trip and plans for our future relationship with our sister congregation.

Please join us on Thursday, September 10, at Noon in Conklin Hall to share the excitement of their trip.

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

Dorothy Bywater Bob Prinselaar
Shirley Koch Ron Smith

Wendy Christianson as she returns home to continue her studies for the ministry

Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

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. Rev. Ralph encourages our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for August were:

Rev. Ralph	Galatians 3:27-29	One in Christ
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalms 32:8	The Lord teaches
Elder Amy Craig	Ephesians 2:17-22	Joined as one in Christ
Elder Chris Schleiter	Proverbs 3:5-10	Honor the Lord
Elder Anne Patten	Matthew 28:18-20	To all the nations
Elder Scott Florence	Psalms 19:1	Glory to God
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Psalms 34:8	The Lord saves
Elder Judy Oar	Deuteronomy 31:6	Lord is always with you
Elder Gay Cunningham	2 Corinthians 2:14-15	Thanks Be To God
Elder Fred Hampton	Isaiah 40:8	God's word
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Righteous living

Welcome New Members

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

Deadline for October Newsletter

September 21, 2015

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

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall

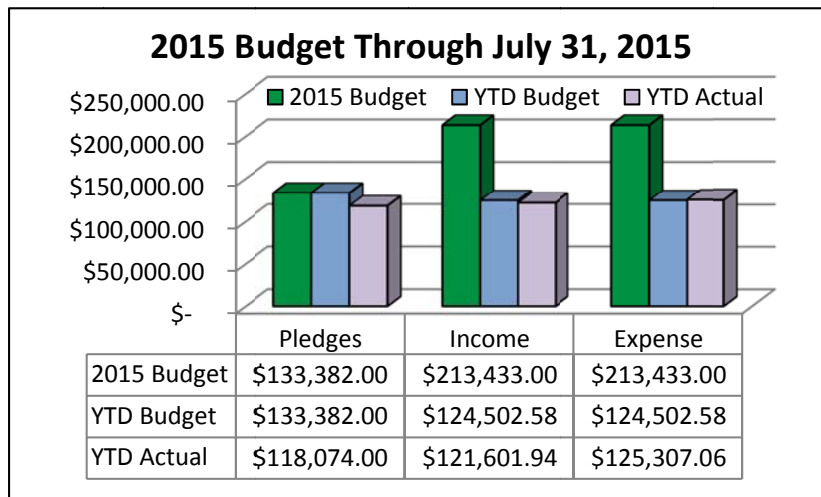
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
September		
September 6	Joyce Otness	Potluck Sunday
September 13	Donna Baker	Available
September 20	Dick & Patti Babb	Liz Larson
September 27	Available	Pebble Mowery, Jan Dunham & Barbara McConnell
October		
October 4	Available	Fall Fiesta
October 11	Shirley & Amy Craig	Available
October 18	Bob & Arlene Prinselaar	Available
October 25	Donna Baker	Available

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund As of July 31, 2015 Month of July	
Receipts	\$ 12,778.05
Expenditures	\$ 18,123.31
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 124,502.58
Actual Receipts	\$ 121,601.94
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 124,502.58
Actual Expenditures	\$ 125,307.06
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 83,873.95
Loan Balance	\$ 160,155.83
Net Building Fund	\$ (76,281.88)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ (309.02)
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,099.44
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 22,756.21



Pastor's Page

²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:23-28

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



Below is the sermon that I preached in Dorogobuzh on July 26th.

It has been to me almost like a dream that I am standing before you today here in this wonderful place that we have only had pictures, YouTube videos and our imaginations to inform us about you, who you are and what you and your country are like.

I have spent hours attempting to learn your language. I have studied your history. I have on many occasion gone to our display of your pictures and studied your faces, your clothing, and even tried to identify what you were preparing to eat on your tables, unsuccessfully I might add. And I have watched many times the videos of your harvest festival on YouTube.

It was in watching one of those videos that I had my breakthrough, my revelation you might say.

Pastor Sergei and his daughter turned and smiled at each other. A father's and daughter's love.

Having two daughters of my own I recognized that smile – the same smile I have shared with my own children. The love of parent and child

Instead of the differences I now saw how much the same we are. We love our children. We hope for their lives to be happy and healthy. To know the Lord. We pray for a better world for them and our grandchildren to live in.

Paul writes to the Galatians that because of our common faith in Christ, we who are Baptized in Christ are one. Old divisions are gone.

I have been preaching to my congregation that our coming to you and worshiping and living with you is bearing a visible witness to the truth of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The body of Christ knows no boundaries of nationality or language. Only the love of Christ, in that love we are one, we are family.

Paul adds in another letter if someone is in Christ the old is gone all things have become new.

Our visit with you and someday your visit with us is the creating of something new. That the growth of this fellowship we have started together with the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ in the years ahead is an important message to our communities and the best hope for our children's and grandchildren's future.

And that is where ever we live, where ever we are from, wherever we are going, in Jesus Christ and in our shared life in him and our love for one another, we are one.

In Christ,
Amen

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

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*

COUNT TO EIGHT

I love the way Dale Bruner describes the disciples when they realize Jesus has asked them to feed a huge crowd and all they have are five loaves of bread and two fish:

"The disciples think they have 'nothing here' except these seven items. But they are counting only the realities that impress them, not the Reality that should impress them the most. Disciples should always count to eight [emphasis added]."1

Are you in a situation right now where whatever your "seven" are, your equivalent of five loaves and two fish are simply not enough? "Lord, I have nothing but my energy, effort, grit, gumption, mind, resources, and my team" and it's – just – not – working. I have counted to seven but You invite me to count to eight – to trust you!"

"They [the disciples] replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me'" Matthew 14:17-18.*

Jesus works with what you bring to him beginning with your own life. In whatever situation you find yourself, be alert to your equivalent of the five loaves and two fish, offer them to Jesus, count to eight and trust him.

As Jehoshaphat with a small community prayed when they were facing a huge army, "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you" 2 Chronicles 20:12b. Jehoshaphat counted to eight!

TRAVEL!

Once I was in a bit of a complaining mood after traveling a lot when I received a flash of insight upon realizing my Lord was saying to me, "This is what I have you doing. Get over yourself!" Mollified, I quit being irritable about it. Soon afterward I opened the New Testament and the very first words my eyes fell on were, "Jesus traveled!"

Last week I left home and rode in a car to Dulles Airport, flew on a plane to La Guardia Airport, took a New York City yellow cab to my lodging, walked a quarter of a mile and hopped the train to a restaurant!

Five modes of transportation and all along the way I saw all sorts of people. Could I have known of their personal lives, they would have been the very kind of people Jesus saw with his "people eyes" when he, "had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" Matthew 9:36.*

The word "harassed" has the meaning of worn down – hassled – just plain worn out. The word "helpless" carries the sense of thrown down – knocked over – in a world of hurt.

As you travel about your day, whether walking, driving or using any other mode of transportation put on the people eyes of Jesus and be aware of the people with you on the journey. Offer a quick prayer, a warm smile, be a conduit of the love of Christ through you to the world around you!

Joy to you

Deacons

The Deacons will have their quarterly meeting on September 9th. If there is anything that you would like us to consider, please speak with Tineke Ingold or your parish Deacon.

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

We are looking forward to the cooler weather of Fall. We will be serving a great lunch of tacos and goodies for the Fall Festival after our service on Sunday, October 4. Come join us for fun and food.

We'll have our traditional Thanksgiving lunch on November 22nd after worship. More on that later in the fall.

And be sure to save December 5 for our Christmas Party. It will be held in Conklin Hall.

We have many open slots for coffee on Sunday mornings after church. Please sign up to share happy occasions with your friends.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

We're back!

Ralph and I had a wonderful trip to Dorogobuzh and were overjoyed to meet and get to know Pastor Sergei, his wonderful family and congregation. They are truly amazing people who have endured hardships that we can only begin to imagine yet they still hold fast to Jesus and his teachings and seek to spread God's Word in their community.

We'll be making a presentation on our trip (with LOTS of photos) on September 10th in Conklin Hall. We hope you'll be able to join us and be inspired by all that we saw.

We have our usual slate of activities coming up this fall.

Start gathering all of the extra shoes that are taking up space in your closet. We'll hold our annual shoe drive in late September and early October. Gloria Reynolds will have details after Labor Day.

Gloria, Kathie Greer and I will be attending the kickoff for Operation Christmas Child at the end of September. We have a few shoeboxes from last year if you want to get an early start and we'll have many more boxes for you to fill around October 1st.

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on November 14th. I'll have more information on the CROP Walk in the October and November newsletters.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing Ministry

We are looking forward to hearing the next two speakers scheduled for Brown Bag Lunch events.

On Thursday, October 15th, come at Noon to hear Christie Benton, dietitian from the Intermountain LiVe Well Center, tell us how what we eat effects our entire body and mind as we learn about "Cooking for One or Two—Eat Better, Live Better!" And, on Thursday, December 3rd, Karen Schlieter, MS, a Gerokinesiologist from the LiVe Well Center, will talk to us about "5 Steps to Reduce Falls."

Please note for these two events we have changed the day of Brown Bag lunches from Wednesday to Thursday. Invite your friends to join you and bring a sandwich – brown bag optional! We'll provide dessert and drinks.

*** Parish Nursing will be represented at the Senior Ministries display during Fall Festival Sunday, October 4th. We'll be doing blood pressure readings and look forward to having you stop by our table. ***

Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak

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 have several events planned as we cruise into the fall season.

First, the Book Club will be meeting on September 9th at 10 o'clock, hosted by Russell Estlack who, as we know, is an author of several books. At this first meeting we'll discuss his book, "Shattered Lives. Shattered Dreams". We'll also decide the genres of books we will delve into in the coming months and pick titles. Do come with your ideas and recommendations. Russell's book is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon has a kindle edition for \$5.99 with paperbacks also available.

Our first Soup and Bread Fellowship of the new year is Thursday, September 10th at Noon. Our Pastor Ralph and Chris Schleter will speak about their Russian Trip to our sister church in Dorogobuzh, with lots of pictures. A hearty Russian soup will be served.

Our next card party will be Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We will play whatever is of interest to you and might even let you win☺. We have played Bridge, Hand and Foot and Hearts and enjoyed the fellowship and stimulating healthy brain games.

Did you know you could extend your life simply by flossing every day? See the Senior Ministry bulletin board in Conklin Hall for details on how to live to 100. If you want to that is.

Finally, don't forget Rev. Ralph's gentle exercise program on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This program is one of Rev. Ralph's ways of helping us to continue to live healthy and happy lives in God's love.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on August 11, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved the donation of our old hymnals that are in usable condition to the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy at a cost to ship approximately 80 hymnals not to exceed \$1400. This is to be paid for using the remaining money from the Russia trip (about \$625) with the rest to come from the Memorial Fund.
- Scheduled Fall Festival Planning meetings on Sept. 13th and Sept. 27th.
- Next Session Meeting is September 8, 2015, at 5:15 pm in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Thank you for your generous support of our General Fund, Building Fund, and mission work! Here is an update on the second part of the building fund campaign. We have a good start with 15 pledges to date totaling \$35,020. However, this is just a start! Since our mortgage payments will total \$48,366 over the next three years, the amount pledged does not even cover our mortgage payments let alone any repairs we may need to make to the buildings. (And we already know that there are some items that do need to be fixed!). If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Why We Struggle in Giving

Jesus gave us all ... his one and only Son (John 3:16). Just as Jesus gave, we are enabled by God's grace to be giving people. For Christians, giving is not an option. We are to give our first fruits generously and joyfully out of gratitude for who God is and what he has done and continues to do for us. So why don't Christians give as they should?

The following are some reasons people don't give more:

1. ***Spiritual problems.*** People act as owners of their things rather than stewards. They readily acknowledge God as the owner with their lips but not with their hearts and actions. Those lacking an intimate relationship with Jesus do not make giving a priority.

Stewardship, continued

2. **Financial problems.** The average credit card debt per household is approximately \$8,000. Many don't manage their money wisely. Until we spend less money than we make, we will find that money is tight and unavailable for giving generously.
3. **Compartmentalization.** We compartmentalize when we divide our lives into competing parts. If we disconnect God from the managing of our money, he is not in control, and we are prone to hoard money rather than give it.
4. **Limited vision.** We are apt to give less than we are capable if we do not understand all that our church or other Christian organizations are doing. If we understand and relate to the vision and mission of the church or organizations seeking our contributions, we will give generously.
5. **Limited relationships.** People give more when they are connected to the church or Christian organization through relationships. If good relationships exist with the pastor or church leaders or even other members, people tend to be more generous.

If we are struggling in our giving, we need to seek God's strength to grow in our faith and trust in him. It is only by God's grace that we can be empowered to grow in the grace of giving.

May God help us all grow in his love and grace so we become the generous givers he wants us to be.

We own nothing. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. A basic understanding of Christian stewardship is that we are set in this world as caretakers, as stewards, not as possessors. To be wise, is, in one sense, to be a good steward. The gospel story of the talents constitutes a plea for us to use what has been entrusted to us, but it is grounded in the truth that we own nothing, not even our lives.

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Amy Craig

Worship and Music

Both choirs are set to resume practice the week after Labor Day: The Bell Choir on Tuesday September 8 and Chancel Choir on Thursday September 10. The Chancel Choir will be singing beginning Sunday September 13. Please let the choir members and our accompanist Fred Hampton know how much you enjoy their anthems—they all work very hard to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” and to enhance our worship, all for God's glory. If you are interested in joining either choir, please see Barbara McConnell.

August 30th was our second “Lectionary Sunday”, it being the 5th Sunday in the month. There was no sermon, and in its place all lectionary texts for the week were read aloud, and appropriate hymns were sung. This worship order is an experiment for this year, and Worship Committee would like your feedback, so the Session can decide whether to make it a permanent part of our worship experience. Remember, this service is only for a 5th Sunday, which occurs 3-4 times each year.

We are looking forward to all the wonderful music and services of the fall and early winter:

- Reformation Sunday on October 25 with Kirkin' of the Tartan and bagpipe music
- The start of the Advent Season on November 29
- Our Tabernacle concert on Saturday, December 12th
- Christmas Eve with its lovely service.

And don't forget we'll be decorating the sanctuary and Conklin Hall right around Thanksgiving—we will need all the help we can get for that! We have so much to be thankful for and so much to anticipate with joy.

Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell



SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 1:00 pm Parish Nursing Ministry Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
6 Soup Kitchen Sunday	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir 5:15 pm Session Meeting	10:00 am Book Club – Conklin Hall 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 3:00 pm Deacon Meeting 6:30 pm Safe Harbor Support Group	11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 12:00 Noon Soup & Bread Fellowship Rev. Ralph and Chris on their trip to Russia 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.

Grounds

Now that summer is coming to a close and the days start getting a little cooler, fall is the perfect time to enjoy the new picnic area next to the Memorial Garden. You may have noticed the two new picnic tables and concrete pad. These were installed using Memorial Funds for the use and enjoyment of the congregation (and they are fully accessible to those in wheelchairs). So, please plan to bring a picnic lunch (or take a break from gardening) and enjoy the peace and serenity of this beautiful location!

Scott Florence

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

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 1:1; 2:1–10 Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12	Mark 10:2–16
Sunday, October 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1–9; 16–17 Psalm 22:1–15	Hebrews 4:12–16	Mark 10:17–31
Sunday, October 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1–7 (34–41) Psalm 104:1–9,24,35c	Hebrews 5:1–10	Mark 10:35–45
Sunday, October 25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 42:1–6,10–17 Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22)	Hebrews 7:23–28	Mark 10:46–52

Here are a few photos from Rev. Ralph's and Chris's trip to Dorogobuzh. To find out what they are all about, join us September 10th at Noon in Conklin Hall for Soup and Bread Fellowship.



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1st Sunday of each Month
 Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 3rd Sunday of February, May, June, August, October and December
 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	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	Resumes September 8 - Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Resumes September 12 - 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, 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.

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through August 23rd, we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$35,020 and additional cash donations of \$4,500 for a total of **\$140,746** or about **41.1%** of the way to our **\$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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Pastor's email	RevRalph1@msn.com
Prayer Chain	Louise Routh 435-628-7725
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Elders

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	Scott Florence	574-2383	
	Fred Hampton	627-0017	
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	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	
	Anne Patten	773-4307	

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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	\$145,751
Building Fund Balance (March 31, 2015)	-\$ 70,751
AMOUNT NEEDED FOR 2015-2018	\$ 75,000
Pledged Through August 23, 2015	\$ 35,020
Remaining Needed to Provide for 2015-2017 Needs	\$39,980

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!

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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.

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Weekly Monthly

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