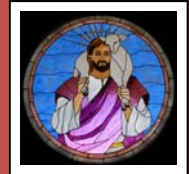




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Fall Fiesta Coming October 4

Be sure 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.

Everyone who stays for lunch will receive a card. Be sure to bring your card to the CE building and get it 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.

Annual Shoe Drive, Operation Christmas Child Underway

The shoe drive is happening NOW! Please bring your unwanted (but wearable) shoes and drop them off in the boxes in the narthex or in Conklin Hall. We can take shoes in all shapes, sizes and colors, including athletic shoes, cleats, Timberland-type work boots, dress shoes, casual shoes, sandals, heels, flats and cowboy boots. Please just make sure that they are gently used and re-wearable! The only footwear we can't accept are ski boots, heavy winter boots, roller skates/blades, ice skates, flip-flops/crocs, bedroom slippers and single shoes. If your shoes have laces, please tie them together before depositing them. Otherwise, just put them in the boxes. So let's fill the boxes and get shoes to those who need them!

Operation Christmas Child will kick off on October 4th and we'll collect filled shoeboxes on November 15th and 22nd. Please consider taking a shoe box (or three) and filling it with goodies for a needy child. In addition to all of the fun that the kids have opening their box, they also learn about Jesus and His plan for us. Last year we filled 99 shoeboxes (actually 100 but one didn't arrive before the deadline) and this year we want to fill at least 125 shoeboxes!

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

- Larry Laubscher Bob Prinselaar
- Shirley Koch
- Flood Victims in Hildale
- 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 November Newsletter

October 23, 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

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 September were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Prayer for all
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Hebrews 11:6	Importance of Faith
Elder Amy Craig	Jeremiah 29:11	Future with Hope
Elder Chris Schleiter	Ephesians 2:10	God's workmanship
Elder Scott Florence	1 John 1:8	Truth in us
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	1 John 4:12,17	God's love perfected
Elder Judy Oar	Luke 9:49-50	He is for us
Elder Gay Cunningham	Romans 8:35-39	Victory in Christ
Elder Fred Hampton	Matthew 4:19-20	Follow me
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Matthew 11:8	I will give you rest.

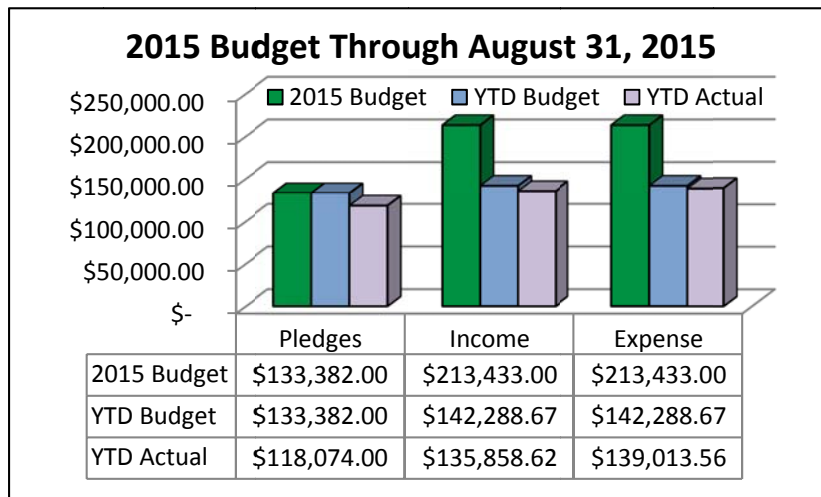
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
October		
October 4	<i>Available</i>	Fall Fiesta
October 11	Shirley & Amy Craig	<i>Available</i>
October 18	Bob & Arlene Prinselaar	<i>Available</i>
October 25	Donna Baker	<i>Available</i>
November		
November 1	Emily Penzari	Potluck Sunday
November 8	Dick & Patti Babb	<i>Available</i>
November 15	<i>Available</i>	Bill & Marge Linn
November 22	<i>Available</i>	Thanksgiving Brunch
November 29	Dave & Anne Patten	

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund As of August 31, 2015 Month of August	
Receipts	\$ 14,256.68
Expenditures	\$ 13,706.50
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 142,288.67
Actual Receipts	\$ 135,858.62
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 142,288.67
Actual Expenditures	\$ 139,013.56
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 81,168.84
Loan Balance	\$ 159,319.48
Net Building Fund	\$ (73,650.64)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 1,460.01
Memorial Fund	\$ 846.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 22,254.90



Pastor's Page

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, ..."

Luke 11:1-2a

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



Thus Jesus began to utter what perhaps is the most famous prayer ever uttered in history or for that matter theology.

When the disciples heard that first word, "Father" they must have had a reaction tantamount to today's common vernacular of having ones "mind blown", living in a world and culture where God was referred to, or prayed to, as Lord, Creator, King, Jesus specifically and intentionally uses the Aramaic word, "Abba". The word "Abba" is personal form of Father, more similar to our word for Dad or Daddy.

Thus Jesus taught his pray not to a God who is far away or all powerful but instead to one who is very close, present and loving. For Christians, it is the essence of prayer itself.

I will have to admit there have been times and places where I have heard prayers that seem distant and to a distant God. A God who is up above or out there rather than in the room and in our hearts as Jesus taught us.

As James 4:8 advises " Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".

In other words in prayer we as both individually draw near to our Lord and we as a group draw closely to each other. In Russia on numerous occasions I witnessed the words being lived out in Pastor Sergei's congregation. It was both moving and spiritually renewing.

In many respects we are living in troubling days and times. I believe a real source for our comfort, peace, and direction will come not by our hands but by our willingness to open our hearts and lives to God. The conversation begins with prayer with and for each other, to a Lord who is present, loves us and is not "out there" but where two or three or more are gathered in his name, as he declared, "there I am in the midst of you"

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

Congratulations to Dorothy Bywater

On September 20th we celebrated Dorothy Bywater's 100th birthday. Congratulations to Dorothy and we hope to celebrate many, many more!

****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's 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*

THE TRAINING OF THE TWELVE

Luke Chapter 9 offers a remarkable snapshot of the ministry of Jesus highlighting both the power of God and the training of the twelve apostles.

It begins with Jesus sending them by saying, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic." (Luke 9:3) In other words they could only rely on the power of God and the good will of others to sustain them. They reported back to him the wonderful things that had happened.

A crowd grew and they asked Jesus to send the people away because, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish-" Luke 9:13 They had seen God work on their earlier mission but failed to connect the dots that God's power was still available to them.

Jesus then takes them on a mountain to pray and the apostles witness what is called the Transfiguration. Jesus, in his glory, talks to Moses and Elijah. Chapter 9 ends with a word from Jesus about the implications of following him.

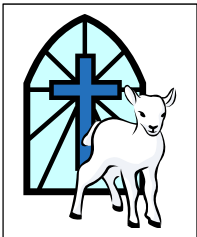
When we arrive at Luke Chapter 10 we discover Jesus again sending his disciples, now seventy of them, two by two and with similar instructions.

What we see is the progressive discovery on the part of the disciples of the true nature of Jesus as God and the tasks he sent them on to train them as followers.

Think about your own recent "God-sightings" – where you have seen the power of God at work – and ask yourself, what is our Lord teaching me about my own followership at this time?

Joy to you

Wendy's Window



It is my privilege to tell you that this Fall I am back at Princeton Theological Seminary, beginning the last year of my journey toward completion of Master's Degree in Divinity and ordination in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

I have left to complete 13 academic credits out of 78, three Senior ordination exams out of the five that are required by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A, a psychological evaluation that will ensure that I am "fit to serve" and a year long course called Clinical Pastoral Education where I will spend time at the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro providing pastoral care under the supervision of a hospital chaplain. Please refer to www.ptsem.edu and www.princetonhcs.org for more information about Princeton Theological Seminary and Princeton Healthcare System.

Please know that I really appreciate the thoughts, prayers, e-mails, letters and encouragement I receive from the congregation at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. As my brothers and sisters in Christ, it is reassuring for me to know that you are with me on my journey.

Peace and Blessings,

*Wendy Christianson
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Christian Education

Coming soon the Christian Education Committee will be re-invigorating the Presbyterian Women's group. Whether you are a past member or interested in joining for the first time, please consider this opportunity to join with other women in Christian fellowship (and have a lot of fun, too).

We will be looking for a date in January 2016 to plan a kick-off meeting. Watch your newsletter and Sunday bulletins for more information.

Candy Hurlbut

Deacons

The Deacons held their quarterly meeting on September 9th and will meet again in December. 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 and be sure to save December 5 for our Christmas Party 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

First, I want to thank everyone who has donated to the Soup Kitchen. I continue to be inspired by the generosity of our congregation in helping those in need.

Fall is here and Mission-Outreach is either preparing for or in the middle of three annual fall activities.

As you saw on the front page, our annual shoe drive and Operation Christmas Child are underway. We hope you'll all participate to make others' lives better through these two activities.

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on November 14th. We'll begin the walk at 10:00 am in Larkspur Park at the corner of Fort Pierce Drive and Larkspur Road in Bloomington Hills. St. George Mayor Jon Pike and Washington City Mayor Ken Neilson will be there to send the walkers on their way. You can walk or you can make a donation to support one of our walkers and a portion of the money raised stays here in our area and supports the Soup Kitchen and Solomon's Porch. In the five previous walks, we've raised more than \$30,000 to end hunger and look forward to 2015 being a record-setting year. I'll have envelopes available at the Mission-Outreach table at our Fall Fiesta on October 4 so stop by and get yours then fill it up and let's get walking!

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing Ministry

We have two interesting Brown Bag Lunches coming up in October and December.

Although we are aware of the relationship between good nutrition and healthy minds and bodies, it is not always easy cooking for only ourselves and perhaps one other. On Thursday, October 15th at Noon, Christie Benton, dietitian from the Intermountain LiVe Well Center, will have some suggestions for us as she speaks about "Cooking for One or Two- Eat Better, Live Better."

Parish Nursing Ministry, continued

Looking ahead to Thursday, December 3rd at Noon-- We will welcome Karen Schlieter, MS, Gerokinesiologist (someone who studies the mobility, fitness and rehabilitation of the older adult) as our Brown Bag Luncheon speaker discussing: "5 Steps to Reduce Falls."

It's time to have your Flu Vaccine. This year, the effectiveness of the inactivated virus strains contained in the vaccine is predicted to be in the 50-60% range as opposed to last year's 13%. Although you have the shot, you still may contract the flu but the severity of your illness and your risk for side effects (such as pneumonia) will be less than if you had not had the vaccine at all. Supplies are not limited and people of all ages are encouraged to be immunized. It will take about two weeks to develop maximum protection so get your shot soon!

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive at Good Shepherd Church on November 13th. We'll have more details soon.

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.

The Book Club will be meeting on October 14th at 1:00 pm, hosted by Russell Estlack. Our book for October will be Fifty Years in Polygamy by Kristen Decker.

Our next Soup and Bread Fellowship will be held on Thursday, November 12th at Noon. Kristen Decker will join us to talk about her escape from Polygamy.

Our next card party will be Wednesday, October 21st, 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.

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 September 8, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved the transfer of up to \$1,300 from the Contingency Fund to Church-Wide Mission Fund to pay for the return shipping of hymnals.
- Approved extending an invitation to the Russian Mission Network to meet here in 2018.
- Approved authorizing Rev. Clingan to develop the evening service for Lent & Advent and that this be brought to Session for review and discussion.
- Approved closing the Capital Reserve account with Vanguard after we receive the quarterly dividend in September and move the proceeds to a Money Market checking account at State Bank of Southern Utah with the same authorized signatories as are currently on the General Fund, Building Fund and Memorial Fund accounts (Carolynn Thomas, Chris Schlieter and Ruth Ann Horvath).

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

The heat of summer has passed and it is the time for Stewardship to start considering our goals for the coming year. It is budget time and your Stewardship committee is busy at work! The Session members have submitted their needs and numbers are being collected for the necessary expenses of utilities, insurance, salaries, etc.

Stewardship, continued

Thank you to all of you who have generously given this year. We still have a few more months of this year and items to pay. Please see the treasurer's report on page 2. As of August we spent \$139,013 and received \$135,858. As you can see we are behind in what we have received and need to receive to meet our budget amount of \$213,422.00.

We are asking for your help as we do our work.

1. Stand with us in prayer that we may see the needs and goals God has for our church in the coming year and what we need to prepare to meet these goals.
2. Review your finances and giving. Prayerfully consider what money, talents and other gifts you have to offer God in the coming year.
3. First thank you to all of you who pledged for 2015 and all of you who gave to the work of Good Shephard! Please prayerfully consider pledging for 2016. It gives the Stewardship committee guidelines for what we can expect in giving for the coming year. And it helps each of us to define for ourselves what we are willing to give and how we are being stewards of what we receive from God's hand!

Climbing Higher

In a unique way, the author Max Lucado offers an interesting perspective regarding the life of Christians and the branches of a tree. According to his tree analogy, most Christians sit comfortably on low-lying thick branches. Life for Christians next to the trunk of the tree is steady and predictable. There are higher branches, but they appear risky and less comfortable. In our humanity, we desire to stay where it is safe and easy. We become branch-sitters.

Again considering the analogy of the tree, we can say that Jesus calls each of us to climb higher in our prayer life, in our worship, in reading his Word and in our generosity. As we climb, the branches will be thinner and less steady, but Christ will support us. The world tells us to stay put on our secure big branches, but the one who loves us is quietly nudging us to go higher. Jesus wants us to depend on and trust in him. He promises that he will never leave us.

One climb that we may resist the most is in the area of giving. The average Christian household gives approximately 2.7 percent of their income to their church, so most of us are sitting securely on some rather low branches. Our heavenly Father wants us to climb higher in the area of our giving. "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made" (1 Corinthians 16:2). We are to climb so that we regularly give a portion of our income. As we climb in our giving, we show our gratitude and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. When we climb toward the branch that says "tithe" and go beyond that branch to the one marked "sacrificial giving," we hear God's Words, "Well done, good and faithful servants" (Matthew 25:21).

Our prayer is that Christians will take God at his Word, his promise to take care of us and provide for our needs and follow the Holy Spirit as he leads us to higher and higher branches. After all, God knows better than anyone the cost of hanging on a tree.

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Amy Craig

Worship and Music

Both choirs are back practicing diligently for your worship service enhancement. Please remember to thank them, as well as Barbara McConnell and Fred Hampton, for their hard work!

We have several events coming up in October and November:

- October 25th is Reformation Sunday, at which time we celebrate and remember how our church was formed. There will be special music (choir and bagpipes) and remembrances, as always, to celebrate this important time in our church history.
- Mark your calendars for Friday November 26th ("Black Friday") and Saturday November 27th—on that Friday we will be asking for your help to move Christmas decorations from their storage places to Conklin Hall—this will take about an hour or so. Then on Saturday, we will decorate the sanctuary and share a lunch. Please help us with this task—the more the merrier and the less time it will take!

Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	2 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	3 St. George Marathon
4 Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 11:45 Fall Festival – am New Church Year Kickoff 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev-Ralph's Home	5 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	6 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 4:00 pm Bell Choir	7 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting	8 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	9 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	10
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.



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

Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, November 1 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	<i>All Saints Day</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-10	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Sunday, November 8 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17 Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Sunday, November 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, November 22 Christ the King	Job 42:1-6,10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

Congregation News

Summer Addresses

For all of our snowbirds, we want to make sure you don't miss out on all of the happenings around the church while you are away from St. George. If you give Amy your alternate address we can mail your newsletter to wherever you are! We do ask that you let us know when you leave town and when you return so we mail the newsletter to the proper address.

Toiletries Collection

Our congregation travels...A LOT. As you travel, please bring back those toiletry items that you get in your hotel room each day and put them in the box in Conklin Hall. We'll see to it that they go either to our troops overseas or to one of our local shelters where they will be greatly appreciated. Please see Marina Fosler if you have questions.



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 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	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	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, 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 September 13th, we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$35,020 and additional cash donations of \$5,740 for a total of **\$141,986** or about **41.5%** 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.

Church Contact Information

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Church Leadership 2015

Elders

Class of 2015	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session Fellowship Senior Ministries Mission/Outreach
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	
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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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Bloomington	Dick & Patti Babb	688-1120
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Pine Valley	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
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	Jeff Clingan	705-8692
Washington	Janice Klein	628-1158



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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 September 13, 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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