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Restroom Upgrades Planned

Over the last few weeks the Building Team has been busy. In addition to our normal maintenance activities we purchased a new commercial quality vacuum cleaner for use by our cleaning crew, Jim Horvath worked with an electrical contractor to resolve an HVAC problem in Conklin Hall and Guy Schultzman coordinated refinishing of the handrails in the front of church.

Over the last year, we have been working with Session to put in place a long term financial plan that addresses the need for major repairs and updates as our church buildings age and wear. As part of that plan, Session just approved a project to renew the two restrooms in the church.

The restrooms in our main building have not been updated for nearly 20 years and, to be honest, they're not very inviting.

The upgrades that are planned will include:

- Replacing the flooring with ceramic tile in an earth tone pattern with dark grout.
- Replacing the sidewalls with Wainscot panels painted to match the room.
- Replacing all toilets with high-efficiency, single-flush, high-seat, elongated bowl units of good quality.
- Refurbishing Men's Room urinal, all privacy stalls, and all wall fixtures.
- Replacing the Countertop/Sinks/Faucets with new laminate countertop, 1/2 cabinets, sinks, and faucets to blend with overall appearance. We will also replace the Utility Room sink/faucet.
- Outfit each Rest Room with Christian posters and document holders for Church Bulletins. Replace chair in Women's Rest Room and refresh paint and trim, as required.

We will **start** with a demolition day the morning of **May 23rd** and hope to finish in two or three weeks. Our plan is to utilize some volunteer labor to help minimize the cost. You will hear more about this during Sunday announcements.

This project will not be inexpensive but we hope you will enjoy the end result.

Worship in the Park May 29th

Be sure to join us on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th, as we move our worship outdoors for Worship In The Park. We'll gather for morning worship at 2450 East Park (south of the church on 2450 East) at 10:30 and follow up worship with a Picnic in the Park. We'll have sloppy joes and all of the fixings. All you have to do is bring a salad or dessert.

It's been several years since we've had this wonderful spring activity and look forward to worshipping our Lord in the beauty of his world. See you there!

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

Norm Ramquist Jim Crowe
Brett Schroeder Dorothy Bywater

Wendy Christianson as she continues her final year of 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 May Newsletter

May 23, 2016

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 April were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 5:1-5	Justification of Faith
Elder Chris Schleiter	2 Corinthians' 2:13	Sincere Speech
Elder Bob Moeller	Proverbs 31:8	Open justice
Elder Judy Oar	Matthew 12:33-37	Good from the heart
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Proverbs 3:13	Blessed Wisdom
Elder Gay Cunningham	Proverbs 12:18, 13:3,	Good Words
	Ephesians. 4:29,	
	Colossians 3:8	
Elder Anne Patten	Romans 5:1-5	Live for the Lord
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Thessalonians 5:12-17	Respect and Love

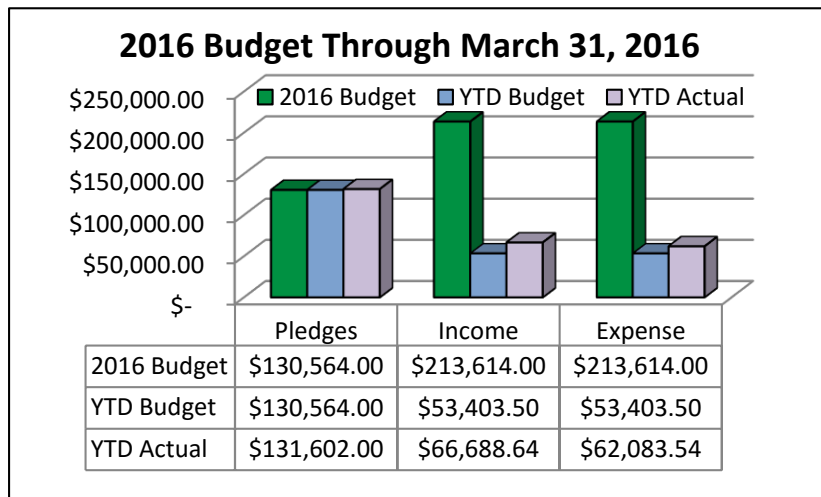
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
May		
May 1	Shirley Taylor	Potluck Sunday
May 8	Dick & Patti Babb	Available
May 15	Available	Available
May 22	Available	Available
May 29	Worship in the Park	Picnic in the Park
June		
June 5	John Combes	Potluck Sunday
June 12	Shirley Taylor	Available
June 19	Tom & Vici Noble	Available
June 26	Available	Available

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of March 31, 2016		
Month of March		
Receipts	\$	16,307.08
Expenditures	\$	18,758.28
2015 YTD Budget vs Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	53,403.50
Actual Receipts	\$	66,688.64
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	53,403.50
Actual Expenditures	\$	62,038.54
Building Fund		
Building Fund Cash	\$	98,421.09
Loan Balance	\$	153,390.39
Net Building Fund	\$	(54,969.30)
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	8,787.26
Memorial Fund	\$	921.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$	17,707.54
Russia Mission Fund	\$	3,091.00



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray;"
Matthew 14:23



Sabbatical: a period of time during which someone does not work at his or her regular job and is able to rest, travel, do research, etc.

Meriam Webster Dictionary

With the benediction at our Worship in the Park on May 29th my sabbatical will begin. For the summer months of June through August I will be exploring, reading, and seeking to both spiritually rest and grow.

In August I will be traveling by myself to Russia to visit our sister church in Derogobuzh and to participate in their annual summer Bible camp. From there I will be in Smolensk training a group of Russian pastors in the principles of lay caregiving ministry.

To be honest I am, in part, very excited about the opportunities for growth that are ahead, and, at the same time, I am hesitant to be away from all of you and the pulpit after eleven years of continuous service to you, and a ministry that is now thirty-three years old.

A number of you have offered suggestions of places to go, trails to take and parks to explore. Some of you are planning trails to take me on and show me. And some of you have asked, 'just what is a sabbatical anyhow?'

Our Elders and Worship committee have been working hard in preparation for my absence, making sure the pulpit will be filled every Sunday and that any pastoral needs will be covered; I am anticipating an efficient and quiet summer.

For most of you this will be a brand new experience, as it will be for me; although, I have been told our church's founding pastor Rev. John Mahon had a sabbatical during his ministry here twenty-five years ago.

You will be in my thoughts and prayers, please keep me in yours.

In Christ
Rev. Ralph



**** Home Communion ****

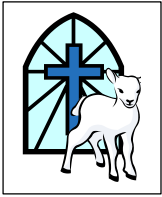
If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Visitation Pastor or Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (628-9158).

**** 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.

Wendy's Window



Greetings from Arctic Alaska! On March 25, 2016, I moved from Princeton, New Jersey to Barrow, Alaska where I am working for the North Slope Borough Health Department while I continue to be involved in the Presbyterian Church USA ordination process. On May 21, 2016, I will graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master's Degree in Divinity. The next steps will be to pass ordination examinations, to be determined to be certifiable for ordination by the Utah Presbytery and then to seek a call to ordained ministry as a teaching elder.

It has been interesting to be back in the Arctic! Barrow, a community of 4,500 primarily Inupiat residents, is the northernmost city in the United States, approximately 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle and accessed only by air. The nutrition program I manage provides services to 6 smaller villages which we will visit during May and June called Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Lay and Wainwright. The opportunities for ministry are abundant! I am attending the Utqiagvik Presbyterian church, playing the piano for the Sunday evening 7:30 pm service and 9:30 pm radio broadcast on KBRW radio.

The scripture I have embraced during this transition is Psalm 118:24 that says, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." I pray that you are all doing well and look forward to again having an opportunity to spend some time in St. George. I would love to hear from you!

My new contact information is:

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Barrow, Alaska 99723
wendyak2@yahoo.com

*Blessings
Wendy*



News from the Russia Mission

While we in the Western Christian church celebrated Resurrection, or Easter, Sunday on March 27th, our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh will celebrate Easter this year on May 1st. Why is that Christians celebrate this most holy of days on different dates?

Easter is not only a movable holiday but a multiple one: in most years Western Christian churches and Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Easter on different dates. In 2016, for example, Easter was celebrated on March 27th by Western churches and May 1st by Orthodox churches. But in 2017, the two celebrations occur on the same date, April 16th. Because of the influence of the Orthodox Church throughout Russia, Russian Baptists follow the Orthodox calendar.

The formula for Easter – "The first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox" – is identical for both Western and Orthodox Easters, but the churches base the dates on different calendars: Western churches use the Gregorian calendar, the standard calendar for much of the world, and Orthodox churches use the older, Julian calendar.

That much is straightforward. But actually calculating these dates involves a bewildering array of ecclesiastical moons and paschal full moons, the astronomical equinox, and the fixed equinox— and that's in addition to the two different calendar systems. The two churches vary on the definition of the vernal equinox and the full moon.

The Eastern Church sets the date of Easter according to the actual, astronomical full moon and the actual equinox as observed along the meridian of Jerusalem, site of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The Eastern Orthodox Church also applies the formula so that Easter always falls after Passover, since the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ took place after he entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. In the Western Church, Easter sometimes precedes Passover by weeks.

The Western church does not use the actual, or astronomically correct date for the vernal equinox, but a fixed date (March 21). And by full moon it does not mean the astronomical full moon but the "ecclesiastical moon," which is based on tables created by the church. These constructs allow the date of Easter to be calculated in advance rather than determined by actual astronomical observances, which are naturally less predictable.

So, Happy Easter to our Russian brothers and sisters.

Christian Education

With our Fred Hampton gone to heaven, I have been asked to head up the Christian Education committee. If you have an interest in what is taught in Adult Sunday School, come to our meeting on Sunday, May 1st, following the worship service in the Christian Education building (where else??). Get your coffee or other beverage and a snack and come on down, as the saying goes. If you have ideas, please bring them with you! If you like children, you might be interested in volunteering in our nursery or in teaching young people about God and Jesus. See Charlotte Phipps about the nursery and Cathy Overkamp about teaching, but still come to the meeting on May 1st. If you like to teach, there will be opportunities to use your talents, especially during Rev. Ralph's three-month (June, July, & August) summer sabbatical. Hope to see you on May 1st!!

Anne Patten

Deacons

A reminder to Deacons that our meetings have been moved to the second Sunday after church so they do not conflict with communion Sunday. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 12th. Our other meeting dates will be September 11th and December 11th.

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 anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120) and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

Tineke Ingold, Moderator

Fellowship

Spring has sprung! The spring rains have brought beautiful flowers everywhere. Now, we look forward to summer.

On Sunday, May 29th, we will Worship in the Park on 2450 East just down the block from the church. Come join us as we celebrate God's gifts. Fellowship will prepare a lunch of sloppy joes for after the service. Please plan on joining us for worship that day. There will be more details to follow and a sign-up sheet so that we will know how much food to prepare.

The Women's Guild will be holding a Mothers' Day Tea on Saturday, May 7 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 each.

May is a wonderful month. We celebrate the beliefs that we share with other faiths on Thursday, May 5th with The National Day of Prayer. May 5th is also Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day to commit ourselves to ensuring that events like that will never happen again. On May 8th, we recognize the role of mothers in our lives. Pentecost, the day that the apostles received the Holy Spirit, is Sunday, May 15th.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us all throughout our lives.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

Our shoe drive is underway and will end on Sunday, May 22nd. As you do your spring cleaning, please gather up shoes that you no longer need or want, bring them to church and place them in the boxes in Conklin Hall or the Narthex. We'll send them off and they'll be re-sold at very low prices to those who need them. As a reminder, we can only accept **WEARABLE** (no holes in the soles, or shoes that need cobbling or mending) **PAIRS** (either tie them together or place a rubber band around them) of men's, women's and kids shoes. We **CANNOT ACCEPT** ski boots, heavy winter boots, roller skates, rollerblades, ice skates, **flip-flops/crocs**, bedroom slippers or single shoes. Last year, we collected 208 usable pairs of shoes (and received \$104 for our efforts). Let's beat that this spring!

Our pill bottle collection also continues and we've filled one box! Please remove the labels from your empty prescription bottles, wash them out and place them in the box in Conklin Hall. By supplying pill bottles to those who need them, we provide a safe means for them to dispense needed medications to their patients and keep those bottles out of our landfill.

Finally, don't forget our Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Please place your donations of cups, bowls and other supplies, food and financial contributions in the boxes in the Narthex.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help those in our community and world who need help so badly.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing Ministry

On April 20th, we were pleased to have Brad Stapley, Pharm D, as our Brown Bag Luncheon speaker. He is a second generation pharmacist from the local Stapley family. The focus of his talk was to describe ways your local pharmacist serves as an important member of your health care team. Your local facility can provide personalized care, as opposed to utilizing mail order sources for medications, by procuring reliable and safe medications; preparing them for you; processing the method of payment, including insurance; and protecting your well-being by searching database information and offering personal consultation. Different pharmacies do not share databases so it is important, if possible, to patronize the same pharmacy for your medication needs.

Brad elaborated on the top recommended Neutraceuticals it is suggested we take in addition to prescribed medications. (Neutraceuticals are products such as nutrients, dietary supplements, herbal products, specific diets and processed foods.) Recommended are:

- Multivitamin
- Enzyme CoQ10
- ALA (Alpha-lipoic Acid)
- Probiotics
- Magnesium (either amino acid chelate or glycinate)
- Omega 3
- Vitamin D3
- Zinc
- Ashwagandha

We were warned about using the popular Prescription Discount Coupon cards. They usually are only a means for the provider of the card to gather your personal information and, in most instances, offer no credible service to the customer. Brad did state that often great financial return can be realized by searching the websites of reputable drug manufacturers for their offers for medication reimbursement.

As we know, there are various insurance drug plans available and research will indicate the best one for your individual needs. Prices of co-pays charged for such plans are not determined by an individual pharmacy but by other outside agencies.

Throughout his talk, Brad emphasized the need for us to be informed and to trust that our local pharmacist can be a supportive partner in helping us maintain optimum health and wellness.

Our next Brown Bag Luncheon will be held in September. Have a great summer!

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

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on April 10th, 2016. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Removed from membership: Robert Langford and Maryann McConnell.
- Approved vacation for Rev. Clingan from September 13 to September 17, 2016 and granted permission to him to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pittsburg to perform a family wedding.
- Approved the baptism of Charlotte Phipps's grandchild on June 18, 2016.
- Tabled a motion to establish a checking account for the Good Shepherd Women's Guild.
- Approved expenditure of up to \$6,500 to renew the church restrooms.
- Approved expenditure of up to \$500 from the Memorial Fund to purchase a portable PA and two speaker stands.
- Changed the date of the next Stated Session Meeting to May 15, 2016.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Senior Ministries

Our next Soup and Fellowship will be May 18th at Noon in Conklin Hall. The speaker will be our own Gay Cunningham.

Our hospital is rated as one of the best, nationally accredited for the highest standard of care and practice. Most patients will attest to that and the awards displayed in the entry suggest it is so. DRMC has some of the finest surgeons, especially in the cardiac and neurosurgery arena as many of our own congregation can verify and it is growing. Gay is the Chief Nursing Officer, Southwest Region, for Intermountain Health Care. She is also very active in our church as the Session member for Church Growth, a Social party planner and organizer. She will bring us up to date with the many new plans and services our hospital is providing for us. Expect good food and up to date information.

Our May card party will be May 11th at 1:00 pm. Please join us for a few hours of thinking, planning and conversation and good fun, all meant to keep us mentally healthy.

The Book Club will meet on May 25th at 1:00 pm. We are just completing a book about the father of modern Turkey. We were doing some Middle East studies and found this information amazing and most informative about the life of modern Turks and a look see into the Islamic mind. Russell Estlack, our author and leader, has recommended for our next book his own 7 Cities of Gold. It is a true story of 3 Spanish men and one African slave in setting of 1527 as they crossed the southern North American plains, encountering tribes of native Americans. He has offered to supply copies to us.

Another component of a healthy brain is exercise. Rev. Ralph offers a low-impact exercise class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm and Mary Starrett teaches a dance class on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Both are in Conklin Hall.

Remember how important hydration, drinking an adequate amount of water, can be to maintain your clear thinking. DRINK MORE WATER. Another good practice: to prevent falls is: When first awakening, sit at the edge of the bed a minute before standing up. This allows your inner ear, balance center, to stabilize and also helps your blood pressure to adjust before beginning to walk.

Judy Oar

Stewardship

In May we have several things happening. First is the Pentecost or Youth offering. Second is to take note of the work being done on the building. The railing, the bathrooms, and stucco repair all come out of the Building Fund. Unlike us the buildings are aging.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering focuses on a particularly important phase of Life, the time from childhood to young adulthood, often referred to as "the first third of life.". This is the time when our youth are developing their sense of self, their understanding of God, and making decisions about who they want to become.

Through ministries support by the Pentecost Offering, young people begin to discover their path in life-learning more about their faith, finding the joy in serving others, and growing in their relationship with God. Some will make lifelong friends. Some will deepen their commitment to Christ. Some will be called to their vocation. All will benefit from these faith-filled Experiences.

- 40% stays with our congregation - Developing and supporting programs for children at risk, youth, and young adults in our community.
- 25% Supports Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) - Providing opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- 25% Goes to Ministries with youth - Helping to Guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messenger of God's word.
- 10% Advocates for at risk children - Supporting vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe

Stewardship, continued

Your support of the Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to continue to be a positive influence on so many young lives.

Building Fund

Do you know what 20 building years is worth? Must be at least 60 people years. There are two major parts to the building fund, the mortgage cost and the maintenance cost. They total \$342,000. The maintenance portion of the cost is about \$100,000 over the next 5 or so years. For the current information on the Building Fund, please see page 12.

If you have already pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet pledged please consider doing so. A Building Fund pledge card is included on page 13.

Bob Moeller

Women's Guild

The Good Shepherd Women's Guild is having a Mother's Day Tea on May 7th at 1:30 PM in Conklin Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 each, guests are welcome (ticket needed). Please see Mary Starrett, Nancy Linden, Candy Hurlbut, LaVerna Metzger or Gloria McGilloway for tickets.

The next general meeting will be on June 16th at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We are looking for a Vice Moderator; please let us know if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

Bonnie McGaha will be in charge of a small book group. Gloria McGilloway would like to start a crafting group. Please contact these ladies if you are interested in taking part in these activities.

Mary Starrett

Worship and Music

Both Choirs have had a wonderful Lent and Easter season full of beautiful music. Our choirs grew in number with the help of our "Snow birds" who have now left, and we hope to see them next year. Much gratitude goes to all the members of our choirs who are faithful all year long! We welcome Deborah Stone and Steve Talley who will share the responsibility as our organists. We are very blessed to have so much talent in our congregation!

Even though the choirs take a break during the summer months, they have much to look forward to in May. The National Day of Prayer will be held May 5th on the University campus and is sponsored by the Interfaith Council. Our church is host to the rehearsals to prepare an Interfaith Choir for this wonderful event!

May 8th, Mother's Day, will be honored by having the gentlemen of the church conducting the service. An Ice Cream Social will be held in Conklin Hall following the service.

Presbytery will meet at our church on May 14th, and both the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will play and sing for their worship service. It will be an honor to represent our church at this service.

May 29th, the last Sunday in May, we will hold our worship service in the 2450 Park which will be followed by a potluck lunch. What a wonderful way to worship together! Hope to see you all there!

One of the responsibilities that I will now have as chairperson for the Worship and Music committee is to schedule ushers for our services. I will be contacting those of you who have had experience in ushering. But, if you have not been asked to usher and would like to do so, please call me at 435-656-1951.

*Blessings,
Barbara McConnell*

Congregation News

Bob McGrath Celebrates His 90th

On Saturday, April 2nd, with more than 50 of his friends and his wife Dorothy by his side, Bob McGrath returned to St. George to celebrate his 90th birthday.

After a lunch of sandwiches and salads, Bob received congratulations from Rev. Ralph (actually, it was more of an irreverent roast). Chris Schleter told a story about Bob complaining that he and Dorothy didn't have a hymnal to use when they listen to the services and presented them with their own hymnal. If you live near them and wonder what those sounds are when they are listening to our services on the Internet, it's just Bob and Dorothy singing along with the congregation.

Bob spoke to the group and told them that, even though there are several Presbyterian churches near them, none measure up to the sense of family that they felt in St. George. He urged everyone present to realize just how important family is and to never lose sight of the family feeling we have at Good Shepherd. Then everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and he cut his cake.

Thanks to Nancy Linden and Josephine Kellejan for planning the party and making sure everything was in order.

Here are a few couple of photos from the day:



Never being one to let Rev. Ralph have the last word, Bob sent us the following

To all our dear friends at Good Shepherd,

We want to thank you all for the very warm welcome you gave us during our recent visit. I did not realize that turning 90 could be so much fun. I think I'll turn 90 again next year.

A lot of you did a lot of work to make our visit enjoyable and to those we give our heart-felt-thanks. To Nancy Linden, Josie, Ralph and to all who worked behind the scenes and those who supplied the delicious food, thank you very much. To Rod and Marena for their hospitality. and to Chris for the wonderful job he does in the technical end of your church. I'm not sure you all realize the job he does and the time it takes to set this all up. My suggestion is to go to the website and really look at it. Click on "Resources". For a small church you have a website that that is very comparable to any large churches I've seen here in L.A.

I especially want to thank Rev. Ralph for taking the time out of his vacation to harass me. It was fun but I want you all to know I had nothing to do with the fire on the Hindenburg I did, however, get out without serious injury.

We love you all and pray that you stay close to each other, look after each other and present your wonderful church family as an inspiration to all.

*Blessings,
Dorothy and Bob*

Spring Has Sprung!

Scott Florence reminds everyone to please take a few minutes and visit the memorial garden. The trees are fully leafed out, the grass is green and the roses are blooming! Best time is now through May, until it gets hot. Enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the newness of spring!

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Soup Kitchen Sunday</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Communion Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am Russia Mission Steering Committee Meeting</p> <p>11:45 am CE Committee Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I</p> <p>1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>4:00 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble</p> <p>1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ascension of the Lord</p> <p>7:30 am National Day of Prayer – Gardner Center @ DSU</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:30 pm Women's Guild to Mother's Day Tea</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>4:00 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble</p> <p>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Presbytery Meeting @ Good Shepherd</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken</p> <p>12:00 Noon Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>4:00 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble</p> <p>12:00 Noon Soup & Fellowship – Gay Cunningham with an update on Dixie Regional Medical Center</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>4:00 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble</p> <p>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Book Club – Conklin Hall</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship in the Park – 2450 East Park</p> <p>11:45 am Picnic in the Park</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>4:00 pm Bell Choir</p>				

Chancel Choir rehearsals have ended for the summer and Bell Choir will have their last rehearsal on May 10.

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

Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10,22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Thursday, May 5 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, May 8 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Sunday, May 15 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
Sunday, May 22 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Sunday, May 29 Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39 Psalm 96	Galatians 1:1-12	Galatians 1:1-12

Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, June 7 Third Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24] Psalm 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Sunday, June 14 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
Sunday, June 21 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 Psalm 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 28 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 Psalm 77:1-2,11-20	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62

More Pictures from Bob's Party



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st Sunday of each Month

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 April 17th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling \$42,577 and additional cash donations of \$17,538 for a total of **\$161,341** or about **47.2%** 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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Class of 2016	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds Worship Stewardship Growth Building Christian Ed Clerk of Session Fellowship Senior Ministries Mission/Outreach
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Pine Valley	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
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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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