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New Elders and Deacons for 2017

With the coming of the New Year, we say goodbye to some of our Elders and Deacons and welcome our new church officers.

We thank Carolyn Jentzer, Barbara McConnell and Gay Cunningham for their years of service.

Gloria McGilloway has been elected to replace Carolyn as the Elder for Fellowship. Gloria has served for many years in other churches and brings a wealth of experience to one of the most important committees of our church.

Mary Contreras is returning to Session to head up the Worship Committee, replacing Barbara. Mary was the Elder for Worship for many years and we welcome her back to Session.

Jan Hirschi has been elected to lead our Growth Committee, replacing Gay. Her enthusiasm and creativity will be definite assets as we seek to grow our congregation and ministries.

Since Mary and Jan had been serving as Deacons, Ed and Althea Howarth will be joining the Board of Deacons and initially serve as the Deacons for Washington Parish. Ed and Althea joined the church last fall and we look forward to their service.

Thanks to Elder Scott Florence and the nominating committee for their good work.

We will be ordaining and installing Elders and Deacons during worship on January 8th and hope that you will join us in extending our congratulations to our new Elders and Deacons.

Tacky Tie and Sweater Winners Announced



Congratulations to this year's Tacky Tie and Sweater winners, Bob Moeller and Jan Hirschi. You'll have to admit that these are REALLY tacky. Each of these lucky winners received an autographed photo of the new Dali Lama of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, His Holiness Ralph Clingan. If you haven't started already, now is a good time to begin looking for next year's entry. After all, it's only 11 months until Christmas!

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

Mary Van Scoyk Brett Schroeder
 Betty Miner Jim Crowe
 Roger Kitzman

Wendy Christianson as she prepares to take her final ordination exams
 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

February Newsletter Deadline January 23, 2017

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
 Service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
 Adult Education
 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 December were:

Rev. Ralph	Revelation 21:1-4	New Day
Elder Chris Schleiter	Deuteronomy 15:7-8	Those in need
Elder Bob Moeller	Proverbs 3:5-6	A straight way
Elder Judy Oar	Luke 6:45	Good and Evil
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Luke 2:1	A census
Elder Anne Patten	Psalms 150:1-2, 6	Praise God
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Galatians 6:2	Carry burdens
Elder Scott Florence	Philippians 4:7	God's peace
Elder Barbara McConnell	James 1:2-3	Opportunity for Joy
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Galatians 3:1-8	Before Faith One

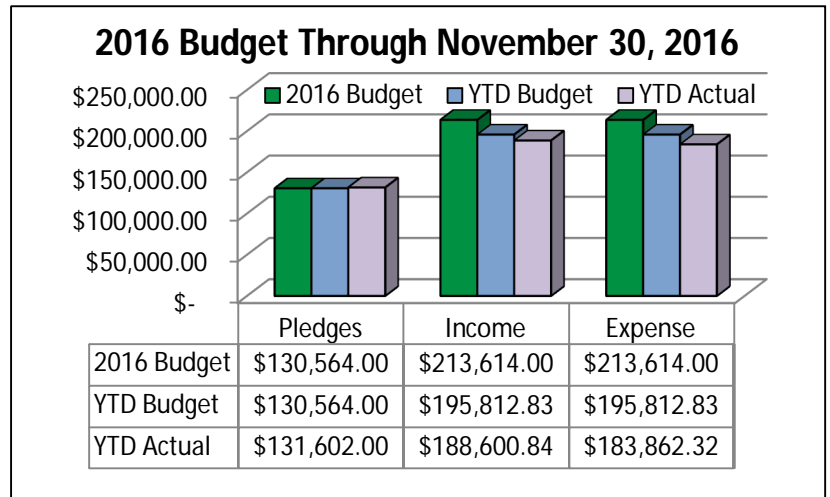
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
January		
January 1	Available	Potluck Sunday
January 8	Available	Available
January 15	Donna Baker	Available
January 22	Available	Available
January 29	Available	Available
February		
February 5	Available	Potluck Sunday
February 12	Available	Available
February 19	Available	Available
February 26	Available	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 November 30, 2016	
Month of November	
Receipts	\$ 13,126.64
Expenditures	\$ 13,553.76
2016 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 195,812.83
Actual Receipts	\$ 188,600.84
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 195,812.83
Actual Expenditures	\$ 183,362.32
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 84,624.93
Loan Balance	\$ 146,451.67
Net Building Fund	\$ (61,826.74)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 8,784.52
Memorial Fund	\$ 462.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,731.22
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,588.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.' And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'"

Revelation 21:1-5



С новым годом! (Happy New Year!)

As you are reading this, remembering fondly our recent Christmas celebrations and looking hopefully forward to 2017 members of our sister church in Russia are preparing to celebrate Christmas on the Orthodox Church date of January 7.

For ourselves it is a time to look ahead and ponder how we will make this year a positive one for our families, our neighbors and ourselves. A new year reflects the opportunity for positive change not only in regards to our lives but especially in terms of our Christian faith, our own and the one we share with others.

Having visited our sister congregation twice now I continue to reflect on the life of that Christian community. The life they share and the faith they live out daily and weekly. I continue to remember Pastor Sergei joining together with family and guests to begin and end each day in reading of the scriptures and prayer. I continue to remember the women gathered together in lawn behind the church huddled in prayer, while I did not understand their words the passion in their words were humbling.

In my time with our Russian friends I have shared with them that I believe we have much to learn from this congregation, particularly in the importance of prayer and the scriptures in the daily life of a Christian community.

A new year affords the opportunity for growth and change. I would encourage us all to add to our list of resolutions to add joining a Bible study, begin and end each day with prayer. Read the scriptures with others. These are the tools by which we connect not only with one another but with the Lord who calls us to new life.

By so doing I believe we will be surprised to discover how the Holy Spirit lives and moves not only in our world, but particularly in our hearts and lives.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to you all!

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

PS Cindy and I would like to thank you all for the very kind gifts and words that we received from you all this Christmas season. We continue to thank God for you all with each and every day.

**** 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.

News from the Russia Mission

We received, by email, a Christmas card from Dorogobuzh in early November. We wanted to share it with you.



Брат Трохимов Сергей В. / Сестры Трохимова Елена Сергеевна
Мис Трохимова Римма / 2016 год. 20. 12. 02
Трохимова Жанна Васильевна

Кудемин Владимир Викторов
Гусаренко Александр Иванович
Кудемин Алевтина Владимировна
Кудемин Виктор Владимирович
Кудемин Наталья Владимировна
Трохимов Николай
Давыдов А.А. Давыдов
Ушеникова Н.В. Ушеников
Васильева Л.Т. Васильев
Матвеева Е. Матвеев
Трохимов

Братья и сестры церкви "Добрый Пастырь" в городе Saint George
поздравляем всех вас с Рождеством Христовым!
Пусть Бог благословит вас в вашем служении Христу!
С любовью братья и сестры из церкви Дорогобужа!

Brothers and sisters of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Saint George
congratulations to all of you merry Christmas!
May God bless you in your service to Christ!
With love brothers and sisters from the Church of dorogobuzh!



Christian Education

We still need congregation members to sign up to submit items for the **2017 Lenten Devotional Booklet**. There are still dates that need someone to fill in!! Remember--each item will be credited to the person submitting it. Please consider helping with this wonderful project. The poster for signing up will be available in Conklin Hall through January 29th. And please remember to actually send in your item – we do not want to have to call people!! You can place your item in the envelope attached to the poster, or you can email it to the church office at: office@gspcsg.org.

Rev. Ralph's Advent study on the Book of Revelation was a great success, with 18-20 people attending these four very interesting lessons. We had excellent food at each session, never knowing exactly who would bring what dish. But with such wonderful cooks in our church, we had contented stomachs, and so could enjoy these evening sessions even more. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this a highly successful event!!

The Committee will meet on January 1st to assess how the Devotional Booklet is coming along.

Anne Patten

Deacons

At her request, Tineke Ingold has stepped down as the Moderator of the Deacons, but will fill out her term as the Deacon for Pine Valley Parish. Virginia Hunt has assumed the duties of Moderator. During the coming year, we want to do a bit of work on our parish structure and work to ensure that your needs are being met by the Deacons. More about what's to come next month.

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.

Virginia Hunt, Moderator

Fellowship

With the coming of the new year, I have assumed the role of Elder for Fellowship. I want to thank Carolyn Jentzer for her years of great service and look forward to bringing our congregation together in Christian Fellowship as we move forward together.

Gloria McGilloway

Mission/Outreach

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the canned food drive during Advent. The results were truly amazing. We collected nearly 450 pounds of food and supplies and \$385 to help feed those in need.

The final numbers are in on the CROP Hunger Walk and we, as a community, raised just over \$6,200 this year. Our congregation accounted for \$1,327 of that and, although we didn't lead this year, we finished second in donations. Thanks to everyone who walked and contributed!

At the December meeting, Session approved the following year-end donations to local charities:

Area	Recipient	Amount	
Women	The DOVE Center	\$ 1,000.00	
Housing	Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah	\$ 1,000.00	
Medical	Doctors Volunteer Clinic of St. George	\$ 1,000.00	
Children	Washington County Children's Justice Center	\$ 786.67	Includes Change For Change
Children	Washington County School District Foundation	\$ 350.00	
Hunger	Community Soup Kitchen with Grace	\$ 700.00	
Hunger	Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship	\$ 700.00	

We have also decided that our 2017 Change for Change donations will go to the Washington County School District Foundation. This charitable arm of our local schools helps homeless and disadvantaged children in our area, and there are many, to have the supplies and other items that they need in order to attend school. Bring your loose change and place it in the box in the Narthex on any Sunday.

We have set our schedule for Mission events for 2017. Each first Sunday, we will continue to collect food, supplies and money for the Soup Kitchen. On the February 5th, Super Bowl Sunday, we will replace Soup Kitchen Sunday with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Again this year, we will continue the tradition of making a special collection of food to help feed the homeless.

Mission / Outreach, continued

We will have our annual shoe drive in April and May. Bike and Build will be back in town and stay with us in July. In August, Rev. Ralph will be leading a small group on a visit to Dorogobuzh and, as usual, Operation Christmas Child will kick off in October and run through Thanksgiving, with the CROP Hunger Walk in November. With the great success of this year's canned food drive, we'll repeat that collection next year during Advent.

The Mission Committee and I want to thank each of you for your generosity. Our Mission is to spread the word of our Lord in our community and the world and we could not fulfill that mission without each of you.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing

We announced last month that we would be offering a Brown Bag Luncheon in January. Please note that the date has been changed to **Wednesday, February 22nd at Noon**. The program will be the same as publicized, viewing of the film, "Moonshot Through the Double Helix," which documents the HOPE genomic medicine can offer to cancer patients who may have been without hope. Genomic sequencing is being conducted in St. George at Intermountain Precision Genomics lab under the direction of Dr. Lincoln Nadauld and employs innovative technologies to study a cancer patient's DNA, searches for mutations causing the cancer and identifies drugs not previously known which target the mutations. The documentary is the creation of students from the Dixie State University Digital Film Program and was presented as part of this past summer's DOCUTAH series. Save the date- February 22nd. Come, bring neighbors and friends, and learn about this wonderfully exciting and groundbreaking medical history being created in our midst.

The second Sunday of each month, we are available to take your Blood Pressure in Conklin Hall during the Fellowship hour after worship.

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

The ladies bridge table continues to enjoy their afternoon at the card party every month. They would really like to play every week. Six more of us play rummy type games and leave the event in good faith. We will continue to play the third Wednesday of each month, beginning in January.

Our next Soup and Fellowship will be held on January 18th when Rev. Ralph will fill us in on what he did during his sabbatical last summer. We hope everyone will join us.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on December 11th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved the nomination of Gloria McGilloway for a two year term as elder; 2017 Nominating Committee members: Nancy Higgins, Amy Craig, Sandy Paige from the congregation at large and Patti Babb as deacon representative.
- Approved the marriage of Jessica Aguirre and Lynn Holdaway on Dec. 12, 2016, at the gazebo in the Memorial Garden.
- Accepted a policy for Deacon's Fund Distribution as proposed by the deacons.
- Approved the conceptual design of a Christian Education Building Food Service Area.
- Accepted Mission/Outreach Ed of Year Donations to area agencies in the amount of \$5,439.06.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stephen Ministry

From all of us involved in Stephen Ministry here at Good Shepherd, we wish you all the happiest of days in the new year ahead. May you all be blessed with good health, strong faith, and the love of family and friends.

The Stephen Ministry program has been going strong at this church for over 10 years. We have ten active caregivers with three more graduating from their extensive training at the end of this month. We offer a one-on-one caring relationship with those dealing with a crisis in their life, whether it be physical, emotional, financial, or spiritual. This confidential ministry has helped dozens of people cope with issues such as divorce, loss of a loved one, health problems, or many other setbacks that life can throw at us. If you feel you could benefit from such a Christian caring relationship to help you face an upcoming trial, please talk to Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten, or Karen Kirkland. With the grace of God, we can help make 2017 better for you.

Karen Kirkland, Stephen Leader

Stewardship

On behalf of the Stewardship Team let me thank you for a productive and fruitful 2016.

It's now a brand new shiny year. How are you going to help change lives for Christ? Will you be involved in helping people? Will you give your financial support? You make it work, with your time and with your money.

Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**A talent is a person's weight in gold or silver. That would be about \$1.7 million for gold and \$250k in silver.*

We are nearing our pledge goal. We are at 85% on pledge levels (as of December). If you have pledged, thank you, if you have not please remember to get your pledge in.

Changing lives, do you have a story of faith or good works as relates to our church or Christ. Then please share it. Please contact one of us (Dawn, Carolyn, Chris or Bob) with your story. The stories will be told during spotlight for Mission and published in the Newsletter.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, taught by Reverend Jimi Kestin, will start the January 10, 2017. Please contact Carolyn if you are interested in attending.

Bob Moeller

Worship and Music

The worship committee wishes to thank everyone who has made our Advent and Christmas season so special! What a beautiful and spiritual season we have had!

Much appreciation goes to all the musicians in the Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, soloists, and our accompanists, Steve and Susan Talley, for the Christmas Concert and all the beautiful music throughout December! The festive Christmas decorations made the season even more special! We are grateful to the volunteers who made that possible.

Starting this month, Mary Contreras will be replacing me as Worship Elder. If you are interested in ushering, please contact her. We are also looking for volunteers who will set up the communion table and preparations for communion the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact me or Mary.

Many blessings to you in the New Year!

Barbara McConnell

Women's Guild

The Good Shepherd Women's Guild is happy to announce that Tammy from Hope Pregnancy Center will be our guest speaker at the first meeting of 2017, on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 11:00 am. At that time we will be presenting her with our donation to the center. Please mark your calendar and join us for this meeting.

Mary Starrett

Congregation News

Note from Dick Higgins

I would like to thank our church family on behalf of the Salvation Army, and also personally, for your support this year and for the past 17 years. Your gift of time and treasure has made so many lives better. There could not be a stronger testimony for Christ than what you have made possible. Thanks, Dick Higgins, Chairman Washington County Salvation Army Service Committee

As I reflect on my blessings this year, I want to thank God and our church family for the opportunity to serve as your visitation pastor this past year. It has been spiritually rewarding for me and I hope I have served you well. I welcome any suggestions as to how to better be of service in this capacity.

*Thanks and blessings,
Dick Higgins*

POINSETTIA FLOWERS GIVEN IN HONOR OR MEMORY

Rev. Dr. Ralph & Cindy Clingan in memory of Rev. Robert L. & Marjorie Clingan, Ruth Clingan, Tracey Allen, & Nita Allen
Joe & Cheryl Borden, in memory of John, Mary Jane, & Mary Louise Snedekers and Madison, Elsie, Del, Page, Dolly, & Ann Borden
Jan Hirschi, in memory of mother Donna Aurand
Robert & Alicia Kitzman, in honor of our family and Good Shepherd Congregation
Larry & Mary Laubscher, in memory of loved ones
Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda in memory of Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Charles E. Kirsch, Elma R. Phipps & Francis H. Phipps.
Arlene Prinselaar in memory of Bob Prinselaar
Chris Schleiter in memory of John and Shirley Schleiter
Vicky Westland in memory of Georgia Westland and Jean Scott

Spotlight on Mission

On December 18th, Chris Schleiter spoke to us about how God has worked in his life.

You know, there's an old saying, "God works in strange and wondrous ways" and my talking to you today is proof of that.

I grew up in a Presbyterian family in the Washington, DC, area and was a big-time Washington Senators fan. I used to go out in the back yard and pitch a baseball against the back wall of our garage . . . a lot. When I got to high school, even though I was far from an athlete, I decided to try out for the baseball team. I went through the first week of tryouts and was holding my own. Then, I got the flu and missed a week of school.

When I returned to school, I went to talk with the baseball coach who told me, "I don't see you being a player for us, but we need a manager – would you be interested in that?" He told me that I'd be in charge of the equipment and keeping score and helping him with maintaining the field. I told him that sounded interesting and took the job. I was a sophomore. (continued)

Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday January 1 First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
Friday January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday January 8 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday January 15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Sunday January 22 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Sunday January 29 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday February 5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
Sunday February 12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Sunday February 19 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
Sunday February 26 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 <i>or</i> Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

Spotlight on Mission, continued

I must have done a pretty good job because my junior year, I was asked to be the head manager of the football team and I accepted. Now I had two sports to manage.

At about that time, I was applying for admission to college and was accepted at North Carolina. I really wanted to continue my "career" so I wrote to the Athletic Director for Freshman sports (they really did have them in the early 70's) and asked about opportunities to be a manager for football. To my surprise, he told me they were looking for someone and, if I wanted the job, it was mine. I accepted immediately. My freshman year, there were four of us, two for offense and two for the defense. My sophomore year, we were down to three and I had responsibility for the defense. I also began doing computer scouting for the team. My junior year, I was the head manager and had 3 others working for me. I had also, by that point, received a varsity letter, which was only supposed to happen after a manager's senior year. At the end of my senior season, the head coach asked if I could delay my graduation by a semester so I could work another season. Since I had two more required courses, I split them and worked a fifth year, which was unheard of for a manager. I ended up a 4-year letterman.

After graduation, I decided to get a Master's degree and kept working with football doing scouting, shooting practice film and helping to manage the budget. When I finished grad school, I had a job waiting for me (I even filled out my own hiring documents).

I went on to work 14 more years at Carolina before a friend I had worked with while at Carolina hired me to work on the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. After Atlanta, a colleague I had worked with in Atlanta hired me to work in Sydney. After Sydney, another colleague from Atlanta hired me to work in Salt Lake City. While I was working in Salt Lake City, a colleague and I took a golf weekend in St. George and I decided that this was where I wanted to retire.

The Salt Lake job led to a consulting job with the Athens Games which led to my being hired by Swiss Timing to be the onsite project manager for Torino and Vancouver. That led to my retirement after 7 Olympic Games.

I bought a house here in 2005 and, after the Vancouver Games, I arrived back here in 2010 and joined Good Shepherd. You know, if I hadn't gotten sick back in 1971, I can be pretty sure that I wouldn't be standing here talking to you today.

God does, indeed, work in strange and wondrous ways and I thank Him every day for the many gifts he sees fit to bestow on me.

JANUARY 2017

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</p> <p>10:30 am Worship – Dick Higgins Preaching</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am CE Committee Meeting – CE Building</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</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 Supervision Group Meeting</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>4:30 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 Supervision Group Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p> <p>9:00 am Take Down Christmas Decorations</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am Take Down Christmas Decorations</p>
<p>8</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>11:45 am Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</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>4:30 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</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</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</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>4:30 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe</p> <p>12:00 pm Soup & Fellowship – Rev. Ralph on his sabbatical</p> <p>1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Elder-Deacon Training</p> <p>12:00 Noon</p>
<p>22</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 Worship Committee Meeting – CE Building</p> <p>11:45 am Stewardship Committee Meeting – CE Building</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</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>4:30 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00 am Good Shepherd Women's Guild Meeting – Conklin Hall</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's</p>	<p>30</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>4:30 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University</p>				

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation through January 1.

Please contact Dick Higgins (435-879-0253) or Anne Patten (773-4307) with any concerns.

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

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	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
	Friday	7:45 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:30 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:30 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 November 20th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$23,201** for a total of **\$169,784** or about **49.6%** of 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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Church Leadership 2017

Elders

Class of 2017	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Christian Ed
Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2019	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds
	Bob Moeller	801-707-4353	Stewardship

Deacons

Moderator	Virginia Hunt	714-955-1167
Bloomington Hills	Dick & Patti Babb	688-1120
Dixie Downs	Shirley Fromknecht	628-2381
East Bloomington	Molly Bass	628-6440
East St. George	Virginia Hunt	714-955-1167
Green Valley	Rayanne Bartlett	673-6657
Hurricane	Ann Hogan	635-0993
Ivins	Dawn Angarone	859-351-2642
Old St. George	Larry Laubscher	656-0617
Pine Valley	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
Red Cliffs	Matt Fine	760-887-1251
Santa Clara	Dottie Malcolmson	673-4471
South Gate	Shirley Fromknecht	628-2381
Washington	Ed & Althea Haworth	805-888-9014
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