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Easter Season In Full Swing

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2017 will be no exception.

Rev. Ralph continues to lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of John on Tuesday evenings during Lent. The series continues on April 4th at 5:45 pm in the CE Building and wraps up on April 10th.

On Palm Sunday, April 9th we will hold our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast, beginning at 8:45 am in Conklin Hall. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th, brings an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This dinner is notable because the room is lit with oil lamps.

The following day, Good Friday, will kick off at 10:30 am with the annual Procession of the Cross and close with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 16th, so we can all prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We hope to see you at as many events as you can attend.

Saying Goodbye to Three Members

February and March saw the deaths of three of our long-time members.

Ginny Sullivan passed away on February 20th. Ginny and Jim joined the church in 1997 and, although they hadn't been able to attend regularly for a while, were always with us in spirit. We will hold a memorial service for Ginny at 11:00 am on May 12th in the Sanctuary.

We were shocked by the passing of Deacon, Elder and Church Secretary Amy Craig on March 10th. Amy had been suffering with asthma for several days prior to her death. Amy and her mother, Shirley, joined our church in 1998. We will certainly miss Amy's kind and loving spirit and her ability to keep all of us organized. Amy's memorial service will be at 4:00 pm on April 8th in the Sanctuary.

Finally, on March 16th, Deacon, Elder and long-time Head Usher Bob Routh passed away after a short illness. Bob and Louise joined our church in 1989, less than a year after its founding. He was on the committee that built and landscaped our church building and crafted several of our stained glass windows. His friendliness and willingness to help were always an example to all of us. Bob's memorial service will be on April 22nd at Noon in the Sanctuary.

We keep the families of all three of these members in our prayers.



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

- Roger Kitzman
- Joe Borden
- Jim Sullivan and the family of Ginny Sullivan
- Shirley Craig and the family of Amy Craig
- Louise Routh and the family of Bob Routh
- Wendy Christianson as she prepares to take her final ordination exams
- Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
- Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Member

Joselle (Josie) Marsh

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

May Newsletter Deadline

April 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
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 March were:

Rev. Ralph	John 3:16-17	God so loved the world
Elder Chris Schleiter	Psalms 34:1-5	Bless the Lord
Elder Bob Moeller	Philippians 4:6	Do not be anxious
Elder Judy Oar	John 4:24	Spirit
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Galatians 6:9	Righteousness
Elder Anne Patten	Psalms 21	Lift Up mine eyes
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	John 8:31-32	Truth
Elder Scott Florence	John 16:33	Peace
Elder Mary Contreras	Isiah 48:21	Lord never tires
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Isiah 58:11	Lord will guide
Elder Jan Hirschi	Matthew 18:20	Two are Gathered

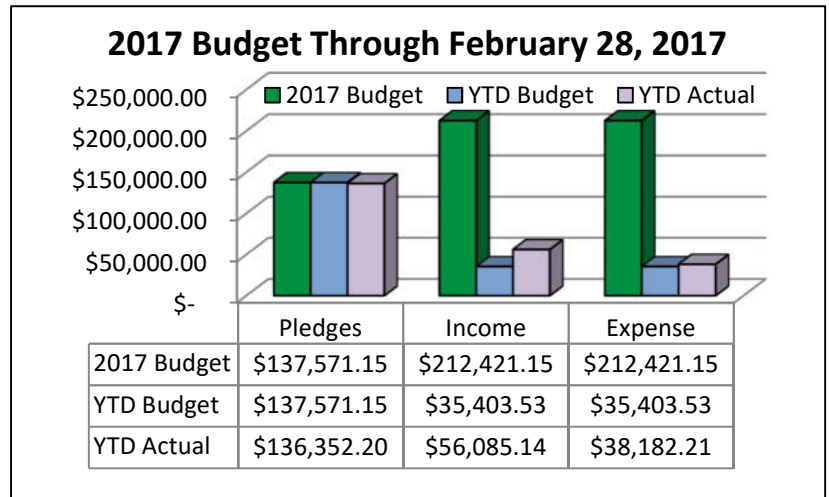
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
April		
April 2	Gloria McGilloway	Marge Linn
April 9	Lorna Hammond	Available
April 16	Donna Baker	Easter Brunch
April 23	Lori Wille't	Lori Wille't
April 30	Paul & Charlotte Phipps	Pot Luck
May		
May 7	Shirley Taylor	Pot Luck
May 14	Dick & Patti Babb	Pot Luck
May 21	Lori Wille't	Lori Wille't
May 28	Anne & Dave Patten	Ann Hogan

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of February 28, 2017	
Month of February	
Receipts	\$ 18,254.08
Expenditures	\$ 14,874.72
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 35,403.53
Actual Receipts	\$ 56,085.14
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 35,403.53
Actual Expenditures	\$ 38,182.21
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 86,489.56
Loan Balance	\$ 144,689.39
Net Building Fund	\$ (58,199.83)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 24,191.82
Memorial Fund	\$ 462.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,737.24
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 4,892.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

With this announcement our Resurrection Service and Easter celebration begins! (and I will be sixty minutes away from my well-deserved vacation! 😊)

Beyond that it is without question my favorite service of the year, the high point of every year. Where in one week's time our sanctuary is filled with the presence of light, colors, sounds of joy all bearing witness to the living presence of the Lord.

All loudly declaring the presence of LIFE!

On that first Easter morning those who knew and loved Jesus expected nothing but death and dismay. On that first day of a new world they went from being a people dwelling in darkness to a people of light.

Thus for us, who now dwell in the new day, Easter Sunday is a yearly reminder that we are now a people of light, the light of Christ. Death holds no fear or power over us for the Resurrection has set us free. Free for joy, free to live, free to hope that as Paul declares in Romans, nothing can separate us from the love God that we have come to know in the gift of Jesus Christ.

Let us then remember in our hearts and collectively as the body of Christ what God has done for us all, and indeed rejoice!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

A very blessed and joyous Resurrection Easter Sunday to you all!

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Congregation News

A Note from our Interim Secretary

We find ourselves in a sad situation with the sudden loss of Amy Craig. She was a sweet and highly competent soul and is greatly missed. Currently, I will fill in as best I can with lots of help. Please continue to send information as usual to the church secretary email: office@gspcsg.org. This includes any inserts you need in the weekly bulletins and all other requests that you normally would have sent to Amy. Please continue to send any calendar items to calendar@gspcsg.org.

*With love and blessings,
Dawn Angarone, Interim Secretary*

**** 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

For the first time since 2014, both we and our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh will celebrate Easter on the same Sunday, April 16th. Next year we will celebrate Easter on April 1st (no fooling) and Orthodox Easter will be April 8th. Normally, Orthodox Easter (as celebrated in Russia) is later in the year than our Easter. Why is this?

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.

The theological inconsistency of two Easters has remained a thorny problem for the Christian Church. "It has long been recognized that to celebrate this fundamental aspect of the Christian faith on different dates," states the World Council of Churches, "gives a divided witness and compromises the churches' credibility and effectiveness in bringing the Gospel to the world."

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.

So, this year we celebrate on the same day the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Happy Easter to everyone.

If you have suggestions for the Russia Mission or would like to participate, please let Chris or Rev. Ralph know.

Spotlight on Mission Elder Pebble Mowery

I was asked to tell how Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church came to be my home church and how it strengthens my Christian walk.

About 10 years ago I found myself suddenly without a church home.

I was "unchurched".

Right now in America it is trendy to be "unchurched", but I had been a "churched" person from the time I was four years old.

As some of you know, I grew up in a family that was isolated and on the fringe of society. But when I was four years old a stranger, a Christian woman, came to our family's door to invite us to church.

The result of this Christian woman's effort was that my mother allowed me to go alone to church with this stranger.

I am forever grateful to my mother for allowing me to go to church.

On my first visit to that EUB church, as a four year old, I realized in a flash that church was the place to be for me. I loved everything about it. Soon that stranger who took me there disappeared from the scene, but I was now introduced and recognized in the small community of worshipers as "the little girl who needs a ride to church," and other church members provided rides for me. I was "in", and I had never been "out" of church until about 10 years ago when I found myself needing to shop for a church. Eventually my efforts brought me here to Good Shepherd Presbyterian.

The first thing I noticed about Good Shepherd was there was Freedom of Worship here. I could come and go as I pleased. I would miss weeks in between visits to this church, yet each time I came back, it was like I had never left.

Christian Education

The Lenten Devotional booklet has been out all of March, and it has been very well received. Thanks to all the CE committee members, whose hard work made it not only possible, but beautiful!!

Rev. Ralph's five Lenten Lessons on the Gospel of John began on March 14, with 16 attending. Good food, good conversation and fellowship, and an interesting lesson on Jesus's "I Am" statements, the theme of all the Lenten lessons this year. Please come and join us!! Dates are Tuesday April 4th and Monday April 10th from 5:45 pm to about 6:45 pm in the CE building. Please bring food to share.

Rev. Jerrod Lowry of Community of Grace is putting together a Youth Mission Trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Moab, Utah, for July 23-29 this summer. If you know any youth from 7th to 12th grade or adults of all ages who might be interested, please contact Rev. Lowry at (801)-943-4043. Cost is \$465, which includes meals, travel, lodging, and rafting in Moab. Rev. Lowry's email outlining trip details is posted on the CE bulletin board in Conklin Hall (behind the "goodies" tables).

Anne Patten

Deacons

Your deacons are here to help and support you with your daily challenges and joys.

Please feel at ease to call to ask your Parish Deacon for any help we can give: prayer needs, family concerns and any personal struggles.

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.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Spring Brings Change: Beginning April 16th all Sunday fellowship times will be "pot luck" except for our traditional holiday celebrations, special occasions, and requests from such groups as our Women's Guild and Deacons. What does this mean? Bring something to share when you are able, be it homemade or purchased. Any extras will be placed in the freezer to be used on a Sunday when we need some additional items for the fellowship table. At some point we may have enough in the freezer to do the table without any additional items. An announcement will be made for a "free" fellowship for the following week. The tasks of serving and clean-up will also become shared responsibilities. Opportunities to volunteer will be available in Conklin Hall beginning Palm Sunday.

Please note! Easter Luncheon sign-up sheets are now in Conklin Hall. It takes many hands to provide for this joyous occasion – can we count on you?

Gloria McGilloway

Mission/Outreach

The Shoe Drive is coming! We will hold our annual shoe drive from April 23rd through May 28th. As you clean do your spring closet cleaning, bring your experienced but usable shoes and place them in the collection box in Conklin Hall. Shoes must be wearable and in pairs. We can take any varieties of shoes **EXCEPT** ski boots, heavy winter boots, roller skates, rollerblades, ice skates, **flip-flops/crocs** and **bedroom slippers**. We'll even provide note forms that you can include with your shoes and track where they went. We collected about 150 pairs of usable shoes last year. Let's beat that in 2017!

We are always seeking new people to help us in our Mission efforts. If you are interested, please let me know.

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

BROWN BAG LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, April 12th, at Noon in Conklin Hall, we will welcome Spencer Andersen, DC B CAO, a local Doctor of Chiropractic, who has expertise in treating patients who have been in auto accidents. He spoke on this topic in January at an Intermountain LiVeWell lecture and will share his tips for "Reducing Your Risks on the Road." Most of us drive without giving thought to the possibility of being in an auto accident, but it is crucial that we give ourselves every chance of remaining safe by practicing the principles of attentive and responsible driving. Learn how to avoid becoming an accident statistic! Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy the treats and beverage provided.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

We will not be holding a Spring Blood Drive at Good Shepherd Church this year. Instead, please save **Friday, October 13th**, when we once again will be asking you to donate your gift of life. You will be hearing more in the future about how to sign up. To donate on the October date, you must not have given whole blood more recently than August 18th, 56 days prior to the Blood Drive at the church.

BLOOD PRESSURE checks are available the second Sunday of each month in Conklin Hall during Fellowship Hour after the Service.

We of the Parish Nursing Committee are indebted to Chris Schleter and Amy Craig, who are responsible for formatting and conveying our Newsletter contribution each month to the congregation. We will miss Amy.

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

Soup and Fellowship:

This month, Soup and Fellowship introduced a new member to our congregation, Jim Robinette. Jim is one of our Navy veterans. He served as aircraft maintenance officer in a jet fighter squadron, then spent 30 years in the software business and, for the last 15 years was founder and operator of Aloha Island Coffee Company on the Big Island of Hawaii. Pulling from his experiences of living on the family farm in Oregon in his youth, he bought undeveloped land on the Big Island, where the conditions for growing coffee are ideal. He developed a 14,000-tree coffee plantation on this land formerly owned by the King of Hawaii. With a drip irrigation system to deliver water and fertilizer to each tree, Jim was able to achieve higher than average yields. Coffee trees are related to the gardenia family. When blossoming, the scent of gardenias fills the countryside. Each tree becomes loaded with "cherries" that must be HAND PICKED. Jim thanks the Latino workers who were employed to plant and pick on his plantation. Kona coffee sells for 40 plus dollars a pound and even more as gift packages. Kona and Jamaica Blue Mountain historically are judged the world's best coffee; both are available only in very limited quantities. A slide showing at least 9 health benefits of drinking coffee was interspersed among beautiful pictures of his plantation in various stages of development. The qualities that make Kona Coffee unique are very low acid, smooth, a complex flavor profile, and no bitter aftertaste. Hawaiian music and scenes from the islands completed his most interesting lunch time presentation. Thank you, Jim, for sharing your story with us and relating fascinating facts about Kona coffee. Welcome to the congregation.

I would also like to thank my super committee who helped feed 58 people in attendance. I must admit we had fun using the Hawaiian theme. Sherry Kretschmer's stunning centerpiece of edible palm trees surrounded by fruit, Hawaiians' favorite soup (Portuguese Bean Soup from a recipe provided by Jim), Barbara West's Irish Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup by Sherry, seven dozen goodies, Joyce Otness's delicious cookies and fruit ambrosias and cornbread hand made by Jane O'Donnell. It was all good.

Senior Ministries, continued

Our next Soup and Fellowship will feature Alan and Sandy Paige. Sandy had a unique volunteer experience while her husband was stationed in Germany. We look forward to May 3rd at Noon in Conklin Hall.

Card Party: Our April card party will be on Wednesday, April 19th, at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Everyone is invited. We do have a good time.

Brain Health News: A study of 900 men and women with an average age of 71 found that those who had exercised moderately or vigorously over five years, e.g., jogging, hiking, swimming, dancing - performed on a par with someone 10 years younger on tests of memory and other brain skills. These studies support the prevailing theory that heart health and brain health are linked. Bottom Line: Hit the gym – lead a physically active lifestyle, get 150 minutes a week of moderate intensity aerobic exercise, incorporate strength training two or more times a week, exercise with friends to keep motivated. And, oh yes, DRINK MORE WATER. (If you are taking medication to reduce water retention, listen to your doctor about how much you can safely drink per day. It will be somewhat less).

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on March 12th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved to accept into membership and administer the Sacrament of Baptism to Joselle (Josie) Marsh. (She was received into membership by the Congregation and baptized on March 19, 2017).
- Approved Rev. Clingan's vacation the week of April 17-23, 2017.
- Approved the wedding of Timothy Thaddeus Dubois and Donna Jean Schroeder on Monday, March 13, 3:00 pm in the church Gazebo.
- Approved the appointment of Dawn Angarone as temporary church secretary and Candy Hurlbut as substitute church secretary at the rate stated in the church budget until such time that a permanent church secretary is hired.
- Approved Rev. Ralph, Kathie Greear and Dawn Angarone as participants for this summer's Russia trip and to provide \$1,000 for each of them from the Russia Mission Fund to reimburse the allowable costs for the trip.
- Approved Rev. Ralph, Chris Schleiter and Jan Dunham as our representatives to the 2017 Russian Mission Conference to be held in Pittsburgh at the end of September and to provide up to \$500 for each of them from the Russia Mission Fund for conference fees, travel and lodging.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stephen Ministry

"April showers bring May flowers" the expression goes. April is indeed a month of transformation. We mourn our Savior's crucifixion at Calvary only to rejoice in His glorious resurrection on Easter. April is a month that carries us from a cold and windy winter into the sunshine of blossoms and new life. Our ministry also has a mission of helping people through times of transformation. We all at one time or another experience turmoil or grief in our lives and Stephen Ministers are trained to help you weather these storms and bring you the hope of joy and love that the future may hold.

If you need some hope in your life or are having trouble feeling that springtime joy for whatever the reason, please consider using our ministry. It is confidential, free, and a journey from your souls winter to a hopeful, budding spring. Contact Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten, or Karen Kirkland for more information.

Karen Kirkland

Stewardship

As of March 26th, we have reached 100% of our needed pledges to fund this year's budget. If you have pledged, thank you, if you have not yet pledged we can always use additional resources.

Do you have a story of faith or good works as relates to our church or Christ. Then please share it. It needs to be a true story of how lives are being changed by Christ or his followers (you). Any form written, oral, pictures, etc. Please contact one of us (Dawn, Carolynn, Chris or Bob) with your story. The stories will be told during spotlight for Mission and published in the News Letter. There will be Spotlight on mission on March 26th.

Stewardship, continued

Please see the treasurer's report for financial details.

One Great Hour of Sharing

You ask yourself, self : What is One Great Hour of Sharing? It is a once a year offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. What started in 1949 as an hour long radio appeal is a long standing multi- denominational effort to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. It has grown from 8 participating denominations to 29. Currently there are programs in over 100 counties.

What does the money go for? Ahh! Thank you for asking.

Here are a few examples:

In Liberia West Africa One Great Hour dollars helped fight the Ebola virus.

In Nepal the aftermath of the 2015 earthquakes was devastating. Half a million homes were destroyed, 280,000 more were damaged. Nearly 9000 people died. We distributed to more than 200,000 people items like:

Food, both Ready to eat and longer term. Family water treatment, and personal hygiene kits. Tarps for emergency shelters. Basic survival items like kitchen utensils, baby kits and quilts.

In El Salvador there is a drought and we are involved in getting native drought resistant seeds to over 400,000 subsistence farmers.

Here in the USA I'm sure you remember Hurricane Sandy we helped

Even closer to home, The Navajo Nation, has a radioactive contamination problem. Let me go back to 1979 in New Mexico an earthen dam gave way Dumping a 1000 tons of radioactive waste and 90 millions gallons of acidic and radioactive liquids in to the near by river. The waste traveled across 9 Navajo Chapters and reached Gallop as a large green Wave flooding the land and covering people. Of 250 abandoned uranium mines sites only about 130 have been cleaned up. The San Juan Basin, lacks the rights to electricity or running water due to the contamination of land air and ground water. The medical results are high rates of miscarriages, pancreatic and liver cancers, Lymphoma, and breathing problems including children with asthma and bronchial problems.

If you would like to give, there are envelopes in your bulletins or on the table just outside the door. Thank You.

Brother Steward - Jesus, the Light

Are you waiting for something that seems to be too long in coming? Maybe it's a job promotion or a raise. Maybe it's just employment of any kind! Perhaps you have been praying for someone's salvation, and you don't see any sign of God's working in that person. It's difficult to wait. People in Jesus' day were waiting for a Messiah, It seemed to many that his coming was long overdue, but Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5, *"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."* Our waiting is over! The Light has come into the world!

Simeon was one who knew that *"the time had fully come,"* and *"moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts"* (Luke 2:27). There he saw the child whose parents brought him there to fulfill what the Law required of them. Simeon knew Jesus was the light. He proclaimed, *"For my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel"* (Luke 2:30, 32).

Unfortunately, not all who were waiting for the Messiah recognized him when he came. In John 1:4-5 we read, *"In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."* Still today the darkness misunderstands the Light. Yet he continues to shine, and, as he shines, he dispels darkness.

And he calls upon us to shine also. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described a lamp that is put on a stand so that it lights up the whole house. Then he said, *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

Stewardship, continued

The only way to dispel darkness is to fill it with light. As stewards, it is our joyous task to be reflections of Christ's light. So we are *"prepared in season and out of season: [we] correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction"* (2 Timothy 4:2). We are always prepared *"to give an answer to everyone who ask [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have. And we do so "with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against [our] good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander"* (1 Peter 3: 15-15). In this way we proclaim that the waiting is over! Jesus, the Light, has come into the world!

Bob Moeller

Worship and Music

The Lent/ Easter Season is upon us.

Be sure to join us for all of our events.

Palm Sunday, April 9th: Join us for breakfast from 8:00 to 9:30 am and then enjoy our Choirs' Easter Concert. Both the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will perform along with soloists and trumpets.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th: We will hold the annual Agape Dinner at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Please use the sign up that is in the Sunday bulletin to let us know if you are coming. Please bring cut up fruit, cheese, bread or crackers. I also need some help to get these ready and on a serving tray. Please come at 5:30 to help.

Good Friday, April 14th: The procession of the cross will be held beginning at 10:30 am. Meet at the Bluff Street Park and proceed down Diagonal to the Catholic Church. The Good Friday Service will be held at the Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. Our choir is joining other choirs to sing at the service.

Easter Sunday, April 16th: We will have a beautiful service. If ordering Easter Lilies please use the form in the bulletin. sign up in Fellowship Hall for the Easter Brunch after the service. Ham will be provided, the rest of the meal is pot luck. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We are always looking for ushers. It's not a hard job and the work of our ushers means so much to our members and visitors. If you would like to usher one Sunday, please let me know.

Mary Contreras

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild has many events planned for the upcoming months:

- Our first event will be our General Meeting on April 29th at 11:00 am; this will be a potluck luncheon so pick your specialty dish and share it with us. Sign-up sheets will be available on April 2nd so please add your name and dish to that list.
- Our second event is our Second Annual Mother's Day Tea, May 13th at 1:00 to 3:30 pm. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT. The theme is "HATS ON" meaning wear your hat. There will be prizes and music by our own Dr. Ka-Wui Yu on the cello. Our fabulous waiters will serving us lunch, tea and coffee and cookies. Tickets are now on sale.. Please see Nancy Linden, Candy Hurlbut, Laverna Metzger, Faye Gray or Mary Starrett to purchase you ticket
- Our Third event will be a fund raiser and will be on June 17th at 2:00 pm. This will be our "Purse and Pie" Event. This should be a fun event as well. The object will be to bring a purse that you know longer want or need, with a wrapped prize, of your choice, inside. There will be a silent auction and the highest bidder gets the purse and the prize. We will be serving pie and coffee at this event

In our January general meeting we presented checks in the amount of \$600.00 to Lanie and Lindsey of the Dove Center, to Shelly of the Children's Justice Center and Tami and Tina of Hope Pregnancy Care Center.

Mary Starrett

Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Sunday April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday Sixth Sunday in Lent	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Monday April 10 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday April 11 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday April 12 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday April 14 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday April 15 Easter Vigil	<i>Choose a minimum of three Old Testament readings. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.</i> Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 <i>Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21</i> Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Proverbs 8:1-8,19-21; 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday April 16 Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday	<i>Easter Morning</i> Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 <i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday April 23 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	Luke 24:13-49
Sunday April 30 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	John 20:19-31

Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Sunday May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sunday May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Thursday May 25 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	3 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	4 9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 1:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 4:30 Bell Choir pm 5:45 Lenten Program – The Gospel of John	5 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	6 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 1:30 Parish Nursing Ministry Meeting pm 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	8 4:00 Memorial Service pm for Amy Craig
9 Palm Sunday 8:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 11:45 Session Meeting am 5:00 Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	10 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:45 Lenten Program – The Gospel of John	11 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 4:30 Bell Choir pm	12 11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Noon – Spencer Anderson on "Reducing Your Risks on the Road" - Conklin Hall	13 Maundy Thursday 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 5:00 Chancel Choir pm 6:00 Agape Dinner – Conklin Hall	14 Good Friday 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 10:30 Procession of the Cross 6:00 Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal pm 7:00 Good Friday Tenebre Service @ Shepherd of the Hills UMC	15
16 Resurrection Sunday 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Easter Brunch am 5:00 Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	17 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	18 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 4:30 Bell Choir pm	19 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall	20 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	21 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	22 12:00 Memorial Service Noon for Bob Routh
23 Newsletter Deadline 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship – Rev. Robyn Eddy Preaching am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	24 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	25 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 4:30 Bell Choir pm	26 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	27 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	28 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	29 11:00 Good Shepherd Women's Guild Meeting – Conklin Hall
30 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's						

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from April 17th through April 23rd.

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

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Spotlight on Mission, continued

I saw something else here. People were focused on feeding the hungry. There are hungry people today in St. George and I began to feel uneasy about my food storage. I began giving it away to hungry people because of the example set before me in this congregation. Doing that deepened my faith and lightened my load.

There is so much unsung humanitarian aid given by people who worship here. One example: I am deeply impressed that sitting among us is a woman in her 70's who goes down to the Red Cross to donate her blood every 8 weeks. Her blood is so free of antigens that it is preferred for newborns when blood is needed. Not only does this wonderful woman in her 70's donate her blood every 8 weeks but she donates two units of blood at a time. As a nurse, I am awed, absolutely awed, at her outreach and sacrifice for humanity.

Good Shepherd is an ecumenical church. Ecumenical was a concept I did not know. Jeff Clingan taught me to say the word correctly and Jeff taught me that ecumenical means we honor the faith traditions of all Christians. I became aware that Christians of several other faith traditions often worshiped here, and with an ease that is remarkable. For the first time in my personal life I was seeing Christian unity made visible through honor.

Good Shepherd Presbyterian is interfaith.

I discovered the Jewish Community of southern Utah meets in our CE building! The leadership here in this church protects the Torah for them under lock and key. Because of that interfaith honor, it was my privilege to be invited to the Jewish Celebration of Passover, a dream of mine since childhood, fulfilled when I was 70 years old. The path to that Jewish celebration was down the hallway to our Fellowship Hall. I attended Passover, saw the empty chair at the table reserved for Elijah, the door left ajar, so that if Elijah came he would know he was expected. I watched as the children scampered about the room with their balloons, peace and joy abundant.

In that same interfaith spirit, I have been able to attend Friday Muslim Prayers with a group of devout people of the Muslim faith here in St. George. Nowhere have I felt a closer walk with Christ than when I am on the Muslim prayer rug, praying my own Christian prayers silently as I am welcome to do with other worshipers reciting prayers of Islam. One gentleman of the Muslim faith reminded me, the first time I went to the prayer rug, that during prayers they are facing Mecca but I am facing Jerusalem. Bowing with people of the Muslim faith to pray has been an unexpected privilege I never dreamt of.

Christ loves them, you know. And I want to grow to know and love them also. Here at Good Shepherd Rev. Ralph helped pluck me back from living in the future. When I first came here rattling on about Armageddon and the Apocalypse, Ralph said, "Pebble! You are using those words incorrectly. They do not mean what you think they mean!" And so I slowly began to learn.

One of the great strengths here at Good Shepherd is we have a pastor who is an educated theologian. We could appropriately call him Dr. Clingan, but he prefers to be called Ralph.

Ralph slowly taught me to be more fully present in the Present, where joy and peace reside. Armageddon and the Apocalypse are not the only way we can get trapped trying to live in the future.

It is easy as an aging person to worry about when that other shoe is going to drop. And it is not just we older folks. That kind of anxiety about the future can afflict children, teenagers young adults, middle age people.

Yet Christ told us to be not anxious for the future, but to rejoice in this day. Christ calls us to prayer and to fellowship, both being places where we are fully in the present where peace and joy reside. The present, where the Kingdom of God is, and is accessed.

Each time someone reaches out to me or I reach out to somebody, I am drawn fully into the present and I am strengthened for the challenges of my life. Prayer and Christian fellowship work miracles and remind me to be of good cheer. That good cheer is about Jesus Christ.

Most importantly, I was won over to become a "churched" Presbyterian when I attended communion here for the first time. When Rev. Ralph said during that service of communion, "Our table is an open table", I choked up and started to cry. Even now five years later every time Ralph says "our table is an open table" something deep inside me weeps in gratitude.

Yes!

I am happy to be here and I am happy you all are here, too.

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 February 19th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$27,086** for a total of **\$173,669** or about **50.8%** 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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