

# **Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

A Stephen Ministry Congregation A Member of the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship Serving Southern Utah since 1988 Sister Congregation to the Evangelical Baptist Church of Dorogobuzh, Russia



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## **Church Staff**

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> Steve Talley Deborah Stone Organists

George Linden Head Usher

Louise Routh Prayer Chain

Chris Schleter Website / Newsletter Editor

# **Annual Shoe Drive Underway**

Our shoe drive is underway and will end on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 box in Conklin Hall. 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 about 150 usable pairs of shoes (and received \$75 for our efforts). Let's beat that this spring!

# New CE Building Break Area Ready for Action



Under the direction of Project Manager Guy Schultzman, the Building Team completed construction of a food preparation and cleaning area in the CE building. Prior to this project there was no place for food service supplies, and no place to clean something as simple as a coffee cup without using a bathroom or the mop closet.

The design of the project was interactive with input solicited from many people including our project coordinator at Lowe's. Lowe's did the cabinet, countertop, flooring, and new circuit installation. Guy Schultzman did the plumbing and led the effort to install the sink, microwave, garbage disposal, and refrigerator. Great job Guy!

Through careful selection of materials and a discount given by Lowe's, we were able to achieve a reasonable cost. In addition, we were able to get a military discount because one of our team members is retired military. We would also like to thank the Women's Guild for contributing \$300 to this project.

### **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
 Brett Schroeder

 Joe Borden
 Gene Thomas

 Paul and Gloria Reynolds

 Shirley Craig and the family of Amy Craig

 Louise Routh and the family of Bob Routh

 Wendy Christianson as she prepares for her ordination

 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

June Newsletter Deadline May 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

General Fund as of March 31, 2017					
Month of I	Month of March				
Receipts	\$	18,828.56			
Expenditures	\$	16,331.13			
2017 YTD Budge	et vs Act	tual			
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	53,105.29			
Actual Receipts	\$	74,913.70			
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	53,105.29			
Actual Expenditures	\$	54,513,34			
Building	Fund				
Building Fund Cash	\$	85,308.28			
Loan Balance	\$	141,313.40			
Net Building Fund	\$	(56,005.12)			
Fund Balances					
General Fund	\$	30,818.27			
Memorial Fund	\$	462.31			
Capital Reserve Fund	\$	17,742.97			
Russia Mission Fund	\$	5,342.33			

### **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. RalphMaElder Chris Schleter1 CElder Bob MoellerJohElder Judy Oar1 PElder Russ HurlbutMaiElder Anne Patten1 TElder Ruth Anne HorvathGalElder Scott FlorencePhiElder Gloria McGillowayJohElder Jan HirschiEph

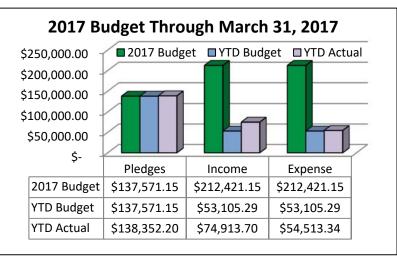
Mark 15:33-39 1 Corinthians 10:15-17 John 16:33 1 Peter 2:24 Matthew 11:28 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Galatians 3:25-27 Philippians 4:6-7 Jonah 2:2 Ephesians 4:24 Surely Time for testing Courage Our sins bourn Rest Appreciation Faith God's Peace Called out Be Kind

## **Thanks to our Volunteers**

	Flowers			
	May			
May 7	Shirley Taylor			
May 14	Dick & Patti Babb			
May 21	Lori Wille't			
May 28	Anne & Dave Patten			
	June			
June 4	Dan & Mitzi Rak			
June 11	Shirley Taylor			
June 18	Tom & Vici Noble			
June 25	Gloria McGilloway			

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website <u>aspcsa.org</u> Our Fellowship time each Sunday is now Potluck. Please bring some goodies to share. If we have leftovers, we'll save them for a Sunday when we need a few extras.

## **Treasurer's Report**



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### **Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought**

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. Psalm 1:1-3



Beyond the natural beauty and pleasant weather of our community and area what is as well unique to our corner of the world are the changes in our community's life as with the seasons. It is as if with the cooling temps of September the tempo and activity of our area go into first, second, third gears then overdrive all the way to May and then with the arrival of our triple digit temperatures it returns to neutral.

I will always remember one of my first meetings with the area clergy and as being completely new to the area asked naively, "What happens here during the summer?' Their answer to my inquiry was succinct, "Nothing."

A fact that my late parents could readily attest to is that I have always had difficulty sitting still let alone doing nothing. It seems to me that with God's gift of time it is an opportunity, to serve, go, grow or all three!

I remember as well my Hebrew Professor referencing the above Psalm as painting a picture of a righteous person sitting under a tree by a stream reading and meditating on God's word, this life will bear fruit.

Perhaps we might consider looking upon these summer months as an opportunity to grow in our Christian faith, join a Bible study or read a book (or ebook) by a Christian author.

Perhaps we might consider volunteering in service to our community and church.

With the arrival of summer we have been given the gift of more and slower time, I believe it is a God given opportunity to grow closer to our Lord, and to one another.

A very fruitful and blessed summer to you all!

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.

### **News from the Russia Mission**

We are preparing to send our third team to visit our sister church in Dorogobuzh, Russia. The team will be visiting during the first two weeks of August to participate in their annual Bible Camp program which is their evangelical outreach to their community.

Last year the leader of their women's association commented that they would like to meet some of our women. Since one never argues with the "church ladies," this year Dawn Angarone and Kathy Greer will join Rev. Ralph, who will be leading the team.

All the team members are eagerly (?!) studying the Russian language and culture in preparation for our journey; and truly all are excited for this opportunity to continue to build and strengthen our relationship and Christian unity with our sister congregation. Please continue to pray for them.

If you would like to assist in defraying the cost our mission team's journey checks can be placed in the offering or sent to the church office with the notation Russian Mission Team in the memo line.

## **Congregation News**

#### Wanted: Insurance Advisor

With her background as a licensed insurance agent, our late secretary Amy Craig, acted as our property – casualty insurance advisor. We are looking for someone with appropriate business or insurance background to take on this volunteer responsibility. If you would like to perform this role, or explore that option, please contact Russ Hurlbut at 435-879-9393.

### A Recipe to Try

Following Bob's memorial service, Louise Routh asked me to share this recipe with you:

#### **Cheesecake Cookies**

Ingredients: 1 c. flour

1/3 c. brown sugar
6 T. butter, softened
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
¼ c. sugar
1 egg
2 T. milk
¼ tsp. lemon peel
2 T. lemon juice
½ tsp. Vanilla
2 T. walnuts, chopped

In large mixing bowl, combine flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture forms fine crumbs. Reserve I c. for topping.

Press remainder over bottom of ungreased 8x8x2 baking pan. Bake at 350 F. for 12-15 min.

In mixer bowl, thoroughly cream together cream cheese and sugar. Add egg, milk, lemon peel, lemon juice and vanilla. Beat well. Spread batter over partially baked crust. Combine walnuts with reserved crumb mixture. Sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 F. for 20-25 min. Cool. Cut in squares. Makes 16 cookies. (Good even served warm!)

Submitted by Lorna Hammond

#### Wendy Christianson Passes All Exams

We have heard that Wendy has (finally) passed all of her exams and, once she secures a call, is ready to be ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. The ordination will likely take place here at Good Shepherd and we'll let you know when it will happen.

We are so proud of Wendy and the work and dedication she has shown throughout her time in Seminary and wish God's blessings on her as she moves to the next phase of her faith journey!

## **Christian Education**

Rev. Ralph's Tuesday evening classes on the Gospel of John's "I Am" statements were a great success! We had good food, good fellowship and good lessons on a subject that is rarely taught. Thanks, Rev. Ralph! He is planning to offer another series of evening potluck lessons during Advent later this year. Look for more information on this as the season approaches!

The CE Committee is looking at the Sunday morning classes for the summer. We are planning some different topics and teachers, so, again, look for further information in the near future!

Charlotte Phipps needs help in the nursery during Sunday worship time. Would you consider assisting her with our ever-changing number of young people? Please let her know!

If you have ideas for Christian Education classes or if you would like to be part of this wonderful committee, please see any committee member and plan to come to our meetings! Members are Anne Patten, Charlotte Phipps, Jan Hirschi, Gloria McGilloway, Donna Beasley, Cathy Overkamp, and of course, Rev. Ralph.

Anne Patten

### Deacons

The Deacons and our Shalom Committee, under the leadership of our Deacon, Althea Haworth, were happy to assist at the. Memorial Service for Bob Routh. This is just one way your Deacons are help to support and help you, our members and friends.

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

What an Easter Celebration we had! Conklin Hall was full of spring blossoms and redolent with lilacs. The food was delicious and, of course, the desserts were fabulous.

Thank you for decorating, setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. But, most of all, thank you for sharing your Easter with each other in fellowship. We are truly blessed.

Time to start planning for our picnic in the park!

Please let me know if you can be ready to step in to help facilitate Sunday Fellowship when I leave to welcome our new grandbaby.

Gloria McGilloway

# **Mission/Outreach**

The Shoe Drive is underway and will run until the Sunday before Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Finally, don't forget our Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday on the first Sunday or 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 Schleter

## **Parish Nursing**

### Brown Bag Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Spencer Andersen of The Whiplash Center of Utah made an excellent presentation on how to reduce your risks on the road. There are eight to ten car accidents each day in Southern Utah. The more lug nets (the bigger the car), the safer the car but no matter the size car you can be safe. Buckle up, adjust your head restraint so that it is 1-2 inches from your head, be sure that it is centered on your head and not your neck, adjust your seat so that you are at least 10 inches from the steering wheel and place your hands on the steering wheel at 4 and 8 o'clock.

Other important things to remember are, don't tailgate, keep a safe distance from the car ahead of you, be aware of your surroundings and anticipate the other car's move. If your expect a crash, brace yourself with your head against the restraint, hold arms on the steering wheel in lower position and press the brake as hard as you can and hold it.

You can listen to the audio of his presentation on our website, <u>gspcsg.org</u>. Just go to Ministries then Parish Nursing Ministry and click on the link on the right.

This will be our last Brown Bag Luncheon until the fall so have a safe and happy summer!

**Blood Pressure** checks are available the second Sunday of each month in Conklin Hall during Fellowship Hour after the Service.

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:

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon in Conklin Hall, our guest speakers will be Alan and Sandy Paige. Alan is one of our vets and during one of his tours of duty, he was stationed in Germany. At that time, Sandy volunteered at a tour guide for English speakers who wanted to visit a pottery factory in Poland. This pottery is exceptionally beautiful and functional. She will tell us the history, why it is so UNIQUE and have pieces to show us. Also, we will learn the meaning of "Stolperstein", stumbling stone – concerning remembering Holocaust victims in a unique way. We will also honor our vets since May is Veterans month. Please join us for this interesting lunch time event, meet the Paiges, and enjoy SALAD and desert. No soup this month.

#### <u>Cards:</u>

Our May card party will be on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We invite everyone to come and play. It is a fun cognitive function.

#### **Brain and Health:**

Marge Engelmann in her book "Aerobics of the Mind", states scientists are beginning to understand that even in old age the brain has remarkable capacity to change and grow and that individuals have some control over how healthy and alert their brains remain as the years go by. Use your computer to log into the following FREE game sites:

- http://games, aarp.org/ (look for "brain games: staying sharp" in the center of the page)
- www.mensa.org (look for the brain workout on the left side),
- www.pogo.com,
- www.tetris.com, www.gamesforthegbrain.com,
- www.happyneuron.com, www.puzzlerscave.com.

### **Session News**

Session held their regular monthly meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved moving \$15,000 of the checking account balance (General Fund) to the Capital Reserve Fund to earn some interest. It is anticipated that it will be necessary to return it to checking account mid-year when we need additional cash.
- Approved the setup and use of the Smile Program on Amazon for Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Approved an estimate of \$288 from Arbor Tech for annual deep root fertilizing of 24 trees and 16 shrubs.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

### **Stewardship**

Please see the treasurer's report for financial details.

#### **Changing lives**

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.

### **Brother Steward**

Oswald Chambers wrote, 'Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exciting test of all to survive is prosperity." This quote provides a clear warning: Those who become prosperous are also very likely to become filled with pride. Pride can cause inflated egos and self-worthiness. Agur, a writer of proverbs, gave us this warning: "... give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God" (Proverbs 30:8-9). When our bills are paid and we have money in the bank, we may feel secure and depend only on ourselves. In speaking about the curse of success, someone once said, 'Ninety- nine people out of 100 can handle adversity whereas only one out of 100 can handle prosperity." The wealth that many seek can be more of a curse than a blessing.

God blesses us with work and the ability to earn our incomes. Unfortunately, *w*e may foolishly begin to believe that we are solely responsible for the success we've achieved. As Moses wrote, "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth . . ." (Deuteronomy 8:18). We should understand that only by God's grace are we able to have a place to call home, a savings account, and a retirement plan. God's Word is clear that we are managers, not owners. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24: 1).

Even though it is difficult to pass the test with money, the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, enables us to understand that all we are and have are gifts from God. Joseph provides us a good example of stewardship. Separated from his home and family, he still trusted God and feared him, refusing to give in to the temptations that came with the position God enabled him to fill. As second in command in Egypt, one of the most powerful kingdoms of his day, he retained his humility, realizing that he was only the manager of Egypt's resources. But he managed those resources well, working at it "with all [his] heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23). Just as God empowered Joseph in his stewardship, so he does for us, today, whether our resources are vast, as were Joseph's, or small.

Bob Moeller



## **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 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 4<sup>th</sup> on the Dixie State 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 14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, the women of the church will be honored by having the gentlemen of the church conducting the service.

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 several events planned for the upcoming months:

- Our second event is our Second Annual Mother's Day Tea, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 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-Wai 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

Mary Starrett

# **A Little Church Humor**

### Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Presbyterian, and this is a casserole."

### The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation:

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York , performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean "

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Presbyterian Church..."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

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 <i>or</i> 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

# **Lectionary Readings for May**

# **Lectionary Readings for June**

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday June 4 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 <i>or</i> John 7:37-39
Sunday June 11 Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8	1 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Sunday June 18 Second Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
Sunday June 25 Third Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

# **Easter in Dorogobuzh**

Below are a few photos that Pastor Sergei sent us of the Easter Activities in which they participated. They, as is customary, visited the children's home at Aleksino and celebrated the Resurrection with a pageant.









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MAY 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	<b>4</b> National Day of Prayer	5	6
	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:30 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 4:30 Bell-Choir	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Salad & Noon Fellowship - Alan and Sandy Paige on Sandy's volunteer experiences in Germany - Conklin Hall 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	<ul> <li>7:30 National Day of m Prayer Breakfast – Gardner Center – Dixie State</li> <li>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn</li> <li>3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph</li> <li>3:45 Chancel Choir pm</li> </ul>	7:30 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	
<b>7</b> Soup Kitchen Sunday	8	9	10	11	12	13
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The Bell Choir is finished for the summer. We look forward to having them back in September. Have a GREAT Summer! PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information.

### **CERT Training Available**

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training prepares you to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. Training is available for mature persons aged 16 and up and volunteers are always needed. If you are interested, please contact Bill Galbraith (abajo444-gns@yahoo.com).

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Regulari	y Scheduled	<b>Activities</b>
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Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> 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	7:30 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:30 pm Bell Choir	Off for the Summer – See you in September
	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 19<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$28,126** for a total of **\$174,709** or about **51.1%** 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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