



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season Comes to Good Shepherd

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2018 will be no exception.

We will begin our observation of Lent on February 14th with our annual Ash Wednesday Services.

As he did last year, Rev. Ralph will be leading a Bible Study on Monday evenings during Lent. The series kicked off on February 19th at 5:45 pm and will be held every Monday through March 26th. The topic this year is the Book of Revelation.

On March 25th, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of men will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 8:30 am in Conklin Hall. This event is always well attended and we appreciate the efforts of all who provide food for us. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29th, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This dinner is notable because the room is lit oil lamps.

The following day, Good Friday, will kick off at 10:00 am with the annual Procession of the Cross and close with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 1st, 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.

With Easter Comes One Great Hour of Sharing

Of course, with Easter, comes the annual One Great Hour of Sharing. Here is some history on this offering.

Following World War II, Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe and Asia. In 1949 the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns. The next year, the offering was repeated, for the first time using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The offering always has been an ecumenical effort and, while each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

A radio program called "One Great Hour" was broadcast on March 26, 1949. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our major church-wide offerings and does so much good for so many people. Please consider making a donation to this most worthwhile offering.

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	Jim Sullivan
Joe Borden	Fred Overkamp
Alice Blair	Doris & Gene Thomas
Jim Crowe	Dottie Malcomsen
Wanda Tighe	Linda Alexander
Vickie Rudd	Betty Miner
Paul & Gloria Reynolds	

Wendy Christianson as she prepares for 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

April Newsletter Deadline

March 23, 2018

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.

Rev. Ralph	Romans 1:16-17	Faith
Elder Chris Schleiter	Mark 16:16	Go and Proclaim
Elder Dennis Peters	Psalm 37:22-24	Go's delight
Elder Judy Oar	Matthew 24:42-44	Keep watch
Elder Arlene Prinselaar	Proverbs 15:1	soft answer
Elder Ed Haworth	Matthew 9:10-13	Great Physician
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	1 John 2:28-29	Union with Christ
Elder Scott Florence	Genesis 12:1-4	Trust in God
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Isaiah 40:31	New strength
Elder Susan Holecheck	2 Corinthians 9:7	Cheerful giver

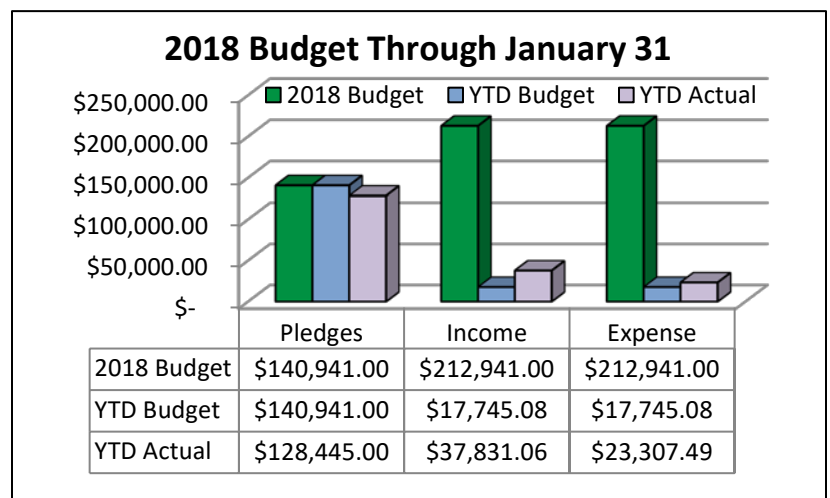
Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
March		
March 4	Donna Beasley	Jennifer P
March 11	Dick & Patti Babb	Donna Beasley
March 18	Shirley Fromknecht	Cindy Clingan
March 25	Jane O'Donnell	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras
April		
April 1	<i>Available</i>	Jennifer P
April 8	<i>Available</i>	Donna Beasley
April 15	Donna Baker	Cindy Clingan
April 22	<i>Available</i>	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras
April 29	Marjorie Bayle	No Nursery – Fifth Sunday

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of January 31, 2018	
Month of January	
Receipts	\$ 37,831.06
Expenditures	\$ 23,307.49
2018 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 17,745.08
Actual Receipts	\$ 37,831.06
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 17,745.08
Actual Expenditures	\$ 23,307.49
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 69,318.48
Loan Balance	\$ 124,013.51
Net Building Fund	\$ (54,695.03)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 28,551.76
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,267.32
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 32,811.31
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,177.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."
And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.*

Matthew 28:5-8 (NASB)



I found it rather ironic that this year the Season of Lent begins on "Valentine's Day" and Resurrection Sunday (Easter) falls on "April Fool's Day". We begin our Lenten journey giving our hearts away and greet the day of our Lord's rising with laughter, hmmm, perhaps not so ironic after all.

In that the season of Lent is not about us but about the journey Christ took to the cross and for whom. It is a time for us to journey with him in these forty days and again remember his words from Mark that in order to gain the new life He offers us we must let go of our old lives, ourselves to as Mark puts it, "to gain our souls". This calls us to refocus and reexamine what it means to live lives that reflect the living Christ within our hearts and with our hands.

In that I am this year I am always reminded of the tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church, that includes the Russian Orthodox, that a part of the liturgy on Easter Sunday is that when the priest announces that "Christ is Risen" the congregation responds with laughter. That with the Resurrection death has become powerless, the victory won, death now is laughed at, and death has become the fool.

So perhaps it is very fitting for Lent to begin with hearts given away and Easter morning greeted with holy laughter. It is my hope that indeed you will all join me in this journey and with April 1st, laugh with our hearts and soul.

A very happy and blessed Resurrection Sunday to you all.

He Is Risen Indeed!

Rev. Ralph

Bible Study Canceled

Effective March 2nd the 7:30 am Bible Study at Bishop's is canceled. Please attend our 11:00 am Friday study at Twentyfive Main Café or one of the other Bible Studies during the week.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

It will once again be our pleasure to feed you breakfast on Palm Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in Conklin Hall. Come to church early for pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and, of course, coffee. Proceeds will go to the Russia Mission fund. We hope to see you there.

**** 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 regarding 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

2018 Visit to Dorogobuzh

As of now, Gloria McGilloway and Chris Schleter will be visiting our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh sometime in August. They expect to be helping Pastor Sergei and his congregation complete an addition to their church building.

Russia Mission Network Conference

Planning for the Russia Mission Network Conference is well underway. The theme of this year's conference is "Twinning from the Russian Perspective" and we will examine how our Russian Brothers and Sisters see the twinning program and how we can enhance our relationships with them.

We hope to have Pastor Sergei and at least one other Russian from a twinned congregation, the Chaplain of the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy, our Mission Co-Workers Ellen and Al Smith and, hopefully, their daughter Emma join us as a part of the program. We expect to have 40-50 representatives of other "twinned" congregations with us for this most interesting and exciting conference. Since Presbytery meets in St. George on the day after the conference, they, too, have been invited to attend the conference.

The (very) tentative program for the conference is shown below. The dates are firm but some of the program is still being finalized.

- **Monday/Tuesday, September 24-25**
 - Optional early arrival to explore Zion, Pipe Spring, Bryce, North Rim, etc. Also, the LDS Family History Library has an annex in St. George that is free for anyone to use to trace their family tree.
- **Wednesday, September 26**
 - Meet for dinner
 - Evening session
- **Thursday, September 27**
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Morning general session
 - Lunch
 - Breakout sessions
 - Break
 - Prayer Service
 - Dinner
 - Evening session – Performance by our Chancel and Bell Choirs - Sanctuary
- **Friday, September 28**
 - Continental Breakfast
 - Repeat breakout sessions
 - Lunch
 - Adjourn
 - Optional Trip to Zion National Park with dinner in Springdale
- **Saturday, September 29**
 - Presbytery of Utah meets in St. George. All conference attendees are invited to stay and participate in worship and attend the program presented by Ellen and Al Smith.
- **Sunday, September 30**
 - All are invited to stay over and worship with Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

As you can see from the program, we will need many hands working on everything from food to transportation to hospitality to folks willing to host some of the attendees in their homes to make this work. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Chris Schleter and he'll find something for you to do!



Christian Education

2018 LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM – Our Lenten program continues through March 26th with Rev. Ralph leading a discussion on the BOOK OF REVELATION using a study guide from the Kerygma series. Each evening will begin at 5:45 pm in the CE Building with a potluck dinner followed by class. If you are able, please make a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of the study guide.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS - Rev. Ralph is teaching a class on the Season of Lent starting through March 18th. Classes are held at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the CE Building, following the 8:45 am morning Prayer and Communion service in the Sanctuary.

CHILD CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – We are in serious need of volunteers – for the child care and Sunday school program. It is suggested that those interested in helping, sign up to help at least one Sunday a month. We will post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or you can contact Charlotte Phipps directly.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET – Please pick up your copy of the Lenten Devotional Booklet. Copies are on the table in the Narthex.

Ed Haworth

Deacons

Your 2018 Deacons have been assigned their Parishes. You should be getting a phone call and/or card from them. Please contact your Deacon when you need assistance. We are here to serve our Parish members.

Transportation is becoming an issue for more and more of us. The quickest way to help those members is to be willing to pick someone up for a ride to church on Sunday. Please let your Deacon know if you can pick up a member of your Parish who lives near you. This would not be an every Sunday service. Thanks for helping in this way.

Our Deacon Shed is 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

Our after-Worship time of Fellowship is thriving with strong attendance and participation in supplying our Fellowship table with wonderful treats. We are truly blessed.

We need two teams of three to four people to assist during and after Fellowship. One team is needed for the 2nd Sunday of the month and one team is needed for the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please see me for details and to volunteer.

Celebrating Valentine's Day was fun and we have St. Patrick's Day coming up. If you are interested in helping with the decorations in Conklin Hall, see me for dates coming up in March and April.

Watch for signup sheets for our Easter Luncheon! The hams are already sliced and in the freezer. I will be asking for macaroni and cheese casseroles, vegetables, salads, and of course – desserts. Please join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord.

Gloria McGilloway

Growth

We will hold a Meet & Greet potluck breakfast for those members who have joined in the last year on March 3rd at 10:00 am in Conklin Hall and everyone is invited. Please bring a breakfast dish and join us to meet and greet our new members and learn a bit about our church and what our wonderful committees do.

Arlene Prinselaar

Mission/Outreach

Thanks to everyone who contributed food and money to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Together we raised \$387 and 237 pounds of food to help feed the hungry in our area.

Our Mission activities for the rest of the year are:

- Shoe Drive – May 6th through May 27th
- Bike & Build – July 6th – 8th with a potluck dinner on the 7th in Conklin Hall
- Operation Christmas Child – October 14th – November 18th
- CROP Hunger Walk – November 10th
- Advent Food Drive – December 2nd through December 24th.

Look for more information on the shoe drive coming up in the April and May newsletters.

I continue to be amazed by your generosity and willingness to share.

*Blessings
Chris Schleter*

Parish Nursing

Parish Nursing will be sponsoring a **CPR REFRESHER COURSE** on **Wednesday, April 11** from **9 to 11:30**. If you are already certified in CPR for the Non- Professional, you must take a class every two years to maintain that certification. We last held the class at Good Shepherd Church in April of 2016. If you would like to attain basic CPR certification, this class is also for you. Please contact Charlotte Phipps – cskyeisle@aol.com or (435) 628-8808 - to register. The fee is \$20.

We were unable to have Dr. David Grygla, Hospitalist, from Dixie Regional Medical Center as our **BROWN BAG LUNCHEON** speaker in December as announced, but have been able to re-schedule his talk for **Wednesday, April 25th**. Plan to come and learn about the role of the Hospitalist in current medical care.

This has been a challenging year for seasonal illness and flu. Flu activity can last into May and it is not too late to get a flu shot, if you have not yet done so. Should you get the flu, an antiviral medication, like Tamiflu, might be given and has been shown to be effective even if administered past the recommended second day of sickness. Our best defense, however, is proper hand washing after using the bathroom, before eating and before touching our eyes, nose or mouth, the common entry routes of germs into our bodies.

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 me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

Deborah Stone

Senior Ministries

SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday, March 21st at Noon in Conklin Hall. Be prepared to be transported back in time with music as the vehicle. We will have Barbara West's son who is a local DJ for HAWK radio. He will tell us insider information about the music industry and some facts about his trade, as well as take us back to some oldies and goodies we all know so well. Would you believe in Rock and Roll soup?

CARD PARTY: Wednesday, March 21st at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall., right after Soup and Fellowship. A Two for One event. We are very versatile and can play any card game you would like if you don't like our usual card games.

BRAIN STUFF: P. Murali Doraiswamy, M. D., a professor of psychiatry and medicine at Duke University of Medicine and coauthor of "The Alzheimer's Action Plan" says, "Considering cognition, the benefits of correcting hearing loss are twice as large as the benefits from any cognitive-enhancing drugs now on the market. It should be the first thing we focus on, HEARING REHABILITATION, or simply aids." It is strongly recommended that you choose an audiologist rather than a hearing aid dispensing facility if you should consider the above recommendation.

Senior Ministries, continued

Buying a hearing aid is like buying shoes. One size does not fit all. The new technology with hearing aids is amazing. Mostly, they are less obvious, sometimes hidden, lighter and more comfortable and they can filter out background noise. They also can have a built in telecoil that lets you listen to services in our Sanctuary or to presentations in Conklin Hall directly through your hearing aids. One very important fact is that you must wear them, all day every day, to get use to them. They don't work well for you in the drawer.

Judy Oar

Session News

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

- Approved by e-vote on January 20, 2018, a bid estimate of \$450 by Armando Rivera, Maintenance Man Work, to trim small trees and large shrubs.
- Approved Gloria McGilloway as Elder representative and Moderator of the Nominating Committee, Ka-Wai Yu as deacon, and Mary Starrett as Deacon representative to the Nominating Committee. Congregation also approved all of the above on January 29, 2018.
- Set the date of Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 10:00 am to noon, for the Meet and Greet with new members from 2017 and 2018 to be invited. Session members are to give a brief explanation of their responsibilities as Ruling Elder.
- Approved partial surface treatment and re-stripping of parking lot using HA5 sealant in the front, older section of the church parking lot and driveway at a total cost of \$7,456, to be charged to the Building Fund.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of February volunteers included Marge Linn, Ruth Ann Horvath, Janis Wick, Josie Kellejan, Vicky Westland, Rayanne Bartlett and Patti Lusby. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. To warm everyone up we served beef and barley stew, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact me at 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stephen Ministry

The events that took place last month in Parkland, Florida sparked feelings of compassion all over our country. Interestingly enough, the word compassion literally means "to suffer together." Synonyms that come to mind are understanding, care, concern, brotherly love, kindness, consideration, or mercy. Yet compassion goes one step further in that it also drives a feeling within us to help – to share the burden of the one suffering.

While cynics may dismiss compassion as touchy-feely or irrational; scientific research has shown that when we feel compassion, our heart rate slows down, we secrete the bonding hormone called oxytocin, and regions of the brain linked to empathy, caregiving, and feelings of pleasure light up, which often results in our wanting to approach and care for other people.

Is it any surprise then, that one of the most important characteristics of a Stephen Minister is compassion? This is exactly what the ministry is all about. A one-on-one Christian connection with someone who is suffering. According to the old Swedish proverb: "Shared joy is a double joy; shared sorrow is half a sorrow."

If you feel a pull at your heartstrings for the sufferings of a fellow being, perhaps you should consider the program of Stephen Ministry. Talk with Rev. Ralph or your Stephen Minister Leaders, Anne Patten or Karen Kirkland.

Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from January 31st appears on Page 2. As you review it, please note that we need about \$12,500 more in pledges to fully fund our 2018 budget. If you have already pledged, thank you. If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your pledges allow us to plan the amount of revenue we can expect to receive and know how much we have available to support the programs of the church.

One Great Hour of Sharing

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

The One Great Hour of Sharing program occurs annually during Lent and provides the opportunity for all Presbyterians to come together to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing provides our neighbors around the world with relief from natural and human caused disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes will be available within your bulletins in the next several weeks for you to consider contributing to this needed gifting program. Additionally, you can donate online throughout the year with a credit card to presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs or by texting **OGHS** to **20222** to give \$10.00.

Susan Holecheck

Women's Guild

I would like to thank the ladies who baked cookies for our Valentine Cookie Sale and thank everyone who purchased cookies. The event raised \$245 which will go towards the contribution to our 3 local charities - Dove Center for Domestic Violence, Hope Pregnancy Center, and Children's Justice Center. Last year we were able to contribute \$1,000 to each one of these organizations. Our next meeting will take place in Conklin Hall on March 24th at 11:00 am with potluck lunch to follow.

We encourage all ladies to join us for this meeting.

Mary Starrett

Worship & Music

"God So Loved the World" As we observe the 40 days of Lent, the Worship Committee is preparing special services of worship.

- Palm Sunday, March 25th, begins Holy Week. The Chancel and Bell Choirs will present a special Palm Sunday musical presentation during the Worship Service.
- The following Thursday, March 29th, an agape dinner and Maundy Thursday service will be held in Conklin Hall at 6:00 p.m. Reservation sheets for that service will be placed in the bulletins prior to that date.
- The annual Good Friday ecumenical service will be held at Good Shepherd on March 30th at 7:00 pm. Shepherd of the Hills and New Promise Lutheran Churches and their choirs will be participating.
- And, most important, the following Sunday will be the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday! We encourage you to join us in observing these Holy days of Worship!

If you are interested in ushering or helping with the Worship Committee, please contact Mary Contreras.

*Blessings,
Barbara McConnell, Music Director*



Lectionary Readings for March

Sunday, March 4 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18–25	John 2:13–22
Sunday, March 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22	Ephesians 2:1–10	John 3:14–21
Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16	Hebrews 5:5–10	John 12:20–33
Sunday, March 25 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16	Philippians 2:5–11	Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)
Monday, March 26 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1–9 Psalm 36:5–11	Hebrews 9:11–15	John 12:1–11
Tuesday, March 27 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1–7 Psalm 71:1–14	1 Corinthians 1:18–31	John 12:20–36
Wednesday, March 28 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 70:1–5	Hebrews 12:1–3	John 13:21–32
Thursday, March 29 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, March 30 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22:1–31	Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9	John 18:1–19:42
Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil	A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used. Genesis 1:1–2:4a Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26 Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13 Psalm 46:1–11 Genesis 22:1–18 Psalm 16:1–11 Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21 Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18 Isaiah 55:1–11 Isaiah 12:2–6 Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6 Psalm 19:1–14 Ezekiel 36:24–28 Psalm 42:1–11 and Psalm 43:1–5 Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 143:1–12 Zephaniah 3:14–20 Psalm 98:1–9	Romans 6:3–11 Psalm 114:1–8	Mark 16:1–8

Lectionary Readings for April

Sunday, April 1 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	<i>Easter Morning</i> Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 <i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43	John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8
Sunday, April 8 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133	1 Corinthians 5:6b–8	Luke 24:13–49
Sunday, April 15 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4	1 John 1:1–2:2	John 20:19–31
Sunday, April 22 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5–12 Psalm 23	1 John 3:1–7	Luke 24:36b–48
Sunday, April 29 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26–40 Psalms 22:25–31	1 John 3:16–24	John 10:11–18
		1 John 4:7–21	John 15:1–8

March, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11:00 Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe	10:00 am New Member Meet & Greet Potluck Breakfast – Conklin Hall
4 Soup Kitchen Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 7:00 Interfaith Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:45 Lenten Program with Potluck – CE Building	9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11:00 Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe	
11 Daylight Savings Time Starts Spring Forward!	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 12:00 Session Meeting Noon 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 7:00 Interfaith Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 5:45 Lenten Program with Potluck – CE Building	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 1:30 pm Parish Nursing Ministry Meeting – CE Building 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11:00 Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe	
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.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
Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
	Friday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Twentyfive Main Cafe
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
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	12:00 Noon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15-year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although, with your help, we hope to pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have a number of major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$100,000, that need to be funded in addition to paying off the mortgage, meaning we need to raise \$342,000.

Our first campaign produced \$101,226. Through December 24th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$40,694** for a total of **\$187,277** or about **54.8%** 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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Church Leadership 2018

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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
	Susan Holecheck	702-265-8666	Stewardship
Class of 2020	Ed Haworth	707-888-2158	Christian Ed
	Dennis Peters	922-5525	Building
	Arlene Prinselaar	773-4218	Growth

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Green Valley	Adele Kinkel	632-6347
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Old St. George	Jeff Clingan	705-8692
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