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What is Shrove Tuesday? Why Do We Eat Pancakes?

On February 13th, Rev. Ralph will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday breakfast. You might be wondering, just what is Shrove Tuesday and why do we always have pancakes?

Shrove Tuesday occurs on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent.

Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their lusts and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice.

The concept behind this practice is found in 1 Corinthians 9:27, where the Apostle Paul states: "I buffet my body and make it my slave..." Ironically, Shrove Tuesday has evolved into a day of frivolity and indulgence, during which people participate in as much pleasure and self-gratification as they can before Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.

Shrove Tuesday has a variety of customs that have derived from different regions around Europe and the Americas. As previously mentioned, England began the tradition of serving pancakes, and for this reason the day is known as "Pancake Day". In addition, there are the annual Pancake Day Races, where contestants dress in aprons and scarves and race down a course flipping a pancake in a frying pan or skillet.

In Eastern Europe, the Carnival celebrations include boisterous processions where people in large masks parade around and play jokes on bystanders. The masks are often caricatures of individuals from traditional folklore.

Perhaps the most prominent customs are the balls and pageants in New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro. Like Eastern European celebrations, participants wear masks and costumes, many of which are quite flamboyant and elaborate. Rio has a parade which includes hundreds of dancers dressed in costumes decked with feathers, all dancing the samba. In New Orleans, Mardi Gras includes a variety of parades featuring grand floats and giant effigies of eccentric characters. There is much eating, drinking, and dancing, as well as practical jokes and humorous street plays.

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	Norm Ramquist
Alice Blair	Doris & Gene Thomas
Jim Crowe	Dottie Malcomsen
Wanda Tighe	Shirley Craig
Adele Kinkel	Betty Miner
Paul & Gloria Reynolds	

Wendy Christiansen as she prepares for Ordination.
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

James Safreno
Richard & Mary Beth Gibbons
Lorraine Marks
If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please see Rev. Ralph or Session Clerk Ruth Ann Horvath

March Newsletter Deadline

February 21, 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	1 John 2:1-2	For the World
Elder Chris Schleiter	Matthew 6:21-29	Heart also
Elder Dennis Peters	2 Samuel 22:2-9	Shield and Savior
Elder Judy Oar	Timothy 2	Nothing to do with
Elder Arlene Prinselaar	Acts 2:42-47	Every day added
Elder Ed Haworth	Titus 2:11-15	Righteousness
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	James 1:5	Wisdom
Elder Scott Florence	Titus 1:15-16	Judgement free
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Romans 12:15-19	Love and Joy
Elder Susan Holecheck	Romans 5	Endeavor and Hope
Elder Mary Contreras	1 Corinthians 15:58	Steadfast

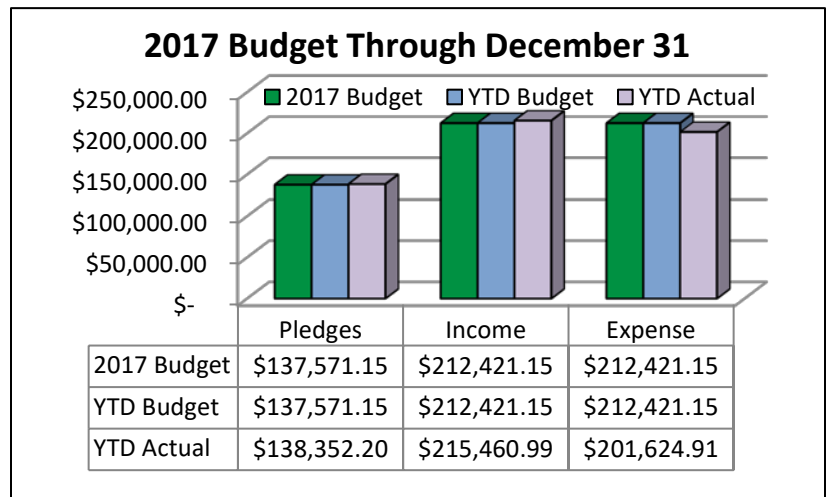
Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
February		
February 4	<i>Available</i>	Jennifer P
February 11	Alan & Sandy Paige	Donna Beasley
February 18	Dick & Patti Babb	Cindy Clingan
February 25	<i>Available</i>	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras
March		
March 4	<i>Available</i>	Jennifer P
March 11	Dick & Patti Babb	Donna Beasley
March 18	Shirley Fromknecht	Cindy Clingan
March 25	<i>Available</i>	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras

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

General Fund as of December 31, 2017	
Month of December	
Receipts	\$ 21,404.90
Expenditures	\$ 20,665.83
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 212,421.15
Actual Receipts	\$ 215,460.99
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 212,421.15
Actual Expenditures	\$ 201,624.91
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 69,328.12
Loan Balance	\$ 125,790.13
Net Building Fund	\$ (56,462.01)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 16,815.09
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,267.32
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 32,803.54
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,127.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

Luke 4:1-4 (NASB)



For much of the Christian world the church season of Lent will begin this month, of all days, on Valentine's Day, February 14th, and end of all days, April 1st, April Fool's Day. I will say more about that in my next newsletter article. However, it is ironic that we begin the season of Lent on the day of hearts and love. It almost is an elaboration of John words, 3:16: "For God so loved the world.."

What you may not be aware of that the season of Lent is one of the oldest traditions of the Christian Church, a season of 40 days, symbolic of Jesus forty days in the wilderness in spiritual preparation for his mission that comes to its fulfilment with the dawn of

Resurrection Sunday, Easter Morning. Church seasons are primarily twofold in purpose, for our spiritual growth and education. Our time of preparation to hear again those wondrous words, "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!", and experience the renewal of our own life, faith and hope, not only as individuals but as well as the body of Christ, His Church.

The question then for us now as we approach this time is just how? While some traditions encourage a temporary sacrifice of something we love to eat or do, I tend to believe a far better approach is to add to our lives and routines some activity that will lead to growth such as a Bible study or class, attend a service that you have not attended before, and of course follow those traditions and activities that lead you closer to Christ but as well closer to your brother and sister in the Lord.

Throughout this month's newsletter you will find many opportunities to do just that. I invite you to prayerfully look and see prayerfully what different you may take through this year's journey of Lent. It is my hope and prayer you will be led to join with me on this journey of preparation and celebration.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Many Thanks

Cindy, Jeff and I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for many kind words and gifts we received during the Christmas season from you all. We are deeply appreciative and praise God daily for you all.

New Bible Study

By request, beginning February 2nd there will be two Friday Bible studies, 7:30 am at Bishop's and 11:00 am at Twentyfive Main Café. Both of these Bible studies are open for all to attend. Come and be fed!

**** 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.

2018 Deacon Parish Assignments

The table below shows our parishes, the Deacons assigned to each parish and the members of the congregation who make up each parish. Please contact your Deacon if you feel they can help you. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Moderator Virginia Hunt.

Bloomington Hills	East Bloomington	Sun River	Old St. George	Dixie Downs / Santa Clara	Mrs	Pine Valley	Green Valley	Red Cliffs	Washington	Hurricane	Deacons
Sandy Paige	Vicky Westland	Candy Hurlbut	Jeff Clingan	Shirley Fromknecht	Althea Haworth	Susan Peters	Adele Kinkel	Mary Starrett	Ka-Wai Yu	Josie Marsh	Virginia Hunt
703-9272	414-1960	879-9394	705-8692	628-2381	707-888-2158	435-922-1326	632-6347	627-0290	812-340-2184	435-772-1030	714-955-1167
Cunningham	Baloga	Clark	Baxter	Ard	Everitt	Beckman, M	Haines	Babb	Blair	Abbott	Clingan, J
Freeman	Bartlett	Gray	Combes	Baker	Kitzman	Florence	Jakubczak	Clouse	Carlson	Borden	Fromknecht
Jentzer	Bass	Horvath	Kellejan	Contreras	Rak	Ingold	Morgan, M	Estlack	Cover	Crowe	Haworth
Linden	Bayle	Johnson	Lobato	Cox, S	Reynolds	Lithgow	O'Donnell	Ewing	Gordon	Drennan	Hurlbut
Mowery	Beasley, A	Kirkland	Morgan, B/E	Craig	Tadken	Malcomson	Perkins	Fine	Jimenez	Greear	Kinkel
Otness	Beasley, C/D	Larson	Oar	Gearhart	Thomas, C	Rithey	Schroeder	Holecheck	Jordy	Hammond	Marsh
Phipps	Bemis	McGaha	Sheneman	McConnell, B			West	Huyo-A, R.	Klein	Higgins	Paige
Plante	Carney	Patten	Willard	McConnell, N			Wheeler	Larsen, L.	Miller	Hirschi	Peters
Reid-Hawk	Dunham	Prinselaar	Willet Wynne	McGilloway				Linn	Robinette	Hogan	Starrett
Thomson	Laubscher	Seefeld		Shonkwiler				Mcluckie	Sater	Hunt	Westland
	Miner	Thomas, G/D						Metzger	Sauret	Lamb	Yu
	Noble							Ming	Schleter	Lawson, R	
	Penzari							Peterson	Schultzman	Moeller	
	Smith							Stewart	Samplasty-Jarman	Overkamp	
								Sullivan		Routh, T	
								Tighe		Stone	
								Wick		Trout	

Christian Education

2018 LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM – Beginning on February 19th and continuing through March 26th, Rev. Ralph will be 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 will be teaching a class on the Season of Lent starting on February 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 – Because Lent comes early this year, we will not have time to prepare a new Devotional Booklet for the Lenten Season. We have decided to re-issue the Booklet prepared last year. As you may recall, this booklet was well received and provided a very useful devotional guide for the season of Lent.

BIBLE STUDIES - With the addition of the new open Bible Study on Friday at 7:30 am at Bishop's in Washington City, we now have SEVEN weekly Bible Studies. We look forward to seeing you at one of these weekly studies.

Ed Haworth

Deacons

The 2018 Deacons met on January 20th for training and Parish assignments. The 2018 Parish assignments are on page four of this issue of the newsletter. In the next few weeks each of you will be contacted by your Deacon. Be looking for a card and / or phone call as they will be introducing themselves to you.

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

No winter doldrums here! We have been enjoying an increase in the number of folks staying after worship to share in our time of Fellowship. We are continually amazed and thankful for the items that you bring every Sunday to share on the Fellowship table.

The next few months will be busy as we enjoy Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and move into Lent and prepare for Easter. We will be having our traditional ham dinner on Easter Sunday – do you can plan ahead.

Gloria McGilloway

Growth

“Invite Someone To Church”

You will the Growth Committee refer to this quote often this year.

We received four new members in January: Mary Beth and Richard Gibbons, Lorraine Marks, and James Safreno. What a blessing to our Church! If you haven't met them yet, try to meet them and find out more about each one.

I am presently reviewing all the past information on the Growth Committee and asking members to prayerfully consider serving on my Committee. If you are interested, please contact me.

Arlene Prinselaar

Mission/Outreach

Our next activity is the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4th. The Souper Bowl began many years ago when a group of Presbyterian youth decided to collect food for the hungry on Super Sunday. We at Good Shepherd have participated many times. Bring your food on Super Sunday and we'll make sure it gets to those who need it.

We will be beginning our formal planning for the Russia Mission Network Conference in February. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me. We have lots of jobs to do and we look forward to having other churches in the program join us in September.

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

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing

Our first **BROWN BAG LUNCHEON** of 2018 is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 21st** at Noon in Conklin Hall. Our speaker will be Katie Woods, Attorney and Nationally Certified Guardian. Katie will discuss a sad and all too frequent reality in today's society -- **Elder Abuse**. You may be thinking that elder abuse doesn't impact your life, but Katie will explain that abuse of elders can occur under many guises: physical, emotional, financial and sexual, as well as abuse through neglect, abandonment and healthcare fraud. We all should be educated in recognizing telltale signs and know what action may be taken to protect friends and family. Katie, a Utah native, will share insights gained because her practice has been focused on assisting families in the St George area with their varied legal issues. She will also speak about an additional topic of interest—What to look for when selecting a nursing home.

We are grateful to Katie for once again coming to speak to us about relevant and important topics. So—make your sandwich, invite a friend and we'll see you at noon on Wednesday, February 21st.

Save the date--CPR REFRESHER COURSE: In order to maintain a CPR for Non-Professionals certification, a refresher course must be completed every two years and was last offered at Good Shepherd Church in April of 2016. We have arranged for you to be able to update your certification on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th** from 9 to 11:30 in Conklin Hall. The cost will be \$20. Your opportunity to register for the course will be available as we get closer to April.

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

Dr. Ka-Wai Yu was the honored guest speaker at our January SOUP and FELLOWSHIP event on Wednesday, January 17th (he packed the room). Spending his lunch hour with us, he began his program by playing a composition he wrote called "Momma, You are the Best" on his cello. This is a variation on several Chinese tunes which set the mood for his very well presented program. Born in Hong Kong to a musically talented and Christian mother and father, he grew up with two brothers who also play instruments, are professional and living on the east coast. His mother teaches piano and is a mezzo soprano. Ka-Wai met the cello at age two but didn't start lessons until he was five. He has a beautiful selection of slides showing his family as he grew up. He speaks five languages: Cantonese, spoken at home, Mandarin, spoken in school and the official language of China, some French, and, oh yes, English, but Music is his favorite language. He was a member of the Hong Kong Opera Society and also played his cello with a chamber music group.

Senior Ministries, continued

In 2003, he won a scholarship to the Aspen Music Festival Training Camp. This was one of several trips to the US before moving to Atlanta, Georgia in 2004. In 2005 he went to college where he was involved in musical productions as well as choir. He earned his master's degree in Indiana and then moved, in 2012, to Illinois for his doctorate degree.

In 2015, he sent out his resume to see what was available around the country and Dixie State University Skyped with him, then brought him for an interview and now he is a Trailblazing Professor, as he calls himself, at DSU so we know how the interview went. He has a full schedule teaching students and an active life with the Cello Society of Southern Utah which he started, entertains at nursing homes, is often seen playing for celebrity concert events, weddings, and our church services. He played for us at the Presbyterian Women's Tea in May and I'm sure the list goes on.

He joined God in 2012 and joined us in 2016. When pressure gets to him, he takes a hike (he's certainly in the right place to do that). We are blessed to have his friendship and talent, voice and cello, in our congregation. His voice and cello are the spirit singing. Thank you Ka-Wai.

Factoid: Ka-Wai tells me Chinese fortune cookies started in California in early 1900s. In 1990, the fortune cookie was introduced in China as Genuine American Fortune Cookie.

The Card Party had more players than ever with five at the Hearts table, two at the Golf table and four playing Bridge. This is a nice way to spend social time and use those thinking skills. Our next party will be Wednesday, February 21st, at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Do we have anyone who can play WHIST with a member?

Some thoughts on Brain Health. To my knowledge, we don't have a "sin" tax here yet, but many cities in the US do. These so-called behavior or sin taxes are among the newest weapons being implemented in the complex war to end American's obesity crisis. Some cities are charging a 20% tax on soft drinks. We currently hold the unenviable title of most overweight nation on earth. SODA. Consider that an average 20 oz. cola harbors about 16 teaspoons of added sugar. If you want to think better, feel better, help your heart, curb your appetite, prevent a headache, eliminate waste more effectively and lose weight : DRINK WATER instead of sodas.

Thanks to the members of the committee: Jane O'Donnell, Barbara West, Joyce Otness and Sherry Kretschmer.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on January 14th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved to receive Lorraine K. Marks, Richard Gibbons, Mary Beth Gibbons and James Safreno into membership. Approved the baptism of James Safreno. All were received on January 14, 2018, during the worship service.
- Approved to change April's monthly communion to the second Sunday of April, on April 8th, instead of Easter Sunday, April 1.
- Approved the purchase of 60 blank nameplates plus 2 "In Remembrance" engravings (that go at the top of each box above the nameplates) from Hooray Engraving. Total cost is \$320.
- Elected Carolynn Thomas as Treasurer for 2018.
- Elected Ruth Ann Horvath as Clerk of Session for 2018.
- Elected David Patten as Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2018.
- Approved to hold Stated Session Meetings on the second Sunday of each month following worship service in the Christian Education Building of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in 2018 and January 2019.
- Approved to appoint Rev. Clingan and Clerk of Session, Ruth Ann Horvath, as a commission to approve the 2017 Annual Statistical Report.

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 January volunteers included Marge Linn, Ruth Ann Horvath, Janis Wick, Josie Kellejan, LaVerna Metzger, Carol Somplatsky-Jarman, Vicky Westland, Brian and Patti Lusby, and Carolynn Thomas. 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. As always, we received many positive comments – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Stephen Ministry

Are we used to writing 2018 yet? The years seem to be coming (and going) quicker than when we were younger, yes? So perhaps the month of February is a good time to stop and think about what we really want to accomplish this year.

Stephen Ministry is doing just that. We are planning ahead for the needs of the congregation to ensure that support is available to anyone in a crisis. So, with that in mind, a new training class to learn the ins and outs of being a good Stephen Minister will take place this fall. Our training classes are very informative, interactive, and fun. As we did in 2016, this year we will again join forces with Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church and New Promise Lutheran Church in an ecumenical approach to the training.

So if you care about people, want to give back to others in a truly unique way, and hope to expand your knowledge and skills this year in a Christian setting, it is not too early for you to think about becoming part of the Stephen Ministry team. Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten, or Karen Kirkland would be happy to talk to you about this opportunity.

Stewardship

Hello, my name is Susan Holecheck and I am the new Elder for Stewardship.

I look forward to serving on this committee and want to begin by inviting all who are interested to join our Stewardship Committee. We have a busy year ahead of us from One Hour of Sharing, to our Pentecost offering, our Christmas Joy offering and more importantly, the commencement of a new Building Fund campaign. Input from our members and collaboration on these gifting programs will not only grow our church, but offer much needed assistance to many people around our nation and the world.

To bring you up to date on the status of our 2018 pledge campaign, as of January 21st, we have received pledges totaling \$127,405. In order to fully fund our 2018 budget, we need a total of \$140,941 in pledges. If you have made a pledge, we thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Pledges help us to plan our spending for the year.

If you are considering how you can help the Church, consider Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35 where the message is recognizing other believers as brothers and sisters in the family of God and sharing the benefit of God's gifts. The Bible teaches us it is tempting - especially if we have material wealth - to cut ourselves off from one another, each taking care of his or her own interests. But as part of God's spiritual family, it is our responsibility to help one another in every way possible. God's family works best when its members work together.

So, if you are interested in being a part of Stewardship, please let me know.

Susan Holecheck

Worship & Music

February is the month of Presidents' birthdays and Valentine's Day. But, more importantly, February 14th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Two services will be provided, one at 11:00 am and the other at 7:00 pm. Please make plans to attend one of these special Ash Wednesday services.

We welcome back our "snow-birds" to our church family. You will notice the Chancel Choir will have additional singers and are busy rehearsing music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The Bell Choir also will be preparing music for worship services and for Palm Sunday. The rehearsal for the Bells has changed to 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays due to members work schedules and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 3:45 pm. on Thursdays. If anyone is interested in joining these choirs, please let me know.

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

*Blessings,
Barbara McConnell*

Lectionary Readings for February

Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21–31 Psalm 147:1–11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16–23	Mark 1:29–39
Sunday, February 11 Transfiguration of the Lord	2 Kings 2:1–12 Psalm 50:1–6	2 Corinthians 4:3–6	Mark 9:2–9
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12 Psalm 51:1–17	2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10	Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21
Sunday, February 18 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8–17 Psalm 25:1–10	1 Peter 3:18–22	Mark 1:9–15
Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 Psalm 22:23–31	Romans 4:13–25	Mark 8:31–38

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

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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	7:30 am Open Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe 2:00 pm Self-Management of Chronic Diseases – CE Building	
4 Souper Bowl of Caring 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	5 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	6 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Noon Bell Choir Rehearsal 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	7 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	8 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 7:30 am Open Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe 2:00 pm Self-Management of Chronic Diseases – CE Building	10
11 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 12:00 Noon Session Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	12 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	13 Shrove Tuesday 8:00 am Shrove Tuesday am – Breakfast – 9:30 am Conklin Hall 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Noon Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	14 Ash Wednesday 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	15 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 1:30 pm Parish Nursing Ministry Meeting – CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16 7:30 am Open Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe 2:00 pm Self-Management of Chronic Diseases – CE Building	17
18 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship – Healing Service 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	19 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Program and Potluck – CE Building	20 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Noon Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	21 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Noon Brown Bag Lunch – Katie Woods on Elder Abuse – Conklin Hall 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall	22 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23 7:30 am Open Bible Study @ Bishop's 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe 2:00 pm Self-Management of Chronic Diseases – CE Building	24
25 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's 7:00 pm Interfaith Choir Rehearsal	26 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Lenten Program and Potluck – CE Building	27 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Noon Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	28 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble			

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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	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's
	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 **\$36,839** for a total of **\$183,422** or about **53.6%** of our **\$342,000** goal.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and have sufficient funds to perform needed maintenance and make other improvements in the future.

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	Arlene Prinselaar 773-4218	Growth

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