



# 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 2015 will be no exception.

We began our observation of Lent in mid-February with our annual Ash Wednesday Services which saw amazing attendance.

On March 29, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of men will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 7:30 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, April 2, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 7:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This dinner is notable because the room is lit oil lamps. If you have one or more lamps you can bring to the dinner, we would certainly appreciate it.

The following day, Good Friday, will be kicked off at 10:00 am by the annual Procession of the Cross and closed with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. Barbara McConnell will lead the combined choir.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 5, 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. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In recent years Presbyterians have given about \$7.5 million annually.

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

Bob Prinselaar Dorothy Nichols  
Cindy Clingan Barbara & Guy Schultzman  
Ruth Combes Dick Babb

Wendy Christianson as she continues her studies for the ministry in India  
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

Bill & Marjorie Rorick

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

### Deadline for April Newsletter

March 23, 2015

### Worship Schedule

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

9:00 – 9:45 am  
Adult Education with Rev. Ralph  
CE Building

An Examination of the Lord's Prayer

10:30 am  
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am  
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am  
Fellowship Time

### 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. I encourage 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 February were:

Rev. Ralph	Ephesians 2:19-22	A dwelling for God
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Proverbs 3:5-6	Paths made straight
Elder Amy Craig	Joshua 1:8-9	Place for the Lord
Elder Chris Schleiter	Luke 17:20-21	Kingdom among you
Elder Anne Patten	2 Peter 1:5-8	Grow in this way
Elder Scott Florence	Matt. 6:25-33	He knows your need
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Leviticus 19:15-18	Love your neighbor
Elder Gay Cunningham	Col. 3:17	Do all in Christ's name
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Ephesians 4:32	Kind and forgiving
Elder Judy Oar	Luke 11:14	Gifts

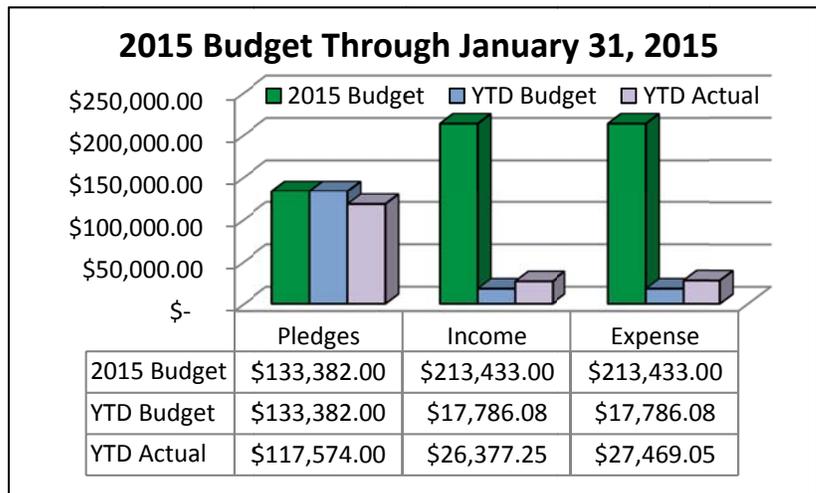
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>March</b>		
March 1	<i>Available</i>	Session
March 8	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
March 15	<i>Available</i>	Judy Oar & Joyce Otness
March 22	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
March 29	<i>Jane O'Donnell</i>	Palm Sunday Breakfast
<b>April</b>		
April 5	Easter	Easter Brunch
April 12	<i>Available</i>	Bill & Marge Linn
April 19	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
April 26	Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura Sanda	<i>Available</i>

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website [gspsq.org](http://gspsq.org)

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
As of January 31, 2015	
January	
Receipts	\$ 26,377.25
Expenditures	\$ 27,469.05
<b>2014 YTD Budget vs Actual</b>	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 17,786.08
Actual Receipts	\$ 26,377.25
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 17,786.08
Actual Expenditures	\$ 27,469.05
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 70,679.94
Loan Balance	\$ 165,118.77
Net Building Fund	\$ (94,438.83)
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
General Fund	\$ 11,688.43
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,510.71
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 23,301.13



## Pastor's Page

*Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.*

*Matthew 28:5-8 (New American Bible (Revised Edition))*

### Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



All of us bring our special memories to the great holidays that fill our year, Easter, or more appropriately, Resurrection Sunday, is no exception.

Serving a congregation in upstate New York I remember a few Resurrection Sundays beginning the day with a Son Rise service on a hill side, standing in snow. I particularly remember the year when for that service the tuba player's valves were discovered to have frozen shut.

The church where I did my field education in as a seminary student was located in downtown Rochester, New York and was land-locked. The members of that particular congregation were by no means early risers but received high marks for ingenuity. Their Son Rise service was held indoors in the Fellowship Hall with the shades drawn. The service concluded at 9:00 am when the curtains were simultaneously raised and all joined in declaring, "He is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Personally I greatly look forward to entering our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday to be greeted by our sanctuary cross completely adorned in flowers. The brass in that service raises my heart in joy.

This is what all these memories and congregations have in common, JOY!

For many in our world this day is just another day, another Sunday. Or perhaps the day for many is simply about candy, eggs and bunnies. However for the Christian Community across the world it is the greatest day of all, a day of complete victory over sin and death. A day to celebrate and be renewed in joy as we declare before all creation our own resurrection to new life in His name! A day to truly be joyful as we declare:

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17*

Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!

A very joyous and blessed Resurrection Sunday to you all!

*Rev. Ralph*

p.s. My wife, Cindy, and I would like to thank you all for your great concern, care, and prayers extended to Cindy and me during Cindy's illness. It has touched and helped us greatly! God bless you all!

### **\*\*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 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.

## The Acts 16:5 Initiative

*"Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size." (Acts 16:5)*

### Building One Another

*By Dr. E. Stanley Ott*

*Founder and President, Vital Churches Institute*

#### HERE I AM

There is a simple Hebrew word "hineni," pronounced hin-nai-ni, that means, "here I am." It simply means, "I am available to do your bidding." "How may I serve you today?"

God called to Abraham and he replied, "Hinnainee - Here I am, Lord" (Genesis 22:1).\*

God called Jacob and he replied, "Hinnainee - Here I am, Lord" (Genesis 31:11).

God called Moses and he replied, "Hinnainee - Here I am, Lord" (Exodus 3:4).

God asked of Isaiah, "Whom shall I send?" and he replied, "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:8).

So we see that hinnainee is a really big deal to God and to God's people!

There is no sarcasm in hinnainee offered with downcast face and raised eyebrow. If you reply to a request to take out the trash or to stay up all night with a sick child with a "here I am" accompanied by sarcastic folded arms and a frowning face. That's not "here I am – to serve," but instead it's "here I am – not." It's a hinnai-no and not a hinnainee.

Need me to drop by the grocery? "Here I am," said warmly. You asking me to rake the leaves? "Here I am," said graciously. Want me to lead a group at church or make a generous offering or serve on a board? "Here I am," said confidently. Send me! I will do it with all of the grace and excellence I am capable of! Hinnainee!

May your New Year be the year in which you respond to our Lord and to the people in your life with hinnainee – here I am – how may I serve you today?

For a wonderful song by Raquel Pomerantz Gershon & Max Jared about hineni, check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msL0ywAiviM>

Joy to you

*Courtesy of The Vital Churches Institute*

#### NEXT TO YOU!

Sitting on the aisle of an airplane on Sunday with a pleasant woman in the middle seat and with boarding nearly finished and the window seat empty, I was thinking, "We can spread out." Then a very young mother with her very small baby took that seat. Suddenly I was looking forward to a less than quiet time in the air!

The woman next to me immediately helped that young mom. Taking the child with obvious expertise she bounced, cuddled, and cooed that baby into warm smiles and happy joy until she laid the sleeping baby in the arms of his mother and the two of them slept together the entire flight.

Thinking about that later I realized our Lord had put just the right person next to that mother and baby and in fact had put just the right person next to me.

God loves to do that. The wonderful word "paraclete" means, "one who comes alongside to help." Our Lord enjoys putting just the right people next to you – paracletes in your life!

Think for a moment about who is next to you whose role in your life has been to lift your spirits, tend your wounds, and simply to walk with you through the valley.

Give thanks for them and thanks to them!

And should you find yourself alone, recall the words of Jesus and know the God who loves you is just the right one next to you: "...when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me" John 16:32.

Joy to you

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## Deacons

At our last meeting at the end of January, we received training from Rev. Harold Wylie and organized ourselves for the coming year.

I will return as Moderator for another year and we have elected Virginia Hunt as Moderator-Elect. Our Secretary will be Janice Klein and Virginia Hunt will head up the Shalom Committee. We will be assigning someone to oversee the Deacons' shed at our meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, if you need something from the shed, please contact Bob Morgan at 673-3032.

Parish assignments for the coming year are shown below and on the last page of the Newsletter. If they haven't already done so, your Deacon should be contacting you soon. If you are unsure of who your Deacon is, please let me know and I will be happy to point you in the direction of your Deacon.

Parish	Deacon / Phone	Parish	Deacon / Phone
<b>Bloomington</b>	Dick & Patti Babb (688-1120)	<b>Santa Clara</b>	Dottie Malcolmson (673-4471)
<b>East Bloomington</b>	Molly Bass (628-6440)	<b>Pine Valley</b>	Tineke Ingold (574-3614)
<b>South Gate</b>	Molly Bass (628-6440)	<b>East St. George</b>	Bob Moeller (801-707-4353)
<b>West Bloomington</b>	Candy Hurlbut (628-4894)	<b>Green Valley</b>	Tineke Ingold (574-3614)
	Jeff Clingan (705-8692)		Shirley Fromknecht (628-2381)
<b>Old St. George</b>	Larry Laubscher (656-0617)	<b>Red Cliffs</b>	Fred Hampton (627-0017)
<b>Dixie Downs</b>	Shirley Fromknecht (628-2381)	<b>Washington</b>	Janice Klein (628-1158)
<b>Ivins</b>	Ron & Sherri Ard (674-1382)	<b>Hurricane</b>	Ann Hogan (635-0993)
			Virginia Hunt (714-955-1167)

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 435-574-3614.

*Tineke Ingold, Moderator*

## Fellowship



Spring cannot come soon enough for my family out East. That is why I live in St. George. The trees are beginning to bud and flowers will be blooming soon.

Our second annual Scottish Celebration was held on February 7 and we had over 70 people, including the performers. At least 10 people joined in the Highland Fling (I have incriminating video if anyone would like to see it). Thanks to Dan Rak for making it happen and to all who donated money. We raised over \$230 for the Building Fund.

I have submitted all the information for the new Directory. I will get the proofs early in March. The Directories should be ready late in March or early in April. I will distribute your directories and photos then. I will have a few extra Directories for those of you who did not have their pictures taken.

Be sure to join us for Fellowship on Sunday, March 1, after church when we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Sarah Louisa Conklin's birth. Session will be providing goodies and we'll sing "Happy Birthday" in her honor.

*Happy Spring!*  
*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Grounds

Thanks to everyone who helped spread rock on February 28!

It was so much fun, we're going to do it again. Please mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, March 28, to finish spreading the landscape rock on the area next to the memorial garden and get at least a good start on the area next to the Deacon's shed. Bring your gloves, a flat shovel, rock rake and wheelbarrow if you have one.

See you then!

*Scott Florence*

## Mission/Outreach

I want to thank you for your overwhelming generosity and for the gifts you gave during February.

February 1st, which was our monthly Care & Share Sunday was also Super Bowl Sunday this year and we again participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring with all proceeds going to Dixie Care & Share. Thanks in large measure to a generous donation of food from Dick and Patti Babb, Care and Share received \$720 and 396 food items weighing in at 406 pounds.

On February 8th, Jim Roberts from Grace Episcopal Church thanked the congregation for their support and for the generous donation we were able to make at the end of 2014. He also thanked Gloria Reynolds and her team for the great work they do each month in serving meals to the hungry.

On February 15th, we had our first Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday. We collected so many supplies that Jim was overwhelmed when he stopped by to pick them up. We'll be doing Supply Sunday on the THIRD Sunday of every EVEN numbered month.

I continue to thank our Lord for the generosity and spirit of our congregation.

*Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing

On Wednesday, March 11 we will be pleased to welcome Teri Koenig from Intermountain LiVe Well Center as our Brown Bag Luncheon speaker at 12 noon in Conklin Hall when she will present a program called: "Do you feel as good as you could?"

Teri, as a certified health and wellness coach and gerontologist, is well qualified to speak about the Center and the many programs available to us here in St George for improving our fitness and lifestyle. Come and learn how to not only age actively but also live with chronic conditions as we age. The program lasts about one hour. Bring a Brown Bag lunch for yourself and we will provide beverages and "healthy" desserts. We look forward to having you attend.

Our next Blood Bank to be held here at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church will be held on Friday, April 17th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. You will have the opportunity at church to sign up to make an appointment. Any questions, please call Alicia Kitzman at 435-272-4614 or Mitzi Rak at 435-674-1204.

We're available to take your BLOOD PRESSURE the second Sunday of each month in Conklin Hall during fellowship time. The next date is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Alicia Kitzman & 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

We are looking forward to our next Soup Bread Fellowship in April when Russell Estlack will present his experiences in Alaska. He has published a book titled "The Aleut Internments of WWII". Mark your calendars and join us on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Conklin Hall.

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions taken:

- Met and welcomed Bill and Marjorie Rorick and Guy and Barbara Schultzman as new members.
- Approved Rev. Ralph's request for vacation the week following Easter.
- Approved recognizing Dan Rak for his work on Scottish Night.
- Approved Communion Dates for 2015.
- Approved accepting Dottie Malcolmson's offer to display her painting of praying hands in the Chapel.
- Approved expenses for the setup of the community garden with funding to come from the Memorial Fund.
- Received an initial assessment of major needs of the church during the next five years.

## Stewardship

### Pledge Update

Thank you so much to all of you who have pledged. Through January, we have received 47 pledges totaling \$117,574. With a budget of \$133,382 we do have a ways to go. Please be in prayer for how God wants you to support the ministry of this congregation.

### March is Per Capita Month for Good Shepherd!

You may have noticed blue envelopes in the pews, in the narthex, and in your box of offering envelopes marked “per capita.” Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, “Exactly what does per capita do?”

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$38.61) that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Does our congregation want to benefit from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country? Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- Does our congregation want to be involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth? In many places in our world, it is difficult to “do mission” except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- Do we want to benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the *Book of Order* and *The Book of Confessions*? Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- Do we want future generations to learn about our congregation’s present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions)? Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- Do we want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- Do we want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more? Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, our per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like us about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

We do not believe in being lone rangers in the PC (USA). We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, and ministry of each other in this place, so, too, do we benefit from an even wider array of gifts and ministry of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across the church. Your per capita pays for the programs, training, and resources that help us work together and discern the mind of Christ for the PC (USA).

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of \$38.61. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. Our per capita payment for Good Shepherd was \$9845.55. If you haven’t yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

### Quick Stewardship Quote

*“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.”* Thomas Merton

Amy Craig

## Worship and Music

Our bells and chancel choirs are working hard to prepare a wonderful selection of music for the congregation's enjoyment during Lent, Palm Sunday, & Holy Week. You may have heard the phrases "When words fail, music speaks", or, "If there were no music, life would be flat". Truer words were never spoken, so be ready to enjoy the seasons' music and singing. Voice and Bells anthems are carefully chosen by our Music Director Barbara McConnell not just for their beauty but also for the message they contain. And the hymns are chosen by Pastor Ralph to also reflect that week's lectionary texts and often, his sermon's message. A lot of thought and consideration go into this church's music program, so if you enjoy it, please let the choirs, pastor and Music Director know!

During the contemplative Lent period, please note that the Communion Table candles and candelabras behind the choir are NOT lit. Lighting them will resume on Palm Sunday. Wonder why? Ask Pastor Ralph!

On Palm Sunday, bring your breakfast appetites, and come to church early and hungry. The men of the congregation will be fixing their traditional Palm Sunday breakfast, so come one, come all and enjoy a delicious feast before our worship service. Of course, palms will be available for everyone. The chancel and bell choirs will be singing and ringing!

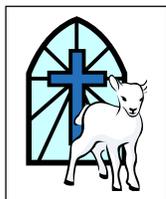
We will celebrate Maundy Thursday (April 2) with Holy Communion, Hand Washing, and a simple supper of bread, cheese, and fruit. Look for sign-up sheets in the bulletin. We need a head count, so be sure to sign up if you are coming. And please bring bread, cheese or fruit for several people. We request that the cheese be brought already sliced or cut into small pieces, so that this does not have to be done in the kitchen at the last moment. We appreciate your help in this! This is a lovely service commemorating the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion, and the choir will sing one anthem. So please come if you can.

There will be an interdenominational Good Friday service on April 3 at Good Shepherd this year at 7 p.m. New Promise Lutheran and Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist churches will be joining us, and the combined choirs, directed by Barbara McConnell, are sure to sing beautifully.

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is on April 5 this year. The choir will be singing their hearts out, there will be a brass duo, and a vocal quartet will sing during the Offertory---all to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and God's glory and loving kindness. Fellowship is planning a wonderful lunch to follow worship.

*Anne Patten and Barbara McConnell*

## Wendy's Window



Hello from Kodaikanal International School (KIS), Tamil Nadu, INDIA, where I will continue to teach Religious Education, organize the weekly Sunday worship service in the KIS Chapel, preach, lead dormitory devotions, chaperone student activities, lead a youth group called Teen Dimensions for students in Grades 6-8 and provide pastoral care for students and staff through May 2015. Working at an International residential school with 500 students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 has been an enriching experience. Students and staff at KIS come from a variety of religious backgrounds including Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Christian and others. The challenge at KIS is to present the Gospel in a way that respects the integrity and background of each student in the school.

Each morning at 6:00 am, I have made it a practice of taking a 3 mile walk around a lovely lake in the center of Kodaikanal. The walk is great! There are often a variety of birds, huge eucalyptus trees, pesky monkeys, cows and huge bison along the trail. About ¾ of the way, there is a Hindu Ashram that has a very large message printed in black on its yellow exterior. The message simply says: LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL, HELP EVER, HURT NEVER. As I reflected on the message, it reminded me that the Bible tells us that, as Christians, we also are called to love all, serve all, help ever and hurt never. It is certainly what Jesus did and what we can do to most effectively share the Gospel of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

It is meaningful to be in India during this season of Lent. I am looking forward to seeing the way in which Easter is celebrated. I have been told that there is an ecumenical sunrise service at another local Christian church, followed by an outdoor breakfast, followed by a festive Easter service in the KIS Chapel. I wish you all the best as you celebrate Easter at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,

*Wendy Christianson*  
*Wendy.christianson@ptsem.edu*

## MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Dixie Care &amp; Share</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting 2:00 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>5</b> 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Daylight Savings Time Starts - Spring Forward</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>9</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir 5:15 pm Session Meeting	<b>11</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery 6:30 pm Safe Harbor Support Group	<b>12</b> 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>16</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>17</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>18</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery	<b>19</b> 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>25</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery	<b>26</b> 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 7:30 am Palm Sunday Breakfast 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	<b>30</b> 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	<b>31</b> 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir				

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gspcsq.org](http://gspcsq.org) for the latest information.

## Congregation News

### Special Thanks to Dottie Malcomson

On behalf of the entire Congregation, the Building team would like to thank Dorothy Malcomson for offering her painting of "Praying Hands", for display in our Chapel. Stop by and see this wonderful addition!

## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1–7,15–16 Psalm 22:23–31	Romans 4:13–25	Mark 8:31–38
Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18–25	John 2:13–22
Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3,17–22	Ephesians 2:1–10	John 3:14–21
Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 <i>or</i> Psalm 119:9–16	Hebrews 5:5–10	John 12:20–33
Sunday, March 29 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 11:1–11 <i>or</i> 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 <i>or</i> Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)
Monday, March 30 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1–9 Psalm 36:5–11	Hebrews 9:11–15	John 12:1–11
Tuesday, March 31 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1–7 Psalm 71:1–14	1 Corinthians 1:18–31	John 12:20–36

## Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Wednesday, April 1 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 70:1–5	Hebrews 12:1–3	John 13:21–32
Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2,12–19	1 Corinthians 11:23–26	John 13:1–17,31b–35
Friday, April 3 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22:1–31	Hebrews 10:16–25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14–16,5:7–9	John 18:1–19:42
Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil	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 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
Sunday, April 5 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter	Acts 10:34–43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 118:1–2,14–24	1 Corinthians 15:1–11 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34–43	John 20:1–18 <i>or</i> Mark 16:1–8
	<i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b–8	Luke 24:13–49
Sunday, April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133	1 John 1:1–2:2	John 20:19–31
Sunday, April 19 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4	1 John 3:1–7	Luke 24:36b–48
Sunday, April 26 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5–12 Psalm 23	1 John 3:16–24	John 10:11–18

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month  
 Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday – contributions of supplies – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December  
 Safe Harbor Support Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each Month – 6:30 pm in the CE Building

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	<b>CE Building</b>
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Cracker Barrel Restaurant
	Friday	7:45 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's Restaurant
Choir Practices	Tuesday	4:00 pm	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 we hope to continue our tradition of paying off our mortgages early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also need to replenish the \$45,000 that was in the fund when we began the project meaning we need to raise almost \$287,000.

Through February 15<sup>th</sup>, we had received pledges totaling \$68,881 and cash donations of \$27,587 for a total of \$96,468 or about 33.6% of the way to the \$287,000 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 free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.

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### Church Leadership 2015

#### Elders

Class of 2015	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2016	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Scott Florence	688-2624	Grounds
Class of 2017			Christian Ed
	Gay Cunningham	652-3654	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Worship

#### Deacons

<b>Bloomington</b>	Dick & Patti Babb (688-1120)	<b>Santa Clara</b>	Dottie Malcolmsen (673-4471)
<b>E. Bloomington</b>	Molly Bass (628-6440)	<b>Pine Valley</b>	Tineke Ingold (574-3614)
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<b>W. Bloomington</b>	Jeff Clingan (705-8692)	<b>Hurricane</b>	Virginia Hunt (714-955-1167)
<b>Old St. George</b>	Larry Laubscher (656-0617)	<b>Red Cliffs</b>	Fred Hampton (627-0017)
<b>Dixie Downs</b>	Shirley Fromknecht (628-2381)	<b>Washington</b>	Janice Klein (628-1158)
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