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NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING IN OCTOBER

It's been four years since Good Shepherd has had a new directory with photos of our members and friends. A lot has changed since 2015 and it's time for a new one!

This time we're going to produce the directory ourselves. No more hard sell sales pitches from Lifetouch. No more appointments to get your photo taken. You can even submit a photo (certain restrictions apply) if you prefer. If you're a shut-in, we can make arrangements to come to you and take a photo; and, best of all, we can keep it up to date.

Chris Schleter will be taking photos in the Sanctuary after church on September 1st and 8th and those dates will be your LAST CHANCE to have a photo taken for the directory. After you have a cup of coffee in Conklin Hall, stop by and have your photo taken. It won't take but a couple of minutes. If you know a shut-in, please have them contact us, and we can work out a way to include them in the directory.

Even if you do not want a photo in the directory, we ask that you stop by and check the information that we have for you. We know that phone numbers and email addresses change over time and we want to be sure that what we put in the directory is as accurate as possible.

If you have any questions, please speak with Chris, Gloria McGilloway, Carolynn Thomas, or Jan Hirschi.

NEW BIBLES IN THE SANCTUARY

The old blue Bibles are gone. While we started back in the '90's with a Bible for every seat in the Sanctuary, over time the supply of Bibles had dwindled to the point that we had 196 seats but just 99 Bibles. We would like to have been able to order more of the blue Bibles but that edition has been out of print for more than a decade. We could have ordered new Bibles to fill in the blanks but that would have meant that the page numbers would have been different in the two editions, making for confusion for everyone.

After discussion and research, we found a new edition of the New Revised Standard Version Bible that was a good solution to our dilemma. Using a portion of the bequest we received our late secretary, Dawn Angarone, we purchased a full set of new Bibles for the Sanctuary. There is now one Hymnal and one Bible for each seat! We also bought enough Bibles so that we should not face the same issue for a long time.

The old Bibles will not be discarded. We have asked Presbytery to see if any other churches are in the same situation we were in. If any come forward, we will provide the old Bibles to them. If you would like one of the old Bibles for personal use, please see Chris Schleter.

We want to thank Carolynn Thomas and Chris Schleter for working to make the new Bibles a reality and hope that the new Bibles will fill all of us with the Holy Spirit for many years to come.

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

Jan Hirschi	Wanda Tighe
Roger Kitzman	Josie Marsh
Joe Borden	Preston Hughes
Dottie Malcomson	Barbara Schultzman
Faye Gray	Althea Haworth
	Faye Gray
Marge & Norm Ramquist	

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 LaVerna Metzger

October Newsletter Deadline

September 23, 2019

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Morning Prayer and Communion
Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education
CE Building

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
CE Building

10:30 am
Worship
Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time
Conklin Hall

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Minister of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. Rev. Ralph encourages our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for July were:

Rev. Ralph	John 20:26-29	Seeing and believing
Elder LaVerna Metzger	Luke 12:22-23	Do not worry
Elder Scott Florence	Romans 5:1-5	Hope
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Colossians 3:12-14, 17	Forgive
Elder Susan Holecheck	Ephesians 2:10	The poor
Elder Judy Oar	3 John:4	Children walking in truth
Elder Mary Contreras	Isaiah 40:31	New strength
ElderCarolynn Thomas	Psalms 51:10	A clean heart
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Psalms 85	Restore us
Elder Eric Westland	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Give thanks
Elder Jan Hirschi	1 Peter 5:6-7	Humble yourselves

Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
September		
September 1	<i>Available</i>	Jennifer P
September 8	<i>Available</i>	Donna Beasley
September 15	Donna Baker	<i>Available</i>
September 22	Shirley Wilson	<i>Available</i>
September 29	<i>Available</i>	No Nursery – 5 th Sunday
October		
October 6	Russ & Candy Hurlbut	Jennifer P
October 13	Dave & Anne Patten	Donna Beasley
October 20	Doris Thomas	<i>Available</i>
October 27	Dick & Patti Babb	<i>Available</i>

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website gpscsq.org

Treasurer's Report

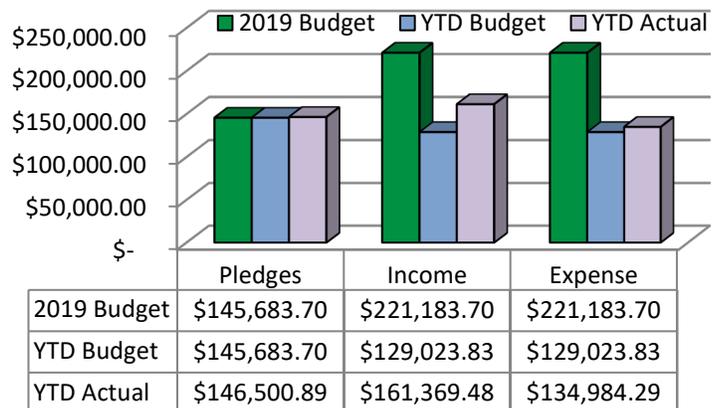
General Fund as of July 31, 2019 Month of July

Receipts	\$ 16,159.75
Expenditures	\$ 20,415.93
2019 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 129,023.83
Actual Receipts	\$161,369.48
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 129,023.83
Actual Expenditures	\$134,984.29

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 39,784.80
Building Fund	\$ 43,469.49
Memorial Fund	\$ 440.99
Reserve Fund	\$ 47,861.41
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 5,243.55

2019 Budget Through July 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
3 Though its waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6 The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He raised His voice, the earth melted.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.
10 "Cease striving and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Psalm 46:1-7,10-11 New American Standard Bible (NASB)



Having returned just two weeks ago from Russia, which was an excellent trip that I will speak more about in my next newsletter article, I noted quickly that in my absence the world had changed. Well, at least my little part of it. What used to be first light in the morning is now complete darkness. What you used to be full sun is now sunset.

By nature we are uncomfortable with change. We like things to stay the way they are. However, acknowledging that we are in a constant state of change the truth is that we want things to stay the way they were.

I believe, however, that God is always calling us into a future he has prepared for us. It's a matter of trusting ourselves and our tomorrows to His care. The psalmist reminds us that we are not God and not captains of our destiny. But, we are loved creations in his hands. In other words, do not fear in the face of a changing world. But, instead have faith and live lives that reflect that faith and peace.

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

Adult Education in September

In Galatians Paul speaks of the fruits of the Spirit. During our September Adult Class we will examine what the Holy Spirit is, what the fruits of a life are, and how they are Spirit filled and directed. Please keep in mind we return to regular Sunday hours on Sept. 1 going to 8:45 am for Morning Prayer and Communion in the sanctuary and Adult Ed. at 9:00 am. As usual Rev. Ralph's "no doze guaranteed" strength coffee will be on hand.

**** 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 several 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

Scott Florence joined Rev. Ralph for this year's trip to Dorogobuzh. We asked him to keep a journal during the trip and what follows are excerpts from that journal.

Our flights from Las Vegas to Moscow went without a hitch. On our arrival in Moscow, things got interesting. Our interpreter/guide, Olga, who was filling in for Al Smith while we were in Moscow, thought she wasn't meeting us until after we got back from Dorogobuzh. We arranged to meet Olga the next morning and took a wild taxi ride to the Warsaw Hotel where we arrived about 3:00 pm.

The next morning we met Olga at the hotel after breakfast and took the Metro to a stop near Christ the Savior Cathedral where we got off and walked to the cathedral. It was very ornate and beautiful. It's hard to believe that it was completely rebuilt after Stalin had it torn down. From there we walked up to the Kremlin and Red Square. We also walked through the "Gum" shopping mall. From there we went to St. Basil's Cathedral which was spared from being torn down (thankfully). Ralph had to have lunch at Mu Mu Café, despite Olga's protestations to go somewhere else.

On Saturday, Olga took us to the train station and made sure we got on the right train (the express train to Smolensk at 11:30, a very modern train). After 3 stops (2 in "cities of military glory" and another in Gagarin which is named after the famous Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin) we arrived in Safovono at 2:30 where we were met by pastor Sergei. We arrived at Sergei's house around 3:15 where we met his wife Nina and his children (Kostya and his wife Katya, Tima, Lena and Rita) and Lena's friend Sergei and Katya's sister Masha.

After dinner, we went to the church for the prayer service where we met assistant pastor Volodya who preached, then we broke into small groups of 4 to pray while standing (they always pray standing), a very moving experience despite the language barriers. Another light meal and tea (chai) were served after the service when we got back to Sergei's house.

Ralph presented Sergei with a pair of cowboy boots. I'm not sure Sergei knew what to make of them but we joked that now he needs a cowboy hat and horse.

Masha and Larissa, both from Moscow, arrived very late. They come from Novogireyev Baptist Church to help with camp every summer (Masha with the teens and Larissa with the pre-teens). Masha also served as our interpreter while in Dorogobuzh. Masha is a PhD microbiologist and Larissa is a school teacher.

After a short bible reading and prayers while standing in a circle (a nightly ritual), we retired for the night around 11:30. This time there were only about 12 of us staying at the house so a few less than in the past. I avoided the morning competition for the only tub/shower by using it in the evening (thankfully there were 2 toilets).

After a Sunday breakfast of kasha (porridge which is served every morning with variations from oatmeal to corn meal mush) and chai, we went up to the church for the worship service at which both Ralph and I gave sermons (my very first, he was more long-winded than me [Ed. Note: Ralph disputes that]). After the service, the church ladies served a wonderful lunch and of course chai.

Before going up to the church on Monday for camp, Ralph and I had to get "registered" at what appeared to be like a county clerk's office (or DMV). That took about an hour and there was some going back and forth rather animatedly between Sergei, Masha and the clerk but in the end, we got through it and got "registered."

At camp (day 1) we met all the kids (about 15) and all the helpers including a young man (Ilya) and a young woman (Dasha) who both spoke fairly fluent English. The theme of this year's camp was the book of Genesis and creation. Ralph and I both got on the bounce house twice and played volleyball and other games (the first serve, I took a dive and got grass stains on my knees but managed not to break anything). We rotated among the 2 groups of kids throughout the day and rest of the week. At 2:00 pm (every day) a wonderful lunch was served prepared by the ladies who were there since early morning. We noted that they use only plates, cups and silverware that are washed by hand, nothing is disposable. Even though it was served every day, I could not develop a taste for Kompot which is a very sweet fruit juice mix. Everything else though was freshly prepared and very good with lots of local fresh vegetables and fruit. We also noted that they like to put ketchup on their pasta (Italians would be horrified).

At the end of the first day, they shot off confetti and Ralph and I "cut the ribbon" to officially open camp.

After camp, Sergei, Masha, Kostya, Katya and I went to the Boldino Russian Orthodox Monastery east of Dorogobuzh. As we arrived in the main church, there were 6-8 monks singing/chanting from a balcony. It was very beautiful and almost other worldly.

News from the Russia Mission, continued

Flavel and his daughter (who live in Vjaz'ma and have a children's entertainment business) came to do a "dinosaur hunt" which was great fun to watch. They served borsch for the first time for lunch (we had it again later in the week). I played dodgeball and other kid's games, reverting back to my youth! At the end of the day, we drew the name of a "secret friend" who we were to bring a wrapped gift (or gifts) for the next day.

That evening, Ralph broke out the chips and mild salsa he brought which were a big hit (Kostya was later putting salsa on pasta instead of ketchup).

Thursday there were more games, bible studies and craft making plus another wonderful lunch. I turned out to be Ilya's secret friend. He gave me an assortment of Russian chocolates, candy, a bag of something like very small bagels that are popular to have with tea and Kvass (a popular Slavic fermented but mostly non-alcoholic beverage made from rye bread).

After camp, Sergei, Masha, Ralph and I went to look at the ruins of an old estate and orthodox church south of Dorogobuzh then the WWII memorial on the hill above town (to commemorate the 1,827 killed in the battle of Dorogobuzh).

After lunch on Friday, the last day of camp, we took a bus to Safavono to see the new Lion King movie (which was all in Russian). Ralph and I caught up a little on our sleep deprivation during the movie.

On Saturday morning, Sergei took Masha and Larissa to Safovono to catch the 10:00 am train to Smolensk where they were going to spend the weekend. Before we left, Lena (who is an art student at a college in Smolensk) offered us any two of her paintings we wished to take. After goodbyes, Sergei took us to catch the train back to Moscow at 2:00 pm and helped us board. We arrived there at 5:00 pm where Olga met us at the train station and took us back to the Warsaw Hotel.

On Sunday, with Olga as our guide/interpreter, we attended services at the Novogireyevno Baptist Church in the morning (where we were warmly received and Ralph was invited to share our experience in Dorogobuzh before the congregation, probably at great potential peril to the church because of the Russian "anti-terrorism" laws) and then the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy in the afternoon (where a Catholic priest from Germany who was filling in gave an excellent sermon). We had a late lunch/early dinner at the Grabli Café on Arbat Street (the Grabli and Mu Mu are what I would call Russian style cafeterias).

Monday was a sightseeing day. We went to the State Historic Museum where I got separated from Ralph and Olga and in spite of what Ralph might say, I was not lost, I knew where I was at all times, I just didn't know where they were. But we finally found each other as I was waiting right by the main entrance. From there, we walked back to Arbat Street and had lunch at a Georgian Restaurant. After lunch we took the metro to the Ismailovsky Flea Market where we bought gifts and souvenirs.

Ralph and I had dinner with a Rotarian from the Moscow East Rotary Club (a past-president and current club secretary). They weren't having their regular club meeting that night so we met with her to exchange club banners and take photos.

On our last day in Moscow we went to Victory Park (dedicated to the "Great Patriotic War" aka WWII) and through the museum there, then back to Arbat Street for Ralph to look for one more gift. Then we took the metro back to the hotel and walked to Gorky Park and along the Moscow River across from the memorial to Peter the Great.

Departure day arrived and Olga took us to the airport where we said our thanks and goodbyes. We boarded our flight to Helsinki at 10:00 am. The flight was slightly delayed so we had a tight connection with the flight to JFK. As a result my bag made it to JFK but Ralph's didn't. We waited too long for his bag and missed our 4:00 pm flight to Las Vegas so we got put on a later flight that was supposed to leave at 6:00 pm but didn't take off until 8:00 pm. When we arrived in Las Vegas, Ralph's bag was there but mine was not. We took the midnight shuttle back to St. George and arrived home at almost 4:00 am August 15th after 30+ hours of traveling. My bag was delivered to the house the next day.

All in all it was a great trip, very enlightening and enriching both spiritually and culturally. As Chris has said before, we profess our faith while the folks in Dorogobuzh live their faith. Sergei and Nina are gracious hosts. They don't have a lot materially (but are rich in spirit). What they have, they share freely.

Buildings

It has been a relatively quiet summer, building-wise, but there are a few items to share with the congregation.

A huge thank-you to Guy Schultzman who did some awesome work (again) in our kitchen. Guy removed the commercial dishwasher that we never used and installed new cabinetry with a butcher block cutting board in its place. That alone is impressive, but he then took the 20-amp circuit and ran a ground-fault protected outlet into the main room of Conklin Hall, near the kitchen door. This “new” circuit will be available for plugging in crock pots, warming plates, and amplifiers should we ever decide to host a KISS concert. Thanks, Guy!

- Our new smart thermostats are already paying dividends, and not just with saving energy. When Bike and Build was using the CE building in July, I received a phone call that the CE building was not cooling. I received that call in Brussels, Belgium. Upon opening my laptop, I could see the AC was running, but not keeping up with the 100+ degree temps. We called in our HVAC technician and he determined that refrigerant had leaked out of the system and added some more. The stuff is expensive as it is not made anymore in the USA, but it did the trick. Unfortunately, after a few weeks, the new coolant leaked out again, so this time we added more coolant and some magic goo in the line to hopefully plug up any leaks. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. This time it didn't, so it's time for a new AC system for the CE building. We got 20 years out of the current system which is above average. That's the bad news.
- The good news is that we have been analyzing the data from our smart thermostats and can now accurately replace the old equipment with properly-sized modern equipment that will make the CE building just as comfortable, but for less money each month. We are also going to make some other changes that will partition the CE building into two separate climate zones that match our weekly use, helping to keep building users efficiently warm in the winter and cool in the summer, for less money.

The Building Committee, comprised of the hardest working and most-brilliant minds in the congregation other than all the other ministries, is meeting on Sept. 4th at 10:00 am. If you would like to join this group, or just want to complain about the leaking drinking fountain (again), we welcome any attendees and new members. There is a test, but if you can bring donuts, you'll pass easily. We'll be in Conklin Hall.

*Blessings,
Eric Westland, Building Elder*

Christian Education

September is a traditional start of a congregation's year. Summer is almost over. Schools have started. No wonder this month is chockfull of special Sundays on the PCUSA calendar. Several relate to learning. Christian Education Week is September 8th through 14th. Presbyterian Higher Education Day is September 3rd. Sixty some colleges and universities relate to the PCUSA. Theological Educations and Seminaries Sunday is September 15th. There are 10 seminaries related to the PCUSA, and two others in covenant agreement.

Here at Good Shepherd we have several opportunities for education and reflection in the meaning of our faith. There are Bible studies, Advent and Lenten Studies, and Sunday School. More opportunities are being launched this year as well. Take a look at what's available on the weekly calendar, and stay tuned for announcements of new opportunities to come. They will be publicized in the Sunday bulletin, the newsletter, and on the Christian Education bulletin board.

*Bill Somplatsky-Jarman
Elder, Christian Education*

Deacons

The Deacons hope you enjoyed our Sundaes for Sunday. We scooped lots of vanilla ice cream and you added lots of toppings.

Our September Deacon of the Month will be Josie Marsh. She serves our Hurricane Parish which is one of our larger parishes. We hope to meet more and more of our Parish members as we head into Fall.

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.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Lord; and hope that if there is anything you need, you will let us know.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

The month of August has certainly lived up to its reputation for being the hottest month in St. George. We are thankful for our air conditioning because we can still gather for fellowship in comfort.

Keep in mind that Fellowship belongs to you. What is served, how it is served, and how it is cleaned up is your fellowship responsibility. It fills my heart with gladness and thankfulness when the "You" that is fellowship helps serve their brothers and sisters in the many areas of fellowship. May God bless you for your service.

*Blessings
Gloria McGilloway*

Mission/Outreach

Soup Kitchen Food Drive Donations: Our July/August donations to the Soup Kitchen included 145 pounds of food and paper goods and \$25 cash. They are so appreciative of every can of food and dollar we give to them. So many hungry folks in St George benefit from the hot meals served at the Soup Kitchen. The First Sunday of each month is "Donations to Soup Kitchen Sunday".

Operation Christmas Child: Yes, we are working towards filling our Christmas Child shoeboxes early this year. With the blessing of Session and congregation donations, we have funds to take advantage of school supply and other sales as they happen during the Spring, Summer and Fall.

How can you help?? Do you like to shop and enjoy stretching a dollar?? You can be one of the shoppers who watch for sales – using church donations to make your purchases. ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288 to receive a shopping list and donation funds to do your shopping for the shoeboxes.

Are you not inclined to shop for shoebox goodies – or cannot get out easily to go shopping?? You can make cash donations to the church for those who will be shopping for shoebox supplies. Just indicate on your check or cash that it is for Operation Christmas Child.

Yes, we will still take home shoeboxes to fill at home, but also meet up at church in the Fall to fill additional boxes. Our Knotty Knitters are creating beautiful, colorful purses, hats & scarves to tuck into each of the boxes. Making and purchasing supplies to fill the boxes can be an ongoing and fun time for all.

Change for Change: Is your loose change getting heavy in your pocket or purse? Is that coin dish at home overflowing with coins? Bring all that loose change with you to church on Sunday and place it in the brown donation box in the Narthex. At the end of the year these coins will be counted and donated to the DOVE Center.

Bike & Build: Our visit from 18 Bike & Build participants in mid-July was a great success. The young people participated with Habitat for Humanity by fabricating wooden walls out in the Summer sun in the Re-store back parking lot as well as helping with the second floor renovations of the Re-store building. Everyone was grateful for the wonderful meals we prepared for them, the space in the CE building to relax and sleep, and our encouragement as they pedaled on through Cedar City and eventually the West Coast and Pacific Ocean. Thanks to everyone who made this year's event a success.

*Blessings
Carolynn Thomas*

Parish Health Ministry

Brown Bag Luncheon: Our October Brown Bag Luncheon will be held in Conklin Hall on Wednesday, October 9th, at Noon. We will be privileged to hear from Dr. Melissa Henderson of Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her presentation will explain this new university in the desert, situated on Center Street in Ivins. Opening their doors to students in July of 2017; Rocky Vista University is educating students to become physicians.

Professor Henderson came to Utah from Tennessee where she was a faculty member of Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. Melissa has received multiple awards, published many articles and given frequent presentations in the field of biomedical science.

Melissa and her husband Jesse have two young children, Noah and Amelia. They are members of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Parish Health Ministry, continued

Everyone is invited to Melissa's presentation. Bring your own sandwich, or salad, or even ribs! We will supply the beverages and treats. Forgot your lunch? Come anyway. You won't go hungry. Beverages, treats, fellowship and a wonderful presentation will strengthen you.

Pebble Mowery

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

Session News

Session did not hold a meeting in August. Actions from July are below:

- Approved an advance on expenses of \$3,033.60 for Gloria McGilloway to attend Stephen Minister Leader training.
- Approved a revision to the Russia Mission Expense Reimbursement Policy to increase the cost reimbursement amount from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for travelers to Russia.
- Approved \$1,500 each from our Russia Mission Funds for Ralph Clingan and Scott Florence towards their travel to our Sister Church in Dorogobuzh during the Summer of 2019.
- Approve \$2,000 from the Russia Mission Funds for Chris Schleter to travel to Dorogobuzh and to represent our church at the Russia Mission Network Conference in Smolensk during the Fall of 2019.
- An E-Vote passed to remove the dishwasher in the kitchen and approved \$500 for materials to make kitchen improvements.

LaVerna Metzger, Clerk of Session

Senior Ministries

Soup and Fellowship: In July, Ron Smith spoke about Old Glory, some history about the flag and how to respect it. As a veteran of the Korean Conflict, and Color Guard for the American Legion in St. George, he has inspired all 12 who attended with greater love for our Stars and Stripes. We are most grateful for his patriotism and handouts of sites to visit online for more information on our flag. We celebrated with apple pie and ice cream.

Our next Soup and Fellowship will be on Wednesday, September 25th, at noon in Conklin Hall. We have two speakers who are new members that we would like to get to know. John Whitton will show and tell us about his professional sail boat racing experiences and Kathy Whitton will tell us about their lives. Leslie Lintz and her husband will entertain us with their French Horns and inform us about this instrument and how they met. We look forward to this.

Card Party: We are giving our brains a good workout with an old game, Backgammon. With God's grace, our bridge playing women are back together again. Jane, Joyce, Barbara and Margie had a laughing good time in August. Eight of us were enthralled with Back Gammon and instructed by Frida, a long time player. We are learning something new and benefitting from it as we work out our brains. We play every third Wednesday of the month at 1 pm in Conklin Hall. All are welcome. We have many other games available. Three of us played Rummikub in June.

Judy Oar

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the months of July and August volunteers included Ruth Ann Horvath, Marge Linn, Janis Wick, Rayanne Bartlett, Josie Kellejan, Carol Somplatsky-Jarman, Patti and Brian Lusby, Judy Wallace, Eliza Elwood, and Stella Delgado. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A Summer menu of cheese burgers, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? ContactCarolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from July 31st appears on page 2, and our Building Fund report is on page 11.

We will be beginning our fall pledge drive at Fall Festival in October. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us fulfill the mission God has given us by making a pledge for 2020.

We continue to thank you for your generosity.

Susan Holecheck and your Stewardship Committee

Women's Guild

Your Women's Guild will be meeting on Saturday, September 7th at 11:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow. Our Annual Craft & Baked Food Sale will be on Saturday, October 19th. There will be a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall to reserve tables for 'craft' items and also a sign-up sheet for baked foods, jams, etc.

The Women's Guild is open to every lady in our Church, and an excellent opportunity to share Christian fellowship while supporting our local charities. Please consider joining us for our September 7th meeting.

Candy Hurlbut

Worship

As we look forward to the cooler days of Autumn, we also look forward to the return of some of our activities at Good Shepherd. We welcome back our choirs after their summer break. The Bell Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and the Chancel Choir will have their practice on Thursdays at 3:45 pm. If you are interested in ringing bells or singing in the choir, please let me know. We wish to thank the many wonderful musicians who have provided special music this summer. What a Blessing they have been!

It takes many hands and hearts to prepare for our worship services. We are grateful to have Rev. Ralph for his spiritual guidance, to Steve Talley, our organist, and to the Sanctuary Cleanup committee. We especially thank those who have ushered and served communion. If you are interested in ushering, please contact Mary Contreras.

*Barbara McConnell
Director of Music*

Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, September 1 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sunday, September 8 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sunday, September 15 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sunday, September 22 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sunday, September 29 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, October 6 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Sunday, October 13 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, October 20 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Sunday, October 27 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Soup Kitchen Sunday Stephen Ministry Sunday 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Directory Photos Noon Taken 12:00 Deacon Meeting Noon 12:00 CE Committee Noon Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	2 Labor Day 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	3 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:30 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	4 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	5 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	6 Session Retreat	7 Session Retreat 11:00 am Women's Guild Meeting
8 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures am Taken 12:00 Directory Photos Noon Taken 12:00 Session Meeting Noon 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	9 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	10 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:30 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	11 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 11:00 am Graveside Service for Cindy Willard 12:00 Noon Soup & Fellowship – John & Kathy Whitton & Leslie Lintz Conklin Hall 5:30 Russian Class	12 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	13	14
15 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	16 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	17 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:30 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	18 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall 5:30 Russian Class 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	19 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	20	21
22 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	23 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	24 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 2:30 pm Bell Choir 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	25 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 5:30 Russian Class	26 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	27	28
29 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	30 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry					

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
	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
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
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	2:30 pm Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage we estimated that we needed \$384,000 in order to pay off the mortgage and have the resources to meet our needs for maintaining and improving our facilities. Now that our mortgage has been retired, we can turn our attention to several major maintenance items and improvements that need to be addressed over the next several years. These projects, totaling more than \$145,000, need to be funded. We still need your help.

Through August 25th we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$54,100** and additional cash donations of **\$22,056** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$271,219** or about **70.6%** of our **\$384,000** goal.

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to the third campaign. If you haven't pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us ensure that our facilities remain in top notch condition and to allow us to make some needed improvements.

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Church Leadership 2019

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Class of 2020	Jan Hirschi	680-1012	Growth
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	Eric Westland	625-1399	Building
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