



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## 2017 Pledge Drive Begins

We want to personally thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life, mission and ministry of our congregation. 2016 has been a truly blessed year!

Due to your support of the financial life of our congregation we were able this past year to train more Stephen Leaders and Ministers in the service and care of those whose lives are in times of crisis.

Due to your support, we have been able to reach out with the love of Christ not only to the homeless and hungry in our area through our CROP Walk and area social ministries, we were able as well to extend our love to the children of the world including children of Dorogobuzh, Russia, through the Bible Camp ministry of our sister congregation.

Due to your support, we have been able to support our witness and worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus by offering to our community each Sunday a joyful fellowship and meaningful worship that welcomes all with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

In other words, due to your commitment to our Lord, lives have been changed in His name.

Pledge forms and a copy of the proposed budget for 2017 were mailed to everyone in mid-October. If you didn't receive yours, please see Bob Moeller or Chris Schleiter and they will see that you get one.

While our budget is nearly \$1,000 lower than last year, we've seen our loose offerings fall by more than \$12,000 over the last couple of years so we're asking for about \$7,000 more in pledges for 2017 to cover our expenditures. Every pledge, no matter how big or small, puts us closer to our goal.

You can pledge by dropping your pledge form in the offering plate on any Sunday or by returning it to the church office.

You can also pledge online by going to our website, hovering over Stewardship in the menu and clicking Pledge Support. On the Pledge Support page, click on General Fund Pledge on the right then fill out and submit the form. Our Financial Secretary, Dawn Angarone, will receive an email with your pledge.

If you have any questions, please speak with Bob Moeller, Dawn Angarone, Carolyn Thomas or Chris Schleiter, members of your Stewardship Committee.

We will dedicate our pledges during worship on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to the year ahead and continue to grow and expand our ministries and mission partnership with you.

### 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	Brett Schroeder
Betty Miner	Jim Crowe
Joe Borden	Roger Kitzman
Mitzi & Dan Rak	Bonnie McGaha

Wendy Christianson as she prepares to take her final ordination exams  
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

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

### December Newsletter Deadline

November 23, 2016

### 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**  
Traditional 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.

The scriptures for October were:

Rev. Ralph	Philippians 4:4-7	Rejoice
Elder Chris Schleiter	Proverbs 3:7	Do good
Elder Bob Moeller	Philippians 4:19	All you need
Elder Judy Oar	Colossians 4:6	Speak grace
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Ephesians 4:32	Be tender hearted
Elder Anne Patten	Matthew 5:16	Let your light shine
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Philippians 1:9-11	Growing love
Elder Scott Florence	Matthew 22:36-40	Love and neighbor
Elder Barbara McConnell	James 1:2-3	Faith
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Psalms 86:1-5	Gracious Lord.

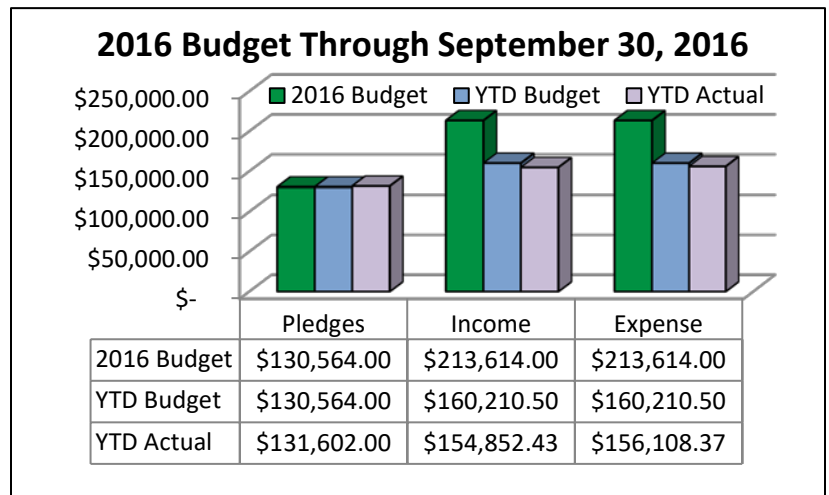
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>November</b>		
November 6	Emily Penzari	Potluck Sunday
November 13	Anne & Dave Patten	Marge & Bill Linn
November 20	Patti & Dick Babb	Thanksgiving Brunch
November 27	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
<b>December</b>		
December 4	Jan Hirschi	Potluck
December 11	Charlotte & Paul Phipps & Laura Sanda	<i>Available</i>
December 18	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
December 25	Chris Schleiter	Christmas Day

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

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of September 30, 2016	
Month of September	
Receipts	\$ 13,035.61
Expenditures	\$ 15,340.52
2016 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 160,210.50
Actual Receipts	\$ <b>154,852.43</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 160,210.50
Actual Expenditures	\$ <b>156,108.37</b>
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 92,716.00
Loan Balance	\$ 149,074.28
Net Building Fund	\$ (55,486.84)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 3,202.23
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,002.90
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,725.30
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,591.00



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."  
John 13:34-35*



A number of years ago a friend and colleague found himself facing the unusual dilemma of having both the Republican and Democratic candidates for mayor as members of his congregation. In the face of a potentially volatile and divisive campaign my friend and his congregation exhibited the "wisdom of Solomon" and produced enough campaign buttons for the entire congregation that read, "This Year Vote Presbyterian".

Unless you have been visiting Mars we are all keenly aware that we are quickly approaching the end of another, at times contentious, at times ugly, political season. As a pastor of a congregation that contains both Republicans and Democrats, and possibly a few Evan McMullin supporters, which I can neither confirm nor deny, it has never been my practice to tell a congregation who to vote for. I do believe, however, it is my call and responsibility as your pastor to tell you how to vote.

The answer to that question is rather simple and concise. And that is in following our Lord's directive, we vote as we live, loving our neighbor before ourselves. When we vote we are to do so in a matter that we believe will best serve and love our neighbor before ourselves.

However, keep in mind that it is entirely possible to believe as members of any party that your political beliefs may well reflect the best way to love and serve neighbor and nation. Regardless of affiliation our voting, like our living, must be a faithful reflection of our Christian faith.

So this year let us enter that voting both in prayer and faith, thankful for the liberty and life to do so. But above all "This Year Vote Christian"!

*In Christ  
Rev. Ralph*

### **Save The Date**

Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff will hold their annual Christmas Open House on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Plan to bring a beverage and something to share and join everyone in the joy of the holiday season.

### **Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest to kick off November 27<sup>th</sup>**

Consider yourselves warned. Once again as we usher in the season of Advent on November 27<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Ralph is challenging the men of the congregation to find and wear to church the TACKIEST Christmas ties they can find and the women of the congregation to wear their TACKIEST Christmas sweater. The winners will receive a special prize.

All women's entries must be publicly identified as being "Tacky" to avoid any unfortunate misidentification of a treasured family or handmade heirloom. Ladies, you can pick up a sticker from Hawk to indicate that your sweater is, in fact, an entry into this year's contest.

We can't wait to see what you've found!

### **\*\* Home Communion \*\***

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Visitation Pastor or Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (628-9158).

### **\*\* Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation \*\***

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force a number of years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information in regards to patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

So, if you or a family member is hospitalized please alert the Pastor, your Deacon, or the church office. Otherwise, we will not be informed of your presence there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

## News from the Russia Mission

As we told you last month, Jan Dunham and Donna Beasley represented Good Shepherd at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Russia Mission Network Conference in Asheboro, North Carolina, in September.

The keynote speaker for this year's conference was Archbishop Dietrich Brauer, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia (ELCER). Al and Ellen Smith, our Mission Co-Workers, were also present to share their expertise and experiences.

Jan shared her reaction to the trip:

Attending the Russia Mission Network Conference in September was an eye-opening experience. As voiced by the keynote speaker, Archbishop Brauer, there are now several sister churches in Russia with needs that are great. Of major importance to both Russian and American congregations is bringing people together. Many of the churches in our country have a very close relationship with their sister church and several have sent members to work with their Russian counterparts. As a result, close alliances have been formed. They KNOW each other.

I would strongly recommend that each of you attend a Russia Mission Network Conference. You'll have the opportunity to do that in 2018 when Good Shepherd will host the Conference. Be advised -- it will change you.

## Stories of How Christ is Changing Lives

Beginning this month, we'll be sharing stories from members of our congregation of how Jesus Christ has changed their lives.

This month's story comes from Stewardship Elder, Bob Moeller.

First, let me thank you for your generosity, in time and money to our church that is what allows us to help Christ change lives.

Speaking of stories of changing lives, here is one I was involved in.

This is the story of a garden. No not the Garden of Eden, the Community Garden!

There I was raking leaves at the Church when someone said we should build a Community Garden. It sounded like a good idea to me and several others, so we built it.

What does a Community Garden have to do with changing lives? Two years ago I was in a very bad place. I was divorced, depressed and had moved to a town where I had no friends or relatives, feeling alone. But, between prayer, a few Bible verses and playing in His Community Garden, I believe God changed my life.

There have only been a handful of times in my life when I was absolutely certain that I should do a specific thing. Helping build the Community Garden was one of those. It let me work with, meet, and make new friends. As it says in Exodus. "I have been a stranger in a strange land" and you welcomed me. I feel part of the Church family.

Playing in the dirt, and building the garden helped me find the peace my heart longed for. In John 14:27, Christ is comforting his disciples. Let me set the scene. He is about to be betrayed, denied and crucified. He says to the Disciples, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Throughout my life that verse has comforted me in times of trouble.



## Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and plans are in the works for a great year!

Mention has been made over the past few months of putting together a Lenten & an Advent Devotional booklet for 2017. We will be kicking off the Lenten Devotional on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and we are asking for YOUR contributions to this booklet!! At that time a poster with a calendar of all the days of Lent will be available in Conklin Hall. Yes, we realize that is the date of the church's annual Thanksgiving Lunch, but that is a GOOD thing as so many people will be present on that Sunday! The first date on this Lenten calendar is, of course, Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>), and the last date is Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE stop by on November 20<sup>th</sup>, write your name on one or more days on this calendar, and submit your writing selection(s), which will be printed on your chosen date(s) in the booklet. An envelope will be attached to the poster, so you can easily drop your submissions in. Make sure your name is on the submission! The last date for your submissions will be Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, so everyone has two months to put in their contributions. This will give the CE Committee time to put the booklet together so that is available on February 19<sup>th</sup>, two Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday. Each day's selection(s) will be credited with the name of the person(s) who submitted it. You may submit anything: a story, a poem, a Bible passage, a saying, a writing from a book or magazine—whatever has great meaning for you. Please help us make this Devotional booklet a resounding success. Give us as many contributions as you want! EVERYONE, please participate!! Lent is the season for contemplation and waiting, and this booklet can enhance this season for you.

For Advent this year, Rev. Ralph will be offering something new called "Eat & Study" at 5:30 pm on Tuesday evenings during Advent, beginning on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and continuing on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>. This activity will last only one hour. Bring some food to share, and Ralph will teach a series of lessons on the Book of Revelation. Over the centuries, this particular book has produced the most questions and misinformation imaginable! So, everyone come, share a light meal, and learn something new!

*Anne Patten*

## Deacons

Thanks to Vici and Tom Noble, we now have a walker with brakes. Thanks, too, to everyone who has contributed items to our shed. We have a shed full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120) and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

*Tineke Ingold, Moderator*

## Fellowship

The holiday season is upon us already.

We are busy getting ready for our Thanksgiving Brunch. Sign up in Conklin Hall and join us for a great turkey meal.

The Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Kevin Auernig will bring his music and Katering Koncepts will provide the dinner. We are finalizing the arrangements now and will be taking reservations soon.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back November 6<sup>th</sup> as we return to Standard Time.

Have fun with your holiday preparations!

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Mission/Outreach

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. We have a goal of 150 boxes this year and, at the rate that empty boxes are disappearing from Conklin Hall, we're well on our way to meeting that goal. We've placed a total of 150 empty boxes on the table in Conklin Hall and, when they're all taken, filled and returned, we will have met the goal. The last two years, we've missed our goal by ONE box. Let's not let that happen again this year. Please hold your filled boxes until November 13<sup>th</sup>, then bring them to church and close them up with a couple of rubber bands from the box on the table in Conklin Hall. We'll collect all of the boxes and dedicate them on November 20<sup>th</sup> before taking them to the local collection point.

## Mission/Outreach, continued

The CROP Hunger Walk will be November 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 am at Larkspur Park in St. George. St. George Mayor Jon Pike and Washington City Mayor Ken Neilson will be there to send the walkers on their way. If you would like to walk, please see Chris Schleiter to get an envelope. If you would prefer not to walk but want to support the effort to end hunger, we have a way to do that, too. All of the walkers will put their envelopes on a table in Conklin Hall on November 6<sup>th</sup> and, during Fellowship, you'll be able to put your donations in one or more of the envelopes.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help those in our community and world who need help so badly.

*Blessings  
Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing Ministry

At the final Brown Bag Luncheon event for 2016, we welcomed as our speaker, Justin Traveller, a local Doctor of Chiropractic. In a delightfully informative talk, Justin stressed that we can improve our well-being by incorporating Seven Essentials for Good Health into our daily lives. He emphasized it is NEVER too late to adopt good health habits and all that is needed is taking that first baby step to wellness.

The Seven Essentials for Health include:

1. Structure - It is important to learn how to stabilize our bodies, especially in the hips or pelvic area. A copy of specific exercise instructions from Justin can be found on the church website. Click on Ministries then Parish Nursing Ministry. Select "The Seven Essentials for Good Health" on the right and click on the link to the handout. Do not perform any exercise to the extent of causing pain.
2. Diet and Nutrition – Make good diet choices. To assure the best nutritional benefits, choose first, fresh foods (especially fruits and vegetables), second, frozen foods and third, canned goods. The more food is processed, the less nutritional benefit we derive from eating it. In Justin's words, it becomes "dead."
3. Digestion – Often, our diet choices and other lifestyle factors do not allow for the body's natural process of digestion. We, as a society, have a dependence on antacids and acid prevention medications. Acid is needed to break down food and some benefit may be realized by adding naturally fermented foods to our diets such as sauerkraut and kimchi, if tolerated.
4. Hormones – Hormones, working with our neurologic systems, regulate most of our body functions. If our bodies are in a healthy balance, our hormones can function more normally.
5. Exercise - ANY exercise you can program into your life is good exercise. We've heard it before, but doing something is better than doing nothing. Let focusing on your health become a habit.
6. Stress – Bursts of stress serve a function and can benefit the body. Prolonged stress from any source can take its toll and learning to control stress helps all body systems.
7. Thoughts – How we think about our bodies, surroundings and life experiences is integral to our total wellness. Taking responsibility for the Physical, Mental and Spiritual aspects of your life creates a more healthy, happy YOU!

Finally, we will hold our Fall Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm in the CE Building. If you have questions or want to sign up to give the Gift of Life, please contact Kathie Greear (207-240-0994).

*Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak  
Co-Moderators of the Nursing Ministry*

## Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

*Louise Routh*

## Senior Ministries

**Soup and Fellowship:** On October 12<sup>th</sup>, Soup and Fellowship was treated to Dan and Mitzi Rak's Loblolly Pine Tree family corporation presentation, complete with slides. They own 7,658 acres of pines in Maryland and Virginia, near the tidewater and shore lands and the northern neck of Virginia.

The company was originally started by four siblings in 1947 and, after five generations, remains in the family of 37 members who own all stock in this closed corporation. Mitzi mentioned the difficulty in trying to maintain interest with younger members as the corporation grows. Dan is the Director of as Planning and Development while Mitzi is the Treasurer. It is not an easy business to run a family corporation. In addition to wood products, they derive some of their revenue from hunting licenses for deer, geese and turkey.

The larger trees are harvested for pilings, posts and poles, since these trees grow straight and tall, reaching 60 feet in height. Small-in-diameter lumber can be used for wood products such as wood pulp and pellets, and chipped wood that is often sold to foreign countries for fuel. They have noticed definite change in the ecosystem over the years. Dan reports the sea level rises one inch every five years, and that salt water is infiltrating the water table under their land, contaminating the water their trees depend on.

We want to give a huge thanks to Dan and Mitzi for sharing their story with us. If you're interested in hearing more, please talk to them about it.

Be sure to join us on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, for our second Soup and Fellowship within a month (unheard of until now). Rev. Ralph will give a report on his recent trip to our sister church in Russia. So bring your questions should you have any. In addition, because it is Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Russell Estlack, himself a veteran, will present the story of how Veterans Day came to be celebrated. This will be a shared podium event. Please join us. We will serve Borscht and Navy Bean Soup.

**Card Party:** The card party will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We now have 10 new decks of cards. Don't worry Bridge players. You still have your non slippery decks. Hand and Foot players and Hearts players will appreciate this new addition. See you there. If we aren't playing your game, join us and teach us yours.

*Judy Oar*

## Session News

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

- Approved to accept into membership: Eric and Vicki Westland to be received on November 13, 2016.
- Approved by e-vote on September 28, 2016, the authorization of replacement of four organ speakers at a cost of \$1,400. At this meeting voted to approve an additional expenditure of \$526 from the Building Fund for larger speakers and travel expenses.
- Approved a letter of thanks to Althea Haworth for taking charge of the kitchen and serving food during the Fall Festival during the absence of Carolyn Jentzer.
- Approved the bid of Blue Moon Painting in the amount up to \$6,960 for church painting and stucco repair. (Anticipated completion date is the end of November).
- Approved the replacement of our video projector with an Epson PowerLite 1771W projector at a cost not to exceed \$750 from the Technology budget and Memorial Fund.
- Approved a lease of a Xerox copier from Copier Connections in Cedar City in the amount of \$370.02 per month. (This is about \$58 per month cheaper than the previous lease).
- Voted to accept Terms of Call for the Pastor to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Approved the 2017 Tentative Budget for the purpose of mailing it with the Stewardship pledge campaign, with the official approval deferred to the November Session Meeting.

*Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session*

## Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry family would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our caregivers who is stepping down in her role as a Stephen Minister. Gloria Reynolds has served this ministry for many years in offering those in need the kind of care all Stephen Ministers give – loving Christian support. We thank Gloria for her many years of service and for supporting this ministry at Good Shepherd Presbyterian.

We currently have ten Stephen Ministers with two more in the learning phase. If you feel you could benefit from having a Christian ear to hear your story and some loving support to get you through a tough and challenging time of your life, please talk to one of our leaders, Anne Patten or Karen Kirkland, or of course Rev. Ralph. This service is free and totally confidential. We offer a caring one on one relationship with someone who will listen, empathize, and stick with you through your troubles. So don't go it alone. You are loved and we are here to help.

*Karen Kirkland, Stephen Leader*

## Stewardship

Yes, it is pledge time. I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is there is plenty of money to cover 2017 church costs. The bad news is the money is still in your pockets and purses!

God want us to be generous people. Why not prayerfully consider giving generously.

Proverbs 3:9-10 tells us, *"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine,"* while Deuteronomy 15:10 reminds us to *"Give generously to your needy brother and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."*

You should have received letters along with the pledge forms and a copy of next year's proposed budget in mid-October. The pledges give us the information to see it is possible to fully fund our budget for 2017. Please note that it is nearly a thousand dollars below last year's Budget.

Thank you to all those who helped bring this budget together and, most of all, thank you to our congregation whose generosity, in time and money, toward our church makes changing lives a reality.

**Changing lives.** Do you have a story of faith or good works as relates to our church or Christ? Then please share it. It needs to be a true story of how lives are being changed by Christ or his followers (you). Any form written, oral, pictures, etc. Please contact one of us (Dawn,Carolynn, Chris or Bob) with your story. The stories will be told during spotlight for Mission and published in the News Letter. If you're shy, we can read it for you.

*Bob Moeller*

## Worship and Music

"Now Thank We All Our God" is a familiar hymn we sing during the Thanksgiving season. It is a hymn written in the mid-17th century, and is still sung today! November is the time of year we reflect on the blessings our Lord has given us. The Worship Committee extends their gratitude to all who work so hard to make our worship services meaningful. Please join us for a special Interfaith Thanksgiving service which will be held at our church on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The Interfaith Choir, directed by John Ribera, will sing for that service.

Following Thanksgiving, we will decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season. Any volunteers who wish to join in the fun, we will begin putting up the decorations at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Old age claimed the life of the bass speakers in our organ and new speakers have now been installed. Much appreciation goes to the anonymous donors who covered the cost of the new speakers and repair work. A big thank you goes to Chris Schleter for his assistance to the Allen organ representative who did the installation.

The Bell and Chancel Choirs are now rehearsing for the Advent and Christmas season. A wonderful program of music is planned for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This year, we'll hold the concert at our church. Please mark your calendars for this special concert and invite your friends and neighbors!

*Blessings,  
Barbara McConnell*



## November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><b>1</b> All Saints Day</p> <p>9:30 am <b>Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg &amp; I</p> <p>1:30 pm <b>Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting</b></p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes &amp; Noble</p> <p>1:00 pm <b>Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> PW Christmas Bazaar</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b> PW Christmas Bazaar</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p><b>5</b> PW Christmas Bazaar</p>
<p><b>6</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back! Soup Kitchen Sunday</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Communion Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am <b>Christian Education Committee Meeting – CE Building</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg &amp; I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes &amp; Noble</p> <p>12:00 Noon <b>Soup &amp; Fellowship – Rev. Ralph on his trip to Russia and Russell Estlack on the originals of Veterans Day.</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>5:15 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b> Veterans Day</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10:00 am <b>CROP Hunger Walk – Larkspur Park</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am <b>Blood Pressures Taken</b></p> <p>11:45 am <b>Session Meeting</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg &amp; I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes &amp; Noble</p> <p>1:00 pm <b>Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>5:15 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Thanksgiving Brunch</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg &amp; I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p><b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes &amp; Noble</p>	<p><b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>5:15 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's</p> <p>10:00 am <b>Move Christmas decorations to Conklin Hall</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00 am <b>Hanging of the Greens with Potluck Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg &amp; I</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes &amp; Noble</p> <p>1:00 pm <b>Good Shepherd Women's Guild Meeting – Conklin Hall</b></p>			

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

## Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Sunday, November 6 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b—2:9 Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 or Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Sunday, November 13 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Sunday, November 20 Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

## Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7,18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Friday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
	<i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]	John 1:1-14

## Women's Guild



The Women's Guild Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day.

We welcome any Christmas items that are no longer wanted or needed, new or used. We will also offer jewelry, hand knitted items and handmade items for the Holidays.

We will welcome donations of baked goods. Please put them in plastic bags or clear wrap so items can be seen and then label them. We'll accept baked goods on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and then each morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can replenish our offering with fresh things each day.

Thank you!

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Co-Ed Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
	Friday	7:45 am to 8:45 am	Bishop's
Choir Practices	Thursday	3:30 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	5:00 pm Bell 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 October 16<sup>th</sup> we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$43,227** and additional cash donations of **\$21,432.00** for a total of **\$165,885** or about **48.5%** of the way to 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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### Elders

Class of 2016	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds
	Barbara McConnell	656-1951	Worship
	Bob Moeller	801-707-4353	Stewardship
Class of 2017	Gay Cunningham	705-4696	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Christian Ed
Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach

### Deacons

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<b>Dixie Downs</b>	Shirley Fromknecht	628-2381
<b>East Bloomington</b>	Molly Bass	628-6440
<b>East St. George</b>	Virginia Hunt	714-955-1167
<b>Green Valley</b>	Rayanne Bartlett	673-6657
<b>Hurricane</b>	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012
	Ann Hogan	635-0993
<b>Ivins</b>	Dawn Angarone	859-351-2642
<b>Old St. George</b>	Larry Laubscher	656-0617
<b>Pine Valley</b>	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
<b>Red Cliffs</b>	Matt Fine	760-887-1251
<b>Santa Clara</b>	Dottie Malcolmson	673-4471
<b>South Gate</b>	Shirley Fromknecht	628-2381
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