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## 25th Anniversary Celebration A Big Success

On Sunday, April 14, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church celebrated 25 years of service to Utah's Dixie. The church was chartered on April 10, 1988 with 113 charter members, 19 of whom are still members of the church today.

The morning service saw the return of Founding Pastor John Mahon to the Good Shepherd pulpit. Mahon, who is now the Co-Executive Presbyter of Cascades Presbytery in Oregon, spoke fondly of his years in St. George and about the founding of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Peggy, had not visited St. George since the early 2000's.

The afternoon service celebrated the chartering of the church and the completion of the expansion of the Fellowship Hall which was dedicated to the memory of Sarah Louisa Conklin, a beloved Presbyterian missionary who spent the last 36 years of her life living with, teaching and caring for the people of Southern Utah. In addition to Rev. Mahon and Rev. Laura Stellmon, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Utah, a number of local religious leaders spoke to the congregation about Good Shepherd and what its mission means to our region and state. The service was followed by the unveiling of a plaque honoring Sarah Louisa Conklin and refreshments in the new Conklin Hall.



### 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

Ann Hogan  
Dee Stringham  
Bob Prinselaar  
Dottie Malcomson  
Wendy Christianson as she studies for the ministry  
Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

If you're interested in joining our congregation, please contact Rev. Ralph.

### Deadline for June Newsletter

May 24, 2013

### Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am  
Service of Morning Prayer in Sanctuary

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

10:30 – 11:30 am  
Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
(Childcare Provided)

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 April were:

Rev. Ralph	Psalms 30	Dedication of House
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Ecclesiastes 5:25	A vow to God fulfill
Elder Catherine Overkamp	Acts 4:23-31	Disciples prayer
Elder Gay Cunningham	John 20:19-20, 24-29	See and believe
Elder Amy Craig	Colossians 1:10-14	Prayer pleasing the Lord
Elder Chris Schleiter	Philemon 1:4-7	Joy and encouragement
Elder James Horvath	2 Corinthians 3:16-18	Transformation into Christ
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Psalms 119:105-112	Your word is my light

### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>May</b>		
May 5	Roger & Alicia Kitzman	<b>Available</b>
May 12	Donna Baker	Fred Hampton & Dorothy Nichols
May 19	Barbara McConnell	<b>Available</b>
May 26	Dave & Anne Patten	Clingans
<b>June</b>		
Jun 2	John & Ruth Combes	<b>Available</b>
Jun 9	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
Jun 16	Tom & Vici Noble	<b>Available</b>
Jun 23	Molly Bass	<b>Available</b>
Jun 30	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>

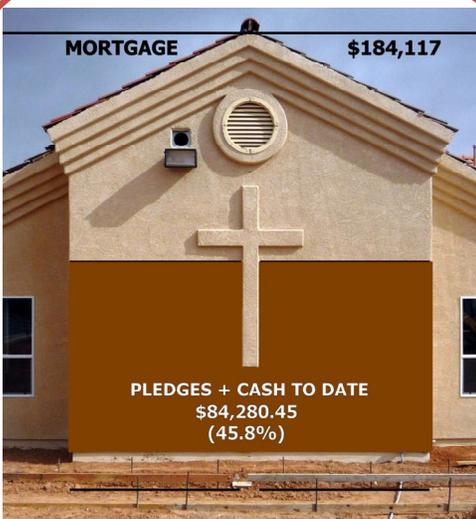
Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org)

### Building Fund Pledge Update

Now that the construction is complete, 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.

Through Palm Sunday, we had received pledges totaling \$65,456.00 and cash donations of \$18,824.45 towards retiring the mortgage. For those of you who may not know, our church has always retired our mortgages well before their final payment, saving many dollars in interest. Let's try to do the same this time.

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 and free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.



## Pastor's Page

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—life forever."*

*Psalm 133*

*"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you [f]always, even to the end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

### Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



A couple of foundational beliefs that we hold in common as Presbyterians and Christians are: first, that the church exists to and is organized for the performance of Christ's mission in and to the world and, second, that the church, as the body of Christ, is connected one to the other.

As a Presbyterian Pastor I have encountered on occasion the misperception or misimpression that the church exists simply to exist, or as equally incorrect, that each Presbyterian Church is independent one from the other.

Therefore I was very pleased when our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Utah, and its 24 churches voted to more effectively perform mission by adopting a strategy of forming Mission Forums. Simply put, the Presbytery challenged its members to form groups and develop relationships to propose specific mission opportunities. The Presbytery, in support of these missions, would receive from these forums mission grant proposals for which the Presbytery would offer matching funds.

I was equally pleased when the very first forum that was approved consisted of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar and Valley NCD in Mesquite. We officially became the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship.

Together since then we have sponsored, with matching funds, the Person to Person Evangelism Workshop, pulpit exchanges and fellowship events. It is my prayer and hope that we shall continue to grow this relationship and with the Lord's leading, find new ventures in the performance of Christ's Mission here in Southern Utah and South East Nevada.

*Yours in Christ!  
Rev. Ralph*

### **\*\*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.

## Choir Notes

Both the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir have had a very busy year with preparing music for the worship services every Sunday and for the different seasons of the church year. The annual Advent and Christmas concert at the Tabernacle in December was successful, as well as the music presented for Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday. Congratulations to both choirs for the outstanding job they have done.

The choirs will take a recess break during the summer months and we will have special music during that time with soloists and ensembles.

We plan to start our rehearsals next September and look forward to another great year of choir music! We welcome anyone who would like to join the Chancel Choir. If you are interested in playing in the Bell Choir, one needs to be able to read music. Many thanks to all who have participated, and a special thank you to our great accompanists, Pat Bachman and Fred Hampton!

*Barbara McConnell  
Music Director*

## Christian Education

With the school year coming to a close, our children's program has been completed for this year; however, adult education will continue each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. through the summer. I hope to see all of you in either Rev. Ralph's or Rev. Harold's class this summer. I hope you enjoy your summer and I look forward to more activities in the fall.

*Many blessings,  
Catherine Overkamp*

## Fellowship

March and April were busy months for the Fellowship Committee. First, we made sure that Rev. Ralph had all the supplies he needed for the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. Easter Brunch was March 31. We provided refreshments, coffee and sandwiches for the 25th Anniversary and Dedication services on April 14. Many people pitched in, so the work load was lightened.

The Lindens and the McGraths (committee alumni) gave a wonderful send off to our friends, Pat and Don Bachman on April 21.

The Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship Music Fest was Saturday night, April 27. We served a light supper for attendees.

May promises to be a little quieter. This year we will recognize the mothers in the congregation with real flowers instead of a brunch. They will have a remembrance to take home with them.

There will be many more adventures throughout the year, so come and join us on the Fellowship Committee. If you're interested, please call me at 435-673-0442.

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Mission/Outreach

We've had a few changes in the scope of the Mission/Outreach committee since the end of February.

First, Gene Carney has decided to "retire" from being our representative to Dixie Care and Share. In the future, the Mission/Outreach Committee will take over liaising with our longest standing community service project. Gloria Reynolds will continue to coordinate the soup kitchen and Rod Fosler will coordinate our work in the food pantry.

We will also be taking over from PW on the church's commitment to our Compassion International Child, Victorie.

At the March meeting, Session voted to join Presbyterian Mission's Twinning Program. In this program, we will have an ongoing relationship with a congregation in Russia. We will be sharing faith, testimony and activities and, hopefully, we will be able to visit them in a year or two. I'll have a lot more details for you in the June newsletter and I hope to have as many of you as possible involved in one way or another.

Finally, Bike and Build will be joining us again this summer. About 30 riders will be arriving in St. George on the afternoon of July 17 (after a day "off" hiking and biking in Zion) and departing on the morning of July 19. While

they're here, they will be sleeping in the CE Building and we will, again, be feeding them. We'll need your help as we get closer to July, particularly with food preparation. Save July 18 for a potluck dinner where we will have a chance to thank these outstanding young people for their service to our community.

May God's blessings continue to shine upon each and every one of us.

*Chris Schleter*

## **Parish Nursing Ministry**

### **Brown Bag Lunch, February 27 – Senior Nutrition and Supplements**

Christy Benton, a Registered Dietitian from Dixie Regional Hospital presented Keys to Successful Aging. She told us that the human body has a need for over 40 nutrients for life. Calorie needs change as we mature and slow down but we still need all of the nutrients. She explained the Pyramid food guide for older adults. Half of the calories we use are needed for energy. Her pyramid has a suggested base of 8 or more servings of water or other liquids. Above this is 6 or more servings of whole enriched and fortified grains and cereals. She stated that whole grain doesn't equal fiber so that you have to look for it in fruit and vegetables, the next step in the pyramid, suggesting 3 servings of vegetables and 2 or more fruits. She likes to see seniors consume 4½ cups per day of fruits and veggies. You can also get your fruits and veggies in things like V-8 or juices. Above the fruits and vegetables is meat and dairy of which she likes to see 3 ounces of meat twice a day. She said that you can lose muscle if you consume less. She suggests 3 servings of dairy.

Proper nutrition should be combined with weight lifting and walking or other physical activities.

#### **Supplements**

Christy suggested a generic multivitamin for insurance if you think that you are not eating a balanced diet. She stated that multi-vitamins won't prevent disease. If your MD feels that you are not absorbing B-12 as you age this is a possible supplement. She also recommends taking Vitamin D if you are not consuming dairy products or getting 10 minutes of sun per day without sun screen. She recommends calcium if you are not getting it through food. She suggests 500 mg 3X a day. She prefers Calcium Citrate as it is the easiest to digest.

### **Brown Bag Lunch, March 27 – Senior Exercise**

Our own Rev. Ralph Clingan, who in addition to being a pastor, is also a Certified Personal Trainer spoke to us about Exercise for Seniors.

He indicated that as we age, our caloric needs decrease while our nutritional needs remain the same. We also begin to lose body (muscle) mass and possibly bone mass (osteoporosis). We also lose the ability to carry oxygen in our blood, approximately 10% per decade as we age. BUT, regular exercise in seniors has been shown to slow and even partly reverse this loss of strength, improve cardiovascular status and metabolic fitness and increase flexibility and joint movement as well as balance and cognitive function. This is true over all age groups. One can regain up to 40% of lost muscle mass. Along with regular calcium intake, regular weight-bearing exercise has been shown to slow osteoporosis and strengthen bone.

The main exercise recommended for mobility is the squat, which needs to be done properly. Do not bend forward when squatting; rather, keep your knees over your toes and stick your "butt" out to the rear. Another good exercise is sitting in a chair with your feet about 1 foot in front of you, then standing up. This movement forces you to put weight on your heels first as you stand up. Seniors do not need to get down on the floor, do jumping jacks, etc., in order to exercise. These suggestions make us all turn pale. "How do I get up off the floor?", "I can't jump anymore" are frequent fearful questions. You can do moderate abdominal crunches while sitting in a chair; moderate push-ups while standing behind a chair and leaning on it; or use a stretch band. These exercises help your balance by strengthening your core.

Regular exercise can lead to a healthy longevity, something we all want! Thanks, Rev. Ralph!!

#### **Upcoming events**

- The next Brown Bag Lunch will be in September. We'll have more information over the next few months.

- We are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 31, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CE Building. Please see or call Anne Patten (773-4307) to sign up. If you have a Red Cross blood donor card, please bring it with you **along with a picture ID.**
- This ministry continues to work on developing a senior day care center. Please pray for us as we discern where God is leading us in this regard. If you would like to join this ministry, you are very welcome. Come to our next meeting on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

*Anne Patten and Mitzi Rak*

## Prayer Chain

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

All prayers are important.

*Louise Routh*

## Presbyterian Women

The April rummage sale was a BIG success. Thanks to all who helped out. We want to give special thanks and deep appreciation to Evelyn Morgan for her tireless work for many years running our TEN rummage sales. This year, in particular, she took charge at the last minute and made the sale a success. She is truly an unsung hero!

## Stephen Ministry

### **Stephen Ministers and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

We continue to be blessed with a wonderful group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support to people experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, job loss, loneliness, disability, relocation and other life difficulties. All interactions with Stephen Ministers are completely confidential.

We have thirteen Stephen Ministers in our congregation, eleven of whom have been assigned care receivers. They are led by Rev. Ralph, Bob McGrath and Anne Patten.

We encourage members of the congregation who believe they would benefit from working with a Stephen Minister to see Rev. Ralph.

## Stewardship

The congregation of Good Shepherd has again expressed their generosity to help others. You gave a total of \$801.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing. This is amazing and one of the largest special offerings we have collected! In our Per Capita giving we are up 100% from last year with a total received so far of \$2,486.84. Thank you so much!

This year, like Easter, Pentecost is early. Pentecost Sunday is the third Sunday in May and a week after Mother's Day. It is when we will collect our Pentecost Offering, the second of our special offerings. This offering is dedicated to helping children and youth. It provides the funds for the Youth Triennium, which we have been able to send a number of young people from our congregation. This offering helps to support Young Adult Volunteers who serve for a year at their own expense in an area of need. This offering makes possible for the youth of the church to be engaged and active in the work of Christ in the world as well as programs to teach and grow them in their Christian beliefs. There will be inserts in the bulletin for several weeks highlighting the ways this offering supports youth ministries and there is an information sheet at the end of this newsletter.

### **A Stewardship Minute**

In the opening article in the April issue of **Stewardship** there is a Scripture verse that woke me up. The verse is from the Old Testament and written by the prophet Haggai. Speaking on behalf of God, here is what God said to the Jews who were about to build a temple in which to worship: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord." The writer of the 24th psalm made the same point when he wrote: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." So that compels us to ask, if ultimately God's owns everything, where does that leave us?

The answer Scripture gives us is very clear. We are care takers of God's earth and all that is in it. We are stewards, or managers, who have the responsibility of caring for the earth and for whatever God blesses us with. Not only responsible for this earth, but our bodies, minds, and the resources that come our way. Because ultimately what we say is ours is not ours at all.

There is an old joke about two men standing on a street corner when a funeral procession came into view. They were respectfully silent until they noticed that somehow a Brinks truck had gotten right behind the hearse. That was when one fellow said to the other, "Who says you can't take it with you?" Well, the sober truth is we really can't take it with us. Yet there is a lot we can do with what God allows us to manage right now. We are the servants of the Lord. So let's be the best caretakers of whatever the Lord has placed before us.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, you have given us such great responsibilities. Please give us the guidance and strength to do what we can do for your Kingdom! **Amen** ©Parish Publishing, LLC (888) 320-5576 www.parishpublishing.org

Amy Craig  
Stewardship

## Website Update

While there haven't been a lot of changes in the website over the last few months, our visitation rate continues to look very good. Since January, we've averaged 5 visitors and 22 page views each day. Contrast that with the 3 visitors and 8 page views we were receiving a year ago and it appears that we have something to offer.

We have now had visitors from 49 states and the District of Columbia (if you know anyone in Mississippi, please suggest they visit us so we can complete the set). We've also had visitors from 30 different foreign countries including some that are a bit unexpected such as Albania, China, Iran, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and even Tonga!

Remember that you can not only keep up with what's happening with the church, you can also make pledges, sign up for flowers or fellowship or send emails to Amy or Rev. Ralph directly from the website.

I hope you enjoy using the website as much as I enjoy editing it!

Chris Schleiter

## Wendy's Window



Greetings from Princeton Theological Seminary! I am happy to report that I successfully completed my first year as a seminarian and joyfully anticipate beginning the second year. It has been a remarkable year! I have learned a great deal about scripture, theology, history, polity, languages and worship. Additionally, it has been my privilege to be an often "awestruck" observer of God's presence, faithfulness and work in the world and in our lives – every moment of every day – whether or not it is requested by us!!

James 1:17 suggests that God is the source of every good gift. Psalm 128 stresses that in the ordinary activities of life, true blessing comes because of God's work through human activities. A wall plaque in my kitchen contains a quotation attributed to Carl Jung, the Swiss psychologist and psychiatrist. It says, "Bidden or not Bidden, God is Present." One of my favorite hymn refrains has always been from Great is Thy Faithfulness, written in 1923 by Chisholm & Runyan that says

*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy Faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

From my childhood spent in northern Minnesota to my current residence in New Jersey, it has been my experience that God's presence and faithfulness can sustain us through what often seem to be the most painful times of horrific loss and uncertainty, offering us comfort, strength, guidance, peace, hope, mercy and grace – all and everything we need. What amazes me most about our sovereign God, is that God invites us to be part of important, redeeming work, equips us for the tasks that need to be accomplished and is present with us at all times to assist us. What could be better than that?

My summer plans include a trip to northern Minnesota to spend time with family and friends as well as two months volunteering with the Iona Community in Scotland. I look forward to both. I am convinced that, whatever our experiences and circumstances this summer may be, as believing Christians, we will experience God's presence and faithfulness. Thank you so much for your encouragement and support.

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## MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	<b>2</b> 8:00 National Day of am Prayer Breakfast @ Gardner Center DSU 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>3</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Dixie Care &amp; Share</b> 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	<b>6</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>7</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm	<b>8</b> 9:30 PW Bible Study am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> 9:30 Parish Nursing am Ministry Meeting 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>10</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's 10:00 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	<b>13</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>14</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm	<b>15</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	<b>16</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>17</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 11:45 Joint Growth / am Session Meeting 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	<b>20</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>21</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm	<b>22</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	<b>23</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>24</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>25</b>
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## Lectionary Readings for May

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
Sunday, May 26 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15

## Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
Sunday, June 2 Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39 Psalm 96	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
Sunday, June 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24] Psalm 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Sunday, June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36—8:3
Sunday, June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

## Congregation News

### Good Shepherd says "Farewell" to Don and Pat Bachman

On Sunday, April 12, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church said farewell to two of our most beloved members, Don and Pat Bachman. On May 1, they will be returning to Pennsylvania to be closer to their family. They have truly been a blessing to our congregation and we will miss them.

Rev. Ralph Clingan paid tribute to the Bachmans as they stood with him prior to the benediction at the end of Sunday's service. He spoke of their devotion to the church and its congregation, their service as Deacons and Elders as well as their work as Stephen Ministers. He wished them well in their new home and invited them to come back often to visit.

After retiring to Conklin Hall for a reception, Don and Pat both spoke of their memories of the church and their hopes for the future. Don commented that they were moving to a Presbyterian retirement community in Huntingdon, PA. He said the people there had a unique way of speaking and frequently used four letter words that we in southern Utah seldom hear. Words like "snow" and "rain" and "fogg." Everyone greeted Don and Pat and wished them well as the move on to the next phase of their lives.



### Pins found on suit donated to rummage sale

Several pins were found on a suit donated to the rummage sale. We believe these pins might have value for you. If you donated a suit to the rummage sale and these pins are yours, please contact the church office.

### Sad News to Report

Bill Hogan, husband of Ann Hogan, passed away on March 26<sup>th</sup>. He was remembered in a memorial service on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Doris Campbell, who joined the church this past January, passed away due to cancer on April 11. Join us in extending our condolences to their families.

### Advent Trip to Israel in 2013

New Promise Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church are planning a joint trip to Israel during next year's Advent season, December 2 to December 10, 2013. Informational meetings were held in October and flyers are available in the Narthex and in the CE Building. This should prove to be an excellent experience and opportunity to visit the land of our Savior's birth, life, death, and resurrection during the time of year His birth is being celebrated.

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

### 1st Sunday of Month

Dixie Care & Share - contributions of money & food.

### Shawl Ministry

Monday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### Exercise with Rev. Ralph

Tuesday 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Thursday 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

### Woman's Bible Studies

Tuesday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

The Egg & I

Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Paradise Bakery @Promenade Mall

### 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

### Choir Practices

Tuesday 4:00 pm Bell Choir (Off for the summer – See you in August!)

Thursday 3:45 pm Chancel Choir



## Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2013

General Fund Receipts:	\$ 21,154.74	Building Fund Cash:	\$ 82,283.47	Memorial Fund Balance:	\$ 881.83
General Fund Expenditures:	\$ 24,467.21	Loan Balance:	\$ 183,294.00	Capital Fund Balance	\$ 27,771.88
General Fund Balance:	\$ 13,408.47	Net Building Fund:	\$ (101,010.53)		

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## Church Leadership 2013

### Elders:

Class of 2014	Wayne Bartlett	673-6657	Grounds
	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed
Class of 2015	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Gay Cunningham	652-3652	Growth
	Jim Horvath	773-6790	Facilities
Class of 2016	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Chris Schleter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach

### Deacons:

Moderator	Tineke Ingold
Class of 2014	Ron Smith, Molly Bass, Doris Thomas
Class of 2015	Dottie Malcolmson, Jackie Stuart, Judy Stringham, Tineke Ingold
Class of 2016	Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell, Fred Hampton, Jan Hirschi, Janice Klein, Bob Morgan, Evelyn Morgan



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## MINUTE FOR MISSION: THE PENTECOST OFFERING

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### The Pentecost Offering

When reflecting upon the role of younger generations in our church, we often say that our children, youths, and young adults are “the future of our church”, but they are so much more than that. They are also our present. Here are just a few examples of how:

This summer, dozens of children will attend the **Peace Camp** at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, where their days will be spent in safety, learning how they can be “peacemakers” in their own homes and in their communities, while building an appreciation for public servants, such as police officers, fire fighters, and sanitation workers. The Peace Camp is partially funded through the 40 percent of Pentecost Offering funds retained by the church.

In July, thousands of our young people from across the denomination will descend upon the college town of West Lafayette, Indiana for **Youth Triennium**, where they will join together as-one in worship, Biblical study, and community-building—and where will many will begin to discern Christ’s calling for their lives. Your gifts to this Offering directly affect our ability to reach the young lives hosted at this and other church-wide events.

Later this fall, a new group of Presbyterian **Young Adult Volunteers** will be leaving their homes, as they head off to unfamiliar communities across the world for a year of dedicated service to others. Your gifts help reduce the burden placed upon these Young Adults who are responsible for raising a significant portion of their support funds.



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**DIFFERENCE**

Your Choice. Their Lives.

Investing in their faith and future with our Pentecost Offering.

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Text **YOUNG** to 20222 to give \$10

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When we give to the Pentecost Offering we make great strides toward securing the future of the PC(USA) by investing in its present through the development of the church’s younger generations. On that first Pentecost, the Spirit gave the early Christians power to go out and witness to the power of God’s love. Through the children, youth, and young adults benefiting from your gifts program, the Spirit is at work today bearing witness to God’s transforming power.

Through the Pentecost Offering we are able to lessen the financial burden for future Young Adult Volunteers, provide safe environments to children at-risk, and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and discernment to PC(USA) youth across the country—and through the 40 percent of this Offering retained by our congregation, in the lives of young people within our own community.

**Please give generously!**

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