



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Operation Christmas Child Underway

Operation Christmas Child will kick off on October 2nd and we'll collect filled shoeboxes on November 13th and 20th. Please consider taking a shoe box (or three) and filling it with goodies for a needy child. In addition to all of the fun that the kids have opening their box, they also learn about Jesus and His plan for us.

Last year we filled 124 shoeboxes and this year we want to fill at least 150! Visit the Mission table at Fall Festival and pick up your shoeboxes.

Here's the story of Kojo, whose life was changed by an Operation Christmas Child shoebox:

My family of nine shared a one-room clay house. We had little money or food. My mom worked in the local high school cafeteria and fed us with leftover rice and peanut soup. My dad worked in a sugar cane field. They loved us very much.

One morning when I was 12 years old, my friends announced that they were not going to school that day, so I went alone. That afternoon, most of my classmates had already gone home when we heard a loud noise. We went outside and found that children from four to five other schools had come to join us for a program about God. During this special event, I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Then the leaders started distributing shoeboxes. Going to school that morning, I felt tired, but when I got the box, I felt so strong. I felt something new. I was so excited I ran home to show my box to my family. I had never received a gift before, but inside my shoebox I found a yo-yo, a toy car, and some pencils—pencils made in the United States! I felt so proud that someone in America loved me.

God used my shoebox to plant a seed in me. I started going to church every Wednesday and Sunday. I just wanted to sleep in the church because David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1, KJV). I made the Lord my No. 1 priority.

I don't have the yo-yo anymore. I don't have the toy cars or the pencils either, but I have one thing that has not changed: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." The shoebox gave me all that I need and that's the Lord Jesus Christ.

The shoeboxes we fill really do change lives!

CROP Hunger Walk November 12

The 7th annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on November 12th. We'll begin the walk at 10:00 am in Larkspur Park at the corner of Fort Pierce Drive and Larkspur Road in Bloomington Hills. St. George Mayor Jon Pike and Washington City Mayor Ken Neilson will be there to send the walkers on their way.

You can walk or make a donation to support one of our walkers and a portion of the money raised stays here in our area and supports the Soup Kitchen and Solomon's Porch. In the six previous walks, we've raised more than \$35,000 to end hunger and look forward to 2016 being a record-setting year.

Walkers can sign up through November 6th and we'll set out all of our walkers' envelopes on tables in Conklin Hall during Fellowship on the 6th for anyone who is unable to walk but would like to make a contribution.

Please join us in helping to end hunger both in our community and in the world at large.

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 Wayne Bartlett
 Joe Borden Roger Kitzman
 Bob Routh Paul & Charlotte Phipps
 Jim & Kristin Crowe

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

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 September were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Timothy 1:15-16	Blessed Assurance
Elder Chris Schleiter	2 Corinthians 4:13-15	Belief and Grace
Elder Bob Moeller	Matthew 5:14-16	Light of the World
Elder Judy Oar	James 3:5-6	Beware the Tongue
Elder Russ Hurlbut	1 Corinthians 12:1-12	Gifts of the Spirit
Elder Anne Patten	Philippians 1:4-7	Faith and Love
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Matthew 6:22-23	Light Within
Elder Scott Florence	Philippians 4:6-7	Pray about everything
Elder Barbara McConnell	Isaiah 12:5	Glorious Things
Elder Gay Cunningham	1 Corinthians 10:12	Stand firm

Welcome New Members

Rose Carlson Althea Haworth
 Ed Haworth Jim Robinette
 Maredy Stewart

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

November Newsletter Deadline

October 23, 2016

Worship Schedule

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

9:30 – 10:15 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

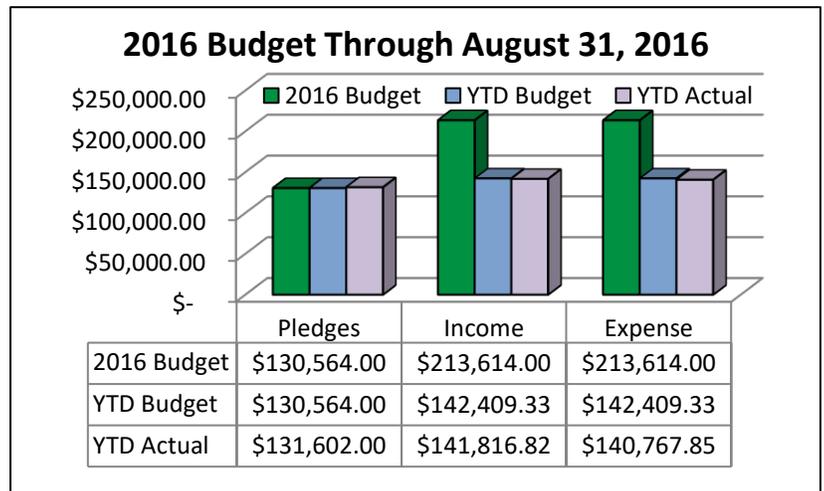
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
October		
October 2	Available	Fall Festival
October 9	Available	Mark & Sue Licher & Mary Peterson
October 16	Shirley & Amy Craig	Available
October 23	Donna Baker	Rayanne Bartlett
October 30	Scott Florence	Available
November		
November 6	Emily Penzari	Potluck
November 13	Anne & Dave Patten	Marge & Bill Linn
November 20	Available	Thanksgiving Brunch
November 27	Available	Available

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of August 31, 2016	
Month of August	
Receipts	\$ 11,588.45
Expenditures	\$ 14,158.10
2016 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 142,409.33
Actual Receipts	\$ 141,816.82
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 142,409.33
Actual Expenditures	\$ 140,767.85
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 92,020.12
Loan Balance	\$ 149,074.28
Net Building Fund	\$ (57,054.16)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 5,228.48
Memorial Fund	\$ 852.90
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,722.39
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,591.00



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. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has wrought desolations in the earth. ⁹ He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire. 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. Selah.

Psalm 46 NASB



"Cease striving and know that I am God"

With the arrival of October the season of fall begins to make its presence known in all our daily lives. Shorter days and cooler temperatures make clear that winter is coming.

For the church and its life it's a busy time of year when we begin to prepare the great seasons in the life of our Christian Community. It is also time when we begin to prayerfully consider our commitment spiritually and physically to our church's life, witness and mission in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is always the temptation in all these matters to become so busy and absorbed that we lose sight of what is truly important, and that is our relationship with our Lord and God.

At the height of the Protestant Reformation, in very dark times, Luther wrote the Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress in Our God", based on Psalm 46. One of my favorite verses is the first part of verse 10 in the Psalm, a reminder to cease striving, or in the modern vernacular, let go and let God. And, in our modern world, there are places and times that can appear equally dark. There are days in our own lives that may have that feeling of darkness and fear, and, like Luther, we can find solace in that God is our strength, our God is with us, and to take the time to step back and let God be the God of our lives and living.

But most importantly in all these matters from Thanksgiving to Mission it begins with the most important place to begin, with the Lord of Life who calls us to Life abundant and to place ourselves and each other in His eternal care.

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

**** 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

From September 15th through the 17th, Jan Dunham and Donna Beasley represented Good Shepherd at the 12th Annual Russia Mission Network Conference in Asheboro, North Carolina.

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. From all reports, the conference was a great success and, next month, we'll look forward to hearing from Jan and Donna about their trip.

Below are a couple of photos from the conference:



Christian Education

A reminder to begin thinking of your favorite poems, Bible passages, or other writings that you would like to share with the congregation in a 2017 Lenten Devotional. You will see bulletin inserts in January for you to use to write up your choices for the CE Committee to use. We plan to have a daily devotional booklet with one selection per day for people to use during Lent, a particularly thoughtful and meditative time in the church calendar. Watch for further information.

The CE Committee will have a lovely display at our annual Fall Festival on October 2nd following worship. The theme this year is The Church in the World. In keeping with this theme, several members of our wonderful congregation have loaned us Bibles and New Testaments in foreign languages. Please come visit our display, and take a look at these books—a true testament to God working all over the world. We will have works in Korean, Chinese, Hebrew, Greek, German, Russian, Philippine and Turkish! In addition, there is a book on Christian frescoes and mosaics in Turkey. We particularly request that the owners of these books retrieve them after lunch on October 2nd, as we know they are precious to you. Additionally, we will have a list of current weekly Bible Studies available for your enjoyment. Rev. Ralph will have a computer scrolling pictures from his visits to our sister church in Russia. Please come and visit and get your card marked!

Anne Patten

Deacons

We hope you had a nice summer and are looking forward to the coming seasons. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, needs any help.

We are looking for a walker with brakes. If you have one we could use, we'd love to have it. 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.

Our final meeting of 2016 will be on December 4th.

Tineke Ingold, Moderator

Fellowship

Welcome Back Snowbirds!

Now that Fall has officially begun, it is time to set our sights on the upcoming holiday season.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Brunch will be on Sunday, November 20th, after worship. Fellowship is looking forward to making the best turkeys ever. Please plan to join us and share the bounties of the season. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10th, in Conklin Hall. Katering Koncepts will provide the food and Kevin Auernig will provide holiday and dance music for us. We will have the menu next month.

Be sure to watch out for Ghoulies and Ghosties on Halloween!

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

As you saw on the front page, we're preparing for Operation Christmas Child and the annual CROP Hunger Walk.

The theme of this year's Operation Christmas Child is "Prayer." We hope that you will prayerfully consider filling one (or more) shoeboxes that bring the Good News to children all around the world.

Our pill bottle collection continues. Please remove the labels from your empty prescription bottles, wash them out and place them in the box in Conklin Hall. We'll send them off at the end of the year.

Finally, don't forget our Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Please place your donations of cups, bowls and other supplies, food and financial contributions in the boxes in the Narthex.

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

Our brain processes eighty thousand thoughts, images and opinions per day at a speed of two hundred seventy five miles per hour using one hundred trillion synapses to make connections! It is the fattest organ in our body and is composed of seventy five percent water, which explains why, when we are dehydrated, it loses the ability to work well. Brain tissue feels no pain, itself, but is responsible for sending pain signals to the rest of our body. These interesting facts were among the many presented at our September 14th Brown Bag gathering by Teri Koenig, our speaker from Intermountain's LiVe Well Center. Her talk was not only educational but also interactive and fun. We learned that, to maximize brain health, it is beneficial to include dark chocolate, walnuts, orange juice, shrimp, legumes (ex. split peas), and asparagus in our diets.

We should NEVER stop leaving our brains open to learning new things because a busy brain is a healthy brain! It has been found that new neural pathways can be created even around brain tissue affected by dementia. Despite aging, continuing to nurture all areas of our lives reaps a double benefit by maintaining both a healthy brain and a healthy heart.

Continue to:

1. Engage in Physical Activity
2. Seek Mental Stimulation
3. Ensure a Proper Diet and Nutrition
4. Practice Stress Reduction
5. Find Psychological and Emotional Well-being

Because our population is aging, there has been an increase in the number of patients diagnosed with various forms of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Research in the field is being conducted on all fronts and Teri shared some exciting news. Intermountain and the LiVe Well Center will be entering into a partnership with AARP. The goal of the collaboration will be to develop a hospital-wide program to study the various aspects of brain health.

Our next Brown Bag Luncheon will be on Wednesday, October 19th, at Noon, when we will be pleased to welcome Justin Traveller, a local Doctor of Chiropractic, as our speaker. He has a Masters in Sports Science and Rehabilitation, is a certified acupuncturist, avid soccer player and "Dad" to five children. While sharing his expertise, Dr Traveller will emphasize The 7 Essentials to Health and Well-Being. Come to Conklin Hall with your brown bag lunch, enjoy a beverage and dessert (on us) and join in the presentation.

Finally, we will hold our Fall Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, November 18th 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: Our next Soup and Fellowship will be on October 12th at Noon in Conklin Hall. The topic will be "The Business of Owning and Caring for a Forest of Trees." Mitzi and Dan Rak's family are in this business and will share with us what is going on in this eco industry. Dan will be showing slides. This promises to be an excellent and informative event. We will also be serving fall soups and other go-with-it selections.

CARD PARTY: This month's card party will be October 19th at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Your game or ours. We are flexible and always welcome players.

Senior Ministries, continued

Brain Care: Grain Brain is the name of an excellent current book engendering much discussion about brain and cognitive health and is authored by a noted and respected neurologist, Dr. David Perlmutter. Among the many healthy suggestions he touts is the brain's need for fat as well as the deleterious effects of whole wheat flours which may be inflaming many diseases. Low fat diets are no longer recommended. Unsaturated fats should be avoided but other fats like olive oil, real butter and nuts are suggested, within reasonable limits of course. You will be hearing more about this later on.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on September 11th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved to accept into membership: Rose Carlson, Althea Haworth, Edward Hayworth, Jim Robinette and Maredy Stewart to be received on September 18th.
- Approved by e-vote on August 22nd, the authorization of Elder Chris Schleiter as the administrator to run background checks on Stephen Ministry candidates.
- Approved a letter of thanks to Gloria McGilloway for handling the morning Sunday School Class during Rev. Clingan's absence..
- Approved Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University taught by Jimi Kestin, a nine week class beginning January, 2017, at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church with the cost to be paid by the participants.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stephen Ministry

Your Stephen Ministry leaders, Rev. Ralph, Anne Patten, and Karen Kirkland, have joined forces with the Stephen Ministry pastors and leaders from Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church and New Promise Lutheran Church for the purpose of training ten new Stephen Ministers. This new ecumenical approach is a way to share knowledge and experiences as well as leadership roles to lessen the instruction burden of all involved.

Stephen Ministry training consists of 50 hours of intense studies on matters of expressing and accepting feelings, listening skills, and offering Christian care to name just a few. Our church is sponsoring two candidates this year: Bob Moeller and Marni Paul, and look forward to them joining our team when their classes are over in January.

Please pray for all involved in this new training class as well as your Stephen Ministers and their care receivers as they continue to offer support and God's love to those in crisis. And as always, if you feel you could benefit from this special caring program, please contact one of our leaders or Stephen Ministers for more information.

God's blessings be with you.

Karen Kirkland, Stephen Leader

Stewardship

First, let me thank you for your generosity, in time and money to our church.

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). It is a testimony. Any form written, oral, pictures, If you are uncomfortable with speaking, we can have someone read it. Having a buddy go up to the podium with you is another possibility. Please contact one of us (Dawn,Carolynn, Chris or Bob) with your story.

Dawn Angarone is sharing her story of how Christ is changing lives through our church.

The Lord is My Shepherd

In July, 2013, my husband, Jim, and I were selling our home in Lexington, Kentucky, and planning to move to Saint George with my Dad. The Lord blessed me with a wonderful family and husband – kind, funny, generous with a big heart, thinking of others – I just wanted to be with him. Having lived most of our lives in Chicago, our work had brought us to Lexington in 2001. Now we were looking forward to the warm sun and dry climate of southern Utah. My Dad suffered from dementia and we were his caregivers for the past six years.

Stewardship, continued

The same week we sold our house, Jim found a lump under his arm. Skin cancer removed a few months prior had spread. An aggressive cancer was in his lymph system and bones. Doctors gave Jim three months. Another doctor recommended a cancer clinic in Germany. So, we moved my Dad back to Florida with my Mom and spent three months in Germany with Jim undergoing cancer treatment. He felt pretty good all things considered and we moved to Saint George February 2014. But by late April Jim's legs were giving out on him and we set up hospice in our home to give him more comfort and assistance in managing the pain.

We were sent a Chaplain through hospice – Rev. Ralph. Ralph would come and pray with us. He has a special gift of prayer. And, he was someone my husband needed to talk to – to tell a man of God his own journey to the Lord. As the pain increased, Jim was confined to one position in the hospital bed. About 3am July 25th, the Lord woke me and I held my husband as he took his last breaths and told him it was okay. I know Jim is in Heaven with the Lord. Three months later my sweet Dad joined Jim. My guys were gone and my house was empty. I would soon learn that life without my Jim was going to be the most difficult journey of my life. Rev. Ralph called to check on me and invited me to Good Shepherd.

In September I started coming to church and meeting all of you. I went to Rev. Ralph's Bible study and met many ladies, some on similar journeys as mine. Barbara McConnell was there and invited me to join the choir. For me, music and singing are a blessing and gift from the Lord. Music fills my house and my heart and brings me Joy. In my family, there is a scripture with special meaning that my grandmother taught my mom and my mom passed down to my siblings and I, the 23rd Psalm. When I sat in the choir section and looked up at the back wall, I saw the words "The Lord is My Shepherd" and I knew I was home.

I am so thankful for Rev. Ralph and Cindy, thankful for his hospice ministry, and I am so thankful to all of you. You have been with me on this journey these past two years. Many of you have become good friends. I could practically list the entire church in my gratitude for your many kindnesses. Thank you all so very much for your warm greetings, words of comfort, wise advice, smiles and hugs. You have invited me to lunch; to your homes; made sure I had a place to go for holidays; you've put me to work; and let me cry on your shoulder. This church family truly does as the Lord said, love one another. From John 13: *"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* - John 13:34,35

Please accept my love and gratitude to you all, in Christ – Dawn Angarone

Bob Moeller

Worship and Music

We welcome Rev. Ralph back as he returns from his sabbatical. After his absence, we may appreciate him even more for the spiritual leadership he gives our congregation. With the long, hot summer over, we are back into "full swing" with our many activities at Good Shepherd!

The Bell and Chancel Choir rehearsals are off to a great start. Because of the work schedules for some ringers, we are trying a new schedule. The Chancel Choir will have rehearsals on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Bell Choir on the same day at 5:00 p.m. Even though it is October, our choirs will begin rehearsing for their December concert which will be presented at our church on Sunday, December 11th, at 7:00 pm.

The Worship Committee wishes to extend our thanks to the Color Country Chorus for providing the special music on September 25th. We especially wish to thank Gordon Haines for making those arrangements.

If you are interested in ushering, please let me know so I can put you on a schedule.

*Blessings,
Barbara McConnell*

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 St. George Marathon
2 Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fall Festival 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	3 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	4 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph	5 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe @ Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision Meeting	6 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev Ralph 3:30 pm Chancel Choir 5:00 pm Bell Choir	7 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	8
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30 Reformation Sunday 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev Ralph's Home	31 Halloween 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry					

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspcsg.org for the latest information.

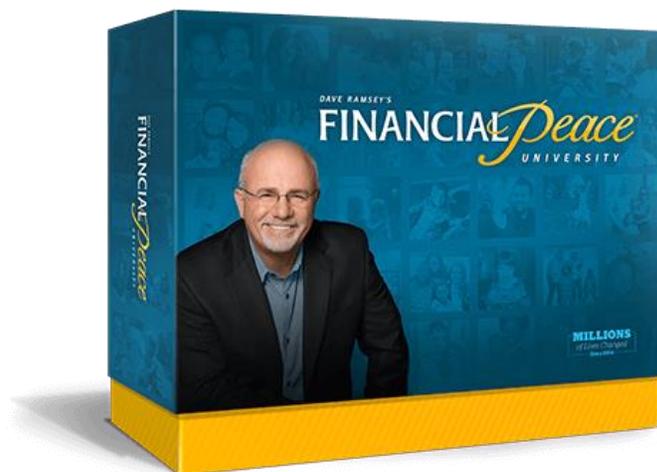
Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, October 2 Twentieth 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 9 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, October 16 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Sunday, October 23 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, October 30 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12	Luke 19:1-10

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

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Coming to Good Shepherd in January



This nine-week class begins Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in Conklin Hall
 Led by Rev. Jimi Kestin – Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship
 \$109 per couple or single - **Register by December 21st**
 Call 435.817.8288 for more information
 More information next month

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
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 August 21st we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$43,227** and additional cash donations of **\$20,273** for a total of **\$164,726** or about **48.2%** 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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