



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Ellen Smith Visits Good Shepherd Brings Greetings from Dorogobuzh



We had a wonderful visit with Ellen Smith from Presbyterian Mission Agency from January 11 to 13. I picked her up at McCarran on Saturday and we were joined for dinner by Rev. Ralph and Cindy on Saturday night. We had a wide-ranging discussion on many topics and we all came away feeling blessed by our decision to enter into a relationship with our brothers and sisters in Russia.

On Sunday, Ellen covered Rev. Ralph's Adult Ed class, discussing what it is like now and what it was like under the old Soviet state to be a Christian. The class was the best attended in recent memory with nearly 30 members in attendance. Ellen also met with the Session and delivered a Minute for Mission in which she shared greetings from Pastor Sergei and his congregation and told us a bit more about their activities and congregation.

Ellen had never been in Utah so, on Sunday afternoon, we drove to Pipe Spring National Monument to give her a bit of an introduction to the LDS pioneers and culture. She thoroughly enjoyed the day although she was a bit disconcerted by the conditions in Colorado City and Hilldale as we drove through.

On Monday, we did a bit of sightseeing, visiting Kolob Canyon then driving across Utah 14 past Cedar Breaks (it was Ellen's first time above 10,000 feet in a car) and on through Zion before I dropped her at McCarran for a flight to Pasco, Washington, where she is meeting with another church. The most often heard phrase that day was "Wow! That's amazing!"

Ellen was particularly pleased with the reaction of the congregation to her visit. Several members spoke to her during Fellowship about how important they believe our partnership is going to be for both of our congregations.

Ellen stressed that the most important thing we can do at this point to continue developing our relationship is to visit Dorogobuzh. We are planning to do that with a small group in 2015. In addition, we discussed the possibility of hosting the Russian Mission Network conference at our church in October of 2016. She was very enthusiastic about that since many of the partner churches in the western US complain that the conference is always held in the East. If we host the conference, we hope to bring Pastor Sergei and his wife, Nina, to St. George.

We look forward to having Ellen back with us soon!

*Chris Schleiter*

### 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                      Gene Carney  
Deb & Dick Stone                  Lyn Jacobczek  
Bob Routh

Wendy Christianson as she studies for the ministry  
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

### Deadline for February Newsletter

February 21, 2014

### Worship Schedule

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

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

The Life and Times of the PCUSA: A history of the Presbyterian Church from Scotland to GSPC

10:15 am  
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am  
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am  
Fellowship Time

### Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

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

The scriptures for January were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Corinthians 1:4-8	Thanks for you all
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Deut. 6:4-9	Love the Lord and Law
ElderCarolynn Jentzer	Ephesians 4:31-42	Be kind to one another
Elder Amy Craig	Col. 2:6	Live in Christ
Elder Chris Schleiter	Psalm 22:22-24	Praise and Glory to God
Elder Jim Horvath	Ephesians	Contentment
Elder Gay Cunningham	Col. 3:12-17	Clothed in Christ
Elder Pebble Mowery	John 15:4	Live in Christ

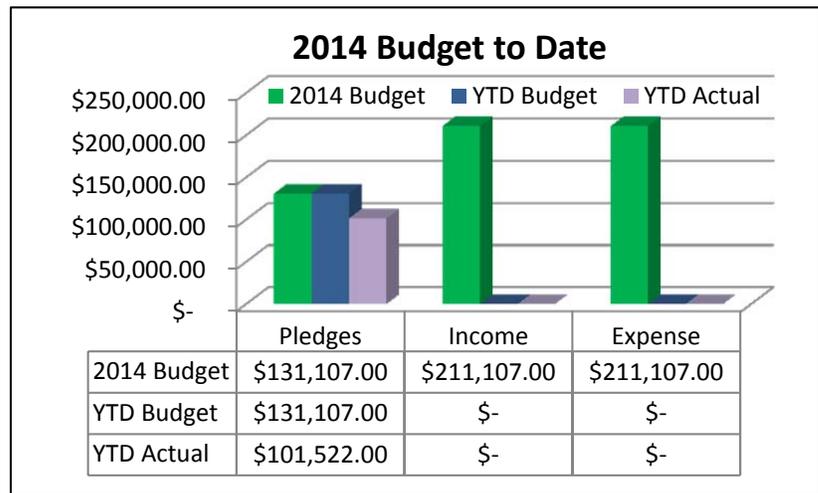
### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>February</b>		
Feb 2	Barbara McConnell	<i>Available</i>
Feb 9	<i>Available</i>	Ruth Ann & Jim Horvath
Feb 16	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Feb 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
<b>March</b>		
Mar 2	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Mar 9	<i>Gene &amp; Doris Thomas</i>	<i>Available</i>
Mar 16	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Mar 23	<i>Available</i>	Marge & Bill Linn
Mar 30	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

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

### Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
As of December 31, 2013	
December	
Receipts	\$ 15,938.17
Expenditures	\$ 17,736.98
2013 Budget vs Actual	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 196,500.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 184,244.57
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 198,500.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 203,511.62
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 87,245.38
Loan Balance	\$ 176,339.00
Net Building Fund	\$ (89,093.62)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 21,524.25
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,031.54
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 28,557.50



## Pastor's Page

*"We must first be the people of God before we can do the work of the people of God."*

*Dr. Stan Ott*

### Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

In last month's newsletter I mentioned our congregation's participation in our Presbytery's Acts 16:5 Initiative - a program developed by the Vital Churches Institute, of which Dr. Stan Ott is the director.

As I mentioned last month, for our congregation this will not represent sweeping change as much as a fine tuning and expanding on the base that we as a congregation, under the direction of our faith and Lord, have, over the years, already built, and built well.

The initiative involves a leadership team envisioning together where our congregation is being called to go and to become and then to take steps to make the vision a reality.

For our congregation our team will consist of the Session which will begin this process in earnest at our annual training event on February 15th.



Primarily the initiative calls all of us together to strengthen our fellowship by the strengthening of our Christian faith and spirituality.

Personally I am very excited about our participation in this program and where it might lead us together. I see this as being our opportunity to renew the strong ties of Christian love that bind us not only to each other but as well leads us to welcome the stranger or sojourner in our midst with Christian love and witness. I am reminded of the Christian Church as we see in Acts as a place where friends on the road, in Christ, become friends of the heart.

Please pray for our Session, Pastor and Congregation that this discernment journey will be led by the Holy Spirit into ventures of blessing yet unseen but in Christ certainly on their way.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

### Presbyterian Churches' Worst Kept Secret

The PCUSA has a secret that apparently way too many of us have been keeping, and that is that our denomination produces one of the top periodicals, award winning in fact, monthly that a majority of us are not aware of. This periodical has won the top award for religious magazines and is called Presbyterians Today. The magazine contains a wealth of information about what is happening in the Presbyterian Church, its mission and ministries as well as resources that support our own ministries here in Saint George. Our Session for a couple of years has worked to get this secret out by providing copies of our magazine in the racks in our Narthex and West entrance. Help get the secret out and pick up one next Sunday!

#### **\*\*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 Amy in the church office (628-9158).

#### **\*\*Pastor Note Regarding Hospital Visitation: \*\***

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

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

## The Acts 16:5 Initiative

*“So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.” Acts 16:5*

Growing a vital church is always the work of God in our midst. It is a challenging task for we who are the people of God. However, we know what the alternative is – a church without vision or vitality with little mission engagement with its world.

God has a transformational future for our congregation and ministry – and for each of us personally. The Acts 16:5 Initiative is designed to stimulate conversation, imagination, and new directions in the vitality of the shared Christian experience.

Understand the truth of the words spoken by W. Edward Deming, renowned management consultant: **“Every system is perfectly designed to achieve the results it gets.”** If we are fully satisfied with the life of our congregation as it is, there is no need to think about a transformational future. However, to grow in the vitality of our worship, fellowship, and discipleship, as well as in our mission impact on the surrounding community, we need to ask – how do we transition from the work of our present ministries and members while creating the new to reach the present and next generations? How may we lead a transition such that our past ministries and present participants are valued and honored as we move into God's new future?

### GPS and the Acts 16:5 Initiative's Principles

*By Kathi Busch, Pastor and Vital Churches Coach*

Not too long ago, I was driving somewhere I'd never been before. I did not have a GPS, but I did have directions courtesy of Google Maps. I was doing fine for a while, but then, even though I was following the directions, I began to get the feeling that I had missed something. That something wasn't right. Maybe there was a mistake in the directions I had. Maybe I had missed a turn. I kept checking the directions and I seemed to be following them, but I still had the feeling I was off-track. The road I was on just didn't look like I thought it should look. It didn't feel like I was making progress toward my destination. It seemed to be taking longer than it should. I was tempted to turn off on a road that seemed like it would get me where I was going faster. But I resisted that urge and kept on following the directions I had. And just shortly after that, it became clear that the way I was going *was* the right way. The directions I had *were correct*. I just had to keep going, keep following them, even though it felt like maybe I wasn't going the right way.

I think this happens sometimes when we are in the midst of engaging the principles and practices of *Acts 16:5*. We have good directions. The gatherings and manuals provide a GPS of sorts for the journey we embark upon when we begin the adventure of the *Acts 16:5 Initiative*. But then we start to dream about what God wants to do in our church. We get excited about the vision God gives us, and we begin to map out directions towards that vision. We get a few Action Learning Teams working on opportunities and challenges we see around us.

And then it happens: we don't feel like we are making progress toward the vision. The way we are heading doesn't look right, doesn't *feel* right. Maybe we had missed a turn. Maybe our directions weren't good. And we begin to second-guess the directions and either turn back the way we came or turn onto another route.

When you get to this place—and you surely will get here at some point—let me offer you some advice: *Keep going!* Trust the directions—the principles and practices detailed for you in the manuals and the gatherings. They have worked for many, many churches as tools for vitality and growth.

Sometimes God does have to 'recalculate' our directions because we're working with a faulty map. But very often we have a good map, but we fail to trust that map, a map that—if we continue to follow it, in spite of how it looks or how we feel or how difficult the route—will get us to where God wants us to go.

So take the adventure God has for you! And trust the directions. They will lead to vitality and renewal and new possibilities in your church and community.

*Courtesy of The Vital Churches Institute*

## Choir Notes

The winter is always a quiet one for our choirs but we are now beginning to work on music for the Easter season! Thank you for all of your encouragement and kind words.

*Barbara McConnell  
Music Director*

## Christian Education

As we move toward spring, I hope you will join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for our weekly Adult Education class led by Rev. Ralph. Currently we are studying the history of the Presbyterian Church (USA) from John Knox to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Please join us as we continue to explore a wide range of topics, not only about the Bible but, also, about the nature and history of our faith and the Presbyterian Church.

*In Christian Love  
Catherine Overkamp and the Christian Education Committee*

## Deacons

I want to remind you that if you have a need for care or support, please contact your Deacon – that's what we're here for! If you don't know who your Deacon is, please see me or give Amy a call in the office – we'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

*Tineke Ingold*

## Fellowship

Plans are going ahead for The First Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church "Robbie Burns Night Celebration." There is still time to sign up for our event, Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 5:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Get out your tartans and plaids and join us!

Thank you all for your donations to our bake sale for the building fund. We have raised over \$60 in our two sales. Please continue to help our efforts to donate to the Building Fund.

Our recycling program for aluminum cans needs a new coordinator. The box will still be available for the cans but we need a volunteer to take the cans to the recyclers. The money from this activity goes to PW for their mission work. This includes the Knotty Knitters, the mailings to the Marines and preparations for the Rummage Sale. Please contact me if you are interested in taking on this job.

PW continues to collect rummage on the first Sunday of the month for their sale on March 28-29, 2014. You can leave your rummage behind the CE Building before the service on Sunday.

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Mission/Outreach

Please see the front page for a report on the visit from Ellen Smith on January 12. I can't stress enough how important this visit was both to us and to Ellen. I believe we both came away with a better understanding of where God wants us to go with our relationship with our sister church in Dorogobuzh.

Don't forget the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 2. We will be collecting food and money for Dixie Care and Share. Last year we collected 154 pounds of food and \$839. Let's beat that this year.

*Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing Ministry

### **Brown Bag Lunch – January 21**

On January 21, Doctors Leukenga and Whitaker of Hearing and Balance Doctors of Utah spoke to us about balance and how our hearing affects our balance.

They explained that their primary role is to do diagnostic testing for balance which includes dizziness, vertigo and trauma induced imbalance. They use a team approach working with primary physicians, cardiologists, neurologists and other referrals.

## Parish Nursing Ministry, continued

Dizziness is the number one problem of patients over 65 that they see. This is often accompanied by vertigo, imbalance and general unsteadiness causing a lack of confidence on your feet. Dizziness causes a feeling of light headedness and vertigo causes a spinning sensation and objects seem to move.

Balance related falls account for more than half of accidental deaths among the elderly. Fifty to sixty percent of reported dizziness in people 65 and older is due to inner ear problems. There are 4 key systems that are involved in balance sensors which are the inner ear, eyes for vision, brain, and joint, muscle and sense of touch. The inner ear has a vestibular system that helps control the eye motion and the postural muscles in the neck and back.

Some of the common disorders that can cause these symptoms are Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) where tiny crystals of calcium carbonate that are a normal part of the inner ear's anatomy, become dislodged and collect in one of the semicircular canals, vestibular neuritis, acoustic neuroma, Meniere's disease and migraine related dizziness.

They stressed that if you have any issues with balance or vertigo you should talk with your doctor. Self-diagnosis and treatment are not a good idea when dealing with these issues. Dr. Luekenga pointed out that 90% of cases where a proper diagnosis is made are treated successfully.

On February 19 our Brown Bag Lunch will feature Mark Heimer of Heideman Hughes Mortuary speaking about "Pre-Planning, Making sure Your (Final) Wishes are Carried Out" and on March 26, Drs. Leukenga and Whitaker will return to speak on Tinnitus and how it can be treated.

We hope you'll bring your lunch and join us for these enlightening programs.

*Mitzi Rak & Anne Patten*

## 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

On Wednesday, January 15 Dan Rak from our congregation presented a delightful program for us at our Soup and Bread Fellowship. Dan's illustrious career included service as a JAG officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Following that he became Assistant General Counsel to the Secretary of the Air Force in the Pentagon. Tired of the lawyer jokes, he left that position to become Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, where he spent the remainder of his career acquiring "Talons for Falcons" (weapon systems to support our troops. For those of us who have no idea what it must be like on the upper rungs of the ladder, suffice it to say Dan's office was located in the coveted (outer) E ring" of the Pentagon. Dan might have grown tired of the same old lawyer jokes, but he obviously hasn't tired of seeing the funny side. Many attended his presentation and were rewarded. We learned a lot about the Pentagon and the tricky world of jets and weapons.

Dan is married to Mitzi Rak, a retired RN who serves our congregation in the Parish Nursing Ministry. Dan and Mitzi have two sons and 5 grandchildren. Retiring in 1993 they left Maryland and tidewater Virginia and came west to Zion National Park, St. George and the desert.

Isaiah 6: 8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.*

On February 26, Chris Schleiter will present his experiences behind the scenes at the Olympics.

*Pebble Mowery*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on January 14, 2014. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- The Costco credit card was renewed. Carolyn Jentzer, Chris Schleiter and Jim Horvath are able to charge purchases.
- Proceeds of the "Leftover Sunday" Bake Sale items on the second Sunday of each month will be donated to the Fellowship budget. (The every Sunday Bake Sale proceeds go to the Building Fund).
- 2014 Pledges are still being accepted and encouraged.
- Controls for the PA system will be moved to the northwest corner of the sanctuary.
- Stated Session Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15 pm.
- Ruth Ann Horvath was elected Clerk of Session.
- David Patten was elected as Commissioner to the Presbytery.
- Communion dates will be the first Sunday of each month, Maundy Thursday and weekly during the 8:45 am Prayer Service.
- Elder/Deacon Training will be held on February 15, 2014 from 9:00 am to Noon.
- The commission to approve the Annual Statistical Report will be Rev. Clingan and Ruth Ann Horvath.

*Ruth Ann Horvath  
Clerk of Session*

## 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, Anne Patten or Bob McGrath.

## Stewardship

### Pledge Update

Thank you so much to all of you who have pledged. Through January 19<sup>th</sup>, we had 43 pledges totaling \$101,522. With a budget of \$216,636 we do have a ways to go. Please be in prayer for how God wants you to support the ministry of this congregation.

### Setting Goals

It is a common and helpful practice to use the start of a new year as motivation to set goals and make plans to attain those goals. As Christians, what is our ultimate goal? What did Jesus tell us in Matthew 6:33? *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* Certainly this is a worthy and all-encompassing goal for us as Christians.

We're also told that goals should be detailed and specific and measurable. How do we satisfy that criteria in light of our main goal to seek God's kingdom?

Let us remember that all we say and do and are should strain toward seeking God's kingdom. That means we'll be busy in the study of his Word and in regular attendance in church where we can hear his Word and receive his sacraments. It means that we'll be busy about his work of seeking and saving the lost. How is that accomplished?

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"You show that you are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts"* (2 Corinthians 3:3). Jesus put it this way, *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). This is what we are – God's letters who reflect the light of Jesus to a world trying to find its way in darkness.

## Stewardship, continued

The psalmist commanded, *“Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise”* (Psalm 96:2-4). In all our words, this should be our goal: to proclaim the goodness, the glory, the greatness of our God.

Then our acts should follow up our attitudes and words. Again Paul's words speak to us: *“Bless those who persecute you; Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony . . . Do not repay anyone evil for evil . . . If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone . . .”* (Romans 12:14ff.). Throughout his letters, Paul urges us to share with those in need, to support those who preach and teach the Word, and to give as we have received.

These are goals worthy of setting and ones we can carry out by “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, [who] though he was rich, yet for [our] sakes he became poor, so that [we] through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). [www.parishpublishing.org](http://www.parishpublishing.org)

### Quick Stewardship Quote

*“A person may decide either to accept or reject Christ, but once he or she accepts Christ, it is not for that person to decide whether or not to be a steward, for one becomes a steward when one becomes a Christian.”* Luther Powell

Amy Craig

## Wendy's Window



Greetings from Princeton Theological Seminary where I am now beginning the second half of my seminary experience.

When I was in the third grade at Horace Mann Elementary School in Virginia, Minnesota, my Sunday school teacher at the First Presbyterian Church asked us all to memorize Psalm 100:

- <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup>Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- <sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

I have loved the Psalms ever since that time.

This semester I am taking a course called *The Psalms in Christian Worship*. It is a wonderful class in which we are exploring ways in which the Psalms can be used in corporate worship, daily prayer, personal and family devotion and Bible study. We are using a great new Psalter published in 2012 by the Calvin Institute of Christian worship and Faith Alive Christian Resources called *Psalms for All Seasons: A Complete Psalter for Worship*. My other classes include Introduction to Preaching, PCUSA Polity, Missional Theology and Practice, Chapel Choir and Field Education at The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement!

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## February, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Souper Bowl of Caring PW Rummage Collection No Bible Study @ Clingan's</b> 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>3</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 1:30 Parish Nursing pm Ministry Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm	<b>5</b> 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	<b>6</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>7</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>8</b> 5:00 Bobby Burns Dinner pm The History of the Bagpipes – Conklin Hall
<b>9</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 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	<b>10</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>11</b> 10:00 CPR/AED Class am \$20 payable at class. Please see Rev. Ralph for info 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Bell Choir pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm	<b>12</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	<b>13</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>14</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>15</b> 9:00 Joint Elder/Deacon am Training in Conklin Hall
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gpscsq.org](http://gpscsq.org) for the latest information.



## Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, February 2 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday, February 9 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
Sunday, February 16 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Sunday, February 23 7th Sunday after the Epiphany	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48

## Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, March 2 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, March 9 1st Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

## Congregation News

### Thanks

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers following my recent hip replacement surgery. They meant so much & were greatly appreciated.

*Candy Hurlbut*

Thanks to all of you who have prayed for my recovery, telephoned and sent get well cards. I'm happy to be alive. Praise the Lord.

*Cathy Overkamp*

### Rummage Sale

Just a reminder that Presbyterian Women WILL have a rummage sale this year - on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>! We are collecting rummage on the first and third Sundays of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Morgan or Nancy Linden. Thank you for all your support.

### Aluminum Can Recycling Program

If you didn't notice it in Carolyn Jentzer's Fellowship column, we need a new coordinator for the Aluminum Can Recycling Program. The bin will still be available to collect the cans but we are looking for someone to take the cans and drop them off. Money from recycling cans goes to PW's mission activities. If you are interested in coordinating this program, please see Carolyn.

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month

PW Rummage Collection – at the shed behind the CE Building – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</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	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 Restaurant
Choir Practices	Tuesday	3:45 pm	Bell Choir
	Thursday	3:45 pm	Chancel Choir



### Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15 year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although we hope to continue our tradition of paying off our mortgages early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also need to replenish the \$45,000 that was in the fund when we began the project meaning we need to raise almost \$287,000.

Through the middle of January, we had received pledges totaling \$66,456.00 and cash donations of \$21,169.45 for a total of \$87,625.45 or about 30% of the way to the \$287,000 goal.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.

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### Church Leadership 2014

#### Elders

Class of 2014	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Gay Cunningham	652-3654	Growth
	Jim Horvath	773-6790	Facilities
Class of 2015	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Pebble Mowery	673-9185	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2016	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Scott Florence	688-2624	Grounds
	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed

#### Deacons

Moderator	Tineke Ingold
Class of 2014	Dottie Malcolmson, Judy Stringham, Tineke Ingold, Anne Patten
Class of 2015	Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell, Fred Hampton, Jan Hirschi, Janice Klein, Bob Morgan, Evelyn Morgan, Shirley Fromknecht
Class of 2016	Ann Abbott, Barbara Henstrom, Scott Henstrom



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