



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## Ellen Smith from Presbyterian Mission Agency to Visit January 12



Al and Ellen Smith

We began a relationship with our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia, last spring and look forward to continuing to build that relationship in 2014.

Ellen Smith, Presbyterian Mission's Regional Liaison for Eastern Europe, and our liaison with our sister congregation, will join us for worship on January 12. She will undoubtedly bring greetings from Pastor Sergei and his congregation.

In addition to a Minute for Mission during worship, Ellen has volunteered to talk to our Adult Education class that morning about what it's like to be Christian in Eastern Europe and Russia. We hope that each of you will join us that morning to greet Ellen and learn more about our brothers and sisters in Russia.

### Every Sunday Bake Sale

Beginning January 5, 2014, we will have a bake sale every Sunday. The proceeds from this sale will support the Building Fund.

A table will be labeled in Conklin Hall and all are invited to bring baked items for sale and purchase each Sunday. Anything that does not sell each week will be frozen and used in future coffee hours or meetings when baked items are needed.

If you are baking, bake a little extra for the table. Or perhaps if you are hosting a small group or meeting in your home or at the church, pick up your needed refreshments from our Bake Sale table, and in the process we will in a small way continue to support the building fund so we can pay off our mortgage!

### Early Service Includes Communion

We want to remind you that, beginning on January 5, our weekly 8:45 am prayer service will include the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We hope those who cannot be with us for regular worship on the first Sunday of the month will be able to join us for this intimate celebration of the Lord's Supper.

### 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

Jim & Ginny Sullivan            Gene Carney  
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Shirley Craig                    Bob Routh  
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    Deb & Dick Stone  
Wendy Christianson as she studies for the  
    ministry  
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia  
    Those Serving Our Country

### Welcome New Members

**Darlene Baxter**

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

### Deadline for February Newsletter

January 26, 2014

### Worship Schedule

**8:45 – 9:00 am**

**Service of Morning Prayer - Sanctuary**

**9:00 – 9:45 am**

**Adult Education Classes - CE Building  
Rev. Ralph**

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

**Rev. Harold**

Rev. Harold has decided to retire from teaching on Sunday. Please join Rev Ralph's class.

**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 December were:

Rev. Ralph	Romans 15:4-13	Accept one another
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Galatians 3:28	One in Christ
Elder Catherine Overkamp	Luke 1:46-55	Magnificat
Elder Amy Craig	John 15:5	Vine and the Branches
Elder Chris Schleter	Psalms 72:11-13 1 Chronicles 39:9a	Offer freely to the Lord
Elder Jim Horvath	Ezekiel 31:3	Lord provides ability
Elder Gay Cunningham	2 Peter 1:3-11	Called to the Kingdom
Elder Pebble Mowery	Luke 19:10	Saving the Lost

### Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
<b>January</b>		
Jan 5	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Jan 12	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Jan 19	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Jan 26	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
<b>February</b>		
Feb 2	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Feb 9	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Feb 16	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Feb 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

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

### 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 December, we had received pledges totaling \$65,456.00 and cash donations of \$21,169.45 for a total of \$86,625.45 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.



## Pastor's Page

*"So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily."*

*Acts. 16:5 RSV*

### Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



After the first of the year the local health clubs and recreation centers all experience an interesting phenomenon.

Having stood in front of the mirrors or on the bathroom scales, a number of our friends and neighbors, lamenting the damage done to their mass by the holiday season, resolve with the New Year to lose the weight, get in shape, and get thee to a health club as fast as they can get there! Thus all these centers experience a large increase in attendance referred to as the "New Year's Resolution Rush". However this "rush" begins to diminish in about a month or two, but that's a subject for another day.

As is mentioned in this edition of our newsletter our Session has joined with other member churches of our Presbytery in what is referred to as the "Acts 16:5 Initiative". In essence we resolve to become an even more faithful and active

congregation. We resolve to prayerfully seek where our Lord is calling us to go and what to become that we might be an even more effective congregation in sharing Christ's love and in welcoming the stranger or seeker. More information on the Acts 16:5 Initiative appears on the next page.

What this means for us as a congregation are not sweeping changes but the building upon the base that already has been built. What this exactly will look like is a bit early into this New Year to tell, but I'm excited. I'm excited to see what can happen when together we pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us into this New Year. I'm excited by what may happen when together we open God's word and listen for His voice and see His vision for us.

I'm excited that God has given us a new year and now the opportunity, through His Son, to become an even and ever more faithful place to seek and serve our Lord.

Happy New Year!

*In Christ,  
Rev. Ralph*

p.s. We would like to thank all who joined us for our open house as well as for the very kind gifts and well wishes. God's many blessings on you all!

### **Bill Linn wins Tacky Tie Contest**

Congratulations to Bill Linn, the winner of this year's Rev. Ralph's Tacky Tie Contest. The luck winner appears in the photo above, sharing some fellowship with the Pastor. Bill's prize for winning this year was a shiny blue slightly used hymnal!

Start working on your entries for next year – the 2014 contest will begin on November 30<sup>th</sup>!

### **\*\*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

### Renewal, Revitalization, Transformation for Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church!

*"Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size." (Acts 16:5)*

Just as the passage reads, the Acts 16:5 Initiative is a program intended to renew churches (like Good Shepherd) and to help them grow in faith and numbers!

Acts 16:5 is an initiative designed and produced by the Vital Churches Institute ([www.vitalchurchesinstitute.com](http://www.vitalchurchesinstitute.com)), which is an educational and consulting organization devoted to renewal and revitalization for Christ's church.

Here's what Acts 16:5 is all about, in the organization's own words:

The Acts 16:5 Initiative...

- Invites congregations in denominational regions to engage in a deliberate process of transformation.
- Assists denominational regions and congregations in developing a coherent, biblically-grounded, approach to transformational vitality and mission impact.
- Assists congregations in the design of specific transformational and mission ministries. Rather than offering a set "program," this initiative supports the design of ministry appropriate to a given situation.
- Enables denominational regional staff the ability to offer direct coaching, leadership development and resourcing of pastors and congregational leaders seeking to move their congregations forward.
- Offers a means of validating congregational change.
- Offers an opportunity to apply the principles of transformation and mission engagement to the life of the denominational region itself.

Over the past year the Presbytery of Utah has been carefully and prayerfully considering participation in Acts 16:5, especially since participation requires a financial commitment from Presbytery and from the participating churches. On October 12, 2013 Presbytery formally voted to engage the services of the Vital Churches Institute in order to provide the Acts 16:5 Initiative for ten participating churches in our Presbytery, one of which is Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. The Session had previously endorsed the participation of our church.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative requires a three-year commitment on the part of each participating church, and the Presbytery. After three years the leadership of each church carries forward the momentum gained by participation in the initiative.

What will participation in Acts 16:5 mean for us? Look for intentional efforts to...

- Increase the depth of commitment to Jesus for every member and friend, that is, to grow vibrant, enthusiastic, completely dedicated disciples of Jesus;
- Strengthen and develop existing and new leaders in our congregation;
- Demonstrate hospitality, not just friendliness, to visitors;
- Develop new worship experiences;
- Engage new small groups designed to facilitate the spiritual growth of participating members;
- Spread ministry among a larger cross-section of our congregation;
- Make our church more mission centric, that is, more outwardly-focused on the needs of our community and the world.

Change in all of these aspects of church life requires considerable work and dedication on the part of the members and friends of our congregation. Even so, in the view of the Session, the time is now for us to begin these kinds of transformational ministries. The pastor and Session envision a long and exciting period of spiritual and numerical growth, in concert with the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

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## Choir Notes

After a very busy December which included performances at the Tabernacle and a local LDS Ward, the choirs will be "taking it easy" during January.

I want to thank everyone who turned out on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tabernacle for our Christmas Concert. We had about 400 in attendance and all enjoyed the program.

*Barbara McConnell  
Music Director*

## Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee wants to thank all that have prayed so hard for us as we attempted to build up the Sunday School this year. Don't stop praying! A new year awaits us as we continue to build on our start in 2013. Pray for parents to feel that Sunday School should be a priority in each child's life.

Jesus never stops loving us even though at times we push Him aside. We stand firm in our belief of Christian love, fellowship and knowledge of the Bible to be of utmost importance in the development of our faith in Christ.

Have a blessed Christmas - Our Savior is Here!

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

## Deacons

With the new year come new Deacons. Welcome to Scott and Barbara Henstrom and Ann Abbott – our newly elected Deacons. We will be reviewing parish assignments in the near future and will let you know who your deacon is.

I also 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

I hope you enjoyed our first Thanksgiving in Conklin Hall. We served 76 adults and 5 children with plenty of space for all. I want to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who brought the wonderful side dishes and desserts. Thank you to my volunteers, who set up, served and cleaned up for me.

As you know, the caterer canceled our Christmas Party because not enough people had made reservations. I know we would have had more reservations if we had not had the snow day, but I do not think the additional sign-ups would have been enough to satisfy the caterer. After the first of the year, I will be looking for new ideas for the party in 2014. Send your ideas to me c/o presch7@msn.com. Please put "Christmas Party" in the subject line and Amy will forward your messages to me.

### **Bobbie Burns Night**

Come and help us celebrate the great Scottish poet on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 5 pm.

After additional research, we found that Burns night is as much a celebration of Scotch Whiskey as it is a celebration of Scottish history. We have decided to host a pot luck supper followed by a presentation about the history of the bagpipes by our pipers from Cedar City. Fellowship will provide the main dish and the drinks (alas, no Scotch) for the supper. We are asking the congregation to bring desserts and side dishes. Bring your favorite dish or search FOOD.com for special Scottish recipes. The program will last about an hour. Half of the program is about the history of the pipes and the rest of the program consists of popular tunes for the pipes.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, starting Dec. 29.

*Carolyn Jentzer*

## Mission/Outreach

Our Mission/Outreach program continues to be strong and to spread the Good News throughout our community and, indeed, throughout the world.

As has been our custom, we made several donations to local charities in December. The Dove Center received both a general donation as well as the contents of our Change for Change box; the latter designated to purchase pillows for their guests. We also made donations to Habitat for Humanity, the Dixie Care and Share Soup Kitchen, the Doctors' Volunteer Clinic and the Washington County Children's Justice Center.

Speaking of Dixie Care and Share, you were VERY generous this year. As a congregation, we donated more than \$2,900 and nearly 400 pounds of food. We will be collecting for Care and Share, as always, on the first Sunday of each month in 2014 and, as we did in 2013, we will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also continue to serve food at the Soup Kitchen each month. Thanks to Gloria Reynolds and her crew for making our Soup Kitchen service a tremendous success.

For 2014, we will continue many of the mission activities we have done this year and in the past.

We will kick off the year with the Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit Dixie Care and Share on February 2. Later in the year, we will likely host Bike and Build again during the summer. We will, of course, be involved in the CROP Walk and Soles 4 Souls and Operation Christmas Child will return next year. Of course, the Soup Kitchen crew will be providing their culinary magic each month to those in our community who need our help and, as usual, we will be collecting special offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Peacemaking and the Christmas Joy offering. We will designate a charity to receive our Change for Change donations during January.

Let us all thank God for the blessings we receive from Him and for the opportunity to spread His word!

*Chris Schleiter*

## Parish Nursing Ministry

### **Brown Bag Lunch**

We did not have a Brown Bag Lunch during December, but our next Brown Bag Lunch will be on Wednesday, January 15, when we will hear a presentation by Dr. Richard Leukenga on Hearing and Balance.

So you can plan to attend, on February 19, Mark Heiner will speak to us on "Pre-planning so our wishes are met," and on March 26, Dr. Leukenga will be back to speak on tinnitus.

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

Our Soup and Bread Fellowship hosted by Senior Ministries was launched December 4th. Carolynn Thomas was our speaker and she did a FANTASTIC job. Her subject was the Women of Faith Conference she attended recently with members of her family. Carolynn had video clips to add to her wonderful message of God's grace.

Carolynn wrapped it up with a beautiful snapshot of her with her sister, daughters, granddaughter and daughter-in-law. Several attendees expressed interest in getting together a group from our congregation to attend such a conference in the future.

We will be holding more Soup and Bread Fellowship lunches in the future. We hope you will join us!

*Pebble Mowery*

## Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on December 10, 2013. Here is a synopsis of the actions

- Darlene Baxter met with the Session and was received as new member on December 29, 2013.
- The annual Christmas Party was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Fellowship Committee will begin a process to determine a plan for future Christmas Parties.
- Unclaimed items in the refrigerator, pantry and freezer will be disposed of after the first Sunday of each month.
- The Stewardship Campaign is still accepting pledges for 2014.
- The old incandescent bulbs in the Sanctuary candelabra were changed to LED bulbs. This will save us approximately \$75 per month and the bulbs will pay for themselves in just over a year and a half.
- The congregation donated 394 pounds of food and \$2,806 to Dixie Care & Share in 2013.
- Newly elected officers of the Church Corporation are Chris Schleter, President and Gay Cunningham, Vice President.

There was a called Congregational Meeting on December 15, 2013 for the purpose of acting on the report of the Nominating Committee and acting on the Terms of Call of the Pastor. Elders elected to the Class of 2016 are: Catherine Overkamp, Amy Craig and Scott Florence. Deacons elected to the Class of 2016 are Ann Abbott, Scott Henstrom and Barbara Henstrom. The Terms of Call of the Pastor was adopted.

*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. To date we have 35 pledges totaling \$78,182. 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.

In Matthew 2, we read about the visit of the Magi. Following the star, inquiring at the king's palace, informed by the priests where to find the Child, they trudged with determination to Bethlehem, bringing with them the gifts they planned to present as they worshiped him.

*"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh" (Matthew 2:10-11).*

What did the Wise Men from the East know about this Baby or his family? Not much. Yet they came in faith, bringing gifts with them to honor him. How far did they travel? How long was their trip? We can surmise, but what's important to know is that, for them, the trip with all its drudgery was worth it. "They were overjoyed."

How long a trip are we prepared to make this Christmas to worship the Christ Child? Are we willing to put up with inconvenience and sacrifice in order that we might come before him with our gifts, offering them in faith, as the Wise Men did?

What causes our joy this Christmas season? Is it seeing the eyes of little children light up when they open their presents? That's good. Is it finding exactly the right gift for someone special? That's good, too. But are we "overjoyed" when we see the star? Contrary to the messages we hear in the commercials and even the seasonal songs, the only thing Christmas is about is the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Along with doing all the wonderful things that are good to do at this time of the year, including the visiting of sick and the shut-in, the baking of goodies for food banks, the sharing of financial resources with those in need, and all the shopping and caroling and everything else, let's find our joy in seeing the star. That star points us to Jesus and leads us to the Cross. Let us "open our treasures" and worship him with our best and most precious gifts as the Wise Men did.

*Perhaps the real significance of giving is what it does to the steward. What matters to God is not the gift, but the giver. Stewardship is God's invitation to a way of life. It helps us to overcome our selfishness and love of things. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment.*

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Amy Craig

## Congregation News

A member of the congregation (who has requested anonymity) submitted a photo that we just had to share with you.

As you know, Gabby Noble moved to Seattle a couple of months ago. She is doing well and loves the ambiance of the city. But Seattle is expensive and, in order to live comfortably, one must have gainful employment. This Christmas Season found Gabby using her acting and people skills to make some extra money at the Space Needle.



Meet "Space Elf Gabby"

We wish Gabby happiness and success in her new home and look forward to a visit soon!

### **Congregation mourns loss of two members**

We are sad to report that two of our members, Bob Hammond and Dee Stringham, passed away in December. Please keep Lorna, Judy and their families in your prayers. The memorial service for Bob will be held at the church on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 and the service for Dee will be held at the church on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

Please look for more Congregation News on page 10.

## JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b> 12:00 Prayer over the City Noon @ Tabernacle	<b>2</b> 11:00 Memorial Service for am Bob Hammond 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 Memorial Service for am Dee Stringham
<b>5</b> <b>Dixie Care &amp; Share</b> <b>PW Rummage Collection</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Growth Committee am Meeting 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 with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm	<b>8</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 Stephen Ministries pm Supervision Group Meeting	<b>9</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>10</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education – am Ellen Smith on Being Christian in Russia and Eastern Europe 10:30 Worship – Ellen am Smith (Presbyterian Mission Agency) visiting 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 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 with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm	<b>15</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch – Noon Hearing & Balance	<b>16</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>17</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	<b>18</b>
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<b>26</b> <b>No Prayer Service</b> <b>No Adult Education</b> <b>No Bible Study</b> 10:30 Worship – Rev am Harold preaching 11:45 Fellowship am	<b>27</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	<b>28</b> <b>No Exercise w/Rev Ralph</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:45 Bell Choir pm	<b>29</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	<b>30</b> <b>No Exercise w/Rev Ralph</b> 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	<b>31</b> 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation through January 3 and on study leave from January 24 through February 1.  
Please contact Rev. Harold (669-0330) with any concerns.

## Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday, January 5 Second Sunday After Christmas Day	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:[1-9] 10-18
Monday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday, January 19 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Sunday, January 26 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23

## 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

## Congregation News, Continued

### Rummage Sale

Just a reminder that Presbyterian Women WILL have a rummage sale next 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.

### Hospice Care

While there are a number of excellent Hospice providers in our area, Rev. Ralph has been consulting with one hospice provider for over a year, has firsthand knowledge of their services and work and would like to recommend them to you. If you or a loved one are in need of hospice care please contact Rev. Ralph and he will be very willing to assist you in the process of receiving this special and compassionate care.

### Poinsettia Flowers Given in Honor/Memory

Ann Abbott in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Orlando Schmelzel

Ron & Sherrie Ard

Rev. Dr. Ralph & Cindy Clingan in memory of Rev. Robert L. & Marjorie Clingan & Ruth Clingan & Tracey Allen

Jan Dunham in memory of Don Dunham

Fred Hampton & Dorothy M. Nichols in memory of Steve Edmiston (son & brother)

Roger & Alicia Kitzman in memory of loved ones

Barbara McConnell in memory of husband Dick McConnell and son Devin McConnell

Paul & Charlotte Phipps & Laura C. Sanda in memory of Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Charles E. Kirsch, Elma R. Phipps & Francis H. Phipps

Fae Reigle in memory of husband Wes Reigle

Chris Schleter in memory of John & Shirley Schleter

(Thanks for your support...secretary apologizes for any misspelled names!)

## 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

## Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, 2014

General Fund	Building Fund		2014 Pledge Drive	
<b>November</b>	Building Fund Cash	\$ 79,368.84	<b>As of December 22, 2013</b>	
General Fund Receipts \$ 15,037.43	Loan Balance	\$ 177,122.00	Number of Pledges	35
General Fund Expenditures \$ 12,240.51	Net Building Fund	\$ (97,753.16)	Total Amount Pledged	\$ 78,182.00
<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>Fund Balances</b>		2014 Pledge Budget	\$ 131,107.00
Budgeted Receipts \$ 180,125.00	General Fund	\$ 7,865.65	As of Same Week in 2012	
Actual Receipts \$ 176,048.28	Memorial Fund	\$ 2,941.54	Number of Pledges	50
Budgeted Expenditures \$ 180,125.00	Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 28,240.08	Total Amount Pledged	\$ 98,068.00
Actual Expenditures \$ 190,992.67			2014 Budget	\$ 116,500.00

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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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