



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Easter Season Comes to Good Shepherd

The season of Lent and our celebration of Easter are always busy times at Good Shepherd and 2017 will be no exception.

We will begin our observation of Lent on March 1st with our annual Ash Wednesday Services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

As he did during Advent, Rev. Ralph will be leading a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings during Lent. The series will kick off on March 14th at 5:45 pm and the topic this year is the Gospel of John.

On April 9th, Palm Sunday, Rev. Ralph and his team of men will serve us a hearty breakfast beginning at 8:30 am in Conklin Hall. This event is always well attended and we appreciate the efforts of all who provide food for us. Our service on Palm Sunday will be filled with music by our choirs.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th, we will hold an Agape Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. This dinner is notable because the room is lit oil lamps.

The following day, Good Friday, will kick off at 10:30 am with the annual Procession of the Cross and close with an Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church. Barbara McConnell will lead the combined choir.

We will not have an early service or adult education on Easter Sunday, April 16th, so we can all prepare ourselves to celebrate our Risen Lord. After the service, we hope you will join us for Easter Brunch in Conklin Hall.

We hope to see you at as many events as you can attend.

With Easter Comes One Great Hour of Sharing

Of course, with Easter, comes the annual One Great Hour of Sharing. Here is some history on this offering.

Following World War II, Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe and Asia. In 1949 the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns. The next year, the offering was repeated, for the first time using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The offering always has been an ecumenical effort and, while each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

A radio program called "One Great Hour" was broadcast on March 26, 1949. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our major church-wide offerings and does so much good for so many people. Please consider making a donation to this most worthwhile offering.

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

Mary Van Scoyk Brett Schroeder
 Betty Miner Joe Borden
 Roger Kitzman Gene Thomas
 Jim Sullivan

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

Welcome New Members

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

April Newsletter Deadline

March 23, 2017

Worship Schedule

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

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

10:30 am
 Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
 Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
 Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

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

The scriptures for February were:

Rev. Ralph	Galatians 3:23-29	One in Christ
Elder Chris Schleiter	Ephesians 4:1-6	Be Tolerant
Elder Bob Moeller	Romans 8:18	Glory
Elder Judy Oar	Psalms 138:14	Praise
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Matthew 5:16	Light of Christ
Elder Anne Patten	1 Peter 4:1-4	Shepherd of the Flock
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	II Timothy 2:23-25	No quarreling
Elder Scott Florence	John 14:27	Peace
Elder Mary Contreras	Proverbs 2:6-9	Wisdom
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Ephesians 2:10	God's workmanship
Elder Jan Hirschi	Psalms 100	Shout for Joy

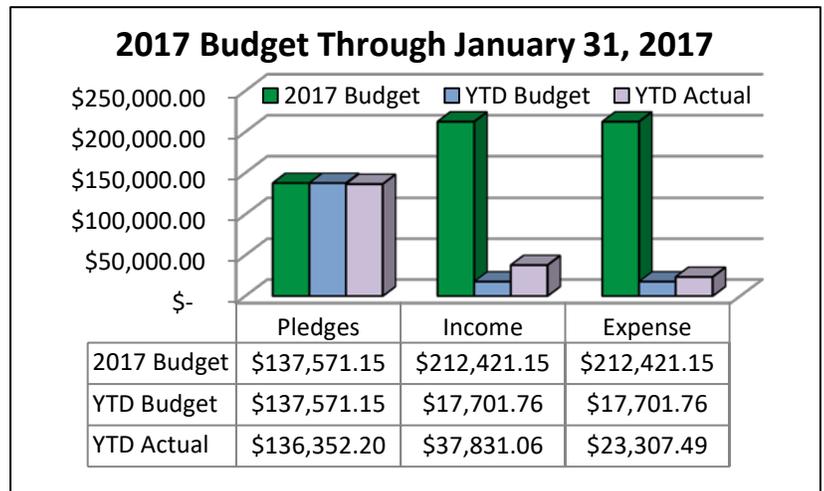
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
March		
March 5	<i>Available</i>	Potluck Sunday
March 12	<i>Available</i>	Sherry Kretschmer & Lorna Hammond
March 19	Shirley Fromknecht	<i>Available</i>
March 26	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
April		
April 2	<i>Available</i>	Marge Linn
April 9	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
April 16	Donna Baker	Easter Brunch
April 23	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of January 31, 2017	
Month of January	
Receipts	\$ 37,831.06
Expenditures	\$ 23,307.49
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 17,701.76
Actual Receipts	\$ 37,831.06
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 17,701.76
Actual Expenditures	\$ 23,307.49
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 86,489.56
Loan Balance	\$ 144,689.39
Net Building Fund	\$ (58,199.83)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 24,191.82
Memorial Fund	\$ 462.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,737.24
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 4,892.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your loving kindness;
According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight,
So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.
Psalm 52:1-4, 10-12 NASB*



It's hard to believe but in the week ahead the season of Lent will be upon us again.

Those forty days of preparing our hearts and souls to hear that great and wondrous announcement, "He Is Risen!"

And while Lent is a time for prayer and preparation one would never know it from the world in which we share. One might come to believe it is all about bunnies and colored eggs.

That is unfortunate, for there is so much more to these forty days than just getting ready for Easter, it's all about getting ourselves ready for the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

The day is not a celebration of life as it is the demise of death. Not only physical death but as well the death of hopelessness and fear.

Lent really is a gift, the gift of time to, as the Psalmist cries, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

I would invite you to join in His prayer. To take the next forty days to pray, to join with others in study of the scriptures, to serve and to worship that indeed, in forty days from now, with both our hearts and voices, together, we shall declare our Lord Risen!

For Luther these words offered hope and promise of God's love and presence in the most difficult of days.

Whether it be on a personal or national level, these words speak to us as well and remind us that God is with us, unconditionally and eternally, and remind us importantly not to fear and as well to stop trying to be God, and let God be God.

Jesus echoed that same promise at the end of the Gospel of Matthew with the words, "And Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

I believe that this hymn is gift for all time, and with the gift of each day and night needs to be sung with our hearts and lives, that we might remember and live in Hope.

*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

The Russia Mission Steering Committee met on Sunday, February 16th, to map out our plans for the coming year. Again this year, a group from our congregation will be visiting our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh. Rev. Ralph will be joined by Kathie Greear and Dawn Angarone when they travel in August to assist with this year's Bible Camp. Ellen Smith will be joining them during the visit. This is an expensive trip and the travelers would welcome any financial assistance you may wish to provide. If you would like to make a donation, place a check in the offering plate and write "Russia Trip" on the memo line. You are also welcome to contribute directly to Rev. Ralph, Kathie or Dawn.

Each year, the Russia Mission Network holds a conference to gather the churches that participate in the twinning program to examine issues facing our sister congregations. Last year, Jan Dunham and Donna Beasley represented us and returned with glowing reviews, not only of the conference, but of the mission, itself. This year's conference will be in Pittsburgh at the end of September and the committee approved Rev. Ralph, Chris Schleiter and Jan Dunham as our representatives. As you may be aware, we will be hosting the conference in 2018 so we will be gathering ideas for next year.

If you have suggestions for the Russia Mission or would like to participate, please let Chris or Rev. Ralph know.

Building Team Update

The Building Team works closely with Scott Florence, Grounds Elder, Chris Schleiter, for technology needs, and Bob Moeller, Stewardship Elder, to maintain a five-year forecast of major expenditures. A few examples of this would include, carpet replacement, HVAC replacement, and resealing of the parking lot. This financial planning is done to avoid surprises, avoid spikes in spending needs, and to maintain our assets in line with our needs.

Your Building Team is happy to announce that at the January Session meeting two important projects were approved by Session. The first project is a maintenance item. There are two wooden exterior circular vents in the Church. One of them has "weathered" to the point of having missing parts. We are going to replace them with aluminum vents that will be painted to match the exterior color.

The second project that was approved was to construct a food service prep and clean up area in the CE Building. This will be a 10 foot Formica countertop with double sink and cabinets above and below. It will also include a microwave and under cabinet refrigerator.



Just as we did with the Church bathroom renovation, we will use Church volunteer labor in concert with contracted labor. Guy Schultzman will act as the project manager for this project. When completed, this will provide our employees and building users with an organized area to use for light snacks and a place to clean utensils and dishes. We expect this project to be complete by the end of May.

Another item soon to be investigated is the CE Building cooling HVAC. We know there's a problem but it's not totally defined. Jim Horvath is leading this effort with a contractor. We'll find out more by April.

Christian Education

The Lenten Devotional Booklet is here!! The Christian Education committee has worked hard to make this a beautiful, meaningful and inspirational tool for everyone to utilize and enjoy on his or her spiritual journey during the contemplative season of Lent. The booklet is chock full of delightful and thoughtful stories, Bible passages, poems, thoughts, and quotes! Many thanks to the committee members who made this project possible (including our church secretary, Amy Craig!), and thanks to everyone who made such wonderful contributions to share with us all. It has truly been a work of joy for us to put it together. We would appreciate your feedback!

Rev. Ralph's five lessons on the Gospel of John will begin on Tuesday, March 14th, at 5:45 pm. Bring food to share, and prepare to learn! Because the Jewish congregation will be holding their Passover Seder on Tuesday April 11th, the final lesson will be on Monday, April 10th, at the usual time of 5:45 pm. Come one, come all!!

Anne Patten

Deacons

Our Deacons continue to settle in to the new Parish assignments and are contacting all of their parishioners. If you are not sure who your Deacon is, please let me know.

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.

Virginia Hunt, Moderator

Fellowship

Our time for fellowship following Worship is enjoyed by many, including our visitors. It is a time of sharing, supporting, and socializing. Those visitors often tell us how much they appreciate our friendliness and our bountiful table. We continue to enjoy delightful baked goods, fruit, and other items. Thank you. Your participation is greatly appreciated. It takes many hands to prepare, serve, and clean up Conklin Hall each week. What can you do to help? Just pitch in when you can or join the Fellowship Team.

Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. 1 Corinthians 28:20 (NIV)

Gloria McGilloway

Growth

The Growth Committee is preparing new Small Dining Groups. These groups are a great way to socialize and get to know one another. Each group decides whether it will meet for lunch, dinner, or simply hors d'oeuvres. Will they meet at someone's home or dine in a restaurant? Maybe have a picnic. Groups can decide to take in a play, a concert, a movie, or a drive. You decide. To take part in one of these groups, please place a note with your contact information in the offering plate on Sunday, for your convenience an insert in the church bulletin contains a form for letting us know you are interested.

Jan Hirschi

Mission/Outreach

On February 5th we collected donations for the Soup Kitchen as a part of the annual Souper Bowl of Caring and boy did you come through! We collected \$624 and 372 pounds of food and supplies. Add that to what was collected during the Advent food drive and we have provided \$1,009 and 818 pounds of food and supplies to help feed the hungry. Thanks for your generosity and Christian Love for those who are less fortunate.

We are always seeking new people to help us in our Mission efforts. If you are interested, please let me know.

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

FEBRUARY BROWN BAG LUNCHEON — On Wednesday, February 22nd, we were privileged to be able to show the documentary, **Moonshot through the Double Helix**. Phil Tuckett, producer of the film and Director of the Digital Film class at DSU, introduced the film and gave us a bit of background about how it was first proposed as a student project. The film documents the innovative cancer research being done by Drs. Lincoln Nadauld and Derrick Haslem and their teams to identify the mutations in a tumor's DNA and learn which therapeutic agents might target those tumors, specifically. The network for exchanging this new information is worldwide and the genomic laboratory here in St George is at the forefront of exploration.

APRIL BROWN BAG LUNCHEON -- When was the last time you brushed up on your driving skills? Do you believe you know everything there is to know about how to avoid having an automobile accident? Our Brown Bag speaker for April, Spencer Anderson, a local Doctor of Chiropractic, sees patients who have been in car crashes and suffer painful physical conditions as a result. He will present tips on how we can avoid having to seek his or another medical provider's services. We look forward to hearing his talk – **REDUCING YOUR RISKS on the ROAD** - on Wednesday, April 12th, at Noon. *Save the date.*

DID YOU KNOW??? Facts about the SHINGLES VACCINE:

- The vaccine, Zostavax, is given as a one-dose shot and has been available since 2006. It reduces the risk of developing shingles by 51%. You are more at risk if you ever had chickenpox or you have a first-degree relative who has had shingles. One in five people will develop the disease.
- There is no maximum age for receiving the shot but people aged 60 and older should receive it even if you have had chickenpox or shingles because it may help prevent your getting shingles again. (If you had the vaccine before the age of 60, check with your healthcare provider regarding whether you may need a second shot.)
- Some people should not receive the vaccine—those with compromised immune systems due to steroid use, chemo or radiation, certain cancers, HIV, allergy to gelatin or neomycin or other severe allergies.
- Possible side effects from the vaccine are minimal but may include redness, soreness, itching or swelling at the injection site, or headache.
- There are no documented cases of anyone contracting chickenpox from someone who has had the vaccine but any severe reaction should be dealt with by calling 911.
- Medicare Part D pays for the vaccine but, depending on your plan, you may have a co-pay. Private insurance plans will cover it for those aged 60 and older. The vaccine is available at most pharmacies and through your healthcare provider, with whom you should discuss any questions you may have.

Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak

Prayer Chain

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

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh

Senior Ministries

On Wednesday, March 8th at Noon in Conklin Hall, we will be transported to Hawaii via Mr. Jim Robinette, an active new member to our congregation. You have seen him in the choir. He promised to have Hawaiian music, hula girls and pictures (well, two out of three.). He has provided us with Hawaiian's favorite soup recipe which will be served in keeping with the theme. You will be fascinated with his life as a coffee plantation owner for 15 years on the Big Island. We look forward to this event. Please join us. Learn something about coffee you didn't know.

Our Card Party will be Wednesday, March 15th, at 1:00 pm, in Conklin Hall. Bridge, Hand and Foot, Hearts, etc. We will play your game!

Senior Ministries, continued

Thoughts to ponder:

Aging is inevitable. Decline is optional. What do you choose?

- Keep socially active to avoid decline. If you read, don't stay with the same author. Branch out to another author or authors.
- The only memory problem you have to worry about is if you go to the bathroom and can't remember why you are there!
- To remember someone's name, say it 3 times in the course of conversation. When saying good bye, use the name again.
- And, DRINK MORE WATER. Consider this formula: divide your weight in half. For example: 160 pounds divided by 2 is 80. 80 ounces should be your goal each day. That's 10 , 8 ounce glasses! Glug, glug. It is for your brain, YOU. Are you meeting your goal?

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on January 8th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved a policy to clarify when compensation shall be made to church employees and those who receive non-employee compensation from the church.
- Approved extra mortgage principal payments of \$800 per month to pay off mortgage up to 5 years sooner.
- Authorized the Building Team to proceed with the CE Building break area project as outlined in the Executive Summary, with an expected cost of \$5,000.
- Authorized the Building Team to purchase a shelving unit for use in the Conklin Hall closet. The cost is not to exceed \$225.
- Authorized the Building Team to proceed with the contracted replacement of the two exterior wooden circular vents in the church at a cost not to exceed \$450.
- Elected Carolynn Thomas as Treasurer for 2017.
- Elected Ruth Ann Horvath as Clerk of Session for 2017.
- Elected David Patten as Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2017.
- Elected Anne Patten as Alternate Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2017.
- Approved scheduling Stated Session meetings on the second Sunday of each month following worship service in the Christian Education Building of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in 2017 and January 2018.
- Approved 2017 Communion Dates: the first Sunday of each month, Early Prayer/Communion Services, Maundy Thursday Agape Service (April 13), and the first Sunday of January 2018.
- Approved Rev. Clingan and Clerk of Session, Ruth Ann Horvath, as a commission to approve the 2016 Annual Statistical Report.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stewardship

As of February 19th, we have received pledges totaling 99% of our goal for the year. We are just over \$1,200 short of fully funding our budget. If you have pledged, thank you, if you have not yet pledged please consider pledging.

Changing lives – do you have a story of faith or good works as relates to our church or Christ. Then please share it. It needs to be a true story of how lives are being changed by Christ or his followers (you). Any form written, oral, pictures is welcome. Please contact one of us (Dawn, Carolynn, Chris or Bob) with your story. The stories will be told during spotlight for Mission and published in the Newsletter. Our next Spotlight on mission will be on March 26th.

Please see the treasurer's report for financial details.

March is Per Capita Month for Good Shepherd. You may have noticed the envelopes in the pews, in the narthex, marked "per capita." Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, "Exactly what does per capita do?"

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$38.) that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that

Stewardship, continued

enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Our congregation benefits from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country. Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- Our congregation is involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth. In many places in our world, it is difficult to “do mission” except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- We benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions. Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- We want future generations to learn about our congregation’s present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions). Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- We want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- We want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more. Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, our per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like us about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. Our per capita payment for Good Shepherd is over \$10,000 for 2017. If you haven’t yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

Bob Moeller

Worship and Music

The season of Lent and Resurrection Sunday are upon us and we are looking forward to our traditional Lenten and Easter activities. We’ll begin on March 1st with Ash Wednesday services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and end during Holy Week with services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and, of course, Resurrection Sunday. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord!

We are always looking for ushers. It’s not a hard job and the work of our ushers means so much to our members and visitors. If you would like to usher one Sunday, please let me know.

Mary Contreras

Women’s Guild

The next General Meeting will be Saturday, April 29th, at 11:00 am in Conklin Hall and will be a Potluck luncheon. Get out your best recipes and bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in early April for food.

On Sunday, February 12th, we had a bake sale after worship. We made \$178.00 in sales. Go team!

Our second annual Mother’s Day Tea will be held Saturday, May 13th, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Conklin Hall. The theme will be “Hats On”, so ladies get out your hats and plan on attending the tea. The men will be serving us once again. There will be food, fun and games. Tickets will be on sale March 5th. See Nancy Linden, Candy Hurlbut, Faye Gray, Laverna Metzger or Mary Starrett to buy your tickets

We have more coming up soon so stay tuned!

Mary Starrett

Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Wednesday March 1 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 5 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday March 12 Second 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 19 Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Sunday March 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41

Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Sunday April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday Sixth Sunday in Lent	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Monday April 10 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday April 11 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday April 12 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday April 14 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday April 15 Easter Vigil	<i>Choose a minimum of three Old Testament readings. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.</i>		
	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 <i>Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21</i> Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday April 16 Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday	<i>Easter Morning</i> Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 <i>Easter Evening</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10 Luke 24:13-49
Sunday April 23 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Sunday April 30 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	3 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	4
5 Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	6 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	7 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 1:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 4:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	8 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Noon Brown Bag Lunch Soup & Fellowship - Conklin Hall 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	9 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	10 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Forward 8:45 am Prayer/Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 11:45 am Session Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	13 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	14 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 4:30 pm Bell Choir 5:45 pm Lenten Program - The Gospel of John	15 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party - Conklin Hall	16 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir	17 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	18
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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	Tuesday	4:30 pm	Bell Choir Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:30 pm	Chancel 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 February 19th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$25,251** for a total of **\$171,834** or about **50.2%** of 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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Class of 2017	Jan Hirschi	435-680-1012	Growth
	Russ Hurlbut	879-9393	Building
	Anne Patten	773-4307	Christian Ed
Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Gloria McGilloway	610-349-6045	Fellowship
	Judy Oar	702-241-6227	Senior Ministries
	Chris Schleiter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2019	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Scott Florence	574-2383	Grounds
	Bob Moeller	801-707-4353	Stewardship

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Pine Valley	Tineke Ingold	574-3614
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