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What is Shrove Tuesday? Why Do We Eat Pancakes?

On February 28th, Rev. Ralph will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday breakfast. You might be wondering, just what is Shrove Tuesday and why do we always have pancakes?

Shrove Tuesday occurs on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent.

Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their lusts and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice.

The concept behind this practice is found in 1 Corinthians 9:27, where the Apostle Paul states: "I buffet my body and make it my slave..." Ironically, Shrove Tuesday has evolved into a day of frivolity and indulgence, during which people participate in as much pleasure and self-gratification as they can before Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.

Shrove Tuesday has a variety of customs that have derived from different regions around Europe and the Americas. As previously mentioned, England began the tradition of serving pancakes, and for this reason the day is known as "Pancake Day". In addition, there are the annual Pancake Day Races, where contestants dress in aprons and scarves and race down a course flipping a pancake in a frying pan or skillet.

In Eastern Europe, the Carnival celebrations include boisterous processions where people in large masks parade around and play jokes on bystanders. The masks are often caricatures of individuals from traditional folklore.

Perhaps the most prominent customs are the balls and pageants in New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro. Like Eastern European celebrations, participants wear masks and costumes, many of which are quite flamboyant and elaborate. Rio has a parade which includes hundreds of dancers dressed in costumes decked with feathers, all dancing the samba. In New Orleans, Mardi Gras includes a variety of parades featuring grand floats and giant effigies of eccentric characters. There is much eating, drinking, and dancing, as well as practical jokes and humorous street plays.

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	Kristin Crowe
Roger Kitzman	Gene Thomas

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

February Newsletter Deadline

February 21, 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 January were:

Rev. Ralph	John 1:1-13	The Word
Elder Chris Schleiter	Deuteronomy 13:4	You shall
Elder Bob Moeller	Ecclesiastes 2:14	Wisdom
Elder Judy Oar	Ephesians 2:8-10	By Grace
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Psalms 25:16-18	Gracious
Elder Anne Patten	Matthew 22:35-40	Great Commandment
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	1 Chronicles 16:8-11	Give Thanks
Elder Scott Florence	Isaiah 41:40	I Am With You
Elder Barbara McConnell	1 Peter 1:8-9	You Believe
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Psalms 98	Lord is good

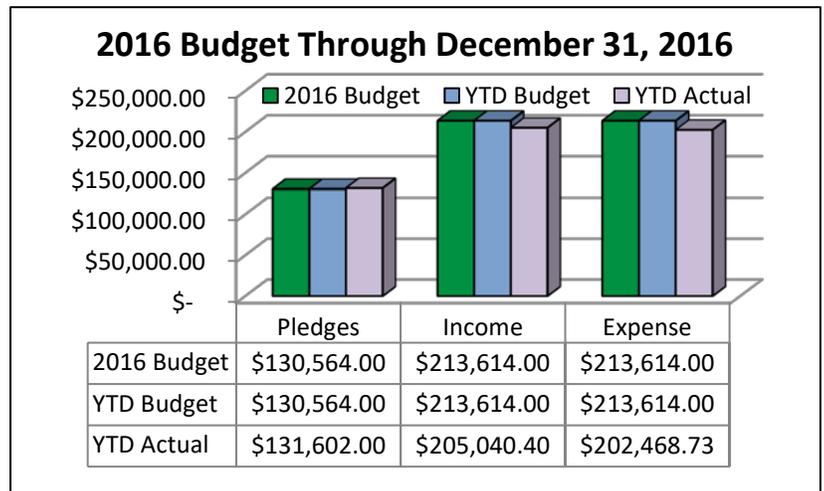
Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
February		
February 5	<i>Available</i>	Potluck Sunday
February 12	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
February 19	Dick & Patti Babb	<i>Available</i>
February 26	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
March		
March 5	<i>Available</i>	Potluck Sunday
March 12	Don & Karen Kirkland	Sherry Kretschmer & Lorna Hammond
March 19	Shirley Fromknecht	<i>Available</i>
March 26	<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 December 31, 2016	
Month of December	
Receipts	\$ 16,439.56
Expenditures	\$ 19,375.41
2016 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 213,614.00
Actual Receipts	\$ 205,040.40
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 213,614.00
Actual Expenditures	\$ 202,468.73
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 85,299.31
Loan Balance	\$ 145,571.92
Net Building Fund	\$ (60,272.61)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 20,618.74
Memorial Fund	\$ 462.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 17,734.23
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,842.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
3 Though its waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6 The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He raised His voice, the earth melted.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
Who has wrought desolations in the earth.
9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariots with fire.
10 "Cease striving and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.*
Psalms 46



In unsettling times of fear and uncertainty Dr. Martin Luther, the grandfather of the Protestant Reformation put this Psalm to music that continues to be sung throughout Christianity even to this day, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

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

Each month, Rachel Yates, Presbyterian World Mission's Director of Program, publishes a column, called Mission Matters, about one of the many missions or mission co-workers at work in the world. In January, the column featured AI and Ellen Smith, and US!

Mission Matters - January 2017—The Americans are coming!

U.S.-Russian relations occupy the news. Diplomatic tensions are rising, along with concerns about resurgence of the nuclear arms race. In some respects, this political rift is not new. For decades, these two superpowers have flexed their geopolitical muscle, often seemingly divided along irreconcilable ideological grounds.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), however, has chosen to bridge that divide with a twinning project that pairs U.S. and Russian congregations that commit to work, pray and worship together. Regional Liaison Ellen Smith leads the Russia-U.S. twinning program for Presbyterian World Mission. Now more than ever, she urges Presbyterian congregations to deepen their ties with Christians in Russian through our global partners. She works hard to pair similar congregations to minimize power differentials or theological friction.

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in St. George, Utah, joined the twinning program two years ago and was paired with Word of Life Church in Dorogobuzh, Russia. After several email exchanges, the U.S. partners traveled to Dorogobuzh to meet their Russian counterparts. They politely exchanged greetings and information during worship and over tea, all in good diplomatic fashion.

The meeting, however, took a turn after an evening prayer meeting when one Russian summoned the courage to ask these new U.S. partners what they meant by the oft-used term "partnership." Smith shared what happened next. "We talked about praying for one another, helping one another and encouraging one another. We talked about our need for one another, for fellowship across the boundaries the world creates, and that we had come to them not as Americans, but as Christians.

"That comment changed the tone of the conversation. [One Russian church member] Volodya looked up, understanding completely what we had just shared, and said, 'And we were waiting for Americans.' In some way this different understanding of our purpose allowed Volodya to ask the hard questions — asking about race relations in the U.S. and the Supreme Court decision on marriage equality. They asked about church growth, and somehow we ended up in a conversation about infant baptism and confirmation. They weren't challenging us, but we were challenged. They wanted to understand and we wanted to help them understand. We talked for hours that night, and somewhere along the way a hidden barrier fell away."

As we engage in international mission, whether in Russia or elsewhere, we may rightly question whether we go as Americans or Christians. Do we reach out as a people imbued with privilege and power? Do we export our wealth and appetite for progress? Or do we empty ourselves, cloaked only in the servant leadership of Christ?

The latter is hard work. It eschews quick fixes and efficacy in favor of respect, mutuality and interdependence, shared grace and thanksgiving, open dialogue and transparency, and sharing of resources, all values that define our model of partnership. Today, that model of partnership frames our work. More than words on paper, it enables us to move beyond a colonial model of mission to a place of deep Christian relationship. Whether mission takes us across town or across continents, may our identity be found first in the unity of God's grace that extends across all boundaries.

Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee has been very busy putting together our Lenten Devotional Booklet. We have received so many wonderful, thought-provoking and loving selections for the congregation's enjoyment. We thank everyone who has spent the time to think about what inspires them and to send these items in. The booklet should be ready for distribution in church on Sunday, February 26th. Please look for them then! We have worked hard, and we want your comments. Special thanks to Jan Hirschi, who designed the booklet cover and typed all the entries. Thanks to committee members who did the proof-reading, collating, folding and stapling! Thanks to Amy Craig, who will do the printing!

The positive response to Rev. Ralph's Advent lessons on the book of Revelation has led to the decision to hold 5 lessons on Tuesday evenings during Lent. Beginning on Tuesday, March 14th at 5:45 pm. (to allow working folks to attend), Rev. Ralph will teach us about the Gospel of John. This will again be a potluck, so bring your favorite food item for everyone to enjoy! Come, eat, learn and enjoy wonderful fellowship during this contemplative church season! Mark your calendars for these dates: March 14th, 21st, 29th, April 4th & 11th!

Anne Patten

Deacons

We have adjusted our parish assignments to be more geographic. Most members and friends will remain with the same deacon and in the same parish. However, a few changes have been made, and new deacons have been assigned to some parishes. A table showing all of the Deacon parishes is on page 9. All deacons will be introducing themselves to you in the next few weeks.

We thank you for this opportunity to serve and support you in any way we can.

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

Rev Ralph's sermons are thoughtful, the music is outstanding, but the sound I love most is the sound of fellowship. Listening to and watching the congregation before worship in the narthex and in Conklin Hall after worship is an amazing experience. We truly do "raise a joyful noise" when we gather. I am blessed to now play a more formal role in support of the great fellowship that we share. Thank you.

Gloria McGilloway

Growth

The Growth Committee is seeking additional members. Those of you who are seasoned members are indispensable and we hope you will stay on, but new voices mean new ideas. Your input is so important. Interested? Call or text me at 435-680-1012 or email me at booknutjan@gmail.com.

Jan Hirschi

Mission/Outreach

On February 5th we will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. For this event, we ask you to bring donations of non-perishable food which will be donated to the Soup Kitchen. Any donated food that the Soup Kitchen cannot use will be passed on to Switchpoint. This event will replace our usual Soup Kitchen Sunday in February.

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

YOUR INVITATION TO AN OUTSTANDING EVENT...

Come to BROWN BAG LUNCHEON on Wednesday, the 22nd from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm because we have received permission from DSU Films productions to show "Moonshot Through the Double Helix," a film documenting a new frontier in medicine – Genomics. Stan Smith, a digital film student at DSU, conceived the idea for the film and served as its director with help from others in the class. The documentary was also shown at this past year's DOCUTAH. We will be privileged to have Phil Tuckett, Associate Professor at Dixie State, head of DSU films and Director of digital film track in the communication department, introduce the documentary at Noon on the 22nd. Because the film is the creation of his students, Phil was intimately involved with it from the initial proposal to its completion.

The Cancer Moonshot program, first presented to the public by former Vice President Joe Biden, announced a concerted effort to focus on cancer research so as to make cutting edge therapies available to patients. While making the "Moonshot" film, the DSU students discovered it took the collaborative genius of medical, technical, and business professionals to nurture the vision of offering hope to Stage 4 cancer patients.

Bring your sandwich and invite friends and plan to be part of what promises to be an educational and enlightening event. We'll have the beverages and dessert and look forward to seeing YOU on the 22nd!

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

Happy New Year from Senior Ministries committee including Sherry Kretschmer, Joyce Otness, Barbara West and Jane O'Donnell. For our first Soup and Fellowship event of the year, Our Reverend Ralph enlightened us with his summer sabbatical pursuits. He shared his experiences with a slide show. Since moving to St. George 13 years ago, he had not had the opportunity to explore our beautiful geography until last summer when he hiked popular places around Southern Utah such as Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, Pipe Springs, and the Vortex near Gunlock. He read several books about the solace of desert spirituality and gleaned inspiration from these to develop an itinerary for spiritual growth and understanding. He visited a Benedictine monastery in New Mexico spending 4 days in silence per the rules of these monks. No words were spoken by anyone. The monks sang services, in Latin. Time for inward reflection can be rewarding. Ralph said he was hungry for conversation after 4 days of silence.

He also visited all the churches around this area, surprising a few of the ministers. He is grateful for this experience and gained new insight into desert solitude but he was glad to get back to his congregation. We THANK YOU Reverend Ralph for sharing your sabbatical with us.

CARD PARTY: After Soup and Fellowship, we had 3 tables of card players this month. Everyone had a good time. We will play in February on the third Wednesday, February 15th at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall.

THE BRAIN: Need an idea for a New Year resolution?

Research studies and results on the brain and how to keep it healthy abound in just about every magazine and newspaper. Most of it I have found boils down to EXERCISE. I personally don't believe 10,000 steps a day are doable for most seniors.

The following are recommendations from the Global Council on Brain Health:

- *Get 150 minutes a week of moderate intensity aerobic exercise.
- *Incorporate strength training two or more times a week.
- *Lead a physically active lifestyle.
- *To stay motivated, consider exercising with other people.

Senior Ministries, continued

Reverend Ralph has an exercise class twice a week in Conklin Hall on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30. And, we have the most conducive climate and environment for healthy outdoor activities in winter. Get out there and get some healthy Vitamin D from our nearest star. Be good to your brain. AND DRINK MORE WATER.

Judy Oar

Session News

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

- Approved the nomination of Chris Schleter as chair of the 2017 Nominating Committee.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the State Bank of Southern Utah to issue a credit card to Gloria McGilloway with a \$500 credit limit.
- Approved the transfer the \$3000 of the Mission budget allocated to the Russia Mission to the Russia Mission Fund.
- Approved a donation of \$1000 from the Churchwide Mission budget to Ellen and Al Smith for the support of their ministries.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation held a meeting on January 8, 2017, to elect officers for 2017:

- Elected Chris Schleter as President of the Corporation.
- Elected Scott Florence as Vice President of the Corporation.
- Elected Ruth Ann Horvath as Secretary of the Corporation.
- Elected Carolynn Thomas as Corporate Treasurer

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Stephen Ministry

Congratulations are in order for the recently graduated class of new Stephen Ministers.

Their training commenced last September and included weekly two and a half hour classes, reading three books and working through two workbooks! This training class was a combined effort with New Promise Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Presbyterian. This ecumenical approach to training Stephen Ministers was insightful and valuable for the pastors, the leaders, and the trainees.

Our own Bob Moeller was commissioned at our worship service on January 29th. Also commissioned with him were two other trainees we sponsored, Marni Pahl from St. George Catholic Church and Carolyn Barnett from Grace Episcopal Church. Seven others were commissioned at the Lutheran and Methodist churches also in January. So, our community now has a total of ten more Stephen Ministers willing and able to serve their congregation and the community with Christian care and friendship. Congrats to them all.

Karen Kirkland, Stephen Leader

Stewardship

Financially, we made it through 2016 in the black. Thank you for your gifts of time and money. Please see the year-end report and the treasurer's report for details.

For 2017 we are nearing our pledge goal. We are at 99.11% on pledge levels (as of January 22nd). If you have pledged, thank you, if you have not please remember to get your pledge in.

A request came up Sunday for me to talk about the "Nuts and Bolts" of giving. It is simple.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Look in your heart, your head, and Pray. Give of your Time, and give of your Talent, and give of your Treasure. Give what you can, when you can. It's OK, come help, we want and need your help. If you give all three, Thank you, if you give two or one thank you, and if you can't give, then God bless you.

- What is tithing? A full tithe is 1/10 of your income; however, we welcome any and all Gifts.
- What is this Building fund? It's a separate pool of money for handling the mortgage payment and major building maintenance work. Donations are separate from the general fund. See the Newsletter back page for details.

Stewardship, continued

- Yes, we accept payments by credit card online. Please visit our website or talk with Chris Schleiter or Carolynn Thomas.
- Yes, you can set up an automatic donation from your checking account or through your credit card.
- Yes, you can set up a gift or annuity for after you pass. Please see an estate attorney. Yes, there can be tax benefits. We will be giving you with more info in the next few months.
- What is a Per Capita fee? It is a per-person, Presbytery administrative fee we pay for each member. This is about \$38 per member per year (approx. \$10K).

Brother Steward reminds us to "Give More than Money".

For many, giving is associated with money. Giving includes money, but, as faithful givers, we first give ourselves, and the giving of our gifts and resources will follow (2 Corinthians 8:5). We all have different gifts and blessings to share. God has blessed us with gifts of wood-working, sewing, serving, teaching, singing, gardening, leading, cleaning, etc. Whatever our skills or gifts, we can use and give them to extend the kingdom and help others. Through faith, we are compelled to - give because we know that God is the source of all of our blessings (2 Corinthians 5: 14). Giving expresses our gratitude to God for what he has given to us.

In the third chapter of Acts, we find a lame beggar at the temple in Jerusalem, pleading with people to give him money. Peter and John were entering the temple, and they heard the beggar's plea for help. Perhaps the beggar saw Peter with his hand in his pocket, but the hand came out empty, dashing the beggar's hopes. "

Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk' "(Acts 3:6). Peter's pocket was empty, but he was willing to give what he had, and he had something worth far more than a pocketful of money.

God wants us to give more than our money. He wants us to give of ourselves, our hearts and our lives, and to share our time and talents. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Thank God Peter had more to give the beggar than money! In order to use our gifts and blessings effectively in service for others, let us ask God for guidance as to how to best use and give what he has given us. Through faith, we can be confident that God will open our eyes and hearts for opportunities to give and share what he has entrusted to us.

Bob Moeller

Worship and Music

February will be a fairly quiet month for Worship and Music, but the season of Lent and Resurrection Sunday will be here before we know it and we'll be working hard to plan our activities for the Lenten and Easter seasons.

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

Congregation News

Request from the Church Office and Session

In the last few months, we have had a number of instances of information not making it to the proper recipients. In order to ensure that everyone who needs information receives it, it is very important that you use the proper addresses when emailing the church:

To email the Pastor	pastor@gspscsg.org
To email the Church Office	office@gspscsg.org
To email the Clerk of Session	clerk@gspscsg.org
To add items to the church calendar	calendar@gspscsg.org
To submit items for the newsletter	newsletter@gspscsg.org
To email the Deacon Moderator	deacons@gspscsg.org
To email the Treasurer	treasurer@gspscsg.org
To email the Website Editor	website@gspscsg.org

Thank you!

Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Sunday February 5 Fifth 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 12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Sunday February 19 Seventh 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
Sunday February 26 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 <i>or</i> Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Wednesday March 1 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> 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 <i>or</i> 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

Deacon Parish Assignments

Below is a table showing the parish assignments for each member of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Bloomington Hills	East Bloomington	Sun River	Old St. George	Dixie Downs / Santa Clara	Ivins	Pine Valley	Green Valley	Red Cliffs	Washington	Hurricane	Deacons
Dick Babb	Molly Bass	Candy Hurlbut	Larry Laubscher	Shirley Fromknecht	Dawn Angarone	Tineke Ingold	Rayanne Bartlett	Matt Fine	Ed Haworth	Ann Hogan	Virginia Hunt
688-1120	628-6440	628-4894	656-0617	628-2381	859-351-2642	574-3614	673-6657	760-887-1251	707-888-2158	635-0993	714-955-1167
Patti Babb		Jeff Clingan						Dottie Malcolmson	Althea Haworth		
688-1120		705-8692						673-4472	707-888-2158		
Cunningham	Baloga	Clark	Baxter	Ard	Everitt	Beckman, M	Beckman, J/N	Blair	Carlson	Abbott	Angarone
Freeman	Bayle	Holland	Combes	Baker	Ingold, B	Cox, S	Haines	Brockman	Cover	Borden	Babb
Gray	Beasley, A	Horvath	Kellejan	Contreras	Kelker	Florence	Jakubczak	Clouse	Gordon	Crowe	Bartlett
Jentzer	Beasley, C/D	Kirkland	Lobato	Gearhart	Kitzman	Lawson, S	Morgan, M	Estlack	Jimenez	Drennan	Bass
Linden	Bemis	Larson	Morgan, B/E	McConnell, B	Rak	Lithgow	O'Donnell	Huyo-A	Jordy	Greear	Clingan, J
Mowery	Carney	McGaha	Oar	McConnell, N	Reynolds	Ritchey	Perkins	Larsen, L.	Klein	Hammond	Fine
Otness	Dunham	Nichols, De	Sheneman	McGilloway	Routh, B/L	Schick	Schroeder	Linn	Miller	Higgins	Fromknecht
Paige	Fosler	Patten	Willard	Nelson	Tadken		Thomas, G/D	Metzger	Robinette	Hirschi	Haworth
Phipps	Miner	Prinselaar	Wylie	Shonkwiler	Thomas, C		West	Ming	Sater	Hunt	Hogan
Plante	Noble	Rorick		Welch			Wheeler	Peterson	Sauret	Lawson, R	Hurlbut
Reid-Hawk	Penzari	Ross						Starrett	Schleter	Moeller	Ingold, T
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FEBRUARY 2017

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			11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	
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Souper Bowl of Caring 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 1:30 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm 6:30 Dave Ramsey's pm Financial Peace University	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	
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8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 11:45 Session Meeting am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	Valentine's Day 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm 6:30 Dave Ramsey's pm Financial Peace University	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Senior Ministries pm Card Party – Conklin Hall	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's	Presidents Day 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm 6:30 Dave Ramsey's pm Financial Peace University	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Brown Bag Noon Luncheon "Moonshot Through the Double Helix" about genomic medicine – Conklin Hall	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	
26	27	28				
8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	Shrove Tuesday 8:00 Shrove Tuesday am – Breakfast – 9:30 Conklin Hall am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 4:30 Bell Choir pm 6:30 Dave Ramsey's pm Financial Peace University				

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

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 January 22nd we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$24,876** for a total of **\$171,459** or about **50.1%** 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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