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New Elders and Deacons for 2018

With the coming of the New Year, we say goodbye to some of our Elders and Deacons and welcome our new church officers.

We thank Russ Hurlbut, Anne Patten, Jan Hirschi and Bob Moeller for their years of service on Session.

Dennis Peters has been elected to replace Russ as the Elder for Building. Dennis has extensive organizational experience and will bring a new member's perspective to our building program.

Ed Haworth will replace Anne as Elder for Christian Education. With a great committee supporting him and after serving as a Deacon, Ed will bring new ideas and enthusiasm to Session.

Arlene Prinselaar has been elected to lead our Growth Committee, replacing Jan. Arlene has been a member of the Growth Committee for several years and will be able to continue the many new efforts that Jan and the committee have begun in the last year.

Finally, Susan Holecheck will replace Bob Moeller as Elder for Stewardship. While we face the same challenges that all churches face when it comes to Stewardship, our congregation always comes through in the end.

We also want to thank Tineke Ingold, Rayanne Bartlett, Molly Bass, Larry Laubscher, Matt Fine, Dick and Patti Babb and Ann Hogan for their service as Deacons.

We welcome Sandy Paige, Vicky Westland, Susan Peters, Adele Kinkel, Mary Starrett, Ka-Wai Yu and Josie Marsh as new Deacons for next year. We will also be rearranging the Deacons assigned to each Parish and will publish a list of who is in which parish and who the Deacon is for each parish in February.

Thanks to Elder Chris Schleter and the nominating committee for their good work.

We will be ordaining and installing Elders and Deacons during worship on January 7th and hope that you will join us in extending our congratulations to our new Elders and Deacons.

Tacky Tie and Sweater Winners Announced

Congratulations to this year's Tacky Tie and Sweater winners, George Linden and Susan Peters. You'll have to admit that these were REALLY tacky. Each of these lucky winners received an autographed photo of Ralphputin, a distant cousin of the Russian mystic Rasputin.

If you haven't started already, now is a good time to begin looking for next year's entry. After all, it's only 11 months until Christmas!

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

Roger Kitzman	Jim Sullivan
Joe Borden	Norm Ramquist
Alice Blair	Doris & Gene Thomas
Jim Crowe	Dottie Malcomsen
The Ingold Family	Shirley Craig
Paul & Gloria Reynolds	Betty Miner

Wendy Christiansen as she prepares for Ordination.
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

January 23, 2018

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.

Rev. Ralph	John 3:16-17	For God so loved
Elder Chris Schleiter	Hebrews 6:9b-10	Better days
Elder Bob Moeller	John 14:27	Peace I leave
Elder Judy Oar	Romans 15:13	Hope and Joy
Elder Russ Hurlbut	Luke 1:7	No Room
Elder Anne Patten	Ephesians 1:15-19a	Giving Thanks
Elder Ruth Anne Horvath	Isaiah 65:17-18	New Day
Elder Scott Florence	Titus 1:15-16	Judgement free
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Jude	Great Joy
Elder Jan Hirschi	Colossians 3:17	Whatever you do
Elder Mary Contreras	Hebrews 13:1-6	Keep on Loving

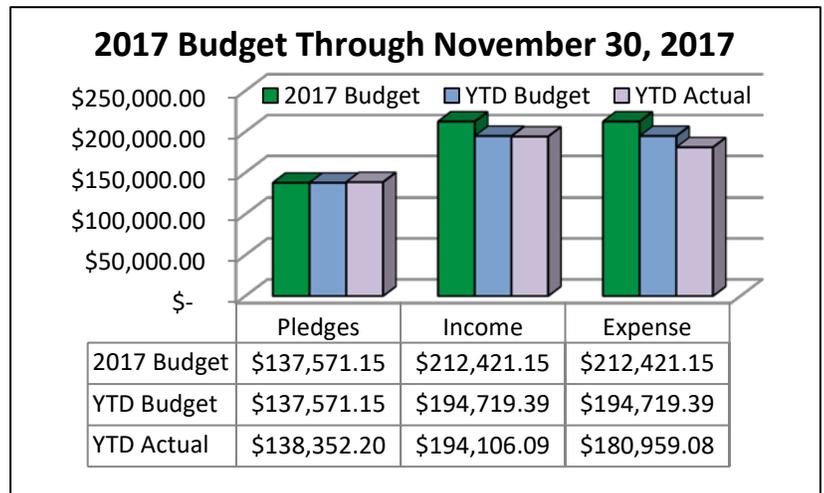
Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Nursery
January		
January 7	<i>Available</i>	Jennifer P
January 14	<i>Available</i>	Donna Beasley
January 21	<i>Available</i>	Cindy Clingan
January 28	<i>Available</i>	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras
February		
February 4	<i>Available</i>	Jennifer P
February 11	<i>Available</i>	Donna Beasley
February 18	<i>Available</i>	Cindy Clingan
February 25	<i>Available</i>	Judy Oar or Mary Contreras

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspcsg.org
Our Fellowship time each Sunday is now Potluck. Please bring some goodies to share. If we have leftovers, we'll save them for a Sunday when we need a few extras.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of November 30, 2017	
Month of November	
Receipts	\$ 16,499.95
Expenditures	\$ 17,465.85
2017 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 194,719.39
Actual Receipts	\$ 194,106.09
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 194,719.39
Actual Expenditures	\$ 180,959.08
Building Fund	
Building Fund Cash	\$ 73,359.01
Loan Balance	\$ 129,327.89
Net Building Fund	\$ (55,968.88)
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 10,728.46
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,319.04
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 32,796.58
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 1,077.33



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.' And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'"

Rev. 21:1-5



С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ! (Happy New Year!)

As you are reading this, remembering fondly our recent Christmas celebrations and looking hopefully forward to 2018 members or our sister church in Russia are preparing to celebrate Christmas on the Orthodox Church date of January 7.

For ourselves it is a time to look ahead and ponder how we will make this year a positive one for our families, our neighbors and ourselves. A new year reflects the opportunity for positive change not only in regards to our lives but especially in terms of our Christian faith, our own and the one we share with others.

Having visited our sister congregation three times now I continue to reflect on the life of that Christian community. The life they share and the faith they live out daily and weekly. I continue to remember Pastor Sergei joining together with family and guests to begin and end each day in reading of the scriptures and prayer. I continue to remember the great care and love they extended to us in the passing of our Sister Dawn Angerone that Sunday morning and continued throughout the week. I will remember their tears and consolation on our behalf and as well our last night with them when one of their members at evening worship shared "At first you came to us out of curiosity, now you come out of love."

In my time with our Russian friends I have shared with them that I believe we have much to learn from this congregation, particularly in the importance of prayer and the scriptures in the daily life of a Christian community.

A new year affords the opportunity for growth and change. I would encourage us all to add to our list of resolutions to add joining a Bible study, begin and end each day with prayer. Read the scriptures with others. These are the tools by which we connect not only with one another but with the Lord who calls us to new life.

By so doing I believe we will be surprised to discover how the Holy Spirit lives and moves not only in our world, but particularly in our hearts and lives.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to you all!

*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

September is coming. As many of you know, we will be hosting the annual Russia Mission Network Conference from Wednesday, September 26th through Friday, September 28th. We expect to be joined by between 30 and 40 representatives of other churches that participate in partnerships with Russian churches, as well as Pastor Sergei, another representative from Russia, Rev. Michael Zdorow, the Chaplain of the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy and, of course, Mission Co-Workers Ellen and Al Smith. In addition, Presbytery will be meeting at Good Shepherd on September 29th and all members of Presbytery have been invited to attend the conference, as well.

The program will begin with dinner on the 26th with an evening program to follow. The 27th will be filled with presentations from our Russian friends as well as Ellen and Al Smith and representatives from Presbyterian World Mission and breakout sessions on various topics. There will be additional breakout sessions on the 28th and the conference will officially end with lunch. After lunch, we are thinking about taking those who wish to join us to Zion for a bit of sightseeing with dinner in Springdale.

Since most people will probably fly in to Vegas or St. George, we will need help with organizing transportation. Meals will need to be organized and served. We will coordinate a block of rooms at a local hotel and will need help with organizing accommodations. Some attendees will prefer to stay with one of our members, so we'll need volunteers to host one or more attendees. We want to have a hospitality area in the CE Building and will need snacks and baked goods. As you can see, this is going to be a big job and we will need everyone's help to make it happen.

The Russia Mission Steering Committee will meet in January to begin planning the event and we will be asking for your help. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Chris Schleiter.

Congregation News

New Bible Study

"I wish you had a Bible study at a different time." "I wish you had a Bible study my spouse and I could come to together." These are comments Rev. Ralph has heard several times over the years and now your wish has come true! A new Bible study has been added to the weekly schedule and meets at the restaurant Twentyfive Main in St. George at 11:00 am on Fridays. Where is Twentyfive Main located? At 25 Main Street. Bring your Bibles and your appetites and join us!

Thanks from the Salvation Army

Words are not adequate to say thank you for what our church family did again this year to help those less fortunate. It is an example of living as Christ taught us to live (Matthew 25:40). A heartfelt thanks from the Salvation Army and myself.

Dick Higgins

Alice Blair has moved

Alice Blair has moved to the Beehive Homes in Coral Canyon. Her new address is:

Alice Blair
1078 N Coral Canyon Blvd #5
Washington, UT 84780

Knotty Knitters

The Knotty Knitters have made and given to the armed services 109 helmet liners and 286 protein bars. They have also knitted for children 40 hat and scarf sets, 20 hats, 4 scarves, 1 baby sweater, 4 baby hats and 1 mitten, scarf and hat. The total value is more than \$850.

The knitters are wonderful group of ladies who give everything without any expectation of compensation.

If you'd like to join the knitters, they gather in Conklin Hall every Monday (including most holidays) at 1:00 pm.

Building

This fall has been a very busy time for the Building Team. In addition to our routine cleaning and maintenance we have completed a number of projects, have some underway, and have started planning for 2018.

This fall, we completed the painting and refurbishment of the Deacon's Shed. All the work associated with the August 12th microburst has been completed and reconciled with our insurance company. In particular, you may want to look at the new gazebo cross that was fabricated locally to replace the one that was crushed by a large falling tree. Other activities included having the CE Building rug professionally cleaned, some incidental painting, replacing the storage building entrance door, and replacing about 300 florescent bulbs with energy saving LED bulbs. We have also started to investigate and select replacement carpeting for the Narthex.

There are many church members who are not part of our formal Building Team but work to keep our church property in good working order, and also to wisely plan and source the very significant expenditures required. We also want to thank all of you. Overall this is a significant and ongoing task.

Our Building Team welcomes our new 2018 Building Elder Dennis Peters and is forecasting another busy year.

Russ Hurlbut

Christian Education

The **Advent Potluck & Lessons** were well attended (about 16 attendees per session). The decision was made to extend them for **one final lesson on Monday January 8th at 5:45 pm**, and we will complete the study book "The Light Will Shine". Please read and ponder Lesson 5 in preparation for this last get-together. Bring food to share, as usual.

The **Advent Devotional booklet** has been well received. The CE committee hopes everyone has enjoyed each and every daily entry in this delightful, thoughtful booklet. It was a lot of fun seeing what our congregational members considered important and inspiring for the hopeful, watchful Season of Advent.

Rev. Ralph's Advent "Bah! Humbug" lessons were interesting, as usual! Everyone especially liked his apropos Christmas hat! It was everything you ever wanted to know (or not!) about our beloved Christmas stories and myths. Yes, myths! If you missed these sessions, come to 2018's Advent Sunday School. We are sure Rev. Ralph will do them again!

Rev. Ralph has some interesting Adult Sunday School topics for this year. Come one, come all and learn! Children's Sunday School is also alive and doing well under Charlotte Phipps' excellent guidance.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as the Ruling Elder for Christian Education for the past 18 or so months. Thanks to all the committee members for their wonderful work. Special thanks to Jeff Clingan for all his classes on Christianity & the Roman Empire, and to Gloria McGilloway for her classes on the **Apocrypha**.

Anne Patten

Deacons

Your Deacons send you our best wishes for a happy and heathy New Year. We were happy to serve our Parishes during 2017. Many visits were made, greeting cards sent, and phone calls made. Also many prayers were offered on your behalf.

Next year will bring changes as seven new Deacons join our group and we will be introducing ourselves to you in January.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Our Christmas Party was a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish and to Barbara McConnell for leading our caroling (not in the snow) and Deborah Stone, Ann Hogan and Ka-Wai Yu for providing music. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

*Blessings
Gloria McGilloway*

Grounds

Throughout the last year six work days were held to weed, prepare/clean up before and after tree removal/replacement (as a result of the August microburst), spread landscape rock in the community garden and pick up leaves. Many people participated so thanks to all who helped, we really couldn't have done it all without you!

Scott Florence

Mission/Outreach

Thanks to everyone who donated food, cash and supplies to our Advent Food Drive. Together, we donated 240 pounds of food and supplies and \$235 to the Soup Kitchen.

Our next activity is the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4th. The Souper Bowl began many years ago when a group of Presbyterian youth decided to collect food for the hungry on Super Sunday. We at Good Shepherd have participated many times. Bring your food on Super Sunday and we'll make sure it gets to those who need it.

I continue to be amazed by your generosity and willingness to share.

*Blessings
Chris Schleter*

Parish Nursing

Welcome to 2018! In this year, as always, we will continue to offer information and programs intended to assist you in maintaining your best health.

The first program, which our committee is pleased to host, is a FREE workshop offered by the Five County Association of Governments titled, "Self-Management of Chronic Diseases". Content of the workshop, co-taught by Good Shepherd member Pebble Mowery and DaCota Terry from Five County, originated from Stanford University. Evidence based findings from a Stanford University study showed those taking the workshop realized measurable increases in the quality of their health. By definition, a chronic disease lasts longer than six months or may be a recurring disease. The workshop is for anyone suffering from chronic disease or for their caretakers and is open to the public. It is funded by a government grant and each of the six sessions (once weekly) builds on the previous one, thus it is hoped that participants will attend all six sessions.

WHEN: January 19th through February 23rd. - Friday afternoons from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm (including breaks)

WHERE: Christian Education Building, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

REGISTRATION: Contact either -- Pebble Mowery – (435) 673-9185

or

DaCota Terry – (435) 673-3548 (ask for DaCota or leave a message)

Our next BROWN BAG LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st. Our speaker will be Katie Woods, Attorney and National Certified Guardian. Katie will discuss a sad and all too frequent reality in today's society -- Elder Abuse.

Because of family issues, our December Brown Bag Luncheon speaker, Dr. David Grygla, Hospitalist, was unable to be with us. We hope to be able to reschedule his talk during the coming months.

Save the date – CPR REFRESHER COURSE: In order to maintain a CPR for Non-Professionals certification, a refresher course must be completed every two years and was last offered at our church in April, 2016. We have arranged for you to be able to update your certification on Wednesday, April 11th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. The cost will be \$20. Opportunity to register will be forthcoming.

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 me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

Deborah Stone

Senior Ministries

SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday, January 17th at 12:00 Noon in Conklin Hall. Our program will feature our own Dr. Ka-Wai Yu. I am so excited that Ka-wai accepted our request to speak to us about his life. We see him and hear his beautiful cello music and choir voice, but do we know him? We know he has his doctorate degree and is a professor at Dixie State University. Come and hear and perhaps see his story and enjoy a free lunch of a selection of soups and other accompaniments. It will be an awesome presentation as some kids say.

CARD PARTY: Wednesday, January 17th at 1:00 pm, after Dr. Yu's presentation, in Conklin Hall. Bridge and Hearts or other. I apologize to anyone who came to the advertised party last month. Several players were ill which ruined the bridge game. Since everyone else seemed to be busy, we cancelled the other table as well but may not have gotten the word out to all.

COLORING CORNER: We are offering an opportunity to spend some time coloring very complex pictures which is supposed to be good for people with stress. Some research exists suggesting it is a good mind focusing, relaxing experience as well as helping depressed people. This will be offered at the same time as the card party but at another table. Wednesday, January 17th at 1:00 pm, in Conklin Hall.

BRAIN: The summer 2017 Special Collector's Edition Scientific American magazine presents Mysteries of the Mind. This is a fascinating collection of new insights about the brain and how to get the most out of ours. Here are a few items of interest to keep a healthy brain: Get good sleep (So important.), engage in regular cognitive and physical activities, strengthen and maintain social ties, avoid people who are downers, eat a MIND diet, with fresh fruit, vegetables and FISH. AND DRINK WATER.

A most Happy New Year to all from the Senior Ministries committee: Judy Oar, Jane O'Donnell, Barbara West, Joyce Otness and Sherry Kretschmer.

Judy Oar

Session News

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

- Approved to move Robert and Dorothy McGrath to Associate Membership per their request.
- Approved and recommended the following Elders to the congregation at the Stated Congregational Meeting on December 17, 2017: Dennis Peters, Ed Haworth, Arlene Prinselaar, and Susan Holecheck and the following Deacons: Sandy Paige, Susan Hansen Peters, Ka-Wai Yu, Shirley Fromknecht, Aldele Kinkel, Vickie Westland, Mary Starrett, and Josie Marsh.
- Approved an exploratory study by the Building Committee to assess the cost effectiveness of installing a Solar Electric System capable of providing the annual electric power needs of the church.
- Approved year-end donations of \$4,793.06 as recommended by the Mission Committee to the DOVE Center, Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah, Doctor's Volunteer Clinic of St. George, Washington County Children's Justice Center, Washington County School District Foundation, Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship. Also designated 2018 Change For Change donations to the Doctor's Volunteer Clinic.
- Approved to open a separate checking account for the 2018 Russian Network Conference withCarolynn Thomas, Chris Schleiter and Jan Dunham as signers.
- Approved by e-vote on December 4,-2017 to set the date of the Stated Congregational Meeting for 12-17-2017 for the purposes of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and acting thereon and to approve the Terms of Call of the pastor.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of December volunteers included Marge Linn, Ruth Ann Horvath, Janis Wick, Josie Kellejan, LaVerna Metzger, Bev Haines, Carol Somplatsky-Jarman, Vicky Westland and her Dad, Barney, Brian and Patti Lusby, and Carolynn Thomas. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. Being December we even sang a few Christmas carols to those enjoying a meal. To warm everyone up we served Southwest chicken stew with rice and beans, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit and dessert. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact Carolynn Thomas 435-817-8288.

Stewardship

Please see the treasurer's report for financial details.

As of December 24th, we have received pledges totaling \$109,430, which is about 77% of our \$141,000 goal. If you have not yet filled out a pledge card, please fill one out. It helps bring reality to the budget process.

In this time of transition, I want to tell you thank you, for your generous contributions of time and money. It has been my pleasure to work with you, and a special thank you to Chris Schleiter, Carolynn Thomas, Dawn Angarone and LaVerna Metzger, for their hard work.

Brother Steward

A steward is one who manages the resources and affairs for someone else. On behalf of the owner, a steward is given the latitude to make far-reaching decisions. As God's stewards, we recognize that we are managers, not owners, of all that God has entrusted to us.

Perhaps the best example of stewardship the Bible gives us is in the life of Joseph. We know about his youth ... that he was the favored son of his father, but hated and resented by his brothers whose bitterness led them to sell him into slavery. Throughout the account of Joseph's life in the book of Genesis, the words, "God was with Joseph" are repeated.

Joseph recognized God's control over his life. When Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him, he rejected her, saying, "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9) And he fled from evil, trusting in God to protect him. Although the result of this encounter was that Joseph landed in prison, he still relied on his God. When the cupbearer finally remembered Joseph's ability to interpret dreams, and Pharaoh called for Joseph, it was his chance to build himself up and get back into good standing. Instead, Joseph answered, "I cannot [interpret your dreams], but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires" (Genesis 41 :16).

As second only to Pharaoh and with the wisdom God had given, Joseph saved not only Egypt from starvation but surrounding nations as well. When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt, seeking to buy grain so they wouldn't starve, Joseph had the right and the power to punish them. Instead he saw God's hand in all the events of his life and forgave his brothers, saying, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good ... " (Genesis 50:20).

As stewards, we work and serve under God's direction. We use our gifts wherever he places us and we work for him, not for Earthly bosses. We acknowledge that he is the one who gives us our gifts and enables and equips us to use them. And we thank him, giving him the credit, for it is his due.

Bob Moeller

Worship & Music

We are very grateful for the blessings of this past year as we welcome the New Year, 2018!

Much appreciation goes to the many volunteers who assisted the worship committee for each service. Special thanks go to our organists, Deborah Stone and Steve Talley, as well as the ushers, Communion servers, Sanctuary committee, and all the musicians in the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Our church sparkled with the beautiful decorations, thanks to the many volunteers who assisted in hanging of the greens and storing them away for the next year's Advent season. Rev. Ralph's spiritual guidance, along with the Advent lessons, made it more meaningful. (Even with including the tacky tie and sweater contest.)

We welcome back our "Snow Birds" and look forward to new events in January.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

*Blessings,
Barbara McConnell*



Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Saturday, 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 7 Baptism of the Lord	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Sunday, January 21 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

Lectionary Readings for February

Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Sunday, February 11 Transfiguration of the Lord	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Wednesday, February 14 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, February 18 First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

More Congregation News

Volunteer Drivers Needed

One of the questions that comes up as we age and have to stop driving is, "How do I get to church?" We have a number of members and friends who want to come to church but have no means to get here.

If you would be willing to pick up any of our non-driving members, get them to church and return them home after the service, they would certainly appreciate it. If you are concerned about having to transport a walker or wheelchair for them, don't be. We have a number of both walkers and wheelchairs in the Deacons' Shed and can provide one with no problem. We hope that you will consider helping our older members.

A Little Church Humor

A pastor I know has a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalize each service, he uses the Find and Replace command on his computer to replace the name of the deceased from the previous funeral with the new name.

The next morning, the funeral was going smoothly until the Apostle's Creed. "Jesus Christ," the congregation read from the program, "born of the Virgin Edna..."

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$25."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$200."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes four people to collect all the money!"

January, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year! 12:00 Prayer Over the Noon City – Eccles Center 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	2 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 4:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	4 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe	6
7 Soup Kitchen Sunday Session Annual Reports Due 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	8 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:45 pm Epiphany Potluck and Lesson	9 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 4:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	10 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 CONKLIN HALL CLOSED FOR CARPET CLEANING 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe	13
14 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship – Healing Service 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 12:00 Noon Session Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	15 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	16 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Noon Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	17 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 11:00 am Soup & Fellowship – Dr. Ka-Wai Yu on his life and music 1:00 pm Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall	18 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe 2:00 pm Self-Management of Chronic Diseases – CE Building	20 10:00 am Elder/Deacon Training
21 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon CE Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study @Rev. Ralph's	22 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	23 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 12:00 Noon Bell Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	24 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	25 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Village Inn 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 11:00 am Open Bible Study @ Twentyfive Main Cafe 2:00 pm Self-Management of Chronic Diseases – CE Building	27
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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
Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
	Friday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Twentyfive Main Cafe
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	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Bishop's
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	12:00 Noon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 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 December 24th we have received pledges towards our second campaign totaling **\$45,357** and additional cash donations of **\$36,548** for a total of **\$183,130** or about **53.5%** 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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Church Leadership 2018

Session Elders

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
	Susan Holecheck 702-265-8666	Stewardship
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	Dennis Peters 922-5525	Building
	Arlene Prinselaar 773-4218	Growth

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Green Valley	Adele Kinkel	632-6347
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Ivins	Althea Haworth	805-888-9014
Old St. George	Jeff Clingan	705-8692
Pine Valley	Susan Peters	922-1326
Red Cliffs	Mary Starrett	627-0290
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