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New Elders and Deacons for 2023

With the coming of the New Year, we thank our retiring Elders and Deacons and welcome our new church officers for 2023.

We thank Barbara McConnell, Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, Eric Westland and Alan Paige for their service on Session. Ruthanne Skinner will take over Worship from Barbara, Deanna Flores will be the new Christian Education elder and Tom Contreras will lead the soon to be combined Building & Grounds Committee.

Moderator Vicky Westland and Sandy Paige have ended their terms as Deacons. We thank them for their service. Peggy Graber will move from Bloomington parish to be the new Moderator. Candy Hurlbut will move from Quail Creek parish to Bloomington parish, replacing Peggy. John Graber joins the Deacons and will have responsibility for Bloomington Hills parish, replacing Sandy, and Marilyn Conklin will be the new Deacon for Quail Creek parish. Ruthanne Skinner is leaving the Deacons to join Session, leaving Dixie Downs without a Deacon. We needed three new Deacons to fill out all of the parishes and were only able to find two so Dixie Downs parish has been eliminated and the members of those parishes have been split between Santa Clara/Ivins and Bloomington parishes.

Thanks to Elder Alicia Kitzman and the nominating committee, Vicky Westland representing the Deacons, Scott Florence, Anne Patten and Ruthanne Skinner for their good work last year.

This moderator of this year's Nominating Committee will be named by Session at their January meeting and the Deacons will name their representative in January, as well. Anne Patten has agreed to serve on this year's nominating committee but we need two additional members of the congregation to join the committee. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Kitzman.

We will be ordaining and installing our officers during worship on January 8th and hope that you will join us in extending our congratulations to our new Elders and Deacons.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Clingan
Pastor

Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session

Candy Hurlbut
Church Secretary

Barbara McConnell
Music Director

Stephen Talley
Organist

Rev. Dolores Wiens
Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

Chris Schleter
Website / Newsletter Editor

Robbie Burns Night Returns to Good Shepherd!

Robert Burns, born on January 25, 1759, is the Poet Laureate of Scotland. His birthday is a national holiday and celebrated in Scotland. Remembering our Presbyterian connection to the Church of Scotland and celebrating our Scottish Church roots we, as well, will be celebrating "Robbie Burns Birth" on the evening of January 28th at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall.

Beginning this month, a Scottish cookbook will be available on the sign-up table in Conklin Hall for perusing and photographing Scottish recipes to attempt for this celebration. Of course, American pot-luck cuisine will be welcome as well. Following our dinner, we will have a short program saluting the Haggis and will then adjourn to the Sanctuary where the Black Watch from Cedar City will entertain us with the pipes, fiddles and traditional dance.

Feicfidh me ann thu! (See you there! In Gaelic)

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

Ann Abbott & Family
 Janice Klein
 Debbie Stone
 Pastor Sergei & Family
 Gloria McGilloway & family
 Tom & Mary Contreras and Colton
 John, Cathy & Fred Overkamp
 Tineke Ingold & daughter
 The People of Ukraine and Russia
 Caregivers in our area, state and nation
 Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
 Those Serving Our Country

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Minister of Word and Sacrament 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 December were:

Rev. Ralph	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Gifts
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Matthew 7:7-8	Ask and Seek
Elder Leslie Lintz	2 Corinthians 8:7	Abound in Grace
Elder Alan Paige	Isaiah 9:6	Prince of Peace
Elder Chris Schleiter	John 15:5	I and Him
Elder Bill Somplatsky-Jarman	Isaiah 9:6	A child is born
Elder Eric Westland	John 14:6	The Way
Elder Barbara McConnell	Psalms 98:1-2	New Song
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Romans 12:2	Be transformed
Elder Mary Contreras	1 Corinthians 13:8,13,14	Special Gifts

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, 2023

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Morning Prayer and Communion
 Sanctuary
9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education
 CE Building
10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
 CE Building
10:30 am
Worship
 Sanctuary
11:45 am
Fellowship Time
 Conklin Hall

Thanks to our Volunteers

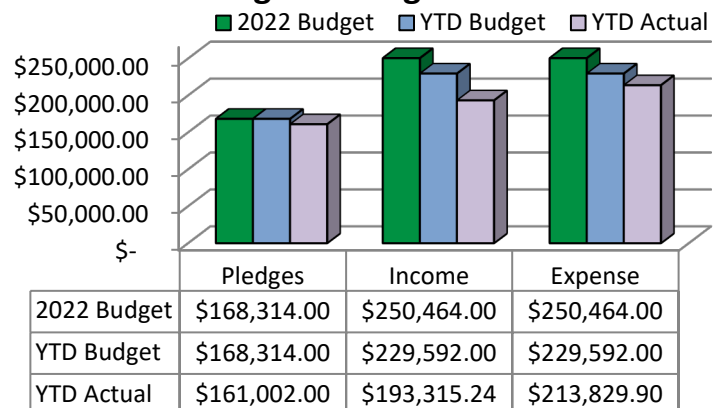
	Flowers	Sunday School/Nursery
January		
January 1	John & Peggy Graber	Available
January 8	Available	Available
January 15	Available	Available
January 22	Available	Available
January 29	Available	5 th Sunday - No Nursery
February		
February 5	Available	Available
February 12	Available	Available
February 19	Available	Available
February 26	Available	Available

Sign up for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website gspcsg.org

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of November 30	
Month of November	
Receipts	\$ 19,070.03
Expenditures	\$ 19,471.85
2022 YTD Budget vs Actual	
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$ 229,592.00
Actual Receipts	\$193,315.24
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 229,592.00
Actual Expenditures	\$213,829.90
Fund Balances	
General Fund	\$ 26,323.86
Building Fund	\$ 70,645.27
Memorial Fund	\$ 4,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$ 45,859.25
Russia Mission Fund	\$ 3,360.35
Bequests	\$ 63,376.77

2022 Budget Through November 30



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." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Revelation 21:1-5 NASB



Along with Romans 8, I would have to say Revelation 21 probably is one of my favorite pericopes from the New Testament. So much so I suggested it be the text for our commissioned anthem "Then I Saw A New Heaven" by Dr. Eric Nelson which hopefully we will be performing around Easter.

It is to my thinking a very appropriate text with which to enter a new year. "The first things have passed away" line up perfectly with "Behold, I am making all things new." The words reflect God's leading us from our past into a new future of His making. A new future without pain or sorrow, a brighter future without death or tears, a future where our Lord is present and with us for all time. A future of promise, hope and possibilities.

Not too long ago I heard the saying, "Its OK to look at the past, just don't stare." I would add "look as well to the future and hope."

Where our hope lies is the promise that the Lord of Life who is making all things new includes us in the making. The only way that can happen, however, is if we let go of the past, or at least its weight, and let God take hold of us. Let Christ into our lives and hearts. To the hear the Good News in new ways that move us to spiritually to hope and practice a life that displays this new life to one another and to our world. As Paul reminds us in the first chapter of Romans we have all become Christ's apostles and are being sent into the world to bear this news of the new day or age that continues to unfold.

So the question is how are we going to go forward into 2023. Are we going to let the ghosts of 2022 hold us captive to a past we can not change or let Christ lead us into becoming his new people of hope that can be changed, called to share the Hope, live the Hope and be the Hope to each other and to our world.

Personally, I have the full faith and confidence in the latter, and in our Lord!

A very blessed and Happy New Year!

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

**** Home Communion ****

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (435-628-9158).

**** Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation ****

With the federal laws that govern the privacy of medical records, hospitals no longer can give out any information regarding 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.

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 in the hospital and will be unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

Prayer Corner

"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22



A Prayer for the New Year

If we put our hand in God's hand
As we enter this New Year
Not knowing what the future holds
But that our Friend is near

We shall not fear what lies ahead
If He is by our side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came down
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year
He knows the things He's planned,
So let us trust and know just this –
Our times are in His hands.

Megan Carter

Strand of Pearls (aka, the Prayer Chain)

Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on.

Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or revdfw@icloud.com, and indicate whether you wish the request to remain confidential. Otherwise, it will be included in the GSPC prayer list in the newsletter.

Rev. Dolores Wiens

Healing Prayer Offered Weekly

Following our Healing service which was held in November, Healing prayer and anointing will now be offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Carolyn Barnett will be available in the Chapel to offer healing prayer for all who desire it. Due to the very positive response and feedback we have received following our Healing Service, a Healing Service will take place this year on a date yet to be determined.

Only The Pigeons

A Meditation by Sandy Paige

Several years ago, I tucked an article into my "Need to Be Reminded" folder. The article is a reprint of a sermon published in The Washington Post. This is my takeaway on the message.

One day, an American priest serving in Guatemala in a humble village climbed the steep, narrow steps of a bell tower and discovered that local artists had painted beautiful, intricate designs. They weren't left for anyone or for any reason—they were where "only the pigeons would see." I too often rationalize, "Is it worth the effort? It is just the two of us." Or "Shall I bother to do that little extra? No one will notice." Or "Shall I reach out? Can someone else?" Or "Does it matter?" Only the pigeons will see. In the new year, I resolve to think more often of the pigeons.

In closing her article about this sermon, Kay Collier McLaughlin, religious journalist for the Post said: "I, artist, climb whatever symbolic steep and narrow steps define my life. . . with paintbrush in hand and joy in my heart . . . because I am beloved by Him and worthy of the beauty of [any] season. You, the artist, climb your own steep and narrow steps to create the intricate designs that illuminate life and persistence and hope." We are the artist, painting "for only the pigeons."

Buildings

Thankfully another quiet month for the buildings. Our facilities are currently getting professionally appraised for the purpose of making sure we have adequate insurance coverage. Once we get the report, Session will adjust our coverage accordingly, if needed.

As Vicky and I prepare to leave for a new chapter in life, I want to say what a blessing it was for me to serve as the Building elder. I always had lots of help when I needed it, adequate financial resources when required and the appreciation of all of you. The Lord blesses each of us with at least one spiritual gift and I was pleased to be able to use mine whatever they are, in the role. Had I been in charge of Fellowship or Christian Ed, it may have led to our church's first excommunication.

Eric Westland

Christian Education

With Advent and Christmas over for another year Christian Education goes back to the usual routine (at least until mid-February when Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent).

Our weekday Bible Studies continue, although the Thursday and Friday Men's studies have been combined and will meet on Thursday at 8:30 am at Bishop's in Washington.

Sunday Adult Education has begun studying the Winter Quarter curriculum from the series The Present Word. This quarter continues the theme "Chosen, Not Choice" and the peculiarity of God's calling, which is rooted in grace rather than in humankind's merit.

As most of you know, Charlotte Phipps fell on Christmas Eve and broke her shoulder. She has done much to ensure that our Children's education program continues, and I ask that you pray for her speedy recovery.

A Happy New Year to everyone.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Congregational Growth & Care

Welcome to 2023. We made it! We're looking forward to our first Lunch and Learn program of 2023, which will be held on Thursday, February 9th at Noon in Conklin Hall. Our speaker will be Good Shepherd's own tech specialist, Chris Schleter, talking about Computer Safety - Is this for real? We have featured programs in the past concerning how to recognize scams but, sadly, there are those in our world who have found new and different ways to invade our personal privacy. Chris will tell us about how we may at least try to protect ourselves from spam and scams by learning to recognize them and also, how to employ tools that will keep us safe. We may believe we have become fairly savvy about recognizing a scam when we see it. However, Chris will demonstrate that might not always be true as we, unknowingly, fall prey to unscrupulous behavior. We'll see you on the 9th with your sandwich in hand and questions for Chris. Treats and beverages will await. And . . . why not invite a friend to join you?

The advent of the new year might find us renewed in our resolve to make plans for improving our day-to-day life and health. If you do find yourself engaged in such planning, remember to include:

- scheduling routine wellness exams that may have been neglected or postponed
- making certain recommended immunizations are up to date
- being aware of the importance of having created legal documents which will provide for your physical and medical care in the event of emergency or disability
- sharing sufficient contact information with a relative, friend or neighbor who could initiate care were you to suffer an incident and need immediate help

As we think about the days going forward, it's important to consider caring not only for our physical bodies but also for our mental and spiritual bodies. When one part is fed, all parts are nourished. Because events of months past necessitated that we worship apart from each other, it might be said that our mental and spiritual bodies suffered. We were gratified and fulfilled when, once again, we were able to enjoy being physically present with each other. If you have been able to take an active role in our church programs and worship, you may have been aware of the importance of this connection. If, for whatever reason, you have not resumed live worship, you have been missed. Our prayer is that you will consider rejoining us here at Good Shepherd to practice your Faith in Fellowship and in the company of others. We will welcome you and all who feel called to share God's Good News with us - together.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Please take a look below at the updated Parish List for 2023. Because we were unable to fill one Deacon position, we have had to make a few changes. Those who were in the Dixie Downs parish have been moved to other parishes, and a few other folks were moved as well, in order to help balance the parishes out geographically as best we could. Your new Deacon will be reaching out to you soon by phone or when seeing you at church.

Sun River	Bloomington	Bloomington Hills	Red Cliffs	Santa Clara / Ivins	Washington	Quail Creek	Hurricane	Deacons +
Mona Johnson	Candy Hurlbut	John Graber	Ann McLuckie	Jesse/Melissa Henderson	Ka-Wai Yu	Marilyn Conklin	Sue Lundgreen	Peggy Graber
Bartlett	Bass	Barkoff	Babb	Arganbright	Cannon	Amland	Abbott	Conklin
Beasley	Bayle	Clingan, J	Baxter	Baker	Carlson	Besch	Borden	Henderson
Clark	Jakubczak	Cunningham	Dull	Beckman, M	Jimenez	Elwood	Hogan	Hurlbut
Horvath	Laubscher	Delgado	Estlack	Contreras	Jordy	Kitzman	Hunt	Johnson
Mansfield	Lintz	Gibbons	Fine	Everitt	Klein	Lucky	Marsh	Lundgreen
McGaha	Noble	Graber	Kellejan	Florence	Lane	Schleter	Overkamp	Malcomson
Morgan, C/T	Perkins	Jentzer	Linn	Flores	Morrison	Seefeld	Safreno	McGilloway
Patten	Reid (Hawk)	Otness	Metzger	Frausto	Prentice	Smpltsky-Jrmn	Stone	McLuckie
Prinselaar	Schroeder	Paige	Morgan, B/E	Gearhart	Schultzman	Starks	Whitton	Penzari
Whatley	Skinner	Phipps	Starrett	Ingold, T				Yu
	Smith	Snipes	Wick	McConnell				
	West	Thomson		Milford				
				Wiens				

Vicky Westland, outgoing Moderator, and Peggy Graber, who is the new Deacon Moderator

Fellowship

Wow! What a great Christmas season we had. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making our celebrations special and memorable.

Our next big event comes up on January 28th when we will celebrate Robbie Burns Night at 6:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We'll have a potluck dinner, bagpipes and, of course Haggis (if you're brave enough) so plan to join us for this always memorable event.

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

Another year is in the books. It was a good year for Mission, and we were able to support all of our usual causes both in our community and around the world.

As we do every year, we made year-end donations to several local charities:

Area	Recipient	Donation	Change 4 Change
Children	Assistance League of Southern Utah	\$750.00	
Medical	Doctors Volunteer Clinic of St. George	\$750.00	
Housing	Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah	\$750.00	
Children	Neighborhood Connection	\$750.00	
Needy	Salvation Army (in honor of Dick Higgins)	\$727.78	
Hunger	Solomon's Porch Foursquare Fellowship	\$750.00	
Needy	Switchpoint	\$750.00	
Women	The DOVE Center	\$750.00	
Hunger	Utah Food Bank	\$750.00	\$500.00
Children	Washington County School District Foundation	\$750.00	

Our 2023 Change for Change recipient will be the Assistance League of Southern Utah.

Thanks for all you do for Mission. Peace and Blessings for 2023.

Chris Schleiter

Nominating Committee

At the December 18th Stated Congregational Meeting, we elected the following members to fill positions as church officers for 2023:

ELDERS:

Worship - Ruthanne Skinner
Christian Education - Deanna Flores
Buildings - Tom Contreras

DEACONS:

Peggy Graber - Moderator
Marilyn Conklin
John Graber

Regretfully, the committee was unable to fill one Elder position (Grounds) and one Deacon position. It is planned that the Grounds Elder and Building Elder positions will be merged reducing the number of Ruling Elders from nine to eight. At our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 22nd, Session will be proposing an amendment to our By-Laws to reduce the minimum number of Session Elders from nine to six to allow Session to combine the committees and give us flexibility in the future as we seek to meet the leadership needs of our congregation

At that January meeting we will also be re-electing several Elders and Deacons who were omitted from the Nominating Committee report for the December meeting. Elder Leslie Lintz and Deacons Candy Hurlbut and Sue Lundgreen need to be re-elected for another three years.

Because we could not fill the remaining Deacon position the Dixie Downs parish has been eliminated and the members of that parish have been assigned to either Santa Clara/Ivins parish or Bloomington parish.

Your Nominating Committee is also tasked with recruiting three congregational members at-large to serve as the committee for the following year. We have been most fortunate to have one of the three positions filled. Session will select a Ruling Elder to chair the committee and Deacons will select a currently serving Deacon to represent them. Committee members serve for one year, unless they agree to continue, and are to be available to fill open positions on church committees as needed. Again — we need YOU!! Applications will be gratefully accepted.

Alicia Kitzman, Moderator

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on December 11th. Here is a synopsis of the actions that were taken:

- Approved to amend the 2022 Stephen Ministry budget by reallocating \$898.25 from contingency and approve the payment of \$1,687 for Stephen Ministry Leader Training for Peggy Graber to be paid from the Stephen Ministry budget.
- Approved to recommend to the congregation at the Stated Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 18, 2022, the following slate of officers: Elders: Ruthanne Skinner, Deanna Flores, Tom Contreras; Deacons: Peggy Graber as moderator, Marilyn Conklin, and John Graber.
- Approved to move Communion Sunday from January 1, to January 8, 2023, this year only.
- Approved to move the time of Christmas Day Worship Service on Sunday, December 25, 2022, from 10:30 am to 10:00 am.
- Approved to direct the Clerk of Session to send a letter of gratitude and appreciation to Steve Talley for his service as organist and for attending to the special needs of our congregation. Also include a thank you to his wife, Susan Talley for providing her musical talents as well.
- Approved to replace expired AED supplies and first aid kits up to \$400, to come from the general building budget.
- Approved year-end donations amounting to \$7,500.00 utilizing remaining Local Mission Funds and a portion of the Mission Set Aside.
- Approved the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting as January 22, 2023, after worship.
- Approved to submit proposed 2023 Terms of call for Rev. Ralph Clingan to the congregation at the Stated Congregational Meeting on December 18, 2023.

Session News, continued

- Actions At a Corporation Meeting held on December 11, 2022:
 - Election of Corporation Officers: Chris Schleter, Chairperson; Leslie Lintz, Vice Chairperson; Ruth Ann Horvath, Secretary; Mary Laubscher, Treasurer.
 - Approved the submission of the following proposed amendment of the By-Laws to the congregation at the Stated Congregational Meeting on January 22, 2023:

ARTICLE V - GOVERNING BODY

This body shall consist of not fewer than ~~nine (9)~~ **six (6)** and not more than twelve (12) Elders divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year for a three-year term, plus the Pastor who shall act as moderator. The exact number of Session members shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees.

This amendment is to provide more flexibility in the number of members of Session.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, January 8th at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

*Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session*

Stewardship

I hope everyone has been enjoying a peaceful and blessed Christmas season. It is hard to believe we are welcoming 2023! As we enter this new year, please consider with prayer how you can bless our church with your offerings and pledges. Without your financial support there can be no church. Your continued faithfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

*Thanks and blessings.
Leslie Lintz*

Women's Guild

A big thank you to all who baked and all who bought cookies at our Christmas cookie sale. We earned \$529.00 which will really help the charities we sponsor.

They are local charities that help children and women. Thanks so much! It's really appreciated.

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

As the year 2022 comes to an end, may the spirit of Christmas stay with you into our new year, 2023!

Our sanctuary was beautiful this Advent season with the colorful decorations, but they do need to come down. Anyone who is available to help with this project, we will meet on Saturday, January 7th, at 9:00 am. Pizza will be provided. Please join us for this fun event. Many hands make light work!

Robbie Burns Night will be held on January 28th starting at 6:00 pm. This is a fun event with our bagpipe friends providing entertainment.

We want to send our appreciation to all the musicians who provided our Advent and Christmas music. It was a beautiful Season! Thank you all!!

Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Barbara McConnell



Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, January 1 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
Friday, 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 8 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday, January 15 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Sunday, January 22 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Sunday, January 29 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

Lectionary Readings for February

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, February 5 5 th 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 6 th Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Sunday, February 19 Transfiguration of the Lord	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 <i>or</i> Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Wednesday, February 22 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, February 26 1 st Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

Congregation News

A Christmas Note from Pastor Sergei

If you'd prefer to read this in Russian, please contact Chris or Rev. Ralph.

Dear brother Ralph and dear brothers and sisters of the Good Shepherd church of the city of St. George, we congratulate you on the feast of the Nativity of Christ! Ev. Luke 2:10-11 "And the angel said to them, Fear not; I proclaim to you great joy, which will be for all people; for today a Savior is born to you in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord." Despite the divisions in this sinful world, we find common joy in Christ the Savior. Despite the fact that nations do not accept each other, we have the hope of being accepted by Christ from every nation, because Christ was born to us. And we have a common business to carry the message of the Savior. Thank God that you accept us as God in Christ accepted us. Thank God for your participation in the life of believers around the world and in our country. God bless you all. The whole church, Merry Christmas to you. With gratitude brothers and sisters of the Church of Dorogobuzh.

Sincerely, your brother in Christ,
Sergei.

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Soup Kitchen Sunday</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery</p> <p>10:30 am Worship - Daniel Flores preaching</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am Take Down Christmas Decorations</p> <p>11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Communion Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 Noon Session Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship - Rev. Jill Doherty preaching</p> <p>10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery</p> <p>11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p> <p>3:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 pm Robbie Burns Night</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion</p> <p>9:00 am Adult Education</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery</p> <p>11:45 am Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship</p> <p>1:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building</p> <p>3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph</p>				

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be on vacation from January 13th to January 21st.

Please contact Rev. Dolores Wiens (630-890-8343) with any pastoral concerns.

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st Sunday of each Month
Women's Bible Study and Fellowship – last Monday of each month at 11:30 am in Conklin Hall
Al-Anon Meeting – Friday at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building

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
Men's Bible Study	Thursday	8:30 am to 9:30 am	Bishop's Grill in Washington
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	CE Building
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Barnes & Noble Cafe
Choir Rehearsals	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Sanctuary



Building Fund Update

When we took out our mortgage, we estimated that we needed \$384,000 to pay off the mortgage and have the resources to meet our needs for maintaining and improving our facilities. Now that our mortgage has been retired, we have turned our attention to several major maintenance items and improvements that need to be addressed over the next several years. These projects, totaling more than \$145,000, need to be funded. We still need your help.

Through **December 25th** we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$56,100** and additional cash donations of **\$68,506** giving us a total for all three campaigns of **\$319,669** or about **83.2** of our **\$384,000** goal.

While we are not currently conducting a Building Fund campaign, we do need donations to the Building Fund to ensure that our buildings and grounds are kept in good condition. Please consider a donation to the Building Fund to help us reach our goal.

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Church Leadership 2023

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	Deanna Flores	407-488-5460	Christian Ed
Class of 2024	Ruth Ann Horvath	435-922-5271	Clerk of Session
	Mary Contreras	435-229-8753	Fellowship
	Chris Schleiter	435-619-2843	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2025	Leslie Lintz	412-403-9980	Stewardship
	Ruthanne Skinner	541-510-5660	Worship
	Tom Contreras	530-440-8484	Building/Grounds

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