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March is Per Capita Month

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

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$42.35) that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Our congregation benefits from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country. Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church. The next General Assembly Meeting will be in Salt Lake City in 2024.
- Our congregation engages in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth. In many places in our world, it is difficult to "do mission" except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- We benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions. Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- We want future generations to learn about our congregation's present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions). Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- We want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations. Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- We want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more. Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

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

By contributing your portion of per capita, you free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. The 2023 per capita payment due from Good Shepherd is nearly \$10,500. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

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

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

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| Ann Hogan | Charlotte Phipps |
| Shirley Taylor | Eliza Elwood & Family |
| Arlene Prinselaar | Cheryl Mansfield |
| Virginia & Kelly Hunt | Bill & Carolynn Thomas |
| Russ & Candy Hurlbut | Jan Hirschi |
| Gloria McGilloway | Jim Cossey |
| Tom & Mary Contreras and Colton | |
| Fred & Cathy Overkamp | |
| Son & Daughter of Curt & Linda Whatley | |
| The People of Ukraine and Russia | |
| Caregivers in our area, state and nation | |
| Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia | |
| Those Serving Our Country | |

Welcome New Members

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

April Newsletter Deadline March 23, 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

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 February were:

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| Rev. Ralph | Psalms 48 | Blessed are Those |
| Elder Ruth Ann Horvath | Matthew 16:24-25 | Follow me |
| Elder Leslie Lintz | Lamentations 3:22-24 | Therefore I Hope |
| Elder Chris Schleiter | 2 Thessalonians 1:3 | Give Thanks |
| Elder Alicia Kitzman | 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 | Stand Firm |
| Elder Mary Contreras | Ephesians 4:1-4 | One Hope |
| Elder Ruthanne Skinner | Hebrews 11:1 | Assurance |
| Elder Deanna Flores | Psalms 29:11 | Lord gives Strength |
| Elder Tom Contreras | Proverbs | Blessing |

2023 PLEDGES

- Goal**
- \$184,364**
- Received to Date**
- \$129,910**
- Still Needed**
- \$64,454**

We appreciate ALL donations. Pledges help us to plan for our expected income for the year.

BUILDING FUND

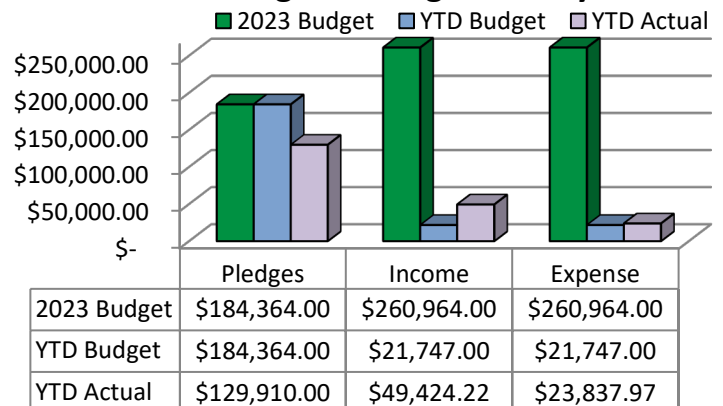
- Goal**
- \$384,000**
- Received to Date**
- \$322,227**
- Still Needed**
- \$62,773**

Your donations to the Building Fund allow us to maintain and enhance our facilities.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of January 31		
Month of January		
Receipts	\$	49,424.22
Expenditures	\$	23,837.97
2022 YTD Budget vs Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	21,747.00
Actual Receipts	\$	49,424.22
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	21,747.00
Actual Expenditures	\$	23,837.97
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	46,485.84
Building Fund	\$	74,429.97
Memorial Fund	\$	4,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$	45,976.22
Russia Mission Fund	\$	3,510.35
Bequests	\$	63,483.54

2023 Budget Through January 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" Luke 4:1-4 NASB



With our sharing dinner on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday we, along with the Christian world, will have entered the church season of Lent. The forty days before Holy Week and our celebration of Resurrection Sunday represent the forty years Israel wandered the wilderness and, of course, the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness contemplating spiritually. This is where his journey would take him and the way he must go that would eventually lead to the cross.

We may respond with the obvious to the statement that after forty days he was hungry. Personally, for me it would have been closer to forty minutes. Of course he was hungry. How could he not be!?

But, in so doing we would be making the exact same mistake the devil made in mistaking Jesus's hunger to be physical. Instead, Jesus states that his hunger is spiritual, and he hungers for the very Word of God!

On several levels we are called to emulate the Savior's obedience, his sacrifice and his love. Should we not then, as well, emulate his hunger?

Several Christian traditions call for spiritual sacrifice during the season of Lent by giving up something each person enjoys or finds comforting from their daily lives. I have long argued that instead we should add to our lives during these forty days something that draws us closer to the Lord.

Within the pages of this newsletter you will find many opportunities to do just that from our Lenten Study on the Psalms, weekly Bible studies at various locations and times and special services. I encourage and invite you to enter this season of Lent hungry for our Lord, his Word and his presence; and to be filled as we prepare to rejoice and proclaim together, "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed."

A fruitful and faithful Lenten Season to you all!

*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



Having experienced a life changing event, becoming a widow, I now find myself in a very different place. The journey has been, at times, very difficult and at the same time very rewarding. My favorite poet, Mary Oliver, put it quite plainly in this short verse:

*We shake with joy, we shake with grief,
What a time they have, these two,
housed as they are in the same body.*

This has been so true for me in these last three years. It is the joy that has overcome my grief and that joy has come from God's presence in my life through His Son, Jesus Christ. More importantly, I found it in my church family at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. You are my family here in St. George as none of my children are living here now. As I join you in worship every Sunday, at Bible Study on Tuesday and the other programs here, I find such joy knowing that this place is full of God's love and the presence of the Holy Spirit is with us. This why there is such joy in my life!

Ruthanne Skinner

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 Kathryn Whitton 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.

A dark blue, textured background with white text. The text is centered and reads: "THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH." followed by "JAMES 5:16".

**“THE EFFECTIVE,
FERVENT PRAYER OF A
RIGHTEOUS MAN
AVAILS MUCH.”**

JAMES 5:16

Christian Education

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." Charles H. Spurgeon

TAKE THE 2-MINUTE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY

During the month of March, we invite you to complete an online survey to let us know Christian education classes and events you would like to see offered by our church, as well as how we can improve. If you never attend church education classes, we need your input as well.

Need survey help? Computers and assistance will be available in Conklin Hall following worship. Paper copies of the survey will also be available.

To take the survey, visit <http://bit.ly/GSPC-edsurvey?r=qr> or scan this QR Code



with your phone or tablet.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Please see the Newsletter calendar or church website Activity Calendar.

UPDATES:

Adult Sunday School begins a new quarter of lessons titled "*Jesus Calls Us. Called from the Margins of Society*" is March's topic, which highlights accounts where Jesus disregards artificial societal barriers, choosing instead to reach people on the margins.

Monthly Women's Bible Study will meet March 27th in Conklin Hall. Discover the lessons we can learn from Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study will be moving to the Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village, 1379 W. Sky Rocket Road beginning on March 7th. More details are in Congregation News in this newsletter.

Weekly Men's Bible Study now meets at 11:00 am at Bishop's Grill at 1973 W Sunset Blvd.

Blessings as you travel on your journey of exploration and spiritual growth.

Deanna Flores

Congregational Growth & Care

At our first Lunch & Learn for 2023, on Thursday, February 9th, our own tech guru, Chris Schleter, shared information and tips on how to stay safe when using technology. He began with computer safety then turned to scams that use our smartphones. Here are some of the key items he explained:

- There is no way to be 100% safe online and we are each responsible for keeping ourselves safe. There are ways to reduce the risks: using strong passwords, enabling two-factor authentication if it is available, keeping our software up to date, using trusted anti-virus software, being careful what you share online (especially on social media) and regularly backing up our data to the cloud or offline storage.
- **PASSWORDS:** Passwords probably are the least effective security measure available. You should never use the same password on different sites and change your passwords often. Use a password manager to help you manage your passwords. Use strong passwords: at least 12 characters in length, use numbers and upper-case letters and lower-case letters and special characters (called a complex password). Phrases make good passwords but be sure to include something other than just letters. Strong passwords are extremely hard to hack. A 12-character password using only lower-case letters can be hacked in about 25 seconds. A complex 12-character password would take about 34,000 YEARS to hack. An 18-character complex password would take about 7 QUADRILLION YEARS (longer than the expected lifespan of the universe) to hack. The longer and more complex the password the better.
- **OTHER MEANS OF AUTHENTICATION** are biometrics, an online authenticator app and two-factor authentication. Biometrics are most useful on mobile devices and usually use facial scans or fingerprints. Online authenticators are used by some websites and apps (notably Adobe and Microsoft Teams). With two-factor authentication when you log in to a website or app, a code is texted or emailed to you, and you enter the code to gain access. If two-factor authentication is available on an app or website, you should turn it on.

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

FRAUD AND SCAMS: The most prevalent forms of fraud are phishing, trojans and ransomware. Phishing occurs when you receive an email or text that ask for personal information like passwords and credit card numbers. The best way to stay safe from phishing is to verify that the sender is legitimate (does the email address listed match the sender – Microsoft will never send an email from gmail.com) and ensure that the links provided in the message make sense (an email from Apple is not going to have a link from bit.ly.com). The second form of fraud is a trojan where a link in the message installs malicious code on your device. This code could be a key logger that records every key you press or tap or a virus that will infect your device. The same precautions need to be exercised. The final item is ransomware. Ransomware is a form of trojan but when you click on the link it installs software that encrypts your hard drive. To get the “key” to unencrypt the drive you are told to pay a ransom, usually with bitcoin, which is untraceable. The main protection from ransomware is to back up your data regularly. If you get infected with ransomware you can reset your device to factory settings, reinstall the apps you had on the device then restore your data from the backup. It is painful to have to do this but it is sure to restore your device to working order. With all of these, if you have doubts about the message, either contact the sender if it is someone you know and ask if the message is legitimate or just delete the message.

- **SPAM:** Spam is any unwanted message you receive. All email providers and most mobile providers provide some form of spam filtering. You should turn it on. Spam filters are not perfect – some will get through and some legitimate messages will be classed as spam. Check your spam or junk folder regularly to be sure legitimate messages have not been moved there by the filter.
- **TEXT AND TELEPHONE SCAMS:** Generally, a form of phishing where you receive a text or phone call and are asked to purchase something (usually gift cards) and send the numbers and PINs to the sender. Again, contact the sender if you have doubts about the authenticity of the request or just ignore the message. DO NOT respond to the message if you have not verified it. This just confirms to the scammer that your phone number is valid, and you will get more of these. The IRS, Medicare and Social Security will NEVER call or text you. You should automatically delete these messages or don't answer the calls.
- **PUBLIC WI-FI AND VPNS:** If you do not have to enter a password (not using a web browser) to connect to the network, the network is not secure, and you should not do anything that might send sensitive information to the Internet. For insecure networks, consider using a Virtual Private Network (VPN) which encrypts all of your traffic making it much harder for a hacker to use. Some websites do not allow you to connect if you are using a VPN but for most sites this is a good solution. There are free and paid VPNs, but the free ones generally are not as secure. Paid VPNs cost about \$4-\$6 a month.

If you would like to listen to the audio and see the PowerPoint slides from Chris's presentation, it can be found on our website, gspcsg.org under Activities | Health & Wellness.

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

The Deacons had our quarterly meeting on February 4th, following the combined Elder/Deacon training. We welcomed our two new Deacons, Marilyn Conklin and John Graber.

We did an annual review of our responsibilities as Deacons and discussed goals and upcoming events for this year. We will have our ice cream social on Father's Day, June 18th in Conklin Hall following our service.

Late last fall, the Westlands and I cleaned out the Deacon Shed as it was stuffed with some pretty old and shabby items. I'm pleased to say that we kept the really nice items, and they are available to our parish members. Please contact John or me should you need anything from the shed. My phone is 801-541-7444. John's is 801-608-4158.

Peggy Graber, Moderator

Fellowship

Robbie Burns night was a fantastic success. It was so much fun, and we look forward to our 2024 celebration.

March will be quiet for Fellowship as we look ahead to Holy Week and Easter.

We will hold our annual Palm Sunday breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 am on April 2nd in Conklin Hall. Rev. Ralph and his crew will be cooking pancakes with all of the trimmings. He has asked for volunteers to assist and assures us that on-site training will be available.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 pm we will hold an Agape Dinner in Conklin Hall. The dinner is an opportunity to share in a commemoration of the Last Supper and Communion will be offered. The dinner is also special because the room is lit with oil lamps.

After worship on April 9th, Easter Sunday, we will join together in Conklin Hall for our annual Easter Brunch.

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

The Souper Bowl of Caring was a big success, but I doubt seriously that we were among the leaders in the Presbytery's Matthew 25 competition. We collected \$533, 319 food items weighing 264 pounds and a LOT of supplies. We split the proceeds between Switchpoint and Solomon's Porch. For the Presbytery competition, points were determined by dividing the sum of the dollars and food items collected by the church's membership. We have 236 members and earned 3.41 points. Not the best outcome for the competition but a great outcome for those in our community who need assistance with putting food on their tables. Thanks to everyone who donated.

As you do your spring cleaning, please keep in mind that our annual shoe drive is coming up in May and June. Hang on to any gently used shoes that you no longer need and bring them to church during the drive. We'll donate them to Soles4Souls and they'll go to a good home.

Our Operation Christmas Child emphasis for March is coloring books or picture books for children 2-4 years old.

We are looking for new members for the Mission Committee. If you're interested, please see me. We'd love to have you join us.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on February 12th. Here is a synopsis of the actions that were taken:

- Approved to invite Rev. Daniel Hass-Melchior to preach during the worship service on Sunday, February 19, 2023.
- Approved to permit Paul Wiens to refinish the worship/communion table.
- Approved to authorize the Christian Education Committee to conduct an on-line and traditional survey during the month of March to determine levels of interest in Christian Education including types of classes/programs and teaching/leadership of such groups.
- Approved Phase 2 of the Memorial Garden Upgrade Project and to accept the bid of First Class Landscaping at a cost not to exceed \$17,600.00 to be paid from the Building Fund.

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

*Ruth Ann Horvath,
Clerk of Session*

Stewardship

All the rain (and snow!) we have received gives us hope for a beautiful spring in southern Utah. Make sure to get out and enjoy the desert blooms as the weather warms up. We continue in the season of Lent as we move toward the blessed time of Easter. This is a time to focus on penance and to spend time in prayer and reflection. How can we serve each other better and put aside our selfishness? Please continue to prayerfully consider your ability to bless our church with your pledges and offerings. Your generosity and faithfulness are appreciated!

*Thanks and blessings.
Leslie Lintz*

Worship & Music

After our cold and wet Winter, the season of Lent gives us hope for Spring, for we know that the celebration of Jesus's Resurrection is coming. We've had Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday to begin the Lenten Season and have the Kerygma study, "*Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise, and Praise*" to see us through this season.

Our Church Choir and the Bell Choir enrich our worship very much. A big thank you to Barbara McConnell and Steve Tally for their leadership with music.

If you haven't done so, please sign-up to be an usher once a month! It is easy and stress-free!

Ruthanne Skinner

Congregation News

Farewell from Alan and Sandy Paige

Thank you so, so much to Rev. Ralph and all the congregation for the joy of being a part of Good Shepherd these past nine years. Vicky and Eric are already searching for a church home for us, but we will miss you all. If you get to Aiken, please let us know. We'll have the same cell phone and email, and our mailing address is: 491 Chrysalis Bend, Aiken, SC 29803.

Alan and Sandy Paige

Tuesday Women's Bible Study is Relocating

Beginning March 7th, the Tuesday Women's Bible Study will be meeting in the Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village at 1379 W Sky Rocket Road in St. George at 11:00 am every Tuesday. Participants should park and enter at the Assisted Living building and upon entering the second floor go right to the end of the hall. Legacy Village is graciously providing coffee! Come join us!

Phase 2 of Memorial Garden Renovation to Happen in April

For several months, a committee led by Guy Schultzman has been working on a plan for the renovation of our Memorial Garden. The initial phase, completed last fall, involved removing some old, diseased, trees, replacing parts of the border hedges and doing some work on the gazebo which actually is the steeple from the original St. George Presbyterian church.

Phase 2 will involve adding two more rose gardens, removing approximately 2750 square feet of sod, replacing it with landscaping stone and desert plants, and completely renovating the current irrigation system for the entire garden.

The total cost of the project is about \$24,000 and the good news is that by removing the sod we qualify for a rebate from the Washington County Water Conservancy District's Water Efficient Landscape Program of about \$5,500.

The contracts for phase 2 have been signed and work will begin Easter Monday, April 10th. From then until approximately April 23rd, the Memorial Garden will be closed for construction.

While we will be inconvenienced for a couple of weeks, the end results will be a fresh new space that will serve our congregation's needs for decades to come.

Lectionary Readings for March

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, March 5 2nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, March 12 3rd Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

Lectionary Readings for April

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, April 2 Passion/Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Monday, April 3 Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday, April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, April 7 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1 - 19:42
Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil	<i>A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.</i> Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13 Psalm 46 Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 16 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21, 9:4b-6 Psalm 19 Isaiah 55:1-11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 42 and 43 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 143 Jonah 1:1-2:1 Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6], 7-9 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 98	Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114	John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 9 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Morning	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday, April 9 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Evening	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 16 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 23 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, April 23 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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Second Sunday in Lent Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Lenten Bible Study pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am Desert Vista Room - Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 6:30 Grief & Loss Support Group pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
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Third Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time begins - Spring Forward 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Session Meeting Noon	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Lenten Bible Study pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am Desert Vista Room - Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Lenten Bible Study pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am Desert Vista Room - Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 6:30 Grief & Loss Support Group pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting	11:30 Women's Bible Study & Fellowship am 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 6:00 Lenten Bible Study pm	9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am Desert Vista Room - Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 6:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E am 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	

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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	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village
	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

Thanks to our Volunteers

Flowers		Sunday School/Nursery
March		
March 5	Available	Available
March 12	Available	Available
March 19	Available	Available
March 26	Available	Available
April		
April 2	Available	Available
April 9	Available	Available
April 16	Mary & Tom Contreras	Available
April 23	Available	Available
April 30	Available	Available

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

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Session			
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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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Red Cliffs	Ann McLuckie	435-680-1062
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