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Autumn is Upon Us

With the kids back in school and the monsoons providing some much-needed rain, it's time to begin another church year!

Most of our regular weekly activities that have been on hiatus since June will resume in the next couple of weeks. Bear with us, things are a bit complicated this year.

Children's Sunday School and Adult Education both resumed on August 20th. With Rev. Ralph in Moldova and Romania, our Sunday prayer service is canceled on September 3rd and 10th.

Adult Education will be at 9:00 am beginning on September 3rd.

Choir practice will resume on September 7th.

Rev. Ralph will return from Moldova and Romania on September 15th and on September 17th the prayer service will move to 8:45 am with Adult Education following at 9:00 am. That will be the schedule until next June.

The Tuesday and Wednesday Women's Bible Studies will continue while Rev. Ralph is gone but the Thursday Men's Bible Study will not meet and will resume on September 21st, following his return.

The Bell Choir will hold their first practice on September 16th.

Exercise with Rev. Ralph will resume on September 19th.

The Monday Adult Education Class and Potluck featuring The Case for Christ will begin at 5:30 pm on September 18th in Conklin Hall and continue through October 30th.

The monthly Women's Bible Study and Fellowship will resume at 11:30 am on September 25th in Conklin Hall.

There will a lot more to come during the fall so stay tuned. To see the updated calendar of events, you can always check out our website gspcsg.org. Just click on Activities then Activity Calendar.

Choirs Looking for Singers and Ringers

With the end of the summer upon us, our choirs will resume practicing and providing wonderful music for our Sunday worship service. The Chancel Choir will practice on Thursdays at 3:45 pm beginning September 7th and the Bell Choir will practice at 11:30 am on Saturdays starting September 16th.

But there's something the choirs need your help with - they really need more singers and ringers. A number of our Chancel Choir members have moved away or are no longer able to participate and the Bell Choir is short a couple of ringers. If you're interested in either of these wonderful opportunities to use your God-given talents, please contact Barbara McConnell.

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

- Tineke Ingold
- Barbara Schultzman
- Cathy Overkamp
- Gayle Prentice
- Daniel Thomson
- Gloria McGilloway
- Cheryl Mansfield
- Darlene Baxter
- Roger Clark
- Shirley Taylor
- Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton
- Russell & Luisa Estlack
- Rev. Ralph and the BURM team
- 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

Wayne & Cherie Torok

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

October Newsletter Deadline September 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 July were:

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| Rev. Ralph | Psalms 33 | Praise the Lord |
| Elder Ruthanne Skinner | Matthew 11:29-30 | Learn from the Lord |
| Elder Chris Schleiter | Romans 12:10-13 | Be devoted |
| Elder Alicia Kitzman | 1 Thessalonians 5:15-17 | Seek to do good |
| Elder Deanna Flores | Isaiah 54:10 | God's love not shaken |
| Elder Tom Contreras | Psalms 145:9 | The Lord is good to all |
| Elder Leslie Lintz | Proverbs 11:25 | Generous souls |

2023 PLEDGES

Goal
\$184,364
Received to Date
\$129,910
Still Needed
\$54,454

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

BUILDING FUND

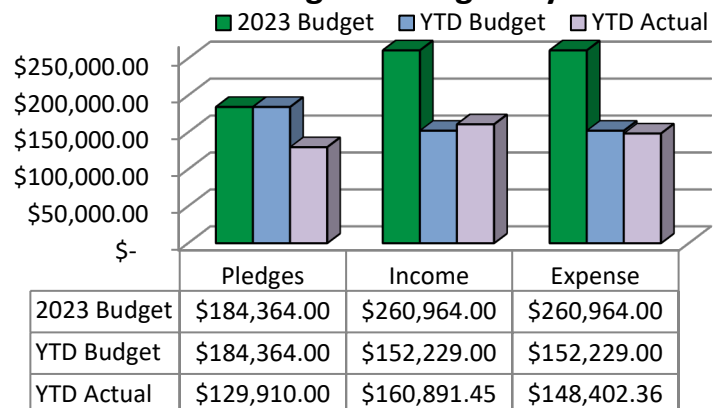
Goal
\$384,000
Received to Date
\$325,263
Still Needed
\$58,737

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of July 31		
Month of July		
Receipts	\$	15,814.94
Expenditures	\$	17,445.95
2023 YTD Budget vs. Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	152,229.00
Actual Receipts	\$	160,891.45
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	152,229.00
Actual Expenditures	\$	148,402.36
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	40,224.76
Building Fund	\$	67,325.29
Memorial Fund	\$	4,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$	46,493.13
Bequests	\$	64,061.90
Russia Mission Fund	\$	2,810.35

2023 Budget Through July 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

For even though I am absent in body, I am nevertheless with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your orderly manner and the stability of your faith in Christ. Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. Colossians 2:5-7 (NASB)



As you read this I will be somewhere in the Republic of Moldova as a member of a BURM/PCUSA mission team visiting mission projects and partners who are working with the Ukrainian refugees in the area. If all goes as planned, I expect to return around midnight on Friday, September 15th.

I covet your prayers on this journey. And as Paul declared to the church in Colossae, while I will be absent from you in body I am with you in spirit. You all will be in my prayers.

And as Paul charged the Colossians, I as well charge you, that as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, now walk in him, be built up in Him in your faith and overflow in gratitude.

Walk, build, and do so in gratitude.

With the coming of September and the season of autumn, while our world is preparing for a winter's sleep, the opposite is happening in the life of our congregation. Our committees have been working hard this summer preparing for this season to be one filled with opportunities to learn, serve and rejoice.

From the Rededication of the Memorial Garden on September 17th, to the *Step Up - Stewardship is Heart Work* Stewardship Campaign, there are and will be many opportunities for all of us to step up in our faith, life and dedication to the Lord who is calling all of us to a new life in His name.

And, above all else, let us do so overflowing in gratitude!

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Our church has a new Secretary!

As you know Candy Hurlbut retired as our church Secretary earlier in the summer. Since then the search for a replacement has been going on non-stop. Two members expressed interest in serving our church and, on Sunday, August 27th, Session appointed Mary Contreras to be our new Secretary. We welcome Mary and thank her for her dedication to the church. Being a new secretary comes with a fairly inclined learning curve so be patient as she settles into the role.



**** 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 Changing of the Seasons

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given
and the bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise
that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.

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

Healing prayer and anointing are offered every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Worship Service in the Chapel. Rev. Dolores Wiens and Kathryn Whitton will be available to offer healing prayer for all who desire it.

HEALING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

I call on you right now in a special way. It is through your power that I was created. Every breath I take, every morning I wake, and every moment of every hour, I live under your power.

Father, I ask you now to touch me with that same power. For if you created me from nothing, you can certainly recreate me. Fill me with the healing power of your spirit. Cast out anything that should not be in me. Mend what is broken. Root out any unproductive cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection.

Let the warmth of Your healing love pass through my body to make new any unhealthy areas so that my body will function the way You created it to function.

And Father, restore me to full health in mind and body so that I may serve You the rest of my life.

Buildings & Grounds

The parking lot lights have been replaced, although we need to do some fine tuning to keep from blinding our neighbors. The new lights make it much safer in our parking lot and around our buildings and, since they are LED lights, they should save us money on our electric bill, as well.

We will be dedicating the renovations to the Memorial Garden during worship on September 17th and there will be time after the ceremony for everyone to take a walk in the garden and see the improvements that were made.

Tom Contreras

Christian Education

“The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God.”- James Merritt

September offers a wide range of classes to help us thrive, as we explore spiritual understanding, personal transformation, and have opportunities to develop closer relationships with church family. You are invited to join us as we learn and grow together.

Children’s Sunday School meets each week in the CE Building at 10:30 am and the lessons will be about women of the New Testament.

Adult Sunday School is studying lessons from the summer The Present Word series. Ruth Ann Horvath will be leading discussions from Unit 1 (June’s lessons). Come find out what it means to participate in God’s eternal reign... every Sunday in the CE building from 9:15 am to 10:15 am on September 3rd then 9:00 to 10:00 am until next summer.

Monthly Women’s Bible Study begins a new series titled **Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts**. Join co-teachers Charlotte Phipps and Darlene Wylie-Baxter as they take a deep-dive into Christ’s life and discover a message for us that is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled. If you are looking for fellowship and scriptural wisdom, don’t miss this chance at 11:30 am on Monday September 28th at Conklin Hall.

Monday Evening Potluck and Bible Study will begin on September 18th and run through October 30th in Conklin Hall. Is there credible evidence that that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Rev. Ralph will be leading a study of the bestseller **The Case for Christ** by Lee Strobel. This series is a riveting quest for the truth about history’s most compelling figure. Each session includes a potluck, video presentation, and discussion. Bring some grub, make new friends, and enjoy this faith-building study. Register at the sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall, so your book and study guide can be ordered prior to the first session.

Tuesday Women’s Bible Study, taught by Rev. Ralph, is held weekly at 11:00 am at the Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village, 1379 W. Sky Rocket Road in St. George. Enter the Assisted Living Building; 2nd floor, turn right and go to the end of the hall. Join this thriving group of dedicated women.

Wednesday Women’s Bible Study, taught by Rev. Ralph, is held weekly at 11:00 am at the Barnes and Noble Café, located at the Red Cliffs Mall at 1720 E Red Cliffs Drive. Pull up a chair and enjoy the fellowship and Biblical truths to be harvested from God’s Word.

Weekly Men’s Bible Study meets at 11:00 am, beginning on September 21st, at Bishop’s Grill at 1973 W Sunset Blvd. Men, this is your chance to enjoy some good food, conversation, and dig into the Word each week with Rev. Ralph.

GSPC’s Book Club meets Thursday September 28th at Noon in the CE Building. Bring your lunch and join this passionate group of readers as they discuss the book of the month. Titles include quality fiction, Christian authors, biographies, and the classics. The book title for September will be posted on the Christian Education bulletin board in Conklin Hall.

2024 Mosaic of Peace: Get your passport ready and join the travel adventure of a lifetime. There is a Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine from March 4 through March 15, 2024. The registration deadline is October 20, 2023. For more details check the Christian Education bulletin board in Conklin Hall, near the kitchen door.

Wishing you God’s richest blessings as we learn and grow in Him.

Deanna Flores

Congregational Growth & Care

No matter our age or background, our lot in life or financial position, our place of residence, level of education, etc., we all share one event in common - we have fallen or, in the literal sense, have "unintentionally changed our position from a higher to a lower level." There are falls which do not result in the need for medical intervention and there are others, both fatal and non-fatal, which have an impact, not only on the individual but also on our nation's health care system. Trips and falls cost our nation more than \$50 Billion dollars per year. Studies have found that screening for safe health habits and education about the importance of physical fitness - at ANY age - can have an impact on reducing the often-long-term effects a fall can have on one's life and well-being. None of us is immune to the chance that, when we least expect it, the ground, without invitation, may come up to meet us.

Realizing that we can be taught how to avoid the possibly devastating physical effects of falling, we are pleased to offer a time of education and enlightenment about this topic - *Slips, Trips and Falling Correctly* - on Thursday, September 21st at 3:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We are fortunate to have engaged an expert in the field who will lead us in this informative program. He is a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, Occasional Marathoner and Personal Trainer and Fitness Coach and is qualified to teach us how to keep ourselves physically safe. He offers a special message to each of us..... It's no secret that Rev. Ralph will be our presenter on September 21st! If you previously have not attended his exercise class, this should be your day! Why not consider attending this program to learn how being proactive just might provide you a chance for self-protection and avoidance of serious injury during a fall? See YOU there!

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

The Deacons will hold our quarterly meeting on September 10th. Our plate has been full this summer with vacations, injuries and other "outside the box" occurrences and we're hoping to have a fall that is centered on all of you!

John and I are your contacts for the Deacon Shed which is full of items you may need. We have walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and raised toilet seats. If you need anything from the shed, please give us a call. My phone is 801-541-7444. John's is 801-608-4158.

Peggy Graber, Moderator

Fellowship

Summer is winding down and we're getting ready for fall activities. Thank you for welcoming our visitors and making them feel at home and a special thanks to those who bring goodies to share and especially to those who help me clean up afterwards.

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

To expand and localize our churchwide mission efforts, Mission, in conjunction with Christian Education, is preparing to begin a project that will serve the children on the Navajo Reservation, particularly those who live in more remote areas of the reservation.

Presently the Navajos are raising funds to purchase books for their bookmobile. This project quickly garnered the support of a librarian and a childhood educator who offered to help them identify books focused on the lives and culture of Native American children and youth. It did not take long for others to express their support as well.

We will ask you, our congregation, to make donations that will go directly to the bookmobile project. Bill and Carol Somplatsky-Jarman have a more detailed description of the bookmobile project and its origins on page 8.

CROP Walk: Because Veterans Day falls on the second Saturday in November this year, we will be moving the CROP Walk from November 11th to November 18th. We will start distributing envelopes to our walkers in early October.

Operation Christmas Child: Donna Beasley reports that we have nearly everything we need to pack 100+ boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. We will make boxes available for you to pack beginning in mid-September and dedicate our shoeboxes on November 19th.

Chris Schleiter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on July 9th. The following actions were taken:

- Approved to receive Tom Voehl into the membership of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Approved to award a contract to replace the outside lighting to the lowest bidder.
- Set the date of the dedication of the Memorial Garden for Sunday, September 17, 2023.
- Approved to defer the selection of the award of the Lawn and Landscaping Contract to Tom Contreras, Building and Grounds Elder.
- Approved the purchase and installation of new, upgraded Wi-Fi Access Points at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, to be paid from Bequests.

With Rev. Ralph in Moldova and Romania until September 15th, the next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, October 8th at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building. There will not be a Session meeting in September.

*Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session*

Stewardship

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temperatures and the rain that we so desperately need! I would like to thank all our members for your generosity and faithfulness in giving to our church! I ask all to prayerfully consider how you can continue and even increase your giving in the future.

We will be beginning our annual Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Drive on October 1st and I wanted to give you a preview of what's going to happen this year.

As Rev. Ralph noted in his column, the theme of this year's campaign is *Step Up - Stewardship is Heart Work*. We are asking each of you to "step up" your commitment to God and to our church. We will be holding three luncheons following worship to bring information and, hopefully, inspiration to you as you consider how you'll contribute to the mission of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in 2024.

The first luncheon will be held on October 1st. Rev. Ralph will present a short program about the Christian foundations of stewardship.

On October 29th we'll present the proposed budget for 2024 but we'll be doing it in a new way. Instead of 5 pages of numbers that, with a few exceptions, causes people's heads to explode, we'll present a narrative budget. We'll condense all of those numbers down into four areas that make up the core mission of the church: Worship and Music, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care and Education. Doing a bit of arithmetic, we'll allocate every line item in the detailed budget to one or more of these areas and arrive at a budget for each area. We hope and expect that you will better understand what the church does and what our needs are, and how you can help us to meet those needs for 2024. Each table will have a table leader who will help the people at their table to begin a conversation about stewardship and, for those who want to see it, each table will have a few copies of the detailed budget.

The following week you will receive a letter in the mail asking for your stewardship commitment (pledge) for 2024. Please remember that a commitment is a plan - how you plan to help us meet our needs. It is not chiseled in stone but is your best estimate of how you can help. If at some point in 2024 you find that you will be unable to fulfill your commitment, just let LaVerna know, and she will make an adjustment.

On November 19th, we'll combine our Thanksgiving Brunch with our final stewardship luncheon, and we'll provide an update on how we are doing with our pledge drive.

Finally, we will dedicate our pledges during worship on Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

We look forward to everyone's commitment to our mission in our community and the world in 2024.

*Thanks and blessings.
Leslie Lintz*

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will be hosting an Italian Buffet on September 23rd at 5:00 pm in Conklin Hall, the tickets will be \$12.00 for all you can eat, soup, salad, pasta, garlic bread and dessert. Tickets will be sold in Conklin Hall during Fellowship after Sunday services.

We will also be holding a drawing for a gift basket; the tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

We invite you all to come, the food is delicious and it's a really good time. This is a great way to help the children in our community.

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

Thanks to the talented members of our congregation who provided special music for worship this Summer. We are truly blessed by your participation in our worship.

Our choir will be singing September 10th and continuing until June.

On September 17th we will be dedicating the remodeled Memorial Garden following our worship service. Please plan to attend this special occasion.

We really appreciate our ushers and we can always use many more! Please see me to sign up.

Ruthanne Skinner

Navajo Book Project

In late April and early May, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Synod of the Southwest sponsored a travel study seminar: Native Lands of the Southwest. We were fortunate to be among the 35 participants which included members of the Synod's committee on Native American Ministries.

After pre-seminar readings and Zoom calls about Native American history, the story of Presbyterian and other denomination's mission work and contemporary issues facing the Native American people, we embarked on a journey from Albuquerque to Phoenix. We visited six Presbyterian Native American congregations; had tours of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, the Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum at the Acoma Pueblo, the Window Rock Tribal Park & Veterans' Memorial, the Navajo Nation Museum, the Heard Museum in Phoenix, the Cook Native American Ministries Foundation, the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center, Tewa Women United and the Jackpile-Paguete Uranium Mining Site; and several national parks and important sites including Chaco Canyon, Canyon de Chelly, Bandelier National Monument, Hubbell Trading Post and Ghost Ranch.

All along the way, we talked about how we could contribute to solidarity in addressing the issues facing Native American communities and churches. One practical proposal focused on children and youth, particularly those who live in more remote areas of the reservation. Kathy Mitchell, a planning committee member from Chinle Trinity Presbyterian Church, taught middle school for 22 years and now is a school counselor. She is active in an organization R.E.A.D. in Beauty / Chinle Planting Hope Bookmobile. Presently they are raising funds to purchase books for the bookmobile. This project quickly garnered the support of a librarian and a childhood educator who offered to help Kathy identify books focused on the lives and culture of Native American children and youth. It did not take long for others to express their support as well.

Here is where you can help as well. With the support of the Mission and Christian Education Committees, we have a project to raise funds for buying books. Checks made payable to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church can be dropped in the offering plate or sent to the church (Just be sure to write Bookmobile on the memo line of your check).. You can also give online at our Vanco donation page (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4DK/home>).

You will make a difference in the lives of children.

Carol & Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

Lectionary Readings for September

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, September 3 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Sunday, September 10 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday, September 17 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 <i>or</i> Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sunday, September 24 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, October 1 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Sunday, October 8 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday, October 15 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 22 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday, October 29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

The Renovated Memorial Garden



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	2
3 Solomon's Porch Sunday 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:15 am Adult Education 10:30 am Communion Worship - Rev. Dolores preaching 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship	4 Labor Day 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	5 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	6 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	7 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on 3050 E 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Practice	8 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	9
10 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship - Chaplain Daniel Flores preaching 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 12:00 Noon Deacon Meeting	11 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	12 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	13 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	14 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Practice	15 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	16 11:30 am Bell Choir Practice
17 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Called Congregational Meeting 10:30 am Worship - Dedication of the Memorial Garden 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Dedication Ceremony in the Memorial Garden 11:45 am Fellowship	18 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Study & Potluck - The Case for Christ	19 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Group Supervision 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group	20 9:30 am Stephen Ministry Leaders' Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	21 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 pm Slips, Trips & Falling Correctly (formerly Exercise) with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting	22 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	23 Newsletter Deadline 11:30 am Bell Choir Practice 5:30 pm Women's Guild Italian Dinner
24 8:45 am Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School & Nursery 11:45 am Fellowship 12:00 Noon Worship Committee Meeting	25 11:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Study & Potluck - The Case for Christ	26 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ CE Building 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph	27 9:30 am Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	28 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Noon Book Club 3:00 pm Exercise with Rev. Ralph 3:45 pm Chancel Choir Practice	29 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	30 11:30 am Bell Choir Practice

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be visiting Moldova and Romania from August 30th through September 15th.

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

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

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Solomon's Porch Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash for Solomon's Porth – 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 Practices	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Resumes September 7th
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Resumes September 16th

Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

September

September 3	Roger & Alicia Kitzman
September 10	Eliza Elwood
September 17	<i>Available</i>
September 24	<i>Available</i>

October

October 1	<i>Available</i>
October 8	Russ & Candy Hurlbut
October 15	<i>Available</i>
October 22	<i>Available</i>
October 29	<i>Available</i>

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Church Leadership 2023

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 Schleter	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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Quail Creek	Marilyn Conklin	928-460-0608
Red Cliffs	Ann McLuckie	435-680-1062
Santa Clara/Ivins	Jesse Henderson	404-859-3408
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