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Ready for a Potluck?

October was busy. November and early December will be busier!

The Women's Guild will hold their annual Rummage, Craft and Bake Sale from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on November 4th in Conklin Hall. Come and check out the goodies and have a bowl of chili for lunch.

Our Stewardship campaign, *Step Up - Stewardship is Heart Work!* continues through November and December. During a fellowship potluck on November 5th, Chris Schleter will present our 2024 budget but in a new form. This year's budget will be a "narrative" budget where we take the pages of numbers that make up the detailed budget and allocate each of those numbers to one of four broad categories that represent the ministries of the church: Worship and Music, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care and Education. During the luncheon, each table will have a leader who will facilitate discussion of the budget and where God is taking our church next year and beyond. Chris will circulate and be available to answer any questions about the detailed budget.

The Interfaith Choir and Children's Choir will hold a special concert, "Simple Gifts" on November 15th at 7:00 pm at the Tabernacle.

We'll participate in the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service with Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church and New Promise Lutheran Church on November 17th at 7:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hills.

On November 19th we'll celebrate our many gifts from God with our annual Thanksgiving potluck luncheon after worship. We'll supply the turkey and ask each of you to bring a side, salad or dessert to share.

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be November 18th. We will begin at 10:00 am Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. We hope that everyone will either walk with us or donate to one of our walkers. Good Shepherd has a history of making the largest donation to the CROP Walk of any organization in the area and we hope the tradition will continue.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are still available. Pick up one or several shoeboxes, fill them with goodies for children in developing countries and bring them back on November 19th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, when we'll dedicate our shoeboxes for 2023. The Knotty Knitters are nearly done packing 110 boxes this year to add to our totals. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes introduce Christ to children who may never have received a gift before, and the children are offered an opportunity to know our Lord and learn more about Him.

There will be more, many more, potlucks and events during December so get out your cookbooks and find new things to share.

There won't be a dull moment in our church life, and we hope that everyone will participate in as many of these events as possible. There is no church without you!

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
- Matt Fine
- Jan Dunham
- Evelyn Morgan
- Deanna & Daniel Flores
- Russ Hurlbut
- The Phipps Family
- Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton
- Russell & Luisa Estlack
- The People of Ukraine and Russia
- Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
- Those Serving Our Country
- Gloria McGilloway
- Cheryl Mansfield
- Susan Talley
- Jan Hirschi
- John & Peggy Graber
- Those with COVID

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 October were:

Rev. Ralph	Galatians 6:9-10	Let's do good
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalms 125:1-2	Trust in the Lord
Elder Leslie Lintz	Hebrews 10:23	Hold fast
Elder Chris Schleiter	Isaiah 55:6	Seek the Lord
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Romans 15:4-6	That together
Elder Mary Contreras	Colossians 3:13-15	Forgive each other
Elder Deanna Flores	Psalms 86:15	Abounding in love
Elder Tom Contreras	Psalms 24:1	Everything
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	Ephesians 2:8	By Grace

Welcome New Members

Sal Arredondo

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

December Newsletter Deadline November 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

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
\$326,669
Still Needed
\$57,331

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of September 30 Month of September

Receipts	\$	12,815.88
Expenditures	\$	21,475.02

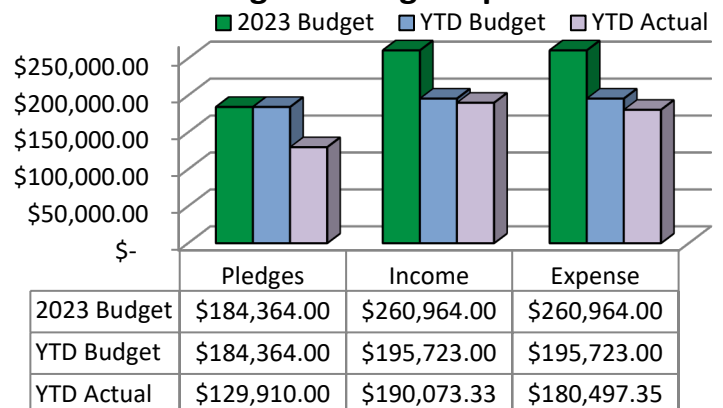
2023 YTD Budget vs. Actual

YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	195,723.00
Actual Receipts	\$	190,073.33
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	195,723.00
Actual Expenditures	\$	180,497.35

Fund Balances

General Fund	\$	29,718.09
Building Fund	\$	68,837.48
Memorial Fund	\$	4,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$	46,726.50
Bequests	\$	64,519.65
Russia Mission Fund	\$	2,910.35

2023 Budget Through September 30



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NRSV)



Whenever I read this passage from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians I am reminded of what seems now a life time ago, in a former church, when on a Sunday morning the chair of the Stewardship committee from the pulpit quoted from the passage to the congregation. I remember her words well, "Remember, God loves a cheerful giver, but he will take it from the grumpy ones as well!"

Yes, we are in that time of year when we are asked to prayerfully consider our gifts, faith and generosity. We are reminded that our stewardship is not hard work, it is heart work. A joyful response to what God has given and continues to provide for us all. Paul invites the Corinthians and us to increase the harvest of generosity and thus our righteousness. Paul speaks of giving in terms of overflowing with thanksgiving to God.

Paul, in just a few words, reminds us that in and through Jesus Christ we have all received surpassing grace as a gift from God. We are called to respond with a generosity of thanksgiving, with our gifts of time, talents and treasure. Paul is inviting each of us to step up in our faith in support of our common ministry and proclamation of the Gospel, here and around the world.

Paul reminds that doing so is an act of faith, trusting God to provide for us as we provide for our ministries out of our abundance. And we are called to do so joyfully!

As we have entered the harvest season of Thanksgiving to God, I invite and encourage all us to again read Paul's words to us, take them prayerfully into our hearts, and joyfully give thanks to God by our gifts to God. Remembering, that stewardship is Heart work!

*In Christ
Rev. Ralph*

Monday Night Potluck and Bible Study

The study will begin December 4th at 5:30 pm in the CE Building. This will be a Kerygma Bible Study Second Corinthians: Living Letters in Christ by Dr. Calvin Roetzel, about Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. Please sign up in Conklin Hall so that make sure the materials are on hand when the study begins.

**** 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



The 18th of October is the feast day of St. Luke the Physician and Evangelist. Luke not only authored the Gospel bearing his name but was a close friend of the Apostle Paul, accompanying him on his missionary journeys. The book of the Acts of the Apostle is also attributed to Luke. Finally, he is a model for healing prayer for the Order of St. Luke the Physician, to which our church is connected. Enjoy this poem for St. Luke on his feast day, written by my friend and favorite poet, Malcolm Guite:

LUKE

His gospel is itself a living creature
A ground and glory round the throne of God,
Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature
And One upon the throne sees it is good.

Luke is the living pillar of our healing,
A lowly ox, the servant of the four,
We turn his page to find his face revealing
The wonder, and the welcome of the poor.

He breathes good news to all who bear a burden
Good news to all who turn and try again,
The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,
A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,
The voiceless find their voice in every word
And, with Our Lady, magnify Our Lord.

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Thank you to Sue Lundgreen for sending out the prayer requests to the "Pearls," while Paul and I were away in China. Thanks, too, to those who prayed in the chapel on Sundays: Virginia Hunt, Kathryn Whitton and Darlene Wily Baxter.

Rev. Dolores

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

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.



Buildings & Grounds

At the October Session meeting, Guy Schultzman presented a preliminary report from his committee that is looking into energy efficiency improvements to our buildings and the installation of a solar energy system.

The first of the proposed updates is replacing all of the windows in the CE Building. This will markedly improve the energy efficiency of the building and will save on heating and cooling costs going forward. Session approved the project, and we hope to have it completed in the next few weeks.

The second item was the approval of a conceptual plan for a solar energy system that we hope will achieve net zero electric usage and will be expandable as our needs change. The plan has the system installed in the northwest corner of the property, behind the two sheds. This area has many advantages in that it does not detract from the look of the church property, it receives full sun throughout the year, and it allows us to address some security issues that have been occurring in that area of the property. Session approved the conceptual plan, and the committee was authorized to move to detailed planning and the identification of a contractor.

Thanks to Guy and his committee as they seek to find ways to reduce our environmental footprint and save the church money.

Tom Contreras

Christian Education

"It is Christ Himself, not the Bible, who is the true Word of God. The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him." - C. S. Lewis

November offers classes to help us flourish, as we seek spiritual wisdom, personal transformation, and strengthen our friendships with church family. You are invited to join us as we learn and grow together.

Christian Education Class Schedule: see the Newsletter Calendar or church website Activity Calendar for a listing and times of all Christian education classes.

Adult Sunday School is studying lessons from the summer The Present Word series. Ruth Ann Horvath and Rev. Ralph will be leading discussions from Unit 3 (August's lessons). Learn about God's eternal reign as found in the New Testament epistles... every Sunday in the CE building from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

The **Monthly Women's Bible Study** continues the series titled Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts. Discover a message that is radical, inclusive, and hope filled. If you are looking for fellowship and scriptural insight, don't miss this chance at 11:30 am on Monday November 27 in Conklin Hall.

Monday Evening Potluck and Bible Study will not meet during the month of November. A Kerygma study of 2 Corinthians will begin December 4th.

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. Learn and grow with this 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 wisdom to be mined from scripture.

Thursday Men's Bible Study meets at 11:00 am at Bishop's Grill at 1973 W Sunset Blvd. Men, this is your chance to enjoy good food, fellowship, and learn practical scriptural principles each week with Rev. Ralph.

Blessings and peace as we learn and grow in Him.

Deanna Flores

Congregational Growth & Care

CPR COURSE FOR THE NON-PROFESSIONAL - If you are interested in renewing your CPR certificate or taking a CPR course for the first time, sign up in Conklin Hall for our biennial event or contact Charlotte Phipps, 435-628-8808. The course will be taught on November 16th from 9:00 am to about 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. The cost is \$30, we will have the same instructor as we have had previously, Rob Hooper. Instructions about using emergency AED equipment will be included. **Plus** — Donuts and a beverage will be served!!

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

LUNCH AND LEARN - On Thursday, December 7th, we look forward to hearing from Kirk Watkins, MD, a sleep disorder specialist here in St George. At one time or another each of us must have asked the question - "WHY Can't I Sleep?" Dr. Watkins will help us learn that our insomnia may not be due only to that late-in-the-day caffeine beverage we enjoyed but could very well be attributed to having one of the currently known, diagnosable sleep disorders. Why not save the date to come and hear what he will have to say? And, you just may have a question or two to ask him. It will be from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. As we like to say, "Bring a sandwich and a Friend" and we'll see you on the 7th.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Our congregation has been pleased to have recently welcomed new members Tom Voehl, Cherie and Wayne Torok and Sal Arredondo. We'd like to introduce them to you by posting their photos and a brief biography on our Growth and Care Bulletin board to be viewed as you pass into Conklin Hall. We have been enriched by their committing to join our congregation and not just attend. We welcome all who wish to worship with us here in Christian Fellowship but, if you have considered wanting to "join" us, please feel free to contact Rev. Ralph, Ruth Ann Horvath - Clerk of Session, or Alicia Kitzman - Congregational Growth and Care Elder through the church office at: 435-628-9158

Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

The Deacons had our Parish Sunday get together on October 1st. In keeping with the fall season, we served various soups, breads, and rolls. Thanks to all the Deacons for preparing and serving the wonderful soups. Also, thanks to those in the congregation who so generously contributed breads and rolls. It was a lot of fun and well received by members! We plan on continuing the tradition next fall.

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

What a beautiful fall we are having in our St. George area. I hope you have had a chance to see the wonderful fall colors and experience the crisp mountain air. This fall is going to be a busy time for our congregation. The first Stewardship potluck was well attended, and I hope it got you thinking about our pledge campaign and inspired you to prayerfully consider a pledge this year.

Our second stewardship potluck on October 29th was cancelled due to so many of our congregation being sick. It has been rescheduled for November 5th. I forgot to put main dishes on the sign-up sheet so some of you please bring a main dish.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for November 19th. I will buy the turkeys and ask some of you to roast them and bring them back deboned and ready to put on the table. Sign up sheets for sides, salads, and desserts to bring, as well as helping out, will be put out on October 29th.

December 3rd will be our last Stewardship potluck. But since we have other dinners and holiday events coming up, we will have an Ice Cream Sundae Social. (and maybe Root beer floats, yum). I'm asking that you bring cookies to go with the ice cream and if you want to bring some toppings and syrups to go with, that would be great, too. I'll have a sheet on the table in Conklin Hall. Ralph's Christmas open house will also be that afternoon.

Then just to let you know ahead of time, our Christmas Brunch and Sing-along will be December 17th.

The Book Club always meets the last Thursday of the month at Noon in the CE Building. If you are interested in joining us, please come and bring a sack lunch. We discuss the current month's book then choose the book for the following month. The meeting lasts just one hour. We enjoy getting to know each other's viewpoints on the books we read.

I hope each one of you will join us for these Holiday events and Book Club. Remember...there is no fellowship without YOU !!

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

Navajo Bookmobile: The bookmobile project with Walking in Beauty- Chinle on the Navajo Reservation is ready to launch. On November 16th to 18th, Good Shepherd will join with White Rock Presbyterian Church of White Rock, New Mexico, to deliver children's books and accumulated financial contributions for additional book purchases. We will also be visiting Trinity Presbyterian Church in Chinle, one of the ninety-five Native American Presbyterian congregations and chapels located on reservations, in rural areas and two urban congregations. Rev. Deb Worley of White Rock PC and Ms. Kathy Mitchell, a middle school guidance counselor and Trinity PC member, also participated in the study travel seminar Native Lands of the Southwest.

If you want to contribute to the bookmobile project, please make out a check to GSPC, and be sure to note on the check that it is for the bookmobile project.

CROP Walk: Envelopes for those who want to walk in the CROP Walk are available NOW. If you would like to walk, please see me and I'll get you an envelope. The walk is November 18th at 10:00 am beginning and ending at Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. We'll have the mayors of St. George and Washington City as well as representatives of the Interfaith Council there to send us on our way.

If you want to support the walk but don't want to walk, we'll place the envelopes for all of our walkers on a table in Conklin Hall on November 12th and you can stuff them with money. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the walk will go to support Solomon's Porch.

I hope you'll support our annual effort to end hunger in our area and around the world.

Operation Christmas Child: The Knotty Knitters are almost finished packing their boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to pack a box, boxes are available on the table in Conklin Hall or, if you prefer, you can let OCC do the work and pack a shoebox online (please see me if you're interested in this and I'll help you get started). We'll dedicate our shoeboxes on November 19th.

Chris Schleiter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on October 8th. The following actions were taken:

- Approved to receive Sal Arredondo into the membership of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Accepted the quote of Beehive State Exteriors to replace nine windows in the Christian Education Building at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 to be taken from the Building Fund.
- Approved to endorse the Conceptual Proposal for a Solar Electric System and to authorize the Energy Efficiency/Solar Electric System Committee to construct specifications and seek competitive bids from qualified subcontractors on the project.
- Approved to change the date of the Elder's Retreat from October 28, 2023, to January 27, 2024.
- Approved to accept a report from the Nominating Committee to present the following candidates at the December 17, 2023, Stated Congregational Meeting, pending examinations:
 - Elders: Alicia Kitzman – 3-year term, Ray Snipes – 3-year term
 - Deacons: Marilyn Conklin – 3-year term, Gordon Conklin – 3-year term, John Graber – 3-year term, Marsha Besch – 3-year term, Terri Morgan – 2-year term
 - 2024 Nominating Committee: Dottie Amland, Paul Wiens, Linda Fucone, Members-at-large – one-year terms.
- Appointed teams to examine three candidates from the above nominees.

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

Ruth Ann Horvath
Clerk of Session

Stewardship

Welcome to the beautiful cooler days of fall! I hope everyone is well and enjoying the pleasant temperatures. Thank you to everyone who has continued in faithfulness and generous giving to our church. Please consider prayerfully your future giving to help sustain and grow the important ministries we offer.

Stewardship, continued

Our Stewardship campaign, *Step Up - Stewardship is Heart Work*, began during fellowship on October 1st with Rev. Ralph presenting a short program about the Christian foundations of stewardship.

We'll hold our second Stewardship luncheon on November 5th. We'll present the proposed budget for 2024 but we'll be doing it in a new way. Instead of five 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.

Leslie Lintz

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will be holding their annual Rummage, Bake and Craft Sale November 4th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Conklin Hall. We are accepting any used items except clothes or shoes. You can bring them to church on Sunday or I can pick them up from you. We also have a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall for baked goods. We will be selling soups and chili with rolls or cornbread. Come and join us.

LaVerna Metzger

Worship & Music

There will be a wonderful concert November 15th at 7:00 pm at the St. George Tabernacle with music by the Interfaith Choir and the St. George Children's Choir presenting "Simple Gifts". On November 21st, 7:00 pm, there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church. Our choir, along with the choirs from Shepherd of the Hills and New Promise Lutheran Church will be singing. We will hold our traditional Christmas Eve Service on our Sanctuary on December 24th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend all of these events.

Looking ahead, we will be decorating the church for the Christmas Season on Saturday December 2nd beginning at 9am. The more hands we have helping, the better!! Lunch will be provided.

The Chancel Choir will not be presenting a Christmas Concert this year but there will be Christmas music every Sunday in December and the Bell Choir will be performing, along with the Chancel Choir, during worship on December 10th.

Thanks to all who are serving as Ushers!

Ruthanne Skinner

Congregation News

Fellowship of Christian Sympathy

We extend the Fellowship of Christian Sympathy to Charlotte Phipps and the family on the death of Paul. He was an inspiration and will be missed by all of us.

Lectionary Readings for November

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday, November 5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday, November 12 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday, November 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday, November 26 Reign of Christ / Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 <i>or</i> Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 <i>or</i> Luke 1:46b-55	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 <i>or</i> Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Monday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas	<i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
	<i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]	John 1:1-14
Sunday, December 31 1st Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day 11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	2 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	3 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	4 9:00 Women's Guild am Rummage, Craft & Bake Sale 11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
5 Solomon's Porch Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion am Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship - am Stewardship Luncheon	6 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	7 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	8 11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	9 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	10 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11 Veterans Day 11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
12 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	13 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	14 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	15 9:30 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 7:00 Interfaith Choir pm Simple Gifts Concert - Tabernacle	16 9:00 CPR Refresher for am the Non- professional 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	17 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	18 10:00 CROP Hunger am Walk 11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
19 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - am Dedication of Operation Child Christmas Child Shoebboxes 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship - am Thanksgiving Brunch 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken	20 10:00 Worship am Committee Meeting 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	21 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group 7:00 Ecumenical pm Thanksgiving Service @ Shepherd of the Hills UMC	22 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	23 Thanksgiving Day Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	24 12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	25 11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
26 Christ the King Sunday 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	27 11:30 Women's Bible am Study & Fellowship 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	28 9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	29 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	30 11:00 Men's Bible Study am @ Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Book Club Noon 1:15 Growth & Care pm Committee Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice		

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be in Omaha for the BURM Conference from November 2nd through November 4th.
 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	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Sanctuary

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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>

November

November 5	<i>Available</i>
November 12	<i>Available</i>
November 19	<i>Available</i>
November 26	<i>Available</i>

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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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