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The Merry (and Busy) Month of December Kicks Off

December will be a busy month, as it is every year. Beginning on December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent, with the kickoff of Rev. Ralph's Annual Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest and culminating on Christmas Eve with our traditional candlelight worship service, there is something in December for everyone.

We will hold our Stated Congregational Meeting after worship On Sunday, December 15th, to elect officers for next year and approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Ralph for 2025.

Sunday, December 15th, Rev. Ralph, Cindy and Jeff will host their annual open house from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Plan to bring a beverage and something to share and join everyone in the joy of the holiday season.

Our annual potluck Christmas Celebration will be held on December 22nd in Conklin Hall. Bring hors d'oeuvres or snacks to share and we'll sing some Carols of the season.

At 7:00 pm on Christmas Eve, December 24th,we will anticipate the birth of our Savior with our Candlelight Worship.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this most joyous season!

Rev. Ralph Announces Annual Tacky Tie and Sweater Contest





Consider yourselves warned. Once again in 2024 Rev. Ralph is challenging the men of the congregation to find and wear to church the TACKIEST Christmas ties they can find and the women of the congregation to wear their TACKIEST Christmas sweater. The winners will receive a special prize.

All women's entries must be publicly identified as being "Tacky" to avoid any unfortunate misidentification of a treasured family or handmade heirloom. Ladies, you can pick up a sticker from Mike at the podium in the Narthex to indicate that your sweater is, in fact, an entry into this year's contest.

We can't wait to see what you've found!



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

Rayanne Bartlett Candy & Russ Hurlbut John & Peggy Graber Cathy Overkamp Cheryl Mansfield Ann Abbott Molly Bass Janice Klein Tineke Ingold Ann Hogan Barbara Schultzman Sue Smith Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton The Family of Joyce Otness The Family of Emily Penzari 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

January Newsletter Deadline

December 21, 2024

Worship Schedule

8:30 – 8:45 am Morning Prayer and Communion Sanctuary 8:45 –10:00 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 November were:

Colossians 2:6-10 Complete Rev. Ralph Elder Ruth Ann Horvath Psalm 23 My Shepherd Elder Chris Schleter John 13:34-35 New commandment Elder Alicia Kitzman 1 John 4:7-9 Love one another **Elder Mary Contreras** 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 15 So that Grace 1 Timothy 4:4:15-16 **Elder Tom Contreras** Diligence 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 Elder Ruthanne Skinner Life of Jesus Elder Ray Snipes Malachi 3:10 Whole tithe

2025 PLEDGES

Goal

\$195,163

Received through 11/24

\$57,840 (29.6%)

Still Needed

\$137,323

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

BUILDING FUND

Goal

\$384,000

Received to Date

\$333,158

Still Needed

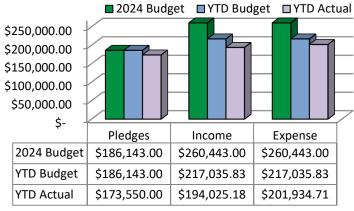
\$50,842

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

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of October 31 Month of October 23,865.66 Receipts Expenditures 17,383.00 6,482.66 October Net 2024 YTD Budget vs. Actual YTD Budgeted Receipts 217,035.83 **Actual Receipts** 194.025.18 217,035.83 YTD Budgeted Expenditures **Actual Expenditures** 201,934.71 (7,909.53) YTD Net **Fund Balances** General Fund 22,717.88 **Building Fund** 60,023.12 8,800.89 Memorial Fund 51,699.05 **Bequests** Reserve Fund 82,310.67 Revnolds Family Bequest 92,819,80 28,828.66 Mission Reserve Russia Mission Fund 3,110.35

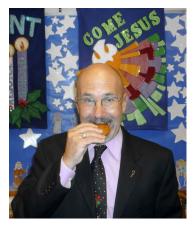
2024 Budget Through October 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-35 NASB



"Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God."

My guess is that by now, for many of us, our Christmas shopping has neared completion (Actually, I'm just starting!). By now, for many of us, the decorations have been pulled out and our homes have become transformed into a Christmas wonderland for another season.

Our homes and lives again have focused on that eventful evening and day that our Savior was born, and the "Greatest Story" began.

However, what we seem to have overlooked is that for Luke, at least, the story began with a visit and message to a young woman in Nazareth of Galilee. And this story began with questions and fear.

This year I am hearing the word "fear" being used in a lot of contexts. This year I am hearing a lot of questions about our lives and world.

I can't say I have the answers but perhaps we do in the answer to Mary's questioning, "Do not be afraid."

Perhaps we have temporarily forgotten that with Easter morning it is not just Mary who has found favor with God, we all have! And what was true in that ancient world remains just as true in our own. God's Kingdom and Holy Spirit remain with us. His love for us continues to be with us. And because of that love we should not be people of fear but instead Christ's people of Hope.

The Scripture cited above goes on to Mary's response which was, "How can this be?" A better translation is; "How is this going to be worked out?"

Gabriel's answer to Mary, and to us, "With God, nothing is impossible."

Merry Christmas! 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 about 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

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Lord, I thank You for coming to earth so You could redeem me. When I think of the extent to which You were willing to go in order to save me, it makes me want to shout, to celebrate, and to cry with thankfulness. You love me so much, and I am so grateful for that love. Without You, I would still be lost and in sin. But because of everything You have done for me, today I am free; my life is blessed; Jesus is my Lord; Heaven is my home; and Satan has no right to control me. I will be eternally thankful to You for everything You did to save me! I pray this in Jesus' name!

Rick Renner

Christian Education

Our classes and Bible studies continue as they always do. Please check the church website Activity Calendar for a listing and times of all Christian education classes for the month.

Our Sunday education programs continue. Adult Sunday School is exploring the winter curriculum from *A King Forever* and *Ever*. Ruth Ann Horvath leads discussions exploring the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us.

Children's Sunday School meets each Sunday at 10:30 am in the CE Building.

Our Monthly Women's Bible Study meets the last Monday of each month.

Our Tuesday and Wednesday Women's Bible studies and our Thursday Men's Bible Study continue to meet as usual.

Let us continue to learn and grow in Him.

Celeste Retnta

Congregational Growth & Care

LUNCH AND LEARN - The final Lunch and Learn program was held on November 20th when Marsha Besch and Alicia Kitzman led a discussion about downsizing and decluttering: "How Much is Too Much and How Little is Enough?"

It has been shown that those in their late 50's and early 60's are first to consider downsizing when planning for retirement, desiring a simpler lifestyle, or when children transition from the family home. Others may be prompted to make a change if: mortgage and home expenses exceed 28% of income, there is a change in lifestyle or financial resources, maintenance tasks loom, space in the home no longer serves, there has been a shift in family dynamics or need for increased accessibility. First steps in the downsizing process are to determine the "must haves" regarding the location and size of a desired dwelling, obtaining an updated appraisal of the property, and giving practical and honest thought to what relocating might mean. Ask whether making a move or merely repurposing a present home is the better choice? One may think that the status quo is working and doesn't need "fixing" but an overriding truth prevails - no matter how settled you feel you are, your life WILL change! Giving thought to the possibility of downsizing does NOT mean you will have to move but rather, you have chosen to consider your options, objectively, without stress and while you have the energy to make good decisions. Your family, friends and those who care about you will thank you for it.

Whether or not downsizing is your motivation, choosing to tackle the daunting task of decluttering can be a game-changer in your everyday life. The internet is rife with information, check lists, tips and motivational help about how decluttering can provide a more organized life less encumbered by the extraneous things currently occupying our time and space. In order not to become overwhelmed, we are advised to make a plan, start small, go room-by-room and enlist help if necessary. Often, things which once brought joy to our lives, over time, have become sources of stress and contributors to the clutter. Identify whether items will be kept, discarded or donated and don't second guess your decision. Be discerning about what REALLY needs to be retained. Keep deeply sentimental items, those mementos family members or friends have requested and, also, important legal papers and documents. Understand that things you value and think those near and dear will most certainly want to have, in most instances, they will NOTwant. However, there are people who will be happy to adopt what you choose to give away or sell. Be comforted by

Congregational Growth & Care, continued

knowing that what often is begun as an overwhelmingly emotional, impossible undertaking does become easier as we are rewarded with a sense of freedom and accomplishment. Take a photo of the item as you send it on to a new life. Keep the memories close and remember that who you are is not the things you own.

To listen to this Lunch and Learn program or for copies of the handouts distributed to attendees, please go to the Church Website (gspcsg.org). Hover over Activities and click Health and Wellness, then select the program from the list on the right.

"And a little child shall lead them..."In this season, take time to reflect on the gift of redeeming and reconciling love given to us with the birth of Baby Jesus."

Christmas Blessings from your Growth and Care Committee Alicia Kitzman

Deacons

The Deacons will hold their final meeting of they year in December and we will be saying goodbye to several of our Deacons. Mona Johnson, Melissa and Jesse Henderson, John Graber, Marsha Besch and Marilyn and Gordon Conklin will all be leaving us in 2025. The Nominating Committee is looking for five members to step up and fill the void that will be left for next year. Please consider volunteering to be a Deacon. It really is rewarding and does not take a lot of time.

I am your contact 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 me a call. My phone is 801-541-7444.

Peggy Graber, Moderator

Fellowship

With snow on Pine Valley Mountain, it appears that winter is rapidly approaching. It's also December which means that it's time for all of our Christmas festivities.

I hope everyone enjoyed fellowship with one another and a perfect Thanksgiving meal. LOTS of yummy food and desserts! Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the room, prepared the food, and especially the clean-up crew.

Our Christmas Brunch and Sing-along will be December 22nd. Please plan to bring something light to share and we'll enjoy fellowship and sing some Christmas Carols!

The Book Club always meets the last Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building; however, with the holidays, they are combining the November and December meetings and will meet on December 12th. If you are interested in joining them, please come and bring a sack lunch. They 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.

Please join us for these Holiday events and Book Club. Remember...there is no fellowship without YOU!!

Mary Contreras

Mission/Outreach

CROP Walk: The Fifteenth Annual St. George CROP Hunger walk was an incredible success. Representatives of St. George and Washington cities sent about 70 walkers out for the symbolic six-mile walk. Why six miles? That's how far people in the developing world walk, on average, to get food, water and to go to work. This year's walk raised a record \$10,764, bringing the total for all fifteen walks to \$95,989. Good Shepherd contributed \$1,143 to the cause. \$2,691 of the total was donated to Solomon's Porch for their Friday Pantry and Sunday Feast.

Operation Christmas Child: Operation Christmas Child was also a success this year. We delivered 166 boxes to the drop off point on the Monday before Thanksgiving. They seemed overwhelmed by the sheer number of boxes, and it might just be that we packed more boxes than anyone else in the area. We'll do it again next year so start looking for bargains you might be able to put in a box for a child so they can learn about our Lord and Savior.

Chris Schleter

Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on November 10, 2024. The following actions were taken:

• Approved a proposal from Paul Wiens to become the Music Director and direct the Bell Choir and Kathy Brown to direct the Chancel Choir at a total cost of approximately \$18,000.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 12:00 Noon in the CE Building.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Session Clerk

Stewardship

This season of Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to think and pray about the many blessings we have received, and to consider giving a portion back to support the Lord's work in our church. Your pledge is important because it is the only financial support we have to fund our programs and the work of the church.

Our 2025 Stewardship campaign is in full gear. You will have received a mailing which includes a letter from Rev. Ralph, a copy of our budget for next year, and a Pledge Form. You can return your completed Pledge Form to the church office or in the offering plate at Sunday worship. You can also submit your pledge through our website (gspcsg.org). Click on Stewardship, then Pledge Support, and finally General Fund Pledge. It only takes a minute to complete and submit your pledge.

Fewer than a third of our members make a pledge. Please help us manage our resources and our programs by adding your pledge. Thank you.

Thank you. Ray Snipes

Worship

There will be wonderful music for all to enjoy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church with our Chancel Choir performing during worship on December 1st and the Bell Choir performing on December 15th.

On December 24th we will hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A Brass Ensemble and the Chancel Choir will perform.

Every Sunday in Advent will be observed with the lighting of a candle on the Advent Wreath.

Thanks again to all who have been ushering!

Ruthanne Skinner

Rev. Ralph Announces Christmas Open House

Cindy, Jeff, Freckles and I would like to invite you to join us December 15th at our home for our annual Christmas open house. Please bring a beverage and something to share. You are welcome to stop in anytime between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Our home is located at 331 Vermillion Avenue in Bloomington Hills but be aware that many GPS systems will lead you astray. The easiest way to find us is to follow Fort Pierce Drive to Vermillion Avenue (just past the LDS Stake on the right). Turn right on Vermillion and go 0.3 miles to Pintura Drive. Turn left on Pintura then take the first right (you'll be back on Vermillion Avenue) and follow along for 0.2 miles. Look for the brick house on the right with a Buffalo Bills flag in the front yard. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Rev. Ralph

Winter Bible Study

Mark your January calendars. The Monday night Bible study and potluck dinner resume January 13th at 5:30 pm. Our study for the winter will be on the Letter of Revelation, the most perplexing book of the Bible. Come have its mysteries unlocked in this fourteen-week study concluding the Monday evening of Holy Week. A sign-up sheet for this class is in Conklin Hall or just simply send Rev. Ralph a note indicating your participation.

See you there!

Lectionary Readings for December

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46-55 <i>or</i> Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96:1-13	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord / Christmas	Christmas Dawn Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97:1-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20
	Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1-9	Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)	John 1:1-14
Sunday, December 29 First Sunday of Christmas	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

Lectionary Readings for January

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sunday, January 5 Second Sunday of Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9) 10-18
Monday, January 6 Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 26 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

Congregation News

Sad News

We are saddened to hear that two of our long-time members have passed away recently.

Joyce Otness passed away on November 16^{th} and Emily Penzari followed on November 24^{th} . Service arrangements for both of them are pending.

We send our condolences to their families.

December 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45 Prayer Service with Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Children's Sunday School & Nursery 10:30 Communion Worship 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Deacon Meeting Noon	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 3:00 Oasis of Blessing pm Prayer Group	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	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2nd Sunday of Advent 8:45 Prayer Service with communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday school & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Session Meeting Noon	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	11:00 Women's Bible am Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study am Bishop's on Sunset 12:00 Book Club Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3rd Sunday of Advent 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:30 Stated am Congregational Meeting 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 3:00 Open House @ pm Rev. Ralph's Home	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 3:00 Oasis of Blessing pm Prayer Group	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 6:30 Grief & Loss pm Support Group	9:30 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 1:15 Growth & Care pm Meeting 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	Newsletter Deadline 11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4th Sunday of Advent 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - am Dedication of Pledges 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship - am Christmas Celebration	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	Christmas Eve 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Reom of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 7:00 Christmas Eve pm Worship @ Sanctuary	Christmas Day 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @-Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 2:45 Chancel Choir pm Practice	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Practice am
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				
8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - Amarante am Vasquez Preaching 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Snack & Chat with Rev. Ralph	11:30 Women's Bible am Study & Fellowship 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm 3:00 Oasis of Blessing pm Prayer Group	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph				

PLEASE NOTE:

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 Meetings** – Monday and 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 PracticesThursday2:45 pm Chancel ChoirSanctuarySaturday11:30 am Bell ChoirSanctuary

Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

December			
December 1	Available		
December 8	Molly Bass		
December 15	LaVerna Metzger		
December 22	Donna Beasley		
December 29	Chris Schleter		
January			
January 5	Available		
January 12	Available		
January 19	Available		
January 26 Available			

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

Online Giving

Did you know that you can donate to the church using your credit card? All you need to do is visit our Online Giving page at Vanco.

-On your computer,

visit https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4DK/home

On your smartphone or tablet, Scan this QR Code.



On the giving page, click the button on the appropriate fund to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.

We thank you for your continued support!

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Church Leadership 2024

Session

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	Mary Contreras	435-229-8753	Fellowship	
	Chris Schleter	435-619-2843	Mission/Outreach	
Class of 2025	Celeste Renta	818-370-7892	Christian Ed	
	Ruthanne Skinner	541-510-5660	Worship	
	Tom Contreras	530-440-8484	Building/Grounds	
Class of 2026	Alicia Kitzman	435-272-4614	Growth & Care	

435-414-4286

Stewardship

Deacons

Ray Snipes

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Deacons	Peggy Graber	801-541-7444
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	Gordon Conklin	970-985-9392
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	Melissa Henderson	404-859-2128
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Washington	Marsha Besch	612-817-3605

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