



# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation  
A Member of the Virgin River Presbyterian Fellowship  
Serving Southern Utah since 1988

Partner Congregation to the Evangelical Baptist Church of Dorogobuzh, Russia



611 N 2450 E / PO Box 1499, St. George, UT 84771

Website: [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org)

435-628-9158

Email: [office@gspcsg.org](mailto:office@gspcsg.org)

## October 2023

Volume 18, Issue 9

### In This Issue

- 1 Get Ready for A Busy Fall  
Prayer Concerns; Ruling Elders  
Monthly Scriptures; Welcome New  
Members; Newsletter Deadline;
- 2 Worship Schedule; Pledge and  
Building Fund Updates; Treasurer's  
Report
- 3 Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought  
Prayer Corner; Strand of Pearls  
Prayer Chain; Healing Prayer  
Offered Weekly
- 4 Buildings & Grounds; Christian  
Education; Congregational Growth  
& Care
- 5 Congregational Growth & Care,  
continued; Deacons; Fellowship;  
Mission/Outreach
- 6 Session News; Stewardship;  
Women's Guild
- 7 Worship & Music; Blessed are the  
Peacemakers; Congregation News;  
A Little Church Humor
- 8 October Lectionary; November  
Lectionary
- 9 October Calendar  
Regularly Scheduled Activities;  
Flowers; Online Giving; Church  
Contact Information/Leadership
- 11

## Church Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Ralph Clingan**  
Pastor

**Ruth Ann Horvath**  
Clerk of Session

**Mary Contreras**  
Church Secretary

**Barbara McConnell**  
Music Director

**Stephen Talley**  
Organist

**Rev. Dolores Wiens**  
Strand of Pearls Prayer Chain

**Chris Schleter**  
Website / Newsletter Editor

## Get Ready for A Busy Fall

To say that October is going to be a busy month in the life of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church would be an understatement.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Deacons will be hosting Parish Sunday during post-worship Fellowship. This event will be a soup lunch and each parish will have a table where parish members and their Deacon can join together to enjoy a bowl of soup and get to know each other better. We will also kick off our 2024 Stewardship Campaign as Rev. Ralph speaks to us about the Christian Foundations of Stewardship.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick up one or several shoeboxes, fill them with goodies for children in developing countries and bring them back on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, when we'll dedicate our shoeboxes for 2023. The Knotty Knitters will be 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.

Our fall study and potluck will continue through the month of October. This year's study is on The Case for Christ and, with more than 30 people participating, is our biggest group study in years.

In the Sanctuary at 11:00 am on October 14<sup>th</sup> we'll say farewell to Stella Delgado who passed away in September.

Reformation Sunday is October 29<sup>th</sup> this year. As always, we'll have bagpipes for worship and recognize and commemorate Martin Luther's nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517.

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will also kick off in October as we distribute envelopes to those who want to walk with us to fight hunger both in our area and around the world. With Veteran's Day on the Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> (the traditional date for the CROP Walk), the walk has been moved to November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 10:00 am Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills. We hope that everyone will either walk with us or make a donation 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.

November also brings our annual healing service, the Women's Guild Craft and Bake Sale. With Christmas Eve on a Sunday this year, Advent doesn't begin until December 3<sup>rd</sup>, but we'll decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, to get ready for a joyous Advent and Christmas season.

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

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Tineke Ingold                                  | Gloria McGilloway |
| Barbara Schultzman                             | Cheryl Mansfield  |
| Janice Klein                                   | Molly Bass        |
| Gayle Prentice                                 | Jan Hirschi       |
| Daniel Thomson                                 | Arlene Prinselaar |
| Shirley Taylor                                 | Cathy Overkamp    |
| The Delgado Family                             |                   |
| Tom & Mary Contreras & Colton                  |                   |
| Russell & Luisa Estlack                        |                   |
| The People of Ukraine and Russia               |                   |
| Our partner congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia |                   |
| Those Serving Our Country                      |                   |

### Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Minister of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. Rev. Ralph encourages our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for August were:

Rev. Ralph	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Be reconciled to God
Elder Ruthanne Skinner	Romans 5:3-5	Hope does not disappoint
Elder Chris Schleiter	Psalms 116:1-2	I love the Lord
Elder Alicia Kitzman	Joshua 1:9	Be strong and courageous
Elder Deanna Flores	Psalms 55:22	Cast your cares on the Lord
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Matthew 7:1	Do not judge others
Elder Mary Contreras	Romans 12:9-13	Never avenge yourselves

### Welcome New Members

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

### November Newsletter Deadline October 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

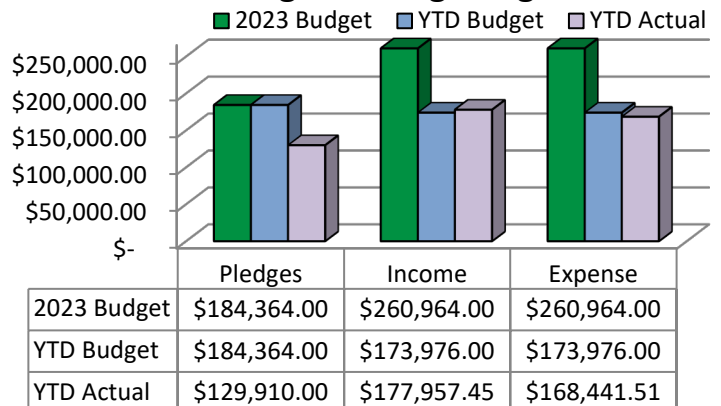
**Goal**  
**\$384,000**  
**Received to Date**  
**\$325,853**  
**Still Needed**  
**\$58,147**

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

## Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of August 31		
Month of August		
Receipts	\$	17,115.50
Expenditures	\$	18,292.56
2023 YTD Budget vs. Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	173,976.00
Actual Receipts	\$	<b>177,957.45</b>
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	173,976.00
Actual Expenditures	\$	<b>168,441.51</b>
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	39,635.47
Building Fund	\$	67,913.01
Memorial Fund	\$	4,533.80
Reserve Fund	\$	46,611.58
Bequests	\$	64,360.94
Russia Mission Fund	\$	2,810.35

### 2023 Budget Through August 31



## Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

*Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, "Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master."*

*Matthew. 25:19-21 (NASB)*



This text is taken from the Parable of the Talents, a parable in the Gospel of Matthew where clearly Jesus is teaching about stewardship. Yes, even Jesus talks about stewardship. In fact he talks about stewardship a lot! He talks about stewardship in terms of service, caring, gifts and yes, even money.

Jesus declared that everything we receive is a gift from God and given to us for a purpose. In the parable of the talents the faithful servant gave his talents in order to make them grow, not for his own benefit but in service to his master. To enter the joy of his master.

There is another servant mentioned in the parable. The unfaithful servant simply buried his talents and returned to the master what he received. The master was not happy! This servant functioned under a "mine is mine and what is God is God's" philosophy. This is not stewardship but self-righteousness that fails badly in the light of the Good News of the Gospel.

Shortly our congregation will enter a time to focus on Stewardship. Note I did not use the word "season". This is because the body of Christ, the church, is continuously in the season of stewardship. This is a very real part of our mission and ministry, the gifts that fuel both.

As we begin to focus on stewardship, in terms of your faith and life, I would ask you to ask yourselves, which kind of servant are you?

*In Christ  
Rev. Ralph*

PS. I want to humbly thank all who supported, by your gifts and support, my recent mission trip to Moldova and Romania. I shared your love with all in that troubled part of the world with whom I shared time. They in turn send their love and gratitude to you. God bless you!



### **\*\* 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 October

Welcome October!  
New Month, new day new life.

May this month bring you  
happiness, love, peace,  
an abundance of blessings,  
satisfaction and victory.

May God fill your life with  
happiness beyond material  
possessions, and may all the  
desires of your heart  
be granted.

May God bless you,  
your family, and all your loved ones  
all the days of your life.

AMEN

Please note that I will be away until October 19<sup>th</sup>. Sue Lundgreen will be taking prayer requests in my absence and relaying those requests to the String of Pearls (prayer chain). She can be reached at (773) 368-3054 or [clysta@me.com](mailto:clysta@me.com). Thank you, Sue.

*Rev. Dolores*

### Strand of Pearls (aka, the Prayer Chain)

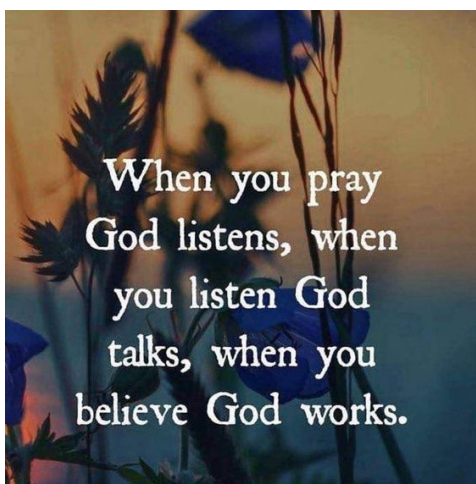
Pearls on our Strand continue to pray actively for those for whom requests have been made as they come in. Updates and thanksgivings are appreciated and will be passed on.

Please call, email or text your requests to Rev. Dolores at 630-890-8343 or [revdfw@icloud.com](mailto: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

Guy Schultzman has gathered a committee to look into further energy efficiency improvements to our buildings and to evaluate the feasibility and best course of action for the church to install a solar electric power system. The committee will be meeting regularly over the next few months and will make recommendations to Session when a plan is in place.

*Tom Contreras*

## Christian Education

**"The true wisdom of man consists in the knowledge of God the Creator and Redeemer."**- John Calvin

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** see the Newsletter Calendar or church website Activity Calendar for a listing and times of all Christian education classes, including the weekly women's studies, weekly men's study, and Monday night Potluck study.

**Adult Sunday School** is studying lessons from the summer The Present Word series. Ruth Ann Horvath will be leading discussions from Unit 2 (July's lessons). Come find out Jesus' kingdom teachings as found in the gospel of Matthew... every Sunday in the CE building from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

**Monthly Women's Bible Study** continues the series, lead by Charlotte Phipps and Darlene Wylie Baxter, 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 wisdom, don't miss this chance at 11:30 on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> in Conklin Hall.

**GSPC Book Club** meets Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the CE Building. Bring your lunch and join these enthusiastic readers as they discuss the book of the month. The book title for October 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 March 4-15, 2024. Registration deadline is October 20, 2023. For more details check the Christian Education bulletin board in Conklin Hall, near the kitchen door.

*Deanna Flores*

## Congregational Growth & Care

On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon, please join us in Conklin Hall for lunch - BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) - when Chaplain Daniel Flores, a member of our church, will help us explore what's involved in "Successful Aging." As we have mentioned previously, the desire for discussion of this topic came out of the results of the Christian Education Survey conducted earlier this year. As a Chaplain, Ordained Minister, Life Coach, Marriage and Family Counselor, Daniel is eminently qualified to be our speaker. In describing his talk, he states, "We all age but we don't all age the same due to genetics, life-style habits, thoughts, emotions and attitudes." He invites us to "come and learn from the latest research and ancient wisdom, the insights and practices that can give you the best advantage in the aging process."

If you missed it, on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, in a special session of his usual bi-weekly Exercise Class, Rev. Ralph spoke to us about how to avoid Slips, Trips and Falls. We learned that there is preemptive behavior we may take which can lessen our chances of suffering a possibly debilitating fall. He led us through a series of exercises which don't require special equipment and yet will help strengthen our body's core muscles, provide stability and promote better body conditioning for maintaining our balance and strength. One such exercise is simply practicing coming to a standing position from sitting in a straight chair. Also very important - and if you are able - is to practice getting yourself off the floor in the event you should fall when no one else is available for immediate help. We also learned that we can do much to prevent falls in our own homes by creating safe zones where we have:

- cleared clutter from our walkways
- provided adequate lighting in frequented areas
- installed and are using handrails where needed - especially bathrooms and stairs
- ensured that area rugs and bath mats are skid proof and not tripping hazards

## Congregational Growth & Care, continued

Wearing sturdy footwear can provide a more secure base for walking as can pausing a moment after standing to be certain your body is stable and alert before proceeding. Be sure your view is unobstructed when walking and that you can see your way clearly if you are carrying objects.

An accident, by definition, is an incident which happens unexpectedly or unintentionally. Lessen your chances of being that "accident waiting to happen." Be aware, be prepared, be proactive!

And an important "Save the Date" - Sign up sheets are available in Conklin Hall for our semi-annual CPR Refresher Course for the Non-Professional to be held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in Conklin Hall. The use of the AED Emergency equipment will also be reviewed. The cost is \$30 per person to be paid to our instructor, Rob Hooper. All are welcome, whether you are renewing your certificate or taking the course for the first time. As the final thought in the paragraph above states - "an accident is an incident which happens unexpectedly or unintentionally." An incident requiring CPR is unexpected and certainly unintentional. If necessary, would you be Prepared and able to be Proactive in rendering aid? The life you could save just might be that of a loved one or friend. See you on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Alicia Kitzman*

## Deacons

Your Deacons are looking forward to spending time with the members of their parishes during our annual Parish Sunday on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Each parish will have a table or tables where all can gather to enjoy a lunch of soup and catch up. We sometimes don't have as much contact with other members of our parishes as we would like, and this is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy each other's company.

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

With fall in the air, it's time to get this church year going in earnest. We will have a number of Fellowship events throughout the fall, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> with Parish Sunday and our first Stewardship luncheon. The Deacons will be providing soup for this luncheon, and we are asking you to bring bread or cookies to go along with the soups.

Our second Stewardship luncheon will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This luncheon will be a traditional potluck and sign-up sheets will be available for you to let us know what you are bringing. The 29<sup>th</sup> is also Reformation Sunday but be assured that haggis will not be on the menu.

Our usual Thanksgiving Brunch on November 19<sup>th</sup> will also mark our final Stewardship luncheon for 2023. As always, we'll provide the turkey and we ask you to bring the sides, salads and desserts.

I hope each of you will join us for these enjoyable events. There is no fellowship without you!

*Mary Contreras*

## Mission/Outreach

**Navajo Bookmobile:** We have received a number of donations to the Navajo Bookmobile project. If you would like to help them fill their bookmobile, please drop a check in the offering plate and note Bookmobile on the memo line.

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

**Operation Christmas Child:** Donna Beasley reports that the Knotty Knitters have begun packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Boxes are available on the table in Conklin Hall for you to pack 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Chris Schleiter*

## Session News

Session held their monthly meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The following actions were taken:

- Approved to receive Wayne and Cherie Torok into the membership of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.
- Approved to set a Called Congregational Meeting on September 17, 2023, to hear a report from the Nominating Committee to nominate Dottie Amland as a member at large of the 2023 Nominating Committee.
- Approved to appoint Mary Contreras as secretary for the church. She will work 9 am to 1 pm on Wednesdays and ½ hour on Fridays.

The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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 in conjunction with Parish Sunday on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Ralph will present a short program about the Christian foundations of stewardship.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 Italian Dinner was a great success! Thanks to everyone who made food, set up, cleaned up and came and ate.

We are now getting ready to have our annual bake/rummage sale. We will set up on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the sale will start Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll be accepting any used household items that you may want to donate. I can pick them up or they can be brought to the church or dropped off at my house. We also need baked items; we will have a sign-up sheet in Conklin Hall within the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

*LaVerna Metzger*

## Worship & Music

The Chancel and Bell Choirs are once again bringing music to us. If you would like to be part of these choirs, please contact Barbara McConnell. Music is a very important part of our worship time.

We can always use ushers and we appreciate those who serve on a regular basis!

*Ruthanne Skinner*

### **Blessed Are the Peacemakers for they will be called sons of God**

We were greeted by the mother at the front gate of her family home. Through Natalia our translator, she shared her family's story and situation. Like thousands of others when the war devastated their home and village they fled across the border into Moldova. Since there were five in the family and youngest child had a disability, the father was allowed to leave Ukraine with his family. It was here that the mother broke down and wept, sharing their nineteen-year-old son had to remain behind and serve in the military. They do speak periodically but he cannot share his location because "the enemy is listening."

Currently, all males 16 or older must remain and serve in the military.

It was at this time the other children dared to approach, including a six-year-old boy who is hearing impaired. Thanks to our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and our partner in the area, he was sporting his new hearing aid which enables him to participate in online school and special education.

He approached me and bent down to which he immediately struck out his hand for me to shake with a broad smile. For a while as we talked with his family, he took my hand and then disappeared and returned with a small piece of colored fabric with several letters on it which he placed in my hand. A small gift which for myself had great meaning.

The father has been able to find employment in the area, however, it does not pay well but it helps. The mother then showed us proudly the chickens they had been raising that help both with income and food for the family, again provided through PDA. I guess in a way they were Presbyterian chickens!

As we pulled away in our van the family gathered by the gate and my little friend made the hand sign of a heart, which was returned by all of us.

A number of you have asked for me to share my experiences on my recent mission trip to Moldova, this is but one of many.

*Rev. Ralph*

## Congregation News

### **Fellowship of Christian Sympathy**

We extend the Fellowship of Christian Sympathy to Bill Delgado and the family on the death of Stella Delgado. She will be missed by all of us. A memorial service will be held for Stella in the Sanctuary on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

### **A Little Church Humor**



**WOW, IT'S NOT JUST PRESBYTERIANS!**



## 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

## 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



## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Parish Sunday</b> <b>Solomon's Porch Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery 10:30 Communion am Worship <b>11:45 Fellowship - am Parish Sunday / Stewardship Luncheon</b>	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Study &amp; Potluck - pm The Case for Christ</b>	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group pm</b>	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. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am <b>1:00 Women's Guild Meeting pm</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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 <b>12:00 Session Meeting Noon</b>	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Study &amp; Potluck - pm The Case for Christ</b>	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	<del>11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset</del> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	9:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal am <b>11:00 Memorial Service am for Stella Delgado</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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 <b>11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken</b>	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Study &amp; Potluck - pm The Case for Christ</b>	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm <b>6:30 Grief &amp; Loss Support Group pm</b>	<b>9:30 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's on Sunset <b>1:15 Growth &amp; Care pm Committee Meeting</b> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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	1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Study &amp; Potluck - pm The Case for Christ</b>	<b>9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting am</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm	11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	11:00 Men's Bible Study am @ Bishop's on Sunset <b>11:00 Book Club am</b> <b>12:00 Coping with Aging with Noon Chaplain Daniel Flores</b> 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm 3:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal pm	12:00 Al-Anon Meeting Noon	<b>9:30 Session Retreat am</b> 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal am
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
<b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:45 Prayer Service with am Communion 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 10:30 Children's Sunday am School & Nursery <b>11:45 Fellowship - am Stewardship Luncheon</b>	<b>11:30 Women's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship am</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm <b>5:30 Study &amp; Potluck - pm The Case for Christ</b>	<b>Halloween</b> 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @Desert Vista Room of the Legacy Village 3:00 Exercise with Rev. Ralph pm				

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website [gspcsg.org](http://gspcsg.org) for the latest information.**

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

**Solomon's Porth Sunday** – Contributions of food, supplies and cash for Solomon's Porth – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Exercise with Rev. Ralph</b>	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Bishop's Grill on Sunset
<b>Women's Bible Studies</b>	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
<b>Choir Practices</b>	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	Saturday	11:30 am Bell Choir	Sanctuary

### Flowers

Thanks to those who provide our flowers for worship!

#### October

October 1	<i>Available</i>
October 8	<b>Russ &amp; Candy Hurlbut</b>
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>

Sign up for Flowers on the bulletin board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our website [gspscsq.org](http://gspscsq.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!**

## Church Contact Information

Office Hours	Wed. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Office Phone/Fax	435-628-9158
Office Email	<a href="mailto:office@gspscsq.org">office@gspscsq.org</a>
Pastor's Office Hours	Mon to Thu – 9:15 am – 10:30 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeks by Afternoon Appointment Only
Pastor's Cell	435-705-1867
Pastor's Email	<a href="mailto:pastor@gspscsq.org">pastor@gspscsq.org</a>
Prayer Chain	Rev. Dolores Wiens 630-890-8343
Music Director	Barbara McConnell
Website	<a href="http://gspscsq.org">gspscsq.org</a>
Newsletter email	<a href="mailto:newsletter@gspscsq.org">newsletter@gspscsq.org</a>
Website / Newsletter Editor	Chris Schleter
Information on Stephen Ministry	<a href="http://www.stephenministries.org">www.stephenministries.org</a>

## Church Leadership 2023

### Session

Class of 2023	Alicia Kitzman 435-272-4614	Growth & Care
	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

### Deacons

Parish	Deacon	Phone
Deacons	Peggy Graber Moderator	801-541-7444
Bloomington	Candy Hurlbut	435-879-9394
Bloomington Hills	John Graber	801-608-4158
Hurricane	Sue Lundgreen	778-368-3054
Quail Creek	Marilyn Conklin	928-460-0608
Red Cliffs	Ann McLuckie	435-680-1062
Santa Clara/Ivins	Jesse Henderson	404-859-3408
	Melissa Henderson	404-859-2128
Sun River	Mona Johnson	408-799-7166
Washington	Ka-Wai Yu	812-340-2184



Scan this QR code on your Smartphone or Tablet to visit our website.

An electronic version of this newsletter is available on our website.

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
611 N 2450 E  
PO Box 1499  
Saint George UT 84771-1499

Address Service Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
US POSTAGE PAID  
ST. GEORGE, UT  
PERMIT NO. 675

**If you are not a member of the church and no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please let us know by emailing [newsletter@gspcsg.org](mailto:newsletter@gspcsg.org) and we will remove you from our mailing list. Thank you.**

**gspcsg.org**

The newsletter is also available on our website