



# GVPC Happenings

AUGUST 2021

## A Time for Joy

Charles Dickens begins his novel, “A Tale of Two Cities,” with a powerful summary of life in Victorian England: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...” These days I find myself thinking how applicable Dickens’ line is for our time. As we continue to navigate our way through an ongoing pandemic, certainly all of us have battled feelings of frustration, disappointment, or even tears. The loss of what once was is only too real. Sometimes it’s hard not to be disheartened, impatient, or concerned. When I look around our church, however, I cannot deny the evidence of blessings and joy; and for this I give God enormous thanks.

Although our Sanctuary is far from full on Sunday mornings, each week I find myself giving thanks for the many new visitors who are eager to learn more about our church. Of interest, many of our recent new members discovered our church this past year through our social media

ministry and livestream services.

In July we offered our first New Members’ Inquirers Class since the beginning of the pandemic. What a joy it was to greet 16 men and women who were ready and excited to learn more about GVPC and church membership. As individuals shared personal stories of faith, I was filled with gratitude for the evidence of God’s work of grace. I am confident you will share my joy as you get to know these wonderful new members that God has grafted into our church family.

On Sunday, July 18 we enjoyed our first potluck dinner in more than a year. The excitement in the room was palpable as we broke bread together, and what a feast it was! Our Fellowship Committee went out of their way to make sure our gathering was a success; and as always, their hospitality was first-class.

As we near the beginning of a new school year, it is exciting to see the families with youth who are returning

to church on Sunday mornings and participating in our youth programs. This year’s “Destination Unknown” on July 16 attracted twelve students, all of whom were first-time participants in what was an abbreviated one-day event exploring local attractions.

As always, I am filled with gratitude for the faithfulness of this congregation as you give back to God through the ministries of this church. Throughout this pandemic we have been able to continually support our partner ministries and mission agencies. All of this is possible because of your conviction that God has blessed us to be blessing.

Certainly all of us long to return to what once was, but in the midst of enormous change and challenge, God’s continued hand of blessing on our lives and our church is evident. And for this, we, too, can say, “It was the best of times...”

With Gratitude and Joy,

*Pastor Adrian*

### Inside this issue:

<i>Money Matters</i>	2
<i>Financial Statement</i>	2
<i>Senior Resources</i>	3
<i>Youth Connection</i>	3
<i>Backpack Offering</i>	4
<i>CARE for AIDS</i>	4
<i>Gingerbread Fair</i>	4

## Fellowship Event - Super Summer Theater

The GVPC Fellowship Committee invites everyone to Super Summer Theater at Spring Mountain Ranch for an evening of fun and oldies featuring the musical “Smokey Joe’s Café” on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

“Smokey Joe’s Café” features the music of the legendary songwriters, Leiber and Stroller, and includes classic songs like “On Broadway,” “Stand by Me,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “Hound Dog,” “Love Potion No. 9,” “Spanish Harlem,” “Yakety Yak” and “Charlie Brown.”

Tickets are \$17.50 each and will be available for purchase in the Narthex on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a picnic basket and enjoy an evening under the stars.

*The Fellowship Committee*

## Monthly Money Matters-August 2021

The Financial Statement for June 2021 shows that the total income of \$401,356 exceeds total expense of \$306,468 for a net positive cash flow of \$94,888 for the year. Total expense for the year is \$61,240 lower than the 2021 budget. The major savings in expense versus the budget are staff positions currently not filled. In addition, both the Worship and Music and Christian Education Committees have spent less than their 2021 budget year to date.

### Tax Saving Opportunity for Those Over 70 ½

For those of you who take the standard deduction at tax reporting time there is a tax savings way to contribute to GVPC. It is called a

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You must be at least 70 ½ years old at the time you request a QCD. You can make a contribution to GVPC by taking the funds out of a Traditional IRA or an Inherited IRA and having your IRA custodian issue a check from your IRA **payable directly to GVPC**. You can request the check be mailed to GVPC, or forward the check to GVPC yourself. If the distribution check is made payable to you, it would be treated as taxable income. The charitable deduction amount can be excluded from your Adjusted Gross Income when you file your taxes. You cannot take a charitable tax deduction on Schedule A if you elect to take the deduction as an exclusion in your adjusted gross income. If you elect to send a QCD directly to the church,

please send a letter or email to our Financial Manager, Carol Johnson at [caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com), to notify her that a check will be mailed to the church. Let her know the name of the IRA custodian, the amount of the check, and what account or accounts to which the donation should be credited.

*Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair  
Administration Committee*

Financial Statement --June 2021					
Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense		
	Year- to-Date				
	Actual	Budget			YTD Actual
Offerings	\$396,953	\$374,265	Building Fund Offerings		\$1,550
Cell Tower Utilities	\$4,308	\$4,850	Building Fund Transfers		\$5,000
Other Income	\$95	\$0	<b>Total Income</b>		\$6,550
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$401,356</b>	<b>\$379,115</b>	Expenses		
Total Expense	\$306,468	\$367,708		Building Fund	\$7,429
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$94,888</b>	<b>\$11,407</b>	Total Expense		\$7,429
			<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>		<b>(\$879)</b>
Temporary Restricted Funds	June	2021	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$42,136</b>
Beginning Balance	\$91,010	\$78,450			
Restricted Income	\$8,260	\$65,954	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$319,150</b>
Restricted Expense	\$19,194	\$64,328	<b>Mission Develop Certificates</b>		<b>\$79,687</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$80,076</b>	<b>\$80,076</b>	<b>Total Synod Investments</b>		<b>\$398,837</b>
<b>Checking Account Balances</b>					
	<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$297,680</b>			
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$80,076</b>			

---

## Senior Resource Article

Step-by- step, the activities that I coordinate at GVPC are beginning again and I am finding that people are ready. We have had good attendance at our first two Bunco Days and our first Ladies' Lunch. We have also added new people to our rosters for each event. Here is an update on some of my activities.

**Bunco** has started back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel welcome to join us for our next date on Thursday, August 19.

The **Ladies' Lunch** on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am will be held at

The Willows at Sun City McDonald Ranch, 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson. To RSVP or for more information, please contact me at (702) 558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

The **Meals Ministry Freezer** has been in operation during the entire pandemic. The food is available for those who are ill, homebound, or in a situation where cooking is a challenge. We are always looking for cooks to help fill the freezer.

**CareNotes** are still available in the Narthex. Please help yourself to these helpful little booklets on a wide variety of topics.

**Shopping at Chico's with Anna Mae** is a special event held periodically. Working with our own Anna Mae Wood, we are in the planning stages of possibly having another shopping day in October.

For further information on any of these activities, please contact me by email at [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net) or (702) 558-7829. The most updated information can be found in the bulletin each week.

*Linda Rauenbuehler*  
*Director of Congregational Care*

---

## Presbyterian Youth Connection

What an interesting year its been. We've learned new ways of staying connected through Zoom and outdoor youth meetings. As much as we've grown as a youth group, there is nothing quite like the opportunity to get together for special events. Looking at the calendar, we have plenty of fun activities planned for our junior and senior high youth.

Our first event outside the walls of GVPC was Destination Unknown on July 16 and the trip did not disappoint. Twelve of our youth joined the youth of Grace Presbyterian Church as we set out on adventures 'unknown' to the youth until we arrived at our destination. Our youth took a ride on the railway in Boulder City, visited Brainstorm inside Area 15, put their faith to the test with a Ropes Adventure Course in the Miracle Mile, and then fought to stay awake as we watched "You're A Good Man Charlie

Brown" at Spring Mountain Ranch. It was a wonderful, fun filled day of fellowship!

Now we gear up for the start of the school year and all the adventures that may come with it. We are eager for the next year in our youth program at GVPC and invite all 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth to attend our weekly meetings. We meet on Sunday afternoon from 12:00 - 2:00 pm in the C.E. Building.

There will be a Parents Meeting on August 1 to discuss some of the various events and activities that will take place this year. We are requesting help for NASCAR Weekend, a fund-raising opportunity for the GVPC youth. The youth and leaders will be setting up and selling at 4 merchandise trailers at the September NASCAR Race. A portion of the proceeds from the merchandise sales goes to the

GVPC youth program for future activities.

As you look to months ahead, please join us at the following Fall activities:

- August 14 – Cosmic Bowling at Sunset Station from 5:00 -7:00 pm.
- September 18 – NASCAR Setup.
- September 24-26 – NASCAR Race Weekend.
- October 29 - 30 – Lock-in at Grace Presbyterian Church.

I look forward to a new Fall season filled with great activities and opportunities to learn more about God's love.

*Kerry Radke*  
*Interim Director of Youth Ministry*  
(702) 454-8484 Office  
(702) 281-4950 Cell

---

## Backpack Offering

What a blessing it is that students will be returning to school this year in the classroom! GVPC has long supported the Backpack Offering in supplying backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary, middle, and high school at risk students in our area public schools. This fall there is a greater need for backpacks because of the many families who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. The Missions Backpack Committee has been working diligently in purchasing backpacks and supplies in bulk, as well as shopping locally for special pricing on school supplies.

Our goal this year is 312 backpacks for students at 14 schools, as well as school supplies for the teachers. The Missions Committee asks that you prayerfully consider donating to this local mission to help get these students off to a promising new school year. You can donate by check to GVPC, by cash in offering envelope, or online at [www.greenvalleypres.com](http://www.greenvalleypres.com) by selecting the fund "Backpack Drive". Just as important, we also need your help in assembling and delivering backpacks! If you are interested in serving, call the church office at (702) 454-8484 and a member of the Missions Committee

will contact you.

As stated in Proverbs 14:31: "Those who are kind to the needy honor Him." Let's honor our Lord by helping those less fortunate through volunteering and providing the tools students need to learn and succeed.

In Christ's Service,  
*The Missions Committee*

---

## Missions Report - CARE for AIDS

Africa has been particularly hard hit by the HIV crisis. There are many non-government organizations, both secular and Christian, that have responded by establishing orphanages to care for the children left behind.

CARE for AIDS, a Christian organization which GVPC supports, has taken a different approach. Their purpose is to prevent orphans. They do this by giving individuals infected with HIV the tools they need to live

successful lives. These tools are taught in 9-week sessions that the individuals attend. These sessions provide emotional support, teach economic skills, teach physical care, and offer spiritual lessons.

At graduation, the clients are better equipped to care for themselves so they do not succumb to the virus; they can support themselves through marketable skills they learned and overcome the stigma HIV carries with their families

and neighbors and live a life of faith if they have made that decision.

The sessions are offered in 71 centers located in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. To date CARE for AIDS has graduated 22,325 individuals; 5354 faith decisions have been made and 70,729 orphans have been prevented!

GVPC is proud to be a part of this effective and successful ministry.

---

## Gingerbread Fair Committee

Plan now to attend our  
2021 GINGERBREAD FAIR!!!  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 9  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm in  
the Fellowship Hall!!!

We will be offering a variety of handcrafted items for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There will be many items appropriate for gift giving throughout the year. The many kitchen items are always popular and very useful.

Our Pantry will be back with many varieties of homemade goodies.

The Raffle will offer some unique

items, and you do not need to be present to win! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in late September before and after worship services.

The Gaede homemade jams, jellies and pickles are always very popular. They will no doubt have a table at the fair that is easy to spot.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!!