



GVPC Happenings

AUGUST 2020

Looking Forward

We are all missing our worship services and are eagerly looking forward to the time we can gather together again. Your Executive Committee and your Session have been planning for that day by developing plans to stay safe while gathering.

We will adhere to strict social distancing guidelines including use of hand sanitizer, wearing of face coverings and maintaining 6 foot distance between people, except for those living in the same household. In order to maintain 6 foot spacing and accommodate all the people, you will be directed to specific seats within the Sanctuary. We are managing the seating to minimize the possibility of violating social distancing protocols.

There will also be several changes to the worship service itself:

- It is likely there will be a limit on the number of people that can attend any given service. If so, reservations will be required so we can manage the number of people in each service and also give everyone an opportunity to worship in the Sanctuary.
- The service will be streamlined and look very much like the services currently being livestreamed on Sunday. Both Sunday morning services will be livestreamed.
- Bulletins will not be available in the Sanctuary. We will continue to publish the bulletin via email and the church website.
- All articles which might be touched by multiple people including bibles, hymnals, attendance pads, etc. have been removed from the pews.
- There will not be a choir and congregational singing will be discouraged. Numerous studies have found that singing projects respiratory particles much further than normal speaking.
- Offering plates will not be passed. Baskets will be placed at the entrances and exits for your offerings.
- Communion will not be observed. A virtual communion that would be livestreamed separately from the worship service is a possibility.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely with a commitment to re-open for in-person worship as soon as our Executive Committee and Session concur that it is prudent to do so. Until then, please join us Sundays at 10:00 am via our livestream worship service on Facebook and the church website.

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Gingerbread Fair Committee

Covid-19 has certainly changed our daily lives for far too long.

In these uncertain times we have had to make a hard decision and cancel the Gingerbread Fair this year.

We hope that if you are making items for the fair that you call Cindy Brum at (702) 434-3254 or Pam Yates (702) 912-0438

and we will make arrangements to meet you and take your items to the committee's storage unit. Please pack your priced items securely into a closed box with your name and item list inside.

We look forward to a time when we can get back together and meet once again,

sharing our lives with one another.

Until then craft away; be safe; stay healthy.

Pam Yates
GBF Committee

Session Highlights

On March 16, Session approved a motion to form an Executive Committee to respond to the quickly unfolding coronavirus issues. The Executive Committee has been meeting regularly and is monitoring the statistics and recommendations of the various authorities to determine when on-site services can resume. Listed below are actions of note:

WORSHIP:

Church services, Sunday School and Youth Group were suspended on March 16th.

Policies and protocols for re-opening the church for Worship Services have been drafted for use when it is safe to resume in person worship.

Jaromy Russo was hired to assist Vinnie Camuglia with the livestreaming of the Sunday morning worship service. It is not feasible for one person to operate all the equipment for livestreaming. Vinnie and Jaromy have done an outstanding job and we are deeply thankful for their crucial role in continuing our services.

The purchase of a new computer for the AV system was approved (the current computer did not meet the technical requirements for livestreaming.)

The construction of a platform next to the sound booth for the two video cameras was approved and is under construction.

PROPERTY:

Various policies and expenditures have been approved regarding the cleaning of the premises.

Expenditures to repair leaks in the Sanctuary roof were approved and repairs completed.

Policies regarding small group meetings on property have been drafted for use when it is safe for our church groups to resume meeting.

A policy to suspend all outside group meetings (AA, NA, TOPS, etc.) until at least 2021 was approved.

MISSIONS:

Approval of a motion to conduct a backpack offering for local schools.

The Henderson Food Bank closed and asked us to re-direct our giving. Funds earmarked

for the Henderson Food Bank have been re-directed to the Salvation Army and the GVPC Secret Angel Fund.

Regular payments to our mission partners have continued.

PERSONNEL:

The Director of Music Ministries, the Director of Children's Ministries and the Nursery Attendant have unfortunately been laid off due to lack of work.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The production of a virtual Vacation Bible School was approved, which was a tremendous success! (see Christian Education on pg.3)

We appreciate the faith you have placed in us during this uncertain time. Your prayers for guidance and for protection of the church are appreciated.

Missions - Backpack Offering and Friends in the Desert

BACKPACK OFFERING - It is back to school time for the Clark Co. school district on August 24th, which means we are asking for your financial support to purchase backpacks and supplies for elementary and middle school students in need. Why are backpacks needed if the kids are home doing school online? The school district will be evaluating monthly whether to send the kids back to school, so, if they have backpacks, they will be ready to go. This also helps them keep their school

items organized and separate from the rest of the household. Finally, a backpack will give the students a sense of normalcy in an otherwise abnormal world and perhaps hope that they will be heading off to school soon. With all the layoffs taking place in our valley, your contributions will help the most vulnerable in our area schools. You may give online or mail in a check with "backpack" written in the memo. Our drive ends August 9th.

The Missions Committee Thanks You for your support!

FRIENDS IN THE DESERT -We never stopped our monthly feeding of the homeless at St. Timothy's in Henderson. We now deliver fresh cooked food and the staff there serves "to go" meals. We also provide toiletry bags as well as clothing and shoes. Your financial donations are much appreciated; please note FITD in the check memo. We would happily receive gently used clothing and shoes. You can drop off the items in the foyer of the administration building. Thank you!



Christian Education

As our children and youth navigate these difficult times, we are working hard to provide the tools to encourage them, grow their faith, and stay connected in new ways as we look forward to the day when we can meet again in person.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION

- Weekly Zoom meeting on Sunday afternoon with Kerry Radke.
- Inspirational messages posted on the Youth Group Facebook page.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Weekly mailings of age-appropriate Sunday School lessons.

- Weekly Zoom Sunday School with Kaymen Carter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Held online June 22-26 with 100 participants.
- Daily video produced by GVPC with coordinating materials mailed to students.

DRIVE-THRU GRADUATION CELEBRATION

- Recognition of our 2020 graduates with photos, balloons, cheers, gifts and more. Congratulations to all!

Christian Education on



CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact Kaymen Carter at kaymencarter@greenvalleypres.com for instructions to join. Contact the church office at (702) 454-8484 to receive the weekly lesson by mail too!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION

Contact Kerry Radke at youth@greenvalleypres.com to sign up for weekly Zoom Youth Group meetings. Be sure to join the GVPC Youth Ministry page too!

Thank You

The following are thanks from some of our GVPC children and youth:

Dear GVPC,
Thank you for holding a graduation parade last Sunday. It really meant a lot to my brother and I. I can't wait to use my Starbucks gift card to buy a Frappuccino. God bless, Joe Steidel

Dear GVPC:
Thank you for the multiple graduation gifts and well wishes you've given me. I'm glad to be part of this church family.
Love, Danny Hart

Dear GVPC:
Thank you for the graduation parade and gift bag. I love the Snickers. I hid the candy so nobody would eat it.
Thank you!!! Ben Steidel

Dear Pastor Adrian and GVPC staff,
Thanks for the amazing VBS program and McDonalds gift card. We appreciate all the planning and hard work!
What a fun week!
Love, Cameron Chapin and family

Congratulations

We congratulate and celebrate with Linda Rauenbuehler upon her completion of all requirements for the Older Adult Ministry (OAM) Certificate from Columbia Theological Seminary.

A letter from The Rev. Dr. Sarah F. Erickson from Columbia explains: "The OAM course of study prepares individuals to more fully engage in older adult ministry in their family network,

faith community, and community as a whole. . . . Linda successfully completed the four core courses and Capstone Project. Each course required pre-course reading, a course project, classroom participation and evaluation. Linda's Capstone Project, Keeping the Homebound, Partially Homebound and Temporarily Homebound Connected to Your Church, included close reading of at least 20 articles related to her topic designed to enhance her ability to serve this segment of our congregation." Dr. Erickson concludes "I appreciate how Green Valley

Presbyterian is attentive to ministry among older adults, through their support of Linda and her inclusion on your staff. May God continue to bless the mission and ministries of the Green Valley Church, the older adult ministry there and within the Presbytery."

Congratulations Linda! We are very proud of your accomplishments, celebrate with you and appreciate all you do for GVPC!

Money Matters - July 2020

It has been 3 ½ months since we have been able to gather as a congregation. Some of you may have wondered about the finances of the church during this time. We are glad to be able to report that the church has been well supported by the generous and faithful offerings from all of you in the congregation. As you can see in the spreadsheet, our income exceeds the budget while our expenses are running well under budget. (A copy of the detailed monthly financial report is available at the church office.)

The good financial situation we are experiencing has allowed us to implement some very positive changes in the face of this unprecedented pandemic situation. We have made some prudent reductions in

expenses but have not had to take any drastic measures.

God has led us in some new directions that we may not have traveled except for the pandemic. He does work in mysterious and wonderful ways.

- We have quickly implemented and developed our livestreaming capability so we can continue worship services for our congregation and others who join us from around the world.
- We developed and mounted a virtual Vacation Bible School that was enjoyed by approximately 100 students including some from Grace Presbyterian Church.

- We have continued support of our mission partners including:
 - * Care for Aids, Africa.
 - * One Another Missions, Costa Rica.
 - * Victory Christian Fellowship, Jamaica.
 - * Missions of the Nevada Presbytery.
 - * Friends in the Desert.
 - * Salvation Army of Southern Nevada food program.

Thank you to all of you who have been so faithful.

Blessings,
Allen Randle and Connie Mulick

Fall Concert Series - Livestreamed

GREEN VALLEY
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Concert Series

FALL | SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH | 7PM

SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7PM
ALEX CLEMENTS
Modern jazz pianist and composer, Alex Clements, presents Another Fall, a collection of originals and favorites from the American Songbook

OCTOBER 10 AT 7PM
THE TIERNEY BROTHERS
Internationally acclaimed vocalists, Michael and Andrew Tierney, present an evening of soulful songs of inspiration

NOVEMBER 14 AT 7PM
JEREMY RUSSO & JAE-AHN BENTON
Accomplished cellist, Jeremy Russo, and pianist, Jae-Ahn Benton, present a program of all-Russian music

Livestreamed at 7PM PST on Facebook Live and greenvalleypres.com

Freewill Offerings will be accepted to support our talented musicians

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Current Income and Expense			
		July	YTD
Offerings		\$466,864	\$445,750
Cell Tower		\$5,028	\$4,725
Utilities			
Other Income		\$508	\$2,041
Total Income		\$472,401	\$452,516
Total Expense		\$363,925	\$447,616
Net Income/(Loss)		\$108,476	\$4,900
Checking Acct. Balance			
Operating Fund		\$348,102	
Restricted Fund		\$76,390	
Bldg. Fund		\$45,449	
Checking			