



# GVPC Happenings

MAY 2021

## From the Pastor's Desk

As I stood in the courtyard on Sunday morning greeting GVPC worshippers, I was nearly dumbstruck by the sincerity in which a high school student greeted me with a big bear hug and exclaimed, "Finally, we get to hug each other!" I suspect it was his way of saying, "I've missed my church family!" For so much of the past year I felt just like this young man; I longed for that sacramental moment each Sunday when a pastor gets to exchange greetings with his flock. Those brief conversations are often sacred as we assure each other of our prayers, concern, and love. What a joy and blessing it is to see so many of you on Sunday mornings as we return to in-person worship services.

Although it might seem like we have a long way to get back to what was once "normal," how thankful all of us can be for the numerous ways in which are now able to reopen our church campus for activities, fellowship, meetings, and worship services. For the first time in over a year, our GVPC concert series will resume in-person concerts. Our spring and summer concerts feature a wonderful lineup of gifted musicians. Organist and pianist, Amy Smith presented "To God Be

the Glory" on Thursday, May 13; harpist Yvonne Cox will offer an evening of classics from the harp repertoire on Thursday, June 10; and Kaymen Carter will showcase an evening of Patriotic Favorites on Thursday, July 1. And speaking of music, I can't wait to hear the Chancel choir as they resume rehearsals this month and prepare to return to our Sunday morning worship services. If you've never been a part of a choir, but you've always wanted to sing with a group of accomplished musicians, this is your chance to lend your voice.

On Sunday, June 6 our Christian Education Committee is planning to return to Sunday School programming during the 10:30 am worship service for children grades K-5. In order to do this successfully we need volunteers from the congregation who are willing to make an investment of one or two Sundays this summer to assist our teachers. Please reach out to the church office or one of our CE Elders, Katherine Rowley or Sherri Brewer, if you are available to assist. This summer our Interim Youth Director, Kerry Radke, is planning for some exciting social events that will follow all social distancing mandates and allow our youth to join together for fellowship and fun.

All of us have missed the wonderful

social events that are so much a part of the life and culture of GVPC. Fortunately, our wonderful Fellowship Committee is already looking into several events including an evening at Super Summer Theater and a possible Food Truck event in the church parking lot. Also, Linda Rauenbuehler, our Director of Congregational Care, is busy making plans for a resumption of social events including Bunco and the monthly Ladies Lunch gathering.

As summer begins to dawn across the desert, why not take the opportunity to create your own social events with members of the congregation you've been wanting to get to know, a recent visitor, or friends you haven't seen in a long time. How I have enjoyed the opportunities I've had in recent weeks to share rich conversation and the gift of laughter over a meal with friends.

I can't wait to enjoy this summer with all of you as we cherish what we once took for granted, the gift of being with each other.

With Gratitude and Joy,  
Pastor Adrian

## Monthly Money Matters-May 2021

The Financial Statement for April 2021 displayed below shows that the total income of \$289,860 exceeds total expense of \$201,570 for a net positive cash flow of \$88,290. Total expense for the year is \$42,397 lower than the 2021 budget. The major savings in expense versus the budget is staff positions not filled. Due to our Worship and Christian Education programs pretty much in a pause, those committees have spent very little of their budget. We are currently showing a temporary savings in Missions due to the timing of the budget versus the actual amount spent.

We are very grateful that the congregation has continued to make contributions to the Operating Fund

during this pandemic timeframe even though we have not been able to have in-person attendance at full capacity. Giving to the Operating Fund Offerings in the January through April period over the past few years is as follows:

2018	\$263,336 plus \$38,940 to the Building Fund for a total of \$302,276
2019	\$307,644
2020	\$275,448
2021	\$286,067

Operating Fund Expenses during the January through April timeframe have been lower since March 15, 2020 because of the reduced program activity due to the pandemic as follows:

2018	\$247,839 plus \$19,490 for the Building Fund Mortgage for a total of \$267,329
2019	\$222,031
2020	\$215,560
2021	\$201,570

Our Checking Account Balance of \$291,031 is up \$1,664 over the balance at the end of April 2020. The Custodial Fund Balance of \$318,610 is up \$152,326 over the balance at the end of April 2020. This increase is due to transferring \$150,000 of excess funds from the Chase Checking Account on December 22, 2020 in order to earn 1% of interest on this money.

Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair  
Administration Committee

Financial Statement -- April 2021					
Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
		Year- to-Date			
		Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	
Offerings		\$286,067	\$257,516	Offerings	
Cell Tower Utilities		\$3,768	\$4,033	Building Fund	\$1,050
Other Income		\$25	\$0	Total	\$1,050
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$289,860</b>	<b>\$261,549</b>	Expenses	
Total Expense		\$201,570	\$243,967	Building Fund	\$7,429
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>\$88,290</b>	<b>\$17,582</b>	Total	\$7,429
				<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>(\$6,379)</b>
Temporary Restricted Funds		<u>April</u>	<u>2021</u>	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$36,686</b>
Beginning Balance		\$83,434	\$78,450		
Restricted Income		\$13,600	\$39,983	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$318,610</b>
Restricted Expense		\$13,237	\$34,636	<b>Mission Develop Certificates</b>	<b>\$79,371</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$83,797</b>	<b>\$83,797</b>	<b>Total Synod Investments</b>	<b>\$397,981</b>
<b>Checking Account Balances</b>					
	<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>\$291,031</b>		
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$83,797</b>		

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us: connecting us with the church of the past; continuing to inspire the church of today; and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come - children, youth, and young adults

By supporting the Pentecost

Special Offering, we are helping shape a positive future for young lives, for our church, and our world. And forty percent of your Pentecost Offering will stay right here at GVPC to support our local youth and children's programs and missions. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

We prayerfully ask that you consider giving to the Pentecost Offering that will be received through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are red Pentecost

Offering envelopes in the church Narthex where you can place your donation in the offering basket. You may also send a check to GVPC with "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line or give online by selecting the fund "Pentecost Offering" at [www.greenvalleypres.com](http://www.greenvalleypres.com).

Missions Committee

## Children and Youth Programs

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Presbyterian Youth Connection weekly meetings are held on Sunday afternoons in the youth room of the CE Building and simultaneously on ZOOM.

Local mystery activities for the Destination Unknown activities are being considered, as well as special events that comply with the current guidelines. For more information please contact the church office (702) 454-8484 or email [youth@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:youth@greenvalleypres.com).

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Beginning June 6.** we will offer a one-room Sunday School class for all elementary age students! It was decided that the resources available will be directed towards the one-

room Sunday School. The final weekly mailings of lessons and Sunday School video will be May 23.

**PLEASE COMPLETE A CURRENT REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.**

Available on the church website under the Ministries/Children tab.

For more information, call the church office (702) 454-8484 or email [children@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:children@greenvalleypres.com).

### NURSERY CARE

Care for infants through age 4 is now being offered during the 10:30 am worship service.

### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

These are posted on the website and are available in the Narthex.



### THE GINGERBREAD FAIR COMMITTEE

**has generously donated funds to update the Cry Room and the Nursery with new furnishings, décor, supplies, books, and toys in support of GVPC's ministries to families and children!**

THANK YOU  
for supporting the mission of the church by serving our children and families!

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## Deacon's Corner

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for your continued and generous financial support in the Deacon's envelopes! Your monthly donations support local missions and food banks. Please keep it up, there are lots of people in need.

### We Need Your Help

Friends in the Desert is in need of summer clothing and shoes. As the summer weather heats up, food and water will be needed as well. We are still planning on Christmas in July!!! Look for upcoming details.

### Save the Date!!

A GVPC New Members Class is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am - 12:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. .... Please come and learn more about being a member of GVPC! Signup in the Narthex or call the church office (702) 454-8484.

### Thank You

Due to your support we have been able to keep supporting those in need around the valley of your support!!!!  
YOU ARE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡

### Spot Light

For the remainder of the year at our monthly meeting, the GVPC Board of Deacons will be hosting a guest speaker from each of the local charities we support. At our May meeting we will be hosting Milan Devetak from the African Community Center. We are excited to learn more about this group and share their work with the congregation.

GVPC Board of Deacons

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## Fellowship Event - Women's Retreat

Women of Grace

From Grace Presbyterian Church Las Vegas

Would like to invite you to a

Women's Retreat "*Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*"

July 23-25 at Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort and Spa

Registration cost \$150.00 includes some meals and discounted room rates

We will be 'GRINspiring' with speaker and humorist Amberly Neese

*"And He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a little while'.* Mark 6:3

Please contact Bernadette O'Neill (702) 340-3525 for additional information

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## Gingerbread Fair Committee

The Gingerbread ladies are joyfully planning a FAIR for Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021!!

We are always encouraging new members to join us. If you enjoy sewing, painting, knitting, crocheting, or any other crafts, please come join us. We welcome your talents and friendship.

Profits from the Fair benefit GVPC by providing funds for special items not budgeted in the annual operating budget. We also support and donate to local mission projects.

Our business meetings are the first Monday of the month and craft sessions are the third Monday. Both meetings begin at 10:00 am in the GVPC Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions, please call our co-chairs Pam Yates at (630) 697-9929 or Peggy Palmer at (702) 228-7683.

Please consider joining us, we welcome your talent and enthusiasm!!