



# GVPC Happenings

FEBRUARY 2022

## Looking Ahead

As our church leaders and staff continue to navigate our way through the challenges of an ongoing pandemic, I am filled with gratitude for a calendar that shows signs of increased activity. Once again we have bible studies, fellowship groups, music rehearsals, concerts, and committee meetings. If there is one thing this pandemic has underscored it is this: the connectional nature of our faith. From the earliest days of the Church, gathering together for worship and fellowship has been a hallmark of the Christian faith. It is within the context of community that we draw inspiration and encouragement, and gain strength as we seek to become more like Jesus.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation takes place on Sunday, February 6 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. I hope you have already looked through our 2021 Annual Report to see the many things for which we can give

God thanks as we look back on a year of ministry marked by new opportunities, challenges, and signs of growth and joy. Immediately following the Annual Meeting, everyone is invited to a Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall sponsored by our youth as they raise money for this year's activities and mission trips.

The first concert in our 2022 GVPC concert series will be offered on Saturday, February 26 at 7:00 pm featuring members of the Las Vegas Sinfonietta, one of the newer professional music ensembles in our community. The program will feature chamber music by Beethoven, Mozart, and Debussy.

As I write this letter, we already have 12 people signed up for our New Member Inquiry Class on Sunday, February 27 at 11:45 am. If you've ever thought about joining GVPC or if you would like to learn more about us so that you can make

your decision, this is your opportunity. Our class is often a place where new and lasting friendships are made.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, plan to begin your Lenten Journey with us at either our 11:00 am or 7:00 pm service in the Sanctuary. Each service will include a time of reflection, music, and the imposition of ashes as we remember our own mortality and need for God's grace. I will offer the meditation at the morning service and Pastor Ken Harper will offer the meditation at the evening service.

I look forward to sharing moments together as we look to the year ahead.

With Gratitude for all that God has done and all that God will accomplish through GVPC in the year ahead,

Pastor Adrian

## Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming GVPC events:

**Women's Bible Fellowship**  
Wednesday, February 2 and 16 ~ 10:00  
Conference Room

**Ladies Luncheon**  
Thursday, February 3 ~ 11:30 am  
Garden Buffet, Southpoint Casino

**Men's Study Group**  
Saturday's ~ 8:00 am  
Conference Room

**Jr./Sr. High Youth Group**  
Sunday's 11:30 am  
Fellowship Hall and CE Bldg.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
Sunday, February 6 ~ 11:30 am  
Sanctuary

**Youth Soup Lunch**  
Sunday, February 6 ~ 11:45 am  
Fellowship Hall

**Bunco**  
Thursday, February 17 ~ 10:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

**Men's Luncheon**  
Tuesday, February 22 ~ 11:30 am  
Barley's Casino on Sunset

**GVPC Concert Series Opening Night**  
Las Vegas Sinfonietta  
Saturday, February, 26 ~ 7:00 pm  
Sanctuary

**New Member Inquiry Class**  
Sunday, February 27 ~ 11:45 am  
Sanctuary

Please check weekly bulletins for additional information on upcoming events and committee meetings.

## Monthly Money Matters

### 2021 Financial Results

As expected, COVID had a major impact on our church activities which, in turn, affected our financial statements. Our 2021 Expense Budget was \$714,485, but we spent only \$662,017 for a savings of \$52,468.

The Personnel expense accounted for \$29,112 of this savings. The search to hire a Director of Children's Ministry last year continued, this position accounted for \$20,000 in the 2021 budget. The Christian Education Committee had a savings of \$13,192. Of this, \$10,300 was due to the cancelation of VBS, Camps/ Retreats and Youth Conferences/ Missions due to the pandemic. The Worship and Music Committee had a savings of \$9,346. Of this, \$6,000 was due to a modified Concert Series and the cancellation of Training/Seminars due to the pandemic. We also had a savings in our utility costs of \$8,786.

We are very grateful that the congregation continued to generously give to the operating fund. Our total offerings received of \$801,872 exceeded the budget of \$704,785 by \$97,087! The combined savings in income and expense resulted in a positive cash flow for the year of \$150,950. This increased the balance in our Operating Fund Checking Account to \$353,741.

### 2022 Per Capita

Each year we are assessed a Per Capita amount by the Presbytery of Nevada. Our assessment of \$46 per member provides for the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. By paying our invoice prior to February 15, 2022, we receive a 10% discount, so the net amount that we will owe is \$20,575.80. We ask each member at GVPC to pay this amount over and above their regular contribution to the Operating Fund. Remember, it is

\$46 per member and not \$46 per household. You can pay by check noting Per Capita on the memo line or pay on the church website by using the "GIVE" button and designating Per Capita.

### 2022 Annual Budget

We hope all of you will take time to review the 2022 Operating Fund Budget information before the Annual Congregation Meeting on February 6. Our 2022 Total Budget Expense of \$810,300 compares to the 2021 Total Actual Income of \$812,967.

### 2022 Pledge Campaign

It is never too late to complete and submit a pledge card. The Session relies on your pledges to determine what, if any, additional ministries and services GVPC can undertake.

Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair  
Administration Committee

Financial Statement --December 2021					
Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
		Year- to-Date			
		Actual	Budget		YTD Actual
Offerings		\$801,872	\$704,785	Building Fund Offerings	\$16,400
Cell Tower Utilities		\$10,875	\$9,700	Building Fund Transfers	\$5,000
Other Income		\$220	\$0	<b>Total Income</b>	\$21,400
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$812,967</b>	<b>\$714,485</b>	Expenses	
Total Expense		\$662,017	\$714,485	Building Fund	\$22,582
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>\$150,950</b>	<b>\$0</b>	Total Expense	\$22,582
				<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>(\$1,182)</b>
Temporary Restricted Funds		<u>Dec.</u>	<u>2021</u>	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$41,833</b>
Beginning Balance		\$97,308	\$78,450		
Restricted Income		\$20,642	\$157,704	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$320,776</b>
Restricted Expense		\$19,238	\$137,442	<b>Mission Develop Certificates</b>	<b>\$80,644</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$98,712</b>	<b>\$98,712</b>	<b>Total Synod Investments</b>	<b>\$401,420</b>
<b>Checking Account Balances</b>					
	<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>\$353,741</b>		
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$98,712</b>		

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## 2021 Hoodie Drive Truly Blessed

Thanks to the touching generosity and help of our GVPC congregation and the Board of Deacons during these continuing challenging times, this year's Hoodie Coat Drive was truly blessed in being able to provide a record **789** Hoodies to our local area school children and youth in need in 12 Elementary, Middle, and High Schools! More blessings of warmth were also shared with the donation of over **200** of the most beautiful and cuddly scarves of myriad colors lovingly knitted by our Knit-Wits and organized by Mary Pierce. A grateful thank you to all you ladies and the Bartucci family, who helped package the scarves for the schools!

We could not have done this without the phenomenal coordinating efforts of Cheryl Wagner, School-Community Partnership Program Coordinator with CCSD, who contacted our neighboring schools for hoodie needs and helped coordinate delivery information. A big thank you also goes out to Johanna Eggen, Joy Lein,

Debbie Seeger, Buffy Tang, and Carol Wehrli, who helped sort and package the Hoodies for each school. Additionally, we would like to thank our wonderful delivery volunteers who delivered the Hoodies to our neighboring Henderson/Las Vegas schools: Karen Anderson, Krystle Bartucci, Pat Benke, Anita Cheung, Nancy Fontana, Marie & Cliff Harkness, Hal Hokenstad, Shelley Kohler, Joy Lein, Lorne Schmidt, Rick Wagner, and Lora Wichmann. Appreciative thanks to Pastor Adrian and Carol Johnson for encouraging participation in the Hoodie Drive with announcements at our services and in the weekly bulletins, and to Kurt Ricketts, who shepherded all the delivery boxes of Hoodies to the church.

We would like to share one of the many thank yous received from one of the schools: *"Thank you so much for your generous gift of hoodies and scarves for our students. It is so nice to be able to give brand new sweatshirts to students in need*

*who get off the bus shivering. The scarves are beautiful and I know our students will love getting to pick out their very own.. Thanks again for giving our students the gift of warmth and comfort. We truly appreciate your support."*

From the heartfelt appreciation of the school counselors, administrators and teachers, to the many students who will be a bit warmer and know that the community cares for them, spirits have been lifted and the love of Christ has been multiplied and spread well beyond our church. *"Thanks for the kindness and generosity of an amazing church !"*

Wishing you a Safe, Blessed and Joyful New Year!

*The Missions Committee,  
Susan L. Walker, Elder*

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## Friends in the Desert

For 24 years GVPC has helped serve the food insecure and homeless through Friends in the Desert (FITD,) a charitable foundation that operates out of the kitchen and building provided by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church located at 43 W. Pacific Ave., Henderson. During these challenging times, GVPC has faithfully continued providing hot meals, sack lunches, toiletries, and clothing items each month. Although the dining room remains closed, our Friends are still served carryout meals each day, except Sundays. Hot meals and lunches provided by GVPC averaged between 85-100 per month during 2021.

In addition to the hot meal and sack lunches provided on the 2nd Saturday of the month, toiletry items are purchased through donations to the Board of Deacons and packaged by coordinator Joy Lein and so greatly appreciated! Financial donations to FITD through GVPC have made it possible to purchase socks, underwear,

undershirts, alongside other clothing items of sweatshirts, sweatpants, jeans, and tennis shoes as requested and distributed by FITD. We are looking for clothing coordinators to help with this mission.

*Please note - Because of storage and sorting issues, the decision has been made to discontinue requests for used clothing items being brought to directly to GVPC. You are welcomed to take used clothing items directly to FITD or donate these items to any of the charities that accept used clothing items. The Board of Deacons will continue to new purchase toiletries, socks, underwear, and other needed items through your monthly donations to the Deacons fund.*

God bless and thank all of you who continue to support this heartfelt GVPC mission to FITD that is so greatly appreciated with

your food, service, and financial donations for the homeless and food insecure. Volunteers are always welcome to join this fun and fulfilling outreach! If you are interested in volunteering, contact the church office at (702) 454-8484.

Please know that your ongoing support and donations on behalf of the FITD ministry are filled with much gratitude and thankfulness by our friends just knowing that others care and help ease the daily hardships in providing them with a sense of peace and well-being.

Respectfully and gratefully submitted by  
Missions Committee on behalf of the

Friends in the Desert Team

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## Children's Ministry Programs

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - volunteer teachers needed!**

GVPC offers a one-room Sunday School class for elementary age students during the 10:30 am worship service, featuring the Simply Loved curriculum from [www.group.com](http://www.group.com). Children attend the worship service and are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and to go to Sunday School.

Registration forms are available in the Christian Education Building and on the church website under the Ministries/Children tab.

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

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Is scheduled for the week of June 13-17 in the mornings. Volunteers and section

coordinators needed!

### **NURSERY CARE –**

Care for infants through age 5 is offered at the 10:30 am worship service. The nursery has been updated with new décor, toys, and equipment: thanks to the Gingerbread Fair Committee for funding this special project!

### **Volunteer assistants needed!**

If you might be able to help out with nursery duty, please call or text Katherine Rowley at (702)-217-6645 or email [children@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:children@greenvalleypres.com).

Volunteer for as little as one Sunday a year! No long term commitment! Just arrive at 10:15 am and plan to stay until 11:45 am. A reminder will be sent a few days before your shift. You will be assisting our trained Nursery Attendant, Casey Dakus.

Qualifications: (1) a heart to love God and support our church families and (2) be a

member of GVPC for six months or longer.

### **WEEKLY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS**

These coordinate with the Pastor's sermon. They are posted on the church website and are also available in the Narthex.

### **CALVIN CREST SUMMER CAMP**

For 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. Week of July 10 – 15. Mark your calendar and watch for further details.

Call or text Katherine Rowley with questions, comments, or to volunteer, etc. at (702) 217-6645 (cell).

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## Congregational Meeting and Soup Lunch

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, February 6 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. The purpose of the annual meeting is to receive the 2022 budget, approve Pastor Adrian's terms of call, the election of an Elder, the election of the 2022 Nominating Committee, an amendment to the by-laws, and receipt of

the 2021 committee reports.

Copies of the GVPC 2021 Annual Report are available for pick up in the Narthex. For those that have previously picked up the annual report, there is information on the amendment to the by-laws, the Worship and Music Committee report, and the FITD annual report located in the Narthex.

Following the meeting, stop by Fellowship Hall for a bowl of homemade soup served by our GVPC youth and their parents. All donations received will benefit our youth as they raise money for their upcoming summer activities and trips.

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## Gingerbread Fair Committee

If you enjoy meeting people and crafting, please consider joining the Gingerbread Fair Committee on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am for our monthly business meeting in the Conference Room and the third Monday of the month (as needed) for a time of crafting, fun, and fellowship at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

So far this year the committee has made a donation to two local non profit missions and enjoyed a great get together at the Claim Jumper's restaurant.

For more information, contact one of co-chairs; Pam Yates at (630) 697-9929 or [pamyates1021@gmail.com](mailto:pamyates1021@gmail.com) and

Peggy Palmer at (702)526-5947 or [peggypalmer056@gmail.com](mailto:peggypalmer056@gmail.com).

We hope to see new faces joining us soon as we plan for another great fair!

Pam Yates and Peggy Palmer  
GBF Committee co-chairs