



# GVPC Happenings

JUNE 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk

As surprising as it may sound, after five years of living in Nevada I am actually looking forward to summer this year. And it's not the daily triple digit temperatures I enjoy. As a guy who grow up in Michigan, I doubt I'll ever get used to the endless heat of summer in the desert. My real reason for looking forward to summer is the many wonderful activities being planned at GVPC.

I am eager to share time with our youth on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm for our **Summer Confirmation Class**. Together, we will explore our faith, consider what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and learn how we can trust God for our future. Please hold these wonderful students in your prayers as they begin this next step on their journey of faith.

For the first time in three years, we

will be hosting an in-person **Vacation Bible School** the week of **June 13-17** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This year's VBS curriculum, *Monumental, Celebrating God's Greatness* will guide participants on the trail of faith as they explore God's creation and learn how they can trust God for every step of the journey. Be sure to sign up your children and grandchildren for this exciting summer experience. Don't forget to invite the families in your neighborhood to join us for this week of fun activities.

As you look to the months ahead, plan to join us on **Sunday, July 3** at 3:00 pm for a **Patriotic Concert** featuring the **UNLV Community Concert Band**. The band, one of the oldest instrumental ensembles in the Las Vegas area, is comprised of UNLV students and area professionals. Their program will feature patriotic favorites and festive music as we celebrate our nation's birth.

Our Fellowship Committee is organizing another outing to a summer favorite, **Super Summer Theater** on **Friday, July 22** to see *Sister Act*. This wonderful venue always promises to deliver some of the best in summer theater with a splendid mountain backdrop under the stars at night.

There are many wonderful things taking place this summer at GVPC, and these events become even more successful when you join us. I hope you'll make plans to enjoy the summer months with us at GVPC as we share in the joy of God's wonderful gift of community.

With Gratitude and Joy,

Pastor Adrian

## Vacation Bible School - Volunteer Now!

By exploring God's awesomeness, kids (and volunteers!) form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Monday to Friday, June 13th -17th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Registration (online) is open! Pre-registration strongly encouraged.

Volunteers are still needed for:

Registration - just on Monday morning  
Crew Leaders  
Oasis Tastes - snack time

Awesome Bible Adventures  
Decoration Team  
Set-up/Breakdown - before/after VBS



Don't hesitate! Contact Katherine Rowley now at (702) 217-6645 (cell) or [children@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:children@greenvalleypres.com).  
Volunteers can also register on the church website.

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## Missions Update - UNTOLD (formerly CARE for AIDS)

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

UNTOLD (formerly CARE for AIDS), a Christian organization which GVPC supports, has taken a different approach. Their purpose is to prevent orphans. They do this by providing individuals infected with HIV the tools they need to live successful and productive lives. These tools are taught in 9-week sessions that infected 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; can support

themselves through marketable skills they learned, 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 87 centers that are located in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. To date UNTOLD has graduated 25,830 individuals; over 5,350 faith decisions have been made and more than 80,000 orphans have been prevented!

Why was the name changed? The announcement of the name change included this statement, *"The reality is that we don't care for AIDS, we care for people."* The new name refers to untold stories of many people but particularly of clients and their children. The services UNTOLD provides makes it possible for their clients to tell their stories and to inspire others to overcome the stigma and seek help. The services provided change the future stories of the

children to one that features a life with their parents. Quoting again, *"Finally, we have always and will always exist to proclaim the good news of Jesus anywhere that message is untold."*

GVPC is proud to be a part of this effective and successful ministry. When contributing to this mission, please note **UNTOLD** on the memo line of your check. If giving online, you will now choose **UNTOLD-was CARE for AIDS** in the list of choices.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission partner and their important work.

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## Deacons Corner

The GVPC Board of Deacons has had a busy 2022 so far. While we were asked by the Henderson Food Bank to reduce our donations last year as they were doing well, they have now requested that we resume giving as the prices for food and other products are rising so quickly. In addition, a donation was made to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to be used as needed for Ukraine.

We had a wonderful turn out for our Meet your Deacon coffee and fellowship

hour on March 20<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to connect with our GVPC families.

Our April meeting is always a dinner meeting. This year Trish Henshaw hosted a potluck at her home on April 19<sup>th</sup>. She provided the meats and the rest of us brought either side dishes or dessert. A good time was had by all, and the fellowship was wonderful!

At our May meeting we heard from a special guest speaker from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) regarding mental health issues. It was very

informative and gave us a lot to think about. Thank you, Trish Henshaw and Dave Cornell, for being instrumental in bringing this important subject to our attention!

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Board of Deacons hosted the New Members fellowship during coffee hour. It was well attended and we all had a good time.

Blessings,

GVPC Board of Deacons

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## Gingerbread Fair Committee

We are busy making many different types of craft and one of a kind gift items for the Gingerbread Fair to be held on:

**Saturday, October 8th**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall.**

The planning stages have begun! All ideas are welcome. All hands are welcome

and needed. You can still join us for the fun. The committee business meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. The craft and fellowship days are held on the third Mondays at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Please consider joining us!!!

Contact one of the committee co-chairs for more information and questions.

Pam Yates (630) 697-9929  
Peggy Palmer (702) 526-5947

## Monthly Money Matters

### YTD Financial Results - April 2022

We started the year with very favorable financial results. Our offerings are greater than the timed budget by \$18,146 and \$1,427 ahead of the 2021 actual offerings. We thank you for your continued support of our ministry and services.

As expected, we are showing a savings to the operating budget of \$25,437 in total expenses. The largest savings is in personnel expense. We have experienced a savings of \$18,613 in gross pay in the 2022 budget because the position of Organist and Director of Christian Education remain unfilled at this time. The remaining savings is primarily based on how the 2022 budget was timed.

On a year-to-year basis our expenses have increased by \$41,937 from \$201,570 to \$243,507. This is due to the resumption of more normal operations compared to last year. By hiring a

full-time Director of Music Ministry rather than a part-time position, it increased our cost including health insurance by \$16,253.27. Our Multi-Purpose Building and Sanctuary have reached an age when we are experiencing the need for more repairs and maintenance. Due in part to major repairs to the HVAC systems, our property expense has increased by \$6,537 over last year. Requiring additional Audio-Visual Techs to livestream our services has added \$3,363 in costs over last year.

### Financial Review Committee

The Book of Order is Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It requires that a full financial review of all financial books and records be conducted every year by a public accountant or a committee of church members versed in accounting procedures. It is not intended to require or not require specific procedures or

practices as understood within the professional accounting community.

Each year, the Session approves a team of two or three members to conduct this review. The review of the 2021 financial records was conducted by Mary Ellen Baukol, Joe Bowman and Diane Chambers. They will present their findings in writing to the Session.

The primary basis for their review is a financial audit checklist covering all aspects of church financial records which is on the PC(USA) website. The review encompasses contributions, accounts payable, payroll, general ledger and financial controls. We want to thank the stewardship of Mary Ellen, Joe, and Diane for their time and talent in this very important endeavor.

Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair  
Administration Committee

Financial Statement -- April 2022					
Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense		
		Year- to-Date			
		Actual	Budget		YTD Actual
Offerings		\$293,931	\$275,785	Building Fund Offerings	\$900
Cell Tower Utilities		\$2,646	\$4,333	Building Fund Transfers	\$0
Other Income		-\$55	\$560	<b>Total Income</b>	\$900
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$296,522</b>	<b>\$280,678</b>	Expenses	
Total Expense		\$243,507	\$268,944	Building Fund	\$2,148
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>\$53,015</b>	<b>\$11,734</b>	Total Expense	\$2,148
				<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>(\$1,248)</b>
Temporary Restricted Funds		Apr	2022	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$40,585</b>
Beginning Balance		\$91,816	\$98,712		
Restricted Income		\$11,315	\$61,625	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$321,855</b>
Restricted Expense		\$14,604	\$71,810	<b>Mission Develop Certificates</b>	<b>\$81,283</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$88,527</b>	<b>\$88,527</b>	<b>Total Synod Investments</b>	<b>\$403,138</b>
<b>Checking Account Balances</b>					
	<b>Operating Fund</b>		<b>\$391,661</b>		
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$88,527</b>		

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## Children's Ministry News

The Personnel and Christian Education Committees are pleased to announce that Donna Rorer will be joining GVPC as the Interim Director of Children's Ministries effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Donna has been a valued member of Green Valley Presbyterian Church and has served as an Elder on various committees. She was part of the Clark County School District for many years, and we look forward to her bringing her experience and enthusiasm to our children's program. Please make Donna feel welcome in her new role as Interim Director of Children's Ministry.

Your church needs volunteers to minister to the next generation of church members! Opportunities are available to teach or assist with Sunday School, VBS, and the church nursery! We encourage you to give of your time and talents and invest in the growth of our children in Christ.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER  
HELPING KEEP THIS IMPORTANT  
MINISTRY STAFFED!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

GVPC offers a one-room Sunday School class for elementary age students during the 10:30 am worship service, featuring the *Simply Loved* curriculum ([group.com](http://group.com)). Children attend the worship service and are dismissed after the Children's Sermon to attend Sunday School. Please consider volunteering just once a month or as needed.

#### NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for infant through age 4 is offered during the 10:30 am worship service. Volunteer for as little as one Sunday a year. There is a paid attendant in the nursery also so that with the volunteer we can ensure two person coverage as per GVPC policy.

#### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

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

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Scheduled for June 13- 17 in the mornings. Volunteers and still needed! See separate article.

#### CALVIN CREST SUMMER CAMP

For 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is the week of July 11 – 15. Register NOW! See article below.

Call the church office at (702) 454-8484 or email [children@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:children@greenvalleypres.com).

Thank you for your support of our  
Children's Ministries Programs!

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## Presbyterian Youth Connection

It is difficult to believe that another school year is behind us and that our summer activities are just around the corner. VBS is starting off our summer and the youth have been asked to help out. This year, we are providing a unique opportunity for our youth who can help out by VBS set-up, working VBS, and/or tear down after the week is over. For those youth who help out, we will apply funds towards their summer travels.

Our adventures this summer include a 4 day trip for the high school youth as we

spend time in the scriptures, tour colleges, as well as have a little fun from July 6-9. The week of July 11-15 our junior high youth and elementary students will be setting out for Camp Calvin Crest to spend a week just south of Yosemite National Park. Calvin Crest will offer two different programs during the week as our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students travel into the time of Robin Hood and the rest of his friends.

Finally, our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school youth will set out on Destination Unknown, a trip of mystery from

July 17 – 21. While it seems like a lot, we will be in August before you know it and school will be starting back up. We hope that you will join us this summer in prayer for our youth, their families, and the leaders who will be spending time with them this summer.

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## Summer Camp



REGISTRATION FOR  
CALVIN CREST SUMMER CAMP 2022

IS NOW OPEN!!!

July 11 – 15

Sherwood Forest (4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)

Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)

Come and be changed!

Adventure is waiting!

Register for camp at  
[www.calvincrest.com](http://www.calvincrest.com)

Register for transportation on  
[www.greenvalleypres.com](http://www.greenvalleypres.com)

Call the church office or email  
[youth@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:youth@greenvalleypres.com) with  
questions. Limited campships available.