



GVPC Happenings

AUGUST 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

Looking at the month ahead, I could not be more excited for the signs of fellowship, growth and vitality evident in our church.

One of my great joys this summer has been working with our **Confirmation Class** as we explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Our eight students are dedicated, eager to get involved, and wanting to make a difference in our church and in our world. I hope you will celebrate with them as they make their public profession of faith and join our church on **Sunday, August 21**. We have every reason to give thanks for the blessing they are and the blessing they will be.

This year's **Rally Sunday** takes place on **Sunday, August 21**, the same day we welcome our Confirmation Class. Make plans to join us during Coffee Hour to learn more about children and youth programs, Sunday school classes,

bible studies, music ensembles, church committees, and upcoming activities. If you are wanting to get plugged into the life of GVPC, this event is for you.

There is no doubt that a **Potluck** is one of our favorite gatherings at GVPC. As many a pastor has reminded me, "Presbyterians love to gather over a meal." On **Sunday, August 28 at 11:30 am**, our Fellowship Committee is hosting another one of these enjoyable opportunities to break bread and rekindle friendships.

Our Music Director, **Joshua Herrington**, will be presenting his first **GVPC Concert on Saturday, August 27 at 7 pm**. This gift to our church and community is a fundraiser in anticipation of our annual Messiah Benefit Concert in December. All proceeds from the freewill offering at the August 27 concert will help defray the cost of the orchestra and soloists for this annual event in support of the Henderson Food Bank.

I am thrilled to share that on **Saturday, September 10**, gifted motivational coach and Christian author, **Alex Demczak**, will be our presenter at this year's **Adventures in Faith**. His recent book, *The Sale*, is making a big impact in the business community. Alex's workshop at GVPC is a significant opportunity to invite your friends as we share a morning discussing what it means to live with purpose and integrity as people of faith.

It is a blessing to be a part of an active church where people from across our community are finding hope, purpose, and a place of connection.

Pastor Adrian

Gingerbread Fair Committee

Business Meetings - 1st Monday of month at 10:00 am

Craft and Fellowship Session - 3rd Monday of month at 10:00 am

We are getting closer to our fair date of **October 8, 2022**! You still have time to join us and get to know a great group of ladies. All are welcome to join us at any time.

As we get closer, we are thinking of you - those bakers who contribute to our pantry... NOW is the time to start planning what goodies you have in store for us. As you are aware we have a good market for homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles, breads, candy and cookies. Please deliver your homemade baked goodies to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 7 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. As a reminder we cannot keep baked items cold because we do not have the facilities to handle those items in a safe manner.

All proceeds from the Gingerbread fair are used to support GVPC's unbudgeted capital improvement projects and local missions in our community. Come out and support the fair!

Please contact one of our co-chairs for further information.

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Presbyterian Youth Connection

After being gone for two and a half weeks on three different trips, it is great to be back and see everyone! Our adventures in July took us to 3 Southern California Universities on college visits; to Calvin Crest Junior High Camp; and on a Destination Unknown trip where students saw a Major League baseball game, visited the San Diego Zoo, explored the USS Midway museum, visited the Aquarium at the Scripps Institute and the San Diego Air and Space Museum, and best of all, played in the ocean. We are already planning our 2023 trips!

As we begin to gear up for the start of the school year and all the adventures that may come with it, we are eager for what the next year will bring to our youth program at GVPC. We invite and encourage all 6th through 12th grade youth to attend our meetings and fun activities.

There will be a Parents Meeting on Sunday, August 7th to fill out forms and discuss some of the various events and activities that will take place this year. Youth Group will meet weekly on Sundays from 12:00-2:00 pm. We will kick off our time together with lunch from 12:00-12:30 pm then break out for lessons and some fun time. The lunches are a huge help and are not possible without parents donating their time and talent of cooking. We are requesting help for the Nascar Race the weekend of October 14-16. At this event, GVPC will set up and work 4 trailers selling Nascar merchandise. This activity helps to raise funds for future activities and trips.

Looking Ahead:

- August 7th – Parents Meeting/Form Party after the 10:30 service in the Youth Room.

- August 8th - First day of school! We wish all of our GVPC students a successful and great year!
- August 14th – Cosmic Bowling at Sunset Station from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- October 8th – Nascar Setup (subject to change).
- October 14th-16th – Nascar Race Weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- October 28th-29th – Lock-in at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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Deacons Corner

Thank you for your support of our annual Christmas in July mission project that benefits people in need through the Henderson Food Bank. By taking an ornament (or two!) from the tree that was in in the Narthex and through monetary donations you helped us to help others!

During the month of July the GVPC Board of Deacons collected food, clothes, toiletries, and cash donations. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful congrega-

tion, the Deacons transported 5-6 packed vehicles of much needed nonperishable food and other needs items to the Henderson Food Bank. Each time we deliver food, they are so thankful to our congregation for our continued support of the Food Bank. In addition to the items collected, a total of \$1,800.00 was donated to Christmas in July. Again, the Deacons thank you for your continued support and loving gifts in making this

another successful year for Christmas in July!

We are gearing up for fall activities and will keep you all informed.

Blessings,

GVPC Board of Deacons

All Church Potluck and Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Potluck on **Sunday, August 28 at 11:30 am** (after the 10:30 service) in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Last names beginning with A - M, please bring a salad, N - Z please bring a dessert. The Fellowship committee will supply the Main dish! We will follow the Rally Sunday Hawaiian theme! ALOHA!

Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, August 4 ~ 11:30 am
The Cracked Egg

Men's Study Group

Saturday's ~8:00 am
Conference Room

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Sunday's 12:00 am
Fellowship Hall and CE Bldg.

Bunco

Thursday, August 18 ~ 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Men's Luncheon

Tuesday, August 23 ~ 11:30 am
Barley's Casino on Sunset

GVPC Concert Series

Joshua Herrington, piano
Saturday, August 27 ~ 7:00 pm

Monumental Vacation Bible School 2022 a Success!

Thanks to the amazing VBS Volunteers, the generosity of the congregation, and the support and hard work of the GVPC staff, **MONUMENTAL VBS 2022** was a success! Truly, an all-church effort!

Much was learned “on-the-job” after a 3-year hiatus, and a **solid foundation** is in place for future years. We had **30 plus volunteers** and about **25 children** that participated during the week.

Seeing the children enjoy themselves, the smiles on their faces, and being together IN PERSON to explore the **vastness of God’s power and love for each of them was a joy!** They learned in so many different ways about God’s love and importance in their lives – as did the adults and youth who volunteered.

To all who helped in so many ways (with apologies for misspellings and names that were missed) our thanks are unlimited ...

Decoration and Props: Stacey Weiss-Grogan and family for extraordinary efforts over many weeks to create the fabulous decorations to set the stage for our program. Julie Dorse, Kevin and Michele Fisher, Susan Irish, Nicole Steidel, Pam Yates and many more helped with the set-up.

Station Leaders: Pat Benke (KidVid Cinema), Trish Henshaw and Susan Irish (Bible Adventures Storytelling) and Sara Smith (Red Rock Recs), and Cheryl Wagner (Imagination Station).

Crew Leaders: Bug Bond, Nicolle Cantiero, Rosemary Curry, Ann Fields, Nancy Fontana, and Sherre Kahrs.

Assistant Crew Leaders: Angel Aguilera, Audrielle Aguilera, Kim Akin, Emily Root, Eric Root, and Lora Wichmann,

Spotlight Photographer: Shelley Kohler and assistant, Krystle Bartucci, thanks for hanging in there!

Registration Crew: Cindy Cerullo, Anthony Cho, Virginia Cornell, Deb Crompton, Donna Rorer, and Cindy Wood. Thanks for making ‘Crazy Monday’, not quite so crazy!

Youth Volunteers: Fabulous to have the **much-needed help** and to see the younger and older kids enjoying the program together. Angel Aguilera, Audrielle Aguilera, Ellery Bartucci, Sloane Bartucci, Eric Root, Isabelle Smith, Parker Smith, Ben Steidel, Joe Steidel, Kaitlyn Schulz, Karalyn Schulz, and Tyler Weiss

Opening and Closing Leaders: Pastor Adrian, Ellery Bartucci, Sherri Brewer, and Donna Rorer. Amazing talent!

Others: Music leader, Baylee Ericsson, A/V techs, Jacob Bieszczat and Eric Mojica, and media wizard, Andrea Tierney.

Staff: Carol Johnson, Kurt Ricketts, and Donna Rorer.

Katherine Rowley
Christian Education Committee



Rally Sunday - August 21

Put on your favorite sports gear and join us here!

Don’t just sit on the sidelines- Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 - 10:30 am as we kick off our fall programs. Where will you connect and serve?

Register your children for Sunday school and youth group. Sign up to volunteer in the nursery or Sunday School.

Adult opportunities include: Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble, Bible studies, Gingerbread Fair, Knit Wits, Men’s group, Friends in the Desert, Mission Opportunities, and more.

Children and youth can register for choir, youth group, and acolyte training

GVPC GROUPS: Please email caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com with your request for a table or a half-table at Rally Sunday by August 15.



The Christian Education Committee

Monthly Money Matters

2022 Operating Fund Annual Budget

As some of you may recall, the 2022 budget showed that projected yearly expenses would be \$30,300 more than our projected income for the full calendar year. As it was explained in the 2021 Annual Report, when we create our budget for the ensuing year, we rely significantly on the amount that has been pledged for that year. As of December 31, 2021, the amount pledged for 2022 was lower by \$36,725 from the amount pledged for the full 2021 calendar year although the same number of pledge cards were received. As a result, we reduced the 2022 General Operating Fund Offerings Budget from the 2021 actual amount by \$35,656.

YTD Financial Results through June 2022

Fortunately, the church has received 20 additional pledge cards since then. The amount pledged for 2022 has now increased from the amount pledged in 2021 by \$18,365. This increase plus an increase in the amount of giving by those who have not pledged, accounts for the

positive variance of \$24,505 in offerings shown below.

As expected, there is a savings to the budget of \$62,522 in total expenses. One of the larger savings is \$16,380 that was not spent due to the cancelation of the Presbyterian Youth Triennium Trip. In personnel (staff) expense, we have saved \$28,580 due to the positions of Organist and Director of Christian Education not being filled through May. (On June 1, Donna Rorer was hired as Interim Director of Children's Ministries). Due to the timing of the budget, we are currently showing a savings in mission expense of \$11,220. That mission expense will be spent in the last half of this year. The remaining savings is primarily based on how the 2022 budget was timed.

As a result of the variances noted above, we completely cleared the \$36,300 loss noted in the 2021 Annual Report and now are showing a favorable variance through the first half of 2022 of \$55,744.

Building Fund Income & Expense

The Building Fund expense of \$15,160 included the repairs and repainting of the dormers on top of the multi-purpose building which was required when a cellular phone company vacated the facility, the purchase of furniture in the Narthex, and the cost of repairs in the parking lot.

The GVPC Property committee is working hard to keep our church in the great shape our members deserve. Recently, the committee has worked to get the multi-purpose building Clerestory roof repaired and painted, repaired HVAC units, and updated fixtures in restrooms. A current project in process is the amphitheater/worship garden that is in need of extensive repairs to be made usable again. In addition to the repairs, the committee is examining options to enhance its appearance and functionality.

Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair
Administration Committee

Financial Statement -- June 2022					
Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
	Year- to-Date				
	Actual	Budget			YTD Actual
Offerings	\$406,944	\$382,439	Building Fund Offerings		\$1,300
Cell Tower Utilities	\$4,905	\$5,000	Building Fund Transfers		\$0
Other Income	\$82	\$840	Total Income		\$1,300
Total Income	\$411,931	\$388,279	Expenses		
Total Expense	\$356,187	\$418,709	Building Fund	\$15,160	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$55,744	-\$30,430	Total Expense	\$15,160	
			Income Over/(Under) Expense	(\$13,860)	
Temporary Restricted Funds	June	2022	BF Checking Account Balance	\$27,974	
Beginning Balance	\$84,151	\$98,712			
Restricted Income	\$8,445	\$80,668	Custodial Fund Balance	\$322,128	
Restricted Expense	\$11,503	\$98,287	Mission Develop Certificates	\$81,607	
Ending Balance	\$81,093	\$81,093	Total Synod Investments	\$403,735	
Checking Account Balances					
	Operating Fund	\$394,491			
	Restricted Funds	\$81,092			