

GVPC Happenings

OCTOBER 2022

Autumn Days at GVPC

October has quickly become one of my favorite months of the year since moving to Nevada. Unlike Octobers in the Midwest, I actually welcome the thought of cooler days. I look forward to the change of colors – even if they are subtle – and the opportunity to sit on the patio once again for that morning cup of coffee. But there is an even greater reason that I enjoy October; this month's calendar at GVPC is always filled with activities, fun events, and opportunities for fellowship.

World Communion Sunday – October 2

One of our denomination's great contributions to the larger Church is World Communion Sunday, which takes place on the first Sunday of October. Once again, a display of breads from the around the world will remind us of our common identity in Christ as we celebrate this special day of the liturgical calendar.

Gingerbread Fair – October 8

You do not want to miss one of our church's eagerly anticipated fall events. Each year our Gingerbread Fair attracts people from across the Las Vegas Valley. In just a few days, the halls of our church

will be buzzing with activity as committee members set up this year's diverse display of crafts and baked goods. The Gingerbread Fair is always the perfect place to begin holiday shopping.

Kids of the Kingdom – October 23

I am thrilled that we are relaunching this monthly gathering of elementary students and their families. Last month's trip to the Wetlands Park was a great success, and this month's gathering on Sunday, October 23 will feature pizza, pumpkin decorating, and a movie.

Study Leave

This month, I have been invited to travel to Israel by a colleague to study in Jerusalem at the Armenian Seminary. In addition to visiting major holy sites, I will learn more about the Armenian Christians who sacrificed so much to preserve a Christian presence in the Middle East and Jerusalem. I will also be visiting Bethlehem Bible College and Jerusalem University College. How grateful I am for my colleagues and friends, Revs. Hilda Pecoraro and Tim Boyer, who will be preaching while I am away. If you would like to place a small written prayer in the Western Wall, I would be honored to carry it with

me as I travel. This is a treasured tradition observed by Christian and Jewish pilgrims alike. Small pieces of paper suitable for writing prayers will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, October 2.

GVPC Concert Series – October 29

The Las Vegas Sinfonietta will be our featured guest artists on Saturday, October 29 at 7 pm. The program includes classical music written especially for a chamber ensemble. Your attendance would be a wonderful show of support to this music ensemble which has already given so much to our church.

Fall Stewardship Campaign – *We Are His Hands*

As we launch our fall stewardship campaign, I am grateful for the many ways our church continues to make a difference in our community and world as we share the grace and truth of the Gospel.

What a blessing it is to be a part of a church whose purpose is *"To Glorify God – Grow in Jesus Christ – and Generously Share God's Love and Grace."*

Pastor Adrian

Gingerbread Fair



The Gingerbread Fair is happening!
Come join us from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

October 8 in Fellowship Hall

There will be handcrafted gifts and
homemade goodies.

Get a start on your holiday shopping.

Are there any bakers out there?
Could you bake some goodies for the
pantry and bring to the
Conference Room on
Friday, October 7
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hope to see you there!
Bring your friends!
Proceeds from the fair benefit GVPC
and other local non-profits
Please come and support GVPC!!!

Monthly Money Matters and 2023 Stewardship Campaign

YTD Financial Results through August

The Offerings and Total Income are greater than the budget through the first eight months of 2022. We are so grateful that our congregation continues to give, as in the past, despite the recent increase in inflation and the downturn in the financial markets.

As expected, we have a savings to the budget of \$66,432 in total expenses. The savings are due to the changes of some programs, positions that remain unfilled and the timing of our mission expenses.

As a result of the variances noted above, we are showing a favorable cash flow through August of 2022 of \$74,514.

Tax Saving Opportunity over 70 ½

It is a good time to remind congregation members of the opportunity to save on your 2022 taxes. For those of you who take the standard deduction at tax reporting time there is a tax savings way to contribute to GVPC. It is a Qualified

Charitable Distribution (QCD).

You must be at least 70 ½ years old at the time you request a QCD.

You can make a contribution to GVPC by taking the funds out of a Traditional IRA or Inherited IRA and request that your IRA custodian issue a check directly from your IRA **payable to GVPC**. You can request the check be mailed to GVPC, or forward the check to GVPC yourself. If the distribution check is made payable to you, it would be treated as taxable income. The charitable deduction amount can be excluded from your Adjusted Gross Income when you file your taxes. You cannot take a charitable tax deduction on Schedule A if you elect to take the deduction as an exclusion in your adjusted gross income.

If you elect to send a QCD to the church, send a letter or email to Financial Manager, Carol Johnson, to notify her that a check will be coming to the church. Let her know the name of the IRA custodian, the amount of the check, and what account or accounts to which the donation should be credited.

2023 Stewardship Campaign

We are His Hands

GVPC exists to "Glorify God, Grow in Christ, and Generously Share God's Love and Grace".

We ask that you pray about how your hands will help fulfill our mission with your time, talent, and treasure. 2023 will be a year of possibilities, as we seek an Associate Pastor. Our annual Stewardship Campaign will kickoff on Sunday, October 16.

Doug Small and Dave Tyrrell
Administration Committee co-chairs

Financial Statement -- August 2022

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Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
		Year- to-Date			
		Actual	Budget		YTD Actual
Offerings		\$542,110	\$523,375	Building Fund Offerings	\$1,731
Cell Tower Utilities		\$7,784	\$7,167	Building Fund Transfers	\$0
Other Income		\$162	\$1,120	Total Income	\$1,731
Total Income		\$550,056	\$531,662	Expenses	
Total Expense		\$475,542	\$541,974	Building Fund	\$15,160
Net Income/(Loss)		\$74,514	(\$10,312)	Total Expense	\$15,160
				Income Over/(Under) Expense	(\$13,429)
Temporary Restricted Funds		August	2022	BF Checking Account Balance	\$28,405
Beginning Balance		\$80,226	\$98,712		
Restricted Income		\$11,635	\$107,284	Custodial Fund Balance	\$322,401
Restricted Expense		\$13,830	\$127,965	Mission Develop Certificates	\$81,932
Ending Balance		\$78,031	\$78,031	Total Synod Investments	\$404,333
Checking Account Balances					
	Operating Fund		\$413,261		
	Restricted Funds		\$78,031		

Advent Event 2022



To begin the Advent Season, we will experience **A Night in Bethlehem!** On the first Sunday in Advent: November 27 from 3:00 – 5:00 we will be transported back through time to the city of Bethlehem.

As the residents celebrate the birth of Jesus, we will realize that the citizens of Bethlehem just can't stop talking about Jesus and His incredible birth. We will be amazed at all the authentic, multisensory activities we will find in the shops.

After passing through the **City Gates**, families will visit the **village photographer** and then proceed to the marketplace to visit:

- the **metal shop** where we will create a nameplate
- the **bakery** where we will learn about the importance of bread in ancient Bethlehem
- the **pottery shed** where we will create your own pot
- the **carpentry shop** where you will experience the work of a carpenter
- the **scribe's tent** where we will write Jesus' name using a bamboo stylus
- the **painter's hut** where we will decorate keepsake ornaments
- the **stable** where we will learn about the amazing thing that has happened there

If you can help make this happen, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact donnarorer@greenvalleypres.com with questions and to volunteer.

The following volunteers are needed:

- Experience Leader
- Shop keepers and helpers
- Set-up volunteers
- Clean-up volunteers
- Greeters and registrars

We also need a plethora of blankets or sleeping bags as we will all be sitting on the floor as they did in Bethlehem in some shops. Donations are welcome. Or if you would like to loan blankets, please attach your name to them. I have a large tub in my office waiting to be filled with blankets.

Donna Rorer
Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Kids of the Kingdom

We are excited to announce that Kids of the Kingdom, a fellowship group for all elementary age students and their families has begun again at GVPC! This group will meet monthly to enjoy a fun activity and fellowship!

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, Kids of the Kingdom ventured out to Clark County Wetlands Park to explore God's creation in the Nature Center and took a short walk where we enjoyed watching turtles and fish in the pond.

Our next adventure will be on Sunday, October 23, immediately following the 10:30 am service. Kids of the Kingdom and their families are invited to join the GVPC youth group for lunch. Following lunch we will decorate pumpkins and watch a fun Halloween movie. Bring your blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows to lie on the floor and enjoy the movie.

Please contact Donna Rorer at (702) 454-8484, ext. 505 or donnarorer@greenvalleypres.com with questions. Come join the fun!



Save the Date

Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, October 6 ~ 11:30 am
The Golden Corral

Gingerbread Fair

Saturday, October 8 ~ 9:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Pageturners Book Club

Thursday, October 13 ~ 1:00 pm
Conference Room

Grief, Mourn, Live Support Group

Begins Sunday, October 16 ~ 1:00 pm
Conference Room

Ladies Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, October 19 ~ 10:00 am
Conference Room

Bunco

Thursday, October 20 ~ 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Kids of the Kingdom

Sunday, October 23 ~ 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Men's Lunch

Tuesday, October 25 ~ 11:30 am
Barley's Casino

GVPC Concert Series

Las Vegas Sinfonietta

Saturday, October 29 ~ 7:00 pm
Sanctuary

Monday Evening Bible Study

Mondays ~ 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

KnitWits

Tuesdays ~ 10:00 am
Conference Room

Men's Study Group

Saturday's ~ 8:00 am
Conference Room

Worship & Music Committee—Messiah Concert

After a 3-year hiatus, the Worship & Music Committee is excited to announce the return of GVPC's annual "Messiah Sing-Along" concert at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 7 in the Sanctuary. This charity concert will benefit the Henderson Food Bank and feature the GVPC choir, soloists and members of the Las Vegas Sinfonietta Orchestra.

Following a GVPC tradition, gift baskets donated by church members and committees will be raffled off on the night of the concert. As a fun holiday project, we invite individuals and groups to create their own basket to donate to the raffle. Completed baskets must be delivered to the church no later than Friday, November 18 and will be on display in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 20 through the night of the concert. Raffle tickets will be on sale between and after worship services on November 20, 27 and December 4, and prior to the concert on December 7.

For more information about the gift baskets and raffle please contact Melinda Araujo (melinda.araujo@gmail.com) or Patty Duffey (patty@pattyduffy.com). Monetary donations are also welcome! You may donate online or via check, noting Messiah Concert on the memo line.



Singers are needed to join the choir for the
MESSIAH SING-ALONG
at Green Valley Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 7 | 7pm

*Join the fun and lend your voice to this
beloved annual GVPC community tradition!*
Contact joshuaherrington@greenvalleypres.com
for more information and rehearsal dates