



GVPC Happenings

FEBRUARY 2021

It's Time to Gather Again

Whoever could have imagined that a virus few of us knew by name just over one year ago would have so dramatically changed the way we live and interact with each other? When I think about the strength of our church and the diverse ways we have adapted to change, I see signs of resilience, perseverance, and creativity for which I am thankful. As our elders, deacons, and staff worked arduously to hold our church family together in worship, fellowship, and mission this past year, you willingly joined us as we learned new ways of being the church through social media, zoom meetings, online worship experiences, and virtual concerts. When I hear of members calling each other to check in, a card campaign or a drive-by parade to celebrate a milestone, or a crew of volunteers ready to deliver meals in times of need, I can't help but smile with gratitude because I know that fellowship is at the core of who we are as a church and as the people of God. This is why I am excited to share news that the Executive Committee of Session has made the decision to return to in-person worship services on **Sundays at 10 AM** beginning **February 21**. Although we will only begin with one worship service, we will quickly add additional services once worship attendance exceeds our limited capacity due to social distancing protocols.

How thankful I am that we will be able to share this year's Lenten Journey together. Certainly things will be different than they have been in the past, but there will be moments when we can gather in-person once again – as the people of God – to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the event that changed the entire direction of human history: the glory of Easter morning. If ever a pastor questions the depth of his love for the flock God has placed under his care, seasons such as Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas highlight the special relationship a pastor and congregation share. There were multiple moments last year when I had to hold back the tears as I pined to be with this beautiful fellowship of believers we know as GVPC.

As you prepare for this year's observance of Lent, I hope you will join us on **Ash Wednesday, February 17** at one of our outdoor services scattered throughout the day: 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm,

5 pm, and 7 pm. Each 20 minute identical service will include Scripture readings, prayers, a brief meditation, and a moment for the self-imposition of ashes. I invite you to also make plans to join me for a **Pastor's Lenten Bible Study** on **Wednesdays at 11 am**. Each week, we will focus on one of the "The Seven Last Words" of Christ on the cross. We will consider what each phrase means, what Jesus accomplished on the cross on our behalf, and what Jesus' final words mean for us to today as his followers.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported our church through your prayers, ministry to each other, encouragement, and faithful and generous stewardship. It is a joy to be your pastor, and I look forward to celebrating Lent and Easter with you in-person this year.

Yours on the Journey of Faith,

Pastor Adrian



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 17

9 AM | 11 AM | 1 PM | 3 PM | 5 PM | 7 PM

**JOIN US FOR ONE OF THESE SERVICES
IN THE COURTYARD
AT GVPC**

reservations not required

**SERVICES WILL INCLUDE READINGS, PRAYER OF CONFESSION
SHORT MEDITATION & STATIONS FOR SELF-IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Monthly Money Matters-2021

The **Financial Statement** for January 2021 displayed below shows that the income of \$70,107 exceeds expense of \$38,216 for a net positive cash flow of \$31,891. Expense for the month is lower than the 2021 budget for the year. The major savings in expense versus the budget are staff positions not filled, mission budget not yet spent, and budget timing of the Worship & Music and Christian Education committees.

The **2021 Annual Operating Budget** has been approved by the Session. In ordinary times the congregation would be asked to receive the budget at the annual congregation meeting that would have been scheduled on January 31. This year's balanced budget is set at \$714,485 in income and expense. This compares to the 2020 budget of \$767,900 for a reduction of \$53,415. The major reduction year-to-year is due to providing for the \$84,560 cost

of an Associate Pastor in the 2020 budget. We did not provide for this expense in 2021. The 2021 budget provided for a modest increase in compensation for our Pastor and Staff of \$23,513.

Per Capita is the annual assessment that GVPC is charged by the Presbytery of Nevada to cover the administrative cost of our presbytery, synod, and the General Assembly. The only revenue source for these higher-level councils is the amount that each congregation pays in the form of their Per Capita. The Per Capita amount that each church in our presbytery pays is \$46.00 per member.

Each year we ask each member of our church to pay this expense over and above their annual pledge and/or regular giving to the operating fund. The \$46.00 is per member and not per household. If you have a child that became a member through a confirmation class and that

child is still in your household, we are charged \$46.00 for that person. We pay the full year cost of our assessment by the middle of February to receive a 10% discount on the total charge. The savings in our operating expense is \$2,341 this year. If you are able, we ask that you give your share by sending a check to the church office with "Per Capita" noted on the memo line, or going on-line to our website and clicking on the Give button.

Dave Tyrrell, Co-Chair
Administration Committee

Financial Statement -- January 2021					
Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense		
Year- to-Date					
	Actual	Budget		YTD Actual	
Offerings	\$68,679	\$68,261	Offerings		
Cell Tower Utilities	\$1,420	\$1,608	Building Fund	\$250	
Other Income	\$8	\$0	Total	\$250	
Total Income	\$70,107	\$69,869	Expenses		
Total Expense	\$38,216	\$55,754	Building Fund	\$0	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$31,891	\$14,115	Total	\$0	
			Income Over/(Under) Expense	\$250	
Temporary Restricted Funds	January	2021	BF Checking Account Balance	\$43,265	
Beginning Balance	\$78,450	\$78,450			
Restricted Income	\$5,278	\$5,278	Custodial Fund Balance	\$317,815	
Restricted Expense	\$7,276	\$7,276	Mission Develop Certificates	\$78,907	
Ending Balance	\$76,452	\$76,452	Total Synod Investments	\$396,722	
Checking Account Balances					
	Operating Fund	\$234,683			
	Restricted Funds	\$76,452			

Board of Deacons—2020 Financial Report

Despite the challenges of this past year our generous congregation supported the GVPC Board of Deacons through your contributions of \$12,543.00 in 2020!

The Board of Deacons made donations in the amount of \$15,021.82 in 2020 to various emergency response organizations and charities. We contributed \$1,700 to the American Red Cross in support of the Australian Fire relief and to the Salvation Army in support of the American Western Fire relief. We also supported the local branch of the Salvation Army through the annual Christmas in July Food Drive in the amount of \$670.00.

Locally, we supported the following organizations through our contributions:

- \$4,250 - Henderson Food Bank
- \$1,145 - Amazing Grace Ministries
- \$1,150 - Ethiopian Community Center of Las Vegas
- \$1,650 - Friends in the Desert
- \$1,145 - Las Vegas Rescue Mission

In a special Christmas gift, \$750.00 was provided to the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth.

We provided Walmart and Smiths Gift Cards for those in need, Starbucks gift cards for our college students, and financial support to the Pastors Secret

Angel Fund. Additionally, we supported the yearly GVPC Hoodie drive and the GVPC KnitWits.

Through the Deacons, our generous congregation had an amazing impact on our congregation, our community and the world. The GVPC Board of Deacons is truly thankful for the support of the congregation of Green Valley Presbyterian Church!

Sincerely,

The GVPC Board of Deacons

Senior Resources

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) through UNLV

Are you looking for activities to keep yourself busy since so many opportunities are currently unavailable? OLLI is a wonderful resource for retired and semi-retired adults. Ted and I both take classes through this outstanding organization as do several other people from GVPC.

OLLI's Mission: To challenge your mind and stimulate your spirit.

An array of over 40 thought provoking, non-credit classes are offered both on Zoom and at the Paradise campus which was originally a school on Tropicana Avenue across from the Thomas and Mack Center. I took an in-person class last semester and saw, firsthand, that OLLI is extremely cautious with their in-person classes. There are no tests,

no grades, no homework – only the opportunity to energize your mind, make new friends, and become part of a growing and vibrant community of lifelong learners. Classes are taught by volunteer instructors who are members of OLLI.

The cost is very reasonable. Annual membership is \$175 which covers 3 semesters. You can also pay by the session, if preferred. The price includes your parking pass if you are taking an in-person class. Once you become a member, you can take as many classes as you like from 1 to 14 depending on class availability. Currently, classes are offered on Monday through Friday at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, and 1:30 pm.

The OLLI office can be reached at 702-774-OLLI (6554) or by email olliatunlv@unlv.edu.

Ted and I are happy we found this resource for lifelong learning. Perhaps it is something you may want to check into where you can learn new things and meet new people.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rauenbuehler
Director of Congregational Care

An Update on GVPC's Digital Media

To meet the changing needs of our church during the Covid pandemic, the Executive Committee approved the contract of a Digital Media director for GVPC. Digital media has become a crucial tool for our church to continue, and expand, its mission of engaging the local and global community. It has been a wonderful experience so far to oversee the redesign of our website, create social media content across various platforms, and develop video, graphic, and production elements for our livestream worship services, Vacation Bible School and concerts.

During this difficult and unprecedented time, our aim is to bring a high-quality

online worship experience into your homes, and to help us stay connected and fellowship in 'virtual ways.' Your engagement is essential to our success – please check the website (www.greenvalleypres.com) weekly for new content and follow us on facebook (facebook.com/greenvalleypres) and Instagram (@greenvalleypres). By engaging with and sharing GVPC's posts, we can spread God's love and the work of our church even further.

I am always looking for content to share on the life and people of GVPC, so please take a moment to photograph and

video your church activities and groups as they happen and send to andrea@greenvalleypres.com.

Please contact me if you would like your committee, mission, or group to be featured in our digital media.

Andrea Tierney
Digital Media Director

2021 Spring Concert Series

GREEN VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2021 SPRING CONCERT SERIES

LIVESTREAMED 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH | 4PM

FACEBOOK LIVE AND GREENVALLEYPRES.COM



MAR 11	FINDING FAITH worship music
APR 8	ALEX CLEMENTS spring piano
MAY 13	AMY SMITH piano & organ
JUN 10	YVONNE COX harp
JUL 8	KAYMEN CARTER patriotic

