



**Glorify God  
Grow in Christ and  
Generously Share  
God's Love and Grace**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Have you ever found yourself enthusiastically counting down the days for a favorite annual tradition? Like children who can't wait to celebrate their birthday or a special holiday, there are moments in life when we impatiently cross off the days on our calendars in anticipation of a special event. October at GVPC, with its traditions and celebrations, has come to be one of those anticipated seasons for me. As I round out my third year as your pastor, I find myself looking forward to so many things that mark our life together in the fall.

- As my relationship with our congregation continues to grow, this summer I was keenly aware how much I missed so many of our GVPC members and friends who travel "home" to be with family and friends or to escape the desert heat. If you are among those who have been gone, you were deeply missed!
- Liturgically, October begins with one of my favorite services: *World Communion Sunday*. This annual observance on the first Sunday of October reminds us of our common identity with men and women across the globe as followers of Jesus Christ. Make it a point to celebrate this meaningful service with us on Sunday, October 6.
- Upon arriving at GVPC, I had no idea just how much joy and excitement the "Gingerbread Fair" could bring to our church and community. It is a thrill to see the display of talent represented in each handmade craft, special item, and culinary delight. To everyone who gives of their time and talent to make this annual event the success that it is, on behalf of your entire church, I offer our sincerest thanks. Once again, Janel and I will be getting a jumpstart on our holiday shopping at this year's "Gingerbread Fair" on Saturday, October 12. Plan to attend. All money raised is used to support unbudgeted expenses in our church, and more importantly, several mission partners and local charities.
- The annual "Messiah" fundraiser concert featuring our own Amy Smith always promises to be an entertaining and rewarding event. Don't miss this year's concert titled "Amy's Playlist" on Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 pm. All proceeds raised will be used to help produce our annual "Messiah" concert on Wednesday, December 11, a fundraiser for the Henderson Food Bank.

Just as gifts come in many different sizes, so too, do spiritual gifts. On any given week at GVPC, I am amazed at the numerous gifts evident within our congregation. Because of your generous spirit, we are able to influence our community and world with the grace and truth of the Gospel. I hope to see you around this month, because your gifts really do make a difference in the life of our church, community, and world.

Grace and Peace,  
  
Pastor Adrian

**October 2019**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

VISION Articles are always due on the 15th of each month.

## **Fall Sermon Series**

### **“James: Faith Demands Evidence”**

As we continue our fall sermon series, we come to some of the most potent passages in the Book of James dealing with the human temptation to respond inappropriately when we are faced with disappointment, challenge or conflict. James cautions us to use our words wisely and to remember that our actions always speak louder than words.

#### **October 5/6**

*World Communion Sunday*

“The Pitfalls of Favoritism”

James 2:1-13

#### **October 12/13**

“Actions Speak Louder Than Words”

James 2:14-26

#### **October 19/20**

“The Power of Words”

James 3:1-12

Also: Congregational Meeting

#### **October 26/27**

*Reformation Sunday*

“Living Well and Living Wise”

James 3:13-18

## **Men’s Bible Study**

This group of men meet at the church on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for fellowship and Bible Study and breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

The group is currently studying “*The History of Christianity II*” by Professor Molly Worthen.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month we meet at 11:30 am for a casual lunch at Barley’s located at 4500 E. Sunset.

For more information, contact Joe Willis at [jwillis40@cox.net](mailto:jwillis40@cox.net).

We look forward to meeting you!

## **Phoebe Bible Study**

We invite all Ladies to join us at Phoebe Bible Study. Linda Zeller will lead a study on the Book of Revelation.

This group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Come for an afternoon of insightful discussion.

## **Healing Hearts**

When we grieve for those that we have lost, we do not have to do it alone.

If you are grieving for someone you have lost, join us in fellowship, understanding, and love the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:45 am.

May the blessings of our loving GOD be with each of you.

## **Ladies Bible Fellowship**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ 10:00 am  
Conference Room

September through May

We share discussions, prayers, and encouragement helping us to take God’s amazing love into our hearts and into our world!

For more info or questions, contact the Church Office (702) 454-8484.

Please join us on October 2 and 16.

## **Hoodie "Coat" Drive**



We can't begin to thank our generous GVPC Congregation enough in making this summer's Backpack Offering a tremendous success by providing 336 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need at our local area elementary, middle, and high schools. Although the temperatures are hovering around 100°, cooler weather (thankfully) will be here soon. These same children and more like them will need outerwear to keep them warm and dry before, during, and after school. The Missions Committee, as part of GVPC's community outreach program, is conducting its annual **"Hoodie-Coat Drive,"** which in past years was referred to as the Coat Drive.

We will again be providing Hoodies (zippered and pullover hooded sweatshirts,) which have been so well received and appreciated by the students and school staff. In visiting with several of the school staff, this is the type of outerwear the kids need and will wear! We got the message: Please NO heavy or "Puffy" down coats or jackets.

**The Missions Committee will be accepting donations for the "Hoodie-Coat Drive" now through Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.** We would really like to do the shopping for you where we can ***STRETCH*** your dollars further in getting quality Hoodies at a greatly reduced price by purchasing them in bulk. (As an example, even with an advertised price of 50-60% off the regular price, we were able to get the exact Hoodie even cheaper!) However, for those of you who would prefer to purchase or donate gently used Hoodies or light weight jackets, there will be a box in the Narthex for you to place them in, which is also greatly welcomed and appreciated. If you make a gift by check or cash, please note in the memo line **"Hoodie-Coat Drive"** on the check (made payable to GVPC) and also on the offering envelope if making a cash donation. For those of you who prefer to make an online donation through GVPC, under "Giving" you can select from the drop down menu "Backpack/Coat Drive" and enter your gift amount.

We plan to deliver the Hoodies to the schools in November before the weeklong Thanksgiving break. **We need and welcome volunteers in helping deliver the Hoodies to the schools!** We will work with you as to the day and school you would like to make a delivery to. If you are interested in helping deliver, please call the church office at (702) 454-8484 and a member of our Mission Committee will get back to you.

Your Missions Committee asks that you prayerfully consider in sharing Jesus' love, by helping children in need in our Community, by supporting this year's Hoodie-Coat Drive.

*Warm Blessings,  
Missions Committee*

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to give witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

A donation to PDA will assist those affected by Hurricane Dorian that devastated the northwestern Bahamas and caused significant damage to the Southeastern U.S. You can donate by check, cash, or through GVPC's website. Please write in the memo line "PDA" on checks made payable to GVPC or on the envelope if giving cash.

The Missions Committee thanks you for your prayers and donations.

**Monthly Money Matters  
October 2019**

Thank you for your faithful offerings to God through Green Valley Presbyterian Church. Your generosity has allowed the church to do many things that once seemed financially out of reach. Examples this year include re-carpeting the Multi-purpose building, upgrading the audio system in the Sanctuary and the painting of the Sanctuary in October.

More importantly, the offerings we have received this year far exceeded our expectations and have convinced us to step out in faith and seek an Associate Pastor. An Associate Pastor will provide overall direction and co-ordination of our Christian Education programs and will also work closely with Pastor Adrian to assist with pastoral care and worship services. This addition to our staff is possible because our congregation has responded faithfully with offerings, but is dependent on those faithful offerings to continue in the years to come.

Thank you for your continued support of GVPC.  
The Administration Committee

**Stewardship 2020**

As we enter the annual Stewardship Campaign asking for your pledge offering to the 2020 operating budget, let us remember that we are **Blessed to be a Blessing**.

James 1:17 states, *“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”*

More information will be forthcoming later this month with a letter outlining the campaign as well as announcements from the pulpit, church bulletin and Vision articles.

Blessings,

Connie Mulick-Stewardship Committee Chair

**Financial Statement -- August 2019**

Current Income & Expense				Audio Fund Income & Expense	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		Year to Date	
Offerings	\$566,900	\$464,333	Offerings	\$68,761	
Cell Tower Utilities	\$4,799	\$5,142	Transfer from Custodial Fund	\$50,000	
Other Income	\$2,084	\$3,800	Total Income	\$118,761	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$573,783</b>	<b>\$473,275</b>	Payments to Contractors	\$76,270	
Total Expense	\$415,648	\$472,091	<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>42,491</b>	
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$158,136</b>	<b>\$1,184</b>			
Temporary Restricted Funds			Wells Fargo Balance		
	August	YTD		75,462	
Beginning Balance	\$48,978	\$81,344			
Restricted Income	\$8,192	\$97,938	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$164,938</b>	
Restricted Expense	\$9,179	\$131,290	<b>Mission Development Certificate:</b>	<b>\$76,359</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$47,991</b>	<b>\$47,991</b>	<b>Total Investments @ Synod</b>	<b>\$241,297</b>	
Checking Account Balance					
	Operating Fund	\$278,702			
	Restricted Funds	\$47,991			

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The August Session meeting was held on Tuesday, August 13. The following are motions that took place at a called Congregational Meeting on August 18 and electronic votes taken during the remainder of August and September.

During our Called Congregational meeting two motions were made, seconded and carried.

**A motion was made** that the position of Associate Pastor be created at Green Valley Presbyterian Church and that a search be started for an individual to fill that position.

**A motion was made** that an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee be formed and that the following individuals be elected to serve on the APNC: Sherri Brewer, Jan Carey, David Cornell, Rev. Adrian Doll, Connie Mulick, John Noel, Ryan Sutton, Andrea Tierney, and Stacey Weiss-Grogan.

The following four electronic votes were taken in August and September 2019.

**A motion was made** for a joint youth ministry lock-in with the youth of Green Valley Presbyterian Church and Grace Presbyterian Church. The lock-in will take place on the central campus of Grace Presbyterian church on Friday evening October 25 until Saturday morning, October 26, 2019.

**A motion was made** that we contract with Comfort Engineering/Dan Davis Architect Service to provide HVAC engineering services at a cost of \$1900. The objective is to define specifically what is needed to significantly improve the current imbalance in cooling/air flow during the peak summer season for the Sanctuary and choir loft.

**A motion was made** that Member Dave Tyrrell be approved as a temporary check signer effective immediately through November 15, 2019.

**A motion was made** that the shock absorber on one of the glass doors between the Narthex and Sanctuary be repaired at a cost of \$1223.00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Winkler, Clerk of Session

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**See You At  
Our *Gingerbread Fair!!!*  
Saturday  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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**Stop and Shop at our  
*Gingerbread Fair!***

- Visit our **Pantry** for homemade goodies of all varieties.
- **Handcrafted** gifts, decorations and practical items will be everywhere.
- Don't forget the **Raffle!** Tickets may be purchased at the fair or in the church narthex before and after services two weeks before the fair. Take a chance on one or all of the items offered. The drawing will be held at the end of the fair. *You do not have to be present to win. You will be called at the phone number listed on the ticket.*
- We have *handcrafted* items for: **Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Holidays—and for everyday use, especially for your kitchen. This is a great opportunity and place to do some early Christmas shopping for gifts for all of your family and friends.**

## Are Your Baking and Culinary Skills the talk of your Family and Friends?

*We look forward to selling your goodies at the Gingerbread Fair on October 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**Special Note:** We CANNOT safely handle anything that must be kept COLD OR NEEDS SPECIAL CARE.  
COOLERS DO NOT work as the time period is too long and items get overlooked.

- Whatever you make, ***please provide a note with a special ingredient used*** (nuts, fruits, chocolate or peanut butter.) People are concerned with allergies and we are frequently asked what the baked goods contain.
- ***Small portions are best.*** Large loaves and cakes are too much for most people.
- ***Sugar-free items*** are requested. Do you have a great recipe to make for us?
- ***Fudge*** is always popular as are ***brownies***. Especially iced brownies.
- ***Nut and/or fruit breads*** are very popular, especially ***in medium and small sizes.***
- ***Cookies***, any kind, are huge favorites! ***Remember: note any nuts and the kind in the cookies.***
- ***Pies*** are also very popular.
- ***Any other specialties, except cold items, that you make*** are most welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Bush at email below.

**Thank you! We appreciate your participation.** The money earned at the Fair is used for non-budgeted items at GVPC and for local mission projects.

**Food items** may be delivered to the Conference Room in the Multi-Purpose Building on Friday, October 11.  
A Pantry Committee member will be in the Conference Room from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Questions?

Please email Candice Bush: [cblv5147@gmail.com](mailto:cblv5147@gmail.com).

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**Craft Items** should be delivered to the Multi-Purpose Building from  
***Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.***

Members of the Gingerbread Fair Committee will be in

***Fellowship Hall to take your items from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.***

We look forward to seeing the beautiful items that you have been making  
enabling us to make our fair another fantastic success!

Questions???

Please contact Julie Winkler (702) 269-0303 or Shari Jackson (702) 860-4032.

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## Sunday Morning Children's Programs October 2019

**Nursery care** for ages infant through 36 months is available in the Christian Education building every Sunday morning during worship from 8:45 am until 11:45 am. Drop off children up to 15 minutes before the service begins and pickup after service ends. Two nursery attendants are present during services. For families who wish to keep their small children with them during the service, a cry room is available at the rear of the Sanctuary if needed.

**Children's Rainbow Choir** is open to all students, pre-K and up, and will continue to practice on Sunday mornings from 9:50 to 10:20 am in the Christian Education Building room #7. The choir sings at the 10:30 am service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. New members and visitors are welcome at any time. For an online link to recordings and lyrics of songs email your request to [juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com).

**Sunday school** for ages Pre-Kindergarten through high school meet during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education Bldg. Children start out the morning in the Sanctuary with their families. After the Children's Sermon, students will be escorted to the C. E. Building where they will report to their assigned classrooms. Parents will pick up their children in the C. E Bldg. immediately after the service ends.

**"DWELL"** curriculum published by Faith Alive Resources has been selected to use in our Pre-K through Middle School classes. This multi-year curriculum is grounded in the Reformed perspective. **"DWELL"** invites kids to **live into God's story** of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration and encourages kids to **live out of God's story** every day as they respond to God's call. Each lesson includes activities based on multiple intelligence theory. The focus of the 6-week units are as follows:

Ages 3-4: Play – 9-month program based on 36 stories from Genesis through Acts.

K/1<sup>st</sup>: Imagine – Unit 1 ~ Imagine being part of God's Family/Unit 2 ~ Imagine Following God's Directions.

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>: Wonder – Unit 1 ~ Wonder About God's Amazing Plan/Unit 2 ~ Wonder About God's Daring Mission.

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Marvel – Unit 1 ~ Marvel at God's Love/Unit 2 ~ Marvel at God's Mercy.

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Dive – Unit 1 ~ What do I do when things fall apart? /Unit 2 ~ What's the Covenant All About?

To learn more about Dwell's curriculum visit their website at <https://dwell.faithaliveresources.org/about-dwell.html>.

**"52 GREAT BIBLE STUDIES FOR YOUTH"** curriculum from Faith Alive Resources has been selected for use in the High School class. These Bible studies are straightforward, easy to use, and great for high school students. These studies are designed to be self-lead by the students but will be assisted by an adult facilitator. Studies explore the topics of decisions, forgiveness, gossip, the kingdom of heaven, money and lifestyle, Philippians: living the joy, relationships, self-image, and service.

Julie Dorse

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## YOU – A Most Important Resource

### Senior Resource Article

After what my husband and I have been through these past couple of months, I have an enhanced view of resources. In this issue of the "Vision," I want to concentrate on how each one of us is a very important resource and support to others in our church family.

Ted and I have recently experienced what it feels like to be on the receiving end of the thoughts and prayers of our church family. As he endured 37 days in the hospital including two back surgeries, ICU, and two surgeries for an infection, we felt surrounded by the love and support of GVPC. Every card, call, text, email, and other expressions of concern were each so appreciated.

As I look around our congregation, I see so many examples of people caring about others. I see people reaching out in such a wide variety of ways to let others know that they are important and loved. Our caring congregation makes us a very special church.

We have a number of people in our congregation who are grieving or going through treatment for an illness. Many are anticipating or recovering from surgery. With each of these people there are caretakers who need our love, prayers, attention and possibly assistance.

Undoubtedly, there are people you know who would love a call, a card, or anything to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them. What specifically can you do to be a resource and a support for them? The holidays are coming and you probably know people who struggle with this time of year – maybe because this is the first holiday season without a loved one or maybe their family lives far away. What can you do to be a resource and a support for them?

Each of us have a lot of power to bring a smile to someone's face with a surprise phone call or make their day with a card so they know someone is thinking about them. **YOU are a Very Important Resource!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Rauenbuehler  
Director of Congregational Care

### CareNotes

The latest order of **CareNotes** has arrived. These topics have been added to the displays located at the entrance to the Sanctuary:

1. When Someone You Love is Far Away.
2. Surviving a Stroke.
3. Understanding a Child's Grief.
4. Turning to Prayer in Times of Grief.
5. When a Loved One's Care Decisions are in Your Hands.

Please help yourself to these wonderful booklets or share with a loved one or friend who may be experiencing difficulty in their life.

### Thanksgiving Fellowship

Are you a single or a couple that will be alone for Thanksgiving?

Would you consider getting connected with a small group of others from your church family to celebrate the holiday together?

Please contact Linda Rauenbuehler, Director of Congregational Care, at 702-558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net) to learn more and be placed with a group of others to share the holiday with.



## Bunco

Join us at the monthly Bunco event!

In October we will meet on

**Thursday, October 17**

from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the GVPC Fellowship Hall.

We have a very friendly, fun and energetic group of players and we welcome you to ***Come Roll With Us!***

For further information please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

## Monthly Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for Ladies' Lunch on

**Thursday, October 3** at 11:15 at

Miller's Ale House on Stephanie St.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

Come meet new friends!

## Chico's Shopping Day

Please join us for an autumn shopping day at Chico's in the Las Vegas Premium Outlets on Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00 am. The outlet mall is located at the corner of Las Vegas Blvd. and Warm Springs. Chico's is located in the most southern hallway in the outlet mall.

After shopping, we go to the Food Court where we enjoy lunch. All sorts of different foods are offered in the food court for you to select.

If you would like to carpool, please meet at the reception desk in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Anna Mae Wood at (702) 896-9701 or Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

## Page Turners

On Thursday, October 3, Page Turners will be discussing the book "*Between Earth and Sky*" by Amanda Skenandore that was postponed from our September meeting. Nancy Fontana will be leading our discussion and we will start at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room.

In writing "*Between Earth and Sky*," the author has drawn on the experiences of a close relative, a member of the Ojibwe Tribe, who survived an Indian mission school in the 1950s. Her writing provides an accurate portrayal of Native American boarding schools in the late 1800s. Using the character of Harry Muskrat in her novel, she questions the impact of forced assimilation on one's self-identity.

Ms. Skenandore lives in Las Vegas and will be at the Clark County Library in Las Vegas on **October 5, 2019** from 11:00 am -12:30 pm to discuss book writing software.

For our meeting on November 7, we will be reading the book "*The Singing and Dancing Daughters of God*" by Timothy Schaffert.

Please join us.

## GVPC CONCERT SERIES

**AMY SMITH - ORGAN CONCERT**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 ~ 3:00 PM

**CLARE BIRMINGHAM AND DARIN BRADFORD**  
PIANO AND FLUTE CONCERT  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ~ 3:00 PM

**MESSIAH**  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 ~ 7:00 PM

**"RUDIMENTS" JAZZ CONCERT**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 ~ 3:00 PM

**NEVADA SCHOOL OF THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**  
YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ~ 5:00 PM

**LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS**  
SATURDAY, MAY 16 ~ 7:30 PM  
SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~ 3:00PM

## **New Member Inquiry Class**

Are you interested in exploring church membership and learning more about GVPC?  
Please join us at the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on  
**Sunday, October 6 from 11:45 am – 3:00 pm in the  
GVPC Conference Room.**

The class will include a history of the Church, the Creeds and Confessions,  
Church Polity, structure of the Presbyterian Church, the history of GVPC,  
and opportunities for Christian Education, Fellowship, and Service.

The membership class is required for anyone who wishes to become a member of GVPC.  
Those who simply want to know more about the church are also welcome.

Lunch will be provided and childcare upon request.

A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or call the church office at  
(702) 454-8484 for more information, to request childcare, and to RSVP.

## **Deacons Corner**

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for your continued and generous support in the form of money in the Deacons envelopes and items for the food banks we support!! Please keep it up!! There are lots of people in need.

### **We Need Your Help**

Friends in the Desert is in need of blankets and warm clothing in larger sizes. Winter clothes are desperately needed in the form of sweatshirts, jackets, jeans/ pants, hats, gloves, long sleeved shirts and shoes.

### **Save the Date!!**

The next New Members Class is scheduled for Sunday, October 6 after the second service ..... Please come and learn more about being a member of GVPC!

Due to the support of our congregation and Christmas in July, the Board of Deacons was able to give \$1250.00 to both Friends of the Desert and the Henderson Food Bank! We were also able to donate \$1000.00 to the Red Cross in support of their efforts to help those affected by the devastating aftermath in the Bahamas.

The Deacons recognize that without you we could not share God's love to the extent as expressed by your generous giving. Please remember to donate extra food items for the Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank and bulk food items for Friends of the Desert.

### **Spot Light**

In this edition we would like to spot light the efforts of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. The Las Vegas Rescue Mission is one of the organizations we support. As a nonprofit Christian organization, the Mission receives no government support; they rely solely upon the compassion and support of concerned individuals, churches, corporations, and other organizations.

As of July 31,2019 these are their numbers:

- 235,512 Meals served.
- 37,823 Emergency beds provided.
- 2,972 Individuals received free clothing.
- 167 Individuals helped in recovery programs.

The GVPC Board of Deacons thank you again for your continued material and financial support so we can do more for others in our community.

# Presbyterian Youth Connection

In September, youth, parents, and some members of our church, ventured out to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway where we took part in setting up 4 others trailers and selling souvenirs from them during the three days of racing. We battled the heat and had fun while being out there. This is different than what the Israelites felt in the desert after fleeing from Egypt in the Book of Exodus. We are thankful for ice, water, and sports drinks. A huge and much humbled thank you go to those who helped set up the trailers, and those who spent part of their time (or even all four days) out there to help raise money for our youth program.

Are you a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student? Come join us on Sundays from 12:00 -3:00 pm. We will begin our time with food and then have some fun, worship, and then a discussion based on the topic that is held during our time together.



All Students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are studying a different series than the Jr. High group. We will also be meeting from 12:00– 3:00 pm with food, fun, worship, and a message. This month we will be discussing some different subjects that you may have questions in. Come see what it is all about.

The GVPC Youth have been invited to join the youth of Grace and Mountain View Presbyterian for a lock-in that is going to be A”Maze”ing! Come join in the fun at Grace Presbyterian Church Friday October 25 from 8:00 pm through Saturday the 26 at 8:00 am. There is going to be a lot of fun filled games, food, and for some a lack of sleep.

For more details, please see or contact Kerry. All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to join in!

Kerry Radke  
Interim Director of Youth Ministries  
(702) 454-8484, ext. 504  
[youth@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:youth@greenvalleypres.com)

## Friends in The Desert October 2019

A nice lunch was served at St. Timothy's Church on September 14, 2019. We served meatball sub sandwiches with marinara sauce and cheese, caesar salad, pickles, chips and ice cream bars. There were 75 meals served and 45 takeout meals were distributed.

The Lunch Brigade is made up of 13 loyal volunteers who provide lunches for our Friends In the Desert on the second Friday of every month. Each sack lunch contains two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a piece of fruit. When the lunches are delivered to GVPC a bag of chips and a bag of cookies are added to the lunch, making a very nice meal for those who may have no other food available on Sundays when the FITD kitchen is closed.

The cost of preparing the meals is low, but the personal satisfaction of serving our Lord's people is priceless. Kurt Ricketts is coordinating the sack lunch program. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Carol Johnson in the church office at (702) 454-8484 or email Carol at [caroljohnson@greenvillepres.com](mailto:caroljohnson@greenvillepres.com).

We are very thankful for Teresa Savoy who has taken over for Muriel as our contact for FITD. She is doing an excellent job and so easy to work with. She has added a "Wish List" in the kitchen. This month she has requests for coffee, cream, sugar and blankets, water bottles, Men's deodorant, razors, and crew socks to be used in the winter months. Also, there is a need for plastic bags for the take out meals and food items that are distributed. They also requested paper towels. Any donations should be marked for FITD.

We are now going into the transition period of clothing and although it is still warm we are looking for long sleeve shirts, sweaters, pants (especially jeans,) hooded jackets, and gym shoes for men and women. We also need blankets and sleeping bags, men's underwear in sizes medium and XL and women's panties in size 6. Deodorant, lotion, men's crew socks, razors, washcloths (Walmart has a big pack), and gallon plastic bags that we use to make up our toiletry bags. Since the hotels will be installing dispensers in their showers and eliminating the small bottles of shampoo, PLEASE gather as many as you can as these are so handy for our Friends rather than the large bottles. Teresa came out and AGAIN told us how much St. Tim's appreciated our ministry and we are the ONLY church that distributes clothing and toiletry items and how very much they are appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam Sharetts.

The **Saturday, October 12** luncheon will be sloppy joe sandwiches, tater tots, coleslaw, potato chips, lemonade, milk and individual Halloween candies. Co-chairs are Susan Walker (702) 617-9910 and Dianna Schuster-Proud (702) 361-6354.

Volunteers for food items and/or helping to serve are always appreciated and welcome. The full menu is located on the sign-up board at the back of the Narthex. Items you sign up for must be delivered to the church Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than 11:30 am on the Friday before the meal or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) by 10:45 am on the Saturday the meal is served. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" and please include your name.

Thank you all for your help in helping those in need.

Co-chairs,  
Dianna Schuster-Proud and Jo Ellen Lewis

## Dana's Place, Our Children's Library

Dana's Place is highlighting the activities of October with a special display for "Down Syndrome Awareness Month". The library's display features three new books written about children with Down Syndrome, photos and book reviews.

"*A Mother's Story*" is written by Amy Homer Smith and Carole Neumann.

It was a lovely summer Sunday morning at GVPC when a beaming Amy announced that she and Mike were expecting. It was a high risk pregnancy and their trust was in God. Later test results were positive for a baby boy with Down Syndrome.

January 18, 2018 Aaron was born into his loving family. "We were told that he would be the happiest child and love everyone (a childlike love.) He was being sent by God, against all odds, to teach Mike and me how to be parents. He would be an example to love one another as Jesus loves us."

"The blessing he is to our lives and to others goes way beyond his health issues. When I look at Aaron, I sometimes forget that he has Down Syndrome. I look into his eyes, and he is looking back at me, knowing that I am his Mom. I have a bond with him and he is a child of God. That's it. Plain and simple."

"I am honored to share my family's journey. We are blessed with the love and support at GVPC. October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. We prefer to call it Down Syndrome Celebration Month. It's a time to celebrate the accomplishments and milestones met. We celebrate Aaron every day. "

Resources that Mike and I found helpful.

1. <https://www.dsosn.org/>.
2. <https://gracieshouse.org/>
3. <https://ndss.org/resources/>
4. [www.parentcenterhub.org/downsyndrome/](http://www.parentcenterhub.org/downsyndrome/).



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### What's Wrong with Timmy?

By Maria Shriver

Book review by Amy Smith

This is such a wonderful, and beautifully written story, about friendship and inclusion. Our story begins with Kate, a young girl who is only 8 years old, who meets Timmy, a young boy who is also 8, on the playground one day while out with her mom. This was Kate's first encounter with a new friend who seemed a little different from anyone else she had ever known up to this point in her life. The book talks about how Kate felt "funny" inside, upon her first meeting with Timmy, and her mother gives this response:

She sits down with Kate to explain that Timmy is indeed different in some ways. In fact, his physical appearance and mannerisms suggest that he may have Down Syndrome. He learns a little differently, he may walk or talk a little slower, and he may need more time to finish tasks, but he and she are also very similar. For example, they were born only one month apart, they both love their family, and they both want friends. Kate soon felt more at ease, and she then approached Timmy for the first time. She then finds out, that they have similar likes and dislikes, and a friendship is formed that day. In addition, Kate urges her friends to invite Timmy to play with them, which opened up a whole new circle of friends for Timmy, in which the book suggests, this may have been a first for the young boy.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story and ordered myself a copy to add to my library. It's interesting that in this day and age where all of us are so different, we all have similarities and common interests, big and small. And when many of us are dwelling on our differences this book celebrates our similarities. If any of you haven't read this story yet I highly recommend it!

# GVPC MUSIC MINISTRIES

October 2019

*Tim Warren*      *Director of Music Ministries*  
*Kaymen Carter*   *Assistant Music*  
*Amy Smith*       *Organist/Pianist*

Do you enjoy MUSIC? Have you always wanted to try SINGING? Are you a SINGER? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then the Green Valley Presbyterian Church choir wants you! We rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and we minister through song at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday services.

In addition to preparing hymns, anthems and special music throughout the year, we will perform Handel's Messiah and other large choral works from various musical periods. We also have a bell choir. No experience required!

Thursdays	6:00 pm	Joy Ringers Hand Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sundays	9:00 am & 10:30 am	Chancel Choir (8:15 am warm-up ~ Sanctuary)
	9:50 - 10:20 am	Rainbow Choir Rehearsal – CE Bldg. room 7

**COME AND JOIN US!!!**

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## UPCOMING: Concert Series

Sunday, October 13	3:00 pm	Amy Smith, Organ and Piano Concert
Sunday, November 10	3:00 pm	Clare Birmingham and Darin Bradford Flute and Piano Concert
Wednesday, December 11	7:00 pm	Messiah Concert

Dear Green Valley Presbyterian Church,

Our team thanks you all for your continued support of the work of CARE for AIDS. We cannot do this work without amazing supporters like you all. We are grateful for your generosity and partnership.

May God continue to bless you all abundantly!

Many thanks,  
CARE for AIDS team

Dear fellow GVPC members-

It is with great pleasure that we send the \$20,000 matching grant check to help fund the upgrade to the audio/visual system. Your gifts made this possible!! We have an awesome congregation that always comes through when the need is presented.

We look forward to enjoying the benefits in the near future-

With much love for you all-

Anonymous Donor Matching Grant

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**Join us for  
Worship:**

**Saturday Evening**

5:00-6:00 PM  
with Communion  
served weekly.

*A Cry Room is available for  
parents with infants.*

**Sunday Morning**

Traditional Service  
9:00 & 10:30 AM  
with Communion the first  
Sunday of each month.  
*Nursery Provided.*

**Sunday School**

10:40 AM- 11:30 AM  
for children K-12th grade

**Coffee Hour and Fellowship**

10:00 AM in the  
Fellowship Hall