



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

The Door of Humility

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Walking across the plaza toward the ancient Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, I was overcome by competing emotions: excitement, wonder, and awe. This was the very site where tradition says the Christ of Bethlehem was born. In my mind, I expected to see a large, majestic, cathedral-like door marking the entrance to this holy and beloved site where Christians have worshipped for nearly two thousand years. Ironically, however, as our tour group made our way forward, I was struck by the contrast between my imagination and reality. The doorway to the Church of the Nativity is so small that one literally has to bow low in order to leave the busyness of Bethlehem and enter into the serenity of its basilica. Once a much larger door, the entrance was shortened to just over four feet during the Ottoman Empire in order to prevent people from storming the church on horseback.

Today, the main entrance to the Church of the Nativity is known affectionately as the "Door of Humility" because of the manner by which worshippers are forced to enter its holy space. Once inside, visitors are struck by the array of relics one associates with worship in the Eastern Church, including high ceilings, candles, incense, icons and mosaic floors, as they stand in line for hours in order to see the grotto beneath the altar. Tourists and religious pilgrims alike make their way down a narrow, uneven stairwell to a dark, cavernous space where a star on the floor marks the site of the Nativity. Some visitors just stand and take pictures. Others pass by unimpressed. But many others, faithful from around the world, bow in humble reverence out of deep gratitude for the One who came into our world to draw us to the heart of God.

As I made my way outside the Basilica into the harsh realities of the crowded, bustling, modern city of Bethlehem, I was struck by the symbolic journey of our brief time inside this holy space. Everyone, tourist and faithful alike, had to humble oneself in order to come near the site of Jesus' birth. As we move through the celebrations and busyness of the holiday season, we will always miss the main point if we don't take time in our overcrowded schedules to bow in humility – in our heart and mind – before the Christ of Bethlehem. The Scriptures tell us that even the Magi, some of the most learned, revered and majestic men of their day, humbled themselves in worship as they entered the home of Mary and Joseph and offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Of all the gifts any of us could offer Christ this year, the most cherished would be the gift of a humble heart, a heart ready and willing to worship Him as Lord. It's only then that any of us will see Christ for who He is, and see ourselves for who we are, a people in need of God's infinite grace and mercy.



Pastor Adrian

December 2019 January 2020

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

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 AM (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE ON 12-21

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE

“SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS”

PERFORMED BY THE RAINBOW CHILDREN’S CHOIR

8:30 AND 11:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

REV. ADRIAN N. DOLL

GVPC CHANCEL CHOIR, SOLOISTS,
AND INSTRUMENTALISTS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:00 AM (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE ON 12-28

Ladies Bible Fellowship

1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 10:00 am
Conference Room

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.

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 on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the
month at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Come join us on December 13 and January 10 and 24
for an afternoon of insightful discussion.

Advent and Christmas Sermon Series

The Light Has Dawned

December 1 – The First Sunday of Advent

“Follow the Star”

Matthew 2:1-8

December 8 – The Second Sunday of Advent

“A Most Unlikely Family Tree”

Matthew 1:1-17; Galatians 4:4-7

December 15 – The Third Sunday of Advent

“A Test of Obedience”

Matthew 1:18-25

December 22 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The Freedom to Say Yes”

Luke 1:26-38

[Note there will be one service only at 10:00 am]

December 24 – Christmas Eve

“It’s Not Too Late”

Luke 2:8-20

December 29 – Christmastide

A Service of Lessons and Carols

[Note there will be one service only at 10:00 am]

January 5 – Epiphany

“Teach Us to Number Our Days”

Psalms 90:9-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 12

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Matthew 2:13-18; Matthew 5:10-12

Men’s Bible Study

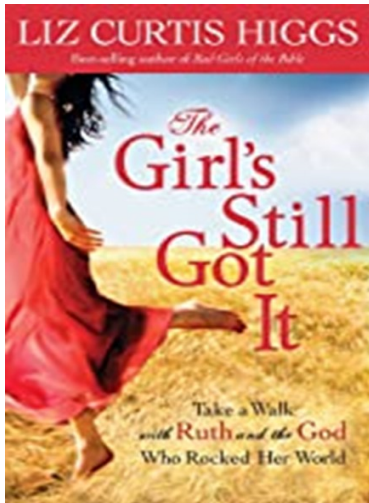
We meet at the church on Saturday mornings at
8:00 am for fellowship, bible study and
for breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

We are currently studying

“*The History of Christianity II*” by Dr. Molly Worthen.

On the 4th 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.



Monday Evening Women's Bible Study.

You asked for more Liz Curtis Higgs, you got her!

Take a 12-week walk with Ruth

Mondays beginning January 6, 2020

7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Purchase your book online through Amazon.
Come ready to discuss chapter one.

Please contact Julie Winkler at 7winks@cox.net
for more information
and to RSVP your attendance at the class.

2019 HOODIE DRIVE TRULY BLESSED!

Thanks to the outstanding generosity and volunteers of our GVPC congregation, this year's Hoodie Coat Drive was truly blessed in being able to provide **632** Hoodies to our local area school children and youth in need at 12 Elementary and Middle Schools and Basic and Foothill High Schools. This represents a new record of 5 more than last year, which is even more remarkable given the price increase for quality Hoodies over last year. The Hoodie deliveries were made even more special by furnishing over 100 of the most beautiful and cuddly scarves of myriad colors lovingly knitted by our KnitWits and organized by Mary Pierce. We also received another blessing of warmth and love with the donation of 30 colorful and delightful hand knitted hats by Laura Miller, Bobby and Christy Miller's aunt, that were also delivered to the school children. A grateful thank you to all these ladies.



We would also like to thank Pastor Adrian, Carol Johnson, and Cynthia Dakus for their efforts in encouraging participation in the Hoodie Drive in announcements at services and in the weekly bulletins. We could not have done this without the phenomenal coordinating efforts of Katherine Rowley, who contacted the schools, placed and reconciled delivery of the orders, helped sort, and prepared letters to the schools. A big thank you also goes out to Connie Mulick, Ruth Kinney, and Lynn Brintle, who helped sort and package the Hoodies for each school. Additionally, we would like to thank our wonderful delivery volunteers who delivered the Hoodies to the 14 Henderson/Las Vegas local schools: Sherri Brewer, Julie Dorse, Marie and Cliff Harkness, Hal Hokenstad, Bill and Jo Ellen Lewis, Connie Mulick, Jorge Sanchez, Buffy Tang, Julie Winkler, and John Zsenai.

We would like to share one of the many thank yous already received from one of the schools: *"Thank you so much for your support of our students. They will really appreciate getting a new hoodie during the holiday season. It is organizations like yours that bring smiles to the faces and change the lives of many of our students with just a hoodie or a new backpack"*.

From the heartfelt appreciation of the school counselors, administrators and teachers, to the many students who will be a bit warmer and know that the community cares for them, spirits have been lifted and the love of Christ has been multiplied and spread well beyond our church. A most grateful thanks to our caring and generous GVPC congregation.

Wishing you a Blessed and Joyful Christmas!
The Missions Committee, Susan L. Walker, Elder

Session Highlights October 2019

Associated Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Session was presented with the final revision of the Ministry Information Form (MIF) from the APNC committee. The MIF was approved and forwarded to Nevada Presbytery for final approval.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Adrian N. Doll

The report for September/October 2019 included meetings with colleagues in ministry, preparations for the upcoming Journey of Faith to Israel, weekly meetings of the APNC, new members class, congregational meeting, parents of youth meeting, and the 2020 Stewardship Campaign.

Membership and Outreach Committee – Elders Doug Small and Dave Cornell

A motion was made to approve the purchase of 288 GVPC coffee mugs at a cost of up to \$1500.00.

A motion was made to sell the coffee mugs to the congregation for \$10/each.

Worship and Music Committee – Elders Bill Ruby and Donna Rorer

A motion was made to approve an increase of the guest artist fund by \$1,500.00 beyond the current budget to complete the year.

A motion was made to approve a concert on January 5, 2020 with harpist Yvonne Cox. This event is sponsored by the GVPC concert series.

A motion was made to allow the sale of raffle tickets for the baskets with proceeds to the Messiah Concert.

A motion was made for \$3,021.17 from Worship and Music/Supplies to assist with the payment of the new hymnals.

Christian Education Committee – Elders Sherri Brewer and Ann Fields

A motion was made to approve the use of the following curriculums for the Youth Group beginning January 2020:

“Download Youth Ministries” and “Interlink Online”

A motion was made to approve the offsite lock-in activity for the youth group on New Year's Eve to be held at Grace Presbyterian Church.

A motion was made to approve funding for Julie Dorse to attend the “Children's Pastor's Conference” in Orlando, Florida in January 2020 for four days at a cost of approximately \$1650.00. This figure includes airfare, accommodations, conference fee, meals and shuttle service.

A motion was made to approve funding for Kerry Radke to attend the “Youth Ministry Conference” in November 2020 by authorizing the payment of the registration fee.

Missions Committee – Elders Susan Walker and Robert Brewer

A motion was made that Session approve payments in 2019 recommended by the Missions Committee as follows:

Authorize payment of \$5,000.00 from Account 5207 (General Assembly Missions) to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance General Relief and Support Fund.

Authorize payment of \$1,600.00 from Account 5207 (General Assembly Missions) to the PCUSA Agency for Missions support.

Authorize an additional payment of \$2,300.00 from Account 5208 (Non-Denominational Missions) to CARE for AIDS, Kenya.

Authorize payment of \$2,700.00 from Account 5209 (Undesignated) to CARE for AIDS, Kenya.

Authorize payment of \$3,000.00 from Account 5209 (Undesignated) to the Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank.

A motion was made that Session approve GVPC's participation in asking for volunteers to help serve an early Thanksgiving Dinner on the evening of Friday, November 22, 2019 to the families of homeless students at Basic Academy in Henderson.

Session Highlights (cont.)

Spring Presbytery Committee – This Presbytery meeting will be held at Green Valley Presbyterian Church from March 8 - 11, 2020.

A motion was made that Communion be served at the Tuesday worship service on March 10, 2020.

A motion was made to authorize and budget \$1,200.00 for potential expenses.

A motion was made to create a “Presbytery Meeting” Restricted Account and authorize Bernadette O’Neill and Carol Johnson to manage associated income and expenses with full accounting to Session.

Administration Committee – Elders Allen Randle and John Noel

A motion was made to approve the Restricted Funds Authorization for Spending effective November 1, 2019 through January 31, 2021.

There is one policy change which affects Account 8103 – Gingerbread Fair. In the past, all expenditures by the Gingerbread Fair Committee required approval by Session. In this authorization, authority to spend up to \$1,000.00 to support the operation of the fair (storage units, supplies, etc.) is delegated to the GBF treasurer. However, all improvements to the church facilities and equipment still requires approval by Session.

A motion was made that new computers be purchased for the Director of Children’s Ministries, the attendance desk and the office assistant desk at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

A motion was made to extend approval for Dave Tyrrell to serve check signer through January 15, 2020.

The final budget amounts will be received at the December Session meeting.

Stewardship Committee – Elder Connie Mulick

The Stewardship Campaign for 2020 begins October 19-20, 2019. Pastor Adrian’s stewardship sermon will be the weekend of November 16-17, 2019. Dedication weekend will be November 23-24, 2019.

Property Committee – Elders John Yates and Bobby Miller

A motion was made to replace six trees along Wigwam Parkway, add various plants, and remove and dispose of the old trees. This request is for an additional \$680.00 to the April 29, 2019 motion of \$1050.00 for a total of \$1730.00.

(The original motion omitted the cost of tree removal and the additional plants.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Winkler, Clerk of Session

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Our Committee has been charged by the Session to find an associate pastor for our church. We started meeting in August, and our first task was to write a Ministry Information Form (MIF), which describes our church, its programs, goals, missions and how GVPC serves Henderson and beyond in spreading the Word of God. This form is now completed and has received the proper approvals.

Prospective pastors will read this and decide whether our church may be one he or she feels led to serve. We expect to receive many inquiries and this process may take 4-6 months before a new associate pastor is selected.

Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we find the associate pastor whom God has chosen for our church.

John Noel, Chairman
Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

CareNotes

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

1. Overcoming the “Blues” at Christmastime.
2. Making Christmas Count: A Kid’s Guide to Keeping the Season Sacred (KIDS.)
3. Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas.
4. Coping with Holiday Stress.
5. Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies.

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

Become a Part of Something Special!

See you at the Fair: October 10, 2020

Let's do it again! The Gingerbread Fair Committee is getting an early start on ideas for the 2020 Gingerbread Fair and we are inviting you to join us for some fun and great fellowship. You do not have to be a craft person; we need people who are good organizers and can take care of other details. And, as an added bonus, you can join us at any time of the year. With proceeds close to \$11,000 for the 2019 fair, you can recognize that it takes a lot of organizing and help to make the fair a success. GFC uses the money for local mission projects and for unbudgeted capital improvements for GVPC.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets on the first and third Mondays, from 10 am to 12 pm, of each month from January through the October fair. 2020 kicks off with our **first business meeting on January 6th** in the Conference Room. Our **first craft meeting will be January 20th**. The first Monday is always a "take care of business meeting" and the sharing of ideas on crafts that we would like to make and/or teach, share planning ideas, along with greeting and making new friends. Please bring samples, pictures, or ideas of crafts that will help make our fair another great success! On the third Monday, we will work together on crafts while enjoying the fellowship of members. Many members also work at home on their own to produce items for the fair.

We look forward to seeing you!!! Questions?

Contact one of our Co-Chairs:

Pam Yates: pamyates1021@gmail.com or 702-912-0438

Deborah McMorris: dmc Morris1953@hotmail.com or 702-217-0848

Foundation Assisting Seniors

A church member recently brought this organization back to my attention, when her husband played in their recent golf tournament. I wrote about one of their programs, the HOW R U program, in a previous article.

The Foundation Assisting Seniors was established in 2002 for seniors in times of illness, recovery, confinement at home, losing a loved one and other challenges at no charge. Since its inception, it has responded to over 200,000 requests for service. *"It is the ultimate goal of the Foundation to improve the overall quality of life for seniors by ensuring that they remain as safe and comfortable as possible in their own home as they age."*

Volunteers provide a number of services such as non-medical health assistance, limited home maintenance, transportation and mobility equipment.

1. **HowRU** - Their HowRU program is a valuable, nationwide service that provides daily phone calls to seniors living alone to check on how they are doing. It has saved 7 lives according to their website.
2. **Medication Reminder** - The Medication Reminder service is also a free program that calls subscribers daily to check up on them.
3. **Durable Medical Equipment** - An inventory of durable medical equipment is maintained and delivered on a short-term loan basis to seniors in the valley as well as visiting seniors.
4. **Home Maintenance** - Volunteers provide minor home maintenance such as replacing lightbulbs and adding salt to water softeners so seniors do not need to get on ladders or lift items that are too heavy.
5. **Transportation** - Volunteers are available to provide transportation for seniors to Dr.'s appointments and shopping.

Further information can be found by calling (725) 244-4200 or by visiting their website at foundationassistingseniors.org.

As I was exploring this website, imagine my surprise, to see a picture of GVPC member, Jeff Henshaw, winning the First-Ever Hole-in-One Grand Prize!!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Congregational Care

Season's Greetings!

The Children's Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24th. The service script and supplies have arrived! This year we will be presenting "Sing a Song of Christmas (A Simple Christmas Musical for Kids.)" "This nativity-themed musical celebrates the birth of Christ using familiar carols and easy narration." There will be plenty of speaking opportunities (a minimum of 3 and up to 21 narrators), and also non-speaking acting parts to pantomime the scenes.

The Choir began practicing the Christmas Eve songs Sunday, November 3rd, along with their usual Sunday morning practice **from 9:40 am to 10:20 am**. All students are invited to participate, not just current choir members. We have purchased CD's containing the songs and the narration parts for you to take home in case you cannot attend all of the weekly practices. Please see me to pick up a copy of the CD.

There are also many opportunities available for parents, family members, and congregation members. We will need help preparing for the performance (Coaching the narrators, inspecting/repairing/passing out costumes, setting and breaking down the stage on Christmas Eve, and moving the participants into their correct positions during the performance.) If you are available and willing to help, please contact me at the church.

Yours in Christ,

Julie Dorse
Director of Children's Ministries
juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com
(702) 454-8484 (X-505)

Christmastime at Dana's Place, The Children's Library

Welcome to "The Spirit of Christmas" at Dana's Place. The book display and shelves are brimming to overflowing with Christmas and seasonal books. Enjoy these books in the comfort of the library or check them out to read at home. Also, enjoy the Christmas themed display on the newly acquired bulletin board.



Selections of the Christmas story include:

"A Shepherd's Gift" by Mary Calhoun. An ordinary shepherd boy gave a special gift, his much loved lamb to that wonderful child.

"Christmas in the Stable" by Astrid Lingren. A mother tells the Christmas story, written in a contemporary setting.

"The Crippled Lamb" by Max Lucado. A crippled lamb, a gift from a shepherd boy, provided warmth to the Christ child. God has a special place for all of us and for all the animals.

"Mouse's Christmas gift" by Mindy Baker. When the pastor becomes ill and cancels the Christmas Eve service, a little church mouse saves the service with the help of the townspeople.

Dana's Place wishes you Peace, Joy, and Love.

Sunday Morning Children's Programs

December 2019/January 2020

Nursery care for ages infant through 36 months is available in the Christian Education building every Sunday morning during worship from 8:45 until 11:45 am. Drop off children up to 15 minutes before the service begins and pick up 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.

Children's Rainbow Choir is open to all students, pre-K and up, and currently practices on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 10:20 am in the Christian Education building room #7. The choir sings at the 10:30 am service on the 4th Sunday of the month, and will present a **Christmas Eve Program on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 6:00 pm**. New members and visitors are always invited and welcomed at any time. For an online link to the recordings and lyrics of songs e-mail your request to 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 upcoming schedule is as follows:

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

K/1st: Imagine - Unit 3 Imagine Meeting Jesus/Unit 4 Imagine Walking With Jesus.

2nd/3rd: Wonder - Unit 3 Wonder About Jesus' Amazing/Unit 4 Wonder About Jesus Loving Care.

4th/5th: Marvel - Unit 3 Marvel at the Holy Spirits' Power/Unit 4 Marvel at the Holy Spirits Work.

6th/7th/8th: Dive - Unit 3 Who is God?/Unit 4 Who is God?

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

High School: Join our class as we listen to and question adult visitors from the congregation as they share their career choices and how these choices impacted their lives.

"**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, relationships, self-image, and service.

Vacation Bible School 2020

Save the date – June 22 – 26

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

More details coming in January!

Bunco

Join us at the monthly Bunco event!

We will meet on
Thursday, December 19
AND

Thursday, January 16

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 lrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Invitation

Linda and Ted Rauenbuehler and all the Stamper siblings would like to invite you to help them celebrate their mother, GVPC member Maxine Stamper's 90th birthday.

An Open House will be held at her home in Pahrump, NV on Friday, December 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

To RSVP and for transportation, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at 702-558-7829 or lrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Monthly Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for Ladies' Lunch on
Thursday, December 5 at 11:15 am
at Miller's Ale House on Stephanie St.

AND

Thursday, January 2 at 11:15 am
at Olive Garden on Sunset Rd.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or lrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Come meet new friends!

Page Turners

Join the book club On Thursday, **December 5 at 2:00 pm** to discuss "*The Hideaway*" written by Lauren Denton. Sally Donovan will be leading the discussion.

Sara Jenkins owns an antique shop called *Bits and Pieces* in New Orleans. Her business is thriving and her life is settled. Her grandmother, Margaret Van Buren, known as Mags, calls from her bed and breakfast in Sweet Bay, Alabama, but Sara has missed the call. The other message on her phone is from a lawyer in Sweet Bay. Calling him back first, she learns that her grandmother has died and left her the B&B to renovate and then to do with as she wishes.

Returning to Sweet Bay, Sara faces the residents of the B&B and contemplates the renovation, planning on returning to New Orleans as soon as possible. Life has other plans for her and in renovating the old house she learns much more about the mysterious Mags and about herself.

Our **January 9, 2020** meeting will be our holiday celebration. Please join us at 2:00 pm for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship.

Christmas Caroling

The Fellowship Committee invites all ages to join us on Sunday, December 22 as we spread cheer and travel to local senior living facilities to sing Christmas Carols to the residents!

This is a long standing tradition at GVPC and lots of fun!

We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 pm to carpool. Please contact Nancy Fontana for more information.

We need your voices! Come join the fun!

Presbyterian Youth Connection

It is strange to think that we are already celebrating the holidays. Over the past 10 years, I have spent a lot of time reflecting on this time of the year. Too often, we get caught up on our daily schedules that are busy and rush to get gifts for each other. More importantly, we start to lose focus for the reason of this season. As we gather only a few times this month as a youth group, we would like to encourage you all to come be a part of all that we do.

Please mark your calendars for the dates that we are meeting and note the special time for the Christmas Party.

- December 1st – Normal Youth Gathering from 12:00 - 3:00 pm.
- December 8th – Advent Potluck after church and then we will be having our Christmas Party from 3:00 - 7:30 pm.
- December 15th – No Youth Group (please use this time to study for exams.)
- December 22nd – No Youth Group.
- December 29th – No Youth Group.
- December 31st – January 1st – Lock-in at Grace Presbyterian Church.



After the Lock-in on New Year's Day, we will start our normal youth meetings again on January 5th. Along with the ringing in the New Year, we will be just a month away from Nascar. In 2020, the Nascar race will be in Vegas February 21st through the 23rd. This event runs best with anywhere from 12-20 volunteers a day during the race weekend (see Kerry for more details). We will also be setting up our trailers on February 15th. More details about this major event will be coming in January.

Kerry Radke
Interim Director of Youth Ministries
702-454-8484, ext. 504

Meet the GVPC Committees

Much of the work at GVPC is done by committees chaired by Elders on the Session. Along with the chairpersons, the volunteers on the committees ensure the committee responsibilities are fulfilled and church programs run smoothly. There are 2 types of committees, program and administrative:

Program Committees:

- Christian Education
- Fellowship & Congregational Nurture
- Membership & Outreach
- Missions
- Worship & Music

Administrative Committees:

- Administration (Budget, Finance, and Stewardship)
- Nominating
- Personnel
- Property

Your help is needed, if you find that there is a committee that interests you or that you have gifts for, please let us know. For committee meeting times, please refer to the church calendar, weekly bulletins or monthly *Vision* newsletter. Or contact the church office and we will refer you to the chairperson. Hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!

Per Capita Payments in 2020

Every year PCUSA congregations are assessed an amount called Per Capita. The amount is based on the number of members on each church's rolls. Per capita funding is the means by which the entire Presbyterian community mutually shares costs of operations. Your once a year payment supports the annual budgets of the Presbytery of Nevada, the Synod of the Pacific, and the General Assembly. Since these higher level councils do not have congregant income, all Presbyterian churches are asked to contribute to their operating costs.

The 2020 per capita assessment is **\$46.00 per member**.

We ask that you do **not** pay your assessment until after January 1, 2020. You can make your offering by:

- Writing "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check and placing it in the offering plate.
- Using a pew envelope and writing "Per Capita" on the outside of the envelope.
- You may also mail your payment directly to the church office with an appropriate notation with your payment.

Thank you.

GVPC Church Officers

We thank the following GVPC members who have agreed to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning their terms in January.

Elders:

Dave Cornell
Cynthia Dakus
Dan Davis
Bernadette O'Neill
Katherine Rowley
John Yates

Deacons:

Kim Akin
Annette Baize
Cindy Brum
Cindy Cerullo
Trish Henshaw
Joy Lein
Che' Swanson
Chuck Tolman
Jim White

Our blessings to each one for their willingness to serve.

Stewardship Annual Campaign

Thank you to all who pledged to the Stewardship Campaign by Dedication Sunday on November 24th! Your pledges for God's work through our church greatly helps the Session as we plan the church's budget for 2020.

We know that some of you have been unable to pledge for any number of reasons, however, it's not too late. You can find pledge cards in the pew backs. Once you have completed one, you can place it in the offering plate, in one of the green cross boxes located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall entrance, or mail to the church. Even if you choose to give on-line, a pledge card helps us know your intentions for the upcoming year for the budget.

God bless,
Connie Mulick
Stewardship Committee Chair

Financial Statement -- October 2019

Current Income & Expense			Audio Fund Income & Expense	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		Year to Date
Offerings	\$667,621	\$577,667	Offerings	\$92,105
Cell Tower Utilities	\$6,429	\$6,583	Transfer from Custodial Fund	\$50,000
Other Income	\$2,604	\$4,750	Total	\$142,105
Total Income	\$676,655	\$589,000	Payments to Contractors	\$104,553
Total Expense	\$548,875	\$596,626	Total Income Over Expense	\$37,552
Net Income/(Loss)	\$127,780	-\$7,626		
Temporary Restricted Funds	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$47,815	\$79,344	Wells Fargo Bank Balance	51,195
Restricted Income	\$50,970	\$155,893		
Restricted Expense	\$27,355	\$163,806	Custodial Fund Balance	165,273
Ending Balance	\$71,431	\$71,431	Mission Development Certificates	73,368
Checking Account Balance			Total Synod Investments	238,641
Operating Fund		\$248,346		

FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

The following was served for November at St Timothy's Church: **Saturday, November 9**: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad and assorted pies. There were 105 meals served and 60 take-out meals. The FITD Lunch Brigade prepared and delivered 97 sack lunches.

The Lunch Brigade is made up of 13 loyal volunteers who each 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 at caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com.

We distributed over 40 toiletry bags and other individuals personal items such as toothbrush and toothpaste; deodorant; a bar of soap, and or shampoo. By count alone we gave out 50 deodorants! We are again totally out of mens' clothing. I am asking that the congregation please prayerfully consider, when you go Christmas shopping, to please consider buying a sweatshirt (sizes L-XL), a blanket or even a backpack for our friends that are so appreciative of something warm. Any men's or women's coat or jacket that you no longer need would be greatly appreciated along with gym shoes or any heavy shoes, blankets, and sleeping bags. Thank you & God bless. Pam Sharetts

The **Saturday, December 14** luncheon will be baked ham, tater tots, green beans, fruit salad, rolls and butter and Christmas cookies and candies. Co-chairs are Susan Walker (702) 617-9910, JoEllen Lewis (206) 948-8544, and Michelle Morgando (702) 245-7447.

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.

A heartfelt *Thank You and Blessings* to all of you, who in God's service of helping the less fortunate. You can also donate money to FITD my marking your check "FITD" in the memo line or pew envelope.

Lorne Schmidt, Michelle Morgando, and Jan Carey, November 2019 FITD Co-Chairs

Green Valley Presbyterian Church Concert Series 2019-2020

MESSIAH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 ~ 7:00 PM

YVONNE COX, HARP

YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 ~ 3:00 PM

RUDIMENTS JAZZ QUARTET

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 ~ 3:00 PM

MYKOLA SUK AND FRIENDS BEETHOVEN CELEBRATION!

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 ~ 3:00 PM

JAZZ MASTERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 ~ 3:00 PM

NSA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ~ 5:00 PM

LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS

SATURDAY, MAY 16 ~ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~ 3:00 PM

eGiving

2 Convenient Ways to give online or by text

Last year we introduced eGiving that allows you to give directly from your computer and by text. The instructions below explain the process to give either from the website or by text.

To give by text send a message to 73256. The message should read GVPCNV followed by the amount you want to give. You will receive a reply message that contains a link to a website. Tap on the link; once the website opens you can choose the fund to which you want to give and fill in the blanks with other necessary information.

ONLINE:

- Click the GIVE button on the church website: www.greenvalleypres.com.
- Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, and enter your email address.
- Click CONTINUE and choose how you want to give:
Sign in or create an account to give and schedule future contributions.
Continue as a guest to give right now.

TEXT:

- Text GVPCNV and AMOUNT to 73256.
- Click the link you receive in your text message response.
- Follow the prompts to give.

Thank you for your continuing generosity in support of the work of the Lord at GVPC.

“Celebration of the Season”

All are invited to join us on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm, for a performance of the OLLI Chorus from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNLV presents an evening of Christmas and holiday music. This 48 member chorus is made up of people from all across the Las Vegas area and is under the direction of our own Lynda Groenendal. The music will be festive, secular, and with a strong message of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Admission is free. Bring the whole family and experience a wonderful evening of music, celebrating the season together.

HEALING HEARTS

"In memory of those who left us too soon....
We remember you in the morning, in the night when
we look at the stars. a song, a place, a smell.....
And you are always with us."

The Healing Hearts fellowship will meet at the home of Sabra and Linda Adams on December 15, the 3rd Sunday after second service for a light lunch and get together.

May the joy of the Christmas season be with everyone!

If you would like to be taken off the mailing list, please call the Church Office at (702) 454-8484.

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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