



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

The Light of Christ Shines in the Darkness

Every year, in the week between Christmas and the New Year, I find myself turning to a verse of Scripture that was given to me several years ago by my mother-in-law. It is a verse that she was given as a missionary in Japan when the future seemed uncertain. As a new widow with two young girls at home, she learned to cling to these words of promise that speak of God's commitment to walk beside us: *"As thou goest step by step, I will open up thy way before thee"* (Proverbs 4:12, Syriac version). As I read these words, I can't help but think of the message of Christmas.

One dark, starry night over two thousand years ago, a few unknown shepherds were startled from their routine responsibilities as an angel of the Lord greeted them with the most unexpected of news: *"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."* The shepherds could not even begin to imagine the joy they would receive as they worshipped the Christ-child. But we have to believe that their lives were forever changed as they returned to the hill country, *"glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."* In that moment, they opened their hearts to a new future marked by God's gifts of grace, hope, and love.

The Christmas story assures us that God entered our world in the babe lying in a manger, and when we open our life to Jesus Christ, God promises to walk with us no matter where the path of life takes us. This is what men and women of faith have discovered since that most holy of nights over 2,000 years ago when the Savior's birth interrupted the events of our world. No matter what the future holds, we know that in Jesus Christ, our Immanuel, God is with us.

In wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year, I offer these words by the English poet Minnie Louise Haskins:

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than the light and safer than a known way."*

May the message of Christmas fill you with hope and joy in the New Year because you know that God will always be there to guide you "as thou goest step by step."

Pastor Adrian

December 2017 January 2018

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PLEASE NOTE:

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

Christmas Sermon Series: The Lowly Meet the Holy

The story of the Savior's birth is filled with unexpected God-sightings. Ordinary people, many of whom had been overlooked their entire life, now found themselves with a responsibility and privilege far greater than anything they could have imagined. As God prepared to give the world the gift of the Messiah, God chose to use ordinary people – people just like us – who would announce and welcome the Christ-child's birth. In the story of Christmas, the lowly meet the Holy.

December 3 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

"Zechariah: An Unbelievable Promise"
Luke 1:5-25

December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Joseph: A Broken Dream"
Matthew 1:18-25

December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Mary: With God Nothing is Impossible"
Luke 1:26-38

December 24 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

(One service at 10:00 a.m., no Saturday service on 12/23)
Presentation of "Little Light of Love"
Performed by Sherri Brewer and Al Pierce

Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Family Service

"It All Happened in the Country"
arr. Dennis and Nan Allen

Performed by The Rainbow and Harmonic Youth Choirs

8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

"The Shepherds: An Unexpected Invitation"
Luke 2:1-20

GVPC Soloists and duets

December 31 ~ New Years Eve

(One service at 10:00 a.m., no Saturday service on 12/30)
"What Child is This?"
A Service of Lessons and Carols

January 7

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"
Colossians 1:15-20

January 14

"Simeon: Trusting is Learning to Wait"
Luke 2:22-35

Phoebe Bible Study

We invite all ladies to join us at Phoebe Bible Study. Study topics this fall include "The Sermon on the Mount" and "Beatitudes."

The group meets 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us for an afternoon of insightful discussion, fellowship, and sharing.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

All are invited to join us weekly at 7:00 pm for the Wednesday Night Bible Study.
Pastor Adrian continues the study of "Holy Habits".

For more information, contact the church office
(702) 454-8484.

Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

This group of men meet at the church on Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for Bible Study, and breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

We have concluded the series "*Jesus and the Gospel by Luke*" by Timothy Johnson. We are studying a lecture series "*The Apocryphal Jesus*" by Professor David Brakke

On the 4th Tuesday of every month we meet at 11:30 a.m. for a casual lunch at Barley's located at 4500 E. Sunset Road.

For more information, contact Joe Willis at
jwillis40@cox.net.

Ladies Bible Fellowship

1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room

September through May
We share Christian Living Studies
Books and Videos
plus lively discussions, prayers and encouragement
helping us take God's amazing love
into our hearts and into our world!

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

HEALING HEARTS

HEALING HEARTS is a grief group designed to open our hearts, minds, and souls, letting the Holy Spirit to heal our losses in a safe environment; in turn, commit to help those who come after us to heal.

Holidays are the most difficult days for those who have lost a loved one to get through. Please pray for those in our congregation who are going through this journey. The last couple of months our group has concentrated on discussing ways to help find comfort and peace through this time of year.

In December we will be having a fun time with fellowship and friendship with a brunch planned at the home of Linda and Sabra Adams. RSVP please. The brunch will be held the 3rd Sunday in December (17th).

We have an exciting agenda planned for the new year. We are expanding a bit and going to do some volunteering for various organizations. If your organization needs help, please contact us. Also we are going to put together places that are helping people so that you can donate items for a good cause.

Remember all the wonderful memories you have in your heart, and most of all remember the birth of our LORD Jesus Christ whom we are here to serve. May GOD bless you during this season.

Linda Adams, Facilitator
702-260-9110

FRIENDS IN THE DESERT— NOVEMBER 2017

On November 11, we served our guests fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and pie. We served 95 hot meals, as well as 50 take-outs. Grateful thanks to all who donated money and food, or who came to help serve.

Our "Lunch Brigade" (the GVPC group of volunteers who prepare sack lunches for FITD) prepared and delivered 100 sack lunches this month.

Each month our church distributes approximately 90 pairs of socks and a similar number of new T-shirts and underwear to the homeless and disadvantaged who request them. If you would like to donate any of these items for the December clothing distribution, we need men's white crew socks, new white T-shirts and underwear in sizes medium and large and women's crew socks. While the daytime temperatures in our area are still mild, the evening temperatures are cold for those living in the open with no shelter. We are collecting sleeping bags, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, coats and blankets which will be offered to our FITD visitors in December. If you wish to donate any of these items, either new or gently used, you may leave them against the back wall of the Sacristy or in the GVPC church office. Please mark all donated items "FITD". If you would occasionally like to help distribute clothing when we serve at *Friends in The Desert*, please contact Judy Avery at (702)-528-6775 or email at javery30@gmail.com.

The December 9 luncheon will be comprised of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, salad and Christmas cookies and candy. This will be chaired by Susan Walker (702)-617-9910 and Lorne Schmidt (702)-738-0738. 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 noon on Friday, December 8, or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on Saturday, December 9 by 10:45 a.m. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.

Blessings to all who continue in God's service of helping the less fortunate,

Terry McNamara and Lorne Schmidt, November 2017 FITD Co-Chairs

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - October, 2017

Pastor's Report – A prayer vigil and Service of Remembrance was held Monday, October 2 at GVPC; a Nevada Presbytery Pastor's gathering on October 4 at Grace Presbyterian Church; and a benefit concert on October 15 at Congregation Ner Tamid in response to the mass shooting. Attended various meetings with regards to the GVPC website, outreach events, colleagues, and the congregation. Served communion to homebound members. Memorial services for members John Krill and Edward Neumann.

Clerk of Session – An electronic vote was made to replace the outside light at the east end of the Sanctuary building that illuminates the stained glass cross through the Property Committee. The motion carried.

Member Barbara Cowell requested removal from the rolls due to a move from the area.

We received 23 new and returning members into our GVPC family during the October new member class. The congregation voted affirmatively the following slate of names for Elders to the Class of 2020: Connie Mulick, Molly Pope, Allen Randle, Bill Ruby, Ron Sharetts and Nathan Slife (all fulfilling a second 3-year term) and Elders to fill unexpired terms: Hanny Viner and Susan Walker and the slate of names for Deacons to the Class of 2020: Pam Bower, Betsy Johnson, Regina Golenkov, Linda Sliwa, Anthony Cho and Pam Sharetts.

Three members of GVPC left to be with our Lord in October, John Krill, Maxine McKibben, and Edward Neumann. We will miss you good and faithful servants.

My term as Clerk of Session will come to an end on December 31, 2017. Please welcome Hanny Viner as your new Clerk of Session. I know she will do a great job!

Fellowship Committee – A motion was made and carried to have a champagne toast to Rev. Hilda Pecoraro as our new Pastor Emerita during a luncheon on January 28, 2018.

Membership and Outreach Committee – Motions were made and carried to rename the Membership and Evangelism committee to Membership and Outreach and requesting approval of a new program called "Theologian-in-Residence".

Christian Education Committee – Motions were made and carried to approve curriculum entitled *Advent Conspiracy* for the middle and high school class during Advent and to approve upcoming GVPC Adult SS Classes.

Administration Committee – Motions were made and carried to approve the purchase of 100 padded folding chairs; to approve that Gingerbread funds be used to re-do the sacristy floor and install cabinetry in place of the plastic shelving; and that the funds donated by the congregation for CARE for AIDS be forwarded and to include any funds donated in the future.

Personnel Committee – Motions made and carried to hire Member Cynthia Dakus as nursery attendant from December 1 – January 1 during Claire Bartley's absence and to approve the proposed changes to Sections 7.5 and 7.6 of the GVPC employee handbook regarding vacation and sick leave.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Clerk of Session. Julie Winkler

Financial Statement -- October 2017

Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		Year to Date	
Offerings	\$548,619	\$547,483	Offerings	\$59,944	
Cell Tower Utilities	\$6,362	\$5,725	Monthly Loan Payments	\$63,753	
Other Income	\$8,408	\$5,531			
Total Income	\$563,389	\$558,739	Income Over/(Under) Expense	(\$3,809)	
Total Expense	\$578,321	\$572,440			
Net Income/(Loss)	-\$14,932	-\$13,701			
Temporary Restricted Funds	October	Year to Date	Principal Balance on Loan	\$143,696	
Beginning Balance	\$47,252	\$49,043	BF Checking Account Balance	\$14,134	
Restricted Income	\$28,615	\$154,765			
Restricted Expense	\$17,672	\$145,612	Custodial Fund Balance	\$210,619	
Ending Balance	\$58,195	\$58,195			
Checking Account Balance					
Operating Fund	\$160,925				
Restricted Funds	\$58,195				

Stewardship

Thank you to all who contributed to the Stewardship Campaign ending November 19th with Dedication Sunday!

It's not too late to pledge to the church for 2018. You can pledge on-line or turn in a pledge card which you can find in the church pews.

God bless,
Connie Mulick-Stewardship Chair



Have you ever thought of.....

In David's Psalm 62: 1-2, the Message reminds us that we will find rest in God alone and we should wait as long as He says; everything we need comes from Him, so why not wait? He's **solid rock under our feet and breathing room for our souls**. As someone once said, meditating on God's word is like marinating His food for thought. God's word has to seep into us and this takes quiet time.

Quiet time is more than just a daily appointment with God. It's more like a visit with your closest friend. Good relationships need the time. With time, God becomes **solid rock under our feet and breathing room for our souls**.

Dave Cornell
A Fellow Achiever for Jesus

Become a Part of Something Special!

See you at the Fair: October 13, 2018

On January 1, 2018 the Gingerbread Fair Committee welcomes new officers. The co-chairpersons are Carol Jordan and Joan Randle. The treasurer is Bug Bond, the secretary is Lynn Small, with Estelle Brennan as craft coordinator and Cindy Brum as storage coordinator.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets on the **first and third** Monday of each month from January through the October Fair from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. **2018 kicks off with our first business meeting on January 8.** Our first craft meeting will be January 15. (Yes, we know the 15 is a holiday, but we meet anyway.) The first Monday, is always a 'take care of business meeting' and the sharing of ideas on crafts we would like to make or teach, share planning ideas, along with meeting 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 with those present. Many members also work at home on their own to produce items for the fair.

Let's do it again! The Gingerbread Fair Committee is getting an early start on ideas for the 2018 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 over to \$11,000.00 for the 2017 fair, you can recognize that it takes a lot of organizing and help to make the fair a success. GFC uses the money for unbudgeted capital improvements for GVPC, local mission projects, expenses and/or the building fund or mortgage pay-down.

We look forward to seeing you on January 8, 2018. Questions? Call one of our Co-Chairs: Carol Jordan (702) -616-1935 or Joan Randle (702) -837-7336.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee



***Reminder: Our First Meeting (January 8) will be held on the second Monday,
as New Year's Day falls on the first Monday.***

Senior Adult Ministries | Dec./Jan. 2018

Senior Resource Article

Last month, I wrote about Frank Abagnale's top 10 Tips to help prevent identify theft. He is the con artist whose life is the basis for the movie "Catch Me if you Can". For the last 40+ years, Frank has worked for the FBI as an identity theft expert. This month I want to continue with information I learned at the AARP Fraud Watch Network program that I attended in September. This article is featuring some of the more common scams that target seniors.

1. **Grandparent Scam** – A young person calls you pretending to be your grandchild. They tell you they have been arrested and need you to wire money to get them out of trouble.
1. **Travel Scams** – You receive solicitation saying you can enjoy steep discounts on travel by joining a travel club for a fixed fee. You find out later that the discounted fares were either not as low as represented or are not available.
2. **Disaster-Related Charity Fraud** – Every time there is a major natural disaster, scammers come out of the woodwork sending emails to raise money for the victims of the disaster. You think the money is going to help victims, but it is really going to line the pockets of a criminal.
3. **Tech Support Scams** – You receive an email or call claiming to be from Microsoft reporting there is a problem with your computer and they need to install an anti-virus program for some amount of money. You are then led to a website where the con "proves" there is a problem. Afraid of the consequences of inaction, you allow the con to take remote control of your computer and they actually install a virus and charge you for it.
4. **Phishing** – Someone contacts you via email and says there is some problem with your bank account and you need to verify the account with a social security number, bank routing number or birth date.
5. **Free Lunch** – The scammer invites you to a seminar where they present an unbeatable investment opportunity. You must sign up right then and there because the scammer is leaving town in a couple hours.

More information and resources can be found at aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork. To talk to a volunteer who is trained in how to spot and report fraud, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Senior Adult Ministry

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Fellowship Committee invites all ages to join us on Sunday, December 17 as we spread cheer and travel to two area 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 p.m. to carpool or meet us 2:00 p.m. at Merrill Gardens, 1935 Paseo Verde Pkwy and at 3:00 p.m. at Coronado Heights Sr. Living, 2320 Lone Rd, LV.

We need your voices! Come join the fun!



CareNotes

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

1. Helping a Child Deal with Divorce.
2. Using Hospice when a Loved One is Terminally Ill.
3. Feeling Overwhelmed by the Reality of a Loved One's Cancer.
4. Find God in Pain or Illness.
5. Gaining the Strength to deal with Breast Cancer.

The motto on each CareNote is "**Take One – and Take Heart. Give One – and Give Hope.**"

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

Children's Ministries | Dec./Jan. 2018

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHOIR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

During 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services – Celebration for ages 3 yrs. thru 2nd grade. Celebration begins in the Worship service. After the Children's Sermon the children will proceed to class.

9:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. - Rainbow Children's Choir practice for ages K thru 5th grade. The Rainbow choir practices each Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. in room 7 of the Christian Education Bldg. The choir performs monthly on the 4th Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service.

10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – Sunday school for ages 3 yrs. through adult. Children and Junior High classes begin promptly at 10:10 a.m. in the Christian Education Bldg. High school gathers in the Fellowship Hall then proceeds to the C. E. Bldg.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with these Christian Ed. Programs. There are many ways to help!! If you are able to help please contact Julie Dorse at juliedorse@greenvaleypres.com or (702) 454-8484, ext. 505.

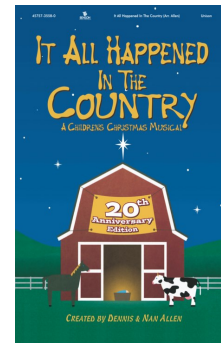
Thanks for your support of the GVPC children and youth!

"It All Happened in the Country" has been chosen for this year's Christmas Eve musical at the 6:00 p.m. service on December 24. Choir rehearsal will begin Sunday October 22 and be held every week through Christmas.

Rainbow Choir practice has been extended, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in room #7 of the Christian Education building.

All children in our church community are welcome to participate.

Please join us!



Christmas Joy at Dana's Place, Our Children's Library

Welcome, young readers, to Christmas at Dana's Place. The book shelves and display area are brimming to overflowing with Christmas and seasonal books.

The Christmas story, the Christmas Classics, contemporary stories, and dozens of Little Golden books await the reader.

You may also choose "The Christmas Story" from the metal book shelf (wall section) marked Biblical books.

Favorites for Christmas include:

"A Shepherd's Gift" (by Mary Calhoun)

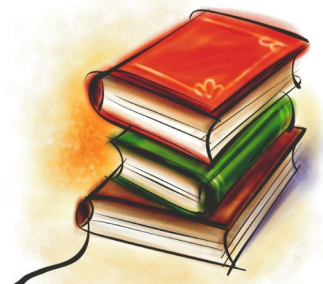
A shepherd boy gives his lamb to the Christ child; soft sheared fleece for Jesus to lie on.

"Little Tree" (by E. E. Cummings)

A little tree in the forest makes Christmas very special for a boy and his family.

"The Wild Christmas Reindeer" (by Jan Brett) Teeka gets his reindeer ready to fly on Christmas Eve. A story illustrated in glorious paintings filled with the magic and splendors of Christmas.

Christmas Blessings to all.



GVPC MUSIC MINISTRIES

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Dr. Spencer Baker*Amy Homer-Smith**Kaymen Carter***Director of Music Ministries***Organist/Pianist**Children's Choir Director*

Thursday	6:00 pm	Joy Ringers Hand Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sundays	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Chancel Choir (8:15 am Warm-Up ~ Choir Room)
	9:30-10:20 am	Rainbow Choir Rehearsal – Room 7

Our 12th ANNUAL DIY MESSIAH CONCERT will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 PM, with soloists and chamber orchestra. Come support the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food bank and participate in our annual tradition of music, fellowship, and fun! Gift Basket Raffle, stunning soloists, GVPC Valley Chorus, GVPC Chamber Professional Orchestra. Dr. Spencer Baker conducts from the harpsichord!

Our Candlelight Service, 11:00pm Christmas Eve, will feature the GVPC Chancel Choir, Joy Ringers Handbell Ensemble and Harp Trio with "Sounds of the Season" It's not too late to join our choir for this special Christmas Eve musical

COME AND JOIN US!

DECEMBER MUSIC AND SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 3	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Chancel Choir
	12:15 pm	Rainbow Choir at the Advent Potluck
Tuesday, December 5	7:00 pm	MESSIAH Dress Rehearsal: Orchestra, Soloists, Choir
Wednesday, December 6	7:00 pm	12 th Annual DIY MESSIAH
Sunday, December 10	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Amy Homer-Smith Coffee Hour: Baby Reception
Sunday, December 17	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Chancel Choir
	1:30 pm & 2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling to area Retirement Homes
Sunday, December 24	10:00 am only	One service only: Christmas Play
	6:00 pm	Sherri Brewer and Al Pierce; No Choir
	8:30 pm	Family Service (Harmonic Youth, Rainbow Choir)
	10:30 pm	<i>Lessons and Carols</i> with Soloists & Duets
	11:00 pm	"Sounds of the Season" Harp
		Candlelight Service: Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers
		<i>Lessons and Carols</i>
Sunday, December 31	10:00 am only	No Chancel Choir
Thursday, Jan. 4	6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship in Music Carol Sing, led by Kaymen Carter
		Bells and Chancel Choir Regular Rehearsals Resume

UPCOMING: Concert Series

Friday, December 15	7:30pm	Las Vegas Master Singers 25 th Anniversary Concert: <i>Rejoice!</i> with Harmony Handbells
Sunday, January 14	5:30pm	Christine Anderson, Handbell soloist



Dr. Spencer Baker ~ 454-8484 ext. 506

**REGISTRATION FOR
ALPINE SUMMER CAMP 2018
IS NOW OPEN!!!**



"Seventy-eight percent of the Christians under 19 years of age come to Christ in the camping environment"

GVPC dates are as follows:

Makuala Village (4th – 6th)
July 29 – August 3, 2018
\$335.00

Junior high (6th - 8th)
July 29 – August 3, 2018
\$365.00

High School (9th-12th)
July 29 – August 3, 2018
\$365.00

Fundraising opportunities are available!

If you have any questions, please call Renee Kelly at 702-454-8484 ext. 504 or reneekelly@greenvalleypres.com.

**HELLO
NEW MEMBERS**

Please join us in welcoming the following new members into membership at GVPC!

Mary Barton

Wilma (Wee) Bell

Robert Brewer and Anita Shabosky

Dave and Jan Carey

Paul & Sue Hoernschemeyer

David and Haesook Kim

Deborah McMorris

Kay Reich

Carl Sechrist

Philip & Sara Smith
Isabelle Smith
Parker Smith

Billie & Ken Sohocki

Richard Dixon

Naara Souza

A Minute for Missions

The Missions Committee is pleased to report that our annual Coat Drive was a wonderful success!

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation of the Green Valley Presbyterian Church and the time and dedication of our congregational volunteers, especially Judy Avery, Cynthia Dakus, and members of the Knitwits, we donated 376 coats/hoodies as well as hundreds of scarves and hats to at-risk students at 5 local elementary schools and 2 local middle schools.

Thank you for your support!

Nathan Slife & Hanny Viner, co-chairs Missions Committee

A big thank you to all of the GVPC members and the Fellowship Committee for a successful and fun Chili CookOff and Line Dancing Event on October 27th! Over 70 people attended.

The winners of the Chili Cook off (voted by attendees) were:

- 1st place (tied) Carol Johnson & Bernadette O'Neill,
- 2nd place Joan Randle,
- 3rd place Lora Wichman.

Beautiful baskets were given to the winners.

Our line dance instructor, Peggi Sue Wood, had many kicking up their boots to some great music.

Fun was had by all!

Our Church Family

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the following GVPC families.

Carole Neumann and family on the passing of husband, Ed on October 21, 2017.

A memorial service was held on November 20 in the Sanctuary.

The family of John Krill following his death on October 26, 2017.

A memorial service was held on November 3 in the Sanctuary.

Dennis McKibben and family on the passing of mother, Maxine on November 16, 2017.

Arrangements are pending.

The words, "Thank You" seems so inadequate to express our gratitude for the delightful reception on Sunday, November 19 in honor of our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make it happen. It was special to celebrate our love and God's faithfulness with you. We are grateful for you, our church family.

Adrian and Janel Doll

To Pastor Adrian and our friends at GVPC,

Thank you everybody for your words of kindness and loving prayers for Bob. It was comforting to have so many friends praying during this difficult time.

From the bottom of our hearts thank you so much

Blessings,

Pam & Bob Bower

Thank you to all-

I feel blessed to be part of the GVPC family.

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, and well wishes while I was contemplating my surgery.

Also to say thanks for the support during the surgery. It does really help that people care and pray.

God is great and so is my GVPC church family!

I am glad to say I am fine now.

Joyce Walters
GVPC member

To our Church Family

We thank you for the outpouring of loving thoughts, prayers and kindnesses to us following the passing of my husband, Ed.

Thank you, Pastor Adrian for the beautiful memorial service and to Amy, Spencer, and Bill McCullough for the uplifting music.

Thanks also to the bereavement committee for the refreshments.

We are surrounded in His love.

Peace, Love and Joy (in the morning)

Carole Neumann & family

Receptionist Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Receptionist is needed to answer phones and greet visitors on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the church office.

Please contact Diane Schurr if you are interested at diane.schurr@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

A note received following Reformation Sunday-

The Reformation Symphony started the service, to God be the Glory, Marty Luther and the kids sermon, scripture, A Mighty Fortress, the challenging sermon, the bag piper, prayers, closing and benediction and blessing....

The worship service could not have been better. You were truly led by the Spirit. It made Reformation Sunday a most worshipful and joyful day filled with a wonderful message of faith....

Praise be to God....



The Lullaby Connection

A Community Outreach Program Of Nevada

November 16, 2017

Dear Knit-Wits,

In behalf of the Lullaby Connection I would like to thank you for your continual support of our organization, your donations of baby hats and blankets are perfect for our layette packets. We are so fortunate to have you as community supporters; your contributions help us in furthering our mission in providing clothing to disadvantaged babies in our community. Thank you for all the good you do and the blessing you bring to others through your charitable knit-wit endeavors.

With Gratitude,
Darla Hayden, Executive Director

November 2017

Dear Green Valley Presbyterian Church Members,

Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of hoodies. We have many at-risk students, who will really benefit from your generosity. The children love the hoodies, and will wear them from now into spring.

We really appreciate your continued support of our school and students. It is organizations like yours that make a big difference in the lives of children.

Thanks again, and we wish you all a very happy, healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Laura Walker and the McCaw Elementary school staff members

Thank you from Burkholder Middle and McCaw Elementary Schools for the Coat Drive





Baby Celebration

The GVPC Chancel Choir will be hosting a baby celebration/coffee hour on **Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

All are invited to join us as we celebrate with our organist, Amy Homer-Smith, and her husband, Michael, the upcoming birth of their son.

The happy parents-to-be are registered at Babies-R-Us.

Please join at this joyful event and help us to congratulate Amy and Michael and baby!

Monthly Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited!

Thursday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden on Sunset Rd.

Thursday, January 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Mimi's Café on Stephanie St.

Please RSVP Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

**Our group is growing each month!
We have a great group of ladies and we extend the invitation for more to join us!
See you there!**

Bunco

Please join us at the monthly Bunco event! We will meet on **Thursday, January 18** from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the GVPC Fellowship Hall. (Please note, we will not meet in December.)

There is no need to know how to play because we will teach you. We are a very friendly, fun and energetic group of players and we welcome you to come and join us. ***Come Roll With Us!***

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

Pageturners Book Club

The Pageturners Book Club will meet on **Thursday, December 7** at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The book and discussion will be on "*Ordinary Grace*" by William Kent Krueger. Copies of the monthly book are available for check out in the church office.

Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fellowship, laughter, and lively discussion.

Adopt-a-Park

On October 28, our volunteers cleaned the Trail through the Wash area of Green Valley, Mountain View Park, Valle Verde from the Baptist Church to Wigwam, and the church grounds.

Thanks to Jim Bond, Ken & Esther Brown, Shari Jackson, Ron & Jo Smith, Ted Rauenbuehler, and Rick Wagner for their time, dedication and effort in beautifying our community!

We clean the 4th Saturday of the month, and we meet at the church at 8:00 am. Please contact the church office at (702) 454-8484 for more information or to volunteer!

Please consider joining us in creating and preserving clean and safe trails for all to enjoy!



On November 11 and 18 our dedicated crew served the evening meal at the U.S. Vets facility located in downtown Las Vegas.

Thanks to Bill and Landra Borreback, Tony Cannella, Carol Riback, and Ron and Jo Smith for their time and caring in serving our US Vets.

THANK YOU to all who continue to donate clothing and household items. Please place donations in the large box labeled U.S. Vets located in the back of GVPC Fellowship Hall.

We serve the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month at **3:45 p.m.. (Please note time change)**. Contact the church office (702) 454-8484 for additional information or to volunteer to help. We invite all to join us.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION DECEMBER AND JANUARY



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****Thank you to Nicole Steidel and Malinda Parsons for supplying lunch in November!!**

*****Please note: If you are in the play practice is each Sunday from 11:00 – 12:00.**

Dec 2– Dress Rehearsal from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dec 3 – Play practice from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 3 - Advent all church potluck at 12:00 p.m..

Bring a side dish, salad or desert to share.

Dec. 10– Play practice from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Dec. 10 – Youth group from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m..

Dec. 17 - Play practice from 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 17 – Christmas Progressive Dinner. We will have a white elephant gift exchange! It will be fun!

We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. and return to the church by 7:00 p.m.

Please let me know if you will be going by Dec. 10th , so I can have enough rides.

Dec. 23 – Play Practice from 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – 6:00 p.m. - Children's Service! **NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY!**

Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Dec 31 - NO YOUTH GROUP! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY WE WILL MEET EACH WEEK FROM 12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Jan 28 – We will go out and collect food in the surrounding area for Souper Bowl of Caring!

Serving Christ with you.

Renee Kelly ~ please call with any questions or concerns (702) 544-8673



CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

This year the GVPC youth will be teaming up with “Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth” to provide clothing, shoes, and coats for homeless youth in Las Vegas valley.

Please stop by the Christmas tree in the Narthex on Sunday December 3, 10, and 17 to select an ornament. The ornaments on the tree reflect the items needed this year. Please take as many ornaments as you like. We ask that the donations are returned by Dec. 17.

**** If you buy clothing, please write the size on your ornament and return it with your donation.** You DO NOT need to wrap your gifts.**

The GVPC Youth thank you for your support!

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
5:30-6:30 P.M.
*A Cry Room is available for
parents with infants.*

Sunday Morning
Traditional Service
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
with Communion the first
Sunday of each month.
Nursery Provided.

Sunday School
10:10 A.M. – 10:50 A.M.
for children and adults

Coffee Hour and Fellowship
10:00 A.M. in the
Fellowship Hall