

THE GREEN VALLEY VISION

Green Valley Presbyterian Church



What if Lent Were a Lifestyle?

Sitting across the dinner table at Columbia Theological Seminary, I was astounded to hear my friend say, "I don't celebrate Lent. I live in the joy and hope of the resurrection." At first, I thought Mark was joking, being the good Presbyterian pastor and professor that he is. Mark is one of those friends who has a way of helping people think about their convictions. Naturally I asked the question, "What's wrong with Lent? Christians have been celebrating Lent for centuries." Lent is that season of the year when we examine ourselves, remember our mortality, and prepare to observe Christ's Passion and Resurrection. But what if Mark is right? What if Lent is less about giving something up for 40 days and more about an invitation to rediscover how we're supposed to live throughout the year?

As I thought about Mark's argument, I was reminded of one couple's example of a servant heart. At the time, Bill was the interim president of Columbia Seminary. Early one morning as I walked to the dormitory kitchen to make a cup of coffee, I literally bumped into Bill and his wife, Peggy. At five o'clock in the morning, they were as surprised to see me as I was to see them; and none of us looked especially ready to greet the world. As they hurried back to their apartment on campus, they laughed about our encounter and quietly said, "Have a good day, Adrian. The coffee is made." Had I not seen Bill and Peggy, I never would have known who it was that brewed a fresh pot of coffee and placed mugs on the counter next to a note that read, "Please help yourself. Have a blessed day." Bill and Peggy got up early because they wanted to do something to help visiting students like myself who were preparing for a busy day of classes. In their act of kindness they showed us God's love in action.

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

I appreciate Lent because it helps me to clean out the clutter of my life - to focus on what is most important in the life of faith. But Lent is also an invitation to take on the habits and disciplines that should already be a part of our lives as followers of Jesus. When we take on the habit of giving of ourselves, we demonstrate God's love just as Bill and Peggy did for me early one cold winter morning.

This year, what if every member and friend of Green Valley Presbyterian Church decided to take on the habit of service? What if every one of us said, "I want to make a small difference in a person's life each and every day"? We might just find ourselves pointing people to the same Lord who offered His life so that we might have eternal life.

Grace and Peace -

Pastor Adrian

March 2017

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VISION Articles are
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Lenten Sermon Series

March 1st ~ Ash Wednesday

Sermon: "What's the Point?"

Speaker: Pastor Adrian

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-12

Also: Communion & Receiving of Ashes

March 5th ~ First Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "A New Way Forward"

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Speaker: Pastor Adrian

Also: Communion

March 12th ~ Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "Removing the Blinders"

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Speaker: Pastor Adrian

March 19th ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "Remember Your Purpose"

Scripture: John 2:13-22

Speaker: Pastor Adrian

March 26th ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "For God So Loved"

Scripture: John 3:14-21

Speaker: Pastor Adrian

Also: Rainbow Children's Choir performs at 10:30 service

HEALING HEARTS FELLOWSHIP

"Our mission is to open our hearts, minds and souls letting the Holy Spirit heal our losses in a safe environment; in turn, commit to help others after us to heal."

This is a new bereavement group for those suffering loss in their lives that began in November. We met in January and February and it has been a comfort and kinship to those who have attended.

This group meets once a month on the 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room and we welcome anyone who has a heart that needs healing. The facilitator for the group is Linda Adams (702) 260-9110.

A piece of my hurt is in heaven,
it has been since you went away;
but the hole seems a little smaller
than it did yesterday.

The hole will always be there
though filled with things to do,
but no one or nothing on earth
can take the place of you.

If I had a wish to make,
this is what I'd pray—
that you would come and be with me
for only one more day.



Deacons Corner

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for your continued and generous support in the form of money in the Deacons' envelopes, recyclable beverage cans and items for the food banks we support!!

The Deacon's Blood Drive is scheduled for **Sunday, March 5th** and **October 28th** this year. Please add these dates to your calendar and help us continue the success we had last year. Last year your donations helped saved the lives of over 78 patients!!!

Lastly, but certainly not least! Please come and enjoy refreshments at the annual **Meet Your Deacon Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 19th!** Our congregation is growing and our family assignments have somewhat changed, you may not have the same Deacon this year. Please, come to the coffee hour and Meet Your Deacon!

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 bring your aluminum beverage cans, extra food items for the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank and bulk food items for Friends of the Desert. We thank you again for your continued material and financial support so we can do more for others!



4th Annual Journey to The Cross

Good Friday, April 14th
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

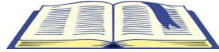
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Saturday, April 15th
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Meditating on the events of Jesus' final days and His resurrection can be profound. The challenge for most of us is shutting out the noise and distraction of everyday life long enough to quiet our souls and listen to the spirit of God. We hope you will plan to come the Spirituality Center that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. You will have an opportunity to journey through 13 stations for prayer, contemplation, and reflection as you touch, taste, smell and visualize Christ's journey with Him.

For more information please call Renee Kelly at (702) 454-8484 ext. 504

Monday Night Bible Study



Monday Night Bible Study class meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
The current study topic is "Parables of Jesus."

Please join us for an evening of study and fellowship.
For more information, contact moderator
Rev. Joe Fontana at (702) 260-4625.

Phoebe Circle Women's Bible Study

We invite all ladies to join us on the
2nd and 4th Fridays of the month
at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference
room.

Please join us for an afternoon of
insightful discussion and fellowship.



GVPC MEN'S GROUP

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. The group is currently studying "Reading Biblical Literature—Genesis to Revelation" by Professor Craig P. Koester.

On the 4th Tuesday of the 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.

Please join us, we look forward to meeting you!

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,

Please contact

Linda Adams (702) 260-9110,

lindaadams1@cox.net

or Joan Randle (702) 837-7336,

randljw@cox.net

Please join us for a morning of
fellowship and sharing.



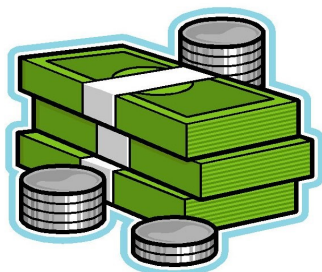
Monthly Money Matters - February 2017

The weekly offerings during the month of January were more than \$28,000 over the operating budget. This was the result of some members of the congregation meeting their pledge for the year by transferring funds from their IRAs directly to the church. As discussed in last month's *Vision* any amount (up to \$100,000) transferred does not count as income nor can it be deducted as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax form. Receiving that money now gives the church a cushion to meet some large one-time expenses such as the per capita payment and the Doll's moving expenses. However, we need to keep in mind that money received now is not a windfall but an "advance payment" on offerings that would otherwise be spread out over the course of the entire year.

Expenses during the month were about \$2700 under the budget. There was no one big item that caused this, it was the result of good stewardship on the part of the committee chairs and the staff.

Thank you for your continued support of GVPC.

Respectfully,
The Administration
Committee



Stewardship Update

March 2017

Pledges: As this is being written on February 15th, the church has received 171 pledges for 2017. The total amount pledged is \$504,870. This has been a very gratifying response to the stewardship campaign. We also thank those of you who make regular offerings but have chosen not to pledge. However, pledges do make it easier for Session to plan a budget and to meet any unexpected challenges or opportunities that might come up. If you have not yet pledged, it is not too late. Any pledge at any time is welcome.

Per Capita: Just as our church looks to its members to support its activities, the so called higher governing bodies, i.e. Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly look to their members for support. Their members are not individuals but churches such as GVPC. Each year they set a budget which is then attributed to all the members of the PCUSA. In 2017, that amount is \$40.00 for each member of the church. In 2017, GVPCs share is \$21,480. We have taken advantage of the 10% early payers discount and paid \$19,332 in February. The per capita offerings to date are \$9670. Again, it is not too late make a per capita offering to help defray what the church has paid. Please note on the check memo line or elsewhere that the offering is intended for per capita.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Stewardship Committee

Financial Statement -- January 2017

Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
		<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
Offerings		\$86,516	\$57,658	Offerings	\$16,234
Cell Tower Utilities		\$150	\$400	Monthly Loan Payments	\$7,943
Other Income		\$762	\$553		
Total Income		\$87,428	\$58,611	Income Over/(Under) Expense	\$8,292
Total Expense		\$63,746	\$66,436		
Income Over/(Under) Expense		\$23,682	-\$7,825		
Temporary Restricted Funds				Principal Balance on Loan	\$195,187
Beginning Balance		\$49,043	\$49,043	BF Checking Account Balance	\$23,234
Restricted Income		\$4,131	\$4,131		
Restricted Expense		\$6,169	\$6,169	Custodial Fund Balance	\$209,029
Ending Balance		\$47,005	\$47,005		
Checking Account Balance					
	Operating Fund		\$194,117		
	Restricted Funds		\$47,005		

Our Church Family

Thank you again to all who brought food and came to visit me. Although I am still recovering, I made it to our Gingerbread Fair Committee luncheon! Thanks to Linda Rauenbuehler for bringing food and for going out of her way to take me to ER one night. Thank you to Johanna Eggen for the numerous visits and good food and leg massage. Candice, thank you for communion, and Pastor Jim Blades for the visits and Communion.

The people at GVPC are amazing. Thank you for all the prayers and support!

February 2017

To Pastor Adrian and my sisters and brothers at GVPC,

Thank you so much for your prayers , emails, cards, phone calls, visits, and delicious food. You are such a blessing to Joe and myself.

May God bless all of you with good health and happiness.

I'm hoping my boot will be off soon.

Love, Nancy Fontana

A big THANK YOU to Bill Ruby for the donation to purchase the beautiful handmade conductor's stand in the Sanctuary!



Congratulations to the following GVPC members who were ordained and installed as Deacon and Elder on Sunday, February 26th.

Betsy Johnson, Deacon ~ Class of 2017

Doug Small, Elder ~ Class of 2018

We thank them for willingness to share their time and talents and wish them God's richest blessings as they begin this time of serving.



Did you know GVPC has a Facebook page? Check out Green Valley Presbyterian Church at www.facebook.com/GreenValleyPres today for church news, updates, and activities in the life of church.

February GVPC activities found on Facebook include: Welcome to the Doll family, Gingerbread Fair Committee Luncheon, GVPC Youth Souper Bowl of Hunger, Rainbow Children's Choir!



Senior Adult Ministries | March 2017

Resources for Seniors

Transportation, for those who can no longer drive, is a major challenge for seniors in our area.

The end of January, I attended a very informative presentation on Lyft at the Heritage Park Senior Facility.

Here is information that was handed out and discussed.



LYFT

What is the Lyft App?

Lyft is an on-demand ride service, cheaper than a taxi, faster than a bus, and very easy to use.

How does it work?

By using a simple application on a smartphone, everyone can request a car with the tap of a button, and get picked up by a nearby friendly driver who'll take you to your destination right away.

Drivers do not carry or collect cash for payment. All payment is done through the app by credit card or PayPal so there is no need to carry cash on you to pay for the ride.

What are the benefits?

- **Convenience**

Lyft is a door to door service. Our drivers are just a couple of minutes away 24/7 so you no longer have to wait 30-60 minutes for a taxi cab. You can get a ride that fits in your schedule.

- **Affordability**

Lyft focuses on a friendly customer experience by providing safe and convenient rides at low cost, averaging 30-50% more affordable than taxis. The minimum cost is \$5.00.

- **Safety**

Safety is Lyft's top priority and it is our goal to make every ride safe, reliable, and comfortable. Every driver is screened before they're permitted to drive on our platform, starting with professional third-party background and DMV checks. Passengers and drivers rate each other after every ride. If you rate someone 3 stars or below, you'll never be matched with them again. Lyft takes all user ratings and driver feedback very seriously. Every passenger, when they request Lyft, will know who their driver is, meaning they will see their name and picture on their phone.

For further information, you can go to www.lyft.com. The Las Vegas Corporate Office is located at 900 Karen Ave. #206, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. The phone number is 702-945-0884.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Senior Adult Ministries



Our March Bunco date is
Thursday, March 16th from
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please
contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or
llrauenbuhler@cox.net.

Come join the fun!

Please join us on **Thursday, March 2nd** for the
Monthly Ladies Luncheon.

When: 11:30 A.M.

Where: Olive Garden, 4400 E. Sunset Rd.

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

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

Children's Ministries | March 2017

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHOIR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

9:00 a.m. —CELEBRATION, for ages 3 yrs. thru 2nd grade.

Celebration begins in Worship. After the Children's Message, children will proceed to class.

10:30 a.m. - SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3 yrs. thru High School. All Students begin in Worship. After the Children's Message, students will proceed to individual classes.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with these Christian Ed. programs. There are many, many ways to help. If you are able to help, please contact Julie Dorse at juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com or (702) 454-8484, ext. 505. Thanks for your support of the GVPC children and youth!



Rainbow Children's Choir

We invite all young singers age pre-K thru 5th grade to join us! The Rainbow Children's Choir rehearses every Sunday morning from 9:50 -10:20 a.m. in the Christian Education Building, Rm. 7. The choir sings on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 10:30 a.m. service and performs during the Christmas season. Please contact Julie Dorse at (702) 454- 8484 ext. 505 or juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com for more information! See you at the next rehearsal!



Springtime and Eastertime
at
Dana's Place Our
Children's Library

Signs of Spring and Easter welcome you to the reawakening of the earth and the resurrection of Christ at Dana's Place. Look for special

books of the Easter Story. Also check out the whimsical books on rabbits, Easter eggs, and Spring.

Dana's favorites include:

"God Gave Us Easter" by Lisa Bergren

A little cub learns of God's plan for His children from a walk through the Arctic world.

"A Child's Story of Easter" by Etta Wilson The events leading up to Christ's death and resurrection presented for the young child. Vibrant illustrations introducing the meaning of the Easter celebration.

The Easter egg, butterfly, lamb, chick, rabbit, and bulb flowers. What are the meanings of these symbols? Discover their meanings in the framed displays with your children. What other symbols of Easter can you add?

Happy Easter: Happy Spring !

Dr. Spencer Baker
Amy Homer-Smith
Kaymen Carter

Director of Music Ministries
Organist/Pianist
Children's Choir Director

Thursdays	6:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Hand Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sundays	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir (8:15 am Warm-Up ~ Choir Room)
	9:50-10:20 a.m.	Rainbow Choir Rehearsal – Room 7
	11:30 a.m.	Harmonic Youth Choir Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall

Azusa Pacific University Choir and Orchestra

Help! Green Valley Presbyterian Church is looking to partner with the First Filipino-American Presbyterian Church of Southern Nevada (FFAPC) to bring this wonderful collegiate performance to the GVPC: *Live!* concert series, **Monday, May 8th for a 6:00 p.m.** concert. Christine Mendoza was the pianist for the FFAPC Praise band and is now studying at Azusa and is currently the pianist for this wonderful concert chorale. Yes, Pastor Joe has agreed to move Bible study that evening to accommodate this special concert!

We need homestays for 120 students in order to bring the 90 voice choir and 30 piece orchestra to our church sanctuary. If a family could take two students, this means we need 30 families to participate from GVPC and 30 families from FFAPC to house all the students. Can you help us meet our goal? Please contact Dr. Spencer Baker if you can help with housing. This would be for Monday evening after the concert and they ask that would also provide breakfast Tuesday morning and a sack lunch to take on the bus to the next city on their concert tour.

Fauré requiem rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We are looking forward to combining with Grace and Mountain View Presbyterian church choirs to perform this beautiful Lenten cantata Holy week at all three churches on Palm Sunday, Maundy-Thursday, and Good Friday.

COME AND JOIN US!

MARCH CHOIR SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, March 1	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service, Dr. William McCullough
Sunday, March 5	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday; Chancel Choir
Sunday, March 12	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir
Sunday, March 19	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir,
Sunday, March 26	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rainbow Children's Choir

UPCOMING: Concert Series

Friday, March 3rd	7:30 p.m.	Gretchen Hull, solo piano recital Norwegian music Lecture
Saturday, March 11th	7:30 p.m.	Baroque Chamber Ensemble Dr. Jonathan Rhodes Lee, harpsichord



Dr. Spencer Baker ~ 454-8484 ext. 506

Live at GVPC CONCERT SERIES

18th Season 2017

Dr. Spencer Baker, Artistic Director

► ***Friday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m.***

Gretchen Hull, solo piano

Temple University DMA Candidate presents a solo piano recital and lecture on Norwegian music.



► ***Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m.***

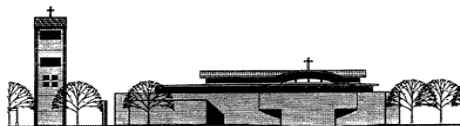
Baroque Chamber Ensemble

UNLV Musicologist and Harpsichordist, Dr. Jonathan Rhodes Lee, will present a concert of Baroque music with ensemble including voice and period instrumentalists.

► ***Sunday, April 2nd at 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.***

Las Vegas Music Teachers: Bushell Competition Winners Recital

the most prestigious scholarship music competition for Las Vegas youths age 9-18 presents winners in two recitals! The Roger Bushell Competition will feature instrumental, vocal, and chamber music winners at both recitals.



Great Music

Great Acoustics

Free-Will Offering

Friends in the Desert

On Saturday, February 11th we served fried chicken, baked beans and caesar salad with Valentine cookies and candies at St. Timothy's Church. We served 99 hot meals, as well as 65 take-out meals. Additionally, the Lunch Brigade provided 93 sack lunches. Each lunch consisted of two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, one fruit or pudding snack, chips and cookies. All the meals were greatly appreciated.

After enjoying the delicious fried chicken dinner, our Friends were provided the opportunity to pick up pet food, new underwear, and socks, as well as used clothing and shoes that were donated by our GVPC congregation. The attendees so appreciate all our church provides for them, as frequently they have difficulty purchasing clothing after meeting their basic needs.

On March 11th when we serve at Friends in the Desert again, please consider going through your shoe closet and donating any gently used athletic shoes. Shoes are especially appreciated by our Friends in the Desert. We also need men's underwear and T-shirts in sizes **MEDIUM** and **LARGE**, as well as men's white crew socks. If you wish to donate any of these items, please leave them in the church office or in the Sacristy.

At the upcoming March 11th luncheon, we will be serving meatball subs, green beans, caesar salad, chips, and ice cream bars. The March luncheon coordinators are Linda Sliwa, (702) 435-9755 and Michelle Morgando (702) 245-7447.

Volunteers to provide food items and/or helping to serve are always appreciated. The full menu of items needed 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 a.m. the Friday before the Saturday luncheon or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on the day of the Saturday luncheon by 10:45 a.m. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.**

Blessings and grateful thanks to all of you who in God's service donate money, food, clothing, and help serve those less fortunate.

Terry McNamara and Lorne Schmidt, February FITD Co-Chairs along with Judy Avery

Dear Congregation Members, the past few months have been a very busy time for Friends in the Desert and unfortunately, our available funds have been reduced significantly. We so appreciate the generous donations every month of food, clothing and volunteer assistance but at this time, we are in need of monetary donations to help purchase much needed clothing items. If you are able, any amount would be a blessing in helping those less fortunate. Thank you very much for considering our request.

Blessings, Friends in the Desert Committee

ADOPT A PARK, TRAIL, AND ROAD

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

Thanks to Bug Bond, Bill Borrebach, Ken & Esther Brown, Shari Jackson, Bill & Jo Lewis, Ted Rauenbuehler, Ron & Jo Smith, and Rick Wagner for their time & effort. Welcome back to Rick who is a veteran from our "Adopt a Highway" days.

We clean the 4th Saturday of the month, and we meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Tony Cannella (702) 568-5238 if you are interested in helping!



On January 18th, February 11th, and 18th our dedicated crew served the evening meal at the facility located at 525 E. Bonanza Rd., LV. Thanks to

Bill & Landra Borrebach, Vee & Kasandra Gonzalez, Matt Hamilton, Hal Hokenstad, Carol Riback, David Shaw, Ron Smith, and Margaret Van Etten for their effort, fruit, and time. Ron and Margaret are new to our group and we welcome them aboard!

Please place donations (clothing, small household items, etc.) in the large box labeled U.S. Vets located in the back of Fellowship Hall. THANK YOU to all who have donated clothing and household items. These donations make a difference in the life of a Veteran.

We serve the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month, and leave the church at 4:15 p.m. Please contact Tony Cannella (702) 568-5238 for additional information or to volunteer to help with this mission outreach program.



Many Hands Make Light Work!



The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets the **first and third Mondays** of each month from January to October. The meetings are held in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 A.M. March meetings are March 6th the business meeting and March 20th the craft meeting.

The first meeting of every month is our business meeting where new ideas for projects are shown and presented. The second meeting is when we put those ideas and projects into production.

Believe it or not, we have already completed work on some projects for our **October 14th, 2017 Gingerbread Craft Fair** and are busy making more items. It takes many hands to put on a successful fair. We are always looking for new members that enjoy craft projects, sewing, painting, knitting/crocheting, card making, jewelry making etc. We have a lot of fun, great fellowship, and thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie at the same time. For an update on the scheduled projects for the craft sessions, please contact our Craft Coordinator, Sharon Baggs 702-896-1330 or mothergoose1307@cox.net.

Please contact one of our Co-Chairs if you have any questions: Gale Gaede at 702-896-5039 gail@gaede.ws or Judy Krug at 702-263-1350 krugjudy@yahoo.com.

Mark this date also: Sunday, April 2nd, 2017: the Gingerbread Fair Committee will be sponsoring a Bake Sale during the 10:00 A.M. Coffee Hour. Featuring some of our best-selling Fair Pantry items: Cookies, Breads, Cakes, and Jams and Jellies. We look forward to seeing you then!

**And don't forget – Mark the Date Now
For the best Gingerbread Fair Ever!
Saturday, October 14th 2017**



The Gingerbread Fair Committee is in need of your empty Jelly jars.

If jars are returned it will save the committee money and keep the Jelly at the same price this year.

Jars may be left at the church office or in box marked Jars located in the Sacristy.



Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION



MAR+CH

People often wear masks during the Mardi Gras activities that come just before Lent. Masks symbolize the way we often try to hide our sinfulness or our true nature. Lent is a time for taking off our masks, of examining our true selves, of being real before God so that we can come to understand that God knows us fully, forgives us, loves us, and encourages us to grow and become all that we were created to be. Lent is a time to look inward to seek how we might more fully accept God's love, peace, and grace in our lives.

*** Thank you to Vee Gonzalez and Debbie Meldrum for supplying lunch in February! ***



Ladies and Gentlemen Start your Engines!

That's right it's that time again, to raise funds to help off-set the cost of our many summer activities.

SET UP FOR NASCAR: March 4th (Sat) – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – We will set up our booths, please pack a lunch and some drinks. March 5th (Sun) 11:30 a.m. if necessary.

NASCAR RACE: March 10th - 12th – (Fri – Sun) RACE Times to be determined.

THIS AND THAT:

March 19th - 11:45 a.m. - Confirmation Information meeting for Parents and Youth.

March 19th - Youth Group from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

March 26th - Youth Group from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

In His service, Renee Kelly

For more information please call me at (702) 454-8484 X 504.

REGISTRATION FOR ALPINE SUMMER CAMP 2017 IS NOW OPEN!!!

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

Green Valley Presbyterian Church dates for all camps are July 30th—August 4th, 2017

⇒ Makuala Village (4th - 6th) ~ \$335.00

⇒ Middle School (6th - 8th) ~ \$365.00

⇒ High School, (9th-12th) ~ \$365.00



If you have any questions please call Renee Kelly at 454-8484 ext. 504 or reneekelly@greenvalleypres.com. Fundraising opportunities are available also.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The first Session meeting of 2017 started with a welcome to new faces and a goodbye to Elders who had completed their three year terms. A special thank you to the Class of 2016 – Ann Fields, Michele Fisher, Rob Henrich, Susan Irish and Doug McNamara. Their 3-year term was an unusual one at best because of the many changes and decisions they faced during their tenure. Such as: retiring Pastor Ken Harper, the Transition Team, Interim Pastor Jim Blades, an outgoing and incoming Clerk of Session, the PNC, and our new Pastor Adrian Doll. We also received a letter from Elder Hal West resigning his position as of December 31, 2016 and then at the January meeting a letter from Elder George Stamos resigning his position as of January 31, 2017. The times they were a-changing. Now, we welcome and introduce our new Elders: Connie Mulick, Class of 2017 to fill an unexpired term and Doug Small, Class of 2018 to fill an unexpired term and Class of 2019 – Dave Cornell, Bobby Miller, Bernadette O'Neill, John Viner, John Yates and a welcome back to Elder Ann Fields, who just can't seem to get enough of Session. All have jumped right into their new committees without time to take a single breath. We praise God for their willingness to serve our church and their wonderful hearts and spirit.

I also want to welcome our new Deacons to the Class of 2019: Annette Baize, Judy Barbour, Cindy Cerullo, Trish Henshaw, Bill Lewis, Jo Ellen Lewis and Lora Wichmann, and Betsy Johnson Class of 2017 under the guidance of their new moderator, Gloria Zimny, who has jumped in with both feet, to fill this important position. Thank you to the Deacons who completed their terms with Moderator Kevin Fisher. Thank you very much for giving of your time in serving God's people with love and inspiration.

The Nominating Committee of 2017 was identified at our congregational meeting of January 29, 2017. We welcome to this committee the chairman Elder Ron Sharets, Elder Christy Miller, Deacon Rosemary Bednarek and our At Large Members from the congregation, John Ashlock, Bev Rochelle, Jerry Cooper and Michele Fisher.

Still with me? OK. On with the business that took place under the moderator extraordinaire, Pastor Hilda Pecoraro at our January meeting. Pastor Hilda noted that while sitting in what is now the library, she had sat at her desk just a few feet away for many years. I hope she felt comfortable in such a familiar place, even though many things, including walls, had changed.

Session approved the continuation of ongoing practices such as the Pastor performing baptisms; individual Deacons and Elders serving communion to shut-ins with the Pastor; allowing our beloved Rev. Joe Fontana to preach and administer the sacraments as the Pastor may request; Communion served by the Pastor and ordained officers of GVPC; Communion being served the first Sunday of each month and at each Saturday worship service, and at such other times as Session may designate; and allowing the Clerk of Session and any GVPC staff member in attendance be granted a voice during a Session meeting. (As Clerk of Session this is one of my favorites).

Session also ratified 6 electronic votes that took place during the December break. It was not much of a break.

There were many more action items brought before Session and approved, but at this point I'm sure you're tired of reading, so as the title says, I will highlight some.

- The Presbytery Commissioners of 2017 are Bill Ruby, Jorge Sanchez, and Connie Mulick.
- The appointed 2016 Financial Review Team members are Judy Avery, Don Meginnis, and Kurt Johnson.
- Two children were baptized – Eleanor Rose Willis-Eden and Asa James Eden on January 8, 2017 presented by parents, Eric and Tera Eden. Thanks be to God.
- Two of our members left us to be with the Lord in 2017 – Anne Hetrick, January 7, 2017 and Joyce Carey, January 10, 2017 – they were loved and will be missed.

Important Dates to calendar:

- Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday
- Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 – Journey To The Cross
- Saturday, April 15 – Annual Easter Picnic (location to be announced) 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday

FYI – Pastor Hilda reported that her newest job is to encourage and support the Pastors in the Presbytery of Nevada and Sessions, too. She also stated that there are presently 50 pastors and 24 worshipping churches within our Presbytery. These are fun facts, but the best one is the fact that Green Valley Presbyterian Church is one of the healthiest churches in the Presbytery. Actually, it is the healthiest, but I didn't want to cause problems with our sister churches. ;)

My job is done here. Thanks for reading.

In His Name, Julie Winkler ~ Clerk of Session

dates to Remember

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at these upcoming events (for all ages) at GVPC!

Nascar ~ Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, March 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

Set up the booths at the Speedway!

Nascar Race ~ Friday, March 10th—Sunday, March 12th.

Girl Scout Sunday & Cookie Sale Day

Purchase cookies Sunday, March 12th on the Patio.

Young Families @ GVPC Picnic & Barbeque

Sunday, March 12th @ 11:30 a.m. at Paseo Vista Park.

Bunco!!

Thursday, March 16th @ 10:00 a.m. in GVPC Fellowship Hall.

Meet Your Deacon Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 19th @ 10:00 a.m. in GVPC Fellowship Hall.

GVPC 2017 Confirmation Program Meeting

Sunday, March 19th @ 11:30 a.m. in the CE Bldg.

Gingerbread Fair Committee Bake Sale

Sunday, April 2nd between services on the Patio.

Faure Requiem 2017

Maundy Thursday, April 13th @7:30 in the GVPC Sanctuary.

All Church Easter Picnic and Potluck

Saturday, April 15th @ 11:30 a.m. at Paseo Vista Park.

Check April Vision for details.

Vacation Bible School

June 19th—June 23rd. It's time to start planning this year's

VBS please contact Julie Dorse at

(702) 454-8484, ext. 505 to volunteer!

Alpine Summer Camp for 4th thru 12th grade

July 30th—August 4th,

Please see Renee Kelly for information.

young families @ gvpc

Mark your calendars and join us at the next
Young Families @ GVPC event!

Date: Sunday, March 12th

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Paseo Vista Park,

2505 Paseo Verde Pkwy, PVSP picnic area 2
Henderson 89015

This is a B-B-Q theme, we are asking that all families bring a dish to share. We still need drinks, sides & condiments. Please let us know what you would like to bring!

The park has a splash pad with fun water features for the kids to enjoy!

Please contact Emily Root @ ryanrootfamily@gmail.com or (661) 904-7820 by email/text with any questions or to sign up!

We will also have a brief planning meeting to plan future events. Hope to see you there!



Boy Scout Troop 420

U.S. FLAG DISPOSAL SERVICE

**Do you have a U.S. Flag that is no longer
a fitting emblem of display?**

Troop 420 periodically conducts a dignified flag burning ceremony for our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom. Your retired flags may be dropped off at the church office for proper disposal.



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Staff:

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Adrian N. Doll

Director of Music Ministries:
Dr. Spencer Baker

Organist/Pianist: Amy Homer-Smith

Children's Choir Director: Kaymen Carter

Director of Youth Ministries: Renee Kelly

Director of Children's Ministries: Julie Dorse

Director of Senior Adult Ministries:
Linda Rauenbuehler

Financial/Office Manager: Carol Johnson

Administrative Assistant: Julie Winkler

Nursery Attendant: Claire Bartley

Audio Visual Technician: Eric So

Sexton: Kurt Ricketts

Elders by Committee - 2017

Administration

Connie Mulick, Allen Randle,
John Yates

Christian Education

Christy Miller, Ann Fields

Fellowship & Congreg. Nurture
Bernadette O'Neill, Jorge Sanchez

Membership & Evangelism
Dave Cornell, Doug Small

Missions

Eric Eden, Nathan Slife

Nominations

Ron Sharets

Personnel

Michelle Morgando, Molly Pope

Property

Bobby Miller, John Viner

Worship & Music

Donna Rorer, Bill Ruby

Clerk of Session—Julie Winkler

Board of Deacons

Class of 2017

Anthony Cho
Nancy Fontana
Regina Golenkov
Betsy Johnson
Corey Kelly
Linda Sliwa
Gloria Zimny

Class of 2018

Linda Adams
Rosemary Bednarek
Genevieve Brown
Candice Bush
Sandy Cloe
Johanna Eggen
Lorne Schmidt

Class of 2019

Annette Baize
Judy Barbour
Cindy Cerullo
Trish Henshaw
Bill Lewis
Jo Ellen Lewis
Lora Wichmann

***Join us for
Worship:***

Saturday Evening

Informal Service
with Communion
5:30-6:30 P.M.

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

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday School

Celebration: 9:00-10:00 A.M.
for children ages 3, 4 and
5 (potty trained).

10:30-11:30 A.M.
for 3 yr. olds (potty trained)
through High School.
Nursery Provided.