

THE GREEN VALLEY VISION

Green Valley Presbyterian Church



Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

What a joy it was to worship with you on December 11 as my family and I were introduced to Green Valley Presbyterian Church for the first time. From the very first notes of the opening prelude, I gave God deep thanks because for the first time I was able to put faces and an image with the prayer that God had asked me to pray so many times. For over a year, Janel and I prayed unceasingly for you even though we did not know you by name or where God was leading us. In our heart of hearts we only knew that God was nudging us to explore new opportunities. And then to worship with you, our hearts were filled with deep joy because in those moments we saw answers to our prayers made tangible.

There is one special memory I will always carry from our first morning of worship together. I will never forget the moment I was asked to join the choir in Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Although I am a classically trained musician, I have rarely sung in a choir and have no vocal training. I was filled with fear and trepidation knowing your choir was well prepared and filled with talent. The last thing I wanted to do was to detract from their expression of worship and praise. But I truly wanted to give it a try. Then during choir rehearsal, I was asked to stand next to a strong bass singer, Travis Lewis. When we finished rehearsing, it was clear I'd be OK as long as I followed his lead. And that is exactly what I did. When we finished rehearsing, I jokingly asked, "Would you stand next to me when I preach this morning? My voice has never sounded so good!"

Just as that bass singer gave me confidence to sing with everything I had, God wants all of us to help each other use our gifts to advance the Kingdom of God. When we gladly share our spiritual gifts - our God-given talents and resources - we expand that great chorus of praise that belongs to Jesus Christ and we point people to the hope that can only be found in Him. My prayer is that God will enable all of us to find new ways to share our gifts so that we might be a part of expanding God's kingdom in this corner of His world.

Thank you for your warm welcome and the assurance of your prayers during this time of transition as my family and I begin a new chapter in our lives and ministry. My entire family is more grateful than we will ever be able to express in words because we firmly believe that God has called us together.

Grace and Peace -

Pastor Adrian

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February 2017

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PLEASE NOTE:

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



February Worship Schedule

February 5th

Sermon: "Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today, Forever."

Speaker: Rev. Bob Crall

Scripture: Luke 10:33-35 & Hebrews 13:5-21

Also: Communion

February Sermon Series "Priorities"

February 12th ~ We welcome Rev. Doll and family to GVPC

Sermon: "Just Go For It."

Scripture: Romans 15:13

Speaker: Rev. Adrian Doll

Also: Rainbow Children's Choir sings at Coffee Hour

February 19th

Sermon: "Hope for Today; Hope for Tomorrow."

Scripture: John 15:1-11; Romans 15:13

Speaker: Rev. Adrian Doll

February 26th

Sermon: "Living in Hope."

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Speaker: Rev. Adrian Doll

Did You Make a Contribution Pledge for 2017?

If you made a pledge for the amount you plan to contribute for regular worship service offerings during 2017, we again thank you for your support. If you are now able and desire to make a pledge for the amount that you expect to contribute, please complete a pledge card that can be found in the pew racks and drop it in the offering plate, bring it or mail to the church office. As our church welcomes our new permanent pastor, we expect that congregation members will continue to contribute as they had in the past or even at a higher level though they may not have yet submitted a formal pledge yet. We have the same level of wonderful staff, a robust and exciting music program along with beautiful facilities to maintain. Our budget of operating income and expense reflects this ever growing level of activity that continues this year.

If you were not able to make your Per Capita contribution until now, this contribution of \$40 per church member may still be made. Your contribution will support our day to day operating expenses at GVPC. You may use the blue envelope in your box of "offering envelopes", write "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check that is placed in the offering plate, or by enclosing your payment in a Pew envelope and designating the purpose on the front of the envelope before dropping in the offering plate.

Thank you,
The Stewardship Committee

PNC UPDATE

Everyone should know by now that our church has called a new pastor. Our former pastor, Dr. Ken Harper, retired in the fall of 2015; and since February 2016, we were fortunate to have the Rev. Jim Blades as our interim pastor.

The Rev. Adrian Doll and his family were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, when he preached the sermon entitled "How Can This Be?". Immediately following the service, a congregational meeting was held. Pastor Doll was voted overwhelmingly by the congregation to become our third called pastor at GVPC. After this meeting, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the Doll family -- Pastor Doll, wife Janel, and children, David and Clairia.

I would like to thank all of the members of the PNC for their time, effort, and all that each and every person gave of themselves to further God's work here at GVPC.

Judy Avery
Dave Cornell
Ann Fields
Christy Miller

Connie Mulick
Katherine Rowley
Ron Sharetts
Susan Walker

Also, thank you to the Rev. Vern Towne, the representative from the Committee on Ministry from our Nevada Presbytery. Vern guided us through the rules and regulations of the Presbyterian Church.

This will be my last PNC update. Thanks to all of you for your patience and understanding during the last 14 months. We have a wonderful church, caring and loving, and God truly has blessed our church. As Pastor Jim said in the November Vision, "Now is the tide's rising for Green Valley Presbyterian Church, and will we take advantage of it?" I believe, with a new pastor and God's blessing, we will.

John R. Noel, Moderator
Pastor Nominating Committee
Green Valley Presbyterian Church

GVPC 2017 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
Informational Meeting for Students and Parents
Sunday, March 19th 2017
11:30 a.m.
Christian Education Building, Room #7



The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce the formation of the 2017 Confirmation Program for students seventh through twelfth grade. Confirmation is an important step on a young person's faith journey; the youth in confirmation have the opportunity to voice their belief and faith and to claim the promise of their baptism. Together, we will explore the Christian Faith, the Reformed tradition, the Bible, and discover what it means to be a Christian today. Upon completion of the program, students will be invited to become members of the Church by presenting a Statement of Faith to the Session.

Parents, and youth are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, March 19th, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. to learn more about the program, review the class schedule and discuss the retreat.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Renee Kelly at 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 "*Letter to the Hebrews*"

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. We are currently studying the "Parables."

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 - January 2017

The Year in Review

Financially the church ended 2016 in very good shape because of a very generous anonymous offering received in November. As a result of this, the income exceeded expenses by \$35,500. There were two unplanned repairs during the year that had significant financial impact. The fire alarm system in the Multi-Purpose Building was close to the end of useful life when one of the circuit boards failed. This required a complete replacement of the system with current technology. Funds were taken from the Reserve Account to cover the cost of this work. The other unplanned event was interference with the wireless microphone system in the sanctuary as a result of more spectrum being devoted to commercial uses. The cost to resolve this issue was covered in the annual operating budget.

2017 Budget

In the November *Vision*, we reported on the challenge the Session was facing with the 2017 operating budget. Since then the results of the pledge campaign are known. The pledges that have been received give us confidence to significantly raise the income budget. This has eliminated the need for a large transfer of funds from the reserve account to the operating budget and has also made it possible to provide small increases to certain programs. Budget details are included in the 2016 Annual Report.

Tax Deferral Opportunities

In 2017, there are two methods to give to the church that may offer tax advantages for certain people. The first is from the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) of an IRA. If you are required to make a RMD, you can give some or all to the church. The potential advantage of this is that the amount that is transferred to the church does not have to be shown as income on your tax return; however, the gift cannot be claimed as a deduction if you itemize. To gain the tax advantage, your IRA custodian must send a check directly to the church.

The second method is to donate appreciated stock to the church through Charles Schwab, the church's broker. The advantage of this method is that you do not have to claim the gain on the stock as income but you can claim the value of the shares on the day you donate them as an itemized deduction on your taxes.

If you have questions about how either of these techniques might apply to your situations, contact a tax advisor; the church cannot give tax advice. If you would like more details how to make your gift with either of these techniques, contact either Allen Randle or Carol Johnson in the church office.

Respectfully,
The Administration Committee

Financial Statement for December 2016

Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense	
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
Offerings	\$663,411	\$657,672	Offerings	\$88,218
Cell Tower Utilities	\$7,514	\$8,050	Monthly Loan Payments	\$88,340
Other Income	\$22,345	\$5,778	Income Over/(Under) Expense	(\$122)
Total Income	\$693,270	\$671,500		
Total Expense	\$657,710	\$671,500		
Net Income/(Loss)	\$35,561	\$0		
Temporary Restricted Funds	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	CE Building Loan from Synod	
Beginning Balance	\$45,450	\$38,890	Current Balance on Loan	\$195,630
Restricted Income	\$16,153	\$110,857	Reduction of Principal in 2016	\$74,743
Restricted Expense	\$12,561	\$100,705	BF Checking Account Balance	\$17,943
Ending Balance	\$49,043	\$49,043		
Checking Account Balance		\$219,478	Custodial Fund Balance	\$208,849
Operating Fund		\$170,435		
Restricted Funds		\$49,043		
CE Ministry Prepaid Income		\$0		

SESSION NOTES – December 2016/January 2017

No Session meeting was held in December, but that didn't keep the members from being very busy with electronic voting and various other Elder duties.

Electronic Vote #1 A motion was made calling a Special Congregational Meeting on December 18, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to allow the congregation to vote in the remaining Deacons and Elders for the Class of 2019. The motion passed on November 29, 2016.

Electronic Vote #2 A motion was made that year-end bonuses for each paid employee be increased by \$100. An anonymous donation was made specifically to be used to increase the staff bonuses. The motion passed with 1 no response. The motion passed on December 13, 2016.

Electronic Vote #3 A motion was made by the Personnel Committee and sent by the Moderator, Rev. Jim Blades to recommend the Administrative Assistant position to Julie Winkler. The motion passed with 1 no vote. The motion passed on December 15, 2016.

Electronic Vote #4 A motion was made that the 2017 budget approved at the November Session meeting be revised as follows:

- General Operating Fund – Increase by \$55,000 to \$625,000
- Transfer from Synod Custodial Fund – Decrease by \$39,132 to zero
- HVAC – Increase by \$3,000 to \$4,000
- Total Senior Pastor – Increase by \$8,000 to a total of \$163,000 Total Other
- Positions – Increase by \$1,754 to \$305,170
- Senior Adult Ministries—Increase by \$1,000 to \$2,150
- Monthly Social – Increase by \$1,000 to \$1,265
- General Assembly Missions – Increase by \$1,115 to \$10,325

This motion was necessary because the final budget will be included in the 2016 Annual Report which must be printed before January 24, 2017 Session meeting. The motion passed on December 28, 2016.

Electronic Vote #5 A motion was made to have one service at 10:00 A.M. on January 15, 2017 for the purpose of holding a farewell reception for our Interim Pastor James Blades. His last day is January 15, 2017. The motion passed with 1 no vote on Dec. 30, 2016.

Electronic Vote #6 A motion was made to replace the carpet in the reception area of Fellowship Hall with the new luxury vinyl plank being installed in the meeting room. The cost shall be \$1,427.71 and paid by the Gingerbread Committee. The vendor shall be Affordable Flooring. The Property Committee has planned to have the meeting hall work completed prior to the Congregational Meeting on January 29 2017, if we are to include the reception area with the meeting room. The motion passed on January 12, 2017.

The following officers-elect, examined by Session at its meetings of November 22, 2016 and January 8, 2017, were ordained and/or installed on January 15, 2017 as follows:

Elders:

Dave Cornell, Installed, Class of 2019
Ann Fields, Installed, Class of 2019
Bobby Miller, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2019
Connie Mulick, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2017
Bernadette O'Neil, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2019
John Yates, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2019
John Viner, Installed, Class of 2019

Deacons:

Annette Baize, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2019
Judy Barbour, Installed, Class of 2019
Cindy Cerullo, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2019
Patricia Henshaw, Ordained and Installed, Class of 2019
Bill Lewis, Installed, Class of 2019
Jo Ellen Lewis, Installed, Class of 2019
Lora Wichmann, Installed, Class of 2019

Pastor Jim Blades and Clerk Julie Winkler led a joint Elder/Deacon meeting for training and orientation of officers elect on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in the conference room at GVPC.

The Elders have been very busy, not only with all that has happened above, but also saying farewell to our beloved Interim Pastor Jim Blades and preparing for our new Pastor Adrian Doll. It has been a very busy Christmas and New Year season.

Senior Adult Ministries | February 2017

Resources for Seniors

Information about the YellowDot Program was brought to my attention by a member of the congregation. I am always open to ideas for topics from the congregation so anytime you have information about a resource, especially for seniors, that you feel would be beneficial for others to know about, please feel free to contact me.

YellowDot Program

The YellowDot program is a life-saving program that alerts first responders at a vehicle-incident scene that an occupant may have medical issues.

Through this information, emergency workers can increase the chance of survival or lower the risk of error for a victim who may be incapacitated.

It began when the 2015 Nevada Legislature passed AB 176 requiring the program to be available in counties with populations of more than 700,000. In Clark County, it is sponsored by AAA and administered by RTC. Nationally, the program was launched in 2002 and is now active in about two dozen states.

A yellow dot decal on the rear window of the driver's side of the vehicle alerts first responders to check the glove compartment, where a YellowDot kit contains vital medical information about the driver and/or passengers.

The kit contains a Yellow Dot decal, and a Yellow Dot envelope containing a paper to be filled out. The information requested is a recent photo of the participants plus names and emergency contact information, list of allergies or medical conditions, contact information of the participants' physician and preferred hospital, and insurance information.

Kits can be obtained from many locations in the county including libraries, recreation centers, and police departments. To request a kit by mail you can call 702-676-1754. For more information, the website is www.rtcnv.com/yellowdot.

Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Senior Adult Ministry



The latest order of **CareNotes** has arrived. Some of the new titles that have been added to the displays located at the entrance to the Sanctuary are:

1. Family Counseling—Can It Be Helpful to You?
2. Resolving to Find Healing for Your Grief.
3. Facing the Realities of Aging.
4. When Someone You Love is Suffering.

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 life.

If you are not finding a CareNote topic that meets your needs, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829.



All are invited to join the monthly GVPC Bunco group on Thursday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the GVPC Fellowship Hall.

This is a fun activity for both men and women in all age groups! We have a delightful group of bunco players ready to welcome some new members.

Please come and join the fun!

Children's Ministries | February 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.

9:50 a.m.—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 a.m. -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

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!

Celebrating Valentine's Day at Dana's Place,
Our Children's Library.

February is the month of "LOVE".

Dana's Place greets you with
Valentine books with messages of
love and friendship.

Enjoy these whimsical books and many more.

The books include Clifford, Charlie Brown, Barney,
Strawberry Shortcake, Pooh, Dora, a Dinosaur and
Junie B Jones. All tell a special Valentine adventure.

Tell your children to-----

Give someone a "token of love".

Tell someone you love them. Be it a hug, a smile, a
kiss, a card, or other kindness, practice it every day in
February. What a good feeling!

It could become a habit!

God has given humankind this gift of loving.
GOD IS LOVE.

Happy Valentine's Day!
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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!

Hope to see you there!



GVPC MUSIC MINISTRIES

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Dr. Spencer Baker *Director of Music Ministries*

Amy Homer-Smith *Organist/Pianist*

Kaymen Carter *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 a.m. Warm-Up ~ Choir Room)
	9:50-10:20 a.m.	Rainbow Choir Rehearsal - C.E. Bldg., Room 7



Love to sing?

Adult Chancel Choir has a spot for you

We are welcoming all voice parts to come sing for the Spring! We rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for Faure Requiem and 7:45-8:30 p.m. for Sunday services.

Dr. Spencer Baker (702) 454-8484 ext. 506 or
spencerbaker@greenvalleypres.com.

COME AND JOIN US!

FEBRUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE:

Thursday, Feb. 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Faure Requiem Rehearsals Begin for Holy Week
Sunday, February 5 th	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday; Chancel Choir
Sunday, February 12 th	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir and Rainbow Choir Coffee Hour
Sunday, February 19 th	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir and Cancer Awareness
Sunday, February 26 th	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir, Joy Ringers, Rainbow Children's Choir
Wednesday, March 1 st	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday (Resident Artist solo)

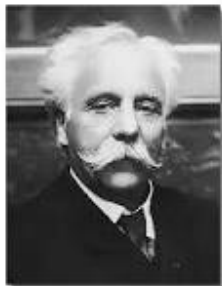
UPCOMING: Concert Series

Saturday, February 18 th	7:30 p.m.	Dr. James D'Leon, International Steinway Artist
Friday, March 3 rd	7:30 p.m.	Gretchen Hull, solo piano



Dr. Spencer Baker ~ 454-8484, ext. 506

Faure Requiem 2017



Palm Sunday April 9, 2017 ~ 3:00 PM

Dr. Mark Wherry, Conductor
Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89134
2:00 pm CALL

Maundy Thursday April 13, 2017 ~ 7:00 PM

Dr. Spencer Baker, Conductor
Green Valley Presbyterian Church
1798 Wigwam Parkway, Henderson, NV 89074
6:15 pm CALL

Good Friday April 14, 2017 ~ 7:00 PM

Lisa Elliott, Conductor
Grace Presbyterian Church
1515 West Charleston Blvd. 89102
6:15 pm CALL

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE **John Rutter Edition in Latin**

Wednesday Weekly Rehearsal at Grace and Mountain View Presbyterian Churches Begin Feb. 1st (7:10 pm)

Thursday Weekly Rehearsals at Green Valley Presbyterian Church Begin Feb. 2nd (7:00 pm)

****Plan to attend your own church choir rehearsal (or nearest rehearsal for outside participants)**

Saturday, April 1st 10:00 am – Noon ~ Grace Presbyterian Church MANDATORY
with Potluck to follow: Choir Meet & Greet Fellowship

Saturday, April 8th 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon ~ Mountain View Presbyterian Sanctuary MANDATORY
Orchestra DRESS Rehearsal with Choir & Soloists

Dress Code For the Performance:

Women: All black dresses, black skirts and slacks with black tops are acceptable.
No large or bright jewelry. Small pearls preferred.

Men: White shirt, black bow tie, black pants and jacket. Tuxedo not required.

No Perfume or Cologne

Please be respectful of others and avoid wearing perfume or cologne to rehearsals and the Concert.

Friends in the Desert

DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

On December 10th, 2016 we served our guests baked ham, macaroni and cheese, apple and grape Fall salad, green beans, rolls and butter as well as Christmas cookies and candy. We served 90 hot meals and 55 take out meals. On January 14th, 2017, we served our guests all beef chili cheese dogs, coleslaw, dill pickle spears, potato chips, and brownies. We served 107 hot meals and 44 take out meals.

The GVPC Lunch Brigade prepared and delivered 101 sack lunches in December 2016 and 96 sack lunches in January 2017. If you are interested in joining the FITD Lunch Brigade (the team responsible for preparing sack lunches every second Friday of the month), please contact Judy Avery at (702) 528-6775 or email her at javery30@gmail.com.

After enjoying their home cooked meal, our FITD visitors were given the opportunity to pick up items of clothing donated by members of our congregation. While the daytime temperatures in our area are mild, the evening temperatures are very cold, making it difficult for many to find warmth and comfort throughout the winter months. If you have any gently used clothing items such as hats, gloves, sweatshirts, coats, jeans or sweatpants, please consider donating them to our Friends In The Desert. They also appreciate lap blankets or regular blankets, sleeping bags, athletic shoes, and pet food. Each month our church distributes new men's white crew socks, underwear, and white T-shirts in every size. Donations of any of these items are always needed. You may leave your donations in the church office or in the Sacristy by the back window. Please mark your items FITD.

Grateful thanks to all who donated money and food, and to those who came to help serve in December and January. We also wish to thank you for bringing toiletry items from your travels, and the Deacons, who purchase any other needed hygiene products.

The February 11th luncheon of fried chicken, baked beans, caesar salad, bread and butter pickles, rolls and butter, as well as Valentine cookies and candy will be chaired by Lorne Schmidt (702) 738-0738 and Terry McNamara (702) 588-3803. 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 a.m. on Friday, February 10th, or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on Saturday the 11th by 10:45 a.m. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.**

Blessings to all of you in God's service of helping the less fortunate,
Michelle Morgando, Dianna Schuster-Proud, and Linda Sliwa, December 2016/January 2017 FITD Co-Chairs

On November 26th 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. On December 24th due to the threat of rain, our volunteers only cleaned the Trail through the Wash area of Green Valley, Mountain View Park, and the church grounds.

Thanks to Bill Borrebach, Bug Bond, Ken & Esther Brown, Shari Jackson, and Bill & Jo Lewis, for their time, energy, and commitment.

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 December 17th, January 14th, and January 21st our dedicated crew served the evening meal at the facility located at 525 E. Bonanza Rd., LV. Thanks to Bill Borrebach, his high school friend from Pennsylvania, Roddy Robert, Vee & Cassandra Gonzalez, Carol Riback, and David Shaw for their effort, fruit, and time.

THANK YOU to all who have donated clothing and household items to the U.S. Vets. The generosity of this congregation is inspiring, the donation box is full several times per month! These donations make a difference in the life of a Veteran. Please place donations in the large box labeled U.S. Vets located in the back of Fellowship Hall.

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



Women at Work!



The Gingerbread Fair Committee's February 6th meeting will be a luncheon held in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M. Our luncheon is being catered by Natalie Buhle, a member of our Church family. If you have not previously made your reservation for this luncheon, contact Bug Bond **immediately**. She can be reached at (702) 617-4517.

Our Craft meeting for February will be on Monday, February 20th in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. (We are aware that it is a Holiday, but we still meet.) You are invited to join us and have some fun, great fellowship, and an opportunity to meet and make new friends. We could use your 'willing hands' to help us finish projects. Not only do our members work on group projects on craft days at the Church, they are busy year round at home creating many of our limited editions and specialty items.

Business meetings for the Gingerbread Fair Committee are held the first Monday of the month with the exception of February (annual luncheon), November and December (Holiday Season). At the business meeting we emphasize organization, business, and show and tell. The third Monday of the month is our working craft day. All meetings are held in Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 AM. The crafts for the day are planned in advanced and led by one of our members. Sharon Baggs, our Craft Coordinator, is the person to contact if you would like to lead a project. She can be contacted at (702) 896-1330 or mothergoose1307@cox.net. There are multiple craft projects ongoing at these sessions and we always need extra 'helping hands' and not to mention the company is the best!

New committee members are always welcome, especially those who love to sew, paint, stitch, knit, crochet, stamp, bead ... you get the idea ...

Please join us at the February 20th Craft session in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 A.M. Our Co-Chairwomen are Gail Gaede 702-896-5039 or gail@gaede.ws and Judy Krug 702-263-1350 krugjudy@yahoo.com. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

What more can we say?

THANKS to all you wonderful folks at GVPC for your many kindnesses, gifts, well-wishes and blessings on Sunday, January 15th and all through our yearlong journey together. Good things are in store as you follow where God leads; wait and see!

Love, Jim and Debbie Blades

For all that has been - Thanks.
For all that shall be - Yes.

Dag Hammarskjöld

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Ladies Luncheon

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

When: 11:30 A.M.

Where: Mimis Café, 596 N. Stephanie St.

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

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

Presbyterian Youth Connection

****Thank you to the Pelle family for supplying lunch in January****

February 5th – **NO** youth group today! Enjoy the game, may your team win!

February 12th – Youth group from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.. This will be Pastor Adrian's first service with a reception during coffee hour! I hope you all will attend.

February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day!

February 19th – Youth Group from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

February 26th - Youth group from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

March 4th & 5th – NASCAR SET UP we will leave the church Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Pack a lunch and drinks. Sunday will depend on how much we get done on Saturday.

March 10th – 12th – NASCAR Race Days. I will notify you on the times.

March 12th – **NO** Youth Connection today! Due to NASCAR!

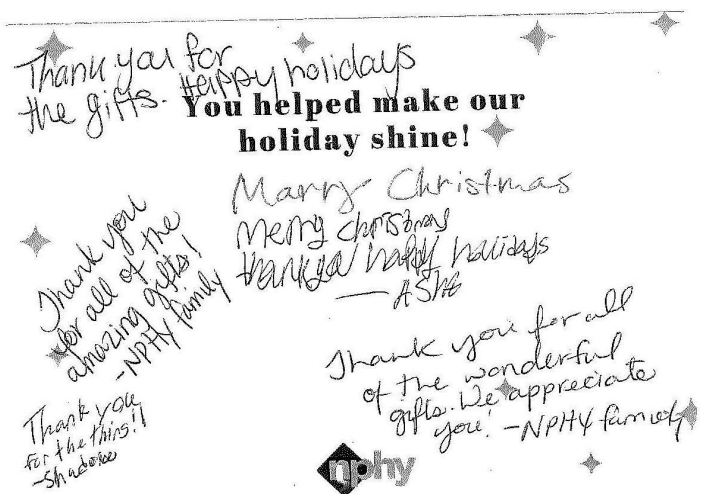
Serving Christ with you,
Renee Kelly

Youth Service Project

Thank you to all that contributed to the GVPC Youth Christmas Service Project. In the **month of December** the youth teamed up with the "Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth" to collect clothing items needed for homeless youth in the Las Vegas area. Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide 243 gifts this year.

Following is a Thank You from the staff at Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth.

Thanks for your support! GVPC Youth Groups



Live at GVPC CONCERT SERIES

18th Season 2017

Dr. Spencer Baker, Artistic Director

► ***Saturday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.***

Dr. James D'Leon, solo piano

International Steinway Artists presents a solo piano recital



► ***Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.***

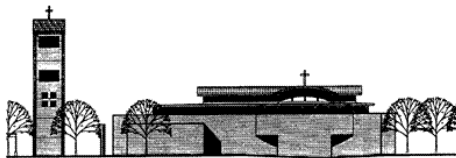
Gretchen Hull, solo piano

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

► ***Sunday, April 2 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! This inaugural year for the Roger Bushell Competition will feature instrumental, vocal, and chamber music winners at both recitals.



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2016 MESSIAH Recap

I would like to thank all of you in the congregation for the generosity and support for this year's DIY 11th Annual MESSIAH. We had 331 in attendance at GVPC and 353 attended the encore performance at Mountain View Presbyterian church. With a choir of over 64 plus orchestra musicians, that's over 775 people who experienced this year's MESSIAH! Congratulations to the Messiah Committee and our Elders, Bill Ruby and Donna Rorer, for a job well done. We also made our biggest donation yet to the Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank, \$5,718.13 after expenses and before adding in Mt. View's contribution. This was a very successful year for this annual Holiday tradition and fundraiser. A special thanks to Mary Lynn and Travis Lewis, who gave us the best Gift Basket Raffle sales of any year ! Winners included:

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| 1. Choir Basket - Music and Romance | Tamera Tolman |
| 2. Coffee and Cocoa Lovers | Amy Carr |
| 3. Knit Wit #1 | Pam Schultz |
| 4. Knit Wit #2 | Kurt Ricketts |
| 5. Beer and Pretzels | Cindy Brum |
| 6. Pet Lovers | Landa Prinz |
| 7. Christmas in a Package | Shannon Carr |
| 8. Dana's Place | Leslie Dillon |
| 9. A Delightful Evening | Adele Vanderhouten |
| 10. Mr. and Mrs. Clean | Johanna Eggen |
| 11. Dessert Basket | Susan Cooper |
| 12. Wine Basket | Walt Joseph |
| 13. Celebration in a Basket | Sharon Baggs |
| 14. Christmas Cheer | Linda Roberts |

Thank you to Amy Homer-Smith for the MESSIAH Benefit Concert, Al Pierce for working on "Friends of GVPC: Live!", Donna Rorer and Carol Johnson for the program, GVPC Valley Chorus volunteers and Dottie Henshaw, secretary for MESSIAH.

A letter from the Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank President, Anne Mack, is included to read.

Many Heartfelt Thanks,

Dr. Spencer Baker

December 17, 2016

To the members of the 2016 Messiah Concert Committee,

Thank you for once again providing the prelude to what will now be our ninth year of business in the Food Bank at Henderson Presbyterian Church. We continue to feed over 15,000 people each year but our efforts would be "pianissimo" without the cement that your magnificent music brings to the foundation of our outreach every December.

Thank you for the free will offering, for the gift basket sales, and for the contributions from the Amy Homer-Smith Concert 1 and Friends of GVPC Live. Every year at this time my spirit begins to lag as I look at the months to come and wonder how many of them will see us with our doors open and food on the shelves. And for many years now, your musicians and congregation have united to present me and our organization with the ability to believe that there really is a Santa Claus!

May God bless each and every one of you and may those of us who work so hard to feed our neighbors make you proud. We are forever grateful that God sent you to be our partner in this endeavor.

Anne Mack
Manager, Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank



WHEN: Sunday March 5th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

WHERE: GVPC Fellowship Hall

Please contact Gloria Zimny with any questions and to schedule an appointment time.

Please consider donating, one unit of blood has the potential to save up to 3 lives.

Be a "HERO" today and save a life!

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***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.