

THE GREEN VALLEY VISION

Green Valley Presbyterian Church



CHRISTMAS EVE IN OBERNDORF

The year was 1818.

31-year-old church organist, Franz Gruber, had worked hard to prepare his village choir for a glorious Christmas Eve service. When the day finally came, Franz went early to the church to discover that the organ's moisture-corroded pipes had fallen to a state of wheezes and murmurs. The itinerant organ mender was not due to the city for several more days. Franz Gruber was despondent. He could not possibly expect the choir to sing such elaborate chorales unaccompanied.

Also distressed was the church's young pastor, Joseph Mohr. He had hoped that this, his first Christmas celebration since being ordained, would be an especially splendid one. But what could they do without the church's organ? Joseph played guitar, but how could his guitar possibly begin to support the complicated fugues and cantatas that had so been long and painstakingly prepared?



Feeling quite in a predicament, the two young men went to work on a solution. Joseph spent the afternoon scribbling out some verses. Franz then fit the words to a simple melody. Just as the two were completing their work, the choir started arriving for the service. It was too late to teach them the whole piece, so Franz and Joseph decided to sing it as a duet accompanied by Joseph's guitar, with the choir echoing the final words of each verse.

That evening, the worshippers arrived to the disappointment of a broken-down organ. But when the service was done, they left with an enchanting new melody imprinted on their hearts. No one, least the two young composers, dreamt that the irritations and disappointments of that day would produce the world's best loved Christmas carol of all time, *Silent Night*.

In this Advent Season, as we turn our thoughts to the celebration of our Savior's birth, let us again be reminded that sometimes our irritations are opportunities in disguise. Sometimes our disappointments are unexpected appointments with God's astonishing grace. Even the most crucial event in all history, our Savior's birth, was bound up in what surely appeared to his parents as the most vexing of circumstances.

Come join us for worship during the weeks of Advent. Come celebrate and reflect upon the real reason for this season. You'll be blessed!

Yours for the Adventure!

Jim

Interim Pastor Jim Blades

**December 2016/
January 2017**

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

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December/January Worship Schedule

December 4th ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent

Sermon: *"Day of Small Things"*

Speaker: Rev. Jim Blades

Also: Communion and All Church Advent Potluck

December 11th ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

Speaker: Rev. Adrian Doll

Also: Joy Ringers Handbell Ensemble & Chancel Choir

**Note: One service at 10:00 a.m., no Saturday Evening service.
Congregation meeting following worship service.**

December 18th ~ 4th Sunday in Advent

Sermon: *"The Host of Heaven"*

Speaker: Dr. Debbie Blades

Also: Christmas Caroling

Christmas Eve Services (see separate article)

December 25th ~ 10:00 a.m. service only

Carol Sing led by Kaymen Carter and the Worship & Music Committee

Please note, no Celebration or Sunday School classes

January 1st ~ 10:00 a.m. service only

Sermon: *"The Stark Truth about the Three Kings"*

Speaker: Rev. Jim Blades

Also: Communion

(No Saturday evening service on 12/31)

January 8th ~ Epiphany Sunday

Sermon: *"The Year King Uzziah Died"*

Speaker: Rev. Jim Blades

January 15th

Sermon: *"Life is Goodbye, Life is Hello"*

Speaker: Rev. Jim Blades

Also: Church Officer Ordination & Installation

January 22nd

Speaker: TBA

Also: Rainbow Choir (10:30 service)

January 29th

Speaker: TBA

Also: Annual Congregational Meeting



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 P.M. FAMILY SERVICE

"JESUS MEANS CHRISTMAS TO ME"

ARR. LUKE GAMBILL

PERFORMED BY THE RAINBOW AND

HARMONIC YOUTH CHOIRS

DIRECTED BY KAYMEN CARTER

8:30 P.M. & 11:00 P.M.

LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE LOWEST"

REV. JIM BLADES

GVPC SOLOISTS AND DUETS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 A.M. (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

CAROL SING LED BY KAYMEN CARTER &

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

(NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE ON 12/31)

10:00 A.M. (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

"THE STARK TRUTH ABOUT THE THREE KINGS"

REV. JIM BLADES

COMMUNION



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Fellowship Committee invites all ages to join us on Sunday, December 18th as we spread cheer and travel to two area senior 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. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

We need your voices! Come join the fun!

Per Capita Payments in 2017

Once a year congregations pay an annual amount per church member – per capita apportionment – to their respective presbyteries. Per capita funding is how the entire Presbyterian community mutually shares the costs of ***Getting Ready in the New Year*** by coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future and sharing in what makes us Presbyterians. Your once a year payment supports the annual budgets of the Presbytery of Nevada, the Synod of the Pacific, and the General Assembly. Since these higher level councils do not have congregant income, all Presbyterian churches are asked to contribute to their operating costs.

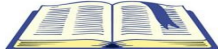
Per Capita is being assessed in the amount of **\$40.00 per member** for 2017, which is an increase over the amount assessed for the past five years. We pray that this increase reflects higher costs and not a reduced level of membership in our Presbyterian Churches.

We ask that you do **not** pay your assessment until after January 1, 2017 and before mid-February. You can pay your assessment by:

- Using the special blue Per Capita envelope contained in your box of offering envelopes, if you have requested them.
- Writing "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check and placing it in the offering plate.
- Using a pew envelope and writing "Per Capita" on the outside of the envelope.
- You may also mail your payment directly to the church office with an appropriate notation with your payment.

Thank you, The Stewardship Committee

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 "*Book of Daniel.*" Upcoming study topic will be "*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 note: No meeting on Friday December 23rd.)

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

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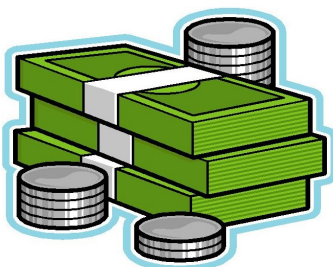
or Joan Randle (702) 837-7336,

randljw@cox.net

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and sharing.



Monthly Money Matters - December 2016



Operating Income and Expense

You will notice that the Financial Statement accompanying this article ends on November 12, instead of the end of the previous month as it usually does. Doing so allows us to fully explain the impact of three events that have recently happened.

First, the Session voted to move \$15,500 from the Custodial Fund to the operating fund. This was done to cover the unexpected, unbudgeted cost of replacing the fire alarm system in the Multi-Purpose Building. This transfer decreased the balance in the Custodial Fund and shows up on the Income and Expense statement as Other Income.

Second, Session voted to apply the \$10,000 bequest recently received from Joan Hook's estate towards the CE Building Loan. This has the effect of reducing Other Income by \$10,000 and increasing the Wells Fargo bank balance by the same amount. The \$10,000 will be added to the next payment made on the loan.

Finally, the church has received an anonymous donation of \$50,000 which is truly a Thank Offering to God and a Love Offering to this church. The impact of this will increase the difference between Income and Expenses from \$13,500 in the red at the end of October to almost \$22,000 in the black. We extend our deep appreciation to those who made this generous and timely offering.

2017 Budget

The Session is at work preparing the 2017 Operating Budget and is in a quandary. Our offerings are running almost \$40,000 below budget. The 2016 expense budget was started as a bare bones budget and then was reduced by 3% across the board, except for staff salaries, to bring expenses down to projected income. We were careful to reserve room in the budget for the Senior Pastor's salary and as it turns out, there has been significant under-expenditure in that area. All other budget categories are running near the budget. All this explanation is to say that we see no significant opportunities to reduce the budget in 2017. However, based on the 2016 experience, we feel we must set the income budget close to the projected 2016 amount. Right now, the income budget is set at \$612,000 which we feel is a conservative yet realistic amount. The projected expenditures are \$660,000 which as explained above is what it will take to maintain the programs now in place. The resulting deficit is \$48,000. The big unknown is the response to the current stewardship campaign. We will, of course, make adjustments as the results are known, but based on current knowledge, 2017 could be a very challenging year financially.

Respectfully
The Administration Committee

Financial Statement Ending November 12, 2016

Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense	
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
Offerings	\$573,427	\$602,035	Offerings & Transfers	\$71,276
Cell Tower Utilities	\$6,722	\$7,650	Loan Payments	\$66,207
Other Income	\$21,334	\$5,297		
Total Income	\$601,482	\$614,981		
Total Expense	\$579,648	\$619,874	Income Over/(Under) Expense	\$5,069
Net Income/(Loss)	\$21,835	-\$4,893		
Temporary Restricted Funds	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	Principal Balance on Loan	\$215,878
Beginning Balance	\$45,992	\$38,890	BF Checking Account Balance	\$17,649
Restricted Income	\$2,517	\$91,175		
Restricted Expense	\$2,145	\$83,701	Custodial Fund Balance	\$208,298
Ending Balance	\$46,364	\$46,364		
Checking Account Balance		\$205,733		
Operating Fund		\$159,511		
Restricted Funds		\$46,222		

Our Church Family

I wish to continue to thank all of GVPC for the help given to me and my family during my illness and my continued recovery at home. I pray all continues to go smoothly. Pastor Jim also came to see me at Heights of Summerlin while I was there. I thank him for this.

If I miss anyone to thank, forgive me. All the hard work on everyone's part made it so much easier.

Gods Blessings to all,
Bonnie Sears

To my kind and caring GVPC family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, messages and phone calls. I'm so blessed to be part of this loving Christian community.

Love in Christ,
Joan Randle



The youth of Green Valley Presbyterian Church invite you to participate in our Christmas Service Project. This year we will be teaming up with the "Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth" you will find a wish list under the Christmas tree or you may take an ornament off the tree to donate to this most worthy cause.

Please return your donations by
Sunday, December 18th.

Thank you for making a difference
in a young person's life!

Peace and Grace,
The Youth of GVPC



A TOUCH OF CLASS...

an attractive Welcome Center Table Covering. . .

GVPC is indebted to member Pam Yates

for her generous donation of

the warm rich fabric and her

skilled seamstress labor

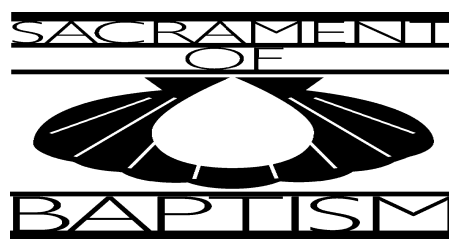
please extend your personal thanks to her.

Welcome Center Team

Thank you to the Deacons who have purchased a small freezer for us to have food on hand to take to people when it is needed. We have been feeding 3 families over the past several weeks.

Many thanks to **Heather Booker** who has added numerous items to the freezer every week for over 2 months and to **Annette Baize, Candice Bush, Jo Lewis and Nicole Steidel** for their contributions of frozen food or hot meals.

Meals Ministry Team



We congratulate Kyle and Charo McNamara on the baptism of Scarlett Eve on Saturday, October 29, 2016.



Congratulations are also extended to Brandon, Jamie, and Abby Leavitt on their baptisms on Saturday, November 5, 2016.



Congratulations to Ben and Megan Franke on the baptism of Abraham John on Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Senior Adult Ministries | Dec. 2016/Jan. 2017

Resources for Seniors

Thank you to a member of the congregation who brought my attention to the many resources available at Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health. The building is located at 888 W. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106. The main phone number is 702-483-6000 and the social services phone number is 702-483-6055.

Their website at keepmemoryalive.org/social_services has a wealth of information. There are educational programs, support groups and a lending library. The programs are open to the public and are free of charge.

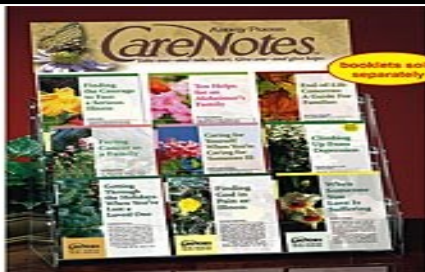
A “wheel of information” was also brought to me from the Cleveland Clinic. There is so much information packed into this wheel that I think I may request some to have available for our church attendees to take. One section of information is featured below.

Coping with Memory Loss: Tips to help you with Activities of Daily Living

1. Post phone numbers in large print by the telephone: include emergency numbers and your address with a description of where you live.
2. Keep a book with you at all times that has: Important telephone numbers and addresses including emergency numbers and your own contact information.
 - People’s names with their pictures and their relationship to you.
 - Thoughts or ideas you want to hold on to.
 - A map of where your home is.
 - A to-do list of appointments.
3. Label cupboards and drawers with words or pictures showing their contents.
4. Have a friend call to remind you about meal times, appointments, and medications.
5. Set-up automatic bill pay on-line for utilities, telephone, etc.
6. Get an easy-to-read digital clock that displays the time and date.
7. Use pillboxes to help organize medications.
(from Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health)



Linda Rauenbueher – 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. Prayers That Bring Comfort in Times of Grief.
2. Six Steps to Work Through Anger.
3. Giving New life to Your Christmas Celebration.
4. A Quest for Meaning During Retirement.

CareNotes were conceived with two fundamental beliefs in mind:

1. The right words at the right time make all the difference in the world to people who are hurting.
2. “Less can be more-when people are dealing with intensely emotional issues..” (*Abbey Press Publications*)

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.

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

Children's Ministries | Dec. 2016/Jan. 2017

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 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.

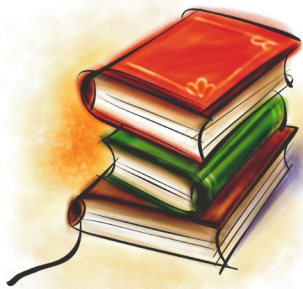
10:30 a.m. - SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3 yrs. thru High School.

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!



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.

Holiday POTLUCK

COME JOIN THE FUN AS WE GATHER
TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
THE ADVENT SEASON

Sunday, December 4th, 11:30 a.m.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

The entire congregation is invited to join us again this year for the annual Advent potluck lunch.

Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus, and celebrate the season with food, music, and an Advent craft for the children.

**The main dish will be provided by
the Fellowship Committee.**
Please bring your favorite holiday side dish to share.

Questions? Contact Julie Dorse,
juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com or
(702) 339-4013 (cell).



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 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

Our 11th ANNUAL DIY MESSIAH CONCERT will be held on Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m., 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, free- will offering, stunning soloists, GVPC Valley Chorus, GVPC Chamber Orchestra with members of the Las Vegas Philharmonic, and Dr. Spencer Baker conducts from the harpsichord!

Our Candlelight Service, 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, will feature the GVPC Chancel Choir, Joy Ringers Handbell Ensemble and Harp 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 4	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir
	11:45 a.m.	Harmonic Youth Choir Debut at the Advent Potluck
Tuesday, December 6	7:00 p.m.	MESSIAH Dress Rehearsal: Orchestra, Soloists, Choir
Wednesday, December 7	7:00 p.m.	11 th Annual DIY MESSIAH Concert, GVPC Valley Chorus
Sunday, December 11	10:00 a.m. only	Chancel Choir: Joy Ringers Handbell Ensemble
Sunday, December 11	3:00 p.m.	ENCORE Performance of MESSIAH
		MT. VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, December 18	9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir
	1:30 p.m.	Christmas Caroling to area Retirement Homes
Saturday, December 24	6:00 p.m.	Family Service (Harmonic Youth, Rainbow Choir)
	8:30 p.m.	<i>Lessons and Carols</i> with Soloists & Duets
	10:30 p.m.	"Sounds of the Season" Harp
	11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service: Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers
		<i>Lessons and Carols</i>
Sunday, December 25	10:00 a.m. only	No Chancel Choir
		Worship in Music Carol Sing, led by Kaymen Carter
Sunday, January 1 st	10:00 a.m. only	No Chancel Choir; Kaymen Carter, soloist
Thursday, Jan. 5 th	6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Bells and Chancel Choir Regular Rehearsals Resume

UPCOMING: Concert Series

Saturday, January 14th	7:30 p.m.	Daniel Gaisford: Solo Cello Recital
Sunday, January 29th	7:30 p.m.	Damaris Morales and Zirna Piano Trio



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

Live at GVPC
CONCERT SERIES
17th Season 2016

Dr. Spencer Baker, Artistic Director

► *Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.*

11th Annual Handel's DIY MESSIAH.

*Free-Will Offering Net Proceeds to Benefit Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank



18th Season 2017

► *Saturday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.*

Daniel Gaisford: Solo Cello Recital

Internationally Acclaimed Cellist performs the Solo Bach Cello Suites

► *Sunday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.*

Damaris Morales and Zirna Piano Trio

Lecture Recital on Women Composers to be presented at the French Embassy later in 2017



Great Music

Great Acoustic

Free-Will Offering

Friends in the Desert

On Saturday, November 12, 2016 we served our Friends in The Desert their luncheon favorite of Fried Chicken with all the “fixins.” We served a record number for the year of 115 hot meals and 50 take outs! There were so many smiling faces and gracious thank you’s from our guests. We want to especially thank Chris Sechrist, who donated the fried chicken and Natalie Buhle and Linda Chase, who made the most delicious apple crisp that made the meal extra special! Their donations were made in memory of their loved ones this Thanksgiving. The GVPC “Lunch Brigade” prepared and delivered 91 sack lunches to our Friends in The Desert this month. We are pleased to welcome Teresa Ziolkowski and Pam Yates to our dedicated group of volunteers who faithfully prepare between 5 and 8 sack lunches every month.

December and January Menu: We will be serving our traditional early Christmas Baked Ham meal on December 10th along with macaroni and cheese, green beans, apple/grape salad, rolls and Christmas cookies and candy. If you have any questions please call either Michelle Morgando (702) 245-7447 or Linda Sliwa (702) 435-9755, who will be co-chairing the meal. The January 14, 2017 meal menu has not been finalized, please check the FITD sign-up board in the Narthex where it will be posted later in December. **Items you sign up for must be delivered to the church Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 9th/Jan. 13th, or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on the day of the meal by 10:45 a.m. Please put your name on all items you leave at the church and mark them “FITD”.**

Food Donations: We will be needing a lot of hams for the December meal. We will cook your ham if you would like to donate one. Just bring your ham (10-12 lbs.), put your name and FITD on it, and place it in the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator before December 5th. During this Advent Season and next year, please consider participating by bringing food items for the monthly hot meal and/or help serve at FITD.

Clothing Donations: 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 to our December clothing distribution, we need **white crew socks, new white T-shirts and underwear in sizes medium and large. New or gently used coats, sweatshirts, lap blankets, knit hats, backpacks and pet food** are also needed.

A grateful thanks and abundant blessings to all of you who helped in one way or another in God’s service of helping those less fortunate this year. Wishing you a joyous and blessed Christmas season.

Susan Walker and Diana Schuster-Proud, November FITD Co-Chairs

On November 12th 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 Bill Borrebach, Ken & Esther Brown, Shari Jackson, Bill & Jo Lewis, and Ted Rauenbuehler for their time and effort. Bill Borrebach is new to our group – welcome aboard!

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 November 12th and 19th our dedicated crew served the evening meal at the facility located at 525 E. Bonanza Rd., LV. Thanks to Hal Hokenstad, Barb & Pat Lantz, 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 with this mission outreach program.

Ladies Luncheon

Please join us on **Thursday, December 1st** for the Monthly Ladies Luncheon.

When: 11:30 A.M.

Where: Mimis Café, 596 N. Stephanie St.

And on **January 5th**

When: 11:30 A.M.

Where: Olive Garden, 4400 E. Sunset Rd.

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

GriefShare Facilitators

Additional GriefShare Facilitators /Moderators are needed. Join long-time member and experienced teacher **Nicolle Cantiero**, Director to prepare for 2017.

Meet the challenge of the New Year for GVPC and a new incoming Pastor to present a 13-session GriefShare to members of the congregation and community! Your involvement will be personally rewarding and a gift to others. All GriefShare training and program materials are provided.

Please call or email Hal West at 702-732-1006 or halwest@embarqmail.com with any questions.

GriefShare Organization Team



Become a Part of Something Special!

See you at the Fair: October 14, 2017

Let's do it again! The Gingerbread Fair Committee is getting an early start on ideas for the 2017 Gingerbread Fair and we are inviting **you** to join us for some fun and great fellowship. **You do not** have to be a craft person; we need people who are good organizers and can take care of other details. And as an added bonus, you can join us at any time of the year. With proceeds close to \$9,100.00 for the 2016 fair, you can recognize that it takes a lot of organizing and help to make the Fair a success. GBFC uses the money for unbudgeted capital improvements for GVPC, local mission projects, expenses and/or the building fund or mortgage pay-down.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets on the **first and third** Monday of each month from January through the October Fair from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. **2017 kicks off with our first business meeting on January 2nd. Please note: a photographer will be present to take a picture of the members to update our Gingerbread Fair Committee brochure.** Our first craft meeting will be January 16th. (Yes, we know the 16th 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.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

Questions? Call one of our Co-Chairs: Gail Gaede (702) 890-5039 or Judy Krug (702) 263-1350.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee





PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION

December/January

As we prepare for the birth of our Savior this Advent season, let us remember there was no room for Him in the Inn on the night He was born. Is there room for Him in your heart and life? If there's not, it's up to you to change that. He is not going to force His way in! However, He is waiting with open arms!

****Thank you to Vee Gonzalez and Debbie Meldrum for supplying lunch in November. ****

Plans for December and January!

December 4th ~ ADVENT POTLUCK at 11:30 a.m. for the whole family. Bring a side dish to share, the church will supply the main course. The Harmonic Youth will debut!

December 11th ~ Youth Connection from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Theme: “*Making Room*” Game: Sardines.

December 18th ~ CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Reill’s home. Details to follow!

December 25th ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS!! NO Youth Connection!



THANK YOU TO THE REILL FAMILY FOR OPENING YOUR HOME FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY!

January 1st ~ “Happy New Year” NO Youth Connection today!

January 8th ~ Youth Connection 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; “*The Purpose DVD*” EXTREME SPORTS!

January 15th ~ Youth Connection 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.; We will begin a four-part series on the book of James, Part one: “*True Religion.*”

January 22nd ~ Youth Connection 11:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.; Part two: The perfect pair, “*Faith & Works.*”

January 29th ~ Youth Connection 11:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.; **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!** We will collect food in the surrounding neighborhood for Henderson Food Bank.

**** We will continue our series on the book of James in February ****

In Christ’s Service,
Renee Kelly (702)454-8484 X 504

November 23, 2016

To the Congregation of Green Valley Presbyterian Church:

It is with great excitement and anticipation that your Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) presents to the congregation a nominee for your approval. With the support of Session, the PNC recommends calling the Reverend Adrian N. Doll to serve as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.

You will find some biographical information on Reverend Doll on this page. He and his family will be visiting GVPC on **Sunday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m.** for worship. Reverend Doll will deliver the sermon at this service.

Please note that there is only one service on Sunday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m., and no service on Saturday, December 10th.

Immediately following the worship service, the Congregation is invited to a Special Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary to vote on extending a Pastoral Call to Reverend Doll. Following the Special Congregational Meeting, Pastor Doll and his family will be present in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour and fellowship.

As many are aware, this recommendation comes after more than twelve months of dedicated work on the part of the Pastoral Nominating Committee, that included: conducting a congregational survey; small group meetings; preparing the Ministry Information Form and written candidate questions; reviewing Pastor Information Forms and additional information; contacting reference; and conducting interviews.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee thanks the congregation for your faithfulness, your patience, your support, and your prayers as we worked toward this important decision, discerning God's will for our pastoral leadership.

We look forward to seeing you at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 11th** for worship and at the Special Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

In Christ,

Pastoral Nominating Committee

REVEREND ADRIAN N. DOLL

Reverend Doll was ordained on June 10, 2001, and since 2005 has served as Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church in Norwalk, Ohio. He has a passion for preaching and teaching and a strong desire to share God's love and to equip followers of Christ. He and his wife, Janel, have been married for 24 years and have two children: David (17) and Clara (15). They enjoy spending time together as a family, travel, movies, and international cuisine.

EXPERIENCE

Pastor/Head of Staff

First Presbyterian Church of Norwalk
(300 members)
2005 – Present Norwalk, Ohio

Associate Pastor

First Presbyterian Church of Concord
(400 members)
2001 – 2004 Concord, California

Director of Christian Nurture

Wintersburg Presbyterian Church (400 members)
1999 – 2001 Garden Grove, California

Adult Education Intern

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (2,000 members)
1997-1999 Newport Beach, California

EDUCATION

Columbia Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry (in progress)
2013 – 2016

Fuller Theological Seminary

Masters of Divinity, Theology
1996 – 2000

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
1983 – 1987

OTHER SERVICES

Moderator of Council - Maumee Valley Presbytery
2015-2016

Commissioner - 220th General Assembly of PC(USA)
2012

Committee on Ministry - Maumee Valley Presbytery
2006-2012

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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

Nursery Attendant: Claire Bartley

Audio Visual Technician: Eric So

Sexton: Kurt Ricketts

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Kevin Fisher
Bill Lewis
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Corey Kelly
Linda Sliwa
Gloria Zimny

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Genevieve Brown
Candice Bush
Sandy Cloe
Johanna Eggen
Lorne Schmidt

***Join us for
Worship:***

Saturday Evening

Informal Service
with Communion
5:30-6:30 PM.

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

Sunday Morning

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

Sunday School

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

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