



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

From the Pastor's Desk Thirty Days of Giving Thanks

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

A friend once told me the most miserable person in the world must certainly be the one who wants to say, "thank you," but does not believe in God. I've thought about this for many years. Can you imagine what it would be like to be emerge from a season of deep need, to know your concerns were relieved and your needs were met, only to find yourself incapable of directing your gratitude to anyone but a few persons in your immediate circle? Each November, I'm reminded that even though Thanksgiving is a national holiday, the profound act of giving thanks is a hallmark of faith. We give thanks because we know that life itself is a gift from God.

The habit of thanks-giving has a way of shining a spotlight on our limitations, frailties, and needs. The Scriptures assure us that blessings don't just fall into our lives by some cosmic game of chance. Every blessing we receive is a gift from God, and to receive those blessings without directing our gratitude to the "giver of every good and perfect gift" would be the ultimate act of ingratitude (James 1:17).

If you're anything like me, in the busyness of life it can be only too easy to forget to say "Thank you, Lord." Oh we might remember to give thanks for the big answers to prayer, but we forget to say, "thank you" for the little blessings that come into our life each and every day.

My sister-in-law has a wonderful habit of celebrating the season of Thanksgiving throughout the month of November. She calls it *30 Days of Giving Thanks*. Each day for 30 days she practices the discipline of saying, "Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you've given." And when I read her posts on Facebook or Instagram, I realize that she is committed to acknowledging the everyday blessings we so often forget to recognize. This year, I'm going to follow in her footsteps because I truly believe that giving thanks is good for the heart, the mind, the soul, and even the body.

When we intentionally say "Thank you, Lord, for everything you've given," we realize that our blessings always outweigh our struggles. And there is something else I've discovered: when we make it a point to express our gratitude, the people around us know that our faith in Jesus Christ really does influence the way we live.

I hope you'll join me in *30 Days of Giving Thanks*. And as we begin this journey of gratitude together, I trust you know how profoundly grateful my family is for our call to Green Valley Presbyterian Church. *"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good..."*

In Gratitude -

Pastor Adrian

November 2017

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

November Sermon Series

This month we come to the end of the church liturgical calendar as we celebrate such significant days as *All Saints'* and *Christ the King Sundays*. As our nation focuses on giving thanks, as followers of Christ we know the greatest act of giving thanks is living a life to the glory of God. This month we'll explore connections between thanksgiving, faith, compassion, and service.

November 5th ~ All Saints' Day

Sermon: "Running the Race"

Speaker: Rev. Adrian N. Doll

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3

November 12th

Sermon: "The Paradox of Playing It Safe or Taking a Risk"

Speaker: Rev. Adrian N. Doll

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

November 19th ~ Thanksgiving Sunday

Sermon: "Did You Forget to Say Something?"

Speaker: Rev. Adrian N. Doll

Text: Luke 17:11-19

Also: Pledge Dedication Sunday

November 26th ~ Christ the King Sunday

Sermon: "A Season of Giving or a Lifetime of Service"

Speaker: Rev. Adrian N. Doll

Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

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

We have concluded the series "*Jesus and the Gospel by Luke*" by Timothy Johnson. We will begin a 24 lecture series "*The Apocryphal Jesus*" by Professor David Brakke on October 28th.

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

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

Please join us, we look forward to meeting you!

Phoebe Bible Study

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

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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

On Wednesday, **November 8th**

Rabbi Sandy Akselrad of Congregation Ner Tamid

will be our guest as we continue to explore the ancient

Christian tradition of set hours of prayer, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours. Rabbi Akselrad will

demonstrate how Judaism seeks to fulfill the biblical summons to pray throughout the day. Within ancient Judaism, multiple traditions wove themselves into an established pattern of praying three times a day. This practice became normative for the early Christians and was further developed as a response to Psalm 119:164, "Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous ordinances." Join us as we welcome our friend and neighbor, Rabbi Sandy Akselrad.



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

Ladies Bible Fellowship

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

Conference Room

September through May

We share Christian Living Studies

Books and Videos

plus lively discussions, prayers and encouragement
helping us take God's amazing love
into our hearts and into our world!

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

Gingerbread Fair A Spectacular Success!!!



To all who participated, purchased items, and helped in any way, **THANK YOU!!** Our initial count of the proceeds shows an approximate amount of \$10,492.91.

Clearly, God is Blessing Us!

We certainly could not have done this without the support of our GVPC family. After expenses, this will give us a very nice amount to use toward capital improvements that are not budgeted in GVPC budget, additional mortgage payments, and local mission projects. The Gingerbread Fair Committee will decide which requests they will support. The Session has the final say on all expenditures.

**WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT YOU!!!**

The Gingerbread Fair Committee would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the people who donated craft and pantry items for the fair. Also, thanks to the sons, daughters, and husbands who helped bring items from storage and also stayed to help us after the fair by taking things back to storage.....Your help was priceless!!

Thank you for all you did. It was greatly appreciated.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee



The Pantry Items.....Were Awesome!! Thank you.....

To all those who donated the bakery and candy items for our Gingerbread Fair Pantry —

HUGS AND A BIG THANK YOU!

We appreciated your support with the wide variety of items. As always, the goodies were popular with the fair attendees.

We could not have done it without your donations.

THANK YOU,

THE GINGERBREAD FAIR COMMITTEE

And the Gingerbread Raffle Winners are...



Art Deco Ceramic Vase ~ Bill Ruby

*Autumn Blessings Wall Hanging ~
Pam Bower*

Christmas Tree Skirt ~ Joyce Patrick

Celtic Design Rope Basket ~ Bill Ruby

*Stags In Winter Forest Picture ~
Rose Garrett*

Congratulations to All!!

THE DEACON'S CORNER

New Members Brunch

The GVPC Deacons will be hosting a special brunch for all of our new 2017 members on November 19th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on joining us, we look forward to seeing your shining happy faces!!

Monthly Food Donations

We thank you for the donation of canned goods and non-perishable food items the first Sunday of each month. These donations benefit the Friends in the Desert and the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank. Please drop off contributions in the Narthex. Thank you for the continued support of these ministries!

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for your generous support in the form of money in the Deacon's envelopes and items for the food banks we support in the Henderson community!!

The Deacons recognize that without you we could not share God's love to the extent as expressed by your generous giving. We thank you again for your continued material and financial support so we can do more for others!

Noah's Flood

By Benjamin Britten

Benjamin Britten's one-act *Noye's Fludde* tells the story of Noah and the Flood through staged operatic characters, singing, cleverly scored orchestration, and the debut of the *Opera Las Vegas Children's Choir* as the animals. It's one of a kind - and simply divine! Choose from three superb performances— and help support flood relief to American families.

Three FREE Performances

Nov 17 - 7:00 pm

Grace Presbyterian Church
1515 W. Charleston Ave, 89102

Nov 18 - 7:30 pm

Green Valley Presbyterian Church
1798 Wigwam Pkwy, 89074

Nov 19 - 3:00 pm

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd, 89134

Financial Statement -- September 2017

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Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
		<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
Offerings		\$494,820	\$494,225	Offerings	\$55,810
Cell Tower Utilities		\$5,549	\$5,325	Monthly Loan Payments	\$57,928
Miscellaneous Income		\$7,778	\$4,978		
Total Income		\$508,147	\$504,528	Income Over/(Under) Expense	(\$2,118)
Total Expense		\$530,934	\$522,932		
Net Income/(Loss)		-\$22,787	-\$18,404		
Temporary Restricted Funds		<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	Principal Balance on Loan	\$147,431
Beginning Balance		\$33,376	\$49,043	BF Checking Account Balance	\$15,825
Restricted Income		\$33,980	\$126,150		
Restricted Expense		\$20,104	\$127,940	Custodial Fund Balance	\$210,444
Ending Balance		\$47,252	\$47,252		
Checking Account Balance					
	Operating Fund		\$148,937		
	Restricted Funds		\$47,252		



The Bible tells us that gratitude and generosity are hallmarks of our faith:
“...strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.”
Colossians 2:6-7

We ask that you prayerfully consider your stewardship in terms of generous financial support for the upcoming year so that we may continue to grow our ministry within our church, in our community, and through carefully selected international ministry efforts.

November 19th will be Dedication Sunday for those who wish to bring their pledge cards forward during offertory.

Blessings,
Connie Mulick-Stewardship Committee Chair

Monthly Money Matters - October 2017

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is developing a revised GVPC website which will have many new and improved features compared to the existing site. It should be operating by the time you receive this *Vision*. One new feature will be the opportunity for those who wish to make their offerings to the church by credit card to do so directly through the site. Although credit card giving is currently available, it has to be done through the office or the Administration Committee. The revised website will allow you to give directly on-line.

There will be two ways to give on-line. They both start by clicking on the **Donate Now** link found on the new home page. After you click on the *Donate Now* link you will see a new page titled **DONATE NOW**, you will have three choices:

The first is CREATE AN ACCOUNT

The second is SIGN IN and

The third is GUEST GIVING

CREATE AN ACCOUNT: If you want to give frequently, set up a periodically recurring gift and have your gifts recorded in the church accounting system, you must first create an account. Click on this link and you will be led through the steps to create an account including creating a password. If you are already in the church accounting system you will be linked to that record and all your giving will be recorded just as it is now. If you are not presently in the data base, a record will be created for you.

SIGN IN: Once you have created an account, click the *Sign In* link to access your account. If you want to give a certain amount every week or month, you will be able to do so. Once done your offering will be automatically charged to your credit card and credited to your church account. If you want to make a one-time gift, you can do that as well. You will always be able to give to the General Operating Fund, the Building Fund, and to the Deacons; occasionally you will be able to give to other special offerings.

GUEST GIVING: If you only want to make a one-time gift and do not want the gift recorded, you can use the *Guest Giving* link to do so. You will be able to give to the same funds as above.

Some of you have pledged and are currently giving to the General Operating or Building Funds by credit card. You do not need to do anything to continue those gifts, they will continue until the end of your pledge which is December 2017 for the General Operating Fund and April 2018 for the Building Fund

Online giving will give you more flexibility to manage your offerings to the church; the data will be automatically uploaded to the ACS accounting system and will relieve our staff of the manual entry of that data. We hope you will take advantage of it. You can, however, continue to give your card information to the church; someone from the staff or the Administration Committee will enter it to the database.

If you have questions, please contact the church office for assistance.

Respectfully Submitted
Allen Randle, Administration Committee

Senior Adult Ministries | November 2017

Last month, I took the opportunity to hear Frank Abagnale speak. Abagnale is the con artist whose life is the basis for the movie "Catch Me if you Can". He told the story of how he began and became so successful at conning people when he was 16-21 years old. For the last 40+ years he has worked for the FBI as an identity theft expert.

The program I attended was sponsored by AARP's Fraud Watch Network who is partnering with Abagnale to help us protect ourselves.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan area is ranked #25 among the largest metro areas for identity theft consumer complaints nationally with 145.4 complaints per 100,000 residents. 33% of statewide identity theft fraud is credit card fraud.

Frank's Top 10 Tips to help prevent identity theft are:

1. Protect yourself by checking your credit regularly.
2. Provide your social security number only when absolutely necessary.
3. Shred all mail and documents with your personal info using a micro-cut shredder.
4. Check each transaction on your credit card statements.
5. Retrieve your mail ASAP or invest in a locking mailbox to avoid mail theft and thieves re-routing your mail.
6. Be selective with whom you share your personal information.
7. Be on the lookout for skimmers or bugged keypads at ATMs.
8. Keep passwords strong and change them on a regular basis.
9. Use credit cards as the preferred form of payment over debit cards and the fewer credit cards, the better.
10. Keep your firewall, antivirus, and spyware protection up-to-date.

More information and resources can be found at aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork and www.abagnale.com.

To talk to a volunteer who is trained in how to spot and report fraud, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Senior Adult Ministry

Have you ever thought of.....

How we are like Jeremiah. Look at Jeremiah 18:3-4 [from The Message] and see what God has in store for us: "So, I went to the potter's house, and sure enough, the potter was there, working away at his wheel. Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, as sometimes happens when you are working with clay, the potter would simply start over and use the same clay to make another pot. Aren't you glad that we are being molded as part of God's kingdom?....."

Dave Cornell
A Fellow Achiever for Jesus

CareNotes

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

1. How Forgiveness Can Heal Our Lives.
2. Moving Through the Anguish of Parental Loss.
3. Letting Tears Bring Healing and Renewal.
4. Is Your Teen Using Drugs?
5. Living Your Conversion.

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

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

Children's Ministries | November 2017

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHOIR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

9:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. - Rainbow Children's Choir practice for ages K thru 5th grade. The Rainbow choir practices each Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. in room 7 of the Christian Education Bldg. The choir performs monthly on the 4th Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

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

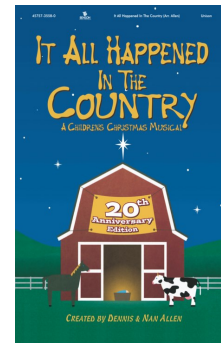
Thanks for your support of the GVPC children and youth!

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

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

All children in our church community are welcome to participate.

Please join us!



Thanksgiving at Dana's Place, Our Children's Library

Welcome young readers to Thanksgiving at Dana's Place. Look for special selections for Thanksgiving and seasonal books on the top display area of the wood bookshelves and in the magazine / bookrack. All the books reviewed tell of the hardships of the Pilgrims on the voyage to America to establish a new colony and to practice religious freedom.

Favorites for Thanksgiving include:

"Sarah Morton's Day". (By Kate Waters) *
A day in the life of a Pilgrim girl.

"Samuel Eaton's Day". (By Kate Waters) *
A day in the life of a Pilgrim boy.

"Mayflower II" (Plimoth Plantation Guide book) *
The story of the Mayflower and Pilgrim life.



*These books are photo illustrated & approved by the staff of Plimoth Plantation -an outdoor living museum of 17th century, Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Mayflower II is a reproduction.

Also, look for two books on Squanto, the Native American who helped the Pilgrims survive. Hope that you will include a "Story of Thanksgiving" during your time with family & loved ones.

Dr. Spencer Baker

Amy Homer-Smith

Kaymen Carter

Director of Music Ministries

Organist/Pianist

Children's Choir Director

Thursdays	6:00 pm	Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sundays	8:30am	Chancel Choir (Warm-Up ~ Choir Room)
	9:30-10:10am	Rainbow Choir Rehearsal – Room 7

The GVPC 12th ANNUAL DIY MESSIAH CONCERT will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 PM, with soloists and chamber orchestra. We also look forward to members of the community who have sung with us through the years joining along with new singers to help support the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank. If you would like to join the MESSIAH committee, please attend our next meeting, held November 14th at 6:00 pm. The Worship & Music Committee meeting will directly follow the MESSIAH Committee meeting in the Conference Room of the Multi-Purpose Building. For more information, visit online at www.diy-messiah-lasvegas.org.

Rehearsal Schedule: Saturday	11/18	10:00 am-Noon	Sanctuary
Saturday	11/25	10:00 am-Noon	Sanctuary
Saturday	12/02	10:00 am-Noon	Sanctuary
Tuesday	12/05	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary DRESS REHEARSAL

Less Rehearsals . . . So please make every effort to attend each rehearsal. Your absence does make a difference!

COME AND JOIN US!

CHANCEL CHOIR NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 5	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Chancel Choir (10:00 am Choir Photo)
Sunday, November 12	9:00 am & 11:00 am	GVPC Women's Ensemble: Schubert 23 rd Psalm
Wednesday, November 15	6:00 pm & 7:00pm	Rehearsal Change!
Sunday, November 19	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers Handbell Ensemble
		Sammy's Woodfired Pizza Fundraiser 11am-9pm
Sunday, November 26	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Bell Trio and Resident Artists only

Live at GVPC: 18th Season 2017

Dr. Spencer Baker, Artistic Director

Saturday, November 18	7:30pm	Opera Las Vegas presents "Noah's Flood" by Benjamin Britten GVPC member, Travis Lewis, Baritone Soloist also Dr. William McCullough, Dr. Spencer Baker, Amy Homer-Smith
Wednesday, December 6	7:00pm	12 th Annual DIY Handel's MESSIAH with GVPC Valley Chorus, GVPC Chamber Orchestra, soloists. Dr. Spencer Baker conducts from the harpsichord



Dr. Spencer Baker ~ 454-8484 ext. 506

Holiday Gift Baskets

On Wednesday, **December 6, 2017**, GVPC will host the 12th Annual Do-It-Yourself Handel's *Messiah* at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The net proceeds will benefit the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank.

The Worship and Music *MESSIAH* Committee is once again inviting members, families and friends of GVPC, along with our church committees, to create your own Holiday Gift Baskets for the Gift Basket Raffle. The winners of the raffles will be announced the night of the *Messiah* Concert. The net proceeds from the baskets will benefit the HPC Food Bank.

Please bring your donated holiday gift basket/s to the church by Wednesday, November 1st. The many beautiful gift baskets will be on display beginning the week-end of November 18/19. The raffle tickets may be purchased the week-ends of November 18/19 and 25/26, December 2/3 and the night of the concert, December 6.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the Messiah Concert, visit us online at www.diy-messiah-lasvegas.org or www.greenvalleypres.com.

We thank you in advance for your participation and support in this worthwhile charity event.

GVPC Messiah Committee



SAMMY'S[®]
Woodfired Pizza & Grill

Please join us for a
Fund-Raising Event at
Sammy's Restaurant and Grill on
Sunday, November 19th ~
11:00 am - 9:00 pm
to support the annual
presentation of
Handel's Messiah

performed with Chorus, Orchestra, Soloists
December 6, 2017 ~ 7:00 pm
Green Valley Presbyterian Church
A charity event benefitting
The Henderson Presbyterian
Church Food Bank

**Present the Sammy's flyer to
your server and 20% of the
proceeds from your meal
will be donated!**

For more information, visit us online at
www.diy-messiah-lasvegas.org
or www.greenvalleypres.com

Sammy's Green Valley
1501 N Green Valley Pkwy.
Henderson, NV 89074
702.567.4000
www.sammypizza.com

Healing Hearts

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

Our November meeting will be the third Sunday of the month (19th) in the Conference Room after 2nd service. In December we will be celebrating the birth of our LORD with a brunch at the home of the Adams.

Please join us if you are hurting due to the loss of a loved one.

Coming Together After Tragedy

Many of you attended the presentation by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on October 8th, that followed a week of prayer and vigil in response to the Strip Shooting. One of our own, Emily Slife, has volunteered to facilitate a workshop on how to cope with thoughts and feelings and be a friend to those struck by this tragedy; not the least of which our children. The GVPC congregation and those in the community are invited to attend. Please join us on **November 12th at 12:15 pm in the GVPC Conference Room** to hear a discussion with a Q&A that will help to bring closure to this episode in our city's history.

Friends in the Desert

On October 14th we served our Friends in the Desert a well received meal of sloppy joes on hamburger buns, tater tots, green salad, pickles, and a treat bag with Halloween candy for dessert. We had a full house and served 98 hot meals, as well as 45 take-outs.

The GVPC "lunch brigade" prepared 98 sack lunches that were also distributed to provide our Friends with a lunch on Sunday, the only day of the week when the kitchen at St. Timothy's is closed. If you are interested in joining the FITD Lunch Brigade (the team responsible for preparing sack lunches every second Friday of the month and dropping them off at GVPC), please contact Judy Avery for more information at (702) 528-6775 or email her at javery30@gmail.com.

Our desert temperatures are beginning to feel chilly in the evening. Soon the homeless and disadvantaged will need winter clothing, hooded sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves and blankets, especially lap blankets. If you have any of these items, either new or gently used, and if you wish to donate them to FITD, you may leave them in the church office or along the back wall of the Sacristy. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we have been able to distribute a new set of underclothes and a pair of new socks once a month to those in need. If you wish to donate men's new white crew socks or T-shirts in size Large or X-Large you may drop them off at church as well as any of the items listed above. Please write FITD on your bags.

The November 11th luncheon will feature fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, and apple pie. It will be chaired by Lorne Schmidt (702) 738-0738 and Terry McNamara (702) 588-3803, who you can call if you have any questions. Volunteers for food items and/or helping to serve are always needed and greatly appreciated. The full menu, along with the various food quantities needed, is located on the sign up board at the back of the Narthex in the Sanctuary. **Items you sign up for must be delivered to the church Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than noon on Friday, November 10th, or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on Saturday, November 11th by 10:45 a.m. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.**

If you would like to make a monetary donation for food and clothing items to be purchased by GVPC members for FITD, please put either cash in an offering envelope marked FITD, along with your name, or write a check to GVPC with "FITD" in the memo line. In this way, you will be credited with a charitable donation that will be deposited in the FITD account. You can place your donations in the offering plate or mail to the GVPV church office.

Grateful thanks to all who donated money, food, clothing, or who came to help serve. A special thank you to Bill Lewis for filling in for me while I was out of town and the many committee members who pitched in to serve a wonderful meal.

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

Jo Ellen Lewis and Dianna Schuster-Proud
October 2017 FITD Co-Chairs

Bunco

Please join us at the monthly Bunco event! We will meet on **Thursday, November 16th** from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the GVPC Fellowship Hall.

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

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

Pageturners Book Club

The Pageturners Book Club will meet on **Thursday, November 2nd** at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The book and discussion will be on “*Year of Wonders*” by Geraldine Brooks.

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

SHOPPING FUN

All ladies are invited to join us for a group shopping excursion to Chico’s in the LV Outlet Mall on **Wednesday, November 15th**. We will have lunch in the food court before returning to church.

Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Please RSVP Anna Mae Wood at (702) 896-9701 or Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Join us for fun, fellowship, food, and shopping.

Please join us at the Monthly Ladies Luncheon
All ladies are invited!

Thursday, November 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at
Mimi’s Café on Stephanie St.

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!**

Holiday POTLUCK

Sunday, December 3rd, 12:00 p.m.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

All ages are invited to join us for our annual Advent Potluck Luncheon to celebrate the “Reason for the Season” on December 3rd at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will include seasonal music and a craft for the children.

A main course of ham will be provided by the Fellowship Committee, and we will all bring side dishes and desserts.

Please bring the following if your name begins with:
A-L—Salads
M-Z—Desserts or fruit

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



On October 14th and 21st our dedicated crew served the evening meal at the U.S. Vets facility located in downtown Las Vegas.

Thanks to Abigale Graham, Amy Iskenderian, Carol Riback, and David Shaw for their time and caring in serving our US Vets.

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

We serve the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 4:00 p.m. **(Please note time change)**. Contact the church office (702) 454-8484 for additional information or to volunteer to help. We invite all to join us.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION NOVEMBER



Thank you to Paula Watson, Brenda Atoz, Debbie Meldrum, and
Stacey Weiss – Grogan for supplying lunch in October!

WINTER JAM
at Orleans Arena
Nov. 11th
Concert starts at 6:00PM

Cost \$10.00 at the door, \$10.00 for food.

Nov. 5th ~ Youth group ~ 12:00 – 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Nov. 12th ~ Youth group ~ 12:00 – 1:30 in the C.E. building

Nov. 18th ~ **“Noah’s Flood” at GVPC at 7:30 PM!**

Nov. 19th ~ Youth Group 12:00 – 1:30; Sammy’s fundraiser.

Nov. 26th ~ Youth Group 12:00 – 1:30 in the C.E. Building.

Serving the Lord with you.

Renee Kelly ~ Call with any questions or concerns.

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of September 26, 2017

Pastor's Report – Rev. Adrian Doll

Mission Trip with CARE for AIDS to Kenya – September 6-16, 2017. Over \$3,000 received for CARE for AIDS. Received a letter from missionaries in Costa Rica, Ted and Grace Quiocho, inviting a Short-Term Missions Team to serve with them in 2018. An exploratory/vision trip with pastor and one other person is recommended to understand the logistics needed before sending a team. The Quiocho's feel this exploratory/vision trip should take place before the end of 2017.

Fellowship Committee will be co-hosting with the Christian Education Committee the Advent Potluck on Sunday, December 3, 2017. This will take place following the 11:00AM service. The main course will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

Membership Committee is expecting to launch the GVPC church website by the middle of October. The church directory pictures are being scheduled. New invitation cards and brochures are being produced to reflect the new church schedules.

Worship and Music Committee will be busy the month of October with World Communion Sunday, October 1; Appreciation Sunday, October 8; and Reformation Sunday, October 29.

A motion was made requesting session to approve the Sammy Fundraiser for November 12 or 19, 2017. The motion carried.

A motion was made requesting Session to approve ticket sales for the Messiah Concert on December 6, 2017. The motion carried. (Mountain View Church will not be providing the Messiah Concert at their church this year. The last time one concert was offered, people were turned away. To avoid this, the committee wants to try ticket sales with a possible after-concert refreshment. Printing three hundred tickets at \$15.00 per ticket was discussed).

A motion was made requesting session to approve the raffle of gift baskets this year. The motion carried.

Christian Education Committee reported that the Advent Potluck will include a family advent craft project, singing led by Kaymen Carter and a family advent calendar given to each family in attendance. Vacation Bible School will be held from June 4-8, 2018.

The following three motions were approved by session:

Request approval for the youth to attend the Winter Jam Concert at The Orleans on November 11, 2017 (Winter Jam is a Christian music concert featuring many amazing bands).

Request approval for a joint lock-in with Grace Presbyterian Church from October 13-14, 2017 (the youth would be staying at Grace Presbyterian Church as a way to get our youth together and build community).

Request having a middle and high school youth offering during the four weeks of Advent be spent on purchasing items for our annual "Homeless Youth" Christmas tree (spending the offering from Advent time period correlates directly with the four week video series the youth will be experiencing during Advent).

Missions Committee members are growing in size due to Rally Sunday sign-ups. The last day to submit donations for the Coat Drive is Sunday, October 15, 2017 with delivery to schools during the week of October 29, 2017.

Administration Committee approved the following: Funds in the Chase money market account be transferred to the checking account and that the money market account be closed.

The FFAPC requested use of the parking lot for a sale on September 23, 2017. Authority has been delegated to the committee to approve two fund raisers by the FFAPC each year. This was the first approval in 2017.

The synod has asked for an update of the individuals authorized to withdraw funds from the Synod Custodial Account. The following individuals are Allen Randle, Connie Mulick and John Yates.

A motion was made requesting session to approve raising the limit on Youth Director Renee Kelly's credit card from \$3500 to \$4000. The motion carried.

Clerk's Report - A motion was made to ratify the following electronic vote which carried:

To authorize a request that the congregation be given the opportunity to make contributions to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the Houston flood.

Deaths: Member Howard Christenson, September 12, 2017. Howard had been a GVPC member since Sept. 27, 1998.

Respectfully submitted
Julie Winkler—Clerk of Session

Our Church Family

In Sympathy

*Our thoughts and prayers are extended to
Joe DeBose and family on the
passing of wife, Jeanne on
September 14, 2017.*

*A memorial service was held on October 7
at Palm Mortuary.*



Green Valley Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of backpacks
and school supplies. They will be put to good use with
our students.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Basham
Principal
Robert Taylor Elementary School

To our friends at Green Valley Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and
expressions of condolence in the passing of my husband
Howard.

Our thanks to Pastor Adrian for the beautiful service he
conducted, to Amy Homer-Smith for providing the organ
music and also for accompanying David Doll in his singing
of "Heart of My Heart". Thank you, David, your
singing was excellent.

The service was truly special.

Virginia Christenson and Family

To our friends at GVPC-

A note to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and
kind words following the death of our daughter, Debbie
Jung, following a lengthy illness.

Your love and support has encouraged and comforted us
during this difficult time.

Bless you all-

Ray and Delores Mueller

David and I wanted to share this note from CARE for AIDS
knowing it was truly your support that made this trip
possible.

Thanks to the generous support of the GVPC family a total of
\$8500.00 in donations was raised for CARE for AIDS.

Blessings,
Pastor Adrian and David Doll

*Adrian and David - "I cannot thank you both enough for taking
the time to come and serve with CARE for AIDS in Kenya! Your
presence was such an encouragement and blessing and I am
so grateful for you both. I am looking forward to seeing how
we can contribute to engage your community in our work!
Thank you both for all you do!"*

Molly, CARE for AIDS

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and thank the following GVPC members
who were nominated to serve as Elders and Deacons at
the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 22nd.

Elders: Connie Mulick, Molly Pope, Allen Randle,
Bill Ruby, Ron Sharets, Nathan Slife, Hanny Viner, and
Susan Walker.

Deacons: Pam Bower, Anthony Cho, Regina Golenkov,
Betsy Johnson, Pam Sharets, Linda Sliwa, and
Lora Wichmann.

Blessings and our grateful thanks to each one for their
willingness to serve.

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Ministers: Members of the Congregation

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

Nursery Attendant: Claire Bartley

Audio Visual Technician: Allen Merritt

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
Nathan Slife, Hanny Viner

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

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

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

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