

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

#### "Adventures in Faith: Explorations in Prayer"

March 17-18

One of the many things I love about GVPC is our commitment to grow in our faith. It's one of the reasons I am eager to bring guest speakers to our church who can challenge us, equip us, and provide a catalyst for our corporate and personal spiritual growth. We have a significant opportunity this month to learn from an engaging pastor, gifted teacher and renowned theologian, Dr. Martha Moore-Keish of Columbia Theological Seminary. Martha will be with us the weekend of March 17-18 for our first ever "Adventures in Faith" as part of our new Theologian-in-Residence Program. This new annual program is intended to provide opportunities for our congregation to learn and explore what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I am particularly excited that Martha will present our inaugural Theologian in Residence lectures. I have had the privilege of studying with Martha at Columbia, and she is also my advisor as I continue my doctoral work in Christian Spirituality.

During the weekend of March 17-18, Dr. Moore-Keish will guide us as we explore prayer and its role in the life of every Christian. Our weekend will begin on Saturday March 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Martha's opening presentation and discussion on prayer. We will engage such vital and thought-provoking questions as the following: Why do we pray? How are we to pray? and Does prayer really influence the outcome if God already knows the future? Martha will offer her personal insights and theological reflections as we examine Scripture and consider how to grow in our prayer life. Martha will also be our guest preacher during all three of our weekend worship services as we continue to focus our attention on this powerful gift that God has given us, the gift of prayer.

In preparation for Dr. Moore-Keish's time with us, we are studying her book, "Christian Prayer for Today" during our Wednesday evening Bible study class. A limited number of Martha's books are available for purchase in the church office or you can purchase them online. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome to join us each Wednesday as we study God's Word.

I trust you will make plans to be a part of our first "Adventures in Faith" the weekend of March 17-18 as we take time out of our lives to ponder what it means to grow in our relationship with God. I know you will be richly blessed. Your RSVP to the church office at 454-8484 would help us in our planning.

May God continue to bless you during this season of Lent as we reflect on God's abundant grace.

Yours in God's Grace -

Pastor Adrian

### March 2018

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| *Children's Ministries               | 7                           |  |  |  |  |  |
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| *GVPC Music                          | 8                           |  |  |  |  |  |
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| *Gingerbread                         | 9                           |  |  |  |  |  |
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PLEASE NOTE:

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

## Winter Sermon Series Be Bold to Pray: Exploring the Lord's Prayer

Have you ever thought deeply about the wealth of meaning that is packed within the words Jesus offers as our model prayer? Like returning to a familiar favorite location that always brings great joy, this month we turn our attention to the most familiar of Christian prayers: "The Lord's Prayer." As we examine each petition of this prayer, we discover that Jesus gives us words packed with theological profundity. In this model prayer, we not only learn how to pray, but we also are made more keenly aware of God's sovereignty and grace.

#### March 4 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

"How Many Times" Matthew 6:14-15 Communion Sunday

#### March 11 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

"Show Me the Way" Romans 8:26-27

#### March 18 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish Inaugural Theologian in Residence Weekend

#### March 25th ~ Palm Sunday

"A New Kingdom" Philippians 2:5-11

#### **Phoebe Bible Study**

This group of ladies meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Ladies Bible Fellowship**

All ladies are invited to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room 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.

#### **Holy Week and Easter Services**



#### March 25 ~ Palm Sunday

Sermon: "A New Kingdom" Rev. Adrian N. Doll

#### March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM

"The Last Supper" Tableau will be presented.

Communion will be served.

#### March 30 ~ Good Friday, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Journey to the Cross—Fellowship Hall

#### March 30 ~ Good Friday, 7:00 PM

Service of Nails and special music

#### March 31 ~ All Church Easter Picnic, 11:00 AM

Fox Ridge Park, 420 Valle Verde Dr., Henderson (see details on pg. 7)

#### March 31 ~ No Saturday Service

#### April 1~ Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service - 6:00 am in the GVPC amphitheater Traditional Services - 9:00 & 11:00 am Rev. Adrian N. Doll

#### Wednesday Night Bible Study

All are invited to join us weekly at 7:00 p.m. for the Wednesday Night Bible Study led by Pastor Adrian.

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

#### Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

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

We are currently studying the Parables of Jesus led by Rev. Joe Fontana.

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

# "Adventures in Faith: Explorations in Prayer" Saturday, March 17 9 AM to 12 PM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Martha Moore-Keish

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Martha received a A.B. from Harvard University, a M.Div. from Union

Theological Seminary (1994) and a Ph.D. from Emory University. She currently serves as the J.B. Green Associate Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. She has encouraged greater emphasis on Reformed and liturgical theology specifically in the area of worship. In addition to her work on sacramental theology she states, "worship is, for most of us, the most common way that we shape faith. If we take an interest in shaping worship, and in engaging all people fully in worship, we have a better chance of deepening Christian faith." She extends beyond her own Reformed religious tradition and has sought to build relationships between various traditions.

A continental breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:30 am.

Please RSVP to the church office (702) 454 - 8484 by Wednesday, March 14.



## Would you like to explore Church membership at Green Valley Presbyterian Church?

If so, please join us at the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on **Sunday, March 4 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the GVPC Conference Room.** The class will include a history of the Church, the Creeds and Confessions, Church Polity, structure of the Presbyterian Church, the history of GVPC, and opportunities for Christian Education, Fellowship, and Service.

The membership class is required for anyone who wishes to become a member of GVPC. Those who simply want to know more about the church are also welcome.

Come join us and learn more about GVPC!

Lunch will be provided and Childcare upon request

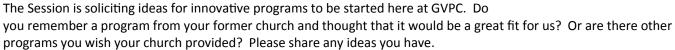
Please call the church office for more information, to request childcare and to RSVP (702) 454-8484.

## We want your ideas!!

Have you ever......

- ...Wished your church provided or
- ...Thought a program from your former church would fill a need at GVPC.

Help make it happen by sharing your thoughts and ideas.



There are large, green posters with more information on this new program located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and in the entry to the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to take a form from the pocket on the posters to communicate your thoughts to the Session. You can mail your completed form to the church office, place in the offering plate, or leave in the church office mailboxes located outside of the church office (in the slot for Bernadette O'Neil, Dave Cornell or Allen Randle.)

We thank you for your ideas!

The Ministry Initiative Committee

|                            |                  | Financial S | Statement                      | January 2018                     |              |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
|                            |                  |             |                                |                                  |              |
| Current Income & Expense   |                  |             | Building Fund Income & Expense |                                  |              |
|                            |                  | YTD Actual  | YTD Budget                     |                                  | Year to Date |
| Offerings                  |                  | \$68,860    | \$64,545                       | Offerings                        | \$5,850      |
| Cell Tower Utilities       |                  | \$150       | \$950                          | Monthly Loan Payments            | \$5,169      |
| Other Income               |                  | \$155       | \$1,417                        |                                  |              |
| Total Income               |                  | \$69,164    | \$66,912                       |                                  |              |
| Total Expense              |                  |             |                                | Income Over/(Under) Expense      | \$681        |
| Net Income                 | /(Loss)          | \$69,164    | \$66,912                       |                                  |              |
| Temporary Restricted Funds |                  | January     |                                | Loan Balance - December 31, 2017 | \$128,461    |
| Beginning Balance          |                  | \$65,375    |                                | Loan Balance - January 31, 2018  | \$123,917    |
| Restricted In              | ncome            | \$3,746     |                                |                                  |              |
| Restricted Expense         |                  | \$15,835    |                                | YTD Reduction of Loan Balance    | \$4,544      |
| <b>Ending Bala</b>         | nce              | \$53,286    |                                |                                  |              |
| Checking Ac                | count Balance    |             |                                |                                  |              |
|                            | Operating Fund   | \$172,283   |                                |                                  |              |
|                            | Restricted Funds | \$53,286    |                                |                                  |              |
|                            | Custodial Fund   | \$211,340   |                                |                                  |              |





#### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - February 2018**

#### **Pastor's Report**

Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, a specialist in Reformed Theology and Liturgical Theology, and Chairperson of the Theology Department at Columbia Theological Seminary is scheduled to present the inaugural "Theologian-in-Residence Program" on March 17 and 18, 2018. Martha is Pastor Adrian's academic and theological advisor at his post-graduate studies at Columbia. Session approved the sale of her book during that presentation.

Pastor Adrian travelled to Costa Rica to learn about the ministry of Ted and Gracie Quiocho and plan for the upcoming GVPC Youth Mission Trip in June, 2018.

A Memorial Service for Wayne Wood, who went to be with our Lord on December 23, 2017, was held on February 7, 2018.

#### **Clerk of Session Report**

The following members have been removed from our active membership roll: Rosemary Bednarek, John and Melva Hildt, and Linda Rohler.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 28, 2018. A video reflecting a "Look Back at the Life of our Church in 2017" was shown to the congregation.

Nominations were approved to fill unexpired terms: Elder Cynthia Dakus – Class of 2019; Deacon Kevin Fisher – Class of 2020; Deacon Michele Fisher – Class of 2018 and Deacon Susan Irish – Class of 2018.

The following members were approved to serve on the Nominating Committee: John Ashlock, Jerry Cooper, Michele Fisher, Bev Rochelle, Christy Miller, Linda Sliwa and Ron Sharetts, Co-Chair.

The title of Pastor Emerita was bestowed on the Reverend Hilda G. Pecoraro. She was presented with a plaque reflecting her new status. A reception was held in her honor.

The congregation was asked for their ideas for a New Ministry Initiative, to better serve our community. Forms to submit ideas are available in the Narthex and should be returned to the church office.

#### **Christian Education Committee**

Approval was received for youth and adults to work NASCAR at the Speedway on March 2-4, 2018, to help fund student costs for camps, conferences and missions. The students' attendance at the Alpine Camp July 29 - August 3, 2018, was also approved, as was a Swap Meet and Car Wash fundraiser for May 26, 2018.

#### **Fellowship and Congregational Nurture**

An Easter Picnic will be held on Saturday, March 31, at Fox Ridge Park.

#### **Administration**

A Life Safety Task Force, charged with developing plans dealing with fire and medical emergencies in our church or how to react to an active shooter event will be formed. Members will be John Ashlock, Virginia Cornell, Kevin Fisher, Jason Jennings, Howard Pardue, and Allen Randle.

Session approved that we contract with Mike Schwob, Acoustical Engineer, to provide a report on how to resolve the noise issues we are experiencing with the audio system in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Hanny Viner, Clerk of Session

### **Senior Adult Ministries | March 2018**

#### Nevada 2-1-1

Recently one of the Deacons brought me a business card for Nevada 2-1-1. I have been aware of this resource for a couple years but had not really looked into what they offered. I decided it was time to do some research. 211 is a special phone number reserved in the United States and Canada to provide information and referrals to health, human, and social service organizations. It is available in almost every part of the United States. Nevada 2-1-1 is a program of the Financial Guidance Center and is committed to helping Nevada citizens connect with the services they need. Their goal is to present accurate, well-organized and easy to find information from state and local health and human services programs.

Their website is <a href="www.nevada211.org">www.nevada211.org</a>. On the homepage, you will find numerous categories. Here are questions from the "SENIORS" category.

- 1. Are you looking for disability and social security benefits?
- 2. Do you need Medicare information or counseling?
- 3. Are you looking for an Aging and Disability Resource Center?
- 4. Do you need to find a senior companion?
- 5. Are you looking for adult day centers?
- 6. Do you need help paying for your prescription medication?
- 7. Are you looking for community meals?
- 8. Do you need home delivered meals?
- 9. Are you in need of non-emergency medical transportation?
- 10. Are you looking for senior rides?
- 11. Do you need in-home assistance?
- 12. Do you need a medical alert system or reassurance calls?
- 13. Are you (a caregiver) looking for respite care?

Further information can be found at <a href="www.nevada211.org">www.nevada211.org</a>.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Rauenbuehler, Director of Senior Adult Ministry

#### **HEALING HEARTS**

There are many losses throughout our lives that cause a very significant change in the way we go about our daily routine. We can lose a pet, job, good health, or friend, but the losses that affect us the most are the ones we lose closest to our hearts. Our losses are to be grieved.

The cycle of life begins at birth and our earthly journey ends with the open arms of our LORD and Savior waiting to greet us. The LORD is with us through all of life's changing circumstances; in joy, in sorrow and he fills our lives with new purpose and meaning.

If you have lost someone you have loved deeply, join us the 3rd Sunday at 12:15 in the conference room for comfort, fellowship and healing.

#### CareNotes

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

- 1. Overcoming the Anxiety You Feel During an Illness.
- 2. Childhood Cancer: Help for Families.
- 3. Feeling Overwhelmed by a Loved One's Illness.
- 4. Navigating a Hospital Stay.
- 5. Nine Ways to Nurture Your Self-Esteem.

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 | March 2018

#### SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHOIR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**During 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services** – Celebration for ages 3 yrs. thru 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Rainbow choir practices each Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. in room 7 of the Christian Education Bldg. The choir performs monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com">juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com</a> or 454-8484, ext. 505. Thanks for your support of the GVPC children and youth!



#### Easter Picnic

Saturday, March 31 ~ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Fox Ridge Park, 420 Valle Verde Dr., Henderson

The whole family (and friends) are invited to the Annual GVPC Easter Picnic! Join us for fun, games, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and an Easter egg hunt!

The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs and drinks We ask that each family brings a potluck/picnic dish to share!

Hope to see you there!

Please contact Julie Dorse at <u>juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com</u>, (702) 339-4013 with any questions.

P.S.- The Easter Bunny is asking for donations of very small, individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt (mini tootsie rolls, individual starbursts, caramels, etc....) Please try to avoid chocolate, mixed candy bags and any type of lolly pop. Donations may be left in the baskets located in the Narthex and Christian Ed. Building by March 18. Thanks!

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

Signs of Spring and Easter welcome you to the reawakening of the earth and the resurrection of Christ at Dana's Place. Look for special books of the Easter Story. Also check out the whimsical books on rabbits, Easter eggs, and Spring. Dana's favorites include:

"God Gave Us Easter" by Lisa Bergren
A little cub learns of God's plan for His children from a
walk through the Arctic world.

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

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

Happy Easter: Happy Spring!

#### **GVPC MUSIC MINISTRIES**

#### **March 2018**

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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 pm Joy Ringers Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am Chancel Choir - 8:15 am Warm-Up

9:50 am-10:20 am Rainbow Children's Choir Rehearsal – C.E. Bldg., Room 7

Rutter Requiem rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We are looking forward to performing this beautiful work on Cantata Sunday, April 8 at both morning worship services. In addition, we are now rehearsing "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein. This will be performed with the Henderson Symphony Orchestra in the Henderson Pavilion on Friday, May 11 at 8:00 pm. Free admission! Everyone is invited to this performance!

#### **COME AND JOIN US!**

#### **MARCH CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

Sunday, March 4 9:00 am & 11:00 am Communion Sunday; Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 11 9:00 am & 11:00 am Chancel Choir Sunday, March 18 9:00 am & 11:00 am Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 25 9:00 am & 11:00 am Palm Sunday: Chancel Choir, Rainbow Children's Choir

#### **UPCOMING: GVPC Live Concert Series**

Sunday, April 8 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 am Rutter Requiem

GVPC Valley Chorus & Chancel Choir, GVPC Chamber Orchestra

Dr. Spencer Baker, conductor, Denise Wunderlich, soloist

Sunday, May 6 ~ 7:30 pm Triple Piano Concert: A Fundraiser for a Steinway Piano at GVPC

Pianists: Dr. Spencer Baker, Dr. Mykola Suk, and Dr. Katya Bessmeltsva

Friday, May 11 ~ 8:00 pm "Candide"

The GVPC Chancel Choir and GVPC Valley Chorus are joining the Henderson Symphony Orchestra in the concert version of Bernstein's "Candide" as a collaborative concert at the Henderson Pavilion.

Come celebrate Leonard Bernstein's 100th Anniversary!



Dr. Spencer Baker ~ 454-8484 ext. 506



#### **Many Hands Make Light Work!**



The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets the **first and third Mondays** of each month from January to October. The business meetings are held in the Conference Room and the craft meetings are held in Fellowship Hall. Both begin at 10:00am. The March business meeting is the 5<sup>th</sup> and the craft meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The first meeting is our business meeting where new ideas for projects are presented along with financial and fair decisions. The second meeting is craft day where those ideas and projects are put into production.

We have already completed work on some projects for our **October 13, 2018 Gingerbread Fair!** It takes many hands to put on a successful fair; so, we welcome new members who enjoy craft projects: sewing, painting, knitting/crocheting, stamping, jewelry making, etc. We have a lot of fun and fellowship! For an update on the scheduled projects for the craft sessions, please contact our Craft Coordinator, Estelle Brennan 702-721-6026 (estelleavb@hotmail.com).

Please contact one of our Co-Chairs if you have questions: Joan Randle 702-837-7336 (<a href="mailto:randljw@cox.net">randljw@cox.net</a>) or Carol Jordan 702-616-1935 (<a href="mailto:jordan2cbcl@cox.net">jordan2cbcl@cox.net</a>).

And don't forget—Mark the Date Now For the Best Gingerbread Fair Ever! Saturday, October 13, 2018

### POAMN National Conference June 5-8, 2018 Zephyr Point, NV

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) is an organization of people all around the United States with an interest in older adult ministry.

We have a special opportunity, this year, as the annual conference is being held in our part of the country. There will be two great keynote speakers, a fabulous worship leader, musicians, and many great workshops for attendees.

I invite and welcome you to join me at Zephyr Point on Lake Tahoe from June 5-8, 2018.

The theme is "Savoring the Journey." Registration is taking place now to get the best rates. For further information please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at <a href="mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net">llrauenbuehler@cox.net</a> or 702-558-7829. You can also visit the website at <a href="mailto:www.poamn.org">www.poamn.org</a>.

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

**Thursday, March 1** at 11:30 am at Mimi's Café on Stephanie

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!

#### Bunco

Please join us at the monthly Bunco event! We will meet on **Thursday, March 15** from 10:00 am -12:00 pm 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!* 

# Thank You

Dear Adrian and the Session:,

It is hard to put into words how grateful I am for the honor of Pastor Emerita that was bestowed upon me on Sunday, January 28. It was a glorious time of worship, celebration, and fellowship. I am richly blessed! Thank you for your thoughtfulness; for the beautiful plaque, the luncheon - with cake and champagne! - and the lovely floral arrangements. Denis and I felt your love and appreciation, and we are humbled and so happy to receive these precious gifts. We loved our years of serving our GVPC family. You will always be our "first love" and our church home. You will always be in my hearts and in my prayers.

With love, Hilda

GVPC family and friends-

Words cannot express the feeling in my heart.

Thank you for being with me during my difficult times. Your thoughts, prayers, and kind words will always be remembered.

"I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you."

Romans 1:8

Susan Irish

#### Souper Bowl of Caring

On behalf of the youth of GVPC we would like to thank you for your donations totaling over 600 items (see photo

below) and \$250.00 dollars in cash donations! This an amazingly generous congregation! The food and money were delivered to Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank.

God Bless, GVPC Youth



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

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

Nascar ~ Youth Fundraiser

Friday, March 2—Sunday, March 4 ~ Las Vegas Speedway!

**New Member Inquiry Class** 

Sunday, March 4 ~ 12:15 pm in Conference Room

<u>Girl Scout Sunday & Cookie Sale Day</u> Purchase cookies Sunday, March 4 on the Patio.

**Blood Drive** 

Sunday, March 4 ~ 8:00—12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Meet Your Deacon Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 11 ~ 10:00 am in GVPC Fellowship Hall.

**GVPC** Theologian in Residence

Saturday, March 17 ~ 9:00 am in Sanctuary Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, speaker

"The Last Supper Tableau"

Maundy Thursday, March 29 ~ 7:30 pm in Sanctuary.

Journey to the Cross

Good Friday, March 30  $^{\sim}$  12:00 - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Saturday, March 31  $^{\sim}$  1:30 - 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

All Church Easter Picnic and Potluck

Saturday, March 31 ~ 11:00 am at Fox Ridge Park.

**Financial Peace University** 

Course begins Saturday, April 7 ~ 1:00 pm in Sanctuary See pg. 11 for details

Rutter's Requiem

Performed by GVPC Chancel Choir Sunday, April 8 ~ 9:00 and 11:00 am worship services

"Candide" by Leonard Bernstein

Friday, May 11 ~ 8:00 pm

The GVPC Chancel Choir and GVPC Valley Chorus join the Henderson Symphony Orchestra at the Henderson Pavilion.

Youth Car Wash and Swap Meet

Saturday, May 26 ~ 7:00 am in GVPC Parking Lot

**Vacation Bible School** 

"Shipwrecked"

June 4—June 8 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm daily



All are invited to join us for "Financial Peace University (FPU)" a 9 week course hosted by noted financial counselor, Dave Ramsey. GVPC will be hosting a FPU class beginning Saturday, April 7 from 1:00—3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The classes are presented via video by Dave Ramsey and will be coordinated by GVPC members Jason Jennings and Michelle Morgando, both graduates of FPU. This is a faith-based approach to getting out of debt, managing your finances, as well as planning for college, retirement and giving. As Dave Ramsey says: "Your Money. Your Story. Your Life. This Changes Everything."

Please go to <u>daveramsey.com</u> to review information about FPU. To purchase materials and register for the class go to FPU website, order materials, type in the zip code (89074) and click on "Green Valley Presbyterian" to register and order the class materials. Please contact Michelle Morgando at <u>michelle132@cox.net</u> with any questions.

#### **CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

The new GVPC church family directories are available in the Church Office to all who had photos taken. Rosters without pictures are also available if you were unable to schedule a photo session.

Please note one important correction: Rev Joe & Nancy Fontana phone numbers are 702-260-4625 and cell 702-250-0910.

The entire directory, with update corrections and additions, will be reprinted and copies available for everyone, as before, in early April.

A special THANK YOU to everyone who participated by smiling for the cameras and to the hard-working coordinators: Doug Small, Diane Schurr, Katherine Rowley, Ted Rauenbuehler, Connie Mulick, Regina Golenkov, Pastor Adrian Doll; incredible staff assistance from Kurt Ricketts and Carol Johnson; also to the volunteers Pam Yates, Carolann Reich, Joan Randle, Terry McNamara, Pat & Barb Lantz, Karen Cowan, Dave Cornell, Sheila Coon, Sherri Brewer and Judy Barbour. What an awesome team! Job well done!

Diane Chambers, Church Directory Project Coordinator

#### **Deacon's Corner**

The Deacons are very grateful for your continued and generous support in the form of money in the Deacon's envelopes & items for the food banks we support!! Please, keep it up!! There are lots of people in need.

#### **Blood Drive!!**

We are excited to announce our first Blood Drive of the year! Please be on the look out for sign ups and save the date March 4, 2018. Last year we able to donate 27 units of blood for our community, saving up to 81 patients lives!

#### Meet Your Deacon Sunday!!

Lastly, but certainly not least.....Please come and enjoy refreshments at the annual **Meet Your Deacon Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 11 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall!** Our congregation is growing and our family assignments have somewhat changed, you may not have the same Deacon this year. Please, come to the coffee hour and Meet Your Deacon!

#### Do you know the role of a GVPC Deacon?

We are composed of 21 elected men and women of compassion, empathy, good cheer, and objectivity, who minister to those in need, the sick, friendless, and distressed. We serve through care, nurturing, and visitation and also administer donated funds to support local missions. Please let your Deacon know of any special needs or concerns they may not be aware of.

The Deacons recognize that without you we could not share God's love to the extent as expressed by your generous giving. Please remember to donate extra food items on the 1st weekend of every month. These donations benefit the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank and bulk food items for Friends of the Desert. We thank you again for your continued material and financial support so we can do more for others!

**GVPC** Board of Deacons

#### FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

FEBRUARY 2018

On February 10, we served our Friends in the Desert a new "Chinese-style" luncheon menu that was well received of teriyaki meatballs, rice, Asian salad slaw with mandarin oranges and ramen noodles, green beans, rolls and butter, Valentine cookies and chocolates. We served 86 hot meals, as well as 40 take outs. Our "Lunch Brigade" (the GVPC group of volunteers who prepare sack lunches for FITD) delivered 85 sack lunches for our FITD's Sunday lunch, the only day a hot meal is not served.

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. Our supply of men and women's white crew socks, men's T-shirts in sizes Medium and Large, and baseball hats and athletic shoes is running low. If you would like to donate any of these items for distribution next month, you may leave them on the shelves in the Sacristy or in the church office. Please mark your items "FITD".

The March 10 Fried Chicken' lunch will be co-chaired by Jan Wilson (971) 226-3995 & Susan Walker (702)-617-9910. We welcome monetary donations (checks made to GVPC with the notation FITD in the memo line or cash in the offering envelope marked "FITD") to purchase the chicken, as well as volunteers to serve and/ or provide other food items for the meal listed on the sign-up board in the church Narthex.

Food items you sign up for must be delivered to the GVPC Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than 11:30 AM on Friday, March 9, or to the back door at St Timothy's Episcopal Church (43 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on Saturday morning by 10:45 am. Please mark all food items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name. We are done serving on Saturday by 12:30 pm.

We would like to thank the Healing Hearts support group and all those who helped this month in God's service of providing for those less fortunate. During this season of Lent, may we look to ways in sharing the Love of Christ through our GVPC local outreach missions that touch and make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity and homelessness.

Blessings and gratefulness, Jan Wilson and Susan Walker

#### Adopt-a-Park

On January 27, our volunteers cleaned the Trail through the Wash area of Green Valley, Mountain View Park, Valle Verde from the Baptist Church to Wigwam, and the church grounds.

Thanks to Ken and Esther Brown, Jim and Bug Bond, and Ted Rauenbuehler who assisted for their time, dedication and effort in beautifying our community!

The Adopt-a-Park crew welcomes GVPC new members, Mary Barton and Dave and Jan Carey to the group.

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

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



On January 20 and February 10 and 17 our dedicated crew served the evening meal at the U.S. Vets facility located in downtown Las Vegas.

Thanks to Bill and Landra Borreback, Hal Hokenstad, 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 GVPC Fellowship Hall.

We serve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month at **3:45 pm. (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 March

\*\*\*Parents, We still need lunch for March 11,18,25!\*\*\*



#### Ladies and Gentlemen start your engines!

March 2 – 4- NASCAR fundraiser; NO youth group March 4. See Renee for the times to be at the track.

March 10 - Confirmation 10:00 - 11:00 am

March 11 - Youth Group 12:00 - 2:00 pm

March 17 - Confirmation 10:00 - 11:00 am

March 18 - Youth group 12:00 - 2:00 pm

March 24- Confirmation 10:00 - 11:00 am

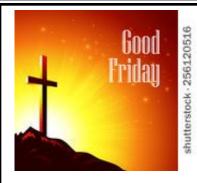
March 25- Palm Sunday! Youth group from 12:00 - 2:00 pm

March 30 - Journey to the Cross. You can journey between the hours of 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

March 31– GVPC EASTER PICNIC 11:00 am– 1:00 pm; (confirmation students can get service hours for helping load up food and helping with the games.)

Please contact me with any questions (702) 454-8484, ext. 504 or reneekelly@greenvalleypres.com.

In Christ's service, Renee Kelly



#### 5<sup>the</sup> Annual Journey to The Cross

Good Friday, March 30 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Saturday, March 31 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Meditating on the events of Jesus' final days and His resurrection can be profound. The challenge for most of us is shutting out the noise and distraction of everyday life long

enough to quiet our souls and listen to the spirit of God. We hope you will plan to come to the Spirituality Center that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. You will have an opportunity to journey through 13 stations for prayer, contemplation, and reflection as you touch, taste, smell and visualize Christ's journey with Him.

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



It's almost time for the 2018 Vacation Bible School at Green Valley Presbyterian Church "Shipwrecked" – Rescued by Jesus"

Monday-Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

We're so excited about this year's program, "Shipwrecked" from Group Publishing. At "Shipwrecked VBS, kids learn that Jesus rescues! They will begin or deepen their faith by discovering that Jesus cares about them personally and rescues in life's toughest circumstances. You're in for a week full of fun, incredible music, and a relaxing island-getaway setting that all come together to point kids to Jesus! VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, and touch.

We have opportunities for you to put your gifts and strengths into action to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all the participants in our program.

#### 2018 VBS volunteers needed:

- Castaway Sing & Play & Sail Away Sendoff Leaders
- Actors for Skits
- Registration
- Bible Discovery Leader
- KidVid Cinema leader
- Photographers
- Crew Leaders
- Decoration Team
- Preparation of supplies & décor items
- Set up/Break down crew

Complete job descriptions will be available upon request.

Please contact Julie Dorse for additional information and questions at juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com or at (702) 339-4013

Join us as we create a fun, awesome program for the kids!!



#### If you would like to be taken off the mailing list, please call the Church Office at (702) 454-8484.

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## Green Valley Presbyterian Church

Ministers: Members of the Congregation

Staff:

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

**Director of Music Ministries:** 

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Organist/Pianist: Amy Homer-Smith

Children's Choir Director: Kaymen Carter

Director of Youth Ministries: Renee Kelly

Director of Children's Ministries: Julie Dorse

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**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 - 2018**

#### Administration

Connie Mulick, Allen Randle, Jorge Sanchez

#### **Christian Education**

Christy Miller, Ann Fields

#### Fellowship & Congreg. Nurture Cynthia Dakus, Bernadette O'Neill

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Dave Cornell, Doug Small

#### Missions

Nathan Slife, Susan Walker

#### **Nominations**

Ron Sharetts

#### Personnel

Michelle Morgando, Molly Pope

#### Property

Bobby Miller, John Yates

#### Worship & Music

Donna Rorer, Bill Ruby

Clerk of Session—Hanny Viner

#### **Board of Deacons**

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Anthony Cho
Kevin Fisher
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Betsy Johnson
Pam Sharetts
Linda Sliwa

## 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