

# Green Valley Presbyterian Church

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

## “Have Yourself a Messy Christmas”

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

Putting up the Christmas lights has never been an easy undertaking in my household. Strands of lights carefully packed away in January always manage to reappear in a tangled mess come December. Lights that worked fine twelve months earlier inevitably appear with a new malfunction: a loose wire, a burned-out lightbulb that renders the others unlit, or a blinker switch that won't turn off. One year, we even had a pre-lit artificial Christmas tree that resembled a zebra. Entire sections of lights refused to turn on, even after we checked each light bulb one at a time. No matter how much any of us try to create the “perfect” Christmas, the most memorable are often like life itself: messy, unpredictable, and entangled with unfulfilled expectations.

When the Christ Child entered our world on that first Christmas, his arrival looked anything but royal. The stable in Bethlehem was filled with the messy realities of earthly life: pain, blood, water, sweat, and waste. It's no wonder so few people were able to recognize the Messiah. For centuries, the people of Israel were expecting the kind of grand entrance on the stage of human history that was fit for kings. But Jesus was born in the humblest of circumstances. He came to earth to walk beside us in the struggles, joys, heartaches, unmet expectations, and messiness of this life. This is why the prophet Isaiah said, “*And they will call him Immanuel – which means, ‘God with us.’*”

I wonder what would happen if we dared to put aside our unrealistic expectations for perfection during the holidays and allowed them to become disentangled by God's grace. So often we think life has to be perfect before we can invite God into our messy, every day, ordinary lives. Ironically, however, the Bethlehem story tells us that God was willing to enter our world in the most humble and undesirous of circumstances.

This year as you untangle your Christmas lights, disappointedly pull a batch of overbaked cookies from the oven, or pick up the broken pieces of your favorite ornament from the floor, why not allow those circumstances to deepen your awareness of God's love? Take a moment to stop and say, “thank you.” “*The Word became flesh*” precisely because we needed a Savior who could show us God's grace in the messiness of human life. Savor God's grace this Christmas; it's the very reason Jesus came to earth!

Merry Christmas –

Pastor Adrian

### December 2018 January 2019

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Activities, and Meetings to  
attend this month

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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## Advent and Christmas Sermon Series

**"And His Name Shall Be Called..."**

### December 2

#### **The First Sunday of Advent**

"Wonderful Counselor"

Isaiah 9:1-7

### December 9

#### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

"The Mighty God"

Isaiah 9:6-7 and Matthew 1:18-24

### December 16

#### **The Third Sunday of Advent**

"The Everlasting Father"

Isaiah 9:6-7 and John 14:1-10

### December 23

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10:00 am**

*(One service at 10:00 a.m., no Saturday service on 12/22)*

"The Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6-7 and Philippians 4:4-9

### Christmas Eve ~ Monday, December 24

#### **6:00 pm Family Service**

"Christmas in Black and White"

Performed by The Rainbow Children's Choir and GVPC Youth

#### **Christmas Eve, 8:30 pm and 11:00 pm**

"A Most Unexpected Gift"

Luke 2:1-20 and John 1:12-14

### December 30

#### **The First Sunday of Christmas, 10:00 am**

*(One service at 10:00 a.m., no Saturday service on 12/29)*

"A Festival of Christmas"

A Service featuring Christmas music, readings and prayers.

### January 6

#### **Epiphany Sunday**

"The Journey Continues"

Isaiah 60:1-3 and Matthew 2:1-12

### January 13

#### **Baptism of the Lord**

Rev. Hilda Pecoraro, guest preacher

"Remembering Our Baptism"

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



## Stewardship

Thank you to all who contributed to the Stewardship Campaign ending November 18 with Dedication Sunday!

It's not too late to pledge to the church for 2019. You can pledge on-line or turn in a pledge card which you can find in the church pews.

Thank you.  
The Stewardship Committee

## Ladies Bible Fellowship

Join us on Wednesday December 5 and  
in January on the 2 and 16  
at 10:00 am. in the Conference Room.

We are studying  
*Prayer: "Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God"*  
by Timothy Keller.

For more information, contact group leader Cindy Cerullo or  
the church office (702) 454-8484.

## Phoebe Bible Study

We invite all Ladies to join us at Phoebe Bible Study.  
Linda Zeller will lead a study of Proverbs.

This group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at  
1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Come for an afternoon of insightful discussion.

## Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

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

The group is currently studying the Book of James led by  
Pastor Joe Fontana.

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

For more information, contact Joe Willis at  
[jwillis40@cox.net](mailto:jwillis40@cox.net).

## FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

On November 10, we served our guests a new menu item of Chinese style grilled chicken strips with orange and teriyaki sauce, rice, green beans, an apple/grape autumn salad, and pie. We served 84 hot meals and 40 take out meals, receiving many positive comments with the consensus being this meal is a "keeper." The GVPC "lunch brigade" prepared 84 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 have any questions on preparing monthly sack lunches for FITD, please call Judy Avery at (702) 528-6775.

We went through essentially all of our donated clothing items on Saturday, which is so appreciated by our Friends in need! We again are asking you to PLEASE, PLEASE go through your closets and donate those sweaters, jeans, coats, sweatshirts, athletic and heavy shoes, and warm clothing items that you haven't worn (and yes, those you keep thinking you will fit into after losing 5-10 pounds) to someone who could use them right now. We also need blankets, sleeping bags, and knit caps. The clothing items can be dropped off in the church sacristy or office. Please mark them for "FITD." We wish to thank our local Girl Scout Troop 514 for donating and packaging cough drops, tissues, and chap stick and the Deacons for toiletry items that were all distributed. If you have any questions on clothing donations, please call Pam Sharets at (702) 339-6699. At our Christmas luncheon on December 8, we will serve a traditional menu of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and butter, along with Christmas cookies and candy. The co-chairs will be Michelle Morgando (702) 245-7447, Terry McNamara (702) 588-3803, and Lorne Schmidt (702) 738-0738. At the time of submitting the Vision article, the January 12, 2019 meal menu had not been finalized. Please check the FITD sign-up board in the Narthex where it will be posted later this month.

Volunteers for food items and/or helping to serve are always appreciated and welcome. The full menu is located on the sign up board at the back of the Narthex. Items you sign up for must be delivered to the GVPC Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than 11:30 am on the Friday before the meal is served or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (43 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on that Saturday the meal is served. Please mark any food items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.

*A grateful thanks to all of you who helped this past year by bringing food items, helping serve, donating clothing, and/or donating money to FITD in Christ's service of helping those less fortunate. As Pastor Adrian reminds us, "You have been blessed to be a blessing in the lives of others."*

Wishing you a joyous Christmas season and New Year,  
Connie Mulick & Susan Walker, November FITD Co-Chairs

Become a Part of Something Special!

**See you at the Fair: October 12, 2019**

**Let's do it again!** The Gingerbread Fair Committee is getting an early start on ideas for the 2019 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 \$13,000 for the 2018 fair, you can recognize that it takes a lot of organizing and help to make the Fair a success. GFC uses the money for local mission projects and for unbudgeted capital improvements for GVPC.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets on the first and third Monday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, of each month from January through the October Fair. 2019 kicks off with our **first business meeting on January 7** in the Conference Room. Our **first craft meeting will be January 21**. The first Monday is always a "take care of business meeting" and the sharing of ideas on crafts that we would like to make and/or teach, share planning ideas, along with greeting 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 of members. Many members also work at home on their own to produce items for the Fair.

**We look forward to seeing you!!!** Questions?

Contact one of our Co-Chairs:

Julie Winkler: [7winks@cox.net](mailto:7winks@cox.net) or (702) 269-0303

Shari Jackson: [sharij89074@cox.net](mailto:sharij89074@cox.net) or (702) 860-4032

## Youth and Children's Ministry Task Force

The newly formed Youth and Children's Ministry (YCM) Task Force has begun meeting. The Task Force is working diligently to strategize ways to enhance and strengthen our current programming to meet the needs of our youth and young families. Members of the YCM Task Force include Susan Walker (Chairperson and Elder); Sherri Brewer (Elder); Doug Small (Elder); Andrea Tierney (Secretary); Debbie Meldrum; Allan Pelle; Allen Randle (ex-officio); Russ Reill; and Adrian Doll (Pastor).

In their initial meetings, the YCM Task Force has developed a framework for gathering information. This entails developing a variety of questions to ask our youth, their families and other interested church members. These questions explore current relationship with GVPC, concerns, and hopes for future programming for our children, young people and families. The Task Force is planning to meet with our youth and their families both individually and in a group setting. Once this task is complete, a report will be generated outlining recommendations for ongoing programs for youth and families. The members of the Task Force are excited about their work, and they look forward to meeting with and learning from all GVPC members with a vested interest in our programming for youth and families. We thank you for your prayers as we look to the future with enthusiasm and gratitude for what God is doing through the ministries of GVPC.

## GriefShare

GVPC will offer the GriefShare support program for the first time, beginning on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

GriefShare consists of 13 weekly sessions. Each session includes a video, presented by experts in grief support, followed by a discussion of what was learned. Each participant will have a workbook, which contains discussion questions and exercises that go along with each session. Each meeting is led by two facilitators, Mia Rochelle Rios and Diane Chambers. Responsibility for GriefShare lies with the Membership & Outreach Committee, co-chaired by Dave Cornell and Doug Small.

A brochure providing more details about GriefShare, including the topic of each session, can be found in the Narthex, on the right-hand shelf as you exit. Please contact Dave Cornell or Doug Small with questions. Information can be found also by visiting the GriefShare website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

Please let us know as soon as you can if you are interested in attending. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, next to the brochures. You can register through the [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) website, using the Find a Group feature. Or, you can call or email Dave or Doug, or Carol in the church office.

### Financial Statement -- October 2018

Current Income & Expense			Building Fund Income & Expense	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		Year to Date
Offerings	\$546.8	\$559.3	Offerings	\$163.4
Cell Tower Utilities	\$6.4	\$6.5	Monthly Loan Payments	\$131.1
Other Income	\$4.6	\$14.2	Project Expense	\$14.8
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$557.8</b>	<b>\$580.0</b>		
Total Expense	\$575.8	\$584.9	<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>\$17.6</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>-\$18.0</b>	<b>-\$4.9</b>		
Temporary Restricted Funds	October	Yr to Date	<b>Principal Balance on Loan</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>
Beginning Balance	\$63.9	\$65.4	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$32.7</b>
Restricted Income	\$43.4	\$143.5		
Restricted Expense	\$12.3	\$113.9	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$212.9</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$95.0</b>	<b>\$95.0</b>	<b>Misssion Development Certificate</b>	<b>\$75.0</b>
Checking Account Balance			<b>Total Synod Investments</b>	<b>\$287.9</b>
	Operating Fund	\$87.3		
	Restricted Funds	\$95.0		

## Senior Resource Article

Dental and vision care is so expensive! I have recently been thinking, "What do the many people do who can't afford insurance but yet make a little too much to qualify for assistance?" We are running into this common dilemma in our very own family which got me started looking into available resources.

For vision, I called a couple places in town to see how much cataract surgery is in order to help someone who doesn't have insurance. Discounted prices were mentioned if insurance is not involved. Also, the CareCredit card was mentioned. We have this particular credit card and it has helped us tremendously in paying for expensive dental work. As long as the bill is fully paid off, within a certain amount of time given, there is no interest on the bill which does save money.

For dental care, I stopped by both the Resource Center at Heritage Park Senior Facility and our family dentist's office. In both cases, they referred me to UNLV's School of Dental Medicine. I looked at their website and found the school is located at 1001 Shadow Lane (at Charleston Blvd.), Las Vegas, NV 89106. There are community service clinics throughout Nevada. There are 60,000 patient visits made per year offering patients low-cost fees that are about one-half to one-third of what private practices charge. Potential patients can call (702) 774-2400 for information on how to get an appointment. The needs of the patients must be compatible with the needs of the student doctors. Initial appointments may take 2-4 hours since everything is double checked by an instructor. For further information, I found their website by using the key words UNLV dental school.

It is easy to see why affordable health care is a major concern in our country and possibly the biggest issue facing us according to many recent news reports.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Congregational Care

## 2018 HOODIE DRIVE SUCCESS!



You made it possible! Thanks to the outstanding generosity of our GVPC congregation, this year's Hoodie Coat Drive was a huge success surpassing all previous year's donations. This year 638 HOODIES were donated to 10 Henderson area Elementary and Middle Schools, Basic High School and, for the first time, to two homeless youth organizations, Project 150 and the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. This represents an increase of nearly 70% over last year when the focus was first placed on providing hoodies, rather than coats, which the kids and schools requested. The response from the schools we contacted to provide the warm outerwear for Henderson area children in need was tremendous. The hoodie deliveries were made even more special in also furnishing over 170 of the most beautiful, soft, and cozy scarves of myriad colors lovingly knitted by the Knit- Wits and organized by Mary Pierce. WOW! A grateful thanks to all you ladies.

We would also like to thank Pastor Adrian and Carol Johnson for their efforts to ensure that the Hoodie Drive was well publicized in announcements from the pulpit and in the weekly bulletins. We could not have done this without the phenomenal coordinating efforts from the special "Heavenly Hoodie Team" of Katherine Rowley, Connie Mulick, Cynthia Dakaus, in contacting schools, researching sources for bulk purchases, placing and reconciling orders, sorting and organizing the hoodies, scheduling drivers for delivery, and also making deliveries. In addition we would like to sincerely thank our wonderful VOLUNTEERS who helped with the school packing and/or deliveries to the local schools: Johanna Eggen, Marie and Cliff Harkness, Hal Hokenstad, Bill and Jo Ellen Lewis, Lora Wichmann, and John Zsenai.

From the heartfelt appreciation of the school counselors, administrators and teachers, to the many students who will be a bit warmer and know that the community cares for them, spirits have been lifted and the love of Christ has been multiplied and spread well beyond our church campus. Well done!

May the peace of Christ be with you. Merry Christmas!  
*The Missions Committee, Susan L. Walker, Elder*

## 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 Christmas Memories Can Bring Healing to Your Grief
2. Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas.
3. Overcoming the "Blues" at Christmastime.
4. Christmas: A Time to Remember Those We've Loved and Lost.
5. Coping With Holiday Stress.
6. Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies.
7. Making Christmas Count (Kids.)

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.

*"Those we love don't go away:  
They walk beside us everyday.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear!"*

Each holiday season we celebrate the joyous birth of our beloved Jesus. During this time we are surrounded by those people nearest and dearest to us whom we love. Let us not forget, however, that many around us in our community, our church, our neighborhood, and our circle of friends are grieving for someone special to them that has passed away. If you know someone who is grieving, take time to send them a card, give them a call, or invite them to join you in your home. The smallest kindness helps to heal.

HEALING HEARTS is a grief group designed to help you heal from your loss. Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the Conference Room at 11:45 am as we gather together in love and friendship.

Pastor Adrian and the GVPC Congregation-

Thank you so much for hosting us at Green Valley in October! Duncan and I felt so loved and welcomed by your family and community - we are incredibly thankful for your partnership and prayers. We are blessed to have you and your congregation as part of the CFA family!

Blessings,

Molly Heacock  
CARE for AIDS

With Much Gratitude

It is with gratitude beyond words that I say thank you for your support during my recent knee replacement surgery and ensuing recovery. Your care, cards, phone calls, well wishes and prayers (most of all prayers) have been a blessing to both Joan and myself.

Many others have expressed similar sentiments on these pages but it becomes real when you experience it yourself.

Allen Randle

Dear GVPC family,

Thank you for all the cards and other support we received in the weeks since our mother's passing. Each gesture felt like a hug and truly lifted our spirits. Never doubt the power of a simple card in the mail! Each one was truly a blessing.

Sincerely,

PJ Sweeney, Marietta & Jim Beckham  
The family of Virginia Sweeney

GVPC family and friends -

Many thanks to all for your prayers, food and cards after our surgeries in October.

We appreciate all the help from everyone.

Very truly yours,

Al and Mary Pierce

## Sunday Morning Children's Programs

Join us in December and January as we continue to dive into Deep Blue's "At Home with God" and Gospel Light's "Growing with God" curriculums. Sunday school for ages Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade meet during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education Bldg. Children start out the morning in the Sanctuary with their families. After the Children's Sermon the students will be escorted to the C. E. building where they will report to their appropriate classrooms:

Pre-K/Kindergarten – Room 4 ~ 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Room 3 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade – Room 1

As our elementary curriculum, Deep Blue's mission is to "reach, empower, and equip children, and those who care for them, with grace-based resources that help them on the journey to: Understand themselves as children of God, explore and deepen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and love and serve God and neighbor."

On November 11 we began the winter quarter of Deep Blue's Curriculum for the Elementary classes. We will begin the Advent Season on December 2 with unit 1: Celebrate Advent with Your Family. On January 6 we will pick up the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson from Unit 2: Healing Families, and then Jump down to Unit 3: Family Wisdom (most of unit 2 was utilized in November to align the Advent stories with the appropriate weeks.)

### Unit 1: Celebrate Advent with Your Family

December 2 - Elizabeth and Zechariah (Luke 1:5-25)

December 9 - Mary (Luke 1:26-28)

December 16 - Mary and Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-66)

December 23 - Joseph, Mary, and Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)

December 30 - Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25-38)

### Unit 2: Healing Families

January 6 - Magi Seek a Healer (Matthew 2:1-12)

### Unit 3: Family Wisdom

January 13 - Families Remember God (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

January 20 - Family Traditions (Daniel 1:1-21)

January 27 - A Family's Faith (Acts 16:1-5, 2 Timothy 1:5-7)

Check out the free downloadable game app at the Play Store: Deep Blue Adventures.

Preschool/Kindergarten at 10:30 am utilizes the "Growing with God" Curriculum from Gospel Light.

9:00 Celebration (pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade utilize "My Great Big God" from Gospel Light.

## Christmas Joy at Dana's Place, Our Children's Library

Welcome readers to Christmas at Dana's Place. The book shelves and display areas are brimming with Christmas and seasonal books.

Selections of the Christmas story include:

"The Christmas Story." Multiple books on "The Birth of Jesus" are included for every age level.

"The Crippled Lamb" (by Max Lucado). Pastor Adrian read this last Christmas during the Children's Sermon.

"The Christmas Miracles" of Jonathan Toomey (by Susan Wojeiechowski.)

Selections of classics include:

"A Christmas Carol" (by Charles Dickens.)

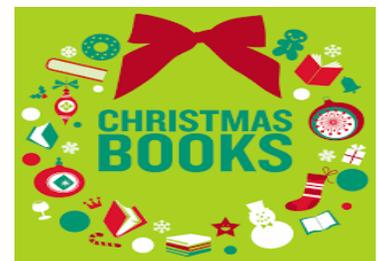
"The Night Before Christmas" (by Clement Moore.)

"The Gift of the Magi" (by O.Henry.)

Selections of Golden books and others include:

The Christmas story, animal stories, special reindeer, snowmen, Christmas trees, Santa and more.

Visit the library as part of your holiday tradition. May you be filled with LOVE, JOY and PEACE .....and BELIEVE.



## Christmas Caroling

The Fellowship Committee invites all ages to join us on Sunday, December 16 as we spread cheer and travel to local senior living 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 1:45 pm to carpool or meet us 2:00 pm at Merrill Gardens—Memory Care, 2910 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy

We need your voices! Come join the fun!

## Bunco

There will be **NO** bunco get together in December as our scheduled date is so close to Christmas.

We will meet again on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

All ladies and men are invited to join us for a morning of fun and laughter!

For further information please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at 702-558-7829 or [lrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:lrauenbuehler@cox.net)



## Page Turners

Page Turners will be meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 6 for our holiday Celebration.

We will be enjoying the movie "*The Jane Austen Book Club*" starring Kathy Baker, Maria Bello, Emily Blunt, Amy Brenneman, Hugh Dancy, Jimmy Smits and Lynn Redgrave. When the members of the book club start reading the classics of Jane Austen, they discover their own lives mirrored in her beloved novels.

Members are asked to bring snacks or beverages, and guests are welcome.

Our book for January 2019 will be the "*Pecked to Death by Ducks*" by Tim Cahill, a humorous travelogue to remote, exotic and dismal places.

## Monthly Ladies Luncheon

**Thursday, December 6** at 11:30 am at Olive Garden on Sunset Rd.  
and

**Thursday, January 3** at 11:30 am at Miller's Ale House on Stephanie

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

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

## Stampin' in the Need of Prayer

Stampin' in the Need of Prayer could use a few more sentiment writers and card making people. No experience necessary for either task. Samples are available for each. Come join us in sending a comforting smile to someone in need of a lift.

We meet once a month, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Pam Yates' home in Sun City Anthem  
2188 Cumberland Hill Drive  
Henderson, 89052  
(702) 912-0438

Please call and join this card Mission for  
Green Valley Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights – October 2018

We received approval for a concert of the Harmony Handbells next June. Stay tuned for the exact date.

An expense was approved for the Gingerbread Committee to purchase new tables for the Conference Room. The tables are an improvement and we are grateful for the Committee's generosity.

The Property Committee received approval for a contract with a new vendor to provide landscape maintenance for the church grounds on a weekly basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hanny Viner, Clerk of Session

## eGiving

2 Convenient Ways to Give online or by text

Earlier this year, we introduced eGiving that allows you to give directly from your computer. Now we have expanded your options by providing the option giving via text. The instructions below explain the process to give either from the website or by text.

To give by text send a message to 73256. The message should read GVPCNV followed by the amount you want to give. You will receive a reply message that contains a link to a website. Tap on the link; once the website opens you can choose the fund to which you want to give and fill in the blanks with other necessary information.

### ONLINE:

- Click the GIVE button on the church website: [www.greenvalleypres.com](http://www.greenvalleypres.com).
- Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, and enter your email address.
- Click CONTINUE and choose how you want to give:  
Sign in or create an account to give and schedule future contributions.  
Continue as a guest to give right now.

### TEXT:

- Text GVPCNV and AMOUNT to 73256.
- Click the link you receive in your text message response.
- Follow the prompts to give.

Thank you for your continuing generosity in support of the work of the Lord at GVPC.

## SAVE THE DATE

For the following upcoming events at GVPC:

### GVPC ADVENT POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 ~ 11:45 AM

### NEW MEMBER INQUIRY CLASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 ~ 12:30 PM– 3:30 PM

### LADIES LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 ~ 11:30 AM  
OLIVE GARDEN ON SUNSET RD.

### FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 ~ 11:00 AM—12:00 PM  
ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH IN HENDERSON

### DEACONS NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 ~ 11:45 AM

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 ~ 1:45 PM

### CHRISTMAS EVE, 6:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE

"CHRISTMAS IN BLACK AND WHITE"  
THE RAINBOW CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND GVPC YOUTH

### CHRISTMAS EVE, 8:30 AND 11:00 PM

"A MOST UNEXPECTED GIFT"  
LUKE 2:1-20 AND JOHN 1:12-14  
GVPC SOLOISTS AND DUETS

### LADIES LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 ~ 11:30 AM  
MILLER'S ALE HOUSE ON STEPHANIE ST.

### FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 ~ 11:00 AM—12:00 PM  
ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH IN HENDERSON

### GREIFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 ~ 1:00 PM

### CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### MEN'S LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 ~ 11:30 AM  
BARLEY'S ON SUNSET RD.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 ~ 11:45 AM

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION



Thank you to Debbie Meldrum for cooking Thanksgiving Dinner for  
the GVPC and Grace Presbyterian Youth Groups!!!

Thank you to Amber Hart for the wonderful taco bar and enchiladas!

Thank you to Stacey Weiss – Grogan for the yummy chili in December!

We still need lunches in January!

**December 2** – Advent Potluck - The main course will be provided and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Youth Group will be in the C.E. building after you get your food join us there.

**December 9** – Christmas party – details to follow!

**December 16** – Youth groups from 11:30 – 2:30, hope to see you there.

**December 23** – One service at 10:00 am! No Youth group today!

**December 24** – Merry Christmas! We have 3 services today 6:00 pm is the Children’s Service, 8:30 pm, and 11:00 pm!

**December 30** – No youth group due to the lock in at Grace Presbyterian.



### New Year’s Lock In!!

**When:** December 31 at 6:00 pm – January 1 at 8:00 am

**Where:** Grace Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$15.00 for party favors and lots of food!

### January 2019

We will meet each Sunday in January from 11:30 – 2:30!

Looking forward to a Christ - Centered Year!

Renee Kelly, Director of Youth Ministries

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**Join us for  
Worship:**

**Saturday Evening**

5:00-6:00 pm  
*A Cry Room is available for  
parents with infants.*

**Sunday Morning**

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

**Sunday School**

10:40 – 11:30 am  
for children K-5th grade

**Coffee Hour and Fellowship**

10:00 am in the  
Fellowship Hall