



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

# Green Valley Presbyterian Church

## From the Pastor's Desk

Would any of us be the persons we are today were it not for the positive influence of someone else on our lives? As I make my journey through mid-life, I find myself looking back with greater frequency and in turn, giving thanks for the men and women who made an investment – big or small – in my life. There were individuals who were part of my life for only a few hours or days; dedicated teachers who repeatedly stayed after school to help me with difficult assignments; encouragers who chose to love a shy, quirky teenager; and people I still have the joy of knowing today as both mentor and friend. In spite of their differences, all of them shared one important thing in common: they believed the greatest way to say “thank you” is to pay it forward, to make an investment in the next generation.

Our commitment to invest in the next generation is evident in so many ways at GVPC. The recently published Children and Youth Ministry (CYM) Task Force Report clearly shows there are things we are doing right. However, there are areas of our corporate life and worship that we need to modify and re-envision in our ongoing commitment to being a multigenerational church. The CYM Task Force has identified six key areas that represent opportunities for change as we look at the future at GVPC. Some of these identified needs will be easy to address, others will require creativity, and all of them will necessitate flexibility on the part of everyone as we consider how best to position our church for the future.

I am grateful for the dedicated leadership of each member of our CYM Task Force: Susan Walker (Moderator), Andrea Tierny (Secretary), Sherri Brewer (Elder), Doug Small (Elder), Debbie Meldrum, Allan Pelle, Russ Reill, and Allen Randle (ex-officio). This dedicated team invested countless hours as they prepared and gathered information from our youth and families. I hope you will join me in saying “thank you” to each one of them for their service to our church. One of the best ways that you could express your gratitude is by picking up a copy of the report and carefully considering what has been identified as opportunities for positive change and growth. This summer, our Session will be asked to consider how we can begin to incorporate these ideas into our overall ministry model at GVPC. \*

The CYM Task Force Report represents so much more than mere words on a piece of paper. It is the culmination of a near nine-month project of listening, gathering information, and identifying strengths and opportunities for change. Like every healthy organization, there are so many good things for which we can give God thanks as we reflect on our past and present at GVPC. However, healthy organizations always adapt to opportunities for growth in order to stay focused on their mission. I am grateful that this report represents our ongoing commitment to be a multigenerational church that endeavors to share the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

With Gratitude and Prayer –

Pastor Adrian

\*A summary of the CYM Task Force Report is located on page 14.

## June/July 2019

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## New Member Inquiry Class

Are you interested in exploring church membership and learning more about GVPC?

Please join us at the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on  
**Saturday, June 22 from 9:00 am – 12:00 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.

Refreshments will be provided and childcare upon request.

A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or call the church office at (702) 454-8484 for more information, to request childcare, and to RSVP.



## BACKPACK OFFERING



It's hard to believe that, with the school year just ending, we are already talking about backpacks for back to school! With school starting in mid-August, we need to start early. We thank you so much for your past support and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this year's Backpack offering. Because of your generous support last year, the Missions Committee was able to provide **297** backpacks (loaded with school supplies) to underprivileged children and youth in our Henderson area Title I elementary and middle schools!

During the summer through Sunday, July 28, 2019, your Missions Committee will be collecting new backpacks, 12" rulers, both college and wide-ruled spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, folders, colored pencils (12 count box), highlighters of any color, pencil boxes, pink erasers, crayons (24 count box), glue sticks, 1" & 2" binders (with inside pockets), binder dividers with pockets, and other supplies that teachers can use in their classrooms. We will place a large box in the Narthex beginning in June in which you can deposit supplies. If you wish to donate items sooner, please drop them off at the church office.

**Rather not shop?** Our Backpack Team is happy to do the shopping for you, by purchasing many of these items in bulk (especially the backpacks.) We welcome gifts by check or cash, which you may bring to the church office or place in the offering plate on or before Sunday, July 28, 2019. Please write in the memo line "Backpack Offering" on checks to GVPC or on the envelope if giving cash. Donations can also be made through GVPC's website.

Your donation is greatly appreciated in bringing smiles to these children and getting them off to a promising new school year!

In Christ's service,  
The Missions Committee

## Senior Resources

### Hopelink of Southern Nevada

178 Westminster Way

Henderson, NV 89015

702-566-0576

[www.link2hope.org](http://www.link2hope.org)

Open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

A few weeks ago, I attended a memorial service at Henderson Presbyterian Church in downtown Henderson. Next door, I saw **Hopelink of Southern Nevada**. I had heard of Hopelink but I did not know much about it and I decided it was time to change that.

Hopelink in Henderson is a nonprofit agency that was founded in 1991. A quote from their website states *“Every person deserves a chance to move out of poverty into a life of self-sufficiency with dignity. Hopelink provides chances and opportunities through providing practical financial assistance, effective case management, and imparting hope to the hopeless at crucial points of a life crisis.”* Their motto is *“Change Their Normal.”* Every year, they assist up to 10,000 children, families, and seniors in crisis.

Thanks to the generosity of numerous community partners, who are listed on their website, a wide variety of resources are offered. Resources include assistance with food, housing and prescriptions to name just a few. Free classes in the areas of parenting, financial guidance, nutrition, and GED prep are offered to help move people out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

Volunteers are also important to this organization and a volunteer application is provided on the website. I noticed from their website that they seem to offer an open house on a regular basis. From my first impression, I think this may be an organization that could be beneficial to learn more about.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Congregational Care

## CareNotes

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

1. Hospice Care: When Enough is Enough.
2. The Healing Power of Human Touch.
3. Grieving the Death of a Co-Worker.
4. Forgiving the Church.
5. Finding Joy in Caregiving.

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.

## Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship

This group of men meet at the church at 8:00 am every Saturday morning for Bible study and fellowship except the second Saturday of each month when we enjoy breakfast and a brief inspirational message instead.

The group is now studying the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew. The study is lead by Rev. Joe Fontana.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, we meet at 11:30 am for a casual lunch. We meet at Barley's located at 4500 East Sunset Road.

For more information, contact Joe Willis at [jwillis40@cox.net](mailto:jwillis40@cox.net). We look forward to meeting you.

## "Summertime " at Dana's Place Our Children's Library



Flag Day, Father's Day, Independence Day and Summer Vacation.  
These special holidays are celebrated with a featured book display at Dana's Place.

Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>

"I Pledge Allegiance" by June Swanson. Every day kids across America recite the Pledge of Allegiance, one of the most enduring symbols of America's pride. Read about the history of the holiday, celebrating the founding of America.

Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>

*"The Lord will indeed give you what is good....."* Psalm 85::12 NIV

"Through Grandpa's Eyes" by Patricia MacLachlan. John's grandpa is blind, but he has his own way of seeing. The story is about old-young bonding and family love.



Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>

"The 4th of July Story" by Alice Dalgliesh. It is the story of the birthday of our country. Celebrating Independence Day is more than fireworks and picnics. The story is of our countrymen, who wrote and signed the "Declaration of Independence". Where was it signed? What part did the Liberty Bell play?

Celebrate your Patriotism; be grateful for Fathers; and celebrate summer. It is a time to rejuvenate ourselves, and appreciate our freedom and our great land.

### Financial Statement -- April 2019

Current Income & Expense		YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Building Fund Income & Expense	
					Year to Date
Offerings		\$307,644	\$237,667	Offerings	\$4,725
Cell Tower Utilities		\$1,929	\$2,883	Project Expense	\$0
Other Income		\$1,616	\$1,900		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$311,189</b>	<b>\$242,450</b>		
Total Expense				<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>\$4,725</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>\$311,189</b>	<b>\$242,450</b>		
Temporary Restricted Funds		<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<b>Principal Balance on Loan</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Beginning Balance		\$76,185	\$81,344	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$40,047</b>
Restricted Income		\$14,897	\$35,378		
Restricted Expense		\$11,909	\$37,549	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$214,204</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$79,173</b>	<b>\$79,173</b>	<b>Misssion Development Certificate</b>	<b>\$75,805</b>
Checking Account Balance				<b>Total Synod Investments</b>	<b>\$290,009</b>
	Operating Fund		\$209,814		
	Restricted Funds		\$79,173		

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL 2019

### **Pastor's Report - Rev. Adrian N. Doll**

Pastor was on study leave in Atlanta the week of April 22, 2019. He is writing his thesis on The Rule of Benedict.

### **Clerk's Report**

There were three electronic votes taken and approved. The following three were ratified at the Session Meeting of April 30, 2019.

A motion was made upon Property Committee recommendation to replace the Evergreen tree previously located near the SE corner of Fellowship Hall landscape area.

A motion was made upon Administration Committee recommendation to pay the annual fee for the Gingerbread Fair storage unit in the amount of \$1897.00. (The Gingerbread Fair Committee reports to the Administration Committee and the monies come from the GFC account.)

A motion was made upon needed approval by the Administration Committee to pay the invoice from the Ray Morgan Company in the amount of \$1512.78 for color copies made during the first quarter of 2019. (The amount of invoice exceeds the Committee Chair approval authority by \$12.78.)

The motions previously carried were ratified.

A motion was accepted, with regret, the request of removal from the rolls, members Nathan and Emily Slife.

A member of our congregation since April 9, 2005, James Donald Bond, passed away on March 29, 2019. He will be missed.

### **Worship and Music Committee**

A motion was made to approve a violin recital on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 4:00 -6:00 pm by Jen Au.

A motion was made to approve Rev. Al Moreau to preach the Word and offer Sacraments as needed.

There was discussion regarding Heritage Sunday on October 27, 2019 and the desire that it should be celebrating not only our Scottish heritage, but all heritages.

### **Sanctuary Audio Video Special Committee**

A motion was made to approve an expenditure of up to \$105,000 to replace the audio and lighting control systems in the Sanctuary; to approve the Stewardship Committee to launch a 3-year campaign for this cost; and to approve the Audio-Visual Committee to finalize the contract with Ford AV, to be signed by the President of the Trustees.

There was one abstention.

The surfacing of the dirt parking lot at the west end of the church was discussed and could be included in a future 3-year Capital Campaign.

### **Missions Committee**

A motion was made that Session approve the following PCUSA Special Offering in 2019 which includes Pentecost Offering and Christmas Joy Offering.

A motion was made that Session approve an additional payment of \$3,200. from Account 5208 in May 2019 to Victory Christian Fellowship, Spot Valley, Jamaica for the purpose of making it possible to purchase a used minivan needed in the furtherance of their ministry.

### **Property Committee**

A motion was made to replace six (6) Bradford Pear trees along Wigwam Parkway at a cost of \$1,050. which includes delivery and planting.

A motion was made to approve up to \$7500. from the Building Fund for carpet replacement in the Administration offices and hallway, to include moving furniture.

All motions carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Winkler, Clerk of Session

## Healing Hearts

“They approach and come forward; each helps the other and says to her brother, Be strong.”

The mission statement of Healing Hearts is to help those who are grieving, and then in turn, go forward and help others.

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the conference room at 11:45 am. Anyone who has suffered a loss is invited to come and be comforted.

May your summer be filled with fun, family and many blessings.

## Luncheon Honoring Pastor Joe

The Fellowship and Congregational Nurture Committee invites all GVPC family and friends to a luncheon to celebrate Rev. Joe Fontana’s 30 years in ministry. GVPC has been blessed over the last 20 years as Pastor Joe has shared his time and talents in many ways: preaching, teaching, bible studies, pastoral visits and support.

The buffet luncheon will be on June 23 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a basket available for cards and well wishes for Pastor Joe and Nancy.

Join us in saying Thank You!

## Christmas in July

The Board of Deacons is planning their annual Christmas in July, the annual food drive that benefits the local food pantries supported by the Board of Deacons. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful congregation, the Deacons typically transport 5-6 completely filled vehicles of much needed nonperishable food and other needs items to the Henderson Presbyterian Food Bank. Friends in the Desert at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Henderson also receives needed resources.

Toward the end of June, a Christmas Cactus decorated with ornaments, will appear in the Narthex. Various food and toiletry items will be listed on the ornaments. The listed items are specifically needed by the Food Bank. We ask that you take as many ornaments as you would like over the month of July, purchase the items and return along with the laminated ornaments to the Narthex between July 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The Deacons will then organize and deliver the donated food to the Food Banks. The Henderson Food Bank is able to purchase items from Three Square, the items we are collecting are things they are unable to purchase and items that are in high demand.

Some of the items needed are as follows: **canned meat** (tuna, chicken, spam, tuna foil packs, vienna sausage), a **high priority** is **boxed cereal** (any size), soft breakfast bars like **Nutrigrain (soft bars** are needed as many individuals have dental issues and can only chew soft bars), individual packets peanut butter or cheese crackers, juice boxes, **pudding cups**, dry pet food (any size), and shelf stable boxed milk. Also, non food items needed are: diapers (size 4 or 5), men's crew socks, small travel size shampoo, soap, razors, deodorant, travel size toothbrush/toothpaste, and wash rags, and slightly used clean blankets.

Monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase meat, bread, fresh produce, paper goods, and cleaning supplies or items the food bank cannot purchase at Three Square. Please make checks payable to Green Valley Presbyterian Church and note Christmas in July on the check.

The Deacons thank you for your continued support and loving gifts in making this another successful year for Christmas in July!

The GVPC Board of Deacons

## Sunday Morning Children's Programs

**Children's Rainbow Choir** is open to all students pre-K and up, and will continue to practice on Sunday mornings from 9:50 am to 10:20 am in the Christian Education building room #7. The choir sings at the 10:30 am service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. New members are welcome at any time. No registration necessary.

**Sunday school** for ages Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade meet during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education Bldg. Children begin in the Sanctuary with their families. After the Children's Sermon the students will be escorted to the Christian Education building for class. Middle school students wishing to assist on Sunday mornings should talk to Julie Dorse, Director of Children's Ministries.

**Beginning Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** our Sunday morning children's program will switch to our summer schedule, when we all come together for a one-room combined class.

**This summer I am excited to try something new – "Kids Church"** from Deep Blue. We will begin the morning with a mini worship service that includes music, a greeting, and introduces a new "worship practice" each week that helps the children understand and learn how to participate in our worship services. After the Bible story we will break into age appropriate activities that reinforce the story.

Parents are requested to pick their children up from the C.E. Bldg. after the worship service ends.

### June's Theme - Church Family

**June memory verse:** *"An abundance of grace was at work among them all."* (Acts 4:33)

June 2 - Peter and John (Acts 3:1-4:22)

June 9 - Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

June 16 - First Called "Christians" (Acts 11:19-30)

June 23 - Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37)

June 30 - Choosing the Seven (Acts 6:1-7)

## Welcome to Kerry Radke

As an active Elder at Grace Presbyterian Church, which has been my home church since 1988, I am excited for the chance to be here at GVPC. I grew up in the church, enjoying participation in choirs, youth Bible groups, camps and extra activities. For several years, I have volunteered working with children and youth including serving as a student leader, volunteer youth advisor, youth intern and am currently working behind the scenes to help with programming and planning of youth activities and events for the Youth Ministry for Grace Presbyterian.

I have had the privilege to see many of the youth move on to become very productive adults serving as missionaries, military, doctors, law enforcement, and educators. For the last three years, I have been helping with the Youth program here at Green Valley Presbyterian Church in addition to still being active in the Youth program at Grace. It has been an honor to walk alongside our youth here at GVPC and I am excited to be a part of this transition knowing that there are great things in store with the youth of our church!

In His Service,

Kerry Radke

Interim Director of Youth Ministries

## Volunteers Needed

We are in need of 3 volunteers to help with assembling the *Vision* monthly newsletter on the last Thursday of every month from 8:30 am - 10:00 am.

Come and check us out, we share laughter, stories, fellowship and lots of FUN!! We're God's people helping to get the GVPC news out to the congregation!

We thank Sue Cooper who has been a dedicated part of the team, but is now moving out of state.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anna Mae Wood at (702) 896 - 9701.

Thank you.

Dear Friends of GVPC,

Richard and I want to thank you for the outpouring of kindness you have shown us regarding the passing of my mother, Jean Swanson. Your many cards and prayers over the last few years strengthened our faith, lifted our spirits and warmed our hearts.

We are truly grateful for all of your support.

Che' and Richard

## Page Turners

The Page Turners book for Thursday, June 6 will be "*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*" by Jennifer Chiaverini.

In "*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*," the author presents a stunning account of the friendship that blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Keckley, a former slave who gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city's elite. Keckley made history by sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, a trusted witness to many private moments between the President and his wife, two of the most compelling figures in American history.

After her years with Mrs. Lincoln, Elizabeth Keckley wrote a book, "*Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House*." Upon its publication, Keckley's memoir created a scandal that compelled Mary Todd Lincoln to sever all ties with her, but in the decades since, Keckley's story has languished in the archives. In this impeccably researched, engrossing novel, Chiaverini brings history to life in rich, moving style.

Joan Randle will be leading our discussion and providing the refreshments.

July is our vacation month, but in August, we will be reading John Le Carré's "*The Constant Gardener*." Please feel free to join us.

Pastor Adrian and my Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and hugs during Jim's illness and passing.

It has meant a lot to me and my family.

Please keep the hugs coming!

Hugs,

Bug

GVPC Family,

I'm a little late, but no less sincere with my thanks for all the cards and prayers during Bob's illness and his passing. It meant so much to me and my family.

There is nothing like a church family to keep your spirits up and running.

God bless you all.

Virginia Larson and family

## Bunco

Join us at the monthly Bunco event!

This summer we will meet on  
**Thursday, June 20 AND Thursday, July 18**  
from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the GVPC Fellowship Hall.

We have a very friendly, fun and energetic group of players and we welcome you to ***Come Roll With Us!***

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

## Monthly Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for Ladies' Lunch on **Thursday, June 6** at 11:15 am at Olive Garden on Sunset Road.

The Ladies' Lunch for July is canceled due to the usual meeting time falling on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

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

Come meet new friends!

## Gingerbread Fair Committee

### June Meeting Dates

June 3 - Business Meeting 10:00 am, Conference Room  
followed by Salad/Dessert Luncheon

June 17 - Craft Session, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### July Meeting Dates

July 1 - Business Meeting, 10:00 am, Conference Room

July 15 - Craft Session, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### Gingerbread Fair Date

October 12, 2019

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Want to stay cool this summer? A great way to do this is to join in the fun working on quality craft items that make the Gingerbread Fair a great success. **ALL** are welcome to come to our meetings and join at any time.

For those of you who contribute to our wonderful Gingerbread Pantry....

Now is the time to start planning what goodies you would like to donate: jams, jellies, cookies, breads, pickles, candy, individual loaves of sweet breads, and other homemade baked goods. A reminder: please do not make anything that must be kept cold. We do not have the facilities to handle such items in a safe manner.

All proceeds from the Fair are used to support GVPC unbudgeted capital improvement projects and community mission projects.

For further information, contact one of our co-chairs:

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

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



It's almost time for 2019 Vacation Bible School at Green Valley Presbyterian Church

***"The Incredible Race. One Family, One Race, One Savior"***

Monday - Friday, June 10 - 14, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
(Dropoff Begins at 8:30 am)

We're so excited about this year's program, *"The Incredible Race"* from Answers VBS. At *"The Incredible Race"* we will get ready for a race filled with fun clues to find, challenges to attempt, and a global scavenger hunt! At the same time, we will learn about another race that started in the Garden of Eden. What race is that? The human race. Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they fill their score cards. As we examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, we will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and that he wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away. Join *The Incredible Race* and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation!

Invite your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends! Registration begins in May!

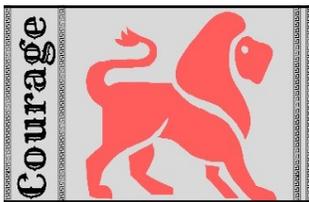
Volunteers are still needed in some positions. Please help us with this community outreach program!

Contact Julie Dorse at (702) 454-8484, ext. 505 or [juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com) with questions or to volunteer.

Come join the fun!

# PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION

This is an exciting time in the Youth Program here at Green Valley! Sunday Youth Group will continue to meet during the summer with a slight change, along with scheduled special events. Youth Group meets from 12:30pm-3:00pm. Jr. High will meet from 12:30pm-1:30pm in the High School room. From 1:30pm-2pm the whole youth group will meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. High School will meet from 2pm-3pm in the High School room for a lesson and some discussion. We will be discussing the topic of Courage and then a few Names of God. All Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-Graduating 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome.



**Parents Meeting: On June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - There will be a meeting for the parents of youth to meet with Kerry (our Interim Youth Director) from 12:00 -12:30 pm for information about the Youth Program. All parents who have incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to join. We will meet in the High School Sunday School Room.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Overnight Lock In** - Our first special event will be a “Lock-In” at Grace Presbyterian Church on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. All incoming 6<sup>th</sup>- Graduating Seniors are encouraged to join. We will meet at Grace Presbyterian Church located at 1515 W. Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89122 at 6:00pm. Parents may pick their youth up at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Grace Presbyterian Church.

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Triennium** - Youth delegates will attend from Green Valley Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian Church. Delegates and Chaperones will be flying out to Purdue University for the conference!

**July 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> Mystery Trip** - At the end of Triennium addition youth will be flying out to joining the delegates for “Destination Unknown” a mystery adventure planned by Rhonda Reeves and Pastor Jim from Grace Presbyterian.

Please be in prayer for traveling mercies, and that all would be receptive to the lead of the Holy Spirit during these two trips! Amazing God shape these events to be transformational experiences to all that attend!

In Your Most High Name, AMEN.

## Sound System Upgrade

This is an exciting time in the life of our church for which all of us can give thanks. With the buildings at Green Valley Presbyterian Church paid in full, we now have the opportunity to complete some necessary projects that have been delayed due to budget constraints. Session has determined that our first priority must be the twenty-year-old sound system in the sanctuary which is in need of an upgrade to meet our weekly demands.

Ford Audio/Visual has been engaged to review the existing system and develop a comprehensive, engineered upgrade proposal. The major recommended improvements are:

- new digital speakers
- new microphones for the pulpit and lectern
- additional wireless microphones
- new wiring from the sound board to the chancel area
- monitors in the choir loft
- integration of the organ with the rest of the system
- useable control of the lighting
- a new assisted hearing system

This project is expected to last 13 weeks from kick-off to installation. We anticipate that the installation will take place in August. Our church services will continue as normal.

The project has a total cost of approximately \$120,000 which has been approved by Session. The initial deposit for the project will be paid with funds borrowed from our custodial account. Since the custodial account is our rainy-day fund, we want to repay that borrowing. If you are looking for additional ways to support the ministry of this church, we would ask you to consider making a one-time contribution or one-year pledge to support the upgrade of our sound system.

Worship is at the heart of who we are as a community of faith and we thank you for the many ways you have supported our commitment to excellence in the past. With this new system, we continue to strive to maintain those same standards of excellence as we look to our future with excitement and gratitude!

In His Grace and Love

The Stewardship Committee

## Friends in the Desert

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we served a hot lunch of sloppy joe sandwiches, tater tots, coleslaw, pickles and ice cream sandwiches at St. Timothy's church. There were 90 meals served and 30 take-outs meals. We thank all who donated food and money or who helped serve.

The FITD Lunch Brigade prepared 113 sack lunches on May 10. The lunch brigade could always use volunteers as they work to provide lunches for our Friends in the Desert on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. Each sack lunch contains two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a piece of fruit. When the lunches are delivered to GVPC, a bag of chips and cookies are added to the lunch, making a very nice meal for those who may have no other food available on Sundays when the FITD kitchen is closed. The cost of preparing the meal is low, but the personal satisfaction of serving our Lord's people is priceless. Kurt Ricketts is the coordinator for the sack lunch program. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Carol Johnson in the church office at (702) 454-8484 or [caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com).

Other donations of clothing and personal items needed for Friends are: MENS CREW SOCKS IN WHITE, MEN/WOMENS GYM SHOES IN LARGE SIZES, SUMMER T-SHIRTS/SHORTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, DEODORANT, SUNSCREEN, WASHCLOTHS, SUNGLASSES & SMALL BOTTLES OF SHAMPOO. Passing on many "Thank you's and God bless you's" from our friends at St. Timothy's. **A special thank you to the Gingerbread ladies for sewing toiletry bags.** The coordinators are Pam and Ron Sharetts (702) 339-6699.

The June 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be pulled pork sandwiches, chili beans, cole slaw, potato chips, and ice cream bars. Coordinators Michelle Morgando (702) 245-7447 and Susan Walker (702) 617-9910.

Volunteers for food items and/or helping to serve are always appreciated and welcome. The full menu is located on the sign-up board at the back of the Narthex. Items you sign up for must be delivered to the church Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than 11:30 am on the Friday before the meal or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at 42 West Pacific Ave., Henderson, by 10:45 on the Saturday the meal is served. Please mark all the items you leave at the church "FITD" and please include your name.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** and **BLESSINGS** to all of you who are in God's service of helping the less fortunate. You can also donate money to FITD by marking your check "FITD" in the memo line or pew envelope.

Lorne Schmidt and Connie Mulick, May 2019 FITD Co-Chairs

## Adopt-a-Park

The Adopt A Park program is always looking for monthly volunteers! We get together on the fourth Saturday of each month and help the environment look a little better by picking up trash around the church and other designated areas. It usually takes around one hour to do and is good exercise and provides an immediate feeling of accomplishment in helping our environment.

Thanks to the following individuals who participated in the April Adopt A Park clean-up:

Bug Bond  
David & Jan Carey  
Shari Jackson  
Ted & Linda Rauenbuehler  
Rick Wagner

If interested, call Rick Wagner at (702) 882-3844 for more information on the wonderful work we do.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY  
(CYM) TASK FORCE  
SUMMARY REPORT \***

**BACKGROUND & PURPOSE**

The Children and Youth Ministry (CYM) Task Force was formed by Session in October, 2018 to study and explore opportunities to enhance and grow the Christian Education Programs offered at GVPC to better meet the needs of the youth and young families. The CYM Task Force developed a framework for this process. It entailed developing a variety of questions for children, youth and their families. These questions explored youth and families' current relationship with GVPC, an opportunity to present questions/concerns, and their hopes for future programming for the young people of the congregation. The Task Force met with children, youth and parents in separate group settings. Following a total of eight meetings, the CYM Task Force met several times to analyze and then utilize this invaluable information to formulate the top six recommendations listed below to more effectively meet the spiritual and social needs of our young parishioners and their families.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Establish a position of Associate Pastor or Christian Education Director to oversee, direct and provide overall cohesion and coordination of the children, youth, and adult Christian Education programs at GVPC.**
- 2. Reinstate Sunday School Programs for Youth in grades 6 through 12.**
- 3. Restructure the Youth Program to provide separate programs for the Middle School and High School aged youth.**
- 4. Provide better and more effective communication for parents and youth in sharing information on Christian Education programs, activities, volunteering, teachers/leaders and scheduling.**
- 5. Provide more periodic social activities for children and families to foster relationship building.**
- 6. Incorporate changes to the 10:30 worship service that are more child and youth friendly and encourage attendance and youth participation in aspects of the service.**

\* Copies of the full report are available in the Narthex and church office.

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