



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

**From the Pastor's Desk**

This summer I found myself repeatedly singing the popular song from the *Fantastiks*,

*Try to remember the kind of September  
When life was slow and oh, so mellow.  
Try to remember the kind of September  
When grass was green and grain so yellow...*

As the thermometer reached triple-digit temperatures, I longed for the cool days of autumn, the change of colors, and the return to a regular schedule. However, each time I sang the beloved Broadway song, I laughed because Septembers are anything but “*slow and oh, so mellow*” at GVPC. As we begin a new program year, I am filled with excitement as I look at the church calendar and think about the steps, we’ve made in developing our staff, our ministries and outreach.

It is a joy to welcome Tim Warren to our staff as our new Director of Music Ministries. His many gifts and wealth of experience will enhance our worship services. Make a point of introducing yourself to Tim and welcoming him to our congregation. Tim is new to the Las Vegas area and looks forward to making friends and finding a place of community within GVPC.

As we look to the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our GVPC Concert Series, it is a blessing to welcome Shakeh Ghoukasian as our new concert series Artistic Director. Shakeh is well-known through the Las Vegas Valley as a musician and for her work as Artistic Director of the Nevada School of the Arts. We launch this year’s concert series on Saturday, September 21 at 7:00 pm with an exciting program with cellist, Jeremy Russo and pianist, Alexandria Le, longtime friends of GVPC. While you are looking at your calendar, make plans to attend this year’s performance by our own Amy Smith titled, “Amy’s Playlist” on Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 pm in her annual “Messiah” fundraiser concert.

I am thrilled to welcome my friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas for this year’s “Adventures in Faith.” Mark is a highly esteemed theologian and ethicist who serves on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary with a special interest in the influence of a changing society on the way Christians live out their faith and engage culture. Make plans to attend his workshop on Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 am, “Trends Reshaping Faith.” He will challenge us with his wealth of knowledge on trends impacting the Church today and his passion to reach a new generation for Christ.

Our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is already busy as they commence their important work. I give God thanks for this step of faith in the life of our church as we look to the future. It is a joy to see what God is doing in our midst, and I give thanks for the privilege of serving this congregation.

Grace and Peace to you this not so “*slow and oh, so mellow*” September!

Pastor Adrian

**September 2019**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## Fall Sermon Series "James: Faith Demands Evidence"

This month we begin a new sermon series in the Book of James, a New Testament Letter overflowing with spiritual insight, rich in wisdom, and replete with practical application. As author and theologian, Eugene Peterson writes, "Deep and living wisdom is on display here, wisdom both rare and essential. Wisdom is not primarily knowing the truth although it certainly includes that; it is skill in living. For what good is a truth if we don't know how to live it?" As we delve into our study of James, we will discover why this letter was so important to the Early Christians and why its message is so relevant today.

### September 7/8

"Faith Under Pressure"  
James 1:1-8

### September 14/15

"Stay on Course"  
James 1:9-16  
Also: Ice Cream Social ~ 3:00 pm

### September 21/22

"Act on What You Hear"  
James 1:19-27

### September 28/29

Adventures in Faith Weekend  
"Trends Reshaping Faith"  
Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas

### October 5/6

"The Pitfalls of Favoritism"  
James 2:1-13  
Also: Communion Sunday

### October 12/13

"Actions Speak Louder Than Words"  
James 2:14-26

## Men's Bible Study

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

The group is currently studying "*The History of Christianity II*" by Professor Molly Worthen.

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.

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

We look forward to meeting you!

## Ladies Bible Fellowship

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room

September through May

We share 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

Please join us on September 4 and 18!

## Phoebe Bible Study

We invite all Ladies to join us at Phoebe Bible Study. Linda Zeller will lead a study on the Book of Revelation.

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. There will be a pre meeting on Friday, September 6.

Come for an afternoon of insightful discussion.

## Senior Resources

### Avoiding Scams

A couple years ago, I wrote several consecutive articles on scams. Between my phone and my computer, I know that I encounter multiple potential frauds every day. Criminals keep getting more and more creative so it was suggested to me, that I might want to touch on this topic again. I often do not answer the telephone anymore and I am extremely cautious before I ever open attachments in my email. Here are some ideas to help you avoid becoming a victim of a scam.

### Avoiding Scams

- Never give out personal information such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, date of birth, or social security numbers to unknown persons or companies.
- Do not believe your caller ID because technology makes it easy to fake caller ID information. If you think, the call may be legitimate, call back to a phone number that you know is genuine.
- Consider how you pay. Credit cards have significant fraud protection build in but other payment methods do not. Government offices and honest companies will not require you to use payment methods such as Western Union, MoneyGram or gift cards such as iTunes.
- Take your time. Con artists want you to make decisions immediately and they do not want to take "NO" for an answer.
- Genuine computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer.

Many of us grew up in a more trusting time and it is sad that there are so many dishonest people who use our trustfulness to their advantage. We need to do all we can to avoid becoming a victim of scams.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Rauenbuehler, Director of Congregational Care

Sometimes we think that everyone in the church knows what is happening. I was reminded of this by an email that it is not the case. Basically, the concern was that the Worship and Music committee spent over \$100,000 for a piano some thought we did not need without authorization. So, let me give the history behind the purchase of our new piano.

The idea of purchasing another piano started three years ago. At a Session meeting it was approved to use the Instrument Music fund to put the deposited funds given specifically for this project. It was brought to our attention that the Yamaha Piano was starting to have upper register problems so we decided that one better piano would be our goal. Our goal was \$80,000 but we never made a big public push for funds. We let it slowly build by people who wanted it to happen. As you know or may not, we have a Steinway dealer in our congregation. Recently a once in a lifetime deal came about. A family who had bought a concert grand piano years ago wanted to sell it. New, this piano would cost \$140,000 but they were willing to sell it for \$65,000. This was less than the smaller piano costing \$80,000 we were working toward. With the almost \$30,000 we had on hand and the willingness of Denise Wunderlich, the Steinway dealer, to give us the full purchase price we paid for the Yamaha \$24,900 we had about \$10,000 to go. Being on the committee to redo the sound system I knew we did not want to make a public push. I asked the Session to approve me raising funds from those I knew had an interest in the piano. They gave approval. In a few hours the funds were acquired. I don't know where the rumor of \$100,000 price came from, but it is not correct. The price was \$40,100 plus the trade in for a total of \$65,000. I hope this history gives everyone in the congregation the understanding of how our new piano was acquired. This piano will serve this church for years to come. Music has and I hope will continue, to be a major part of our congregation.

Bill Ruby  
Co-chair of Worship and Music

## 2019 Backpack Offering

The outpouring of support and generosity of our GVPC Congregation, along with the dedicated work of faithful volunteers, made it possible to provide 336 backpacks filled with needed school supplies to underprivileged children in our local area schools, as well as 10 boxes of various supplies to the schools! This year we increased the number of backpacks by 14% over last year and were also able to provide for the first time backpacks to Basic and Foothills High Schools, where older students are often overlooked. We also delivered backpacks to 6 Elementary and 6 Middle Henderson and bordering Las Vegas Title I Schools. We wish to sincerely thank all of you who contributed money and school supplies in making this another tremendously successful A+++ backpack mission offering!



We would like to recognize the “Top-Grade Backpack Team” of Cynthia Dakus, Connie Mulick, Katherine Rowley and Cheryl Wagner, who helped coordinate the backpack drive and shopped local and on-line back-to-school specials that enabled us to capitalize in streamlining the purchase of many types of school supplies at a greatly reduced price. We would also like to thank Pastor Adrian and Carol Johnson for sharing information of this meaningful community outreach mission in the weekly church bulletins and announcements during the summer months. A special thank you to Pastor Adrian in giving an inspiring Backpack Blessing of the gathered backpacks at the Saturday and Sunday church services the first week in August and to the children and volunteers who helped assemble the backpacks after the 10:30 AM Sunday service. We would additionally like to thank Sherri Brewer, Kevin & Michelle Fisher, Lore Gochmour, Marie & Cliff Harkness, Joy Lein, Bill and JoEllen Lewis, Lonnie Nicosia, Jorge & Cash Sanchez, Ché Swanson, Lora Wichman, and Julie Winkler, who helped deliver the backpacks to the schools.

The schools were overjoyed and grateful for the backpacks we provided. “Those who are kind to the needy honor Him.” (Proverbs 14:31). Your generous support shows how much GVPC cares in helping children in need and sharing the love of Christ in providing these children the tools and confidence to succeed and learn.

God bless you,  
The Missions Committee

### Financial Statement -- July 2019

Current Income & Expense			Audio Fund Income & Expense	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		Year to Date
Offerings	\$483,202	\$407,667	Offerings	\$48,075
Cell Tower Utilities	\$4,035	\$4,733	Transfer from Custodial Fund	\$50,000
Other Income	\$2,007	\$3,325	Total Income	\$98,075
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$489,244</b>	<b>\$415,725</b>	Payments to Contractor	\$69,527
Total Expense	\$365,901	\$416,692	<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>	<b>28,548</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$123,342</b>	<b>-\$967</b>		
Temporary Restricted Funds	July	YTD	<b>Wells Fargo Balance</b>	<b>61,578</b>
Beginning Balance	\$46,150	\$81,344		
Restricted Income	\$9,051	\$89,746	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$164,768</b>
Restricted Expense	\$6,224	\$122,112	<b>Mission Development Certificate</b>	<b>\$76,218</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$48,978</b>	<b>\$48,978</b>	<b>Total Investments @ Synod</b>	<b>\$240,986</b>
Checking Account Balance				
	Operating Fund	\$243,908		
	Restricted Funds	\$48,978		

## Session Highlights September 2019

From the Stated Session Meeting of August 13, 2019:

### **Music Director Search Committee**

Session voted to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation of the hiring Tim Warren, part-time, as the Director of Music Ministries effective August 19, 2019.

**Clerk of Session** received a request from Jan Wilson to have her name removed from the GVPC rolls. A Certificate of Transfer was received from Rebecca Walls (Sottile). Member Harold (Hal) West went to be with Our Lord on August 12, 2019. He had been a member since November 15, 2008. He will be missed.

The Spring Presbytery Meeting will be held at Green Valley Presbyterian Church from March 8-11, 2020. Volunteers will be needed for various jobs.

### **Worship and Music Committee**

Session voted to approve the GVPC Concert Series calendar of events from September, 2019 to May, 2020.

A motion was made to approve Shakeh Ghoukasian as Artistic Director of the GVPC Concert Series with a one-year contract beginning August 1, 2019.

### **Christian Education Committee**

A motion was made to approve the use of the following curriculums for the Fall 2019 Sunday School program: "Dwell" curriculum for ages 3 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and "52 Great Bible Studies for Youth" to be used in the High School classroom. The motion carried.

### **Missions Committee**

The committee reported that 336 backpacks were filled and distributed for the 2019 Backpack Offering. Up 14% over last year.

### **Administration Committee**

Session approved that the 1-year Mission Development Certificate purchased from the Synod of the Pacific in October 2018 be rolled into a new 3-year certificate when it matures. When the Mission Development Certificates mature in the future, the Administration Committee are delegated authority to decide if funds thus made available be cashed out and returned to the General Fund or rolled into a new certificate.

Session adopted the revised Facility Usage Policy presented by the Administration Committee.

Approval of the Gingerbread Fair Committee's donation of \$2500 toward the Audio System Upgrade be approved. The motion carried.

A motion upon Administration Committee recommendation that the lights in the parking lot and Multi-Purpose Building be converted to LED bulbs at a net cost to the church of \$4,875.00.

The motion carried.

### **Property Committee**

The painting of the Sanctuary will begin as soon as the sound system is completed. The sound system upgrade should be in use for worship on August 31, and September 1, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Winkler  
Clerk of Session

## Intergenerational Ice Cream Social and "Monsters, Inc." Movie

Everyone is invited to join us for an Ice Cream social and the movie Monsters' Inc. on Sunday, September 15 at 3:00 pm. Invite a friend- the more the merrier! Ice cream along with chocolate, strawberry, and caramel topping will be provided by the fellowship committee-feel free to bring any special toppings or fruit that you would like to share!

We will be watching the movie in the Dana's Place library (located in the Christian Education building.)

Bring a pillow and/or your sleeping bag or a blanket to lay on (Chairs will be provided for the adults!)

## Deacons' Corner

The Deacons hosted a new member lunch on Sunday, August 11 for those that had joined the church this year. We had a nice gathering and enjoyed time with our new members!

We received a wonderful thank you note from Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank for the many Christmas in July donations of food provided by our congregation. Anne Mack, director of the food bank stated, "Your weekly deliveries made July a great month for us as we fed 966 people."

They are forever grateful for our continued support and being such a strong partner in our efforts to feed the needy. The GVPC Deacons so appreciate the food and cash donations in July and throughout the year.

The GVPC Deacons thank you for your continued support.

## SAVE THE DATE

For the following upcoming events at GVPC:

### GINGERBREAD BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - 10:00 AM

### LADIES BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 4 & 18 ~ 10:00 AM

### LADIES LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 ~ 11:15 AM

OLIVE GARDEN ON SUNSET RD.

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 ~ 2:00 PM

### CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 ~ 9:00 - 11:30 AM

### GREIFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ~ 1:00 PM

### PHOEBE BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13 & 27 ~ 10:00 AM

### FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 ~ 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH IN HENDERSON

### HEALING HEARTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 ~ 11:45 AM

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 ~ 3:00 PM

### GINGERBREAD CRAFT MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 ~ 10:00 AM

### BUNCO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 ~ 10:00 AM

### GVPC CONCERT SERIES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 ~ 7:00 PM

### MEN'S LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 ~ 11:30 AM

BARLEY'S ON SUNSET RD.

### THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ~ 9:00 AM

## Sunday Morning Children's Programs

Welcome back as we begin our fall programs!

**Nursery care** for ages infant through 36 months is available in the Christian Education building every Sunday morning during worship from 8:45 until 11:45 am. Drop off children up to 15 minutes before the service begins and pick up after service ends. Two nursery attendants are present during services. For families who wish to keep their small children with them during the service, a cry room is available at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**Children's Rainbow Choir** is open to all students, pre-K and up, and practices on Sunday mornings from 9:50 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 and visitors are welcome at any time.

**Sunday school** begins on Sunday, September 1 for ages Pre-Kindergarten through High School. Sunday School classes 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 students will be escorted to the C. E. Building where they will report to their assigned classrooms. Parents will pick up their children in the C. E Bldg. immediately after the service ends.

"*DWELL*" curriculum published by Faith Alive Resources has been selected for use in our Pre-K through Middle School classes. This multi-year curriculum is grounded in the Reformed perspective. "*DWELL*" invites kids to **live into God's story** of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration and encourages kids to **live out of God's story** every day as they respond to God's call. Each lesson includes activities based on multiple intelligence theory. The focus of the first 6-week units (Sept 1/Oct 6) are as follows:

Ages 3-4: Play - 9-month program based on 36 stories from Genesis through Acts.

K/1<sup>st</sup>: Imagine - Imagine being part of God's Family.

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>: Wonder - Wonder About God's Amazing Plan.

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Marvel - Marvel at God's Love.

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Dive - What do I do when things fall apart?

"*52 GREAT BIBLE STUDIES FOR YOUTH*" curriculum from Faith Alive Resources has been selected for use in the High School class. These Bible studies are straightforward, easy to use, and great for high school students. These studies are designed to be self-lead by the students but will be assisted by an adult facilitator. Studies explore the topics of decisions, forgiveness, gossip, the kingdom of heaven, money and lifestyle, and Philippians: Living the joy, relationships, self-image, and service.

Julie Dorse

Director of Children's Ministries

702-454-8484, ext. 505

We cannot thank the congregation enough for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, emails, texts and all the expressions of concern that has been (and continue to be) shown to us.

It has been a difficult few weeks as Ted had major back surgery and then developed an infection. Although, he still has a long way to go toward recovery, he is showing signs of great improvement.

The support of our church family is so valuable and we are very appreciative!

Ted and Linda Rauenbuehler

Praise to God, my Savior, who is the light of my life.

Thanks to the Knit Wits for the patriotic afghan. Thanks to all of those who brought me food and sent cards.

Special thanks to the one who called me everyday and went out of her way to insist and bring me food (I cannot give her name—an angel of God.) Also, I had a lot of help from family and neighbors, and thank them for help keeping me strong. I am almost totally well. GVPC is definitely my local family.

In God's Name  
Joyce Walters

### Healing Hearts

As we travel through the journey of life, the lessons we learn can help us become stronger better people, able to help others who are suffering. Many different things affect our lives: moving to a different town, divorce, layoffs, disappointment in not getting a position applied for, loss of a friend, family member or pet. A loss, quite frankly, can shake our foundations. The fellowship with others who understand what you are going through is vitally important.

If you are in need of support, join us the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:45 am. GOD bless each one of us who is dealing with loss and we ask GOD to be with us and guide us each day of our journey,

### GriefShare

GVPC will offer the GriefShare support program for the first time, beginning on Sunday, September 8, 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 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, Doug, or Carol in the church office.

### CareNotes

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

1. Childhood Cancer: Help for Families.
2. Overcoming Loneliness After Loss.
3. Taking Care of Yourself While Grieving.
4. Six Ways to Enrich Your Faith Community.
5. When Your Child Has Cancer.

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

## Bunco

Join us at the monthly Bunco event!

In September we will meet on  
**Thursday, September 19.**  
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 [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

## Monthly Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for Ladies' Lunch on  
**Thursday, September 5** at 11:15 at  
the Olive Garden on Sunset Rd.

All ladies are invited for a time of fellowship.

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

## Chico's Shopping Day

Please join us for an autumn shopping day at Chico's in the Las Vegas Premium Outlets on Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00 am. The outlet mall is located at the corner of Las Vegas Blvd. and Warm Springs. Chico's is located in the most southern hallway in the outlet mall.

After shopping, we go to the Food Court where we enjoy lunch. All sorts of different foods are offered in the food court for you to select.

If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church, in front of the reception desk at 9:30 am.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Anna Mae Wood at (702) 896-9701 or Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net).

## Page Turners Book Club

On Thursday, September 5, Page Turners will be discussing the book "*Between Earth and Sky*" by Amanda Skenandore. Nancy Fontana will be leading our discussion and we will start at 2:00 pm.

In writing "*Between Earth and Sky*," the author has drawn on the experiences of a close relative, a member of the Ojibwe Tribe, who survived an Indian mission school in the 1950s. Her writing provides an accurate portrait of Native American boarding schools in the late 1800s. In the character of Harry Muskrat, she questions the impact of forced assimilation on one's self-identity.

Ms. Skenandore lives in Las Vegas and will be at the Clark County Library in Las Vegas on **October 5, 2019** from 11:00 am -12:30 pm to discuss book writing software.

For our meeting on October 3, we will be reading the book *The Bell Witch* by Brent Monahan. Ann Vannoy will be conducting our discussion with the help of modern technology.

Please join us.

## Receptionist Volunteers Needed

Receptionist volunteers are needed to cover the front desk daily from 9:00 am until Noon. No special requirements are needed except for a smile on your face when someone comes through the reception area. Occasionally, you may be asked to assist with some very easy office tasks.

If interested, please contact Diane Schurr at (702) 401-6092 or [diane.schurr@yahoo.com](mailto:diane.schurr@yahoo.com). We are looking forward to hearing from you.

## Congregational Meeting Report

The congregation met on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in a called meeting after a single morning service. The order of business was affirmation of the decision by Session to create the position of Associate Pastor at GVPC. The motion to do so was adopted by unanimous voice vote. The second motion was to elect members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The following individuals were elected by unanimous voice vote:

Sherri Brewer  
Pastor Adrian Doll  
Ryan Sutton

Jan Carey  
Connie Mulick  
Andrea Tierney

Dave Cornell  
John Noel  
Stacey Weiss-Grogran

## October 12<sup>th</sup> Arrives Sooner Than You Think!!

### Gingerbread Craft Fair Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>—9:00 AM to 2:00 PM In GVPC's Fellowship Hall

Over the years, the Gingerbread Fair Committee volunteers have contributed their time, talent and originality to produce excellent and affordable gifts, décor, and seasonal items for fair shoppers to buy for family, friends, teachers, and associates. We have some unique items in our impressive collections of finished items, all put together with 'loving hands.' Be sure to check out our ever-popular **Pantry**, a place to pick up your favorite baked goods, delicious jams, jellies, and maybe a surprise; and head over to the **Kitchen Table** for dining and kitchen specialties. It is never too early to look for **Fall and Christmas Holiday** items. There are tables and racks set up for **Gifts and Pets items, Ornaments/Angels, Halloween/Fall**, and exquisite handmade **Cards** for all occasions.

We do need your help for quality items. Our wish list includes:

--Baked goods, pantry-ready jams, jellies, and other goodies for our "Gingerbread Pantry." (We will only accept these items on Friday, October 11).

--Completed new crafts, including Fall or Christmas items, specialty items or other fun or decorative items that you wish to donate.

Non-perishable original craft items may be delivered on Wednesday, October 9 to the Fellowship Hall. Contact Julie Winkler or Shari Jackson at the numbers below if you are unable to deliver them, as they can arrange for pick-up by a committee member.

To thank the congregation for supporting our Fair over the years, the Gingerbread Fair Committee will be hosting the coffee hour on **Sunday, September 29**. Don't miss this opportunity to sample some of the goodies that will be in the pantry area at the Fair!

Do you enjoy crafts and want to be in on the fun of helping put this together? You can join the Committee at any time. The GFC meets January through October on the first Monday of the month for the business meeting in the Conference Room and the third Monday for craft session in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Julie Winkler (702) 269-0303 or Shari Jackson (702) 860-4032 for information or questions.

Our next business meeting is September 2; the final craft session is September 16.

**The Gingerbread Fair Committee thanks you for all your help and support!!!  
We could not do this without your participation!!!**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW GVPC STAFF MEMBERS



### **Tim Warren – Director of Music Ministries**

After a nearly 8 month search, the Music Director Search Committee is excited to announce that Tim Warren has been selected as our new Director of Music Ministries at Green Valley Presbyterian Church. Tim will work part-time and will enhance our music ministry with his musical talent, gifts of creativity, exceptional training as a conductor, and administrative skills. Tim holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY; a Master of Music in Conducting from New England Conservatory in Boston; and he has pursued Doctoral studies in Conducting at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has studied with notable conductors including Gunther Schuller and Joseph Silverstein. He is currently employed as the Assistant Principal of Legacy Traditional School in Las Vegas. Tim is excited to work with our music staff and music ensembles, and he looks forward to meeting our congregation.

### **Shakeh Ghoukasian – Artistic Director Concert Series**

We are pleased to announce that longtime friend of GVPC, Shakeh Ghoukasian has been contracted as the Artistic Director of our concert series. Shakeh has worked within our music ministries for many years as a violinist, contractor of the Messiah orchestra, and most recently in our Lenten Vespers. She is the Executive and Artistic Director of the Nevada School of the Arts, Principal 2<sup>nd</sup> Violinist with the Las Vegas Philharmonic, and the co-founder of the Green Valley Chamber Music Festival. Shakeh will coordinate and plan our 2019-2020 concert series, which begins on Saturday, September 21 with a recital by cellist, Jeremy Russo and pianist, Alexandria Le.



### **A Word of Thanks**

A special thank you to Kaymen Carter and Amy Smith for their continued dedication to our music ministries. Their leadership, enthusiasm, and musical gifts ensured that our weekly services continued to inspire and lead our congregation in meaningful worship. We are grateful beyond words! Please take a moment to give Amy and Kaymen a special word of thanks. With Amy and Kaymen's gifts and the addition of Tim and Shakeh to our music ministries, we now have a wonderful musical A-Team in place.

# Presbyterian Youth Connection

During August, we had a game day and were challenged in a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors where everyone was against the computer, as well as a Song challenge game. The Youth then had a movie night and invited the Youth from Grace Presbyterian Church to spend the evening together as we ate popcorn, candy and all things movie. Also, this month, students have the chance to meet at their school 30 minutes before their 1<sup>st</sup> period on September 25<sup>th</sup> for an event called See You At The Pole. For See You At The Pole, students gather around the flag pole and pray together as a Community of Believers.

Calling All Students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade! Come join myself and the rest of the Youth Advisors on Sundays from 12:00 -3:00. We will begin our time with food and then have some fun, worship, and then a discussion based on the topic that is discussed during our time together.

All Students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, we will be looking at a couple of different series than the Jr Highers. We will also be meeting from 12:00 -3:00 with food, fun, worship, and a message.



If you haven't done so yet, please sign up to help work at NASCAR. All funds raised go to help the youth that work at least one of the four days. Nascar Set-up is on Saturday, September 7 from 8:00 am until we are done. All students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can work this day. For September 13- 15, there are some age restrictions so see Kerry for what all this involves. For more information on how you can help out, please stop by the Youth Table during Rally Day or contact Kerry by phone or email.

**Funds from this fundraiser help pay for camp, the Destination Unknown trip, and various special events like concerts, outings, and lock-Ins.**

## Friends in the Desert

The following was served for June and July at St Timothy's Church on **Saturday, August 10**: Grilled brats with onions and peppers, baked beans, fresh fruit salad, pickles, and ice cream bars. There were 89 meals served and 41 take-out meals. The FITD Lunch Brigade prepared and delivered 92 sack lunches in August.

The Lunch Brigade is made up of 13 loyal volunteers who each provide lunches for our Friends In the Desert on the second 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 a bag of 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 meals is low, but the personal satisfaction of serving our Lord's people is priceless. Kurt Ricketts is coordinating the sack lunch program. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Carol Johnson in the church office at 702-454-8484 or email Carol at [caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com).

We were very limited on clothing this time so we purchased summer shirts for men and women at Walmart for \$4 and \$5 each and we also had to purchase underwear and socks as our inventory was so low. We did get a donation on Saturday of some blankets, towels, shoes and some clothing and ALL of that is gone plus all that we purchased. We are now down to NO summer clothing for men and very little for women. In addition we NEED: **MEDIUM UNDERSHIRTS & BRIEFS; LARGE UNDERSHIRTS; MEN'S WHITE CREW SOCKS. PLEASE NO ANKLE SOCKS. BLANKETS; SLEEPING BAGS.** Now that the casinos will be eliminating the small bottles of shampoo, **PLEASE** try and gather as many as possible. I purchased the pocket size New Testament & Psalms Bible and we distributed about 30 copies. This size was well received as it is easier for them to carry than the larger Bible. Any questions about donations, please contact Pam Sharetts. [psharetts@aol.com](mailto:psharetts@aol.com).

The **Saturday, September 14** luncheon will be meatball sandwiches, caesar salad, dill pickles, ice cream bars, milk, lemonade and chips. Co-chairs are JoEllen Lewis (206) 948-8544 and Dianna Schuster-Proud (702) 361-6354.

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 (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) by 10:45 am on the Saturday the meal is served. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" and please include your name.

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

Terry McNamara and Connie Mulick, July 2019 FITD Co-Chairs

## God's Perfect Timing

I was at my volunteer position at the USO and was chatting with an individual about the world today and the subject came up about being concerned about others. I told him about my heart's mission, Friends in the Desert, how important it was to me and to the area we served. Well he said it just so happens that he had 300 boxed meals that he had to dispose of as his warehouse was full and they were looking for somewhere to donate them, would I be interested? **YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!** Each box contained a can of vegetables, can of fruit, can of chili, a large can of pasta sauce, a box of macaroni, a pkg. of cheddar & broccoli rice & sauce & a box of jiffy corn muffin mix. I immediately called Teresa at St. Tim's and made arrangements to get them delivered to her and on Thursday with the help of friends and their pick up trucks we loaded the 300 boxes and delivered them to St. Timothy's. But it was God's perfect timing that I was there and this gentleman was there so that these meals could go to some bare shelves at St. Timothy's. Praise be to God!

Pam Sharetts

# “Trends Reshaping Faith”

Adventures in Faith 2019

Saturday, September 28

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Dr. Mark Douglas**



On Saturday, September 28, we welcome Ethicist and Theologian, Dr. Mark Douglas, as our second annual Theologian-in-Residence. Join us for an engaging presentation on current trends reshaping the faith and practice in America.

Dr. Douglas writes, “New technologies are transforming our working and living environments. The United States is simultaneously becoming more diverse and more gray at rates unequalled in the nation’s history. Powerful new financial systems are reshaping growth and movement of capital. Is it any wonder that we’re collectively feeling off-balance politically, economically, and, perhaps especially, spiritually? Maybe it is worth the church’s time to think about how it and its members understand, participate in, and respond to dramatic changes?”

Mark will guide us in a morning of reflection on and conversations about trends reshaping faith in America. Refreshments will be served at 8:30 AM and our presentation will begin promptly at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. In addition, he will also be preaching at our weekend services on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29.

Mark is Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary, editor of *@this point: theological investigations in church and culture*, and he has written numerous books including his notable publications, *Believing Aloud: Reflections on Being Religious in the Public Square* (2010) and *Confessing Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2005). And on a personal note, Mark is a friend, encourager, and mentor to Pastor Adrian.

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**Join us for  
Worship:**

**Saturday Evening**

5:00-6:00 PM  
with Communion  
served weekly.  
*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 AM- 11:30 AM  
for children K-12th grade

**Coffee Hour and Fellowship**

10:00 AM in the  
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