



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

### Remembering with Gratitude

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign, "Blessed to be a Blessing" invites each of us to take an inventory of our lives, to reflect on the many ways we have experienced God's hand of blessing, and to consider how we will honor God with our gifts. Our theme is built on the conviction that God has gifted each one of us with something we can share because everyone has a part to play in building God's kingdom.

If you were to look at a map of the Holy Land, you would find the Sea of Galilee in the north is connected by the River Jordan to the Dead Sea in the south. The Sea of Galilee is brimming with life, surrounded by lush landscape. In contrast, the Dead Sea has no obvious signs of vegetation or life. One may ask, "Why?" The Sea of Galilee has an outlet in which its water flows into the River Jordan on its path southward. The Dead Sea, on the other hand, has no outlet to release its water. It's a vivid reminder that life comes from life and blessing comes from blessing. When we close our hearts and minds from opportunities to share God's blessings, we diminish our joy and purpose as followers of Christ.

This year our church has been blessed in ways too numerous to count because many of you have already made the principle, "Blessed to be a Blessing," a priority in your life. As your pastor, I could not be more grateful for the commitment to stewardship that is so evident at GVPC. Because of your faithful giving this year, we have accomplished wonderful things for the glory of God. Although I could never possibly name them all, several come to mind:

- Our youth attended Triennium on the campus of Purdue University where thousands of Presbyterian youth gathered for a week of inspiring worship, teaching, and fellowship.
- Our sanctuary has a new, much-needed sound system upgrade to enhance our worship experiences.
- This year's Theologian-in-Residence program with Dr. Mark Douglas challenged and inspired us to think creatively about new ways of doing ministry in order to more effectively reach youth and young families.
- Our property has been significantly improved with the painting of the sanctuary, and the installation of new LED lights in both the parking lot and fellowship hall building.
- At the recommendation of Session and upon the approval of the congregation, we have formed an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee as we look to expand our ministries to youth and families. Please hold our APNC in your prayers in their important work.
- This summer we hired our Interim Youth Director, Kerry Radke; our new Music Director, Tim Warren; and our Concert Series Artistic Director, Shakeh Ghoukasian. Each one of them is already making a notable impact on our ministries and outreach.
- The annual Gingerbread Fair raised over \$11,000 for future ministry projects and missions.

We have been blessed to be a blessing, and I am filled with joy and gratitude as I see what God is doing in our midst through your faithfulness. In this season of thanksgiving, I give deepest thanks for each of you.

Pastor Adrian

### November 2019

*Events, Programs  
Activities, and Meetings to  
attend this month*

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays"

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that the happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays.
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes.
- Helpful tips for surviving social events.
- How to discover hope for your future.

Sunday, November 17 ~ 1:00 pm  
In the Conference Room

RSVP with the church office (702) 454-8484 or on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

## Healing Hearts

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LEFT US TOO SOON.....

We remember you in the morning, in the night when we look at the stars, a song, a place, a smell and you are always with us.

If you are grieving for a loved one, please join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:45 am in the pastor's office. If you know of someone who is grieving, send them a note, call them, give them a hug and invite them to join us in fellowship.

With the approach of the holidays, we will be discussing ways to cope and journey through these times in November. In December we will have a brunch at the home of Linda and Sabra Adams.

*"The joy of the Lord is your strength."  
Nehemiah 8:10*

## 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!

## 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 pm in the Conference Room.

Come join us on November 8 and 22 for an afternoon of insightful discussion.

## Ladies Bible Fellowship

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ 10:00 am  
Conference Room  
September through May

We share discussions, prayers, and encouragement helping us to 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 November 6 and 20.

## Senior Resource Article

### Nevada H.A.N.D., Inc.

Nearly half of all renters are paying more than the federal standard of 30% of their income for rent. Residents in Henderson and the entire Las Vegas Valley face a challenge as they search to find affordable housing.

Nevada H.A.N.D is the state's largest nonprofit 501© (3) and first affordable housing developer. They are dedicated to the development, management and administration of quality homes and supportive services for seniors who are living on a fixed income. The organization was founded in 1993 and serves some 7300 residents who meet the financial requirements. They now have 34 properties around the valley with 2 more scheduled to open in the fall of 2019.

Nevada H.A.N.D. has a significant presence at the State Legislature advocating for legislation that would increase the supply of affordable homes to ensure that more Nevadans have access to a safe and stable place to live along with a number of other benefits.

Some of the Nevada H.A.N.D. properties in Henderson include Annabelle Pines, Capistrano Pines, Horizon Pines, Pacific Pines, and Palo Verde. Further information can be found at [www.nevadahand.org](http://www.nevadahand.org) or (702) 739-3345. The office address is 295 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 101, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

Affordable housing is so needed by our many seniors on a fixed income and it is good to find an organization that is dedicated to that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Congregational Care

### ***Hoodie "Coat" Drive is Warming Up!***

The cooler weather has finally arrived and we are "warming up" in preparation of hopefully providing enough Hoodies (zippered or pullover hooded fleece/sweatshirts) to meet the requests of our local Henderson and Las Vegas elementary, middle, and high schools for at risk children and youth. In calling the schools, the number of students in need of Hoodies is, in a word, *overwhelming!*



We appreciate the many needs you are asked to help with. If you are able and wish to, the Missions Committee is gratefully accepting donations for its annual Hoodie-Coat Drive now through the week of November 10. We would like to do the shopping for you where we can ***STRETCH*** your dollars further in getting quality Hoodies at a greatly reduced price by purchasing them in bulk. For those of you who would prefer to purchase or donate gently used Hoodies or light weight jackets, there will be a box in the Narthex for you to place them in or you can drop them off at the church office, which is also greatly welcomed and appreciated. If you wish to make a gift by check or cash (which can be placed in the offering plate or mailed), please note in the memo line "*Hoodie-Coat Drive*" on the check (made payable to GVPC) and also on the offering envelope if making a cash donation. For those of you who prefer to make an on-line donation through GVPC, under "Giving" you can select from the drop down menu "Backpack/Coat Drive" and enter your gift amount.

We plan to deliver the Hoodies to the schools the week of November 17<sup>th</sup> in advance of the week-long Thanksgiving break. ***We need delivery drivers for each school and welcome and appreciate volunteers!*** *We will have everything ready and all you have to do is drop them off at the school office.* We will also work with you as to the day and school you would like to make a delivery that week. If you are interested in helping deliver, please call the church office at (702) 454-8484 and a member of our Mission Committee will get back to you.

Thank you for sharing the warmth of Christ's love in helping and praying for our children in need.

*Warm Blessings,  
Missions Committee*

## Stewardship Campaign

Blessed to be a Blessing is our Stewardship campaign as we reflect on James' words in 1:17, *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

How grateful we are for those of you who generously share your financial blessings at GVPC so that we can do what pleases God in our church, community, and in the world. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for our 2020 operating budget as we plan the church's work for the year ahead. Pledge cards have been mailed and are in the pews. You can fill the card out and mail to our office, drop in the offering plate or green cross boxes in the Narthex and front office desk, or bring for Dedication Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

In His glory,  
Connie Mulick, Stewardship Chair

## Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been working diligently these past few months, meeting weekly to work towards completing the Ministry Information Form (MIF), our church's resume, that will go out to prospective candidates. This requires us to choose the most important competencies and leadership qualities we are looking for in this person. We also put together concise information about who we are, what we do, our church's vision and how the Associate Pastor will help us in living out that vision, all in a mere 1,500-character format for each of five questions! The next step is to take the MIF to our Session for approval on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please understand that this search takes time and is so important for the next stage of our church overall; rushing through any step of the process would be negligent on our part. We feel confident knowing that the Holy Spirit is working with us and we ask for your prayers as we work for you to find the Associate Pastor God has already chosen for us. Peace.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

### Financial Statement -- September 2019

| Current Income & Expense       |                  | Audio Fund Income & Expense |  |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
|                                | YTD Actual       | YTD Budget                  | Year to Date                             |                  |
| Offerings                      | \$622,441        | \$521,000                   | Offerings                                | \$90,983         |
| Cell Tower Utilities           | \$6,116          | \$5,550                     | Transfer from Custodial Fund             | \$50,000         |
| Other Income                   | \$2,299          | \$4,275                     | Total                                    | \$140,983        |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>\$630,856</b> | <b>\$530,825</b>            | Project Expense                          | \$104,553        |
| Total Expense                  | \$474,894        | \$538,622                   | <b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>       | <b>\$36,430</b>  |
| <b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>       | <b>\$155,962</b> | <b>-\$7,797</b>             |  |                  |
| Temporary Restricted Funds     | <u>September</u> | <u>Year to Date</u>         |  |                  |
| Beginning Balance              | \$47,991         | \$79,344                    | <b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>            | <b>\$165,108</b> |
| Restricted Income              | \$8,010          | \$104,923                   | <b>Misssion Development Certificates</b> | <b>\$76,551</b>  |
| Restricted Expense             | \$8,185          | \$136,451                   | <b>Total Synod Investments</b>           | <b>\$241,659</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>          | <b>\$47,815</b>  | <b>\$47,815</b>             |  |                  |
| Chase Checking Account Balance |                  |                             |  |                  |
| Operating Fund                 |                  | \$276,108                   |  |                  |
| Restricted Funds               |                  | \$47,815                    |  |                  |
| Wells Fargo Account Balance    |                  | \$69,601                    |  |                  |
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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting of Session took place on September 24, 2019. The following information and motions were taken from this meeting.

**Clerk's Report** - Transfer of Membership request from George Stamos to Mountain View Presbyterian Church and Nell Jackson Covello to Anthem Community Church. Both requests were accepted, with regret, but hopeful they will be content in their new church homes.

**Deaths** – Member Hal West on August 12, member Brenda Atoz on August 26, member Rebecca Clark on September 7, and member Ed Wimberley on September 13, 2019. They will be missed.

**Pastor's Report** – Officiated at Memorial Services for members Anne Sophie Neal, Brenda Atoz, Hal West and a Funeral Service for Rebecca Clark. Communion was served to Jim Booker and Brenda Atoz accompanied by Elder Allen Randle. Numerous Pastoral Care and Hospital visits were made. Pastor Doll will be in Israel on Sunday, November 3 and 10, 2019. Rev. Dr. Ken Harper will be preaching during his time away and will be GVPC's Primary Pastor of Care. Rev. Al Moreau will also be available.

**A motion was made** to hold a Special Session Meeting for the purpose of receiving new members on Sunday, October 6. **The motion carried.**

**Fellowship and Congregational Nurture** – A motion was made to hold the Annual Advent Potluck Dinner on Sunday, December 8, 2019. **The motion carried.**

**Membership and Outreach** – **A motion was made** to approve a second concert by Finding Faith, with the date TBD, and with an honorarium of \$500 to this non-profit ministry, plus the proceeds from a goodwill offering. **The motion carried.**

**Worship and Music** - **A motion was made** to approve one service on Sunday, December 22 and December 29, 2019 and no Saturday evening services on those weekends. **The motion carried.**

**Administration** – **A motion was made** that the Workers' Compensation Policy be renewed for the term October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. The estimated premium is \$2640. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** that the Multi-Peril Insurance Coverage be renewed for the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. The premium is \$7720. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** that the Gingerbread Fair Committee be authorized to contract for another storage unit. The one-year cost is \$1009.16, which will be charged to the GBF Restricted Account. **The motion carried.**

**Missions** – **A motion was made** to approve the Missions Committee Coat/Hoodie Drive and authorize the request for donations and the expenditure of funds received for the purchase and delivery of outerwear "Hooded Sweatshirts" to children in need at Title I schools in the local area. **The motion carried.**

**Stewardship** – The theme for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign will be "Blessed to Be A Blessing."

**Property** – The painting of the Sanctuary is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 14 and is estimated to take five days to complete. A \$5,000 donation has been made to be directed at parking lot repair. A quote has been obtained from Ace Paving with more being pursued.

On October 6, 2019, fourteen new members and one affiliate member were received into Green Valley Presbyterian Church. The following new members are: Julieta Aliconar, David Ashby, Harold and Sylvia Ashby, Lynn Brintle, Greta and Paige Brooks, Dorothy DiBenedetto, Deo and Aurora Gonzales, David Kernan, Ruth Kinney, Jon Neumann, Donald Read, and Buffy Tang. Please welcome these new members to our church family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Winkler, Clerk of Session

## Gingerbread Fair...

### A Spectacular Success!!

To all who participated, purchased items, and helped in any way, **THANK YOU!** **Our initial count of the total proceeds is \$11,104.17!!** **Clearly, God is Blessing Us!**

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

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

***The Gingerbread Fair Committee would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the people who brought in craft and pantry items and to the sons, daughters, and husbands who helped bring the items from storage and also stayed to help us after the fair by taking things back to storage. Your help was priceless! Thank you for all you did. It was greatly appreciated.***

***The Gingerbread Fair Committee***

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***And the Gingerbread Raffle  
Winners are...***

- Lord's Prayer Throw: Ruth Kinney
- Golden Knights Wreath: B. McHattor
- Tree Face: Cash Sanchez
- Rose Painting: Pam Bower
- Amish Quilt: Ruth Kinney

## Holiday Gift Baskets

On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, GVPC will host our 13<sup>th</sup> performance of Handel's Messiah. The proceeds from raffle ticket sales and the free-will offering the night of the concert, will benefit the Henderson Food Bank.

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

Please bring your gift basket/s to the church by Friday, November 15. The baskets will be on display beginning November 23/ 24 through the evening of the concert. Raffle tickets may be purchased on the weekends of November 23/24, November 30/December 1, December 7/8, and the evening of the concert.

We thank you in advance for your participation and support in this worthwhile charity event. Join us on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm for the concert.

The Worship & Music Committee

## The Pantry Items. . . Were Awesome! Thank You...

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

***HUGS and a BIG THANK YOU!***

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

**We could not have done it without your donations.**

***Thank You,  
The Gingerbread Fair Committee***

Save the date and mark your calendar for a "Celebration of the Season."

On Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm, the OLLI Chorus from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNLV presents an evening of Christmas and holiday music. This 48 member chorus is made up of people from all across the Las Vegas area and is under the direction of our own Lynda Groenendal. The music will be festive, secular, and with a strong message of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Admission is free. Bring the whole family and experience a wonderful evening of music, celebrating the season together.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Join our congregation as we enjoy a musical Nativity starring the children and youth of our congregation:

*"Sing a Song of Christmas"*  
From Brentwood-Benson Publishing  
Arranged by Ed Kee

**"Sing A Song of Christmas"** is a *Simple* musical for children that celebrates the birth of Christ using familiar carols and easy narration. This program is easy-to-learn and presents the Christmas story in a fun way that children can understand and enjoy. Everyone loves to hear children sing - especially at Christmas, so let the joy of the season ring throughout your church as your children present **"Sing A Song of Christmas."**

Children and Youth wishing to participate in this production should join us at Rainbow Choir practice on Sunday mornings from 9:50 am to 10:20 am in room #7 of the Christian Education building.

Questions? Contact Julie Dorse at [juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com) or text at (702) 339-4013.

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

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

Favorites for Thanksgiving include:

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

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

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

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

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



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### AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to Amy Smith for her articles in the October Vision, celebrating "Down Syndrome Awareness Month". Amy's articles were written in love from a Mother's experiences. She expressed the family bond with Aaron. She says, "We celebrate his accomplishments and the milestones met".

GVPC has a special opportunity for Aaron, and all the children, to learn about each other and love one another.

Blessed are the children of God,  
Carole Neumann--Dana's Place



## Board of Deacons

The deacons want to give thanks for all the donations to our fund which gives us the ability to help others in our community. The deacons continue to support local missions and send funds to critical areas affected by natural disasters. We also support the Hoodie "Coat" drive and will forward funds to help young people who are in need of warm coats.

In the past we have hosted new member brunches to meet new members and also for them to spend time with their deacon. Since the holidays will be upon us soon, we opted for the recent new members to join us for a celebration in their honor during the coffee hour on October 27, 2019. This gave the deacons a chance to meet the new members, but also the congregation had time at coffee hour to chat and introduce themselves. We hope that everyone enjoyed the coffee hour and we loved the time getting to know our members.

We continue to pray for our parish families. Please reach out to your deacon if you have any joys or concerns you want to share. We are thankful for the continued support from the congregation.

Thank you,  
The GVPC Board of Deacons

## Henderson Food Bank

As we get into the upcoming holiday season, we want to give a few reminders when giving donations for Henderson Food Bank. We appreciate all the donations which are in such need, but we ask that you do a quick check of your items before dropping them off at church.

### Dented canned goods

Canned goods like fruit, vegetables, ravioli, and tuna are staples, but before you drop them off, please check to ensure there are no dents, rust or other signs of damage — that could mean that the food inside is spoiled.

### Open packages

Any partially-used products or open packaging cannot be accepted. Newly purchased items are best, but if you pull things from your pantry, check to be sure they are not opened or expired.

### Expired foods

Products that are past their listed expiration date cannot be handed out at the food bank. If you think it's still perfectly good, better to use it up at home than risk it getting tossed at the food bank.

### Glass jars

Fruit, sauces, peanut butter and other goods that are sold in glass jars should be avoided. They can easily shatter in transport, and food banks often cannot distribute them for safety reasons.

Thank you again for all the wonderful donations as we help those less fortunate in our community.

The GVPC Board of Deacons

## CareNotes

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

1. Is Your Teen Using Drugs?
2. The Spirituality of Recovery.
3. Childhood Cancer: Help for Families.
4. When a Teenager Dies.
5. Gaining the Strength to Deal with Breast Cancer.

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

## Thanksgiving Fellowship

Are you a single or a couple that will be alone for Thanksgiving?

Would you consider getting connected with a small group of others from your church family to celebrate the holiday together?

Please contact Linda Rauenbuehler, Director of Congregational Care, at 702-558-7829 or [llrauenbuehler@cox.net](mailto:llrauenbuehler@cox.net) to learn more and be placed with a group of others to share the holiday with.



## Bunco

Join us at the monthly Bunco event!

In November we will meet on

**Thursday, November 21**

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, November 7** at 11:15 am at Olive Garden on Sunset Rd.

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

Come meet new friends!

## ADVENT POTLUCK

ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO COME JOIN THE FUN AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE REAL REASON FOR THE ADVENT SEASON!

Sunday, December 8, 11:30 am in the FELLOWSHIP HALL

We will join with each other to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and celebrate the season with food, music, and an Advent craft for the children.

The main dish will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Everyone is asked to bring a dish based on your last name:

**A-H - Appetizer**

**I-Q - Side dish or salad**

**R-Z - Dessert**

See everyone there!

## Page Turners

Page Turners will meet on Thursday, November 7 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room to discuss "*The Singing and Dancing Daughters of God*" by Timothy Schaffert.

The group discussion will be led by Mary Ellen Baukol.

Hud Smith is a newly-divorced school bus driver who spends his spare time writing country-western songs and playing piano nightly at the Ramada Inn lounge.

His eight-year-old daughter, Nina who lives with her mother Tuesday, and their son Gatling, have taken off to play on the road with a gospel punk band, *The Daughters of God*. His only contact with his family are the post cards he sends occasionally.

Misadventures follow all the quirky characters and Schaffert manages to balance tragedy with humor as the Smith family tries to find their way back together.

Our book for December will be "*The Hideaway*" by Lauren Denton.

## GVPC CONCERT SERIES

**CLARE BIRMINGHAM AND DARIN BRADFORD**

PIANO AND FLUTE CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ~ 3:00 PM

**AMY SMITH - ORGAN CONCERT**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 ~ 3:00 PM

**MESSIAH**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 ~ 7:00 PM

**"RUDIMENTS" JAZZ CONCERT**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 ~ 3:00 PM

**NEVADA SCHOOL OF THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ~ 5:00 PM

**LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS**

SATURDAY, MAY 16 ~ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~ 3:00PM

## FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

On Saturday, October 12, 2019 we served our Friends in the Desert a delicious lunch of sloppy joe's on buns, tater tots, cole slaw, bread and butter pickles, potato chips, Halloween candy, lemonade, milk and coffee. Once again, our guests were delighted with the home cooked meal! We served 75 hot meals, as well as 45 take- out meals.

Our "Lunch Brigade," is the GVPC group of volunteers who prepare sack lunches for FITD on the second Friday of the month. The sack lunches are the only meal that many of our Friends in the Desert get on Sunday, the one day when the kitchen at St. Timothy's is closed. *The "Lunch Brigade" members* provide two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and *either* a piece of fruit, a fruit cup, or a pudding cup. The lunch bags will be provided; *volunteers simply drop off their sack lunches at GVPC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday morning of the month.* Volunteers are not responsible for bringing other items that are added to the sack lunch. If you are interested in volunteering for the Lunch Brigade contact Kurt Ricketts of call Carol Johnson in the church office at (702)454-8484 or email at [caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com).

After Saturday's meal, our Friends were so happy to receive new underclothes, socks, and other gently used clothing items thanks to the generous donations of our GVPC family. We have again exhausted all of our men's clothing and a special thanks for the donation of the men's jeans and blankets as they were gone in a flash. **We desperately need men's and women's jeans; pull over sweaters, sweat shirts in sizes large – 2X, sweatpants, blankets. We are also looking for back-packs.** More and more of our people are telling us that their things are being stolen because all they have are paper/plastic bags to keep their things in and if they had a backpack it would help. Backpacks for men/women would be appreciated. As always, **gym shoes/heavy shoes are in great need; deodorant (can be purchased at the dollar stores) and gallon sized plastic bags** are also needed. Also welcomed are gallon size bags of dog and cat food. If you wish to donate any of these items, you may leave them in the church office on week days or at the Saturday and Sunday services, along the back wall in the Sacristy. Thank you all for your support and the "Friends" send their love and "thank you's and God Bless you's" to all of you!!!! If you have any questions on clothing items for FITD, please contact Pam Sharets.

The **November 9 hot meal luncheon** of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, green salad with craisins/mandarin, rolls, butter, pie, lemonade, milk and chips. This lunch will be co-chaired by Michelle Morgando, (702)-245-7447, Lorne Schmidt (702) 738-0738, and Jan Carey (702) 481-0007. *Volunteers for food items and/or helping serve are always needed and appreciated!* You can sign up for the food items on the sign up board in the Narthex. **Items you sign up for must be delivered to the church Fellowship Hall kitchen no later than 11:30 am on Friday, Nov. 8 or delivered to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (42 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on Saturday, Nov. 9 by 10:45 am. Please mark all items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.** If you have any questions, please contact one of the co-chairs at their number above.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for clothing or food items that GVPC members will purchase for FITD, please put either cash in an offering envelope marked FITD or make out a check to GVPC with FITD in the memo line. You can either place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

*Blessings and grateful thanks to all of you who in God's service donated money, food, clothing, other items, or helped serve our neighbors less fortunate.*

Co-Chairs

Dianna Schuster-Proud and Susan Walker

FITD October 2019

# Presbyterian Youth Connection

In October, our youth along with the youth from Mountain View Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian Church took part in a lock-in. From spending a little time in worship, to playing a lot of games around the building at Grace, to the food prepared by Rhonda and some of the leaders, it was a night that we will remember for a while. Thank you to Chris (Mountain View Presbyterian Church C.E. Director,) Rhonda (Grace Presbyterian Church C.E. Director,) the Young Adult Group at Grace Presbyterian , Kerry, and the many Youth Advisors for coming together for this fun-filled night (pictures are posted on the Youth Facebook Group page as well as the church's photo gallery.)

We are still missing you! If you are a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student, come join us on Sundays from 12:00 -3:00 pm. We begin our time with food and then have some fun, worship, and then a discussion based on the topic that is held during our time together. We would love to hang out and get to know you! Besides, if you aren't coming to anything, you are missing out on some of the fun things that we are doing through the year. We have also been missing some of the students that are 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also meet from 12:00 -3:00 pm. If you have not been coming, we would love to see you!

There will not be any Youth Group on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please take this time to help out around the house for all the family coming in for that wonderful Thanksgiving dinner that will be at your house. What will you be serving around your table?

In His Service,  
Kerry Radke  
Interim Youth Director  
Green Valley Presbyterian Church  
(702) 454-8484 Office



## Music Ministries

Happy Fall Greetings from the GVPC Music Department.

We are gearing up for a fantastic season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany and are humbled by the responsibility of enhancing these worship services with music. As members of GVPC and of the Green Valley community I would like to extend an invitation to join the choir. We are a welcoming group of musicians that like to work hard and have fun. It is my philosophy that anybody can sing, so come on out and explore your talent. I am also looking for instrumental musicians to elevate the existing musical offerings at GVPC. As I start my second full month as Director of Music Ministries during this month of Thanksgiving, I want to thank all of you for the support, encouragement and kindness that you have shown to me. Mark your calendars for the Messiah performance on December 11, 2019 and please reach out to me at any time if you have questions, concerns, or ideas regarding music at GVPC.

Sincerely,

Tim Warren,

[timwarren@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:timwarren@greenvalleypres.com)

### 2019/2020 - Choir Leadership

President – Edward Groenendal

Vice-President – Patricia Shoda

Secretary/Social Media – Jake Harrell

Music Library Coordinator – Dottie Henshaw Ashlock

Notes from choir members:

“I would like to thank the wonderful members of the Chancel Choir for welcoming my mother, Greta, and me into your lovely group in this our first year at GVPC. It is a true joy and blessing to be participating in the Chancel Choir alongside such talented, kind, and devoted members and under the auspicious guidance of our Director extraordinaire, Tim Warren. We both are very much enjoying getting to know each of you, as well as the congregation.

Music truly is the universal language of love, hope, and praise...moving us to emotional heights and allowing for a deeper, more meaningful, worship experience. It is an honor to contribute to the praise of God via the beautiful medium of music!” -Paige Brooks

“Singing has always been an important part of my life. Singing with my sister as Mom played the piano, school & church choirs, Sweet Adeline's —barbershop harmony is a family thing with the Henshaws. Being able to be part of the worship service through music is a true blessing. We are so fortunate to have such talented music professionals to lead us. Come join us!” -Dottie Henshaw Ashlock

“It is an honor to serve as the pianist and organist at GVPC. In all my years of service playing, the staff, choir and congregation feel like family to me- like when I attend services, I'm coming home. It has been such a meaningful experience to rehearse and perform music each week. I am truly grateful for past adventures and I'm excited for future endeavors in worship and music within the church.” -Amy Smith

“As the choir for GVPC, we lead God’s people to worship our Lord through music that speaks to our soul. The choir is a reason that many people have for attending GVPC. Choir members also hope and pray that those who hear the music being sung would want to be a part of something that is a profound blessing and strength in our lives. Come and join us in worshipping our Lord in singing His praises.” -Edward Groenendal

People often inquire why music is so important to me. As theologian, Bruce Thielemann asserts, “Christianity is unique among the religions of the world for a variety of reasons. One of the most important of these is that we are a singing faith.” Advent and Christmas always underscore this profound reality; as we sing the truths of our faith, we are drawn closer to the One who came into our world as the Christ of Bethlehem. I’m already looking forward to celebrating His birth with you! -Pastor Adrian

## Sunday Morning Children's Programs

November 2019

**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 if needed.

**Children's Rainbow Choir** is open to all students, pre-K and up, and will continue to practice on Sunday mornings from 9:50 to 10:20 am in the Christian Education building room #7. The choir sings at the 10:30 service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. New members and visitors are welcome at any time. For an online link to recordings and lyrics of songs, e-mail your request to [juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com). \*\*The choir is now practicing for the Christmas Eve musical.\*\*

**Sunday school** for ages Pre-Kindergarten through high school meets during the 10:30 am service in the C.E. 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. Bldg. 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 to 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 (Oct 13/Dec 29) are as follows:

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

- K/1<sup>st</sup>: Imagine – Unit 2 Imagine Following God's Directions. Unit 3 Imagine Meeting Jesus.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>: Wonder – Unit 2 Wonder About God's Daring Mission. Unit 3 Wonder About Jesus' Amazing Power.
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: Marvel – Unit 2 Marvel at God's Mercy. Marvel at the Holy Spirits' Power.
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Dive – Unit 2 What's the Covenant All About? Unit 3 Who is God?

To learn more about Dwell's curriculum visit their website at <https://dwell.faithaliveresources.org/about-dwell.html>.

**High School:** Join our class as we listen to and question adult visitors from the congregation as they share their career choices and how these choices impacted their lives.

"**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, Philippians: Living the joy, relationships, self-image, and service.

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

## GVPC NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following into GVPC membership on Sunday, October 6.

Julie Aliconar

David Ashby

Hal Ashby

Sylvia Ashby

Lynn Brintle

Greta Brooks

Paige Brooks

Dorothy DiBenedetto

Aurora Gonzales

Deo Gonzales

David Kernan

Ruth Kinney

Jon Neumann

Don Read

Buffy Tang

## SAVE THE DATE

For the following  
November Events at GVPC:

### LADIES LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 ~ 11:15 AM  
OLIVE GARDEN ON SUNSET RD.

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 ~ 2:00 PM

### GVPC CONCERT SERIES

PIANO AND FLUTE CONCERT  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ~ 3:00 PM

### HEALING HEARTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ~ 11:45 AM

### GREIFSHARE *"SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS"*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ~ 1:00 PM

### BUNCO

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 ~ 10:00 AM

### GVPC CONCERT SERIES

AMY SMITH, ORGAN & PIANO  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 ~ 3:00 PM

### MEN'S LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 ~ 11:30 AM  
BARLEY'S ON SUNSET RD.

## High School Sunday School

The high school Sunday School class is enjoying the opportunity to meet and learn the history of members of the congregation. The adults tell the youth about themselves; their growing up, schooling, decisions along the way, careers, experiences, travels, faith, etc. The youth have a student-led lesson planned, but sometimes the lesson is the adult in the room.

If anyone would like to participate in meeting and sharing with the youth, contact Christian Education Committee Elders, Ann Fields or Sherri Brewer.

## GVPC LOGO SHIRTS

GVPC logo shirts can be ordered in the Narthex on the first two weekends in November (November 2/3 and November 9/10). Choose your size and style, the order will take about 2 weeks for delivery. Different styles, sizes, and colors will be available, including long and short sleeves.

Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

Thank you,

Membership & Outreach Committee

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

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Shakeh Ghoukasian

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Kerry Radke

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Linda Rauenbuehler

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Candice Bush  
Michele Fisher  
Carole Fowler  
Susan Irish  
Kurt Johnson  
Billie Sohocki

**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  
Fellowship Hall