



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

### A Season of Preparation

Perhaps you've noticed some early signs of spring cleaning this year at GVPC and you've wondered, "why?" Just like the way so many of us like to spruce things up at home in preparation for important guests, this winter we've been busy getting ready to host a special event. From Sunday, March 8 to Wednesday, March 11, it will be our honor to host the Presbytery of Nevada for its annual meeting in southern Nevada. Representatives from 23 churches within our Presbytery, spanning across the entire state of Nevada and parts of California, will gather for three days of meetings, fellowship, encouragement, support, prayer, and worship. Many of you have already signed up to get involved, but there is still plenty of space for a few more helping hands. Whether you are available to volunteer for a couple of hours or a couple of days, I promise you it will be a fun-filled event. Be a part of the joy as we roll out the red carpet for our brothers and sisters in Christ and offer them a taste of our GVPC hospitality. One of the highlights at every gathering of a Presbytery is the evening worship experience as we gather together to lift our hearts and voices in praise. Be sure to join us the evening of Tuesday, March 10 for this opportunity to experience Presbytery at its best.

This month we will also be preparing for another important event: the celebration of Easter. You are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm for our Lenten Vespers Services as we make our journey toward Jerusalem and the Cross of Calvary during the 40 days of Lent. These services will include music, prayers, Scripture readings, and a brief meditation as we consider all that God offers us in Jesus Christ and prepare our hearts and minds to remember the event that changed everything, the story of the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

This year's Confirmation Class also begins in March. Each year our junior high and high school students are invited to be a part of this class. Students will have the opportunity to examine our Christian faith, consider what it means to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and prepare to join our church by making their public profession of faith. Please hold these students in your prayers as they embark on this exciting spiritual journey which will culminate at the end of the school year as they are received into full membership at Green Valley Presbyterian Church.

Lent, when observed most fully, reminds us that followers of Jesus need seasons of preparation in which we take steps of growth on the journey of faith. This Lent, I hope you will join me in your personal life and through opportunities at our church to discover more of who Jesus is and all that God offers us through Him. My prayer is that God blesses each one of us as we prepare to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and the hope of the Empty Tomb.

Yours in God's Infinite Grace –

*Pastor Adrian*

#### March 2020

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## Spring 2020 Sermon Series

### The Beatitudes

We live in a culture that urges us to measure the degree of our happiness and satisfaction by our accumulations, wealth, the accolades we receive, and our outward circumstances. Consequently, we spend a lifetime trying to grasp on to that ephemeral sense of satisfaction and happiness. Ironically, however, recent surveys suggest that Americans are increasingly less content, fulfilled, or happy.

In his "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus turns our understanding of happiness and success upside down as he challenges the paradigms and values of this world. Jesus urges us to look beyond our outward circumstances and to focus on the hope that God alone can offer if we want to discover what lasting happiness looks like. Join us as we explore Jesus' prescription and description for the blessed life as found in "The Beatitudes."

#### March 1 – The First Sunday in Lent

"Blessed Are the Meek"

Matthew 5:5 and Psalm 37:1-11

#### March 8 – The Second Sunday in Lent

"Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst  
after Righteousness"

Matthew 5:6 and Isaiah 55

#### March 15 – The Third Sunday in Lent

"Blessed Are the Merciful"

Matthew 5:7 and Luke 6:32-36

#### March 22 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

"Matthew 5:8 and Psalm 51:10-12

#### March 29 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

#### April 5 – Palm Sunday

Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted

Matthew 5:10 and Hebrews 12:1-3

## Lenten Vesper Services

The Lenten Vesper Services will include music, prayers, Scripture readings, and a brief meditation as we consider all that God offers us in Jesus Christ and prepare our hearts and minds to remember the event that changed everything, the story of the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

The services will be held on Wednesdays March 4 thru April 1 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

## 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 March 13 and 27 for an afternoon of insightful discussion.

## Ladies Bible Fellowship

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

We share discussions, prayers, and encouragement helping us to take God's amazing love into our hearts and into our world!

For more information or questions contact the Church Office (702) 454-8484.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians led by Kurt Johnson.

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).

## Monthly Money Matters - Online Giving

Many of you have been making your offerings by credit card online. This article is for those who would like to do so but aren't quite sure how to get started. It all starts with the GVPC web page [www.greenvalleypres.com](http://www.greenvalleypres.com) The site's landing page shows several pictures of the church with a few navigational links near the top of the page. Scroll down the page to see four more navigational links; one of those on right end is labeled GIVE. Position your mouse over the box and click; you will see a page that looks like this:

### GIVING

Anyone can signup for scheduled giving or make a one-time gift by clicking on the appropriate link below. Please note that if you want your gift to be recorded as a contribution for tax purposes, you must create an account.

Use this link to create an account:

[CREATE AN ACCOUNT](#)

Use this link if you already have an account:

[SIGN -IN](#)

Use this link if you want to make a **one-time contribution** as a Guest:

[GUEST GIVING](#)

Choose the appropriate link for what you intend to do, click on it and follow the instructions that appear on the next screen. You can make a one time gift or set up recurring giving to any of the following funds:

General Operating Fund	Deacons Fund	Bldg. Offerings-Phase III
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	Friends In The Desert	Per Capita
Memorial Fund	Youth Mission	Backpack/Coat Drive
CARE for AIDS	Christmas Joy	Flower Fund
Audio Fund Offerings	Pentecost Offering	Australian Relief Fund

Thank you for your faithfulness to God's work here in Green Valley.

### Financial Statement -- January 2020

Current Income & Expense		Building Fund Income & Expense	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Year to Date
Offerings	\$73,428	\$67,850	Offerings
Cell Tower Utilities	\$1,728	\$975	Building Fund
Other Income	\$255	\$392	Audio Fund
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$75,411</b>	<b>\$69,217</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Expense			Expenses
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$75,411</b>	<b>\$69,217</b>	<b>Income Over/(Under) Expense</b>
Temporary Restricted Funds	January	Year to Date	<b>BF Checking Account Balance</b>
Beginning Balance	\$78,045	\$78,045	
Restricted Income	\$14,119	\$14,119	<b>Custodial Fund Balance</b>
Restricted Expense	\$17,932	\$17,932	<b>Misssion Development Certificate:</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$74,232</b>	<b>\$74,232</b>	<b>Total Synod Investments</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>			
	<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$231,140</b>	
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$74,232</b>	

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following motions were made, seconded and carried from the Stated Meeting of Session on January 28, 2020.

**Spring Presbytery** – GVPC Elders Cynthia Dakus, Connie Mulick, Bernadette O’Neill, and Diane Schurr were approved as Commissioners to the Nevada Presbytery 2020.

**A motion was made**, seconded and carried to accept the resignation of Elder Ron Sharetts, Class of 2020, with regret. Thank you, Ron, for your years of service to GVPC.

**A motion was made**, seconded and carried for Elder Susan Walker to be our Elder Liaison to the Deacons and to meet at least once quarterly with them at their monthly meeting.

**A motion was made**, seconded and carried for the continuation of ongoing practices to be updated every year:

- a. The Pastor is authorized by Session to perform baptisms after appropriate counseling and at his own discretion and report them to the Session at their next stated meeting. (Book of Order G-3.0201b.)
- b. Individual Deacons and Elders are authorized to serve communion to shut-ins with the Pastor. (Book of Order G-3.0201b.)
- c. Communion is served by the Pastor and ordained officers who are members of GVPC. It is understood by Session that communion servers will not be limited to current members of Session or Board of Deacons. (Book of Order G-3.0201b.)
- d. Communion is served normally at each Saturday worship service, at worship services on the first Sunday of each month, Holy Week and at such other times as Session may designate. (Book of Order G-3.0201b.)
- e. The Clerk of Session and any GVPC staff member in attendance at a Session meeting are granted voice.

### **Membership and Outreach Committee – Elders Doug Small and Dave Cornell**

**A motion was made** to approve the production of a new GVPC Photo Directory and to enter in contract with Lifetouch at no cost to GVPC. The tentative schedule would have photography sessions in the fall. **The motion carried.**

### **Worship and Music Committee – Elder Donna Rorer and Elder-elect Dottie Ashlock**

**A motion was made** to approve that no communion will be served on Saturday, February 15 to allow sufficient time to interview with guest speaker, Aehab Mazalbat. **The motion carried.**

### **Christian Education Committee – Sherry Brewer and Katherine Rowley**

**A motion was made** to approve moving forward with plans to provide youth the opportunity to attend Calvin Crest Camp in CA on the following dates with cost included:

July 12-17 4th-6th graders - Camp Tuition - \$425.00 each

July 12-17 6th-8th graders - Camp Tuition - \$475.00 each

July 19-24 9th-12th graders - Camp Tuition - \$475.00 each

**The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** to approve an off-site outing for Youth Group on March 15 to attend the PG rated movie, “I Still Believe” at a nearby theater. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** to approve the use of “Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor” VBS Curriculum from Cokesbury Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**The motion carried.**

### **Missions Committee – Elders Susan Walker and Bob Brewer**

**A motion was made** to approve payment of \$1,167.00 from Account 5208 to Victory Christian Fellowship Church in Jamaica for the purpose of making an early payment in advance of the Mission Committee’s budget expenditure request to Session in February. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** to approve payment of \$2,500.00 from Account 8102 to Friends in the Desert Foundation.

**The motion carried.**

Samuel Charles Phillips, a first year MDIV student at Columbia Theological Seminary, is the recipient of the GVPC Missions Committee Theological Education Scholarship of \$5,400.00. This is the first year we have offered that our funding go to an individual. GVPC received a letter of appreciation from him.

## Session Highlights (cont.)

### Fellowship and Congregational Nurture Committee – Elders Bernadette O’Neill and Cynthia Dakus

No action items.

### Administration Committee – Connie Mulick, John Noel and Allen Randle

**A motion was made** to approve payment of \$21,776.40 be made prior to February 15 to the Presbytery of Nevada for the 2020 Per Capita. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** to approve that the Spending Authorities for the Restricted Funds remain in effect until the end of February. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** that Carol Johnson be elected Treasurer for 2020 (Book of Order G-3.0205) and our local bylaws require that the Treasurer be elected annually to serve from January to December. **The motion carried.**

### Property Committee – Elders John Yates and Dan Davis

**A motion was made** that Che’ Swanson be asked to provide design assistance for upgrading the furnishings in the Narthex and entry to the Multi-purpose building and that the \$1187.95 from the Gingerbread Committee be graciously accepted and applied to this project. **The motion carried.**

**A motion was made** that funding for replacement of six pear trees along Wigwam Pkwy. perimeter be increased not to exceed \$3800.00. **The motion carried.**

### Personnel Committee – Elder Michelle Morgando and Elder-elect Diane Schurr

**A motion was made** that at the Annual Congregational Meeting of February 9 the approval of Rev. Adrian N. Doll’s Terms of Call 2020 would be made. **The motion carried.**

I have intentionally named the Elders with their committees. Please get involved by reaching out to one of these Elders and become a member of one of the committees. The Nominating Committee and Personnel Committee members have already been named for this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Winkler, Clerk of Session



## Gingerbread Fair Committee

Is

Calling On YOU!



### 25 years of the Gingerbread Fair at Green Valley Presbyterian!

It takes many hands to create a successful fair, and we could use your help, think about joining us. We are always looking for new members that enjoy craft projects, sewing, painting, knitting/crocheting, card making, jewelry making, fall & Christmas items, etc. We have lots of fun, great fellowship and enjoy all the camaraderie at the same time.

The Gingerbread Fair Committee meets the first and third Mondays of each month from January to October. On the first Monday the business meetings are held in the Conference Room at 10:00 am and the Crafting days are the third Monday of each month at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

We are already creating and finishing items for our next fair date.

Mark your calendars:

**Saturday, OCTOBER 10, 2020**

Contact one of our co- chairs if you have any questions,  
Deborah McMorris (702) 217 0848  
Pam Yates (630) 697 9929

# *Presbyterian Youth Connection*



With Nascar behind us, we are now officially gearing up for the summer. It is hard to believe that there is only two and a half months left in the school year! Don't be mistaken, the next few months are just as packed full of unique experiences. First, we are going to the movies on March 15 to see "I Still Believe." All youth are invited to join in the viewing of this movie. Simply let Kerry know that you will be there and we will get the tickets prior to the showing. This movie is a true story and it is one that you won't want to miss.

If you have not signed up for Calvin Crest yet, the cost of camp is normally \$475. This is just a reminder that if you sign your camper up prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, you automatically receive a \$25 discount as an Early Bird Registered Camper by paying the deposit of \$125. We will also receive an additional \$25 for registering as a church for our weeks of camp. The cost per student who registers before March 31<sup>st</sup> would be \$425. Calvin Crest is open for all incoming 4<sup>th</sup> through graduating High School Seniors and the dates below are when we will be attending. In order to register, please go online to calvincrest.com and click on Summer Registration. You may also see Kerry for a registration form. Again, all you need to do to start the process and receive the discounts is register by March 31<sup>st</sup> and pay the deposit of \$125. If you have any questions please let Kerry know.

**Sherwood Forest** (Incoming 4-6 Grade Students) and **Jr High Camp** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) – July 12 through the 17  
**High School Camp** (9 – 12 Grade Students) – July 19 through the 24.

Next, we have the opportunity to join Grace Presbyterian in their annual mystery trip better known as "Destination Unknown" again this year. The dates for this trip are June 15 through the 19. Not all of the information has been put together but will be out soon. With not having everything finalized, the cost has not yet been determined. However more info will be coming soon.

Please see the schedule of the next couple of months:

- March 1- Regular Youth Fellowship
- March 8 – Park Day (We will be travelling to Cornerstone Park located on Wigwam east of Arroyo Grande)
- March 15 – Outing at the movies – We are going to watch the 3pm showing of "I Still Believe" at Regal Sunset Station. Please RSVP with Kerry by March 12<sup>th</sup> so that we can pre-purchase tickets.
- March 22– Regular Youth Fellowship
- March 29 – Regular Youth Fellowship
- April 5 – Regular Youth Fellowship
- April 12 – No Youth Group Happy Easter
- April 19 – Regular Youth Fellowship
- April 26 – Regular Youth Fellowship

Kerry Radke  
Interim Youth Director  
Green Valley Presbyterian Church  
(702) 454-8484 Office  
(702) 281-4950 Cell

## Friends in the Desert

Our monthly luncheon was served on February 8, 2020 at St Timothy's Church. Our friends enjoyed a meal of asian mandarin orange salad, teriyaki meatballs and rice, peas, rolls and butter, chips in the to-go meals and Valentine cookies and candy. We served 88 hot meals and 42 to-go meals. Sack lunches were also prepared and delivered by the GVPC Lunch Brigade.

The Lunch Brigade is made up of 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).

Pam and Ron Sharets coordinate the tables with clothing and toiletries out in the parking lot and desperately need the following: men's CREW socks; men's socks in size 13; women's ankle socks; men's t-shirts and underwear in medium and large; men's t-shirts in XL & 3X; men's jeans/pants in all sizes; men's gym shoes 10 & larger; women's gym shoes 8 & larger; men's belts, razors, deodorant, small bottles of shampoo; sunglasses (can be purchased at Dollar store for \$1.00); light jackets, men's and women's summer clothing, and blankets and sleeping bags. Please no more winter clothing. We are also in need of the following toiletry items: shampoo, lotion in small bottles, washcloths, sunscreen in tubes, sunglasses and caps/hats. We gave away many toiletry bags plus requested items of toothbrushes/toothpaste/deodorant and razors. Please no more donations of toothpaste or toothbrushes at this time but we NEED the covers or cases for the toothbrushes as we have so many loose toothbrushes and cannot hand these out without some kind of protection. They can usually be found at the Dollar Store. As always, everyone is so appreciative of everything we are able to provide, and I am forwarding the "thank you's and God bless you" on to all of you who support this great mission of GVPC. Special thank you to Connie Mulick for bringing her "huge" car to help transport our clothing, etc.

The **Saturday, March 14** luncheon will be fried chicken, baked beans, corn, pickles, green salad with ranch dressing, rolls and butter, ice cream bars, chips and lemonade. The co-chairs are Jan Carey (702) 481-0007 and Connie Mulick (702) 277-3636.

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.

Dianna Proud and Michelle Morgando  
February 2020 FITD Co-Chairs

## Sunday Morning Children's 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. 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 currently rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:50 to 10:20 am in the C. E. Bldg. 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. For an online link to recordings and lyrics of songs, e-mail your request to [juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com).

**Sunday school** for ages Pre-Kindergarten through high school meet during the 10:30 am service in the C.E. Bldg. Children begin 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.

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

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

Julie Dorse  
Director of Children's Ministries

## Springtime and Eastertime At Dana's Place, The Children's Library

### FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF JESUS

We welcome family participation in a new experience for our children to follow in the steps of Jesus through Holy Week. Our bulletin board will guide the participants through beautiful artwork and the joyful story of Jesus' Resurrection. The display will be through the season of Lent.

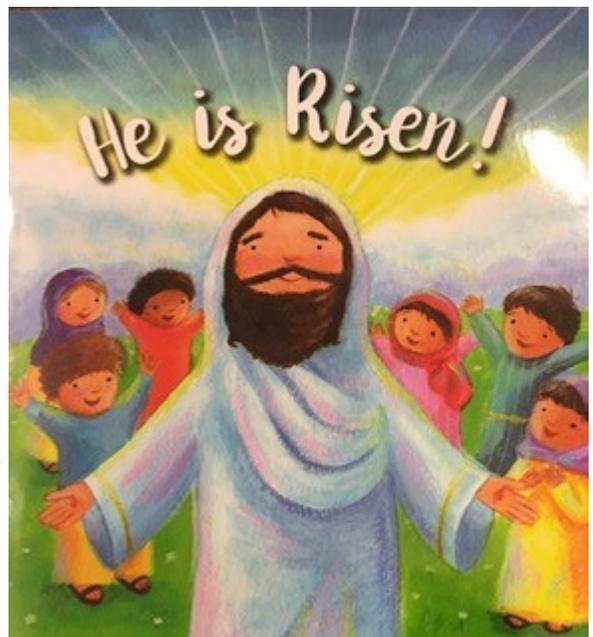
Dana's Place is highlighting the story book:  
"He is Risen" by Bart Tesoriero.

"He is Risen!" The angel spoke these wonderful words to the women who had gone so sorrowfully to Jesus' tomb on the morning of the Resurrection.

In their amazement and joy, we find that God has redeemed us and set us free through the dying and rising of his Son Jesus! This is truly the greatest story ever told, for it is a story of a God who has loved us with an everlasting love.

Children are invited to fall in love with the Savior who gave himself up in order to give us his Resurrection life.

"He is Risen!" "Alleluia"



## Healing Hearts Fellowship

*"Grief is like glitter. You can throw a handful of it in the air, but when you try to clean it up, you will never get it all. Even long after the event, you will still find glitter tucked in the corners. It will always be there....somewhere."*

We celebrate the lives lived by the ones we have lost. We will always cherish the memories of them and keep them in our hearts.

If you are grieving for someone you have lost, please join us for fellowship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:45 am.

## CareNotes

The CareNotes that are being featured this month are the last booklets we have for a variety of titles.

1. Confronting the Hard Realities of Eating Disorders.
2. Confronting the Hard Realities of Gambling Addiction.
3. Feeling Relieved When Someone Dies.
4. Finding God in Pain or Illness.
5. Fostering Better Family Communication.
6. Helping a Loved One Cope with a Mental Disability.
7. How Hospice Supports Your Family Through Grief and Loss.
8. Intense Grief Emotions – What Can You Do?

Please help yourself to these wonderful booklets.

## Monthly Ladies Luncheon

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

All ladies are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

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

## Bunco

Join us at the monthly Bunco event on **Thursday, March 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 join the fun!

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

## Page Turners

The Page Turners meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 2:00 pm will be a group discussion of the book *"In the Midnight Room"* by a local Las Vegas author, Laura McBride. The group has also read her book, *"We are called to Rise."*

In this work, June Stein abandons the safe world of her New Jersey childhood for life in 1950s Las Vegas. For the next 60 years, June will upend conventions, risk her heart and her life, rear a child, lose a child, love more than one man, and stand up for more than one woman.

Her story intertwines with those of three unlikely strangers: a one-time mail order bride from the Philippines, a high school music teacher, and a young mother from Mexico working as a hotel maid.

McBride's novel explores the unexpected ways that life connects us, changes us, and even perfects us. *"In the Midnight Room"* is a smart, insightful novel about womanhood, family bonds, and how we live in America now.

Ms. McBride will be the featured speaker at a local author showcase being held at the Paseo Verde Library on Saturday, March 28.

Ruth and I wish to thank people for their prayers, concerns, and cards during her recent hospital stay. Ruth is improving each day.

Gratefully,

Ruth and Al Moreau

## SAVE THE DATE

For these upcoming events at GVPC:

### **LENTEN VESPER SERVICES**

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4 THRU APRIL 1 ~ 7:00 PM  
SANCTUARY

### **LADIES LUNCHEON**

OLIVE GARDEN ON SUNSET RD.  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5 ~ 11:15 AM

### **PAGETURNERS BOOK CLUB**

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 ~ 2:00 PM

### **FRIENDS IN THE DESERT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 ~ 11:30 AM  
ST. TIMOTHY'S IN HENDERSON

### **HEALING HEARTS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 ~ 11:45 AM  
CONFERENCE ROOM

### **BUNCO**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 ~ 10:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

### **MEN'S LUNCHEON**

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 ~ 11:30 AM  
BARLEY'S ON SUNSET RD.

### **LAS VEGAS MASTER SINGERS**

SATURDAY, MAY 16 ~ 7:30 PM  
SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~ 3:00 PM

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 22 -26  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Deacons Corner

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

### **We Need Your Help**

Friends in the Desert is in need of blankets, sleeping bags, light jackets and men's and women's summer clothing and toiletries. Please see detailed needs in the Friends in the Desert article on pg. 7.

### **Save the Date!!**

**Fellowship with Your Deacon** Come meet with your Deacon at coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall on March 15! The Board of Deacons will be hosting coffee hour and would love to meet with our families.

### **Thank You**

The Deacons recognize that without you we could not share God's love to the extent as expressed by your generous giving. Please remember to bring your extra food items for the Henderson Presbyterian Church Food Bank and bulk food items for Friends in the Desert. We always collect the first Sunday of the month. We thank you again for your continued material and financial support so we can do more for others!

### **Spotlight**

This month we would like to spotlight the function of the Board of Deacons. We are a panel of 21 appointed members. We meet the third Tuesday of the month and we each have around 20 families to minister. We are the caring arm of the church. We want to make sure our parish families are doing well. We will check up on you through phone calls, cards and emails. If you have a concern or a need we are here to help our church community. Please feel free to reach out to us for help, whether it be a ride, a meal or a visit to just sit and talk. We are here for you. If you don't know who your Deacon is you can call the church office and they can look it up for you. When you know your Deacon we would love to meet with you on March 15 in Fellowship Hall between services on Fellowship with Your Deacon Sunday!

GVPC Board of Deacons

## Senior Resource article

Multiple clippings have recently been given to me, or put in my church mailbox, which is so appreciated. These articles show me what people find important and what they feel may be good information to pass on to others. The article I selected to review for this edition of the "Vision" came from the Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020 issue of Reader's Digest. It is titled, "How to Help a Friend Grieve." The author is Megan Devine who wrote the book "It's OK That You're Not OK". Megan Devine, even though she is a psychotherapist, found she was quite ignorant on the topic of grief when she lost her partner. Here are some main points that I got from the article.

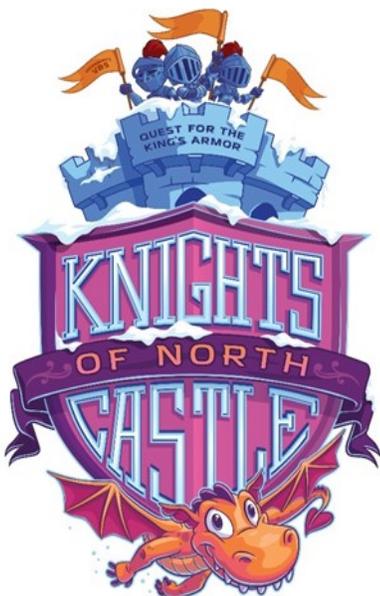
### How to Help a Friend Grieve

- *"Some people are so afraid to say or do the wrong thing that they choose to do nothing at all. That's certainly an option, but it's not often a good one."*
- *"We see grief as something to overcome, something to fix, rather than something to tend or support."*
- *"The best thing you can do for a grieving friend is anticipate their needs."* Identify a need; think how you can help, make an offer and then show up to do it.
- By assisting in small, ordinary ways, you can lessen the burdens of their everyday life.
- Say something. Do something. Be there. Listen. *"Above all, show your love."*

I also googled Megan Devine and found an informative 4-minute YouTube video titled "How do you help a grieving friend?" It was posted on July 18, 2018. Here are some takeaways from the video clip.

- Trying to cheer up grieving people doesn't really work. The pain that comes with grief can't be healed by trying to take it away.
- It is more effective to join your friend in their pain. Acknowledging what they are going through tends to make things better even when they can't be made right.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Rauenbuehler – Director of Congregational Care



## Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School June 22– 26 9:00 am – Noon

Join us at "Knights of North Castle VBS," a wintery wonderland where we will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time. Students will journey on a quest in search of the King's Armor. They will become Knights and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

Preparations are being made now! Volunteers can sign up to work with various committees - Decorating, Registration, Publicity, Rotation Leaders, Castle Guides, Photographers, Snacks, and more.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer contact Julie Dorse, [juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com](mailto:juliedorse@greenvalleypres.com) or text/call (702) 339-4013.

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**Join us for  
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**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