

From Pastor Jeff

We have all heard of Christmas Carols and I love to sing them. As the movie "ELF" reminds us, "The best way to spread Christmas Cheer, is singing loud for all to hear!" Have you ever heard of a New Year's Carol? Here's one from 1642 sung to the tune of *Greensleeves*:



A Carol For New Year's Day

The old year now away is fled, The new year it is entered; Then let us all our sins down tread, And joyfully all appear. Let's merry be this day, And let us run with sport and play, Hang sorrow, cast care away God send us a merry new year! For Christ's concision this day we keep, Who for our sins did often weep; His hands and feet were wounded deep, And his blessed side, with a spear. His head they crowned then with thorn, And at him they did laugh and scorn, Who for to save our souls was born; God send us a happy New Year! And now with New-Year's gifts each friend Unto each other they do send; God grant we may our lives amend, And that truth may now appear. Now like the snake cast off your skin Of evil thoughts and wicked sin, And to amend this new year begin: God send us a merry New Year!

Not something you'll hear during the Rose Parade, I'm sure, but it does capture a Christian's longings at the New Year. The desire to cast off our sins and joyfully all appear, is always the desire of a disciple of Jesus but something about New Year's time makes it especially poignant. The Apostle Paul call us to "clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh (Romans 13:14)," he tells us "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24), and he declares to us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!" As you look to the year ahead, ask God to help you experience to the new life, the new creation that is yours in Christ and to help you cast of the old ways of "evil thoughts and wicked sin." God bless you and send you a merry New Year!



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"COVERED DISH" THEME JANUARY POTLUCK LUNCH Sunday, January 8th

On Sunday, January

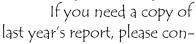
8th, following our 10:00 a.m. worship service, join in fellowship, fun and good food. Our food theme is "covered dish" for this pot luck. Please bring your favorite casserole, crockpot dish, soup, side dish or anything you would like to share. Join us for good food and fellowship.

SESSION MEETING Wednesday, January 11th

Our church's Session will be gathering on Wednesday afternoon, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. for study and 2:30 p.m. for business. Please be in prayer for the leaders of our church as we transition from 2016 to 2017.

TO ALL CHURCH LEADERS

Annual Reports are due Tuesday, January 10th



tact Annie Payne in the church office. You may e-mail your report to Pastor Jeff at Pastor-Jeff@TheVillageChurchNV.org or Annie at APayne@TheVillageChurchNV.org.



ECO NATIONAL GATHERING January 24th - 26th

A number of our church leaders will be attending our

denomination's national meeting in Greenville, South Carolina at the end of this month. This will be an opportunity for worship, prayer, connection, Gospel teaching and inspiration. ECO is a vibrant, rapidly growing denomination made up of churches like ours. Please be in prayer for ECO and those attending for a time of learning, discernment and the making of Christ-centered decisions.

UNDECORATE THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 1st

We will be "undecorating" our church from Advent and Christmas this Sunday, January 1st following our 10:00 a.m. worship service and all are welcome to help! Many hands make light

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, January 1st

On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord's Supper together. In January, we will be serving communion on January 1st. If you cannot attend worship and would like to receive communion at home, please call Pastor Jeff.



CHURCH LEADERS TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

January 22nd

Our newly elected deacons and elders will be ordained/installed on Sunday, January 22, 2017

during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please be in prayer for our church leaders as they seek to discern our Lord's will for our church.

VISION COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, January 12th

The Visioning committee will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m.in the Pastor's Study.

DEACONS MEETING Sunday, January 8th

Our church's Deacons will be gathering on Sunday, January 8th after the 10:00 am service.





Board Meeting Tuesday, January 10th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the budget for 2017 as well as funding missions from the 2016 Thrift Shop sales.

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers to staff the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to serve our church and community by helping out in the shop. Let Linda Robins or Vickie Twichell know if you can help.

NEED MORE INFO?

Our church's leadership wants our congregation to have adequate information about the decisions being made and the direction our Lord is leading His church. Financial information, minutes of our various meetings and other information has always been avail-



able upon request. Significant information is provided in our annual reports prepared each

January and available after worship on Sunday, February 7th. We want this information even more available to our congregation. To that end, a Session Information Notebook has been prepared with minutes of our Session meetings for the past few years. This information will be updated as necessary in order to provide the most current information available to our congregation. This notebook is available in the library area in the office lobby. This notebook is not for circulation but may be reviewed in the church. Should you have other ideas or suggestions that might improve our Lord's ministry through The Village Church, please let our leadership know.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Our afternoon men's study is meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship.

Incline Village Small Group Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Incline Village small group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jim & Jane Dykstra's House. Contact Annie Payne or Tim Gilbert for more information.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, is meeting on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited to a time of prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls on Wednesday mornings. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

Kings Beach Small Group First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Boxeth's. This group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and Third Thursdays of the month.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, February 12th

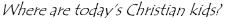
Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on February 12th in our

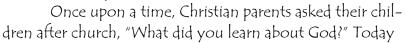


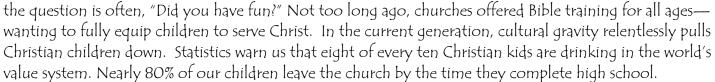
Fireside Room. This meeting will focus on the activities of The Village Church over the past year and will look forward to future ministry. Brief presentations will be made by the various ministry areas. The 2016 Annual Report will be available after worship on Sunday, February 5th for review. The 2017 Session-approved church budget will be presented. We will be sharing our monthly potluck lunch that morning. All members and guests are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION January 2017

Building Lifelong Disciples







This problem is magnified today because the world's value system is "post-Christian." Fifty years ago, the church and western culture were sailing in the same direction. The Ten Commandments were respected and cherished across our society. Lying, cheating, stealing, and infidelity were universally recognized as wrong. Nations possessed a code of values that were based on solid moral footings. Our society no longer reflects a Biblical world-view. Western culture has reversed its direction, charting a course that openly opposes Christian interests.

What does Christ call His Church to do?

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Jesus' Great Commission "Make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:18–20) is the church's primary mandate. Through twenty centuries, Christ's final challenge has stirred His followers to action. Discipleship is much more than "part-time Christianity." Jesus' preeminent passion, the focus of His ministry, His earthly delight—was His twelve disciples. It is certainly true that He ministered to the masses, but Christ poured His life into those twelve diverse men.

Jesus modeled discipleship to His select band of followers. The Lord knew that if He failed to effectively train the twelve, His mission would ultimately fall short of its global objective. Jesus really loved His disciples—and they knew it! Discipleship was Christ's sole weapon to win the world.

After Jesus' ascension into heaven, His disciples knew what Jesus expected them to do. They were to go and repeat with other believers what Christ had done with them. Did His followers succeed? Absolutely! Not too many years later, antagonists to the Gospel reported that Jesus' disciples had "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). First and foremost, Jesus Christ calls the Church and every believer in the Church to follow His example and "make disciples."

What do disciples look like today?

Discipleship is the ongoing process whereby Christians grow in Biblical knowledge, Christ-like character, and faithful conduct—to the glory of God. Walking in Jesus' steps and being His disciple is the Christian's highest privilege! When we examine the lives of dynamic disciples throughout history, we consistently find three components:

- * Knowledge: Growing disciples KNOW God intimately. They develop a reservoir of KNOWLEDGE based on a Biblical worldview.
- ♦ Character: Growing disciples LOVE God passionately. They display Christ-like CHARACTER in every area of life.
- Conduct: Growing disciples SERVE God selflessly. They demonstrate faithful CONDUCT that honors God and helps people.

The Bible reveals a finite number of "must know" topics to understand, "must be" traits to exhibit, and "must do" activities to experience. When a child's developmental process includes that knowledge, those traits, and those experiences, we can be reasonably assured that we have done our part to build a lifelong disciple of Jesus Christ.

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YOUTH NEWS

Happy New Year!

As we celebrate the passing of the old year and think about the new year, it is exciting and fun to imagine all of the things God will do in our lives and in the lives of the youth at our church.

We are planning to make another mission trip to San Francisco this Summer and that will mean fundraising will begin soon.

Our youth groups, Bible studies, and homeless outreach will continue to meet weekly through the new year and I am looking forward to seeing God move in the youth like he did last year.

If you look, you will notice the increased presence of youth in a lot of what we do as a church. We encourage the youth to be involved in all areas of ministry from worship services to international missions and even community activities. Your words of encouragement to them are very helpful. Youth are important representatives of our church and we want them to know it and be part of all we do as the body of Christ.

This new year may be the perfect time for some of you to volunteer to help with the youth ministries. It might sound a little scary, but an hour or two a week can make a big difference in the lives of the youth. Joining the youth together with the adults make us closer as a church family. Find me or Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

My personal request is that the church keep the youth and youth ministries in prayer this new year. Endless things are trying to pull youth away from the church and a relationship with Jesus Christ. The battle is very real and the powers of darkness will not rest and will manifest in many ways, all of them meant to harm them and keep youth away from life and salvation in Jesus. So, please keep praying for our youth.

Thank you all for your support. I am very much looking forward to an amazing new year serving with all of you!

Our current youth groups:

SWIPE Bible Study - Mondays 5-6 p.m., bring your Bible or electronic device with a Bible app on it. (Bibles available) This group is for 6-12th grades.

The Upper Room Group - Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. Meets in the Youth Room. Food, fun, and games. This group is for 6-12th grades.

Special Ops Outreach Sundays 12-3 p.m. Meets at the Church. Reno Homeless outreach, Lunch provided.

Thank you, Pastor Tony



2017 WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS

Help us fill the Calendar for 2017

Do you have a special day you wish to remember - a birthday, an anniversary or a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service. Just sign up on the Flower Calendar for 2017 in the Lobby. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

Also, if you were apart of the flower workshop please volunteer to arrange flowers. On the 2017 there is a place that says flower arranger. Put your name next to the date that you would like to do the flower arranging.



PASTOR HOUSING FUND GIFTING OPPORTUNITY

An anonymous couple from our congregation is making an astounding gift of \$200,000 to the Pastor Housing Fund of the Church, and is encouraging the congregation to match the gift. This fund is earmarked to provide a down payment loan, enabling our pastor and his family to purchase a residence in Incline Village. If your heart and personal circumstances lead you to participate by making a tax deductible, contribution to The Village Church Pastor Housing Fund to help toward matching this gift (any amount helps!), now would be an excellent time to do it. Please indicate on your check or wire transfer "Pastor Housing Fund". Donations received before the end of 2016 (December 31st) will be included on your 2016 Village Church charitable giving statement If received in 2017 it will go on your 2017 statement. Any questions, please contact Elders Chuck Dowd, Roland Schumann or Michele Young.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

In 2017 we have two international mission trip opportunities. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our mission trips. We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Slovakia from April 7th to April 15th. There will also be a dental and construction mission trip to Belize from May 19th to May 27th. Both trips are open to all - a heart to serve the Lord is the only requirement. Fundraising needs to start soon so if you have questions or are interested in signing up please speak with Jane Dykstra or Pastor Jeff Ogden.







OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW!

Would you like to grow in your faith? Would you like to get to know a few more people better? Consider assisting in the ministry of The Village Church. Each week there are chances for folks to serve our Lord, grow in the process and get to know others better. Some of the many opportunities are noted below. To find out more about these opportunities or to volunteer, please contact our church office at 775.831.0784.

Worship. There are numerous opportunities for growth within our worship setting. You may sing in the choir and/or praise group, greet people as they enter the church as an usher, serve as worship assistant, help with the children's message, assist with the sound system, help with the outdoor services (in the summer!) and other tasks.

Mission Outreach. Interested in learning more about the mission activities of our church around the world? Consider being a part of the direct mission ministry of The Village Church through our Belize dental mission



trips, our YouthCompass Eastern Europe trips, and volunteering with our local Graceworks mssion projects. Or you can learn more about the many other missions our church supports, pray for our missionaries and assist them financially.

Fellowship. If you like food, fun and other people, then fellowship may be your area in which to grow. There are numerous fellowship events through out the year. You can assist with fellowship by being part of one of our eight Sunday hospitality teams.

Church Growth and Outreach. Do you like meeting new people and sharing Christ's love? There are a number of opportunities within church growth. You can invite friends and neighbors to church, meet and greet those unfamiliar to you in worship and invite them to our fellowship time, support our church's outreach events in the community and volunteer at those events.

Stewardship. Stewardship? Yes, there are great opportunities for personal growth within the area of stewardship. The first growth area is recognizing and accepting the blessings of being a generous and cheerful giver. Through giving, you are assisting with our Lord's ministry through The Village Church. You may also grow by assisting with the counting, recording and depositing of our weekly offerings or help others in utilizing their time, talents and money for our Lord's work.

Building and Grounds. God has truly blessed our congregation with an outstanding and debt-free facility. The care and maintenance of this facility provides numerous chances for our individual growth. By using the gifts and talents our Lord has given us by painting, pulling weeds, planting flower pots, assisting with minor repairs and upgrading our facilities, we are being used by our Lord.

Small Groups and Bible Studies. Consider joining one of our Bible study groups. These take many forms with two ongoing men's studies, our women's study, adult studies throughout the year and our new small groups. Grow you faith and friendships by joining a group.

Christian Education. There are several ministry opportunities that you might get involved in during the coming year such as:

Sunday School Teacher Good News Club Vacation Bible School Middle School/High School Leaders



Thank you to everyone who helped with the food pickup, setting up, packing, and distribution of the Deacons' Christmas Food Boxes. The church office received a lot of families that signed up for boxes – an indication that folks are still struggling in the north shore area. We gave out over 250 boxes to families in our community.

The Deacons have provided food to our community for over thirty five years. Our partnership with Raley's Food for Families has been instrumental in the ongoing viability of our food ministry. However, we are always in need of funding to insure this ministry is sustainable into the future. If you are interested in supporting this important program, just note "food ministry" on the memo line of your check and drop it in the Sunday offering.

Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



CHRISTMAS SEASON CONCERTS



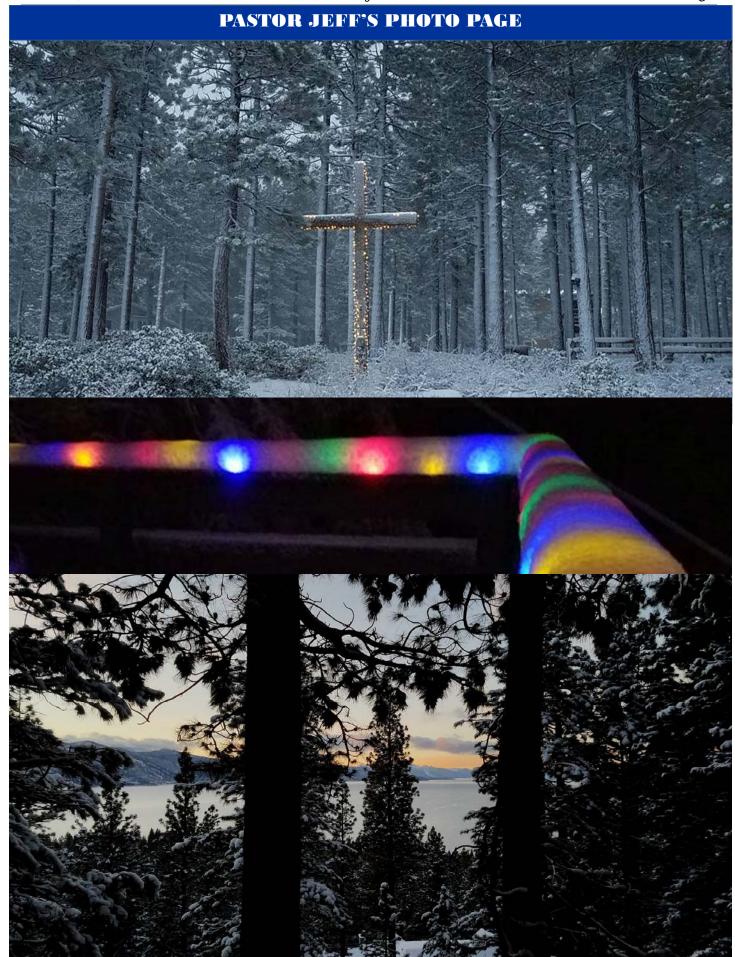














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1/05	Taylor Woodman	1/22	Jalyne Leonhart
1/07	Stan Wolken	1/27	Tom Donat
1/07	Mark Sura	1/27	Chris Peterson
1/10	Lynn Brown	1/30	Mark Bredesen
1/16	Judy Ackerman	1/30	Doug Baker

Did we forget your birthday? Call us at the church office – 775.831.0784 to be included on our birthday list.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Year To Date Through

December 18, 2016

<u>Needed</u> \$390,354

Given \$419,635

<u> Difference</u> +\$ 29,281



JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

January 1st Communion Servers

Linda Robins Rob Robins Ted Bandaruk Lynn Bandaruk

Worship Assistants

January 1: Linda Robins January 8: Millie Clarke January 15: Faith Ogden January 22: Rich Caviness January 29: Nancy Manter

Ushers

January 1: Joannie McNulty January 8: Paul & Vickie Twichell January 15: Rob & Linda Robins January 22: Bill & Linda Florentine January 29: Paul & Jalyne Leonhart

Children's Message:

January 1: Bill Ferrall January 8: Don Ferrell January 15: Need Help! January 22: Cindy Liggett January 29: Darlene Nilsson

Hospitality Teams:

January 1st: Team 5 - Patti Boxeth, Nancy
Leonard, Ann O'Keefe, Susie Orlady & Annie Payne
January 8th: Team 6 - Linda Florentine, Lili Arpino,
Judy Ackerman, Linda Brown & Vicki Ogden
January 15th: Team 7 - Denise Ause, Sharon Sigler,
Jane Barnhart, Lynn Windham, and Marilyn Merritt
January 22nd: Team 8 - Karen Bennett, Erika
Hamner, Michele Young, Ginny Batistic, & Norma
Kilbourn

January 29th: Team 1 - Ann Schofield, Mary Gilbert, Lynn Bandaruk, Jalyne Leonhart, & Linda Robins

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

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Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Offering on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, we received over \$3,500. This will assist with our Deacons' Food Closet Ministry and our church's International Missions such as our dental ministry in Belize and our partnership with YouthCompass in Eastern Europe. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

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January 2017



Scripture for the Month: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
The Lord's Supper Pastor Tony Conragan Preaching & & 10am Worship in Sanctuary 3:15am Choir Practice - F/R 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Undecorating the Church	2 Office Closed	3 2:37pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - F/R	4 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	5 6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Gary & Patti Boxeth's Home	6	7
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A joyful place to grow







Ted Bandaruk - Deacon Patti Boxeth - Deacon Gary Boxeth - Elder Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV& Youth Pastor Chuck Dowd - Elder Jane Dykstra - Elder Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator Jon Fay - Choir Director Kristen Ferrall - Deacon

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director Tim Gilbert - Custodian

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Lili Arpino - Deacon

Nancy Irwin - Preschool Staff

Jalyne Leonhart - Women's Ministries Moderator

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director Zulema Medina - Preschool Staff

Ann O'Keefe - Deacon Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Anne Payne - Office Manager Tom Payne - Deacon

Chris Peterson - Elder

Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Ann Schofield - Financial Administration. &

Clerk of Session

Karen Schumann - Elder

Roland Schumann - Elder

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Samantha Woodman - Preschool Staff

Michele Young - Elder