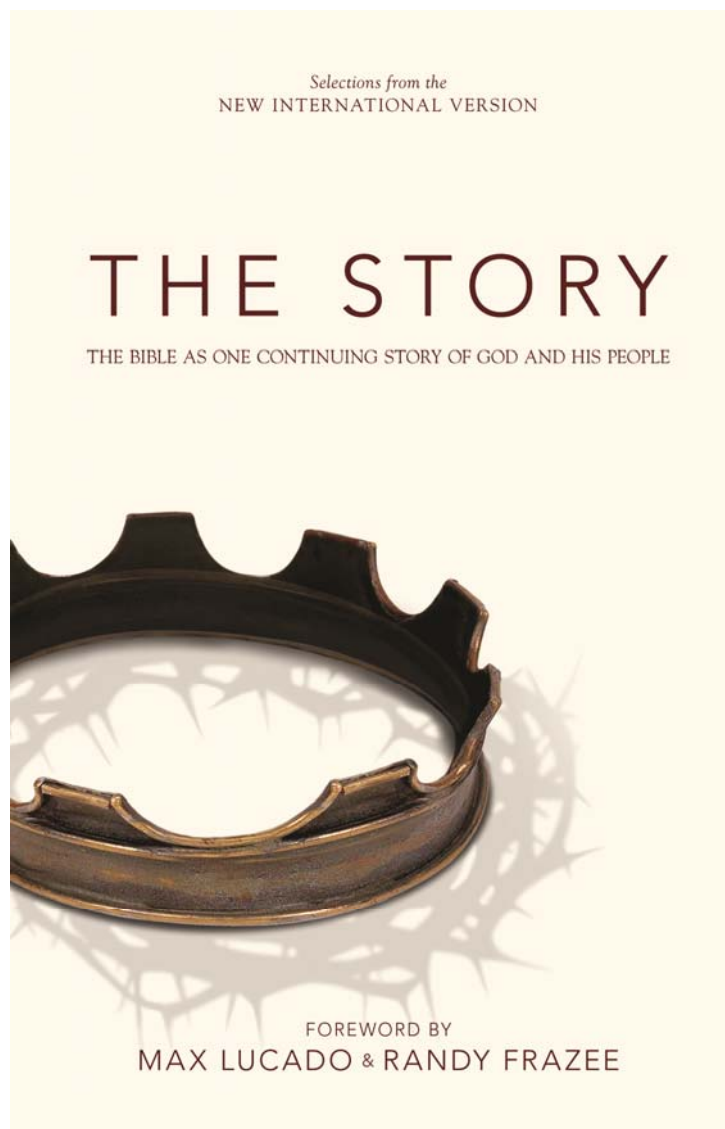


From Pastor Jeff

The Bible is the best-selling book in history. According to pollsters, the average American household has four Bibles. However, a survey conducted by Lifeway Research in 2017 found that more than half of Americans have read little or none of the Bible, less than a quarter of those who have ever read a Bible have a systematic plan for reading the Scriptures each day; and a third of Americans never pick it up on their own.



We are hoping to reverse this trend here at The Village Church. Starting on January 21st we will begin "The Story," a campaign designed to help us understand the Bible, God's story, from Genesis to Revelation. "The Story" is made up of 31 chapters of carefully selected scriptures sequenced in chronological order. It presents the Bible in an engaging format, reading like a novel. Most importantly, "The Story" campaign will help us see how our stories intersect with God's.

The Story Church Campaign is a program providing 31 weeks of curriculum for children, teen and adults and 31 weeks of corresponding sermons. When accompanied by reading through the age-related books of "The Story," our entire church can be literally on the same page for 31 weeks.

The books have been purchased and are available starting in January. Please consider committing to reading your way thru The Story, joining a small group to go deeper, and inviting a friend who may have questions about the Bible. My sermons will be online so you can follow along on weeks you are out of town. Please pray for our church and The Story campaign. Thank you!

"The Story" Launch
Sunday, January 21st
During 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services



**“COVERED DISH”
THEME
JANUARY
POTLUCK LUNCH
Sunday, January 7th**

On Sunday, January 7th, 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 10th**

Our church’s Session will be gathering on Wednesday afternoon, January 10th at 1:00 p.m. for study and for business. Please be in prayer for the leaders of our church as we transition from 2017 to 2018.

**TO ALL CHURCH
LEADERS**

**Annual Reports
are due**

Wednesday, January 10th

If you need a copy of last year’s report, please contact 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 23rd - 25th**

A number of our church leaders will be attending our

denomination’s national meeting in Houston, Texas 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 7th**

We will be “undecorating” our church from Advent and Christmas this Sunday, January 7th following our 10:00 a.m. worship service and all are welcome to help! Many hands make light work.



**THE LORD’S SUPPER
Sunday, January 7th**

On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord’s Supper together. In January, we will be serving communion on January 7th. 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 21st

Our newly elected deacons and elders will be ordained/installed on Sunday, January 21, 2018 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.

**DEACON’S MINISTRY
Sunday, January 7th**

Please support our Deacons’ ministry by donating household products such as paper towels and dish soap as well as personal care items such as shampoo and soap. You can place your donations in the basket in the church Narthex. Thank you for helping.

**DEACONS MEETING
Sunday, January 14th**

Our church’s Deacons will be gathering on Sunday, January 14th after the 10:00 am



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH *THE STORY*!

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of *The Story*. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story!

Our journey begins January 21, 2018
during the 8:00 and 10:00 am services
at The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd
Incline Village, NV 89451

For more information call 775-831-0784



The Story is for every member of the family!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

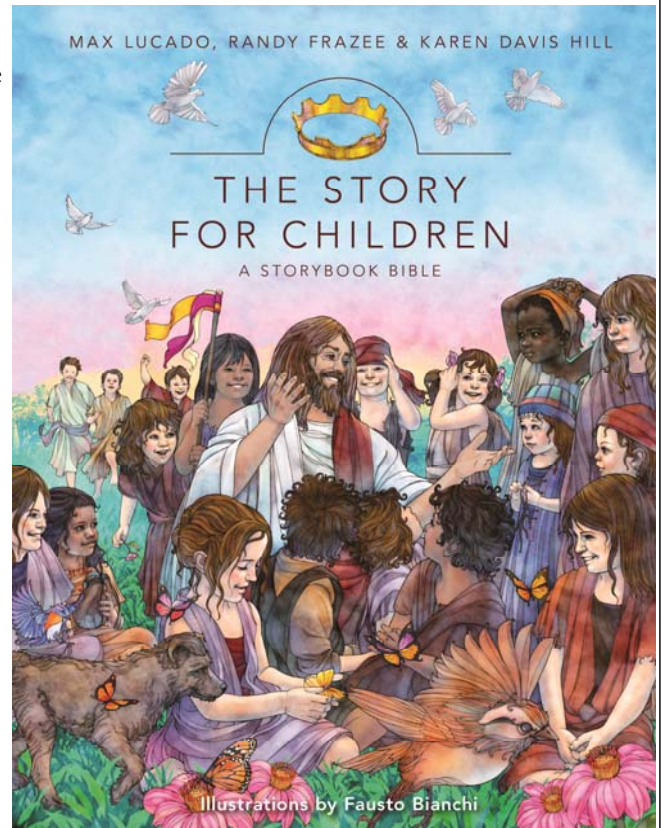
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The Bible is a book of stories in which God is the main character. At the end of January, The Village Church will begin *The Story*: an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together into a single grand narrative. *The Story* helps families understand God's Word more fully and engage with it more easily. Entering into God's story in creative and meaningful ways is an important piece of the spiritual formation of children, youth, and adults. This curriculum is a wonderful tool for introducing all ages to the amazing stories of God's entry into the lives of men and women, reminding them that God is in the midst of their lives too.

The *Story* curriculum for preschoolers is designed to engage young children in the bible through movement, simple songs, and other activities using the five senses, in a way that will hold their attention and aid in retention. Each preschool lesson includes two teaching/learning activities other than the Bible story. The first is called "Come Together." Each of these activities is designed to capture and focus the child's attention on the theme and the Bible story of the day. The "Come Together" activities help the children ease into the lesson time and separate from what they were doing prior to the class beginning. Each lesson includes several "Explore More" activities, which are to be used after the Bible story has been told. These activities are designed to help young children enter into a part of the Bible story in an active and creative way.

The lessons in the curriculum for elementary-age children are divided into several parts. The Bible stories are designed to be told interactively and to help the children enter and engage in the Bible story in a creative and active way. After the Bible story is finished, children are directed back to "Hear the Story" activities to help them debrief the Bible story together. Each lesson begins with the "Come Together" learning activity, which is designed to focus the children's attention on the point and the facts of the Bible story. After the Bible story is told, elementary children are also invited into "Explore More" activities.

Christian parents want to nurture their children in God's stories in the Bible but often feel they don't know how. *The Story* curriculum includes a Parents' Page for each lesson, which offers parents ideas for interacting with their entire family around the week's Bible story. The points for the Bible story are included, and families are given "Table Talk" questions that can be adapted for each age level. These questions can be used to explore the Bible story at the dinner table, in the car, or at any time when the family is together. Each Parents' Page also includes a "Living the Faith" activity: a game, art project, or other fun activity the whole family can engage in. Also included is an "Extra Mile" activity for those families who still crave more learning activities around the week's Bible story. You can read more about *The Story* at thestory.com



Mary Gilbert

C.E. Director



High School Youth Group

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm
Starting Jan. 23, 2018

Meets upstairs in the Youth Room
Grades 9th through 12th

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THE UPPER ROOM GROUP[®]

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays 6-8pm

TIME TO

GET EXCITED!

Food, Fun, and Faith

Being a young teen is one of the most challenging times of our lives. At The Village Church we want young people to know they are amazing masterpieces created by God and made to know Him.

Every week come up to have fun, hang out, enjoy food, music, meet new friends, and learn about God and the Bible.

This is a place youth can grow, learn, and have fun.



**A safe positive
place to grow in
faith and have fun**

**Games, fun, and
friends**

Music and food

**Bible studies and
outreach**

**Led by Youth Pastor
Tony Conragan**

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**Meets at
The Village Church
in the Youth Room**

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS



WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

THRIFT SHOP HAS A NEW NAME!

The Thrift Shop's new name is The Village Christian Thrift Shop. We are in the process of updating the signage but are very excited about the new name. We are also seeking volunteers to help out at the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please contact Linda Robins at 775-831-5200 or Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 to volunteer or for more info.



THE VILLAGE CHURCH IS A PRAYING CHURCH!

Our Lord has placed on the hearts of the leaders of The Village Church to pray. As a church we provide opportunities during our worship services for prayer. We have a group of intercessory prayer folks who gather each Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the needs and praises of our congregation and beyond. Please contact Pastor Jeff if you would like to join this special prayer group.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays 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.

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study

Wednesdays 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.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a study on The Story. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word, to fellowship together and enjoy snacks. Meets in the Fireside Room.

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. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Patti or Gary Boxeth for more information.

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. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Annie Payne or Tim Gilbert for more info.

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 mission 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, forming our women's study, adult studies throughout the year and our 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



CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES



Thank you to everyone who helped with the food pickup, setting up, packing, and distribution of the Deacons' Christmas Food Boxes. Also, a big thank you to Jim and Jane Dykstra! They volunteered a lot to help organize, distribute, pack extra boxes, get food to a lot of people. We received a lot of families that signed up for boxes. We gave out over 300 boxes to families in our community.

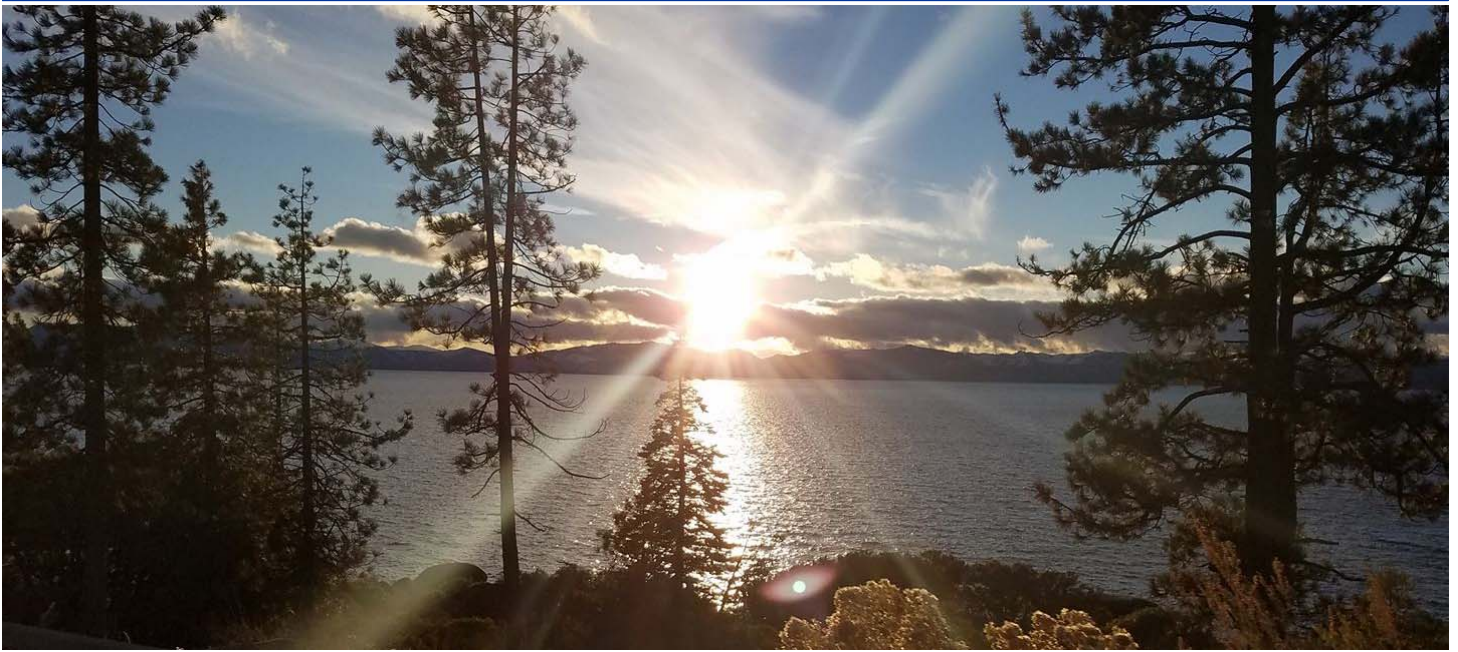
The Deacons have provided food to our community for over thirty five years. Our partnership with Raley's Food for Families has been instrumental in the ongoing viability of our food ministry. However, we are always in need of funding to insure this ministry is sustainable into the future. If you are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



Village Christian Preschool



PASTOR JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE





1/02 Nancy Irwin	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
1/17 Ted Bandaruk	

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

WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS
Help us fill the Calendar for 2018

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 2018 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!




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For more information, see our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org
 or www.eco-pres.org.

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

January 7th Communion Servers

- Gary Boxeth
- Patti Boxeth
- Ted Bandaruk
- Lynn Bandaruk

Worship Assistants

- January 7: Logan Hoopes
- January 14: Millie Clarke
- January 21: Nancy Manter
- January 28: Gary Boxeth

Ushers

- January 7: Lynn and Ted Bandaruk
- January 14: Linda and Rob Robins
- January 21: Marji and Keith Hansen
- January 28: Nancy and John Manter

Children's Message:

- January 7: Don Ferrell
- January 14: Need Help!
- January 21: Cindy Liggett
- January 28: Darlene Nilsson

Hospitality Teams:

- January 7: Team 2
- January 14: Team 3
- January 21: Team 4
- January 28: Team 5

PASTORAL CONTACT

In order to provide the best possible pastoral care in times of emergency or crisis, Pastor Jeff has a cell phone. This will allow congregational members the opportunity to contact him during non-office hours should an emergency arise. This number is 775.624.4240. If Pastor Jeff does not answer, simply leave a voice message. He will attempt to respond as quickly as possible.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Offering on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, we received over \$3,400. This will assist with our Deacons' Food Closet Ministry and our church's International dental mission in Belize. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.


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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

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	1 Office Closed 	2 2:37pm Staff Meeting	3 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Room A	4 6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Gary & Patti Boxeth's Home	5	6
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Church Leadership

Doug Baker - Deacon

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

Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Custodian & Elder

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Ann O'Keefe - Deacon

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Tom Payne - Deacon

Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager

Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff

Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director

Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, &

Elder & Clerk of Session

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer, &

Women's Ministries Moderator