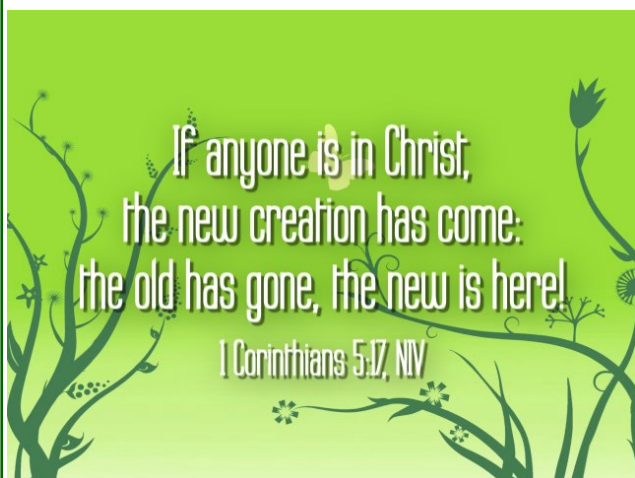


SHAMROCK JOURNAL

From Pastor Jeff

What a change this winter has been from last year! The snow around my house is melting fast. I took the dog down to Ski Beach this morning and noticed that the bushes along the creek are covered in buds. It maybe freezing in the mornings, but the trees know that Spring is right around the corner. They look dead but they are ready to burst to life. Seeing these buds got me thinking about the power of Christ. You see, new life is what Jesus is all about. He said so himself in John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."



Now as I was thinking about these words and the life waiting to spring up all around, I realized my thinking was wrong. The funny thing is that we hear Jesus' words and think of Spring and think that is the kind of life Jesus is talking about. Somehow we are dormant like that plant and then Jesus brings out the new leaves. But this is not actually a good analogy. You see the trees and bushes at Ski Beach will go dormant next winter and then next spring will leaf out again. It's all part of the life cycle of the natural world. The life Jesus brings is on an entirely different order than this. It is better pictured as if you see a tree carved out of gray stone. It's a fairly lifelike statue but obviously a statue. Then suddenly the gray trunk begins to turn brown, the stark stiff branches turn lithe and supple, and the hard, rocky leaves begin to turn green and soften

and rustle in the breeze. In seconds, where there once stood a lifeless stone statue, now a living, growing tree stretches its branches to the sky.

Jesus did not come to make us better people, to reform our fallen natures, to improve our lifestyles, or make us nice. He came to make us new creations, to give us life, true life, eternal life. As we proceed into Lent and look forward to Resurrection Sunday, ask yourself, am I the same old-same old, or am I something new? Ask Jesus to make you new and settle for nothing less.

SAVE THE DATES IN APRIL - HOLY WEEK EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

On Palm Sunday, April 5th, we will gather together in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

On Maundy Thursday we remember our Lord's last supper with his disciples where he gave them the New Commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34. On April 9th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday together with a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a communion service.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

On Good Friday, April 10th we will gather with Cornerstone Church and New Life Church for a joint worship service. All are welcome!

EASTER SERVICES, APRIL 12th

We will be having a special 6:30 am sunrise service this year at Burnt Cedar Beach in Incline - weather permitting. We will have both our 8:00am and 10:00am worship services in our Sanctuary. He is risen indeed!" Invite your friends and family to join you in worship on Easter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH



“IRISH” THEME POTLUCK LUNCH

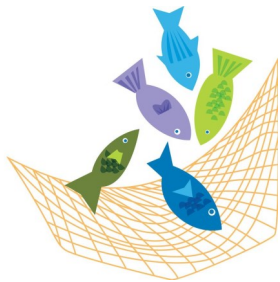
Sunday, March 1st

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we will gather for a potluck with an Irish theme. Please bring your favorite Irish dish such as corned beef, Irish soda bread and even coddle and colcannon! Pastor Tony will be making Irish stew. If Irish cooking is not your forte, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 8th



Remember to “spring” your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. You want to make sure you get to church on time.



MISSION TRIP STUDY GROUP March 15th and March 22nd

There will be two more meetings of the mission Bible study for those participating in the Samaritan's Purse mission trip to Texas in April. We will meet Room A following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. John Stroud will lead the study.

The Village Church is affiliated with:



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ECO is committed
to growing and planting
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that make disciples
of Jesus Christ.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 1st

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on March 1st. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.

DEACONS' MEETING

Sunday, March 8th

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, March 8th after the 10:00 a.m. worship service in Room A

MARCH SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the pastor's study. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer as they discern what is best for our church and make Godly decisions to further sharing the Gospel in this mountain community.

COVENANT PARTNER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday March 29th

Are you interested in learning what it means to be a Covenant Partner of our ECO church? Join Pastor Jeff in his study following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. He will lead an informational meeting about how you can become part of our faith community by joining our church. A light lunch will be served. Contact Pastor Jeff or the church office if you would like to attend.

DEACONS' EASTER FOOD BOX MINISTRY

Week of March 22nd

Save the third week of March to help out with the Deacons' Easter food distribution. There are various opportunities to get involved with this ministry. After the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 22nd we will be setting up the Fireside Room for food box packing. On Wednesday, March 25th, we will pack the boxes. Pizza provided! The Deacons will be distributing food boxes on Saturday, March 28th. Your help would be appreciated for any or all of these days. Contact one of our Deacons for more information.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

Join our great bunch of volunteers that staff the Thrift Shop. This is a great way to serve our church and community by helping out in the shop. We are open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. Let Linda Robins or Vickie Twichell know if you can help.

Thrift Shop Donations

The Thrift Shop is always in need of your gently used furniture, clothing and household goods. Please bring your donations to the shop during business hours, only. All of the proceeds from sales at the shop are donated to missions locally, nationally and internationally. Last year, Women's Ministries donated over \$115,000 to very worthy missionaries and mission organizations furthering the Great Commission throughout the world. Support us by donating and shopping!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

The Incline Village small group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various homes in Incline Village. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact Tim Gilbert for more info.

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

Christ, Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls, ministry for men, meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in our Church's Fireside Room. All men are invited for prayer, Bible study, coffee and breakfast rolls.

**Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor Jeff for a study based on his sermon series. This is a great opportunity for learning more about God's Word and to fellowship together.

EASTER
FLOWERING
PLANTS
IN HONOR OR
IN MEMORY OF
A LOVED ONE



If you would like to provide an Easter flowering plant or two to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. The flowering plants are ordered and delivered to the church and will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter morning. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Easter Service bulletin. You can take you plants home after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship service. Or if you'd like to donate your plants to a shut in, please check the box at the bottom of this form.

Please make your \$10 check out to The Village Church and mark it "Easter Flowers". Drop off your check at the church office or mail the form and your check to:

The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451

Deadline for all orders is
Wednesday, April 8th

EASTER FLOWERING PLANT
ORDER FORM

Name _____

No. of Plants _____ Phone _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

If you would like your plant to be given to a shut in, please check this box:

BELIZE MISSION UPDATE

Saying Farewell in Belize...

As I pray over and plan our final mission trip to Belize, it is with a sad heart. The great friendships that have been formed with Pastor Jim and his wife Anna and the locals we have served like Mr. Benny and little E.J, will be greatly missed. Watching the light come into this village over the years has been a privilege and an honor that God would let me glimpse him moving on the earth.



On Feb 19th, a fire tore through a tenement building right behind the church. The fourteen families living there lost everything. Thankfully, changes in the village have been happening in the last few years and the community has stepped up to help support

these families. With the example of Jim and Anna ministering to them and teaching them to support and care for each other, the village stepped up with temporary housing and food. This sense of community is new and I feel it's a direct result of Pastor Jim and Anna.



The easiest way for the Mensies to expand their reach in the village is through the children. Imagine a single Sunday school classroom with up to thirty five children, all eager to learn, but with ages from three to fourteen. How do you effectively teach them all?



What I would like to do is to raise \$4,000 of construction money to pay for a second Sunday school room that we can help complete before the rainy season in June. We also have room for two more team members with construction skills. This person would assist this year's team which includes a remodel expert. With the addition of another two people, the team would be able to do many of the projects currently urgently needed.

I know this is a BIG request, but the goal won't be met if I don't ask. God is performing miracles in Seine Bight and I know he can make this happen through the combined efforts of The Village Church and several others. I ask that your prayers would cover the village of Seine Bight, Pastor Jim and Anna and the whole team as we prepare to serve. Thank you!



Renee Taylor

Email me at villagechurchmissions@gmail.com if you want more information on how you can help.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT



InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Campus Ministry

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) is a university campus ministry committed to establishing and advancing witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture, and God's purposes in the world. IVCF staffs minister in a variety of ways including planting chapters that reach every corner of campus, sending students to global mission fields, serving the larger Christian Church through retreat and training centers, and producing award-winning books and video resources. IVCF's goal is to draw students to

Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to teach students to respond to God's Word. During the fall semester at UNR, seven students made decisions to follow Jesus! This month, Taylor, a UNR student who leads Bible Studies for the sororities on campus, attended a national IVCF Greek Conference in LA. Katelyn, a student that Taylor took with her, made a decision to follow Jesus!

For a number of years, The Village Church has supported the Northern Nevada IVCF ministry team (Ken Bridwell and Mallory Morgan) on the UNR, TMCC and SNC (now SNU) campuses. Mallory currently serves as the Team Leader assisted by Kaitlyn, an intern. Ken is the Area Resource Leader for UNR, UC Davis and Sacramento. The team reports that the UNR campus chapter has 30 seniors, the largest they've ever had. Mentoring these students for the transition beyond their undergraduate education is a key focus of IVCF's ministry this semester.

In January, Ken, Mallory and Kaitlyn attended InterVarsity's tri-annual national staff conference in Orlando, Florida. As an organization, IVCF asked what it means to long for revival on the college campuses. After a day of prayer and fasting during the conference, it seemed very clear that God was about to do something new on campuses throughout the United States (and beyond). Mallory wrote that she has sensed this in different ways at UNR over the past nine months. The Reno team noticed Jesus' wineskin parable being mentioned repeatedly and reports this last semester has felt like a stretching of new wineskins in many ways. Mallory believes that God is about to pour out new wine this year in various, powerful ways on the UNR campus and develop IVCF opportunities at SNU and TMCC as well. Mallory is now working with Lukas at Cornerstone Church in Incline where a new college ministry has just started.

On Thursday, April 2nd, IVCF is hosting a "Reason to Believe" presentation by Dr. Hugh Ross, a respected Astrophysicist, and a panel of other scientists at UNR on the integration of science and faith. Members of the community are welcome to attend. Over 160 attended a program that this group presented last semester.

Also for those living in Reno, there are two Saturdays scheduled for IVCF students to "Work-A-Day" in the community to complete projects you may request them to do. What they earn will go toward their IVCF Spring Break Retreat expenses. The suggested donation is \$13.00 per student per hr. If you are interested, please email Mallory at mallory.morgan@intervarsity.org and include your contact information, address, the number of students you'd like and the preferred day you would like them to come.

Please continue to pray for these campus ministers, the students whom they serve, and for God's powerful movement on university campuses in Nevada and across the US.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



We have some fun events on the calendar to look forward to with the youth like camp, mission trips and a couple day trips just for fun. We are starting a new series in the youth group for March called, "Doubt it". We were all designed to ask questions. As toddlers, we constantly asked, "why?" But as we get older, asking too many questions is often discouraged - especially when those questions are about our faith. In this four-week series, we'll talk about how having questions (and even doubts) about God might not be as scary or as shameful as we thought because we are not alone with our questions. God doesn't shame us when we have questions. Our questions don't always get answered and we need to learn to turn to Godly people who can help us with our questions.

Camps and mission trips are the places where youth get a chance to grow in their faith and have an amazingly fun time doing it. In the past, we have seen youth moved in powerful ways by the Holy Spirit on these trips and the impact can last a lifetime. On mission trips, this happens along with impacting the lives of others. The proceeds of the chili cook-off last month went to help support our trips but if you are interested in supporting or coming along on any of these events, please contact me or the church office.

- Our Upper Room Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs youth room. This group is open to all 6-12th grade youth.
- On Thursdays there is a youth Bible study that meets at Starbucks from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sundays we have an outreach to the homeless and elderly called Special Ops. This group travels to Reno to help folks living on the streets with prayer and we hand out supplies that will keep them more comfortable outdoors. Sometimes we visit senior centers to spend time with residents. We leave the church at noon and return by 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Tony Conragan

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

As a way of reminding us all of why we have music in worship and how The Village Church approaches our worship music, here is an attempt at explaining. At The Village Church, we take prayerful care in selecting the music shared during worship. Although singing is not worship itself, it is a way we speak to our living God. As a praise team, we try to be mindful that we are there to lead, encourage and enable folks to praise through music. It is not a performance - it is a tangible exaltation and exclamation of God's awesome glory and power. We are blessed in this body to have two different ways to praise Him through music. The songs sung during our 8:00 a.m. service are strictly old hymns of the faith. The 10:00 a.m. service music is the sharing of newer songs. This has been a successful structure for our worship community.

When choosing new songs for the praise team to share, we are careful that the message and lyrics are Biblically sound and we try to rearrange most songs to minimize unnecessary repetition. Prayerfully working with Pastor Jeff, we try to reflect and support his sermon and scripture readings through the song selection.

Singing to our God has been around since the earliest gatherings of people to worship. Singing is a vital part of how we do church together, shoulder to shoulder and soul to soul. We are blessed to be able to serve this body of believers through music, standing beside you. We hope and pray that you, in turn, are blessed through lifting your voices to our Lord and Savior.



You are invited
to walk the streets of Jerusalem
at the recreated
ROAD TO THE CROSS



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10, 2020

Anytime between 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARSON CITY
115 North Division Street
(Corner of King and Division)

For more information please call 775-882-1032 x215



YouthCompass Mission Trip
Pancake Breakfast
Fundraiser



Sunday,
March 15th
Between the
8:00 a.m.
and
10:00 a.m.
worship
services

Join us in the Fireside
Room for yummy pancakes,
breakfast meats,
juice and coffee!





WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES

**SNOWSHOE
HIKE**

TUESDAY,
MARCH 17TH
9:30 a.m.

***We invite all
women to join us
for a walk in the
snow.***

Meet in the church
parking lot.





UNDERSTANDING TEENS

Topics for the next three sessions:

March 1st: Connecting with your daughter's heart and not her needs

March 8th: Grandparents and today's teens

March 15th: Growing up as a man today

**Sundays, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
In the Fireside Room
The Village Church**

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VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS



PRESCHOOL SKI LESSON PHOTOS





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Susan Andre Jason Stanton	3/9	Jane Duffield Jan Paulson
3/2	Tim Gilbert	3/12	Guy Fortier Robyn Barnes
3/3	Bob Beart	3/19	Joe Batistic
3/4	Caryl Bydash Ann Schofield	3/21	John Manter
3/5	Sharon Sigler	3/24	Faith Ogden
3/7	Ruth Jensen Nancy Leonard Bill Critchfield Paul Hamer	3/26	Jean Ashbrook
		3/27	Millie Clarke
		3/30	Sara Stanton

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



2019 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2019 Annual Report are available on the counters in the church entryway. We encourage you to pick up a copy to read reports from various ministries of our church.

MISS A SERMON?

Unable to attend worship? Pastor Jeff's sermon is recorded each Sunday. Check out the sermon page on our website at:

www.thevillagechurchnv.org/sermons/. Sermons are posted to this page each week.



MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND GREETERS

Worship Assistants:

- March 1st: Keith Hansen
- March 8th: Ted Bandaruk
- March 15th: Millie Clarke
- March 22nd: Keith Hansen
- March 29th: Rich Caviness

Greeters:

- March 1st: Joannie McNulty
- March 8th: Judy and Paul Ackerman
- March 15th: Marji and Keith Hansen
- March 22nd: Lynn and Ted Bandaruk
- March 29th: Nancy and John Manter

MARCH HOSPITALITY TEAMS

- March 1st: Team 4: Michele Young, Nancy Manter, Betsy Garfinkle, Chris Peterson and Rhonda Buschheuter
- March 8th: Team 5 - Marji Hansen, Nancy Leonard, Ann O'Keefe, Susie Orlady and Anne Payne
- March 15th: Team 6 - Linda Florentine, Lili Arpino, Judy Ackerman, Joanne Stroud and Vicki Ogden
- March 22nd: Team 7 - Marilyn Merritt, Sharon Sigler, Lynn Windham, Jane Dykstra, Karin Paris and Judy Spees
- March 29th: Team 1 - Ann Schofield, Mary Gilbert, Lynn Bandaruk, Angie Tolbert and Linda Robins



WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS

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 2020 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 know how to arrange flowers, on the 2020 calendar there is a place that says flower arranger. Put your name next to the date that you would like to do the flower arranging.



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A joyful place to grow



IN ALL YOUR
WAYS, SUBMIT TO
HIM AND HE WILL
MAKE YOUR
PATHS STRAIGHT.
PROVERBS 3:16

Church Leadership

Paul Ackerman - Deacon

Dolores Alferez - Preschool Staff

Alfredo Amezaga - Elder

Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon

Ted Bandaruk - Elder

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Jim Dykstra - Deacon

Jon Fay - Choir Director

Karen Ferrell - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian

Patti Hanczarek - Preschool Staff

Keith Hansen - Elder

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Yolanda Jimenez - Preschool Staff

Scott Johnson - Elder

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Miriella Melara - Deacon

Marilyn Merritt - Deacon

Darlene Nilsson - Elder

Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor

Steve O'Malley - Deacon

Annie Payne - Office Manager

Chris Peterson - Deacon

Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff

Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager

Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder

Jason Stanton - Accompanist

Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Paul Twichell - Elder

Debby Wiens - Pianist



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