



From Pastor Jeff

A few years ago, on one of the first nice days of spring, I took our old dog, Ruby, for a walk. I walked from our house to my office, about a mile. There was only one major street we had to cross, a busy country highway not unlike Hwy 28 in Incline. As we got to the corner, the light was red, so we had to wait. Ruby (the dog) looked up at me with a puzzled expression when we stopped. When Ruby went for a walk, she went! She had no desire for stopping in the middle (unless it was to chase ground squirrels). I pushed the crossing button, the light turned green, and we started across the crosswalk. As we did, a couple of big rigs rolled to a stop. I was glad they had obeyed the light! I looked at the big chrome grills on the trucks, slowing to a stop and then looked down at the dog to make sure the noise of the squealing breaks and rumbling engines hadn't upset her. Ruby was also looking at the trucks, walking with her head high, with almost a look of pride on her face (If such a thing is possible for dogs). It was like she was thinking, "That's right, you better stop for me! Big Bad Ruby is comin' through." I had pushed the button for the crosswalk, the trucks had stopped for the red light, but the dog seemed to take the credit for a safe passage across the street.

It made me wonder, "How often am I like that?" I go through life unable to see into God's realm, in many ways uncomprehending of the larger reality around me. Who knows what doors God has opened for me, what buttons he has pushed, how many safe crossings I have made because of the Lord's action? I'm tempted to take the credit for all my successes and to forget that I am only a very small person in a very big universe, surrounded by an invisible reality that is as real, in some sense, more real, than what I can see and touch, smell, and hear. Thank God for his love and mercy and grace that he puts up with such silly creatures as myself!



UPCOMING EVENTS



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
May 7th

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Sunday morning worship service on March 5th. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact Pastor Jeff to arrange for home Communion.

POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, May 7th

On Sunday, May 7th we will be sharing a potluck lunch following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. The food theme is Mexican! The church is providing a taco bar. Please bring beans, rice, chips, salsa, enchiladas, tamales, or your favorite Mexican dish, salad, dessert, or whatever you would like to share. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship.



MISSION REPORTS

Sunday, May 15th

A few of the YouthCompass Mission Team will share their experiences on the Slovakia mission trip. We will also be commissioning the Belize mission trip on May 15th.



DEACON'S MEETING

Sunday, May 7th

The next Deacons meeting will be on Sunday, May 7th after the potluck.

SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 10th

The Session of The Village Church will be meeting on Wednesday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the pastors study. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer as they discern what is best for our church and make Godly decisions for this body.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

May 7th

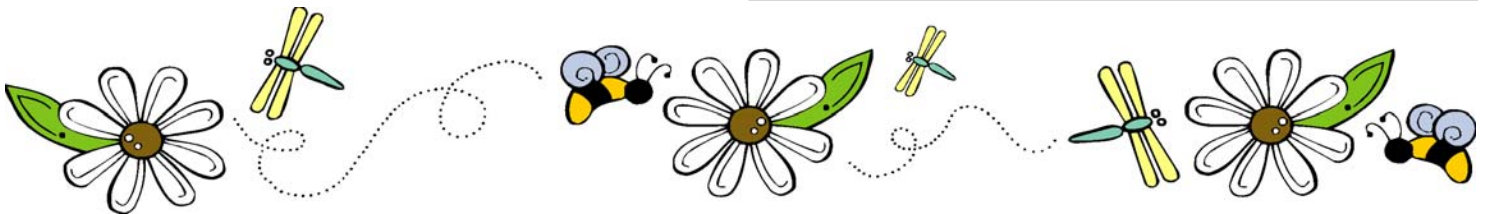
Please help our Deacons' ministry by donating household products such as paper towels and dish soap as well as personal care items such as shampoo and soap. You can place your donations in the basket in the church Narthex. Thank you for helping.



MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 14th

We will be thanking mothers and those who serve in that role that morning with prayer.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR PAT COLLINS

Saturday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Pat Collins went home to her Lord and Savior on April 28, 2017. She was a long time member of The Village Church. She sang in the choir and served as a deacon. She also helped to manage the Thrift Shop. Pat also belonged to Incline PEO, serving as chaplain. Throughout her life, she was known as a very giving, caring person who always put others first.

Pat is survived by daughters Betsy Dart of Las Vegas, Nevada, Colleen Otani of Hilo, Hawaii, and Janice Collins of Henderson, Nevada. She has 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandsons. A celebration of her life will take place on May 20th at The Village Church at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Presbyterian Missions or to Mercy Ships.

EASTER SUNRISE PHOTOS



Women's Ministries of The Village Church

**ANY TIME,
ANY 'WEAR'
FASHION SHOW
AND
DINNER**

Friday, June 9th, 2017

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Show begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Adults: \$15

Children 12 and under: \$6

Tickets are limited and available
at the church office.

Call 775.831.0784 for more information.

Proceeds will benefit our youth mission trip



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In gearing up for this summer's Vacation Bible School and needing volunteers to teach Sunday School, I came across an interesting article from Lifeway.com written by Brian Dodd. I made some modification to be more specific to The Village Church.

10 Benefits of Being a Church Volunteer

1. Volunteering at Church Has Given My Life Greater Purpose

There are numerous important causes in the world and many opportunities to volunteer your time. I serve at church because that is where my efforts result in someone's life being changed for eternity. It is in church where a person can be made brand new and become redeemed. I started small and easy: I joined a Hospitality Team and helped with food box packing. I graduated to serving on Session. Now I serve as Christian Education Director, and I find myself recruiting volunteers!

2. Volunteering at Church Has Given Me Broader Perspective

Serving others has allowed me to focus on larger issues and others rather than always on myself.

3. Volunteering at Church Has Given Me Lifelong Friendships

There is a unique relational bond which comes from "being in the thick of it" with someone and serving together. I have made so many personal connections and lifelong friends because of volunteering at my church.

4. Volunteering at Church Has Given Me A Healthier Self-Image

There is a healthy sense of pride which comes from serving others. You just feel better about yourself when your life matters and makes a difference.

5. Volunteering at Church Helps Others

Living an internally focused life benefits no one. Serving others relieves suffering, meets the needs of the marginalized, provides hope, and improves the quality of people's lives.

6. Volunteering at Church Has Made Me More Generous

Generosity is time, talent, and treasure. Church volunteers give sacrificially of their time and talent BEFORE giving sacrificially of their treasure. It is a sequential process. By being generous with time and talent, financial generosity is a natural outflow.

7. Volunteering at Church Taught Me How to Make Better Decisions

The best decisions come when you give up what is good (a night out with friends) for what is best (studying on Saturday night to serve others on Sunday morning).

8. Volunteering at Church Makes Me A Better Thinker

Being a quality volunteer requires sacrifice, study, and preparation. Volunteering at my church has made me smarter.

9. Volunteering at Church Has Given Me Lasting Influence

My daughter knows about serving others from watching and working with her mom and stepfather. A result I never planned on when I took my first volunteer role was that I would be passing on a legacy of service to my child.

10. Volunteering at Church Will One Day Result in A Greater Reward

Like many of you, I look forward to the day when I hear my Heavenly Father say "Well done my good and faithful servant." At sporting events, those in the stands pay to attend the game. Those on the field get paid! The same is true for church volunteers. If you are not volunteering at your church, it is time to get on the field and start getting paid with these amazing benefits.

Mary Gilbert,

C.E. Director



**MAY 7, 2017 @ 11:30AM
AT THE VILLAGE CHURCH**

SILENT AUCTION YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The Village Church is sending a team of 23 youth and leaders to San Francisco to help the homeless this summer. We will be having a silent auction to help raise the money needed for this trip. There will be all types of items and services to bid.

Thank you for supporting our 2017 youth mission trip.



**All funds go toward
the July Youth S.F.
Mission Trip**

**\$20 minimum bid
on any item or
service**

**Thank you for your
support**

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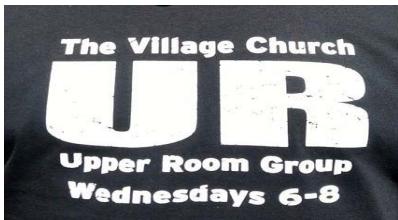
YOUTH NEWS

Hello and happy spring to everyone!

I am very excited and pleased about the upcoming events and activities I have planned for the youth. Highest up on the excitement chart is the silent auction on May 7th. This is a fundraiser for the San Francisco youth mission trip this July. A big thank you to all who donated the amazing things that are going to be auctioned off on May 7th.



I want to articulate how impressed I am with the youth and their fundraising effort for this trip. The youth that have signed up to go on the mission trip have been and are fundraising from January to July to raise the money to pay for the trip. By the time the trip date arrives each of them will have volunteered roughly 40 hours during seven months. For the mission trip, the kids time will be spent in very modest shelter and helping in one of the most concentrated homeless populations in the United States. It is a rare thing today to see youth that are willingly to work and sacrifice for Jesus and others. What a blessing it is for me to see and be a part of God moving in the youth and in the world. You make spreading of the Gospel through the youth and YWAM possible with your support and prayers. Thank you for supporting us!!!



The Upper Room Group meets Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We have some pretty crazy fun playing games. Sometimes they are a little on the messy side. Oh yeah, and there's time for asking questions, learning about God, the Bible and Jesus Christ. This group is for 5th -12th grades.



Special Ops-This is our Middle and High School youth outreach group. We travel to Reno to minister to the homeless and needy in the downtown area. In the colder months we bring sleeping bags and warm clothes to folks in need. We always offer prayer, any help we can give and listen to folks tell their stories, too. We leave from the church parking lot on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. and get back around 3:00 p.m. I would like to invite parents and adults from church to come and hang out at any of the youth groups or ministries.

Serving Jesus, *Pastor Tony*





Faith & Family Night with the Reno Aces

Fri, June 23rd

Tacoma vs Reno | 7:05 p.m.

Join us as we go watch the Reno Aces.
The coaches & players are celebrating their faith!

Different topics covered at each event.

The Church has reserved tickets as a
group. Cost is \$16 per ticket.

4:30 p.m. Pre-game Concert

4:45 p.m. Aces Coach & Player Testimonials

Conclusion Q&A With Aces Coaches & Players

Post-Game Fireworks

For more information call the
Church Office at 775-831-0784



JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S STUDY

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a men's study in the Fireside Room on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, study and support. All men are invited!

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.

The early morning Men's Study continues to meet in the Fireside Room on Wednesday mornings for coffee, sweet rolls and fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to join us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT STUDY

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a bible study in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, study, and support.

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.

MAY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

May 7th Communion Servers:

1. Karen Ferrell
2. Don Ferrell
3. Michele Young
4. Craig Young

Worship Assistants:

- May 7: Joannie McNulty
 May 14: Chuck Dowd
 May 21: Miriella Melara
 May 28: Veronica Kilbourn

Ushers:

- May 7: Vickie and Paul Twichell
 May 14: Joannie McNulty
 May 21: Michele and Craig Young
 May 28: Judy and Paul Ackerman

Children's Message:

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

Hospitality Teams

- May 7: Team 7- Marilyn Merritt, Sharon Sigler, Jane Barnhart, Lynn Windham, Jane Dykstra, and Judy Spees
 May 14: Team 8 - Karen Bennett, Erika Hamner, Michele Young, Ginny Batistic, and Norma Kilbourn
 May 21: Team 1 - Ann Schofield, Mary Gilbert, Lynn Bandaruk, Jalyne Leonhart, and Linda Robins
 May 28th: Team 2 - Karen Schumann, Karen Ferrell, Sue Maturlo, Cindy Critchfield, and Lynne Donat

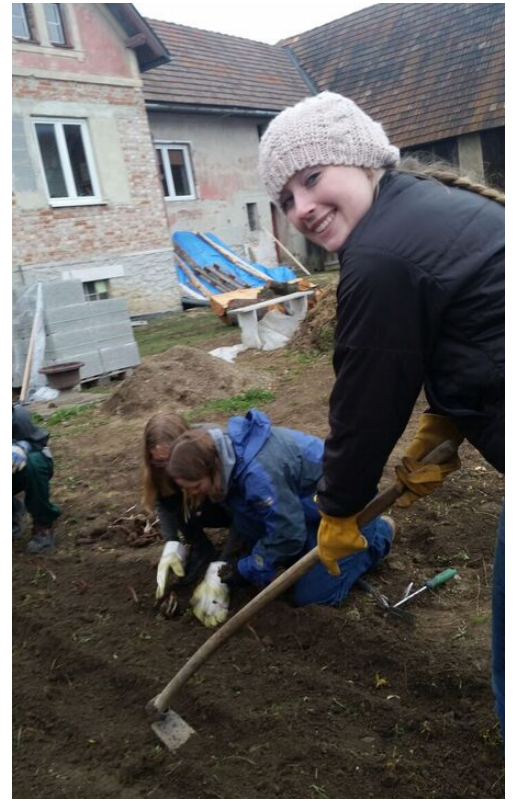
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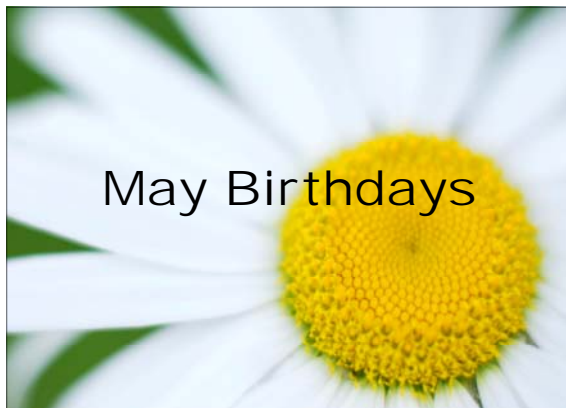
ECO is committed to growing and planting flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

SLOVAKIA MISSION TRIP PHOTOS



Village Christian Preschool Photos





THE VILLAGE CHURCH IS A PRAYING CHURCH!



Our Lord has placed on the hearts of the leaders of The Village to pray. As a church we provide opportunities during and after 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.



5/1 Laura Vogus	5/15 Charlene Rodman
5/5 Lynn Bandaruk	5/16 Roxanne Fernandez
5/5 Bonnie Rappaport	5/17 Debi Moore
5/5 Debbie Richter	5/17 Patrick Sheridan
5/7 Jim Ashbrook	5/22 Jane Dykstra
5/7 Lewis Orłady	5/23 Ellen Toto
5/8 Linda Brown	5/25 Bill Ferrall
5/8 Terri Nielsen	5/29 Kathy Heinzer
5/10 Ed Leutheuser	5/29 Robin Barnes

Did we forget your birthday? Please let us know. Call the church office at 831-0784.



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. For more information about ECO, visit our website: www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TREATS FOR FELLOWSHIP

We are looking for a few more cookie mavens for our hospitality teams. We have eight teams of dedicated treat providers. That means each team only has to bring something for hospitality every eight weeks. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office or Linda Robins, our elder for fellowship.



A BIG THANK YOU!

To all who helped make Holy Week a success. Thanks to the food preparers, praise team, and choir for a great service on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday; thanks to Linda Florentine, Ann Schofield, and helpers who put together a beautiful brunch for all to enjoy on Easter morning. Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg hunt for the kids, and to all of the volunteers who helped in many different ways.



PASTORAL CONTACT

In order to provide the best possible pastoral care in time of emergency or crisis, Pastor Jeff has a cell phone. This will allow congregation members the opportunity to contact him during non-office hours should a crisis or emergency situation arise. The phone number is 775.624.4240. If Pastor Jeff doesn't answer, simply leave a voice message and he will attempt to respond as quickly as possible.

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Scripture for the Month:
 "Honor your father and mother"-- which is the first commandment with a promise--
 - "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
 Ephesians 6:2-3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed	2 2:37pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - F/R	3 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	4 12:00pm National Day of Prayer - Sanctuary 6:30pm Kings Beach Small Group - Boxeth's Home 	5	6
7 Lord's Supper 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary No Choir Practice 10:15am Sunday School 11:30pm Potluck 11:30pm Silent Auction 11:45pm Deacons Meeting	8 Office Closed	9 10:00am Women's Ministry Board Meeting - F/R 2:37pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - F/R 6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home	10 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 2:00pm Session Meeting - Pastor's Study 6:00pm Adult Bible Study - F/R 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	11	12 6-8:30pm Parents' Night Out - F/R	13
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21 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary 8:15am Choir Practice - F/R 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am LTWR Meeting 12-3pm SOP H/S Outreach	22 Office Closed	23 2:37pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home	24 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R	25	26	27 Belize Mission Team Returns
28 Tony Preaching 8 & 10am Worship in Sanctuary 8:15am Choir Practice - F/R 10:15am Sunday School 12-3pm SOP H/S Outreach	29 Memorial Day Office & Preschool Closed 	30 2:37pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - F/R 6:30pm Incline Small Group - Dykstra's Home	31 6:30am Men's Study - F/R 10:00am Prayer Group - Pastor's Study 6-8pm Upper Room Group - Y/R			

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A joyful place to grow

Faithfulness

springs up from the ground, and

righteousness

looks down from the sky.

Psalm 85:11 ESV



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

Kristen Ferrall - Preschool Staff

Don Ferrell - Elder

Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator

Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Custodian & Elder

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff

Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Darlene Nibson - 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



May 2017