



### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2018

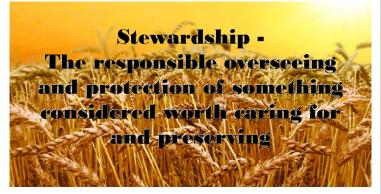
**GROWING OUR FAITH:** In Response to the Greatest Story Ever Told

"Freely you have received.. Freely give." Matthew 10:8

As we see the days shorten and the air gets crisper our thoughts turn to a new season of worship and ministry at the Village Church. Our recent visioning project revealed that we have a stable, friendly, and vibrant church with general satisfaction and enthusiasm among our members and regular visitors.

Our vision and intent is to "flourish" from this base to provide a richer church life to current members, increase our ranks by ten percent, and to expand our outreach and witness to the community and beyond. As a reminder, some of our core activities and programs include:

Biblically sound Sunday worship through the talents of our pastors, staff, and lay leaders; chapel in the pines summer worship; the Village Christian Preschool; Deacon's food closet ministry; the Village Christian Thrift Shop; the music ministry; a vibrant youth program that ministers to the



homeless; international and local mission programs; Bible studies, small group studies, and prayer group; women's retreat; church activities (hiking, softball, workdays, attending fun events together (Reno Aces, BBQs, Christian concerts).

To maintain and expand these important components of our church life, we are asking that you prayerfully consider increasing your financial and time commitment to the Village Church in the upcoming 2018 year. Though we are blessed with a generous congregation and have good control of our finances, the 2016/2017 winter strained our facilities and imposed the need for extra maintenance that will drive costs above normal levels this fall with parking lot, building repairs, and painting projects.

Perhaps as important is to ask you to deepen your time commitment by trying a new activity at church. Three areas of focus this year are:

- Participate in and read "The Story, The Bible As One Continuing Story of God and His People" This new book, by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, traces the arc of the story of the Bible in 31 chapters with time lines, events, and characters to deepen your understanding and give you the big picture of God's relationship to his people, culminating in the sacrifice of Jesus. You will hear more about this from Pastor Jeff in the weeks ahead and we will make sure everyone gets a copy who wants one.
- Join or form a Bible study and/or small group
- Invite two new people to church

Additional information on giving formats and service opportunities will be shared in October with Dedication Sunday set for November 12th where we will dedicate our gifts of time, talent, and finances to our Lord.

Enclosed you will find a pledge form. Please make a decision to let your church life "flourish" this year by returning your pledge form soon. Include your email contact information so we can include you on our notification list.

Thank you for your support of our Lord's ministry through the Village Church and for living your faith through these commitments.

### NOVEMBER NEWS OF OUR CHURCH

## POTLUCK LUNCH





your favorite Thanksqiving side dish such as mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, or even green bean casserole. Or you can bring a side dish or a salad or dessert. The church will provide the turkey breast. Join us for good food and great fellowship.

# **DEACON'S MINISTRY SUNDAY**

### November 5<sup>th</sup>

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.

# **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Sunday, November 12th

A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on November 12th. This meeting is called to receive the report of our church nominating committee and to elect elders and deacons to serve in leadership for 2018. We will also be electing members-at-large for our 2018 nominating committee. Members are encouraged to participate in this brief but very important meeting.

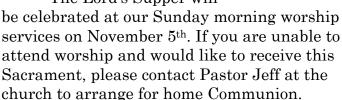


back one hour before you go to bed on November 4th

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE **LORD'S SUPPER**

# November 5th

The Lord's Supper will



# SESSION MEETING Wednesday, November 8th

Our Session will be gathering on Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 p.m. for study and business.

### **DEACONS' MEETING** November 12th

The Deacons meeting for November will be held on Sunday, November 12th at 11:45 a.m. in Room A.



# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Deadline is November 12th

unto the LORD,

for he is good.

This is a reminder that you and your family have the opportunity to make a big differ-

ence in the life of a child in a third-world country this Christmas by packing a shoebox-size box full of things such as small toys, a toothbrush, school supplies, hard candy, jewelry, hand sanitizer or a t-shirt. Help bring joy into the life of a less fortunate boy or girl. Jane Dykstra is organizing this ministry for The Village Church this year. To participate, all you need to do is pick up a sheet of instructions and a box in the lobby of our church, fill the box with goodies, and bring the packed shoebox to our church by Sunday, November 12th. We will deliver your shoebox to an Operation Christmas Child distribution center that week. For more information, please call the church office at 775.831.0784.



### SERVE AS A SKI CHAPLAIN

TAHOE RESORT MINISTRY is seeking people who would be interested in serving as mountain chaplains at any of the following ski areas: Mt. Rose, Diamond Peak, Homewood, Northstar, Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, or Sierra at Tahoe. Services are held each Sunday between Christmas and Easter at 2:00 p.m. at each ski area. A free lift ticket for the day will be provided for each chaplain except for at Mt. Rose which requires that you have a Mt. Rose ski pass. All materials needed to lead the service are provided. You would lead the service with a partner. For more information, contact Bethany Hansen at 530-583-7458 or at <a href="mailto:bethany@fbctahoe.com">bethany@fbctahoe.com</a>. The webpage is: <a href="http://tahoeministries.com/tahoe-resort-ministries/">http://tahoeministries.com/tahoe-resort-ministries/</a>

ski-ministry/. The deadline to apply is November 10, 2017.

Tahoe Resort Ministries

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS**



# **WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, November 14th 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Women's Ministries Board Meeting on Tuesday. November 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

### THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help out at the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and we need men and women volunteers to help out on any of the days that we are open. Please contact Linda Robins at 775-831-5200 or Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 to volunteer or for more information.

### SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We need your help with our Children's Message. Connect with our youngest by sharing a story about God's Word. Every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, a volunteer provides a special message for our children before they are excused for Sunday School. You don't need to come up with your own material, the church can provide it to you. If interested in volunteering, the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We need people to teach Sunday school to our young people. Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this ministry. Mary Gilbert, Christian Ed. Director, will provide the lesson plans and crafts. Contact Mary Gilbert if you would be available to help.

### **COUNTERS**

We are looking for folks from our congregation who would be willing to be on two person teams to count the weekly offerings on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Counting is easily taught and takes fifteen minutes to thirty minutes from start to finish. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the Narthex counter.

### DECEMBER EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH



# DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 3rd

The Advent season and Christmas are just around the corner. We will be decorating

the church after our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent. Please plan on joining us as we prepare the Sanctuary and church for Christmas.

# CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

There are a great number of organizations in the North Lake Tahoe area that are working together to help those struggling in these economic



times. The Village Church is glad to do its part through the Deacon's Food Closet Ministry. After church on Sunday, December 10th, we will be picking up non-perishable food at Raley's. We will need trucks with helpers and additional people to set-up for packing. On Wednesday, December 13th, at 5:00 p.m. we will be packing food boxes. The distribution will be on Saturday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the church and we can use help hosting applicants and loading items into cars. Volunteers - please be at the church at 9:15 a.m. The Deacons thought it would be fun to wear Christmas attire, hat, sweater, jingle bells, etc. We'll have some tunes! Also, if anyone speaks Spanish and wants to act as an interpreter, please let Jim Dykstra know.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the outstanding help throughout the year!



Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia plants bring to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant and dedicate it in celebration of a



special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below. Your celebration or memorial will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may take your plant home after the last Christmas Eve Service.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to the church. Deliver the form and your check to the church or mail to:

The Village Church 736 McCourry Blvd. Incline Village, NV 89451 (775) 831-0784

The deadline for all orders is Sunday, December 3rd

### Poinsettia Order Form

Name	
Phone Number	
No. of Plants	
Amount Enclosed \$	
In Celebration of	
In Memory of	



# Chistnas Sins-Alons

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
At 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**FREE Admission** 

Join us for a fun time of singing Christmas songs. Cookies and hot chocolate following the sing-along in our Fireside Room.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

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### YOUTH NEWS

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Happy Thanksgiving Season,

This month will be "stuffed" with the word of Christ, thankfulness, and fun! This is the time of year we really think about being thankful. All through November we will talk about being thankful people in The Upper Room youth group and have some amazing fun. The special ops outreach meets on Sundays to go to Reno and visit with senior citizens in assisted living facilities and visit the homeless in the downtown area and give out lifpaks. Finally, there is a fantastic girl only Bible study at the church Wednesday afternoons before youth group with Darlene Nilsson. All of our groups promote loving Jesus, friendship and are for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Trail of Treats and the Halloween Outreach were a big success! It was amazing to be apart of this, and it showed off Jesus and our church in a HUGE way. The trail of treats was a massively visible time for our church in the community. Collectively for both events we gave away 300 light sticks and a bunch of candy. I wish I had pictures of the hundreds of kids spread out through Mill Creek waving light sticks that had Jesus and our church name on them, or lined up to play games in the rec center filing past our church signs, but take my word for it, it was spectacular. Most importantly, God was glorified and glorified on a day when death and darkness usually get the glory. Part of John 1:5 was on each light stick (Thanks Pastor Jeff) The light shines in the darkness. The rest of that verse fits very well with the holiday—"and the darkness has not overcome it." Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out at these events.

# The Village Church Youth Groups:

Wednesdays - Youth Girls Bible Study, 3-4pm meets at the Church in Room C.

Wednesdays – The Upper Room Youth Group, 6–8pm, meets in Church Youth Room (snacks included) Sundays – Special Ops (Outreach Group), 12–3pm, meets at the Church (lunch included)

Thank you, Pastor Tony







### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

🛂 Good News from Good News Club!

Good News Club® is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in which trained teachers meet with groups of children just about anywhere the children can easily and safely meet with their

parent's permission. Each week the teacher presents an exciting Bible lesson using colorful materials from <u>CEF Press</u>. This action-packed time also includes songs, Scripture memory, a missions story and review games or other activities focused on the lesson's theme.

Darlene Nilsson and her GNC crew meet weekly on Thursday at Incline Elementary School from 3:15 – 4:30PM in room 154. This fall, GNC is focusing on Bible stories from Genesis and God as the Creator King. Anticipating the possibility of another snowy winter, this year's club program includes more opportunities for

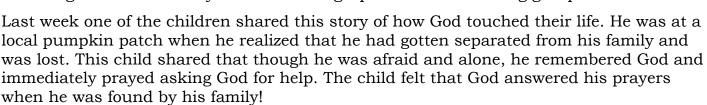
children to be engaged through movement, games, silliness, giggles, and fun.

The 2017-18 calendar year for Good News Club started in October, and God has already brought several blessings to this ministry. The Lord has blessed GNC with children! There are ten children currently enrolled, and we expect more to join the group as the school year progresses.

It is a welcome blessing that Incline Elementary has graciously provided GNC with a spare classroom for its use. This larger classroom provides more space than before for children to move about and get their wiggles out. Also, supplies can now be stored in the closet of the classroom instead of being carted in and out of the building each week.

In answer to many prayers - Alder is back! Due to health issues, she was unable to join us last year, but she is much better now. Alder joins GNC each

week to give the Bible story and share the gospel with this amazing group of kids.

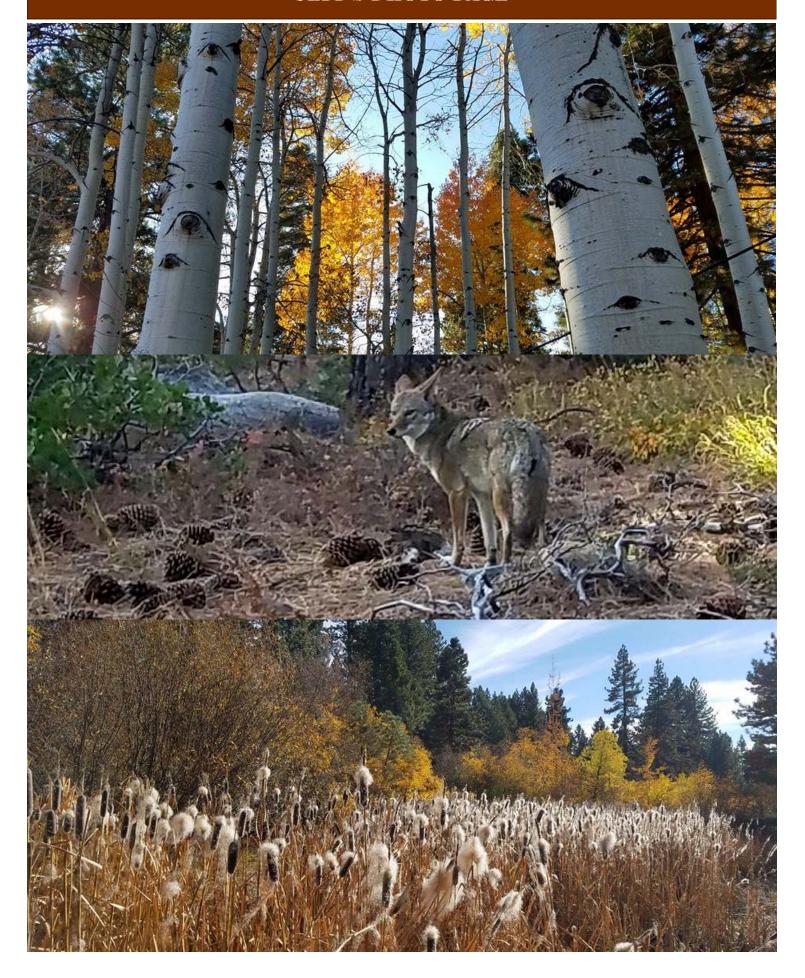


When asked to share a moment when they worshiped God, one child shared that she had a special moment in a family member's garden while visiting during fall break. With a big smile and many words, the child animatedly described how she sat alone in this garden thinking about how God had made all the beautiful flowers and vegetables.

There are several opportunities to be involved with a *Good News Club*. You can pray for the children and teachers in the club or contact Darlene Nilsson at <u>dac0857@gmail.com</u> if you would like to help in another capacity.



# JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE



# VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PHOTOS







# 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.

### 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.

## Adult Bible Study Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Jeff for a study on the Apostles Creed. 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.

# NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

### November 5th Communion Servers:

- 1. Bill Florentine
- 2. Linda Florentine
- 3. Don Ferrell
- 4. Karen Ferrell

### Worship Assistants:

November 5: Jane Dykstra

November 12: Linda Robins

November 19: Millie Clarke

November 26: Norma Kilbourn

### **Ushers:**

November 5: Michele and Craig Young

November 12: Joannie McNulty

November 19: Rob and Linda Robins

November 26: Gary and Patti Boxeth

# Children's Message:

November 5: Darlene Nilsson

November 12: Need Help

November 19: Cindy Liggett

November 26: Don Ferrell

# Hospitality Teams

November 5: Team 1

November 12: Team 2

November 19: Team 3

November 26: Team 4



### 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.



11/2 11/15 Linda Robins Jim Bennett 11/21 Bill Florentine 11/2 Paul Leonhart 11/3 John Paulson 11/23 Paul Ackerman 11/3 Pam McQueen 11/24 Joannie McNulty 11/4 Carole Averkin 11/24 Tony Conragan 11/5 Tom Payne 11/26 Chuck Dowd 11/8 Darlene Nilsson 11/26 Sam Harris 11/10 John Morris

Did we forget your birthday? Please let us know. Call the church office at 775-831-0784.

# OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS



Year To Date Through October 29, 2017:

<u>Needed</u> \$363,616

<u>Given</u> \$363,477

<u>Difference</u> -\$139



Remember those who served

Veteran's

Day

November

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### ADVENT IS COMING!

Beginning Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>



Advent is the season of the Church year which begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. The Advent season starts this year on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Advent means "coming" or

"arrival" and the focus of the entire season is the celebration of the first coming of our Lord as a baby in Bethlehem, and the anticipation of our Lord's return as King at the end of time.

Advent Devotionals will be available in the Narthex soon. Also, there will be Advent calendars for our children.

# 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.

# CHURCH OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS AT THANKSGIVING

This is a reminder that the church office and the Preschool will be closed November  $23^{\rm rd}$  and  $24^{\rm th}$  to celebrate Thanksgiving. As a reminder, regular church office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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. The Village Church
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Scripture of the Month:

"Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

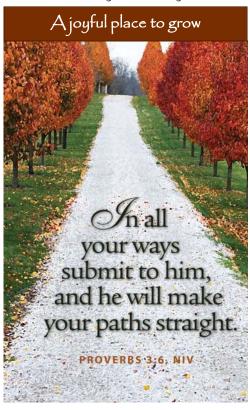
his love endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

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# Church Leadership

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 Ion Fay - Choir Director Roxanne Fernandez - 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 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