## From Pastor Jeff

2017 was growing year here at The Village Church. We experienced an epic winter with snow everywhere. Some of the highlights:

- Our small group ministry stepped up and helped dig out seniors being served by Meals on Wheels and led our congregation to help dig out the elementary school playgrounds.
- Our Vision Team completed their work bringing a Vision Plan that emphasized outreach and technology improvements. In light of this we launched a redesigned website in June.
- We conducted successful mission trips to Belize, Slovakia, and San Francisco.
- Mary Gilbert and many volunteers staged a successful VBS for the children of our community.
- Our Easter and Christmas food distributions reached hundreds of people in our area.
- In the Fall, we finished a two year preaching journey through the Gospel of Luke.

These are just a few of the events that made for a great year. A huge thank you to everyone who made our year together successful! For 2018, Session is planning on reorganizing to better focus on outreach and growth. We have started The Story and we've started new Bible studies. Our plan is to build on our successes and reach more people for Jesus in our community.



#### THANK YOU! FROM PASTOR JEFF

On behalf of myself and my family, I want to thank you all for your cards and prayers as we dealt with my father's illness and his death. It meant so much to me personally. I know the peace I felt in the midst of it all was because my church family was praying for us. Thank you so very much.



#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>



Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service on February 11th 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 2017 Annual Report

will be available. The 2018 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.

#### FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCH CHILI COOK-OFF Sunday, February 11th



Our February potluck lunch is a week later than usual and will be part of our Annual Congregational Meeting. This is our annual chili cook-off yout

Meeting. This is our annual chili cook-off youth fundraiser. Bring your favorite chili to enter in the competition, cornbread, salad or side dish. All proceeds will go to our youth S.F. mission Trip. Join in fellowship, fun and good food.

#### CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

A draft of our 2017 Annual Report is available for your review. A finalized version will be presented at the congregational annual meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



#### SESSION MEETING Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Our church's Session will be gathering on Wednesday afternoon, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. f. Please be in prayer for the leaders of our church.

# PRESCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY



Monday, February 19th Presidents' Day

The Preschool and

Office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.

#### LENTEN SEASON

Lent is the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, not including Sundays, of penitence and preparation for Christ's death and resurrection. We encourage you to utilize a daily Lenten devotional. Soon we have Lent devotionals available on the counters in the Narthex.





#### **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.

#### 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 564 Bronco Court. 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, 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.

#### Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Our Women's study is meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at Michele Young's house 796 Tyner Way. All women are invited to a time of prayer, study and friendship.

#### 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 on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Kings Beach small group meets at the Boxeth's house 1400 Canterbury Dr. Kings Beach. 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 #2 - First & Third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The second Incline Village small group meets at the Ogden's house 943 Jennifer St. at 6:30 p.m. on the first and Third Thursdays of the month. This group is welcome to anyone. Contact Annie Payne for more information.

#### **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 signup sheet is on the Narthex counter.

# 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 continues

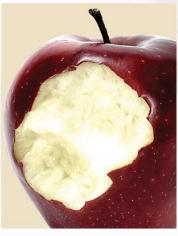
during the 8:00 and 10:00 am services

at The Village Church

736 McCourry Blvd

Incline Village, NV 89451







#### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

#### 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.

#### **COME VISIT OUR THRIFT SHOP**

Come see what is new at the Village Christian Thrift Shop, 799 Southwood. We have dedicated men & women who donate 4 hours a week to support local, national, and international mission projects. Your donations of <u>quality, gently-used</u> clothing, furniture, artwork, housewares, small appliances, toys, books, etc. (and seasonal items) are greatly appreciated! Call Tony Conragan for furniture pickup 785 831-3902. **Come shop Mon-Fri 11am to 3pm.** 

#### A BIG THANK YOU!

Recently a crew of over 15 youth and adults spent an afternoon repairing & replacing donated shelving. We are so thankful for all of our volunteers! The Village Christian Thrift Shop serves our community and beyond!

#### 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, but especially on Fridays. Please contact Linda Robins at 775-831-5200 or Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 to volunteer or for more information.







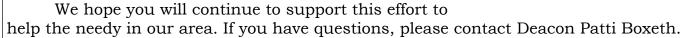


#### **DEACONS NEWS**

#### THE VILLAGE CHURCH DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP

Please support our Deacons' ministry by donating household products. It is felt this is an unmet need, yet necessary for our community and would complement food distributions in our area. Below is a list of items you can place in the basket in the Narthex. The Deacons will be delivering these to appropriate organizations throughout the year.

- ♦ **Personal Care Items:** toilet paper, Kleenex, soap, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, antibiotic salve, dental floss, baby lotion and shampoo, disposable diapers, diaper wipes and cream, Vaseline.
- ♦ **Household/laundry Items:** Laundry detergent and bleach, dish soap, Windex, toilet and tub cleansers ,all purpose cleaner, paper towels, and batteries.





# Need a Ride?

#### **SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

Do you need a ride to church on Sundays or know someone who does? If so, please let our church office know at 775.831.0784 and one of our Deacons will be happy to assist.

#### **CONCERN FOR OTHERS**

The Deacons are wanting to reach out to anyone who hasn't been to church in a while, but they need your help. If you notice that someone hasn't been seen at church in a while, please let Pastor Jeff, Jim Dykstra, or any of the Deacons know and they will reach out to that person.





#### 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.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

#### Winter Greetings!

With so much going on it's hard to pick one thing to start with, but here goes. First, we just started a High School youth group called "Elements"! This group meets on Tuesday nights from 6-7:30pm in the youth room. Weekly we have dinner, worship, and a message for the High school youth. This group is for high schoolers to fellowship, hear Gods word, and worship. I am looking for people to help with simple meals for this group. Foods like pizza, tacos, sandwiches or really anything would be welcome. Just let me know what date you would like to provide a meal for us.

February marks the official start of the fundraising for the Summer mission trip to San Francisco

with YWAM (Youth With A Mission). It will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year going to San Francisco and I am already looking forward to it. Last year 20 people went on the trip and it was an amazing experience. The youth will volunteer approximately 40 hours of work to go on the trip. On the trip the youth will serve the needy folks in San Francisco in all kinds of meaningful ways. The fundraiser this month will be the chili cook-off on the 11<sup>th</sup> after church, so get your best chili recipe and vote with cash for the chili you like best.



There is a Bible study just for the girls on Wednesday afternoons hosted by Darlene Nilsson. This is a special time for young ladies who want to open up the Bible and get closer to Jesus. If you would like to join please contact Darlene Nilsson.

Our Sunday youth outreach group travels to Reno to visit Seniors in assisted living facilities and also to the homeless in the Reno area. We choose the ministry we will go to based on need and the best fit for the group going. This group meets at the church a little before noon.

For all of the different youth groups, we are looking for adult volunteers including going on the San Francisco Mission Trip. If you are interested in volunteering with the youth please contact me at <a href="lowestservant@yahoo.com">lowestservant@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Serving Jesus,
Pastor Tony





## **FEB 11**

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

#### Bring Your Best Chili

We will once again host our annual 2017 chili cookoff. This year, even the youth attending the trip will be bringing chili recipes to enter in the fun contest. The votes will be cast with money and the chili that has the most money/votes wins first, second, or third place prizes. It's all for fun and all proceeds are used for the youth mission trip to San Francisco July 16-21

Find your crock pot and your recipe book

Make any kind of chili you like, but let people know if it's hot.

This is for fun, not for any sort of actual national award

You can also bring cornbread, salad, or any side dish or desert

# THE YOUTH GROUPS WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP

Tuesdays 6-7:30pm in the Youth room

Wednesdays 6-8pm in the Youth room

Sundays 12-3pm Reno

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**



#### February 2017

I teach Sunday School because:

- Once upon a time, someone asked me to help.
- I got over my fear of caring for other people's children.
- It is needed.
- I had good examples in the other parents.
- I get to create a welcoming, safe, friendly, happy place for children in church.
- I care about the place where the children are.
- I get to hear children explain God.
- I get to see quiet, shy children turn into outgoing, engaging little people.
- I get to be an unofficial God-parent, over and over and over.
- I get to draw, color, stamp, paint, and create crafts.
- I get to sing and laugh!
- I am building memories that will last forever, both for the young ones and for me.
- I get to see the Bible through a child's eyes.
- I help build relationships and communities of faith.
- I learn that everyone can bloom.
- And because it's wonderful to see everyone bloom.



If you read this and felt a tug in your heart, please consider teaching a Sunday school class. Volunteers choose the date they teach and the class they teach, as well as how often they teach. CE provides the lesson, supplies, and everything needed to teach the class. You receive your lesson the week prior to your scheduled date. Our classes are currently small. It's easy! Try it, you'll like it!

Reprinted in part from http://signsdreamsandvisions.blogspot.com/2007/06/why-do-you-teach-sunday-school.html

Mary Gilbert, C.E. Director



## Village Christian Preschool













#### NATIONAL MISSION UPDATE

#### **HURRICANE HARVEY REBUILD PROJECT**



During the week of April 22, 2018, a group of ten people from the church will be volunteering with Samaritan's Purse in Rockport, Texas to minister to families whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Harvey in August of 2017. When the hurricane, a category 4 storm, came ashore it hit Rockport and caused considerable damage. Samaritan's Purse has been assisting homeowners in Rockport since shortly after the storm hit, and the volunteers from our church will be working on repairing homes and working on new home construction.

At this time the mission team con-

sists of: Jane and Jim Dykstra, Don Ferrell, Betsy Garfinkle, Mary Gilbert, Nancy Leonard, Marilyn and Steve Merritt, and Pastor Jeff Ogden. There is room for one more male on the trip. If you are interested, please contact Jane Dykstra by email at <a href="mailto:tahoejane@gmail.com">tahoejane@gmail.com</a> – the space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis – but we will start a waiting list for both men and women in case we have cancellations, so let Jane know if you have an interest in joining them. The team will be hosted by a church in the area that will provide meals and lodging.

The Village Church is sponsoring the trip, although no funding was set aside in the church's 2018 budget to cover costs associated with the team's travel, which will include airfare and rental car transportation in Texas. Each participant will purchase their own flights, but the team will need to rent to vehicles to get them from the airport to the church and then to the work site each day. The cost for this is anticipated to be about \$1,000. If you are able to help offset this cost, please make a contribution to the Village Church and note "Houston Transportation" in the memo area of your check. Also, some team members may be seeking sponsors to help them cover the cost of their airfare. If you are approached by one of the volunteers please consider contributing to help them offset their out-of-pocket costs for the trip. If you are able to help, just note "Houston" and the team member's name on your check.

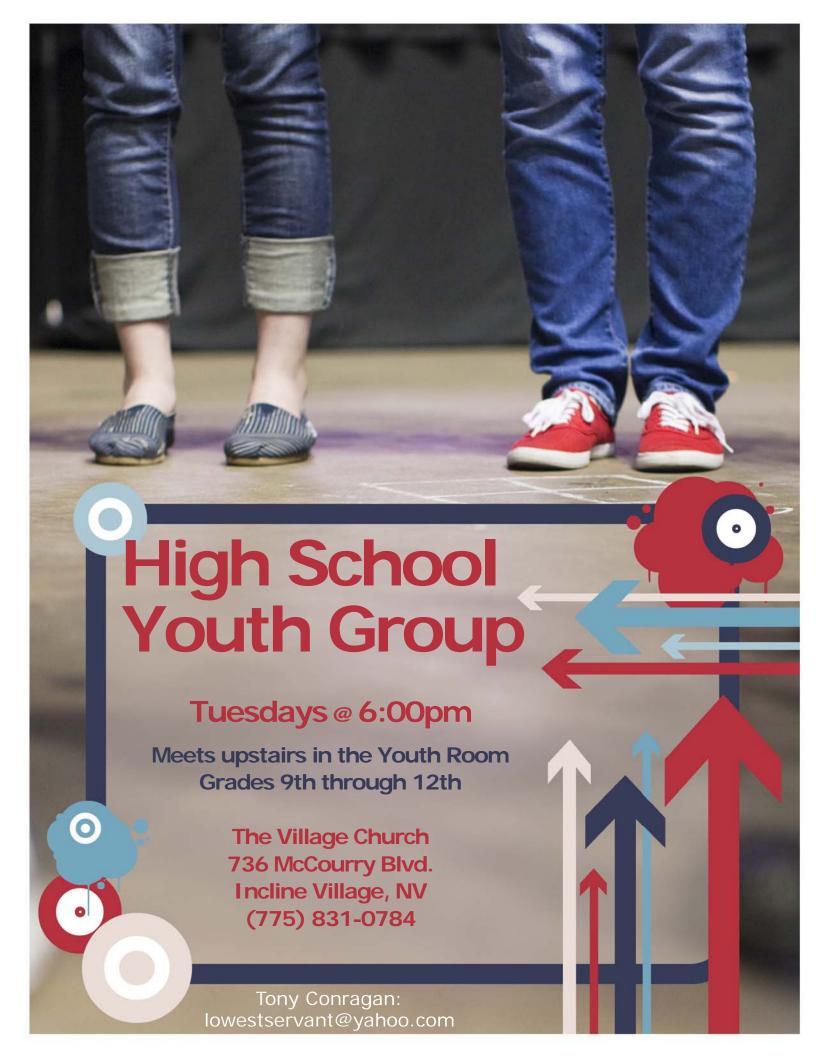
We are happy to have members with a heart to help others. Our record of supporting mission trips – both with people and with funding – is awesome! Please come alongside these volunteers as they seek to be the hands and feet of Christ ministering to this devastated area.

#### MISSIONS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

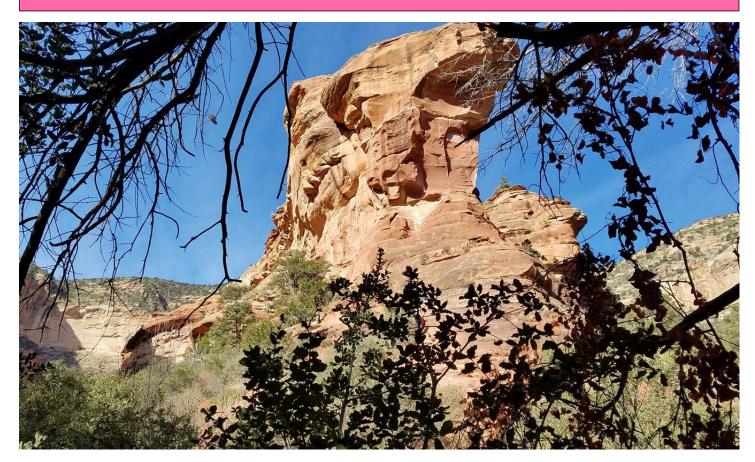
We have many opportunities available to volunteer and serve. We participate in international, national, and local missions and services. Please consider joining one of our mission/service opportunities in 2018.

- We will be joining with YouthCompass again to send a mission crew to Serbia from March 28th to April 8th. We are looking for more people to attend.
- The Belize Mission Trip will be going on September 14<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be dental, veterinary, and handyman work, please contact Renee Taylor for more info.
- The Texas Mission trip April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 28<sup>th</sup> has one more spot for an adult male.
- Another opportunity is Pastor Tony needs adult leaders to go to the Reno homeless and elderly outreach on Sunday afternoons and also needs adult leaders to go on the YWAM Youth San Francisco Mission Trip on July 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.
- We need adult volunteers for Vacation Bible School.
- The Preschool is in need of adult volunteers.

All trips/service opportunities are open to all adults - a heart to serve the Lord is the only requirement. If you have questions or are interested in signing up contact the Church Office.



### PASTOR JEFF'S PHOTO PAGE







2/1	Barbara Jensen	2/18	Dick Randall
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2/4	Walter Beck	2/23	LaVerne Wesenberg
2/8	Teri Storey	2/23	Mary Kay Randall
2/10	Ann O'Keefe	2/23	Annie Payne
2/11	Clint DeWitt	2/24	Carrol Irwin
2/16	Margareta Karlsson	2/29	Bedford Holmes

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

#### MARCH TRIALOGUE DEADLINE

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Send your news to:

apayne@TheVillageChurchNV.org

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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



#### 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.

#### FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

#### Worship Assistants

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Kendall Hoopes February 11<sup>th</sup>: Millie Clarke February 18<sup>th</sup>: Norma Kilbourn February 25<sup>th</sup>: Bill Ferrall

#### Ushers

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Ted & Lynn Bandaruk February 11<sup>th</sup>: Gary & Patti Boxeth February 18<sup>th</sup>: Rob & Linda Robins February 25<sup>th</sup>: John & Nancy Manter

#### February 4th Communion Servers

Darlene Nilsson Tim Gilbert Rob & Linda Robins

#### Hospitality Teams:

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Team 6 February 11<sup>th</sup>: Team 7 February 18<sup>th</sup>: Team 8 February 25<sup>th</sup>: Team 1



## 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!

Also, if you were apart of the flower workshop please volunteer to arrange flowers. On the 2018 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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## Føbruary 2018



Scripture for the Month:
Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4

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#### A joyful place to grow

# Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10, ESV





Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Doug Baker - Deacon Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Elder Patti Boxeth - Deacon Gary Boxeth - Elder Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV& Youth Pastor Jim Dykstra - Deacon XIoderator Ion Fay - Choir Director Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff Don Ferrell - Elder Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian Janet Howell - Preschool Staff Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff

Miriella Melara - Deacon Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Darlene Nilsson - Elder Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon Annie Payne - Office Manager Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff Nathalie Sacci - Asst. Preschool Director Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, Clerk of Session, Elder Jason Stanton - Accompanist Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Paul Twichell - Elder Debby Wiens - Pianist Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer, Women's Ministries Moderator