





From Pastor Jeff

Dear Members and Friends of The Village Church,

I write to you today to update you on The Village Church's response to the continuing coronavirus pandemic. As of many of you are aware, Governor Sisolak has declared that Phase 2 of Nevada's

COVID-19 Reopening plan begins on May 29. As part of this plan, the ban on in-person worship services has been lifted, but with additional requirements and recommendations. In light of this, The Session of The Village Church met this week to discuss how we might begin to reintroduce in-person worship services. Our primary goals were to: 1) Keep our congregation and visitors healthy and safe, and 2) Return to worship together in person. We have been guided by materials put out by the CDC and the Nevada Health Response website.

As a result of our discussions, Session decided that we will return to in-person worship on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at both 8 and 10am. Our 10am service will be outdoors in the Chapel in the Pines. Per the Governor's statement, we will be limited to 50 people or less, with overflow seating of 50 people available in the Fireside Room at 8 and 10am. Once we are full we will have to turn people away. We will continue to livestream the services online. The 8am will be on YouTube and the 10am on Facebook Live.

In an attempt to keep everyone healthy and follow the Governor's directives, we will also be instituting the following measures:

- Face coverings will be required of all attendees and staff (11 years and older) except for the praise team while singing and the pastor while speaking.
- Strict social distancing of 6 ft between individuals not in the same household will be maintained.
- Procedures for entry and exit of the church and outdoor chapel will be implemented to maintain these social distancing standards.
- Doors to the buildings will remain propped open so no one has to touch handles.
- Use of Hand Sanitizing stations is highly encouraged
- Hand Sanitizing stations will be readily available for all.
- Physical touch (e.g., handshakes, hugs, etc.) will be greatly discouraged. (Please don't!)
- Our Sunday School classrooms will be thoroughly cleansed and sterilized before and after each service, when used.
- We will not be using the Sunday School classrooms at this time but will meet outside (weather permitting).
- The elderly and those with preexisting health concerns are urged to join in online.
- Those who are sick are required to stay home.
- We will not be serving any food or drink, or celebrating potlucks, at this time.

These measures will be in place for the month of June. Session will continue to monitor the situation and we will be modifying our response as the Governor's directives change and we get new information.

On a personal note as I close, I know that many people will want to keep their distance at this time. That is okay. We will continue our online services. I know that some people are going to be disappointed that we cannot come back to a full sanctuary and everything the way it used to be. My hope is that in these unprecedented times, we can be patient and extend grace to one another. One of these days, the restrictions will be lifted, and we will be able to worship and fellowship as we once did. Until then, I leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul, "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace...Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Eph. 4:1-3, 32)

May God richly bless you always, Pastor Jeff Ogden

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE



CHURCH SOFTBALL SEASON IS COMING!

Are you interested in playing on our church's softball team? To sign up, send email to <u>apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org</u>. Practices are on Sundays at 1pm at the high school upper field.





GREETER/USHER TRAINING Saturday, June 6th at Noon Mandatory Usher/Greeter Training. Please attend this very important training with all the new procedures. We need the help of our greeters to help Sundays run as smooth as possible.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 14th We will be recognizing our graduates during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 14th. Please be in prayer for these young people.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



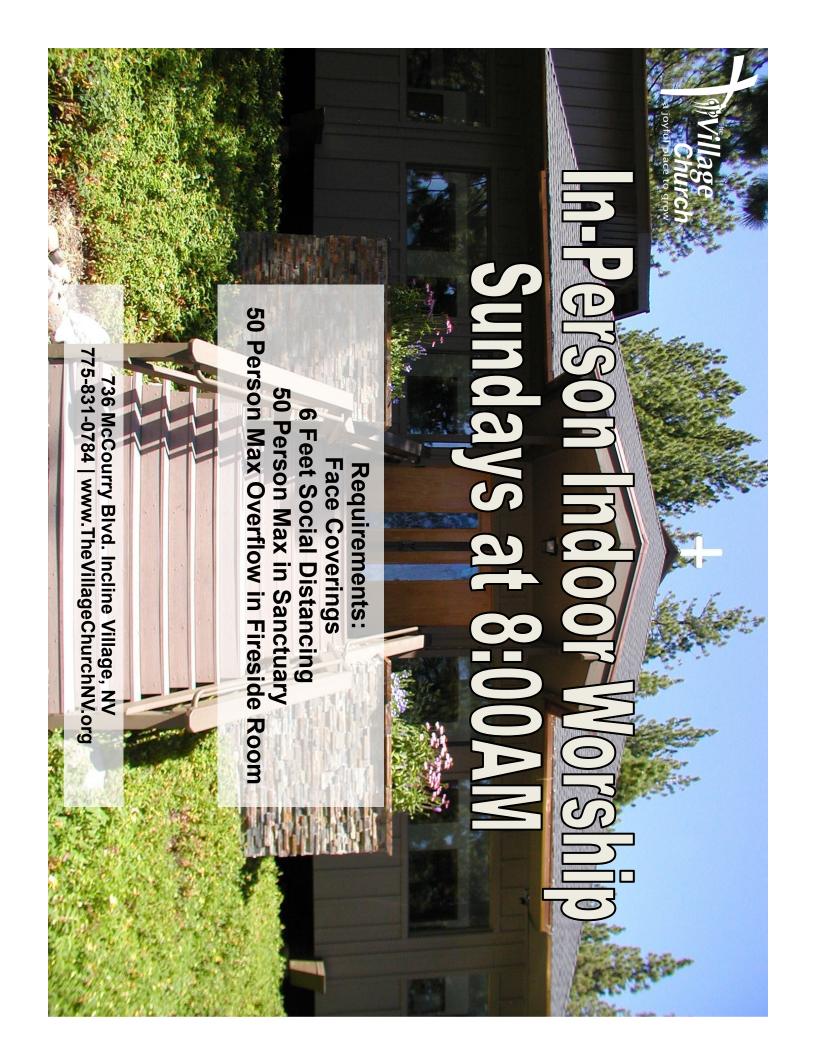
SESSION MEETING

Thursday, June 11th The Session of The Village Church

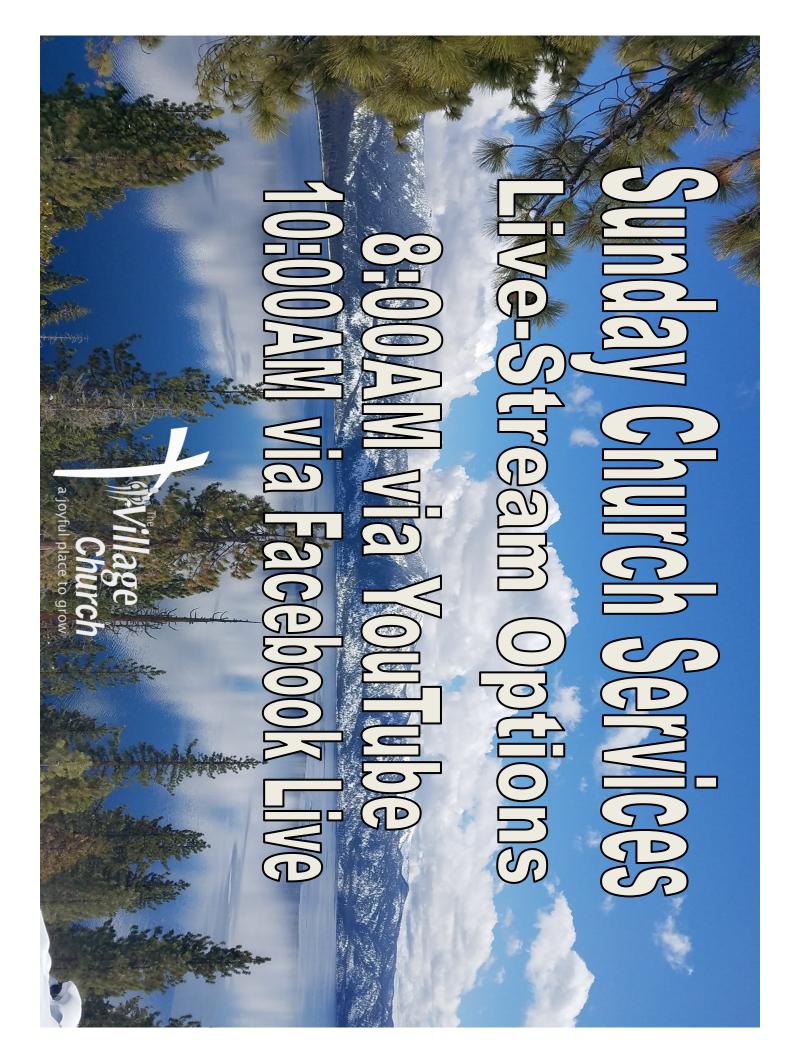
will be meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Online meeting. Please hold our church leaders up in prayer.

DEACONS' MEETING Sunday, June 14th The Deacons will be meeting on Sunday, June 14th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom Online meeting.









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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery & Sunday School - Sundays During 10:00 a.m. Service

The church will have Nursery Care and Sunday School in-person every Sunday for the 10:00 a.m. service. Sunday School will be outdoors at the church. Nursery care will be in the Nursery.

Youth Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:15 a.m. In-Person and Online

This is a Bible Study for Middle & High Schoolers. Group Led by Tim Gilbert. You can join in-person in the Youth Room or online on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Link to join https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/98494686433 pwd=MzZnSIF3OW1heWFxbEJzdWJicFU0QT09

Incline Village Small Group - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join. Group Led by Tim Gilbert. Link to join https://us02web.zoom.us/j/396067313? pwd=Smc1U29GVEVsYW85UkZoODFycHlDdz09

Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. All men are invited for prayer and Bible study. Link to join https://us02web.zoom.us/i/284810005? pwd=QVJ6SzZZc2VDNlZwcFNobnBwTjhTUT09

Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. This group is for all adults. Group Led by Pastor Jeff Ogden. Link to join https://us02web.zoom.us/j/366324920? pwd=UVR3UU40K1RKNzk5YnRtamJyTkZnUT09



Upper Room Youth Group - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

This is a youth group for Middle & High Schoolers. Group Led by Tony Conragan. Link to join https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87621458505?pwd=c0FmL283QWtUbHFNR2JaRWNTc0VrZz09

If you would like us to create a new small group/Bible study via Zoom please let us know the date and time.



6/3 Jon Fay 6/4 Linda Florentine 6/7 George Schofield 6/13 Charlene Sarsycki 6/26 John Cella 6/14 Jerry Felder

6/19 Cindy Beart 6/21 Gary Boxeth 6/26 Karen Bennett

Did we forget your birthday? Call us at the church office - 775.831.0784

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.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP

Our Thrift Shop reopened on Monday, June 1st. The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm.

Thrift Shop Requirements:

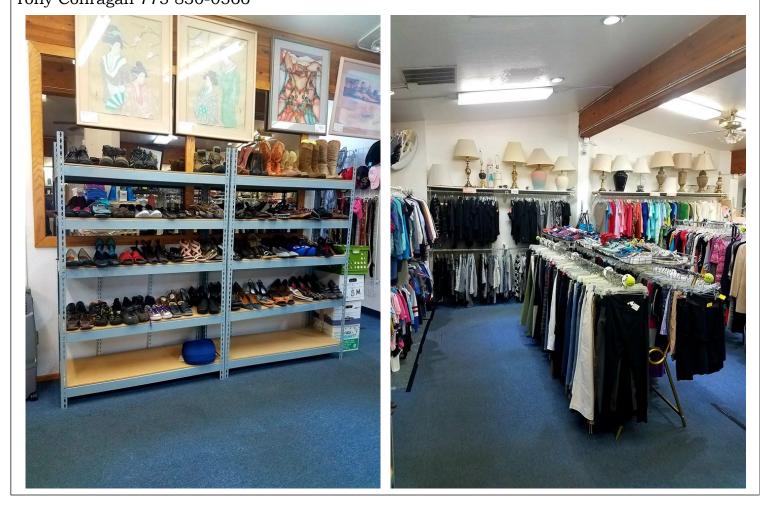
- Masks are required for all volunteers and shoppers.
- Sanitizing stations will be set up and required at entry.
- Volunteers will be wearing gloves.
- The number of people allowed in the shop at any time will be limited to allow for easier movement and social distancing.

We have been working hard for the thrift shop to reopen safely. We have reorganized the shop including new shelving and bins. The carpet and surfaces are and will continued to be cleaned and sanitized.

We ask men and women of The Village Church to prayerfully consider volunteering at the shop as all proceeds support Village Church and missions

Some may be uncomfortable coming back in the shop for awhile. We want guests and volunteers to decide for themselves when they are ready to return.

Thank you for your prayers and support. To volunteer please call one of the below managers. Linda Robins 775-831-5200 Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 Tony Conragan 775 830-0566



Women's Paddle To Hidden Beach June 23rd Meet at Ski Beach by 9AM

Returning by noon. Social distancing. RSVP to Millie Clarke millie.clarke@gmail.com. IVGID picture pass or card pass required. Limited to 10 to avoid crowding on Hidden Beach Bring your paddle gear, hat, sunscreen, water, & snack



VILLAGE CHURCH MISSIONS

Samaritan's Purse – A Christian Disaster Relief Organization

Samaritan's Purse is one of the Christian mission organizations The Village Church supports. It was founded by Bob Pierce in 1970, and Franklin Graham became president in 1979. The organization's **mission** is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people suffering from war, poverty, disaster, disease, and famine. The organization serves Christ's church worldwide by propagating the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through emergency relief efforts. It specializes in providing shelter, sanitation, food and medical care. As Franklin Graham states, the organization "runs to, not away from" natural and man-made disasters around the world.

Samaritan's Purse **ministries** include practical, emotional and spiritual relief following both natural and man-made disasters, child relief and care, and special operations (*see below*). The organization was deeply involved in meeting the Ebola crisis in West Africa in 2014, and it currently operates hospitals in the conflict areas of South Sudan and northern Iraq.

The organization has full-time administrative and project staff, but most of its ministries are carried out by volunteers who clean out and rebuild homes and churches damaged by flooding or fires as well as serve in the medical facilities overseas. In every situation the volunteers doing the hard labor are supported by trained chaplains who minister "in the name of Jesus" to the disaster victims as well as to the staff and volunteers.

The Village Church has for a number of years supported various Samaritan's Purse ministries.

We participate annually in "Operation Christmas Child" which organizes thousands of churches, schools, groups and individual donors to prepare and collect shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal items, and other small gifts. A booklet of Bible stories is distributed alongside the shoebox gifts which are given to children based on need alone, regardless of their faith. Our church plans to participate again this year; details will follow later.

Our church also has sent two teams of volunteers to support the rebuilding of flooded homes in Texas after Hurricane Harvey, and individuals from our church have served with Samaritan's Purse in other disaster relief efforts in various US locations.

Our Women's Ministry has provided financial support to "Operation Heal Our Patriots" (OHOP), an effort by Samaritan's Purse to save the marriages of wounded veterans. Some of our members have served at the Samaritan's OHOP Lodge in Alaska.

We invite you to consider serving with Samaritan's Purse either on one of our future church teams or individually. Please contact the church office if you would like to speak to someone for more information.

Meanwhile, we recommend two books which provide more background on Samaritan's Purse: <u>Bob Pierce - This One Thing I Do</u> by Graham and Lockerbie, and <u>Rebel With A Cause</u> by Franklin Graham. Finally, you can find more details about Samaritan's Purse ministries at www.samaritanspurse.org.













Church Hikes Saturdays at 8AM Starting June 13th Meet at Church Parking Lot

Requirements: 6 Feet Social Distancing No Carpooling



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A joyful place to grow

The Lamb ... will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water.

Revelation 7:17, ESV



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

Church Leadership

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