

*June 2017 Notes from the Presbytery Pastor Hilda Pecoraro – Presbytery of Nevada*

*Father's Day Prayer*

*Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.*

*Amen.*

(from Church of England website)

**Join the Celebration in Truckee!**

You are invited!

**Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

“Investing in the Next Generation”

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Worship, Lunch and Silent Auction

Truckee Donner Community Recreation Center (new Rec. Center)

8924 Donner Pass Road Truckee, CA 96162

**Midsummer Lunch and Gathering for Southern Nevada Pastors**

All Presbytery of Nevada pastors in southern Nevada are invited to a Clergy Lunch and Gathering on Thursday, July 6, 2017, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Henderson Presbyterian Church (601 N. Major).

We will meet in the Fireside Room and lunch will be provided, followed by a time of fellowship and sharing. Please RSVP by July 3, 2017 to Presbytery Pastor Hilda Pecoraro by email [hilda50@cox.net](mailto:hilda50@cox.net) or by phone 702-610-7123. (Spouses are welcome to attend – let me know when you RSVP!) Looking forward to a great time of fellowship!

**Looking for Something Special This Summer?**

Wondering what to do this summer? Our Presbytery is home to one of the most spectacular world-class Christian conference centers in the country: ***Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center!*** Take advantage of the opportunities available to spend some time at Zephyr Point on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe. There are many ways to enjoy Zephyr Point – from attending Family Camp (July 2-7) to renting a cabin for some personal rest and renewal! For details and registration, please go to [www.zephyrpoint.org](http://www.zephyrpoint.org) or call the Program Registration Coordinator at (775)588-6759 ext. 107

**Invitation to Go Deeper – June gathering hosted by Green Valley Presbyterian Church**

**“FINDING THE LOVE OF GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE”**

Do you have a thirst to go one step deeper in your faith? Have you ever wondered how to be more keenly aware of God’s presence every day?

**A PRESENTATION BY FATHER MAX OLIVA, S.J.  
ON  
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND HIS SPIRITUALITY**

JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
GREEN VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1798 WIGWAM PARKWAY  
HENDERSON, 89074  
RSVP to GVPC: 702-454-8484  
Cost: \$5.00

Max Oliva is a Jesuit priest who lives and ministers in the Las Vegas Valley. He gives retreats and workshops on spirituality and ethics both in the U.S. and in Canada. In the summer of 2016, he travelled to the Basque country of Spain where he visited the places where Ignatius of Loyola was born and raised. One of Ignatius’ mottos was: “Finding God in all Things.” Ignatius was able to accomplish this spiritual practice because of his deep faith and total commitment to Christ.

**Presbytery Pastor Upcoming Visits/Preaching Schedule**

As I write this from our motorhome in Carson City, in view of snow-capped mountains and enjoying mild temperatures, my heart is filled with thanksgiving for the wonderful visits with churches, pastors and church leaders that I have had during the month of May. It has been a privilege and joy to share in worship and fellowship with the faithful and dedicated pastors and congregations around our presbytery! There is so much that is right about the church happening here in our presbytery! Denis and I have experienced and observed warm fellowship, innovative mission, in-depth Christian education opportunities, joyful worship and pastoral support for those in need. We have seen evidence of love and care that goes beyond Sunday morning! Thank you for the trust you have placed in me as Presbytery Pastor. Please know that I am ready to support and encourage you in your ministry.

June 4        25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Truckee Lutheran/Presbyterian Church (participating in worship)  
June 18       Community Presbyterian Church, Lee Vining  
(June 23-24 Trustees and Council meet at St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Reno)  
June 25       St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Reno

July 2        First Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas  
July 23       Henderson Presbyterian Church

*FYI: future dates for the northeastern church visits and completing northwest visits.*

Jul 30        Community Presbyterian Church, Lamoille  
Aug 6        First Presbyterian Church, Elko  
Aug 13       Wells Community Presbyterian Church, Wells  
Sep 10       Community Presbyterian Church, Hawthorne  
Sep 17       Reno Korean Presbyterian Church, Sparks (to be confirmed)

**[Update on Grace Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas](#)**

A number of people have asked for an update on what is happening at Grace Presbyterian Church now that Project NEON is literally on the church's doorstep. The following letter by **the Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken** is copied (with permission!) from the June Grace Notes Newsletter and gives an excellent update. Friends, let us continue to hold pastors Jim and Dana, as well as all the staff and members of Grace Presbyterian Church, in our prayers. God has wonderful things in store for this congregation!

*Dear Members of Grace Presbyterian Church,*

*Recently I wrote to inform you about the pending sale of Grace Presbyterian Church property located at 1515 West Charleston. This sale agreement was made with congregational approval from the meeting held on April 2, 2017 when our congregation voted that, if the way be clear, the officers of the church enter an agreement to sell the Charleston property and use the proceeds from that sale to purchase a new location, secure short term funding and build a new church facility. This sale agreement allows the congregation to remain meeting on the Charleston property for 2 years while we build a new church at a new location. We are currently in a 180-day escrow and will complete the sale when escrow closes. The two year lease back begins at the time of closing.*

*While the work regarding the sale has progressed, work has been done simultaneously to find a new property. At the time of the congregational meeting the church officers had found a location at Durango and Oquendo, southwest corner, and had made an offer and entered escrow on the property. Sadly, during the due diligence phase of escrow it was determined that there was a county deed restriction on the property placed by the airport that would not allow a church to be built on that property. We have worked with the seller to have the restriction lifted and have learned that this process will take nearly a year to complete and increase our expense significantly. The Session and the Property Committee have determined that we have neither the time or money to continue this process. As a result, we have closed escrow, will have our deposit returned and are now pursuing other properties.*

*In this regard, the property search has continued throughout this process because we were aware that the due diligence period might have determined that the Durango property was unsuitable. Fortunately, because of this we are not starting back at square one. The Property Committee continues to work with a commercial real estate broker who has been reviewing properties on our behalf. The Property Committee is committed to completing this process while being faithful to our goals of staying within budget, finding a location in our service area that is not too close to other existing PCUSA congregations. When the Property Committee and the Session have located another acceptable piece and a reasonable purchase agreement has been negotiated, the Session will call a congregational meeting so that every member has an opportunity to voice their opinion and vote on the purchase of a new location.*

*I continue to believe that God is leading us in a new and exciting phase of life for Grace Presbyterian Church. No longer are we reacting to challenge and damage done by Project NEON. Guided by God we are taking charge and are charting a course of faithfulness. No longer are we question, "Oh no, what will happen next? Now we are looking to the future with hopeful expectation, say, "oh yes, we can do this, and we can do it well!"*

*Jim Houston-Hencken Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church May 15, 2017*

### On-going Prayer Concerns

\*Please continue to keep the following in your prayers for God's healing and strength. May God grant full recoveries and His loving presence:

Rev. Rebecca Watkins (Jim) – extensive surgeries  
 Rev. Al Fry (Dorothy) – placement of stents and complications  
 Bob Jeffers (Joan) – knee replacement surgery  
 Rev. Bob Kelley (Margie) – knee replacement surgery  
 Nancy Fontana (Rev. Joe) – on-going health concerns  
 Jim White (Jan) – heart valve surgery  
 Jake Landsteiner (son-in-law of Rev. Bob Crall) – brain tumor

\*We pray for the people of Manchester, England, for Coptic Christians following Minya bus attack, Egypt, for Dansalan College, the Philippines and for countless others who suffer from acts of terror, violence, warfare throughout our world.

*“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.”* Psalm 34.18

From Faith and Worship website ([www.faihandworship.com](http://www.faihandworship.com))

We pray for all whose lives  
 have been touched by tragedy,  
 whether by accident or a deliberate act.  
 For those who mourn,  
 immerse them in your love  
 and lead them through this darkness  
 into your arms, and light.  
 For those who comfort,  
 be in both the words they use  
 and all that's left unspoken;  
 fill each heart with love.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
 whose own suffering brought us life,  
 here and for eternity. Amen.

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*June always feels like a busy month with graduations, weddings, anniversaries and Father's Day, not to mention kids off from school and summer vacations. I continue to hold all our pastors, their families and each of our congregations in my prayers.*

*May God bless you with times of refreshment and renewal in the midst of all the busyness. I would love to hear from you at any time, by email, [hilda50@cox.net](mailto:hilda50@cox.net) or phone 702-610-7123.*

*Please let me know how I can support you in your ministry.*

***Have a blessed June! Yours in Christ, Hilda***