



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian Women

Let us help you find “your people” through connectional opportunities.

Dear Presbyterian Women,

We are so happy you are here and want you to feel welcome in the church community. We also want to help you find those you can connect with through mutual interests. Along with the PW groups listed at the front of the **Village Church Presbyterian Women Directory & Information 2023-2024**, which you may have in hard copy or may also be found at villagepres.org/pw, below is a reasonably comprehensive list of a variety of ways you can connect with others who share your interests/passions.

It’s hard to know which direction to turn without some assistance. We hope this will be helpful to you.

Grace and peace be with you,

Other Presbyterian Women

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Local Outreach

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Community Blood Center

Assist at the quarterly blood drives held at the church.

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Village Church Community Garden

The Village Community Garden offers opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in service work. Every growing season from March through October, the garden needs volunteers to plant, water, weed, and harvest crops. All produce harvested from the garden is donated to the Village Food Pantry located on the same grounds as the garden.

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Pollinator Garden

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The majority of the plants in this garden are drought-tolerant, flowering plants that support our native bees and butterflies through their full life cycle by providing nectar, pollen and acting as host plants for their young. This garden is a certified monarch waystation with several species of milkweed. Please consider assisting with the maintenance of this important garden.

Prayer Labyrinth

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The prayer labyrinth is a space to walk, reflect and pray. The garden around is designed to grow into a living screen around the labyrinth. The arborvitae anchors the garden with several native shrubs and flowers filling the space between them. Coral honeysuckle grows over the entrance arbor attracting hummingbirds and butterflies. Please consider assisting with the maintenance of this beautiful Prayer Labyrinth.

Cross-Lines Community Kitchen

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Every other month on the second Friday, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the [Cross-Lines Kitchen](#). We need three to four volunteers to cook in the morning (10-11 a.m.) and three to four additional volunteers to help serve (11 a.m.–1 p.m.). Besides the volunteer cooks and servers, we also need folks to provide three to four dozen cookies. These are to be dropped off at the reception desk by 4:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the Village Friday meal service.

Front Porch Alliance

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Village Church started [Front Porch Alliance](#) (FPA) in partnership with the Ivanhoe neighborhood (31st to 47th Street, Paseo to Prospect) in 1999 in hopes of building a meaningful and supportive relationship with an underserved community. To this day, FPA works hand in hand with Kansas City's east side residents and community partners to build youth leadership and opportunities for families to make positive, lasting changes in their lives and neighborhoods. There are a variety of ways to share your talents with this worthy organization.

Habitat for Humanity

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Village Church sponsors the construction of a house each year through [Habitat for Humanity Kansas City](#). The majority of the work on that house is carried out by the Tuesday-Thursday Crew, a collection of volunteers of all skill levels who either work or are retired from careers totally unrelated to home building. The only essential trait is a strong desire to create decent housing for low-income families. Volunteer opportunities for students and working adults are available on Saturdays.

Johnson County Home-Delivered Meals

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Since 2002, [Johnson County Home Delivered Meals](#) (formerly Meals on Wheels) has been delivering nutritious meals to homebound, elderly and those with disabilities and their spouses, age 60 years and older, helping them stay independent, healthy, and safe at home. Currently, the program serves over 600 individuals each day.

Village Church has three teams who deliver meals every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Each volunteer signs up for one day in the month and if a conflict arises with their regular delivery date, it is easy to trade dates with another team member. Volunteers deliver meals between 10:45 a.m.-noon.

Building Beloved Community

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This committee typically meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month in Room 132 and is always open to new members. The work of the [Building Beloved Community committee](#) will focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion specifically around race and ethnicity but also including gender, sexual orientation and identity, age, and ability.

Social Justice Ministry

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Led by Christian beliefs, our Presbyterian heritage, and a collective desire to make the world more reflective of God's peace and justice, the [Social Justice Ministry](#) at Village Presbyterian Church seeks to identify priority areas for advocacy and responds through bold and faithful education and action in our church, denomination, city, state, and nation. In all endeavors, we aim to live toward God's promised day.

Environmental Action

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Village Church is committed to becoming more environmentally aware and sustainable as an institution by reducing its environmental impact and by practicing, modeling, and teaching faithful and responsible stewardship of God's Creation. Learn more about [Environmental Action](#) at Village.

Volunteer Receptionist at Mission Campus

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We are seeking volunteers to help answer the phones at the Mission Campus south reception desk occasionally for 2-4 hours during the 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. workday Monday through Friday. The phone system is very easy to learn, it's a great place to see lots of people and it's an ideal position if you are interested in a job that doesn't require a regular commitment.

Village Church Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

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The mission of the [Village Church Food Pantry and Clothes Closet](#) is to minister to those in need by providing food, clothing, and personal and household products in a safe, friendly, and compassionate environment that maintains the dignity of each person. Whether you are in need of assistance or you would like to offer your time, finances or in-kind donations to help provide assistance to others, you are welcome.

Liturgical Arts Team

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For those interested in beautifying the Welcome Center and Sanctuary to coordinate with sermon series and seasons consider participating with the Liturgical Arts Team. These creative folks sew, glue, cut and dream their way to communicating the gospel in visual ways.

Village U Community Classes

Village Church is a learning community with a long-standing commitment to providing opportunities for adults of all ages to grow in knowledge and faith together. [Village U](#) educational classes are open to both church and community members.

Wednesday Night Dinners

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Volunteers serve in a variety of roles, and it is a time commitment of 1-1.5 hours each week. We need people to serve as cashiers, food servers, and dishwashers/clean-up. Learn more about [Wednesday Night Dinners](#).

Weekly Volunteer Youth Group Leader

In addition to our staff, we have several adult volunteers who attend either MS or HS youth groups each week. High schoolers (sophomore year and up) are also eligible to be leaders in middle school youth groups. Typically, this commitment is for one school year, but occasionally leaders roll on or off at the semester.

Lofternoons Leader

This after-school program has historically been very popular, so we appreciate having additional adults (and high schoolers) simply to have eyes around the room and be able to interact and get to know students. This is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in helping out every once in a while but isn't able to commit weekly.

Trip Chaperone

We are always in need of additional adults to chaperone our youth trips. Responsibilities generally include ensuring the safety of students, assisting our staff directors, leading small groups, sometimes driving, and sometimes navigating air travel.

Confirmation Small Group Leader

Each year, we always accept caring, thoughtful adult volunteers to help lead our small groups during Confirmation class.

Event Driver

Occasionally, youth ministry will attend an offsite event in the area. We always need more adult drivers to lend a hand transporting all the kids to the new location and getting everyone back safely.

Pastoral Care Ministry

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Pastoral Care Committee

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Pastoral Care & Counseling committee members participate and partner with the pastors to oversee, maintain and propose new ways to provide care for our members and the community.

Flower Delivery

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Help deliver flowers to hospitalized and homebound members after Sunday worship. Arrange and deliver flowers to hospice patients on Mondays. There are also annual opportunities to deliver poinsettias at Advent and lilies at Easter.

Lend a Helping Hand

Helping Hands volunteers assist with basic household tasks, yard work or provide meals to church members who may need help, such as the elderly, infirm, housebound, or those caring for new babies or aging relatives. All tasks are short-term; simply sign up for any that fit your schedule.

Memorial Garden

Volunteers share their time and energy to keep the Memorial Garden at Village Church a beautiful and peaceful place. Tasks include light weeding, checking that floral arrangements are fresh, and maintaining garden policies.

Memorial Services

Become a member of the Memorial Guild. Ushers will greet guests attending a memorial service, and Memorial Reception volunteers host a reception following a memorial service.

Stephen Ministry

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Stephen Ministry volunteers provide one-on-one, confidential care to those in the midst of challenging life circumstances. 50 hours of required training is provided for Stephen Ministry certification.

Unexpected Blooms

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[Unexpected Blooms](#), a registered nonprofit, accepts flowers donated from weddings, memorial services, charity, corporate and private events, florists, and retailers. Volunteers recut, refresh and repurpose those flowers to create beautiful bouquets that we deliver to seniors in healthcare facilities to brighten their days.

Music Ministry

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Concert Greeter

Music Ministry offers several concerts throughout the year usually on Sunday afternoons or evenings. These concerts are free to the public. Being a concert greeter offers a way to serve the church and show hospitality to people attending.

Reception Volunteer

At times a reception will be planned to follow a concert in order to allow the audience to meet a special soloist(s) or to make the concert a way to showcase an agency that is the designated recipient of a special offering. Volunteers will help set up, tear down, and make sure the reception runs smoothly.

Music Library

The various music ensembles use music folders. Getting the music that's required for these various groups ready for distribution means processing new music or filing music that has been used. A music library volunteer can serve the church by helping with this process either weekly or when there's a larger sorting job following Christmas or Easter.

Christmas Candle Preparation

There are 3,000 Christmas Eve candles for the congregation prepared each year the week before Dec. 24. This task is accomplished by volunteers who give two hours of their time. Treats and fellowship are always a fun part of this task.

Music Ensembles

The Music Ministry offers a variety of ways to serve God and the Church in music ensembles. These various groups add to the inspiration of the worship services, and the events artistically enrich our community

Preschool Lighthouse Teacher

Teach a Preschool Lighthouse class—open to flexible schedules such as teaching a semester, a certain Sunday of the month, quarterly, or rotating (lessons and materials provided).

6th Grade Lighthouse Teacher

Assist in our oldest elementary school Lighthouse class once or twice per month depending on your schedule.

Sunday Morning Greeter

1st floor/3rd floor education wing (8:45-8:55 a.m.) to be a hospitable presence and assist people in finding classes for a month, once per month or sign up when your schedule allows.

Special Event Assistant

We have several special annual events during the year that require adult assistants on hand for setup, tear-down, and supervising the kiddos: the Advent Workshop, the Morning Stars Christmas Musical and the Palm Sunday Parade.

Summer Vacation Bible School Assistant

Help with summer Vacation Family Bible School (1-3 evenings of commitment).

Help clean, straighten up & organize

Like to clean, straighten up, and organize? We need you! We often need help organizing resources and/or classrooms or helping in the Children & Family Ministry Office with projects.

Provide baked goodies

Like to bake? How about providing occasional goodies if called? (i.e., cookies for Advent Family Workshop decorating, teacher appreciation gifts or receptions.)

Stuff worship bags

Stuff worship bags for children to use on Sunday mornings (approx. 1 hour per week and once a month)

Shoppers Anonymous

Each unit of Lighthouse classes requires shopping for rotational classroom supplies. We provide a list, quantities, places to go, and money – you have fun!

Child Care during Worship

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Be placed on a rotating schedule, or let us know when you're able to volunteer. Come play and take care of the youngest Village attendees on Sundays! Rock a baby, read a book to a toddler, color a picture, play trucks, or have a pretend tea party! All while allowing the parents of these tiny tots to attend service knowing that their children are being cared for and loved in a safe environment. Volunteers will be trained and are required to have a background check completed by Village before volunteering with children. Volunteers may work in the nursery or toddler room during the 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. service at Mission Campus.

Child Care during Weekday Handworks

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Come play with little ones! Rock a baby, read a book to a toddler, color a picture, play trucks, or have a pretend tea party! All while allowing the parents of these tiny tots a much-needed break, with the knowledge that their children are being cared for and loved in a safe environment. Volunteers will be trained and are required to have a background check completed by Village before volunteering with children. Help is needed Monday/Wednesday/Friday.