A New Mission Possibility Before Us

In his sermon on Nov. 20, 2016, Rev. Tom Are introduced you to a new mission possibility before Village Church. He reminded us of our heritage of starting new congregations. “In our Now & Tomorrow, Village Church Campaign, we reminded ourselves of the first congregational meeting of this congregation in 1949, when 282 people voted to give $25,000 to start a new congregation. The Presbyterian denomination had invested thousands of dollars into this church to get it off the ground, so Village wanted to repay the debt.”

Rev. Are noted, “Village has participated in starting a number of other congregations: Leawood, Rolling Hills and Grace Covenant — and most recently, Neema. In the Now & Tomorrow Campaign, we remembered this first decision and said it is again time for us to start a new congregation.”

“It would be called ‘Village on Antioch.’ We would become one congregation that worships in two locations. We already worship in four different hours; if we are able to move forward with this, we will worship in two locations. We have never done that before, but we wonder if Jesus has gone ahead of us and is leading us in this direction.”

The Dollars to Explore This New Ministry

“It will cost us about $250,000 the first year, a little less the next and the next, about $600,000 over three years. By then, the satellite should be strong enough to carry the demand of that ministry. Now $600,000 is a lot of money, but it is a pretty insignificant investment to begin a whole new congregation.

An Opportunity for Growth

“There was a time when Village was the second largest congregation in the Presbyterian Church, with over 7,700 members. We are just under 5,000 now. I don’t think we will get to 7,700 again — not here. The growth of the city has moved past us. 83rd Street is not “out south” anymore. But what if we worked and labored to plant another place where people could be Village; where they could experience the same love of God and love of one another; the same commitment to reason and the same sacrifice for mission?

If we are one church in two places, we would grow. And it’s not growth for growth’s sake. No, it’s growth so that more people can be reminded every week that they are welcomed by the love of God, and there is no power that can pull them from that love; so that more

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people, just like us, can be reminded that God's holy love sends us out into a world that is beautiful but broken; so that we go out to live his love in all that we say and do, forever living toward God's promised day.”

**Unanimous Approval to Pursue This New Ministry**

On Monday evening, Dec. 5, 2016, Session voted unanimously to move forward with the Village Church on Antioch Task Force’s recommendation to establish a satellite congregation worshipping in the building of Presbyterian Church of Stanley. This new ministry would begin on Feb. 1, 2017. “Our first worship service will be Feb. 5, 2017,” said Rev. Are. “Our next steps are for Session to approve the 2017 budget on Sunday, Jan. 8. Depending on the 2017 budget having the capacity to support this new ministry, we will move forward. After receiving final approval from Session, we will commission members of Village on Mission to participate in the creation of a new congregation on Antioch.

I’d like to thank the members of our Task Force for all of their hard work: Jim Tilden, Kathy Collins, Jim Stowers, Samm Skare, Kathy Lueckert and Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

We will be having an Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 31. I look forward to providing an update on this new ministry and many other matters related to Village.”

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**Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner**

**6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31**

This year’s Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2016 and plans for 2017. The Session will present the budget for 2017. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. **Seating is limited.** If you plan to attend, please advise Marsha Hansen no later than Friday, Jan. 20, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.
Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines

On Friday, Jan. 13, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Blood Drive • Jan. 24

Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit www.esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of “villagepres” or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon on Jan. 15 and 22. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

Food Pantry

Happy New Year to everyone from the clients, volunteers and staff at the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. With the cold winds blowing snow (and leaves, still), the Food Pantry is asking for hot hearty soups and crackers for the clients’ dinners. Make it a New Year’s Resolution to come to church holding at least one food item for the Pantry - that could be several items a month! We would be ecstatic!

The Clothes Closet is asking for all types of linens - bed, bath and kitchen - and heavy winter coats to stave off the cold winds. Thank you for your continuing support.

TIDINGS OF JOY

It was a tremendous privilege and honor to share the stage with the Village Choirs and Orchestra for the 16th annual Tidings of Joy. We created many great memories that day that I will cherish for years to come, and I believe many in the choir can say the same.

To the musicians of Village Church: thank you for your proud determination to learn, prepare and perform great music. And also to our audience: thank you for your warm support of the music ministry, and especially our concert beneficiary, the Haitian Christian Mission.

—Ryan Main

MUSIC MINISTRY

Second Thursday Recital Jan. 12
Featured Artist: Soprano Jee-Yeun Kim

She wowed us with her spectacular solo in O Holy Night in Tidings of Joy on Dec. 18. Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in Village Chapel for a 30-minute recital with Village Church soprano intern Jee-Yeun Kim. The program will include works by Samuel Barber, Francis Poulenc, Vincenzo Bellini and Guiseppe Verdi.
I know that’s what it says, but that’s not what it means!

The Bible is a complicated book, written over hundreds of years in various context and diverse circumstances. And then, it is read 2,000 years later in a world and culture the Biblical writers could not have imagined. Given all of that, it’s easy to misunderstand the Bible. When it is misunderstood, the good news can often sound like bad news for some folks. When it is misunderstood, it can often make the Bible more difficult to trust. In this sermon series, we will take just a few passages that have often been confusing and see if there is a life-giving word for us.

Jan. 8    “Women Keep Silent?” This Doesn’t Sound Like Good News
Jan. 15   Family Matters and the Cost of Following Jesus
Jan. 22   “Divorce” – Why the Church has Read this Text to the Wrong People
Jan. 29   “You Must be Born Again!”
Feb. 5    “Jesus is the Only Way to Salvation.” This is not about you. This is about God.
Feb. 12   “Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect.” Intimidated yet?
Feb. 19   The Only Safe Place for Hatred
Feb. 26   Pray Without Ceasing

A Big Poinsettia Thank You!

A record-breaking 210 poinsettias brightened homes all over the metro area this past December. They brought seasonal cheer to the Welcome Center Sunday morning, Dec. 4, but were quickly taken by 95 volunteers who delivered the brilliant red blooms to members and friends in 75 homes and 50 facilities. Thank you very much to these volunteers and the committee members who made this happen. A special shout-out to coordinator Ruthie Kline, the Poinsettia Queen, for organizing all the information and details. All of you gave the gift of Christmas cheer to those who couldn’t physically be at Village during the Advent season. Thank you!

Try Our Taizé Worship Service – This Sunday, Jan. 8

A possible New Year’s resolution is to take a quiet moment for yourself each month and attend the Taizé worship services at 6:30 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes scripture, song, silence and communion.

Growing Through Grief – New Series Starts Jan. 11

Growing Through Grief is a five-week class where you can learn more about the grieving process, meet others who understand your struggles, and be reminded that God is with us through even the hardest of moments. The next series is from 4:30-5:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Feb. 8, in Room 124. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.
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WOW Lunch at Tatsu’s

All ladies are welcome to join WOW (Women of Wisdom) for lunch at Tatsu’s French Restaurant at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Tatsu’s, ranked as one of the top five restaurants in KC, is located at 4603 W. 90th in Prairie Village, near 90th and Roe. One of WOW’s favorites, Tatsu’s serves consistently excellent French food, with warm and gracious service, in a quaint, white tablecloth dining room. Come from the warmth of your home to the warmth of WOW and join us for January fun and fellowship. RSVP by noon Tuesday, Jan. 17, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

Women with Spirit’s Cafe & Crepes, le Tour
9:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at the Roasterie

It’s been said coffee is a language in itself. So what better way to kick the new year off right than with a warm cup of joe with your sisters from Village?! Join us for a tour as we see, smell and taste how The Roasterie’s won the hearts of KC for nearly 25 years! The Roasterie is located at 1204 W. 27th St. in Kansas City, Mo. Immediately following, around 11 a.m., we’ll head over to Chez Elle, 1713 Summit St., for the perfect pairing . . . crepes! Coffee & Crepes ladies . . . ooh la la, it’s a good thing! See you at The Roasterie! Email Carol Solenberger to RSVP at carol4977@yahoo.com. Child care is available from 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For child care reservations, email pam@villagepres.org by Jan. 13.

Village Earthcare

The National Park Service has turned 100. When the Yosemite Land Grant was established in 1864, no one could have known what had been set in motion. But 150 years later, the Park Service’s sole purpose is to preserve and protect more than 84 million acres and has taken root as an indispensable institution. American filmmaker Ken Burns says the Park Service is America’s best idea.
Weekly Wednesday Church Dinners
All Are Welcome!

Dine before or after your class. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. These dinners offer an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a well-balanced, convenient meal. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is $7. Salad bar and dessert is $6. Children ages 3-10 is $3 and children age 2 and under-no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon Monday.

Menu:

Jan. 11 – Honey Dijon chicken with apples, scalloped potatoes, green vegetable
Jan. 18 – Beef stew, vegetarian stew, mini corn dogs
Jan. 25 – Baked tilapia with caper sauce, baked boneless chicken breast with corn and tomato relish, rice pilaf

Gauging Interest for Singles Adult Ministry at Village Church Dinner Friday, Jan. 20

Dear Friends,

I have been sharing conversation with Dr. Rodger Nishioka about assessing the need for specific programming for single adults at Village Church. We would like to include you, in this conversation. So, all single adults (age 40 and up), are invited to gather together for a meal at Red Snapper Pan-Asian Restaurant from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. Three classic Red Snapper menu items (vegetarian, chicken and beef) will be available for a special cost of $9 per person (payable at the event). The priority for this gathering will be to determine the level of interest for a Single Adult Ministry. Contact liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359 to RSVP.

Cindy Wilcox
Director of Connectional Ministry

All-Church Winter Bowling Event Sunday, Jan. 29

Connectional Ministries is sponsoring an “ALL-Church” Bowling Event for our Village Church Family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Ward Parkway Lanes at 89th and Stateline. We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of $5 per person (includes shoes) for two hours of play. Indoor fun for all ages in the midst of winter. RSVP to 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.
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The Spring 2017 Village U Catalog is now available on [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org) and a few printed copies are available outside the Adult Educational Ministries office.

Registration for church members will open on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Registration for the community will open on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

**Upcoming Village U classes**

**Men’s Bible Study**
6:30-8 a.m. Tuesdays, year round, in Room 230
A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available.
Led by Dave Greenlee.

**Exercise for Seniors**
9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 333 - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. The 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous aerobic; and we do not include floor exercises. If you are not sure of your ability to do floor work, start in the 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday. Led by Margaret Tlapek. Cost: $5 per class.

Exercise for Seniors
9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in Room 333.
All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. Margaret Tlapek has been teaching exercise classes for 25 years; and she knows you will feel better and gain more energy, strength and balance if you give the classes a try. Taught by Margaret Tlapek. Cost: $5 per class.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Study**
7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, year round in Rooms 132 & 133
A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Led by Newton Graves. Child care is not available.

**January Computer Tech Nights**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 18 and 25, in Room 316
Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel, and email using a MICROSOFT WINDOWS computer. Members of the Computer Ministry are available to provide individual assistance. Specific questions on the new Windows 10 operating system are also welcome. Please feel free to bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available.

**Especially for Women**
9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 6-May 19, in Room 132
Especially for Women invites you to join our Friday morning class as we study Paul’s letter to the Romans. Many passages are familiar, but often we miss some of the big ideas it contains. Beverly Gaventa, who will be the 2017 Visiting Scholar, invites us to linger with Paul and delightfully enriches our understanding of Paul’s complex message. Taught by Rev. Diane Quaintance.
Path with Heart
10-11:30 a.m. Mondays, year round beginning Jan. 9, in Room 305
The group will select books of interest through the semester from a wide variety of authors. Participants develop quality friendships and explore new insights. Prospective new members are welcome to try the Path. Led by Marcene Borthwick.

The Jesus Fatwah: Loving Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself
6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 8, in Room 124
For Muslims, a “fatwah” is a ruling or directive from a scholarly leader or figure. In this five-week course, Dr. Gus Breytspraak, Village member and coordinator of the Sunday morning Adult Forum class, will use a DVD-based curriculum of the same title to explore the basics of Islam, the fastest growing religion in the world. The DVD description reads: “Much of what passes for information about Islam is a weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In The Jesus Fatwah, seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith.” Session titles include: Islam 101, Misconceptions about Islam, Islam in America and Making Connections Between Muslims and non-Muslims.

February Computer Tech Nights
6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1-22, in Room 316
Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel, and email using a MICROSOFT WINDOWS computer. Members of the Computer Ministry are available to provide individual assistance. Specific questions on the new Windows 10 operating system are also welcome. Please feel free to bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available.

Southern Gothic Revisited: Faulkner, O’Connor, Percy, & Welty
6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2-May 11, in Room 232
This semester, we are going to continue our exploration of William Faulkner with Absalom, Absalom! We will explore other Southern Gothic works, namely, Flannery O’Connor’s short stories, Walker Percy’s The Moviegoer, and Eudora Welty’s The Optimist’s Daughter. As always, it’s helpful to read from the same edition. We will be using the following:
**Souper Bowl of Caring: Tackle Hunger**

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than $98 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Throughout January, children and their families are encouraged to bring cans of soup to Kids’ Kingdom and Preschool Church School. This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in the world.

**Summer at Village Church**

It may cold outside today, but it is almost time to sign up for all the Summer Fun at Village Church! Members may sign up on Monday, Feb. 27, for Creations by Kids classes (beginning the first week of June through the first week of July), Vacation Bible School (July 17-21) and Traveling Day Camp (July 31 – Aug. 4). Our summer brochure will be mailed to homes in a few weeks.

**The 12th Day of Christmas – Family Activities**

Consider this family activity to learn more about and celebrate “Epiphany of the Lord,” a date in which we mark the Wisemen’s visit of the Christ Child. [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org) is a great resource for young families and children. There you will find seasonal activities, articles and readings for the entire family, great resources and just a whole lot of interesting things. Be sure to check out their “Epiphany Blessing of Home.”

**Village Preschool Enrollment**


**Village Kid’s Day Out Program**

The Village Church Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kid’s Day Out program for the 2017/2018 school year. This program is for children ages 2–3 years (may be 2 years by Dec. 1). KDO is offered from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept.-May. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where your child can grow and learn. We provide your child with many opportunities to explore and be creative while making new friends. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child’s experience a positive one.

Fall enrollment begins Monday, Feb. 6 from 8 a.m.-noon for Village Church members, KDO Alumni siblings and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 13.

Any questions? Contact Marjean in the Child Care Department at 913-671-2322.

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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Alone, we can do so little; Together we can do so much!
—Helen Keller

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous commitments for Village Church in 2017. Each commitment reflects the love and dedication to God who asks us to follow his ways and spread his words.

—Village Commitment Committee

VPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUNDAYS
Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
The Gathering – 5 p.m.
In Friendship Hall

Live Radio Broadcast
Sundays at 8 a.m. on
1660 AM KMBZ,
The Business Channel

www.villagepres.org

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
Drop-Off Hours
10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

IN MEMORY
Shirley Howard
John Pro
Feb. 24-25, 2017

Reopening the Letters of Paul

Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa


7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24
Session 1: Giving Paul Another Chance

9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25
Session 2: When in Romans… Look to the Horizon
Session 3: When in Romans… Pay Attention to the Road

Tickets are available online at villagepres.org and click Connect, Adults, then Visiting Scholar

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The purpose of Presbyterian Women is to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.
Our Mission

The Visiting Scholar Program is committed to bringing well known Bible Scholars and Theologians to Village Church and the community...
- to offer fresh and challenging new ideas
- to deepen our understanding of the wisdom of the past
- and to stimulate our hunger to know more fully the God we worship and rely upon.

Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa

- Was born and raised in Humboldt, Tenn.
- Graduated with a B.A. from Phillips University in Religious Studies and English Literature
- While pursuing a M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary, a class in advanced New Testament scripture interpretation led to specialization in Paul's writings and a Ph.D. from Duke
- Taught at Princeton Theological Seminary, Columbia Seminary and Colgate Rochester Divinity School
- Currently is the distinguished professor of New Testament at Baylor University
- Author of many books, including her most recently released When in Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel According to Paul

2017 Visiting Scholar • Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25, 2017

Register online or by mail

- Online – go to villagepres.org - click Connect, Adults, then Visiting Scholar
- By mail – complete the registration form and mail with your check PLUS a self-addressed, stamped envelope (must include payment).

Please note: Payment must accompany all registrations. We cannot accept registrations by phone or email.

- Registration must include payment PLUS a self-addressed stamped envelope or email address.
- Check here to receive email confirmation. This email serves as your ticket and can be presented at the door for each session you have purchased.
- Feb. 10 is the registration cut-off date if you want to receive tickets by return mail.
- Registration forms received after Feb. 10 or without a self-addressed stamped envelope will be held in will-call.

Name: 
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Village Church Member: □ yes □ no

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