

Sarah Are – Speaker for Celebration of Faithful Women

Presbyterian Women are planning their annual luncheon on Saturday, April 8, to celebrate the gifts of all women at Village Church. Punch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232, and brunch will follow at 10 a.m. in Friendship Hall. We will be honoring three Village Church members — Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhls — as PW Honorary Life Members. Sarah Are will be keynote speaker.

Sarah, the oldest of two children, was raised and grew up on the east coast, mainly in Jacksonville, Fla. until sixth grade. At that time her father, Rev. Tom Are, Jr., received a call to be the senior pastor at Village Presbyterian Church. Currently, Sarah attends Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. In a nutshell, Sarah "believe[s] in hope and vulnerability, in warm coffee and church pews, in more art, less walls, room to wiggle, deep laughter, honest stories, radical compassion and relationships."

Sarah has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Towards the end of her time at VCU, Sarah knew she wanted to serve people, but was torn between working for a nonprofit or the Church. She began to intern as a social worker in Virginia and found her calling that led to seminary, and to serve the church.

Sarah is in her senior year at Columbia Seminary. In addition to her studies, Sarah is the interim director for youth at Morningside Presbyterian Church. If that's not enough, Sarah is a creative collaborator at Sanctified Art — a team of ministers and artists that create unique and creative resources for the church.

Sarah claims that she is where she is today due to the support and guidance of not only her family and faith, but the support of you, members of Village Presbyterian Church. Sarah considers Village her home.



Sarah is delighted to be coming home to speak for the Celebration of Faithful Women on Saturday, April 8. She will be reflecting on "Holy Nudging," a topic of seeing and responding to a need; and being a community of faith, motivated by the wedding at Cana John 2:1-12.

Join us as we celebrate all women at Village Church. May we all be refreshed and renewed as spring begins to blossom!

Reservations will be taken starting Sunday, March 5, outside Friendship Hall between worship services. You may also make a reservation online on the Presbyterian Women's webpage at www.villagepres.org. Cost is \$16 per person. The reservation deadline is March 31.

Read more about our three Honorary Life Members in the March 15 *Good News*.

MISSION

Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines

On Friday, March 10, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need four to five volunteers to help cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four more to help serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations. They can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 9. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry shoppers receive a minimum of six canned vegetables on their monthly visits. The Food Pantry likes to have a variety of canned vegetables on the shelves and has access to corn, peas and green beans. When shopping, please think of spinach, refried beans, beets, yam, etc. We are hoping that you can bring several cans to church with you each Sunday.

During the winter months, the Pantry doesn't collect as many empty plastic water bottles with caps - and we now have a need that we don't have in summer when people are attending more outside events.

The Clothes Closet during this month is asking for shoes, boots and good quality socks in all sizes. On April 1, the Closet will start accepting spring clothing. Thank you for your generous donations for these two missions. Drop-off days and times are on the back page of this *Good News*.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

Reminder from the Village Sacristy Committee

For the Communion Service this Sunday, March 5, as for all Village Church communion services, gluten free wafers and napkins will be available in the Narthex on the credenza, at the two front entrances to the Sanctuary and in the balcony. This is to ensure that all those with gluten allergies will be able to pick up their wafers before they enter the Sanctuary. Please hold the wafer in the napkin until the congregation partakes together of the sacraments during the service. The ushers will point out the location of the wafers as they hand you your bulletin.



Getting the Word Out about the Exciting New Ministry of Village Church

Our attendance continues to grow as word gets out about Village on Antioch (VOA). We had 107 attendees at our first worship service on Feb. 5 and 117 the following Sunday, Feb. 12. March is our public launch of Village on Antioch. We sent postcards about our new ministry of Village Presbyterian Church to 10,000 neighbors who live near 14895 Antioch Road. You now see outdoor banners outside the church. Folks driving up and down Antioch Road will see that this new congregation is forming and what's happening at VOA.



We have a unique web address specific to VOA. Check it out at www.villageantioch.org. We also have social media pages specific to VOA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We will always have a special section in each issue of the *Good News* newsletter dedicated to what's happening at Village on Antioch.

We'll be sending another round of postcards inviting the neighborhood to our Holy Week services. Extra postcards will be available at the church to give to your friends to invite them to join us for Easter worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 16.

Rev. Tom Are, our senior pastor, encourages you to share with your friends, family and neighbors that "Village on Antioch is a family of faith for the whole family that is inclusive and generous."

Rev. Are begins his Lenten Sermon series this Sunday, March 5. You can find details of this new series, "The People You Meet Along the Way," on page 4 of the *Good News*.

"Our hope is that some of you will be joining Village on Antioch during Easter morning worship," said Rev. Are. Contact Rev. Hallie Hottle, bridge site pastor, at hallie@villageantioch.org or call 913-681-8180 for more information.



Traveling Day Camp at Village on Antioch

Registration for Village Church Summer Kids Camps opens Monday, March 6. This year, Heartland's "Traveling Day Camp" for kids ages K-6th grade will be at Village on Antioch. Heartland Camp staff brings a unique blend of Bible studies, worship, singing, crafts and zany indoor and outdoor recreation. Get more information at www.villagepres.org.

Organist Jan Kraybill Performs on March 19 and 26

The wonderful Dr. Jan Kraybill, DMA, FAGO, will be playing organ during worship on March 19 and 26.

Other News

New programming for children, youth and music will be beginning soon. A Village on Antioch leadership team is forming that includes members of VOA and members of Village on Mission. They will discuss things like what Christian educational programming we should add in the future based on the spiritual needs and desires of our congregation.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES
MARCH 5-APRIL 16

The people you meet along the way

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem. It was a journey on foot and a journey of the heart. A cross awaited him. When you know the end is near, your time is precious and you pay attention to the people around you. Jesus spoke with his followers and a rich man. He noticed children and an impoverished woman. Jesus paid attention to them all. We will pay attention to them as well, and discover that there is a little bit of all of them in us. I suppose that means we are on the journey as well, at least the journey of the heart.

March 5	Let's Go Over This One More Time for James and John
March 12	This Guy Thinks It's All About Him
March 19	Jesus is Interrupted and Schooled by a Courageous Woman – Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
March 26	He Got Everything Right and Still Missed It by That Much
April 2	Would You Want To Be a Kid Again?
April 9	Do You See That Woman . . . She Looks a Lot Like Jesus
Maundy Thursday	That's Just the Way of the World
Good Friday	Tenebrae Service
Easter: April 16	The Heart of the Matter

VILLAGE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Preserving Village's Past in the Cloud

Starting in 1980, Village Church recorded each of our worship services onto audio cassette tapes. Recently, the Heritage Committee of Village Church has begun the work of permanently preserving these audio recordings. Thanks to a generous grant from the Village Church Memorial Fund, the Heritage Committee was able to contract with a professional audio recording company, Estudio Soma, to convert these recordings from their original cassette tape format to a digital audio format, which is permanently saved in two separate formats.

In addition to this archival effort, the Heritage Committee also requested that the recording company create MP3 files of the sermons delivered by Dr. Bob Meneilly. The MP3 files have been stored onto the Heritage Committee's page on SoundCloud.com. You are free to listen to these sermons at: https://soundcloud.com/villagepres_heritage. Or you can go to SoundCloud.com and search for "VillagePres" and you'll find them there.

Currently, there are 428 sermons from Dr. Bob. You can listen to one after the other, or you can use the playlists that organizes the sermons by year.

In commemoration of the 68th anniversary of the founding of Village Church on Feb. 13, 1949, the Heritage Committee invites you to enjoy these sermons from our founding pastor. Additional sermons of other senior pastors will be added as this archival process continues.



Second Thursday Recital — 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 9
Featured Artists: The Lyric Arts Trio

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in the Village Chapel for our next Second Thursday Recital with The Lyrics Arts Trio. Sarah Tannehill, Elena Lence Talley and Dan Velicer will perform a program called, "The Lovely Lieder of Spring," with works of Mahler, Schubert, Schumann and Strauss. The 30-minute recital is free and open to the community.

The Kansas City-based Lyric Arts Trio is a unique ensemble of clarinet, soprano voice and piano, and has been delighting audiences throughout the Midwest for over 20 years.



Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert — "Magic & Mystery"
7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Village Church

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, in the Village Church Sanctuary. This concert's theme is "Magic and Mystery." The program will include Rimsky Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and *Procession of the Noble*, and Stravinsky's *Berceuse and Finale from The Firebird*. Kansas City harpist, Tabith Steiner, will perform in this concert on several music selections. For more information, visit www.kcwindsymphony.org or call 816-781-1132.

J. S. BACH

SAINT JOHN PASSION

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2017 | 3 P.M.
VILLAGE CHURCH SANCTUARY

PERFORMED IN ENGLISH BY
 Village Chamber Choir
 Te Deum Chamber Choir
 Kansas City Baroque Consortium

FREE ADMISSION
 A Retiring Offering will benefit
 Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services

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:

March 8 – Corned beef and cabbage, buttered new potatoes, baby carrots, vegetarian entree

March 15 – Spring Break - no dinner tonight

March 22 – New England clam chowder, vegetarian soup, grilled cheese sandwiches

March 29 – Beer battered cod, red beans and rice (vegetarian), chicken tenders, cole slaw



Wednesday Night Classes - Village U

For questions or registration, call 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org.
See class descriptions in the Village U Catalog or at www.villagepres.org.

CL.010 – Journey through Lent: Engaging the Senses, 6:30-8 p.m. March 8-29, in Room 230

CL.011 – Caring for our Common Home: Exploring the Wisdom of Pope Francis, 6:30-8 p.m. March 8-29, in Room 127

CL.012 – Presbyterian 101 – What does it mean to be “Presbyterian?” 6:30-8 p.m. March 8-29, in Rooms 132 & 133

LS.005 - March Computer Tech Nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. March 8- 29, in Room 316

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES OF VILLAGE CHURCH PRESENTS

ART & HORS D'OEUVRES

5-7 p.m. • Friday, March 31, 2017 • Art, Live Jazz, Refreshments • Free Admission



Look Around You

For the Future of Village Church

Village Church is brimming with leadership and talent. Your Nominating Committee needs your help in matching abilities with responsibilities.

Duties of Officers

ELDERS make up the Session and are responsible for the total spiritual welfare of the congregation. They should be persons involved in the life of the church who are enthusiastic for its mission, regularly participate in Sunday morning worship and show a genuine interest in the church.

ELDER/TRUSTEES - In addition to performing the elder duties, trustees are the corporate officers functioning under the Session and are responsible for fiscal matters, buildings and grounds and other matters referred by the Session. This board usually needs persons with special expertise in areas such as law, accounting, building construction, insurance and business. Those serving on this board should be persons who demonstrate a sincere concern for the church and its mission.

DEACONS' work encompasses all aspects of "hospitality" at Village Church. This hospitality includes greeting at all entrances for Sunday worship services, serving communion in worship, processing Friendship Folder sheets, sponsoring/welcoming new members when they join, providing refreshments between Sunday worship services and much more. Essentially, it is our deacons who have the privilege of offering the gift of hospitality to all at Village Presbyterian Church.

Provide all information that you can on each individual you recommend—and don't hesitate to recommend yourself!

I recommend: _____

For the office of: Elder Elder/Trustee Deacon

Age group: Youth 20-35 36-50 over 50

Talents/Interests/Spiritual Gifts: _____

Village Church Involvement: _____

Community Involvement: _____

My name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Please return this completed form to the Receptionist Desk, or
mail to Marsha Hansen / Village Presbyterian Church / 6641 Mission Rd. / Prairie Village, KS 66208**

Nomination deadline: Sunday, March 26, 2017 for elders, elder/trustees & deacons

Thank You!



Faith & Grief Lunches Feed the Soul

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and wishes to connect with others who have traveled the same road are encouraged to come to the monthly Faith & Grief lunch. Each time, there is a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Lunch is provided. Faith & Grief lunches are from noon-1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in Friendship Hall. Come every month, come when your schedule allows, or just come once to check it out. Registration is online at www.faithandgrief.org. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

You may purchase a potted lily in memory of a loved one by sending a check for \$10, payable to Village Church. Please include the memorial/honorary name with the check. Send your check to the church — Attn: Janice with “Easter Memorial” reference on both the envelope and the check. Your information and check must be received by noon Monday, April 10, to be included in the May 3 *Good News* listing of donors.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW’s Spring Lunch at Andre’s

Women of Wisdom (WOW) has planned an early Spring luncheon at Andre’s Tea Room, 5018 Main St., in Kansas City, Mo. at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 23. Please note the earlier than usual start time. Andre’s has been legendary for its fabulous chocolates and pastries.

Limited carpooling from the church’s north parking lot (Welcome Center entrance) will be offered, based upon need and until maximum capacity of cars has been reached. RSVP by Tuesday, March 21, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net.



2017
Celebration of Faithful Women Brunch
10 a.m. Saturday, April 8
in Friendship Hall

Sarah Are speaking on "Holy Nudging"

Honoring three Village volunteers:
Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhr

Cost: \$16 per person
Reservations open March 5

The poster features three portrait photos of women: Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster, and Virginia Stuhr. To the right is a larger portrait of Sarah Are. The background is a textured teal color with a large, stylized graphic of a woman's profile in shades of blue and purple.

Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study with breakfast and reflection on passages from Scripture. RSVP to marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, now-April 11. Room 228.

Preparing to Sell Your Home – A Workshop Especially for Older Adults - As many older adults contemplate downsizing and moving, selling their beloved home of many years is important. Carole Mosher has spent many years as a certified financial manager. In this 90-minute workshop, Carole will offer her expertise in helping older persons make the decision to sell their home. Come learn about what you should be thinking about whether selling your home is a current possibility or years in the future. 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 4. Room 127.

Professional Development - Are you looking to brush up on your professional development? Come share your personal experiences and learn how to increase your presence at work or on interviews. 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 6. Room 126. Taught by Sandra Stephens.

March Computer Tech Nights - Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel and e-mail 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. Bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 8- 29. Room 316.

Journey through Lent: Engaging the Senses - This Lent, join us in journeying through Lent with intention. Make space for the season to have an impact on your spiritual life. To assist us, we will explore the Stations of the Cross. While they are not often part of our Presbyterian tradition, they offer rich insight into Jesus' last days. We will look at the Stations from their biblical context, as well as explore how art and culture — in the past and in the present — have interpreted them. We will practice our faith in ways that engage conversation, creativity and contemplation. See you there! 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 8-April 12. Room 230. Taught by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

Caring for Our Common Home: Exploring the Wisdom of Pope Francis - Pope Francis, the spiritual leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholic Christians, created a stir when he issued his second papal encyclical (a special letter intended to shape the church's doctrine) in June 2015. Titled "Laudato Si (Praise be to You – On Care for Our Common Home)", this incredible document signaled to the whole world the Pope's concerns for our planet. In language that is clear and convicting, he calls on all Christians to understand that our concern for the natural world is integral to our faithfulness. The paper thoughtfully discusses poverty, the environment, technology and science. Nicola Juricak, Village Church member and Environmental Action Committee member, and Father Bob Hagan, S.J. of Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Kansas City, Mo., will guide us in exploring Pope Francis' call; and we will focus on the practical implications for our lives as together we care for our common home. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 8-29. Room 127.

Presbyterian 101 – What Does It Mean to be “Presbyterian?” This course will explore what it means to be “Presbyterian” in the 21st century. We will look briefly at how the Presbyterian stream of Christians came to be, the key tenets of our theology and practice of being of the church, what makes us distinctive and what we have to offer to the rest of the Christian church and to the whole world that God created and so loves. Designed more for those who are curious about and new to Village Church. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of Adult Educational Ministries, will lead a series of conversations about what it means to be Presbyterian today and whether or not it even matters. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 8-29. Rooms 132 & 133.

Beginner Excel – Afternoon or Evening - Topics covered include: identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will be creating a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Room 316.

Intermediate Excel – Afternoon or Evening - This two-week class is recommended for people who have a basic understanding of Excel or have taken the Beginner Excel Class. Topics covered include filtering and sorting data, working with functions and using Excel to create charts. Spreadsheets will be used to reinforce learning. 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 22 & 29. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, March 23 & 30. Room 316.



FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Knife Skills Tuesday - You'll learn how to pick the right tools, explore sharpening and storage, and get some all-important hands-on experience in cutting vegetables the right way. Bring a cutting board, chef knife, three onions, one head cabbage, four carrots, 1 lb. potatoes and two bell peppers. Students will go home with the makings of a great vegetable soup. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28. Room 126. Taught by Rachel Ciordas.

Recipe Swap - Class participants will bring an appetizer to share, along with that recipe and four additional recipes that include an easy weeknight dinner, a kid-pleasing meal, a salad and a dessert. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28. Room 126.

Infant, Child & Adult CPR Basics - Join us for this course that will teach critical skills needed to respond and to manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac emergency in the first few minutes until emergency services arrive. 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. Room 232. Taught by Peggy Tingle. Additional course materials fee: \$12/person.

April Tech Nights - Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel and e-mail using a MICROSOFT WINDOWS computer. Members of the Computer Ministry are available to provide individual assistance. Bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 5-26. Room 316.

Growing a Vibrant, Sticky Faith in our Children - More than Sunday school or Youth group or Vacation Bible School, how parents and stepparents live out and articulate their faith has the greatest influence on whether the child will value faith as an adolescent and young adult. This four-session course will help parents live out their faith with their children in real and expressive ways. Children who possess a strong faith foundation are less likely to engage in risky behaviors and more likely to thrive in adolescence and young adulthood. Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. April 5-26. Rooms 132 & 133.

Seeing is Believing – Exploring Mission in the Heartland Presbytery - In this four-session course, the Rev. Sally Wright who serves us and all of the Heartland Presbytery as Acting Associate Executive Presbyter, will help us understand what it means to be a missional congregation. She will also act as our guide as we leave the church building during some of the sessions and experience how the mission of Jesus Christ is being enacted throughout the greater Kansas City area. Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. April 5-26. Room 127.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30-10:30 a.m.

The **Faith Journey** class is studying Roger L. Ray's book, *Progressive Faith and Practice, Thou Shalt Not Stand Idly By*. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

Foundations of Faith offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles and couples, ages 50+, who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. Facilitated by Darryl Bertsch. Room 15.

The **Growing Together** class is watching the newly-released DVD, *The Gospel of Luke*. This movie is word-for-word from the bible. We will look at Jesus through the eyes of Paul's ministry. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 132.

Village Forum - In this Lenten study, *Show Me the Money! Being Faithful to God with our Money and Possessions*, Dr. Rodger Nishioka will draw upon Brueggemann's book published last year to help us understand how we are to live today as faithful followers of Jesus. March 5-April 9. Rooms 132 and 133.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

The Ancient Present Future Church. Now through April 30 (except Easter), Dr. Rodger Nishioka is leading a new adult class to study the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the new movement of followers of Jesus that eventually became the Church. Through our reading and discussion, we will explore the challenges and opportunities the early church faced and compare and contrast that with the challenges and opportunities we face today. Together, we will discover how the ancient church has shaped our present church and what this all means for the future church! Rooms 126-127.

The Fish Banks are Back!

Children in Kids' Kingdom will receive their Fish Banks the first Sunday of Lent, March 5, and will be encouraged to collect coins throughout Lent.

Did you know that money collected in the Fish Banks go to help feed the hungry, help people build



up their own livelihoods and respond to disasters? The One Great Hour of Sharing is changing lives, changing communities and changing the world.

If you would like to learn more about the offering's global impact, visit the following website:

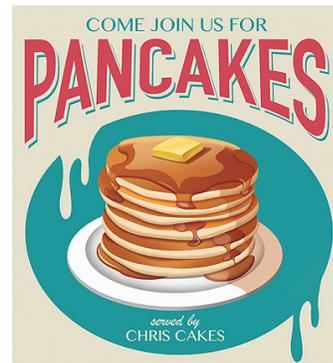
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Baptism Orientation

The next Baptism Orientation class will be from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. The next Baptism Sunday is March 19.

All Church Pancake Breakfast March 5

Be sure and stop by Friendship Hall between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. this Sunday for the All-Church Pancake Breakfast. Cost is \$5 a person. Chris Cakes will be here to serve up some tasty pancakes and sausage.



6th Grade Outing, Saturday, April 22

Mark your calendar for a really fun activity for 6th Grade. We will be going to the KU Relays on Saturday, April 22. There is limited space in the church van, so call Cheryl at 913-671-2355 for more information.



Meet Our New Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Abigail Lutz

Upon graduating from Colorado State University last May, Abigail returned to Kansas City where she soon began attending Village Young Adult small group during the week and The Gathering on Sundays. While Abigail's degree is in English (creative writing), she has found a strong calling to graphic design and has pursued that creative drive through various opportunities such as United Way and freelance work. "I am very excited to join Village as the Young Adult coordinator," said Abigail. "I look forward to utilizing my design skills and creative thinking to help transform the YA department into an even more successful branch of our wonderful church!" Abigail is providing office and ministry support to Rev. Hallie Hottle and Young Adult Ministry, as well as The Gathering. She started on Feb. 8 and will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Taizé in St. Louis

Yes, you read that right. The monks from the monastic Taizé community in France are currently in the St. Louis/Ferguson area working on issues of race and reconciliation. We're going to join them Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29, and meet young adults from around the world, to have hard conversations, meditate and seek to be part of the healing. Space is limited. Cost is \$175 a person. Register on the Young Adult page on www.villagepres.org or email Rev. Hallie at hallie.hottle@villagepres.org for more information.





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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

The Power of Giving

We are clearly living in a time of power: the power of the people, the power of our president, the power of the media. But only when power can inspire is it truly meaningful! That is why our theme for this year's Village Church Commitment Campaign is "The Power of Giving." What we have seen as the result of your generosity is breathtaking. It is truly powerful — be it the Sanctuary, the new organ, the Village Church Child and Family Development Center, or the ability to recruit, nurture and retain our amazing staff.

We are blessed to have each and every pastor and each and every staff member. Because of the commitment our members and supporters have made, we are able to bring in the very best! In recent years, we have conducted several nationwide searches (with another currently underway) that have resulted in a complete and diverse pastoral staff that we consider among our greatest blessings. We are grateful for their love and commitment and their desire to make the Village community stronger than ever before. Stay tuned for more about our beloved staff in the coming week!



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

VILLAGE ON MISSION

Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

The Gathering – 5 p.m.
In Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH

Traditional - 9:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary
14895 Antioch Rd.

Overland Park, KS 66221

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-Friday
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

IN MEMORY

Fred Baker
Betty Dillon
Jeannette Lee
Kenneth "Ken" Pearson
Rex Raudenbush