Celebration of Faithful Women Brunch on April 8 honors the Dedication and Influence of Three Village Volunteers

Please join us in celebrating our PW Honorary Life Members Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhr at the Celebration of Faithful Women event on Saturday, April 8. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with punch in Room 232, and will continue with brunch at 10 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Sarah Are will be our keynote speaker, reflecting on “Holy Nudging”—a topic of seeing and responding to a need and being a community of faith.

Cost is $16 per person. Deadline for reservations is March 31 and can be made online at https://vpcpvks.infellowship.com/UserLogin/Index?ReturnUrl=%2fForms%2f349118 or you can also make reservations Sunday mornings now through March 26 in Friendship Hall.

"Village Church has been truly blessed by the involvement of Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhr in a number of activities. They tirelessly strive to share the love of Jesus Christ with the women of our church and with the community as well. They all share a spirit of generosity and compassion, and we are most grateful,” said Marianne Weber, Adult Educational Ministries Coordinator.

Marilyn Borel
Born: Kansas City, Mo.
Education: University of Kansas for undergraduate and graduate school majoring in teaching orthopedically handicapped students and received a Master’s in Learning Disabilities.
Career: Marilyn’s passion is children and education demonstrated by her career as a Learning Disabilities teacher for 20 years, primarily at Delano School, followed by 20 years as a school psychologist in the Kansas City Missouri School District.
Family: Marilyn and husband, Roger Borel, married in December 1989 and have 13 wonderful nieces and nephews.

Village: Marilyn has been both the PW communications and membership chairman during her tenure on the PW board. "Being on the PW Board helped me understand the myriad of PW activities and the deep commitment of PW women to the church." Marilyn feels one of the best parts of the board responsibilities was the opportunity to visit all of the circles. “Each is unique and has a different approach,” and she loved getting to know the various women as she visited. Marilyn enjoys being a member of Circle Two.

Marilyn has continued her love and commitment to serving children at Village Church as part of the Talk, Read, Play committee, as well as liaison to PW for the Operation Breakthrough Reading Program and PW Star Families. Marilyn and her committee chaired the “Struggling in the Land of Opportunity” dinner held at Village, educating our congregation about the struggles young mothers face in the inner city. Marilyn has served as deacon at Village Church and also worked on the Front Porch Alliance gala committee.

"Everything I have done at Village, I have been part of wonderful teams…each has taught me valuable lessons and given me invaluable friendships.”

Julie Foster
Born: Kansas City, Kan.
Education: University of Kansas for Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing
Career: After graduating with a B.S. in nursing, Julie worked at KU Medical Center in the Pulmonary ICU, then at Bethany Medical Center in the Emergency Room for many years. Working 12-hour shifts allowed for...
more days off, and she found a part-time job working at a specialty fabric store in Overland Park and PRN in the Medical Department at Hallmark. Currently, she works part-time in the Clinical Skills Lab at KUMC assisting medical students with learning physical examination skills.

**Family:** Dr. Bob married Julie and Jack Foster on Feb. 23, 1991 at Village Church. They have three children: Henry (24), Annie (22) and John (19).

**Village:** Julie joined Village in the 1980’s as she was inspired by the weekly hope in Dr. Bob’s message of “Be of Good Cheer.” She began her PW involvement at Village with the invitation from her good friend, Jan Liu, to attend a Circle 4 meeting. Over the years she has served as a deacon, Children’s Ministry committee member, Art Ministry committee member, Kids’ Kingdom Sunday School teacher and Front Porch Alliance auction committee chair. She has enjoyed being part of a Christ Care, Village Connect and Circle. Her PW involvement includes Amazing Graces steering committee, Operation Breakthrough Reading committee and the PW board at both Village Church and the Heartland Presbytery. Julie served on the PW board at Village in the positions of Christian Action coordinator, communications chair and moderator.

**Virginia Stuhr**

**Born:** near Elliot, Iowa

**Education:** After attending Red Oak Junior College for a year, she moved to Peru State Teachers College in Nebraska. Virginia taught primary grades in Minden, Iowa for two years then finished her Bachelor of Science degree at Drake University.

**Career/Family:** Virginia began her teaching career with first graders in Des Moines. While teaching, she married and had two sons. She and her family transferred to the Kansas City area in 1962. They eventually moved to Overland Park where she joined the Overland Park Christian Church then transferred to Village Church in 1977.

**Village:** Virginia has remained active in our community for many years, including her work with Mother to Mother ministry, Mid-America Assistance Coalition, Kansas City Metro Area Hunger Coalition and Church Women United of Johnson County where she served on the board for 16 years. While serving CWU by writing many funding proposals and helping to start Child Care for Low Income Advocacy and Support Program (CLASP), she was honored for her work by receiving the Valiant Woman award. Her service continued in an advisory role to the Social and Rehabilitation Services of Kansas and Mid-America Regional Council where she helped start the city/county food drive “Feed the Need” in 1987, which continues every summer. Other involvement has included her role as chairman of the Heartland Presbytery Hunger committee, serving on the Heartland Presbytery Matthew 25 task force and Together Center Board, which help inner city youth and families in need. Her roles at Village have been extensive including serving on the Hunger Task Force, Community Concern committee, Food Pantry volunteer, a Circle leader and the Church Women United representative to PW several years until stepping down recently.
**Neema Open House, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24**

In 2004, Neema Community Church started its congregation at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road. Today, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. David Nzioka, Neema is the fastest growing church in the Heartland Presbytery.

In addition to planning this new church, Dr. Nzioka also founded the Thwake Village Kenya Partnership that Village and the Heartland Presbytery supported with funds and manpower. The results of that support have been the creation of a clinic, water well, Presbyterian Church and a children’s home in Kenya.

In celebration of the opening of the new children’s home, Village Church members are invited to an Open House at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Neema Community Church located at 621 S. Lee Avenue in Olathe.

All are welcome to enjoy Kenyan food and song. Call Dr. Nzioka at 913-782-0636 for more information.

**Food Pantry**

The request from the Food Pantry this month is for lots of canned vegetables to fill our shelves. Each family unit receives at least six cans of vegetables as they shop each month. We have an abundance of corn, peas and green beans, so let’s think outside the box — spinach, yams, tomatoes, beets, refried beans, asparagus, etc. Everyone likes variety!

The Clothes Closet needs shoes in all sizes. On April 1, the Closet will begin to accept spring clothing. Drop off times for clothing and food at the Pantry are on the back page of this Good News.

**Lora Garrison Named Director of International Mission**

Lora (Manka) Garrison joined the staff of the Village Church as the director of international mission. She is responsible for growing, coordinating and overseeing our mission work in Dominican Republic and Kenya as well as developing new service programs in other international areas.

“I am deeply honored to be named for this job. It is a dream come true for me,” Lora said. “I am so inspired by the dedicated team of volunteers and staff who founded our Dominican Republic Medical Partnership and the Thwake Village Partnership in Kenya,” she continued. “With strategic growth in mind, we are working on creative ways to recruit new volunteers (of all ages) to help from here or to spearhead and join us on a mission trip. Our mission programs are for everyone, regardless of your professional training or background.”

Lora has more than 20 years of experience in public relations, marketing and business development with professional services and non-profit organizations. She has created business development strategies and campaigns, proposals, marketing materials, public relations campaigns, community outreach and agenda building plans. She earned a B.S. in Journalism from the University of Kansas in 1993.

“I have been coming to the Village Church since I was a kid so I feel like I grew up here,” Lora said. “My dad and I taught Sunday school to the 3-year-olds. I went through confirmation and participated in a handful of the youth trips. In 2004, Rev. Tom Are married my husband and me. With 20 bridesmaids and groomsmen in our wedding party, I recall Rev. Are getting a kick out of the number of people standing up front with us. In 2015, he baptized our two children.”

Lora’s husband, Cameron, is an intellectual property attorney at Lathrop & Gage. Their 10-year-old son Ash is in fourth grade at Pembroke Hill and their 9-year-old daughter Frankie is in fourth grade at Prairie School.
Thanks to the support of Village Church and a Mission Partner grant from the Village Mission, the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) January Team just completed another productive trip to serve the cane cutter families in the bateyes (villages) of the D.R.

The team consisted of 35 health care professionals and nonclinical people who performed orthopedic surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital and medical clinics and provided health education in the bateyes. The team’s surgeons performed 42, in some cases life-changing, surgeries. Some of these cases were the most difficult that any of them have ever done, as they are re-dos of old surgeries that have healed improperly or not at all. The surgeons worked at least 12-hour days, supported by a team of surgical nurses, nurse anesthetists and recovery nurses, with a willing layperson trained to clean the instruments in between surgeries. The medical and educational teams traveled to six designated bateyes providing consistent care, with follow-ups where needed, and forming relationships with the village Health Promoter when possible.

A key element of the trip was the assessment and control of hypertension, a common disease among the batey population. Patients were checked, educated on the disease and what they can do to help control it, and provided important drugs to control their hypertension. When the teams are not present in the D.R. to distribute the medicine to these bateyes, our partnership with the Light A Candle organization completes this task. Light A Candle is funded in part by DRMP.

In addition, of increasing focus, DRMP educated the batey residents on how to understand their health and how to prevent common illnesses and malnutrition. The Village and Light A Candle teams have created innovative, measurable projects, which are piloted in the bateyes using pre and post testing to determine effectiveness. This year, the projects piloted were “Preventing Mosquito Borne Illnesses,” such as Zika and the “Benefits of Breast Feeding” for newborn infants.

Overall, the medical stations saw more than 600 patients. Over the 23 years, DRMP is seeing smaller family sizes, fewer teen pregnancies and healthier children.

Finally, with support from the DRMP and Village Church Mission, Rev. Len Carrell became an integral member of our medical team — working, playing and praying with the team and the Dominican people. He prayed with the dying, with team members and with the Haitian Baptist Church congregations where the team worshipped on a Sunday morning. As one team physician said, “Len has something to give these people when we no longer do.”

If you would like to learn more about the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership and how you can participate, call the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org.

Good News, March 15, 2017
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 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

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.

Village on Mission
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
7 p.m. Good Friday
8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Easter Sunday

Village on Antioch
7 p.m. Good Friday
9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday
Public Launch of Village on Antioch

The season of Lent — a season of reflection, repentance and prayer — began at Village on Antioch church on Ash Wednesday, led by Rev. Tom Are and Rev. Hallie Hottle.

We have been worshipping at Village on Antioch for over a month now. Sunday, March 5, was our first service inviting the public to join us. We sent out postcards inviting neighbors to join us in worship at VOA.

Going forward, Rev. Hottle will lead worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings at VOA, and the sermon will be via video from the Village on Mission Sanctuary.
Meet our newest members of Village on Mission who joined the church Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017.

Tyler Albregts lives in Prairie Village and is an account manager. Hannah Maher lives in Overland Park and manages season ticket accounts for the Royals. She enjoys working out and running. Tyler and Hannah are engaged to be married and join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Cybelle Arrey lives in Overland Park and is a student. She enjoys reading and traveling. Cybelle joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

Sharon Borthwick lives in Prairie Village with her husband, Jim (member). She enjoys antiques, Quimper pottery, golf and gardening. Sharon joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

Brian and Laura Ann Bowen live in Overland Park with their children, Caitlin and William. Brian is a writer/editor and Laura Ann is a vice president of human resources. Brian and Laura Ann join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

René and Tim Burrow live in Overland Park. René is a physical therapist assistant and enjoys family, gardening, hiking and reading. Tim is in sales and enjoys photography and reading. René and Tim join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Leah Dempster lives in Prairie Village and is a registered nurse. She and Geoff Miles are engaged to be married. Leah joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

Leslie and Adam Donar live in Prairie Village with their daughters, Autumn and Evelyn. Leslie is a homemaker and enjoys singing, baking, traveling and family outings. Adam is an engineer and enjoys fishing, gardening, photography and woodworking. Leslie and Adam join Village by Confession of Faith.

Betty Foster lives in Prairie Village and is a retired homemaker. She enjoys reading and family. Betty joins Village by Affiliate Membership.

Evan Frederick lives in Kansas City, Mo. Evan joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.

Beth Lechner lives in Lenexa with her husband, Michael. She is a student at UMKC and enjoys playing guitar, piano and golf. Beth joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Tom Olofson lives in Kansas City, Mo. He is a private investor and retired CEO. Tom enjoys travel, fitness training and spending time with his two grandchildren. Tom joins Village by Letter of Transfer.
**Welcome New Village Church Members**

**Alyssa and Burke Raine** live in Leawood with their children, Bobby and Vivienne. Alyssa works at Hallmark and Burke is in marketing. Alyssa joins Village by Letter of Transfer and Burke joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Steve Rinne and Barbara Mueh** live in Kansas City, Mo. Steve is in business development and enjoys golf and birding. Barbara works in public relations. Steve and Barbara join Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Dr. Janet Rose** lives in Lawrence, Kan. and is a professor. She enjoys cultural events, golf, skiing and hiking. Janet joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Jennifer Schlitternhardt** lives in Leawood with her husband, Ed, and daughter, Eleni. She works for American Century and enjoys swing dancing and jazz. Jennifer joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Dr. Ashley Schneider** lives in Fairway with her husband and three children, Keira, Reagan and Maggie. She is a pathologist and enjoys golf, skiing and hiking. Ashley joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Dr. David Shuss** lives in Leawood with his wife, Nancy. He is a physician at St. Luke's and enjoys movies, reading and travel. David joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Linda Stevens** lives in Kansas City, Mo. She is a marketing executive and enjoys golf, yoga, walking, bridge and volunteering with the Kansas City Symphony. Linda joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Liz and Drue Thomas** live in Leawood with their daughters, Claire and Kate. Liz is a vice president of Internal Audit and enjoys Rotary, cooking, skiing and hunting. Drue is a senior vice president of commercial lending and enjoys hunting, skiing and Rotary. Liz and Drue join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Kyle and Stephanie Zeller** live in Leawood with their children, Marlowe and Oscar. Kyle is an insurance agent and enjoys sports, work and his family. Stephanie is an account executive and enjoys running and playing with their children. Kyle and Stephanie join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Remember Village**

Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. Please consider a gift to the church when your estate is prepared.

The Meneilly Society honors members and friends who, through their estate planning, have chosen to remember and support the future of Village Church. Contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 for more information.
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, Tabitha Steiner, will perform in this concert on several music selections. For more information, visit www.kcwindsymphony.org or call 816-781-1132.
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 and dessert is $7. Salad bar and dessert is $6. Children ages 3-10 is $3 and no charge for children age 2 and under. Contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon Monday.

Menu:
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. Now - March 29, in Room 230
CL.011 – Caring for our Common Home: Exploring the Wisdom of Pope Francis, 6:30-8 p.m. Now - March 29, in Room 127
CL.012 – Presbyterian 101 – What does it mean to be “Presbyterian?” 6:30-8 p.m. Now - March 29, in Rooms 132 & 133
LS.005 - March Computer Tech Nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Now - March 29, in Room 316
Will You Deliver an Easter Lily?
A Village tradition is sharing the joy of Easter by taking an Easter lily to members who are unable to attend church during Lent or Easter. If you’re interested in helping deliver a lily or two after the last service, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. You will be contacted the week before Easter with specific information.

New Growing Through Grief Series Starts April 5
If you have lost a loved one, consider coming to Growing Through Grief — 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. The next series is from 5–6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, April 5–May 3, in Room 124. You’ll receive your own copy of Understanding Your Grief — Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart, by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. This book is optional yet helpful to read. The series and book is offered at no cost. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

WOW’s Spring Lunch at Andre’s
Women of Wisdom (WOW) has planned a luncheon at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, at Andre’s, 5018 Main St., in Kansas City, Mo. 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. RSVP by Tuesday, March 21, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net.

Mission Sewing
We accept fabric (one yard pieces or larger) in cotton, cotton blends and wool. We also need yarn and embroidery floss. Contact Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information. If you don’t machine sew, perhaps you would enjoy doing some hand sewing, stuffing pillows or pressing. Come and go as your time permits every Tuesday. Lunch is from noon-1 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a meal at the Village Cup.
AARP 55 Alive Driving Class will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 133. A veteran instructor will teach the classes. The cost is $20 ($15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. To enroll, call Marianne, 913-671-2333.


Upcoming Village U Courses:

**Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies** - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, now through April 11. Chef Emily will prepare breakfast. There will be time for discussion as well. To make a reservation, contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: $6. Child care is not available. Room 228.

**March Computer Tech Nights** - 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. Bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 22 and 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. If you are looking for a way to make Lent more meaningful, join us for this series. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, now-April 12. Room 230. Taught by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

**Caring for Our Common Home: Exploring the Wisdom of Pope Francis** - Pope Francis 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. 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. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 22 & 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, what makes us distinctive and what we have to offer to the rest of the Christian church. Designed for those who are curious about and new to Village Presbyterian Church, Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of Adult Educational Ministries, will lead the course on Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. March 22 & 29. Rooms 132 and 133.

**Intermediate Excel** - 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. Room 316 and 6:30–8 p.m. Thursdays, March 23 & 30. Room 316.

**Knife Skills Tuesday** - Do you want to make dinnertime easier? Chefs know proper knife skills make all the difference, and this class can show you how. Participants should 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 instructor-led course that will teach students 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. 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, April 5-26. Room 316.

Growing a Vibrant, Sticky Faith in our Children - Co-led by Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of Children and Family Ministries, and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of Adult Educational Ministries, this course will help parents live out their faith with their children in real and expressive ways so that faith in Jesus Christ will stick as they grow older. 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 and 133.

Seeing is Believing – Exploring Mission in the Heartland Presbytery - 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.

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum Day Trip - The Harry S. Truman Library invites you to experience the eventful and triumphant life of America’s 33rd President. The first of two permanent exhibits, the Presidential Years, brings to life Truman’s important decisions, their long-term significance and how they continue to affect our lives today. The second exhibit, “Harry S. Truman: His Life and Times,” examines the personal lives of President Truman and his family, from his early years on the family farm in Grandview to his service in World War I to his political rise to power, ending with his retirement years as an “elder statesman.” 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Facilitated by Georgia Klein. Cost: $30 per person includes tour and lunch. Participant limit: 25. Call Marianne, 913-671-2333, to make your reservation.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30-10:30 a.m.


Foundations of Faith offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers and 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. Throughout the year, we will bring the Gospel of Luke alive from both a historical perspective and as a living application to our lives today. The Growing Together class is made up of couples, parents and young adults who want a deeper connection to our faith. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

Village Forum - The topics of money and possessions permeate all of the Bible. Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann argues that money and wealth are discussed more in scripture than any other topic including sex and sexuality, politics, family relationships and the life of the church. From the Old Testament warnings against the idolatry of wealth to Jesus telling his disciples that it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven, the Bible’s comments about money and possessions are diverse and sometimes contradictory. In this six-session 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 19-April 9. Rooms 132-133.
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. We will explore the challenges and opportunities the early church faced and compare with those 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ART DISPLAY

Liturgical Art

During the season of Lent, the Welcome Center features The Stations of the Cross, an art installation created by Virginia Maksymowicz. The installation was originally commissioned by St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pa.

In the creation of these pieces, 11 individuals served as models, spanning a wide variety of ages and ethnicities, demonstrating the tension between the “specific” and the “universal” messages of those within the story.

A devotional guide to the installation, which also contains additional information about the artistic process, is available in the Welcome Center.

It has been on display at Allegheny College, the Narthex Gallery, the National Museum of Catholic Art and History, the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral and the Memorial Hall at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This is the first exhibition of the pieces in the Midwest.
**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY**

### Coming to the Lord's Table: Meaning of The Sacrament of Communion

Special class for 3rd through 5th grade. The class will have two sessions just for kids on Sundays, April 2 and 9. We will celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper on Sunday evening, April 9, in The Gathering service. Watch for information in your mailbox and inbox soon!

### Lenten Activities for the Family

Stop by the Children and Family Ministry office to get ideas of activities, projects and devotionals the whole family can practice together during the season of Lent. Many of these resources are also available in the March issue of The Mustard Seed. If you have not received your March issue by email, please call Cheryl at 913-671-2355.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

### 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](http://www.villagepres.org) or email Rev. Hallie at hallie.hottle@villagepres.org for more information.

### Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

A group of our Village high school students and adults left on Saturday, March 11, for their Spring Break mission trip in the Dominican Republic. Our Village youth will continue construction of a school, work to teach English in a classroom and help with nutrition and health education. Please pray for them as they both bring and encounter God’s love. They will return this Saturday, March 18.

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*Good News, March 15, 2017*
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: ________________________________

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Village Church Involvement: _____________________________________________

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Community Involvement: ________________________________________________

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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!
Because of your generosity …

both children and staff are thriving at the beautiful new Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park, Kan.