Please join us at 3 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 9, in the Village Church Sanctuary, when the Village Chamber Choir and Te Deum Chamber Choir combine voices with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium to present Bach’s *Saint John Passion*. The concert is free and open to the community. A Retiring Offering will benefit Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services.

Free child care is available. Parents must register their children in advance of the concert by contacting Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 or Marjean.Lindquist@villagepres.org.

The *Saint John Passion* is a monumental choral-orchestral work rarely performed in the Kansas City area. For this performance, a baroque orchestra will play with replicas of original instruments to help the audience hear the truest essence of Bach’s vision.

Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music at Village Church and Te Deum founder and artistic director, will be conducting. We spoke with Matthew about the upcoming concert.

**Q: Have Te Deum and the Village Chamber Choir performed together before?**
**Matthew:** Te Deum and the Village Chamber Choir combined three years ago for a performance of one of J.S. Bach’s other monumental works, the *Mass in B Minor*. That performance was at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. An undertaking of both the *B Minor Mass* and the *Saint John Passion* are aided greatly through combined efforts.

**Q: What has the experience of conducting Bach’s *Saint John Passion* been like for you?**
**Matthew:** To conduct a performance of the *Saint John Passion* for the very first time will always require a steep learning curve. There is so much music to learn, context to understand, and many musicians to rehearse with and organize. I have been working with Te Deum, the Village Chamber Choir, soloists, and the baroque orchestra all separately, and it won’t be until the Thursday before the performance that we first combine all elements. It’s always a little scary, and quite exciting.

**Q: What would you like the audience to know before coming to this performance?**
**Matthew:** We work very hard to bring authenticity to this performance, which is why we employ a baroque orchestra (which plays on different instruments than a modern orchestra), and why we work hard to research period specific performance practice. However, we are performing this German work in English. Though Bach, of course would have only imagined the work in German; what was most important to Bach and to the Lutherans of the day was for the work to be performed in the language of the people. His people were German, but our audiences are primarily English speaking. For that reason, it not only feels like an appropriate choice for audiences that we sing in English, but it also is consistent with the ideals of Bach.

**Q: Are there any soloists of note?**
**Matthew:** We have hired our two primary soloists from across the country. Kyle Stegall is a tenor and singing our Evangelist and Charles Wesley Evans is a baritone singing the role of Jesus. The rest of the soloists come from Te Deum and Village.

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Q: How long will the concert be?
Matthew: With intermission, it will be about two hours.

Q: Tell us about Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services, the recipient of the Retiring Offering.
Matthew: The Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services is the largest local refugee program. It was founded in the mid-20th century to help Holocaust survivors and other refugees. They currently relocate nearly 500 people from over 15 countries. Their work helps refugees find jobs, receive medical care, find housing, and much more. Their work is as important now as when it was founded. You can learn more at http://www.jvskc.org/.

Q: Anything else you’d like to share with the congregation about this concert?
Matthew: I can’t articulate how excited I am to conduct my first Saint John Passion. The singers, the players, the energy, heart and time put in is going to make for a powerful telling of the Passion of Jesus this Palm Sunday, April 9.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Second Thursday Recital Date Moved Up
April 6 Guest Artist: Harpsichordist Charles Metz

At 12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in the Village Chapel, harpsichordist Charles Metz will perform three pieces by Jean Philippe Rameau: Les Tourbillons, L’entretien Des Muses and Les Niais de Sologne. The program will also include J.S. Bach’s Italian Concerto.

Charles Metz has performed across the country with concerts in Chicago, Saratoga, New York, Bennington, Vermont, Louisville, Kentucky and Liberty, Mo. in their Baroque music JEMS Fest. He has performed solo recitals at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. Oberlin Conservatory and appeared as guest artist in Kansas City for the Bach Aria Soloists and the KC Symphony’s summer program, “Summerfest.”
Mission

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet
Spring is here (sometimes we think it’s summer!). Time for spring cleaning, which pleases the Clothes Closet because they are now accepting spring clothing and shoes - all sizes, children and adult, clean, sized and gently worn. Your cast-offs will make our clients extremely happy.

The Food Pantry is requesting all varieties of cereal. The smiles on the faces of the clients when they see a large variety to choose from, puts smiles on the volunteers' faces too. It's a win-win situation.

One Great Hour of Sharing
On Palm Sunday (April 9), Village Church members are invited to support One Great Hour of Sharing. With an offering gift, donors help provide food, shelter and education to refugees. Donor gifts also make it possible to engage in sustainable agriculture and water projects that creatively work to address long-term care of the earth to end hunger and poverty for the most vulnerable. In addition, this offering helps programs such as Jobs Not Jails, which has already assisted over 7,000 people with access to jobs and education as they establish new lives after prison.

Gifts collected from the One Great Hour offering are distributed among the following:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) rebuilding communities after natural and human-caused disasters
- Self-Development of People (32%) providing resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty
- Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems.

If you have any further questions about One Great Hour of Sharing, contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

Blood Drive April 18
Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of “villagepres” or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. and noon this Sunday, April 9. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

East Hills Singers Performing at Village Church April 23

The East Hill Singers will perform in the Village Church Sanctuary at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23. The concert, entitled “Manly Men,” will feature traditional spirituals, jazz, barbershop and Broadway tunes. The choir, consisting of minimum security inmates from Lansing Correctional Facility and volunteer singers from the greater Kansas City community, will be joined by the barbershop chorus, New Harmony Handful.

For more than 20 years, Arts in Prison has been providing programs in Kansas state prisons and bringing the East Hill Singers into the community. Other programs provided by Arts in Prison include visual art, performing arts and poetry. An exhibit of works created at Lansing Correctional Facility by AiP program participants will be open at 3 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.
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.

Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship and Palm Parade
We start Holy Week together with worship featuring alternative music (Becky and Nathan Bliss), and a palm parade for our young (and young at heart) worshippers. All who are interested in joining Village On Antioch are invited to stay after worship for a conversation about church membership.

Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. Community Dinner and Worship in Fellowship Hall
We’ll share a meal together with old friends and new, praise God in song, and practice Holy Communion as God’s new community on Antioch. All are invited to journey towards the cross on this holy night with food, song, and sacrament.

Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship, Egg Hunt, and Pancake Breakfast
On Easter Sunday we will both celebrate and participate in resurrection. Strings will help lead worship as we praise God and welcome new members. All ages are invited to stay after worship for pancakes and an egg hunt. There is much to celebrate this resurrection day.

Holy Week Worship Services at Village on Antioch

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The People You Meet Along the Way

April 9  Do You See That Woman . . . She Looks a Lot Like Jesus
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday  That’s Just the Way of the World
7 p.m. Good Friday  Tenebrae Service
Easter: April 16  The Heart of the Matter

Easter Sunday Worship Services at Village on Mission will be at 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and The Gathering at 5 p.m. We will have two services at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tom Are will preach in the Sanctuary. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach in Friendship Hall. Rev. Are will preach in The Gathering.

We will provide free shuttle bus service Easter morning from 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Buses will pick up at the Blue Moose parking lot at Prairie Village Shopping Center and drop off at the west entrance of the church.
**250 Easter Lilies Need Delivery!**

This year Village will have 250 beautiful Easter lilies to take to members who are unable to attend church during Lent or Easter. We could use your help getting them to those members! 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.

**Pastoral Care and Counseling – Did You Know?**

The Pastoral Care Ministry provides comfort, support and counsel when there is a spiritual, emotional or physical need. Did you know that there are four major ministry areas – educational, end of life, support and connectional? And did you know that there are 42 different programs and events? All are here to help whenever you need a listening ear or assistance.

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**Good News, April 5, 2017**

**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.

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**WOW’s Spring Lunch at Seasons 52**

Women of Wisdom (WOW) eagerly look forward to a beautiful spring lunch at noon on Thursday, April 20. We will dine at Seasons 52, located on the Country Club Plaza, at the corner of Ward Parkway and Broadway. Seasons 52 is a fresh grill featuring a seasonal menu, inspired by the appeal of a local farmer’s market. We’re sure to enjoy fellowship and great food in one of the best of Kansas City’s dining scene. Plus, the Plaza Easter bunnies will still be in the courtyard to greet us. What a nice photo op! Carpool will be offered, if necessary, leaving from the north entrance of the church at 11:30 a.m. All women are welcome for this elegant spring outing. RSVP by Wednesday, April 19, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. We hope you will join us!

**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.
March 13-15, 2017 was the national gathering of NEXT Church at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. It was the first time this gathering was held in Kansas City and at a conference center versus a church. There were approximately 600 attendees from 38 states and six countries. Several of our Village seminary students were there as well.

NEXT Church was started seven years ago by a team of pastors (including Rev. Tom Are) to see where the Presbyterian Church (USA) is headed. NEXT Church is a network of leaders — church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians — across the Presbyterian Church (USA) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile.

“I want to thank all of our Village staff that participated and helped make this year’s national gathering one of the best yet,” said Rev. Are. “Our own Dr. Rodger Nishioka was keynote speaker. I am grateful to Rev. Jenny McDevitt, and her team of volunteers from Village, who worked to organize much of the worship experience of NEXT.

Dr. Elisa Bickers, Becky and Nathan Bliss and The Gathering Band performed for conference attendees. Neema Church Choir provided worship leadership as well. Matthew Shepard brought his Te Deum choir to sing for one of our worship services. They were, as you know, fantastic.

I was so proud of how Village Church shared the talents of our amazing team. I especially want to thank Marjean Lindquist, Pam Southerland, Cheryl Couch-Thomas and George Darrington for hustling to provide onsite child care at the Marriott. It is often difficult for young pastors with children to attend the NEXT conference and that was why we made this special effort to provide onsite child care.

And, thank you to Lori Locke for taking photographs at the conference. I am very grateful to each of you. Most importantly, it was wonderful to see those of you who took time from your life to participate in the event.”

You can watch video of some of the national gathering and learn more about NEXT Church at http://nextchurch.net/.
**Music News for The Gathering Alternative Worship Service**

We now have a website where you can listen to music from The Gathering. Get there directly at [www.vpcthegathering.org](http://www.vpcthegathering.org).

In other Gathering music news, we are searching for a new name for The Gathering Band. They lead us so the Spirit can move us. Submit your suggestions to [hallie.hottle@villagepres.org](mailto:hallie.hottle@villagepres.org) by this Sunday, April 9!

**New for The Gathering in April and May - Sermon Talkback Series**

Beginning the Sunday after Easter, April 23, and going for five weeks through Sunday, May 21, Dr. Rodger Nishioka will host a 35-minute talkback session for all ages immediately following The Gathering. This guided conversation will focus on the Bible passage that was preached in The Gathering and what it means for our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ. These sessions will include brief background information about the Bible passage and invite questions and reflections.

2nd Timothy 3:16 says that “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.” All are invited to engage the day’s scripture passage and to respond to the sermon as together, we grow to be equipped for God’s every good work. Light snacks will be provided. The group will meet in Room 132 on April 23 and in Room 232 for the remaining Sundays.

**Thursday Night Small Group**

Join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays upstairs at Village Church. Faith is a practice. It cannot be something we learn, or search for, or think about. It must be something we do, and do regularly enough that the lines between sacred and secular are blurred by eyes that can’t help but to see the holy. We’re reading Barbara Brown Taylor’s *An Altar In The World* and practicing community together. All 20s and 30s invited. Pizza provided.

**Taizé in St. Louis**

Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29. We'll travel together to meet up with young adults from around our country and monks from Taizé, France who have been working this past year in the St. Louis/Ferguson area for racial reconciliation. Sign up at [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org) or by emailing: [hallie.hottle@villagepres.org](mailto:hallie.hottle@villagepres.org).

**Weekly Wednesday Church Dinners**

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](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) for reservations by noon Monday.

**Menu:**
- **April 12 – Holy Week** – Italian roast chicken, eggplant parmesan, pasta w/ tomatoes, vegetable
- **April 19** – Pork loin roast, potatoes, vegetarian entrée, green vegetable
- **April 26** – Drive-in night! Burgers, hot dogs, onion rings, etc.
Upcoming Village U Courses:

April Tech Nights - Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel, and email using a Microsoft Windows computer. 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. 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.

Basic PowerPoint - This class explores the basic skills necessary to develop a simple presentation using PowerPoint. 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, OR 6:30–8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Room 316. Call Marianne at 913-671-2333 to enroll.

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus – Exploring the Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain - In these two classes, Rev. Len Carrell will guide a study of the similarities of the two stories and the differences and why they matter. Jesus’ message is a crucial one for his followers then and for us today. If you want to know more about this person called Jesus of Nazareth and how his life and ministry changed the world, this study is for you! Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. April 19 and 26. Room 126.

I Drive Electric. You Can Too! - Al Pugsley, Village Church ruling elder and recipient of the Environmental Action Committee’s Earth Steward Award, has been driving electric cars for over 10 years. Come learn more about how Al views electric car ownership as one faithful way to care for God’s creation. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Room 126.

Walter Cronkite Memorial Day Trip - St. Joseph, Missouri’s native son, Walter Leland Cronkite, Jr., was an American broadcast journalist best known as anchorman for the CBS Evening News for 19 years. During the heyday of CBS News, he was often cited as "the most trusted man in America" after being so named in an opinion poll. Join us to visit The Walter Cronkite Museum which offers a variety of displays: a kiosk with an autobiographical video of Cronkite, memorabilia cases that display items owned and related to Cronkite, a large mural of images and a display case illustrating NASA’s exploration of space. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, May 4. Call Marianne at 913-671-2333 to make your reservation. $30 per person includes bus transportation, tour and lunch.

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. Room 124.
ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Village Forum - 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. Through 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 this class to study on 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. Rooms 126-127.

Inquirers - The class is viewing and discussing the DVD of The Ten Commandments. All are invited to join this welcoming study group. Room 124.

DEACON WORK DAY

A heart-felt thank you to the 19 Village Church deacons who participated in our Annual Deacon Work Day, Saturday, March 4. Our Village deacons volunteered at Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in the Prescott neighborhood of Kansas City, Kan. and at DeLaSalle Education Center. Volunteers helped clean up the grounds and kitchen and organize the library at Grandview Park. Another group conducted mock interviews with Kansas City Youth Ambassadors at DeLaSalle Education Center. “Thank you to Youth Ambassadors and Grandview Park Presbyterian for the opportunity to serve,” said Deborah White, director of mission.

“It was good experience working side by side with others outside Village Church,” said Cindy Wilcox, director of Connectional Ministry “and an important opportunity to build relationships.”


Village Church 2017 Deacon Work Day

Linda Eddy with Youth Ambassadors

Chris Dutton and Annette Zimmerman at Grandview Park Presbyterian Church.
Palm Sunday, April 9
Don’t miss the Palm Parade!

Everyone loves watching children process into the Sanctuary waving palm branches. The echoes of “Hosanna!” can be heard as the palm parade recalls the welcoming of Jesus as told in Mark 11. Please have children arrive at their Kids’ Kingdom and Preschool classes 20 minutes early!

Once again, the palms used in the Palm Parade are from Eco-Palms. That means the palms are sustainably harvested and fairly-traded. The cost of the Eco-Palms directly benefits the communities where the palms are harvested. This means young girls can go to school, women can find work and support their families, communities are strengthened. It is just a small step we are making toward an environmentally and socially responsible celebration.

Music and Drama Camp 2017

Join us for this year’s music and drama camp, June 26-30, featuring Are We There Yet?, the story of Moses and the Exodus.

The camp is open to children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grades. It runs each afternoon from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Village Church on Mission.

After a fun-filled week of singing, acting, arts and crafts, we will conclude on Friday evening with a dinner theater-style performance in Friendship Hall.

The camp fee is $70 for one child or $100 for two children in the same family. More information and a complete schedule will be sent out at the end of May. Email Jenny Hull with questions at jenny.hull@villagepres.org.

You can register online at www.villagepres.org.

There will be no Kids’ Kingdom, Preschool Church School or 6th Grade on Easter Sunday. This gives our volunteer teachers and you a chance to worship with your family.

Remember This

Share the Good News – Volunteer to Teach Next School Year

Make a difference in the life of a child here at Village. Volunteer to teach in Preschool Church School, Kids’ Kingdom (grades K-5th) or in Club V6 (6th grade). Sharing the good news of our faith story by creating ongoing relationships with the children of the church is a rich and rewarding experience.
Village Bids Farewell to IT Guru Tom Walters

Tom Walters has served as director of Information Technology of Village Church for over 9½ years. Tom announced he will retire from Village on April 27.

Tom has always worked in IT, mainly in the corporate world. He landed at Village Church in September 2007.

His Road to IT
Tom received this Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from UMKC. “IT was starting out back then, so I took a few IT courses. I taught computer programming classes for several years at Penn Valley Community College and Longview Community College,” said Tom.

Keeping Village Up to Date with Technology
Since he first arrived at Village, there have been many IT changes and new technology introduced at Village. “Wi-Fi was first introduced,” recalls Tom. “The church needed more desktop support, more creating desktops, more solving problems with printers. Printing is a big factor. Everybody has to be able to print. Typically in the IT world, about 20% of your effort goes to printing.”

Tom was involved in the Now & Tomorrow Campaign construction projects with cabling. “It really helped in the Welcome Center that Brian Rathsam, the lead architect with Mantel Teter, is my neighbor. So we had conversations over the back fence. I walked through the Welcome Center and told Brian, ‘We’re going to need network here and here...’ And then we tallied that up and that went into the plans. I was also involved in the wiring at the new Child & Family Development Center.”

Tom is currently working with a contractor to improve Wi-Fi access at Village on Mission.

Overcoming Challenges
“The bigger half of my job is trouble shooting,” shares Tom. “Google has become my best friend. I deal with the phone system, livestream provider, the server, printers and print drivers and those maintenance contracts, the postage machine, updates for computer programs, the back-up systems that people don’t see, managing anti-virus, anti-ransomware software, just to name a few.”

His Personal Life and Interests
Tom and his wife, Kathy, have two sons, Kirk and Kevin, and a daughter, Stefanie, ranging in age from 36 to 31. He and Kathy love to travel and frequently go to Germany. “I have relatives in Germany. I’m into genealogy. I’ve researched my family history back to 1480. I also speak German. We’ll continue to travel. We have a little place by Lake of the Ozarks in Warsaw, Mo. I’ve got some fix-up I want to do down there. I’m also into woodworking. I do a lot of furniture restoring. Virtually all our furniture except for couches is restored furniture or it came from scratch. So I also hope to do more of that.”

Parting Words from Tom
“It’s been an interesting ride here at Village. It’s been challenging. I’ve learned a lot and I’ve enjoyed that. It’s also been good working with the Village Staff. I’m a fun-loving person and I love to give everybody grief. That’s why I call myself the ‘Minister of Happiness.’”

“Tom has always placed the highest priority on protecting Village technology assets,” said Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration. “He has truly been a ‘jack of all trades.’ I’m so grateful for him and his years of faithful service to Village Church. What will we do without the ‘Minister of Happiness?’”
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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

The Power of Giving

It’s easy to spot the power of giving when you walk into the new Welcome Center or listen to the new church organ. I suggest that what is important to note, is that for these dreams to have become realities, it took a village. No pun intended! As we come together as a church family, we are powerful. We can enhance worship, offer expanded ways to fellowship and offer people new opportunities to participate in the life of the church. Beyond creating new and improved experiences at Village on Mission Road, the power of giving reaches people 2,000 miles away in very impactful ways.

The work being done in the Dominican Republic is incredible. Our outreach dollars afford a team to go down and offer medical attention via offering supplies and even performing many different surgeries. The power of giving spans the spectrum of providing awe and wonderment to hope and healing. Thank you for your continued commitment to powerful giving.

—Suzanne Willey

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. - Sanctuary
5 p.m. The Gathering - Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH
9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

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

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