



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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Celebration of Faithful Women

April 8, 2017

10:00 a.m. brunch in Friendship Hall

Please join us in celebrating our PW Honorary Life Members Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhr. Sarah Are will be our keynote speaker, reflecting on "Holy Nudging".

Come and celebrate with us!!



Sarah Are



Marilyn Borel



Julie Foster



Virginia Stuhr

See pages 5, 6, and 7 for the story of each honoree.



For Presbyterian Women

A Message from the Moderators

We like to think of March as a month of transition... witnessed most recently by God's glorious warm days beckoning our hearts and minds to thoughts of spring days ahead! Nature is preparing the way for the seasonal beauty much like the transitions in our daily lives... how we "rest" before activity, mindful of the day ahead and how to live more faithfully and intentionally.

We, in PW, are preparing to celebrate three faithful women whose lives have touched us all.

We are reminded of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians 3:14-21

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Marilyn Borel, Julie Foster and Virginia Stuhr each have that faithful heart and loyalty to Christ as they witness to all of us. We are indebted to their years of faithful service, steadfast and loyal to the needs of women in our church and the greater community. Most importantly, steadfast in their love of God and each other.

Please join us as we honor them on April 8th at the annual brunch to celebrate the gifts of all women of Village Church. It will be our privilege to have Sarah Are as our keynote speaker, speaking on "Holy Nudging"- a topic of seeing and responding to a need and being a community of faith. Exactly what these three honorees have done with distinction!

With grateful hearts,
Kim Stratton and Patty Zender



*"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."*



Presbyterian Women Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- ◀ To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study
- ◀ To support the mission of the church worldwide
- ◀ To work for justice and peace
- ◀ To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



Operation Breakthrough Reading Program

OPERATION Breakthrough

Spring Session: Wednesdays, March 22 through April 26, 9:30 -11 a.m. Orientation coffee, 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in the Youth Loft. Come share your love of reading and children! Men and women volunteers are needed each week. Childcare is available and can be arranged one week in advance by calling Pam at 913-671-2352. Questions? Please contact: Cindy Whitham, ciwhitham@aol.com (913-262-3062).

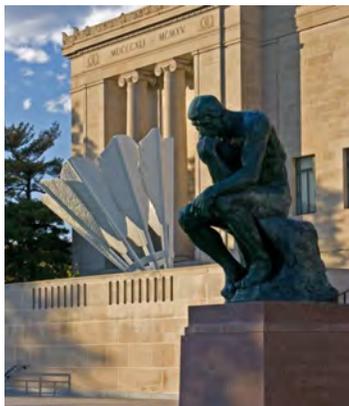
Operation Breakthrough's Mission: *Provide a safe, loving and educational environment for children in poverty*

Donations: Please consider donating a pre-school (3,4,5 year olds) level book or two when you come to church. Donation boxes can be found at the south entrance and in the hallway on the second floor near the children's library. Donations by a check payable to Presbyterian Women with the notation "Operation Breakthrough Books" are also appreciated.



Amazing Graces

About fifty attended the docent guided tour, featuring "Love in Art" at the Nelson Atkins Museum on February 9. They enjoyed small plates and drinks prepared by the Rozelle Court Restaurant, served in the Bloch Building Lobby prior to the tour.



WOW! Spring Lunch at Andre's

Women of Wisdom (WOW) has planned an early Spring luncheon at Andre's Tea Room, 5018 Main St., in KC, MO on Thursday, March 23, at 11:00 AM, and warmly welcomes all women to join us. Please note the earlier than usual start time which is necessary to accommodate groups comfortably in this relatively small restaurant.



Andre's has been legendary for its fabulous chocolates and pastries since it opened in 1955, and the Tea Room has a charming ambience that creates a special setting for lunch. The menu offers two entrée choices (which will be posted on-line at the beginning of March), as well as a quiche and cheese pie. All four options include sides, bread, and drink, as well as a selection from their yummy dessert tray. All complete meals, without gratuity, are priced at \$17.25.

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. Would love to have you join us!



Women with Spirit - A Night at The Nelson

5:30 – 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2017

Nelson Atkins Museum of Fine Art - Lobby of the Bloch Bldg.
4525 Oak St., Kansas City, MO 64111

Please join WWS for happy hour & a guided tour of collection highlights at our beloved Nelson Atkins Museum of Fine Art.

Happy hour begins in the Bloch Building lobby at 5:30 and continues until 7:30. Depending on your arrival time you may choose to join one of two docent led tours; the first begins at 6:30, the second at 7:30.

Appetizers & spirits are available for individual purchase; both credit cards and cash are gladly accepted.

Museum parking costs \$8 per car ... carpooling is encouraged for the environment, savings and good old-fashioned fun!

We look forward to seeing you for a night at the Nelson!

Childcare is available from 5:30 – 8:00. For reservations, email pam@villagepres.org by April 6th.



Church Women United of Johnson County

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Marilyn Borel

Marilyn Borel was born in Kansas City, Missouri. Marilyn's family has a long history at Country Club Christian Church; her grandfather, a founding member, and both parents served as deacons. Marilyn was baptized and a member there during her formative years. Marilyn went to Bryant School, Southwest High School and graduated from the Barstow School. She attended University of Kansas for undergraduate and graduate school majoring in teaching orthopedically handicapped students and received a Masters in Learning Disabilities. Marilyn's passion is children and education demonstrated by her career as a Learning Disabilities teacher for twenty years, primarily at Delano School, followed by twenty years as a school psychologist in the Kansas City Missouri School District. Since retirement, she has been working with Missouri First Steps students for entry placement into school district programs. Recognizing her love of education, Marilyn's husband, Roger, started a KU scholarship in her honor to celebrate their 10th anniversary.



Marilyn and husband, Roger Borel, married in December, 1989 and have 13 wonderful nieces and nephews! Marilyn's brother, Jack Foster and sister in law, Julie Sullivan Foster, are part of this wonderful large family. Marilyn credits Julie for her encouragement in getting involved at Village when she joined in 2005. "Julie has been a great role model and inspiration for me!"

Marilyn has been both the PW Communications and Membership chair 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."

"I can't say enough about how lucky we are to have such a committed congregation-always willing to step up and help others. Everything I've done, I've had the help and support of wonderful friends." How fortunate we are to have Marilyn's dedication and service to PW and Village Church.

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Julie Foster

Julie was born in Kansas City, Kansas at Bethany Medical Center as the third child to Henry and Mary Margaret Sullivan. She graduated from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School where she was involved in gymnastics, cheerleading and Pep Club President. Julie, along with her sister Jennie Clarke, and brother Brad Sullivan are all proud third generation KU Jayhawks!

After graduating with a BS 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 as needed 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.



Julie and Jack were married by Dr. Bob on February 23, 1991 at Village Church. They have three children: Henry (24), Annie (22), and John (19). She is blessed to have most all her family in town and loves hosting family gatherings.

Julie loves crafting, jewelry making, sewing, baking, cooking, golf and volunteering. Her love of sewing comes from her paternal grandmother who taught her how to sew. "My paternal grandmother, we called her 'Nance', was a big part of my faith journey. She used to make the Bible stories come alive when she told them. She taught me how to memorize Bible verses and incorporate them into everyday living."

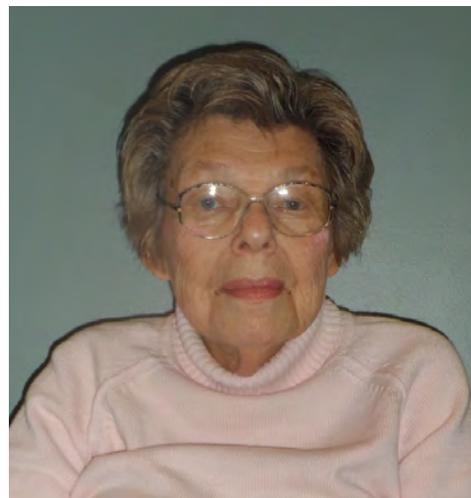
Julie began her volunteer experience through the Junior League of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. "It was there where I had the good fortune to meet and work with longtime dear friend Patty Zender, being on the Community Ball committee together." When Julie's kids began attending Shawnee Mission East, she became very involved in their activities at the school and volunteered to co-chair the annual College Clinic at East for two years as well as serve as the President of the East Fund.

After growing up in the Shawnee Methodist Church, Julie joined Village sometime 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 group, Core Connections group 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.

We have been blessed for so many years by Julie's incredible leadership and service that she has brought to PW and our entire church family.

Virginia Stuhr

Virginia was born in her parent's farm home near Elliot, Iowa. She began first grade in a one-room country school. Moving in second grade, she attended Stennett Consolidated School and stayed there until she graduated in 1941. 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 in 1946 when she 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 and eventually moved to Overland Park where she joined the Overland Park Christian Church then transferred to Village Church in 1977.



Virginia has a love for Genealogy and has done extensive research on her family's ancestors. In 1992, she published a 600 page genealogy and history book entitled "The Ancestors and Descendants of Adam Stuhr" receiving two honorable mention awards. Her other interests over the years have included gardening, travel, and collecting stamps, postcards, and matchbooks.

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 roll 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 chair 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.

Virginia's life of service to Village Church and the greater Kansas City community have clearly impacted so many. In honoring her lifetime of dedication to PW and her significant influence felt throughout Kansas City, we are indeed fortunate to have her in our midst.





To all the PW cookie bakers, the cookies were delicious and enjoyed by all! And to the Village church members who hosted our guests for the Visiting Scholar event. Also to the Visiting Scholar Committee for their hard work and dedication in bringing Dr. Gaventa to Village.



Mission Sewing

Mission sewing accepts fabric, only one yard pieces or larger, cotton, cotton blends, and wool. Also yarn and embroidery thread. Please contact Edie Hultman @913-432-3515 regarding other donated items and general information. If you don't sew, perhaps you would enjoy doing some hand sewing, stuffing pillows, or pressing. Come and go as your time permits. Brown bag lunch or purchase @the cup from 12 noon till 1:00. Tuesdays 8 a.m. till 3 p.m.



Box Tops, Coupons and More

Proceeds from the collection of these coupons benefit the children of Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who thank you for your support.

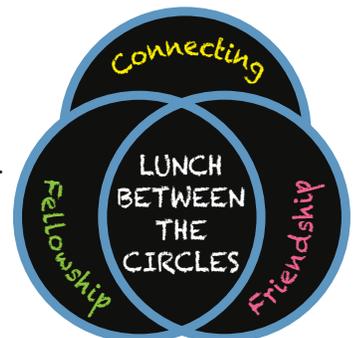
In 2017, Campbells will be phasing out their participation. Everyone likes soup in the cooler weather, so this winter, please save your Campbells labels for PW. Check out the boxtops4education.com website for money saving coupons and participating stores.

Note: Please be sure that the box tops and labels you save have not expired.



Lunch between the Circles

Come and join the fun, fellowship and food at Lunch between the Circles. Lunch will be served at 11:30 in Friendship Hall for all PW members, in between morning and afternoon Circles, every second Tuesday of the month. Chef Emily is preparing delectable delights for all who attend for only \$6. Childcare is available. Please let your Circle Leader or Carolyn Eakins (carolyneakins@gmail.com) know by the first of the month that you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



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Gentle Yoga Classes

Wednesdays at 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the youth loft (3rd fl) of the Village Presbyterian Church.

A regular yoga practice keeps your body young and pain free. Taught by Katie Hurcomb, a registered yoga instructor with 20 years of teaching experience to populations that are 50+. Katie knows first hand the power yoga has to heal injury and maintain a pain free life. She shares her love of yoga with her students as she guides them through poses that are doable and easily modified to fit each individual in class. Come try the first class for free!

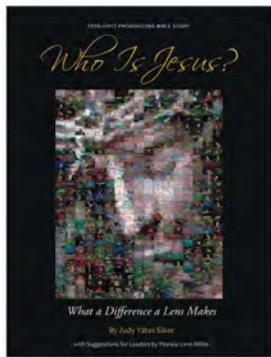


Class package options: 4 class package = \$55.
12 class package = \$135

Call with questions or concerns. Katie Hurcomb
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Horizons Bible Study



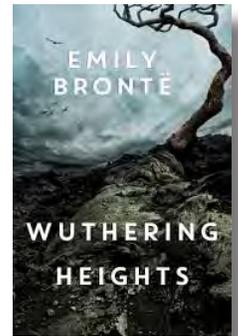
Our February study on the book of Hebrews introduces us to a third genre of literature. The four gospels are narrative accounts of the life of Jesus while Paul writes in the form of letters. Hebrews is more of a sermon geared not to a single church but to the Jews of the time who believe in Jesus as

Messiah. These people are being persecuted by the Romans and rejected by the synagogues they had previously called home. They are discouraged, frightened and beginning to turn away from their belief in Jesus. The unknown writer of Hebrews gives a rah rah sermon designed to encourage the people.

Page Turners

The book chosen for our March 28 meeting is Emily Bronte's only novel, *Wuthering Heights*. She wrote the book between October 1845 and June of 1846. It was published in 1847 under the pen name Ellis Bell. Emily died the next year.

The story is one of revenge, around the life of an orphan boy, Heathcliff, who was reared by the Earnshaw family. He was accepted and loved by most of the family, at first. After being reduced to servant status, however, he runs away. Later he returns, well educated and financially secure. The family circumstances are much changed, and Heathcliff is intent on righting the perceived wrongs which dramatically altered his life.



Page Turners book club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 in room 127. Visitors and new comers are welcome, and the discussion is enjoyable having read the book, or not. Contact Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at judylockett@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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Amazing Graces Bible Study

The Amazing Graces Bible Study usually meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Library. There is a change in date in March. We will meet on March 8 and then not again until April.

We start with a social time and begin the study at 5:00 p.m. No preparation is needed prior to our meetings. We are starting a new series on the Gospel of Mark using Tom Are's video and discussion questions. We will be talking about the miracles of Jesus. Our group will discover fresh insights into these miracles as we read and talk about them. . For more information, please contact Lisa Schellhorn at 913-236-6837 or schell5@aol.com.

Our next meeting dates are March 8, April 5, April 19, May 3 and May 17.



Amazing Graces Book Club

If you like to read and enjoy good conversation, you will fit right in to this interesting group! The AG Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month in homes at 6:00 p.m. For meeting locations, reading lists and general information, email Sara Wallace at swallace01@gmail.com.



Amazing Graces Dinner Groups

The AG dinner groups were created so women could gather in smaller groups and enjoy one another. There are several Amazing Graces dinner groups for you to choose from. Each group chooses their own dates and times to meet for dinner, dependent on the needs of their group, always at a different restaurant. We welcome new members. For more information, call Deb Spaulding, 913-219-5503 or deborah.spaulding@hok.com.

PW Alive Now

Alive Now is a Bible Study for women who are early risers. We meet each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 am in the Heritage Dining Room. In addition to studying a passage of scripture, we are a support group for one another and often spend as much time sharing and caring for each other's needs. For more information, please contact Judy Cooper at judycooperjc@gmail.com.



Amazing Graces Yoga

On Thursdays, Katie Hurcomb, teaches an Amazing Graces Yoga class at 7 p.m. Classes meet in the youth Loft at the church.

\$96 for 8 weeks of yoga,
\$15 walk-in charge.

Call Katie Hurcomb to enroll:
913.244.5623



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WWS
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Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa

