



# The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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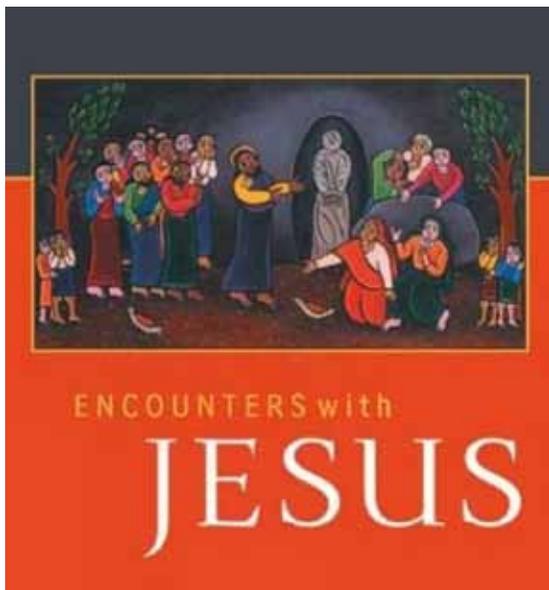
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## Encounters with Jesus through the Gospel of John: PW Circle Study 2017-2018



### Dear PW Friends,

I could not be more excited to share with you our Circle Study for 2017-2018. Though we have a long history of using the *Horizons* study, next year we will try something new. We will study the Gospel of John, accompanied by the book *Encounters with Jesus* by Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, pictured above on the left. Purchasing the book is not a requirement I will be writing a curriculum for Program Leaders to use, as well as leading the Program Leaders' monthly gathering. (I am infinitely grateful to Diann Markley for leading this group the past few years!)



Frances was my seminary New Testament professor and I am now delighted to call her my friend. You will enjoy learning from her, as she is a scholar with the heart of a pastor. Her work always asks the question, "How does this text help instruct my life?" She is no stranger to Village; she preached here for the installation services for both myself and Meg Peery McLaughlin. She will be coming to Village to meet with Program Leaders as well as anyone else who might wish to learn with her personally (date to be determined). I hope your enthusiasm will match mine. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. And in the meantime... think of a friend to invite to Circle! Peace to you, Jenny



### *May 2017 Message from the Moderators*

It is with grateful hearts that Kim and I look back on this year as co-moderators! When our wonderful leader, Katherine Caputo, moved to Seattle mid year, we were unsure of how we would (or could?!) fill her shoes for the remainder of her term. Her heartfelt message of "Pouring Out God's Spirit" resonated with us completely, and we definitely have felt led by the Holy Spirit every day! Surrounded and lifted up by the amazing women of PW, our lives have taken on a new and wonderful direction.

First of all, deepest thanks to Jenny McDevitt, our staff advisor, for her wisdom, creativity and constant encouragement and support of the mission and purpose of PW. She nurtures our faith through prayer and bible study and supports the mission of the church worldwide by sharing her talents not only with us, but throughout the greater church community. She always works for justice and peace in all she says and does, while building an inclusive, caring community of women. All the while, she strengthens the Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom every day.



We are ever grateful for our amazing board, without whom we could not accomplish any of the goals set forth by our mission. We were so pleased to announce the new board members joining us at the Celebration of Faithful Women last month. It is with very appreciative hearts we bid "farewell" to our three departing board members: Carolyn Eakins, Circle Activities Coordinator; Vicki Graham, Christian Action Coordinator; and Jennifer Sawyer, Nominating Coordinator. Their service and dedication to PW the past three years has been truly inspirational! We will miss them dearly.

We have some fabulous and fun activities finishing out our year with our stage groups as you will note in this newsletter. There is a contingency of faithful women serving the greater Kansas City community by participating in the Habitat for Homes "Women Build" on May 11th. We are grateful and thankful for the friendships formed and nourished while our faith journey continues to be strengthened by God and those around us. Looking forward as the journey continues...

With Grateful Hearts,

Kim Stratton and Patty Zender



## 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.



## WOW! Lunch at Cascone's

Ladies of all ages are welcome to join Women of Wisdom, (WOW), for a noon lunch on Thursday, May 18, at Johnny Cascone's Italian Restaurant. Located at 6863 West 91st (91st and Metcalf), Cascone's has a reputation for outstanding food, hospitality and service. In addition to their Italian specialties, their menu includes soups, salads and sandwiches. Their fine Italian food is "happiness served on a platter." So please join us and share in that happiness, with good food and fellowship. RSVP to Marvie Sneegas, [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com), 913-209-9608 by Wednesday, May 17.



## Save the Date for WOW Lunch at Jack Stack Barbecue

Jack Stack Barbeque (corner of 95th and Metcalf) is the destination for Women of Wisdom's first lunch of the summer season, and all women are warmly invited to join us there on Wednesday, June 21, at 12:00. RSVP to Diane Lee, [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net) or 913-432-4321 by Tuesday, June 20.



## Women with Spirit Girl's Night Out

Where: Bier Co., 310 W. 79 St., KC, MO

Time & Date: 6:30 p.m. June 15, 2017

We're going casual for the summer month of June ladies... say Cheers to a GNO! Throw on your comfy jeans or better yet, yoga pants (that's what they're for after all, right?) and join us in Waldo at the Bier Company. Of course you can buy food/drinks there or even bring your own bottle of wine for a \$10 corking fee. So if you're ready for a chill night out on the town come! Sit, relax and chat it up with your fellow fab Women with Spirit!

Please email [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org) by June 8 for childcare reservations. Available 6-8:30 p.m.

## SAVE-THE-DATE

The 2018 PW Women's Retreat will be at Heartland Presbytery Center April 27-28. Our retreat leader will be Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, MI.

## Operation Breakthrough

Cindy Whitham, Operation Breakthrough volunteer coordinator, noted in her weekly email to the volunteers:

"Think how satisfying it must be for the Operation Breakthrough children to go "shopping" for two books of their very own each week and to immediately have those books read aloud. This little boy was certainly thrilled with *The Incy Wincy Spider*. It was apparent during one-on-one reading time that the children love having the adult's full attention. What could be better than a good book and a friend to read it!



We send congratulations to one of our reading volunteers, Linda Breyspraak, whose son Will is returning to Kansas City to be the new Director of Music for Village Church. Welcome home to Will and his family."

The Operation Breakthrough Reading team sends a big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make the Operation Breakthrough Reading Program possible this year. During the spring session, we enjoyed making Little Red Hen puppets, planting gardens, making lady bugs, and playing with play doh. Cathy Hess actually made play doh for all the children. Her recipe is attached.

### Play doh recipe from Cathy Hess:

Make sure that it cools completely before sealing it in a container or baggie.

Mix: 3 cups of flour

1/2 cup of salt

3 TBSP vegetable cooking oil (like Wesson Oil)

1 TBSP alum (a spice)

Add: 3 cups boiling water (NOTE: the water MUST be boiling)

Add: several drops of food coloring if you choose.

Stir to mix. When cooled, knead the dough to mix more and remove lumps.

(It's very therapeutic to knead warm play doh!)

OPERATION Breakthrough



## Be a Faith Friend to Children on Sunday Mornings

Adult & parent volunteer teachers are crucial to this important and richly rewarding "job" of teaching on Sunday mornings. Here are a few things you can expect:

- Commit to once or twice each month during the school year.
- You and a "buddy" will work as a team.
- Training, lessons, supplies, and encouragement are always provided.

Being an adult Sunday morning volunteer is easy and fun. Whether or not you have young children in Sunday School, you have gifts to share with children here at Village. Remember Paul's statement in Ephesians 4:11, we all have gifts to build up the church. Please prayerfully consider this great opportunity to share your unique and God given gifts with children.



Sunday School Volunteers are needed in all ages and grades! Call Cheryl (913-671-2355) for more information.



### *Spotlight on Marion Goodwin*



Marion Goodwin was born in 1922 in Wilksburg, PA, a suburb of Pittsburgh. An only child and the first in her family to attend college, she graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1943 with a BS in Business. After working briefly as a secretary, she married a classmate, Earl Callender in 1944. Earl was a flight engineer on a B 29 Bomber, and tragically his plane was shot down over Tokyo in April, 1945. (The day after President Roosevelt died)

After the war Marion met Gene Goodwin who had served 4 years in the European Theater and had begun his work for Westinghouse. They were married in December of 1946 and Gene was sent to Kansas City. Living in a small home in Roeland Park in 1951, they learned of a young minister and his wife that had come from Pittsburgh to start a little church on the Prairie and Marion and Gene joined Village Church with their two little girls. That minister (Bob Meneilly) and his wife Shirley entertained members at Christmas at their home next to the church, which was only the chapel at that time. Marion remembers that she and Gwen Levy baked cakes for young mothers when they had a baby (and there were lots of young families and babies at that time!) I think they might have begun a caring and appreciated ministry! An advocate for the Girl Scouts, this active mother of 3 daughters was a leader many times.

With his job at Westinghouse, Gene and the family were transferred in and out of the Kansas City area several times and Marion says they had to rejoin Village each time they returned. They were back permanently in 1980.

Gene and Marion both served as Deacons and she has served PW as circle leader, circle program chairman as well as secretary of the board (previously known as VCW) which is where I first met her many years ago. Marion admits to being surprised and pleased when she received the honor of Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women. She has also been a long time member and ex Regent of the Tomahawk Chapter of DAR and helps to plan that organization's monthly lunches held at Claridge Court.

Gene passed away in 2004 and Marion volunteered Saturday mornings at the Village Food Pantry, helping clients shop for food and then as a greeter at the front desk -retiring from that after 11 years, at age 93. In the meantime she moved to Claridge Court in 2009 and really enjoys her time there with friends and activities. This unassuming, faithful woman amazes me and others by her continuing involvement in so many interests- and she still emails (sending me dates and info by email so I would keep it straight).

Commenting that her life doesn't sound so exciting, she says "My primary job was raising 3 wonderful daughters and loving 7 wonderful grandchildren and 12 wonderful great grandchildren." And all but 2 grandchildren still live in the area enjoying family gatherings.



## Mission Sewing

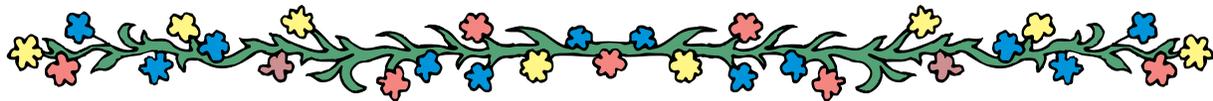
Mission Sewing is finishing the nighties/little dresses for the City Union Missions' annual camp for little girls sizes 4-8. We currently make about 82 every year.

The need for the year round items continue to keep us busy.

We lost a long time member recently, Mardel Lillard, and she and her daughter-in-law had discussed making a quilt together and donating it to Mission Sewing to do with however we thought appropriate. Mardel never got to work on it but her daughter in law did and finished it. She and Dave, Mardel's husband, brought it to us and asked if we would quilt it. We don't do quilts as a group, but we said we would get it done. A group of four volunteered to work on it on non-sewing days. They did everything from shopping for backing fabric to ribbon for tying it, to putting it together.

We decided to hang it in the sewing room with a framed note dedicating it to Mardel. Dave thought this was a good idea.

It now hangs proudly in the sewing room. Stop by and see it. The sewing room is open every Tuesday 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. (we go to lunch noon till 1p.m.).



## Church Women United of Johnson County

There will not be another meeting until later in September.

For more information contact

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or Ann Kindred at 816-509-5963 or [LaKindred@aol.com](mailto:LaKindred@aol.com)



## For Presbyterian Women

### 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!



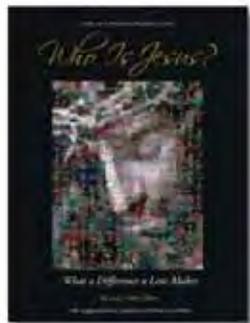
Class package options: 4 class package = \$55.  
12 class package = \$135

Call with questions or concerns. Katie Hurcomb  
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### Horizons Bible Study

What an exciting year we have had looking at Jesus through various eyes. This month we will conclude our study with looking at Jesus through the lens of modern culture.



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### Page Turners

Page Turners will discuss Sonia Sotomayor's memoir, *My Beloved World*, at the book club's meeting May 23. Our meeting is always the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 in room 127. (May, this year, is one of the months that has five Tuesday's.). Sotomayor's book recounts her life up until the time she was confirmed as a justice on the Supreme Court. The discussion should be interesting whether having read the book, or not, and as always, all are welcome. Contact Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at [judylockett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judylockett@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



### 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. Check out the [boxtops4education.com](http://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.



### Amazing Graces Bible Study

The Amazing Graces Bible Study will meet the first and third Wednesday of May at 4:30 pm in the Library. We will start with a social time and begin the study at 5:00 pm. No preparation is needed prior to our meetings. We are continuing the series on the miracles of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark using Tom Are's video and discussion questions. Our group is discovering fresh insights into these miracles as we read and discuss them. . For more information, please contact Lisa Schellhorn at 913-236-6837 or [a.](mailto:lschellhorn@gmail.com)

Our next meeting dates are May 3 and May 17. We will start back up in the fall on Wednesday, September 6th.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:judycooperjc@gmail.com).

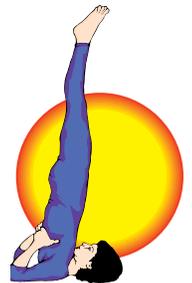


### Amazing Graces Yoga

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



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- AG Bible Study - May 3
- AG in Bloom - May 4
- CWU - May 5
- AG Bible Study - May 17
- WOW Lunch at Cascone's - May 18
- PW Page Turners - May 23
- WWS Ladies Night Out - June 15
- WOW Lunch at Jack Stack - June 21
- Horizons Study - July 15
- Women's Retreat - April 27 & 28, 2018

## *Celebration of Faithful Women Brunch*

April 8, 2017 was a beautiful spring morning that almost 230 women, with sprinkles of men ate brunch celebrating the gifts of three women: Virginia Stuhr, Marilyn Borel and Julie Foster.

In celebrating these three women there were so many people that made this event possible:

The Perfect Faithful committee: Maggi Alston, Carlene Anderson, Fay Harrison, Anellen Neil, Cindy Nicholson, Carol Solenberger, Sandra Stephens, Marilyn Wineinger

Jeanne Boudreau, the bulletin board stapler, holder, maker.

the buffet servers: Gary Anderson, Tom Are, Ralph Graham, Paul Middleton, Rodger Nishioka, Brad Stratton, Drew Thomas.

The table servers: Maggi Alston, Krista Polaschek, Fay Harrison, Elaine Franz, Marilyn Wineinger, Diane Quiantance, Carla Rauth, Carlene Anderson, Sandra Stephens, Carol Solenberger, Vicki Graham, Jennifer Hart, Sherri Hoover, Becky Anderson

The greeters: Sharon Manies, Susie Latas, Cindy Nicholson, Nancy Skidmore, Ann Colston, Marilyn Pattison, Laurie Hughes and Abbey Thomas

Carol Are, who provided the Devotion

Sarah Are, who provided the persuasive program, HOLY NUDGING and the devotional coloring sheet.

Carol Tucker, who documented everything with her talents of photography.

John Foster, the master of the videos.

The devoted, loving Village Church staff: Chef Emily Berns, Chuck Chamberlin, Laura Davis, Kelly Furst, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Marianne Weber

The magical piano playing of, Kristen Alley

CoModerators who kept on us schedule: Kim Stratton and Patty Zender

And finally; the benediction words of Annie Foster

The quote of Marcel Proust's:

*"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy,  
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*

So today let us remember: *May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,  
the love of God be reflected in your hands,  
the wisdom of God be reflected in your positive words and actions.*

Be extravagant. Be bold. Go speak your words and the words of God. And may God bless you all.

Thank you to all these people!

A Village; our Village!

So much Love; April 8, 2017

Vicki Graham

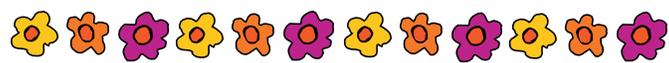
Check out COFW honoree videos on PW Facebook. Like and share.



*Celebration of Faithful Women Brunch*



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*Circle 4 - December 2016*



*Circle 4 - February 14, 2017*



