



Village Presbyterian Church
ENDOWMENT TRUST

2016 Annual Report

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OUR ENDOWMENT TRUST EXPANDS OUR VISION

Vision Statement

The Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust is a charitable foundation, established by the Session and managed by a separate Board of Directors, to ensure extraordinary mission and ministries for Village Church today and in perpetuity. It provides enrichment for the church's work today and financial security for future needs.

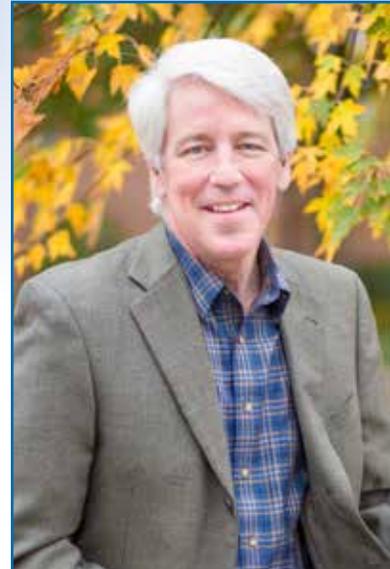
A Letter from the Pastor, Tom Are, Jr.

Dear Village Family,

I love to tell a good story. A really good story can make a difference in your life. It can inspire and provide hope. A good story can remind us what matters in this world.

This Annual Report tells a good story of the Village Family being the church—of Village being Village. The Endowment is a critical tool empowering Village to do what we do. Every day the Village Church Endowment Trust extends our reach in mission, in ministry and in care. Just a quick read through this report will inspire you.

I am grateful for all who have contributed to Village Church through the Endowment Trust. As long as Village is Village, your contribution will serve God through the ministry practiced by this church family. You will forever be part of the story of Village—and it is a good story.



A Letter from the Board Chair, Terrie Huntington



Dear Friends,

Almost 20 years ago, the visionary leaders of Village Church established the Village Church Endowment Trust to plan for the future of our church family by deliberate and thoughtful investment of your contributions. Our Endowment Trust is growing at an average annual rate of 7½%, with diligent oversight by the finance committee and the fifteen-member Endowment Trust Board. That growth allowed us to distribute \$901,431 in grants to be used for the Village Church operations and to enhance our mission and ministry programs.

As you read through this report, you will see the impact these grant dollars have had on enriching the works of Village Church, both here at home and throughout our community. The grant dollars have brought in renowned speakers to help us grow in our faith, helped underserved children experience and learn through a science, technology, engineering and mathematics lab at Operation Breakthrough, presented a community-wide Christmas concert and provided food for our Village Church Food Pantry patrons.

Thank you for your generous contributions through your wills, estate planning and tributes. Your benevolence contributes to the success and vibrancy of Village Presbyterian Church.

HELP KEEP THE ENDOWMENT TRUST STRONG

Tribute Gifts

A gift or memorial donation is a fitting tribute to someone special. Your tribute gift helps Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust provide resources for mission and ministry year after year.

Gifts can be given in celebration of someone special to honor a birthday, baptism or any special milestone.

Gifts can be given in memory of a loved one to recognize and celebrate their life.

In both cases, we will notify the person you designate with a card and special message.



Planned Gifts

Another way to contribute to the Endowment Trust and ensure Village's future is by remembering Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust in your will or trust. Charitable bequests can include cash, securities, life insurance, bonds and stock, real estate or retirement plans.

When you remember Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust in your estate plan, you become a member of the Meneilly Legacy Society.

We invite you to consult your financial planner or attorney about how these options could benefit you as well as the future of Village Church.

2016 Endowment Trust Audited Financials

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Beginning Fund Balance	\$15,353,905	\$16,939,177	\$19,183,835	\$19,869,296	\$18,891,386
Contributions	\$333,438	\$206,690	\$77,319	\$407,972	\$279,613
Gains on Investments	\$1,941,302	2,982,015	\$1,367,307	(\$256,286)	\$1,451,006
Grants	\$619,033	\$848,067	\$734,806	\$812,888	\$904,056
Operating Expense	\$70,435	\$95,980	\$24,359	\$10,150	\$23,107
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ENDOWMENT TRUST LEGACY FUNDS

The Endowment Trust has a General Endowment Fund and 12 Legacy Funds. In 2016, \$830,877 from the General Endowment Fund provided significant support to the church's annual operating budget along with \$70,554 dispersed through Legacy Fund grants.

Grant proposals from the Village Church Session ministry committees are received by the Endowment Trust Board each year requesting support from specific Legacy Funds. Grants are then awarded, providing opportunities that would not have otherwise been possible, for these ministries to touch even more lives. The following stories reflect the impact that our Endowment Trust grants made in 2016.

Mission Legacy Fund Helps Operation Breakthrough



This year, our Mission Legacy Fund was used to help Operation Breakthrough build a SmartLab for their school aged children. The SmartLab is a STEM lab that is designed for personalized learning where autonomy and self-direction are encouraged and rewarded. Learners explore science, math, and engineering through applied technology, also building connections to social studies, language arts and other academic subjects along the way. Activities are also designed to develop critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, communication and project management.

Operation Breakthrough now serves 266 children from six weeks to 5 years in nationally-accredited early learning programs; 120 school-age children in before/after-school and summer programming and the children's 215+ parents/caregivers.

"It's like having my own toy box! I get to come in and explore different things that I don't get to do at school." Sixth grade student

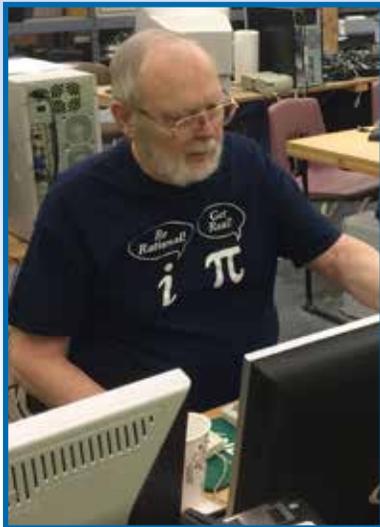
"My friend found a picture of a F15 Falcon online and wanted to build it. I didn't want to do it but he encouraged me and we did it! It took four weeks but we did a lot of team work and we got instructions off the computer." Fourth grade student



ENDOWMENT TRUST LEGACY FUNDS



Adult Programs Legacy Fund



Adult Ministry chose three areas to focus on in 2016 – Technology Upgrade for Rooms 132 and 133; an Earth Care summer intern and computer replacements for Computer Ministries.

Bible studies and Sunday morning adult classes with up to 100 persons in attendance are held in Rooms 132 and 133. In the past, the rooms had one projector and screen. This one screen was not viewable by most attendees. Purchase and installation of one new ceiling-mounted LCD projector and two LED televisions on mobile stands through the Adult Program Legacy fund has enabled the viewing by the attendees in both rooms.

The Environmental Action Committee requested funds to support calling a young adult to serve as a summer intern. This intern will assist in evaluating and designing new strategies for how Village Church responds to God's call to be stewards of God's good and beautiful creation.

The need to replace old and outdated computers for the Computer Ministries program was the final request from the Adult Programs Legacy Fund. Four new computers were requested. The computer classes are well attended and include instructions on basic and intermediate computer programs.

Children, Youth and Family Legacy Fund

Children as well as parents attended a workshop led by Pattie Fitzgerald entitled, "Safely Ever After". This comprehensive seminar taught children they are the "boss" of their bodies and that their feelings are most important. Pattie Fitzgerald is a widely recognized and respected children's advocate.

To help finish the payments for the church van, Youth Ministries requested a grant from the Children Youth and Family Legacy Fund to pay the remaining difference between what the trustees have provided and the balance of the loan.



ENDOWMENT TRUST LEGACY FUNDS

Seminar Legacy Fund

The Adult Educational Ministry requested a grant from the Seminar Legacy Fund to present the 2016 Meneilly Conference. Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, presented *Forming Faith Foundations for Young People*. On Saturday, Nov. 5, she offered two presentations entitled: *Epic Church: Growing Young in the Age of Benign Whateverism* and *How are the Children? Practices for Parents and Congregations That Lay a Foundation for Young Faith*. Attendees left inspired by this dynamic and inspiring conference.



Facilities Legacy Fund

With safety in mind, the trustees requested a grant from the Facility Legacy Fund to conduct a Life Safety Assessment and Floor Plan Update. This project provided a building-wide life-safety assessment, identifying areas where we were out of compliance with building codes and giving us an updated floor plan that reflected the new building and clearly identified evacuation routes.

Food Pantry Legacy Fund



To fill shortages on the Village Food Pantry shelves, the Endowment Trust Food Pantry Legacy Fund provided a grant to be used to put a variety of nutritious food items on their shelves for the families the pantry serves. Access to plentiful nutritious food not only provides obvious health benefits, but can help alleviate household stress for families faced with choices like paying for utilities or medicine – or buying food.

Worship & Music Legacy Fund

The *Tidings of Joy* concert has been a tradition at Village Church for 15 years and consistently hosts the largest audience of any Village Church concert. In 2007, *Tidings of Joy* began taking in donations to give back to a mission organization here in Kansas City. This beautiful Christmas concert brings in professional instrumentalists to play in the orchestra along with the Village choir. There are two concerts held and not only are members of Village welcomed, but anyone from the Kansas City area community is invited to come and enjoy a beautiful experience of Christmas.



THE MENEILLY SOCIETY

The Meneilly Society is a group of members and friends who have chosen to support the future of Village Church through their estate planning or other means of deferred financial assistance.

We are blessed by the generosity of our Meneilly Society members. Their support enables the services provided by Village Church to our members, our community and our world to continue for generations to come.

If you have included Village Presbyterian Church in your estate plan, please contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325.

Meneilly Society members include:

Honorary Members: Shirley* and Bob Meneilly

*Deceased

Anonymous (7)

Jane Abildgaard

Allen Acheson*

Carol and Tom Are

Ann Arndt

Judy Baird

Janet Baker*

Ginny and Scott Beall

Jane Beeler*

Ruth and Al Biggs

Jan and Todd Bleakley

Jim Borthwick

Judy and Tom Bowser

Cheryl and Barry Brady

Marilyn and Sam Brewster

Joan Brown

Sandy and Bob Burdick

Lexa and Scott Carr

Eleanor* and William* Chestnut

Barbara Choplin

Frances Clarke

Jennie Clarke

Candy and Jack Clevenger

Rogene Conn

Judy and Harold "Bud" Cooper

Susan and Andrew Cope

Janet and Tom Curtis

Beth and Terry Dahl

Margaret and Dutch* Dalke

LaVeta* and Lyman* Daniel

Caroline and Patrick Davidson

Lenore Dawson

Maribeth Dear

Lola Dews*

Patricia Dolliver*

Jean Drumm

Carole and Bill Drummond

Catherine and Fred Dunmire

Jan Durrett

Martha and Karl* Eaton

Alice Eidson

Jim Fellenstein*

Patti and Doug Fishel

Randy Fowler

Bev and Don Freberg

LouAnn* and Merle* Frey

James Galliher

Sheryl Geisler

Thomas Good

Marion Goodwin

Vicki and Ralph Graham

Dortha Hargadine

Carol Harrington

Judith Hart

Ruth and Bob Hay

Judy and Jim Heeter

Mary* and Ken Higdon

Kim and Ted Higgins

Mary Hilding*

Verna Hoel

Dolores Hsu

Mary Hughes*

Charles Jerome*

Denise and Thomas Johnson

Leona Kibler*

Ann and Lynn Kindred

Ruthie and Phil* Kline

Bradley Lee

Jeannette Lee*

Joyce and Jack Letts

Eleanor Lowe

J. Robert Mackenzie*

Carrie Magill

Ruth and JR Majors

Lorraine and Norman Martin

George Matteson*

Lillie and Eugene* May

Ella McCue

Jenny McDevitt

Judy* and Dick McEachen

John "Jack" Miller*

Susan and Joe Morris

Carol and Jerry Neill

Patty Gee and Nick Nicholson

Vicki and Bill Nulton

Ethel Nurge*

Betty Overshiner*

Kay and Ken Patterson

Donna and Ron Patton

Gertrude Phalp

Donna and Jim Pirotte

Barbara and William* Poyser

Lynn and Bob Pruitt

Carole and Al Pugsley

Arlene and Rex* Raudenbush

Julie and Paul Riekhof

Frances Robertson*

Thelma Roper

Gayle and Ron Roth

June* and Laurie Russell

Jennifer and Bob Sawyer

Judith Scammon

Patty and Kendall Schaaf

Lisa Schellhorn

Keith M. Schmedemann*

Betty and Tom* Scott

Maxine* and Claude* Shaft

Roberta Smith*

Mary Stark*

Brad Steil

Wanda Steil

Jennifer and Mike Stradinger

Kristine Swords

Sheree and Dave Thein

Miriam and Don* Thompson

Becky and Jim Tilden

Krista and Geoffrey Tolsdorf

Carol Tucker

Kathleen and Bill Wilkes

Priscilla H. and Rodney* Wilson

Bobby* and John D. * Work

Susan and Leslie Young

Joan and Ray* Zook



Board of Directors

A gift to the Endowment Trust is an investment in the future of Village Church. The Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust Board invites you to consider making a gift to our Endowment Trust and encourages anyone with questions to please reach out to them.

Board members include:

Terrie Huntington, chair	Brad Beets	Jim Hise	Tedrick Housh
Diane Johnson	Allen Jones	Steve Lightstone	Alison Patterson
Joe Pattison	Dianne Stanley	Jim Stowers	Jon Strongman
Lucy Tidwell	Priscilla Wilson	Judy Wiseman	

For information about gifts to our Endowment Trust, contact any board member or Molly Sirridge, director of Endowment Trust, at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.

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