



**VILLAGE  
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# GOOD NEWS

The Village Church Good News is published monthly (September-May) for all members and friends of the Village Presbyterian Church. Readers are encouraged to submit article ideas to The Department of Communications, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208, or call 913-671-2375 or email laura.davis@villagepres.org.

## Celebration of Faithful Women

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9 – Mission Campus Sanctuary

At the April 9 Celebration of Faithful Women, we will recognize four outstanding women of Village Church.

### Our 2022 Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Members are:



**Linda Alley** - Linda has made significant contributions to Village Church and PW since joining the church in 1986. She has been a member of the choir, served on the More Love Chorale leadership team, and sang in this year's Tidings of Joy

concert. She has served as a Sunday School teacher for elementary, junior high and high school students and was a confirmation small-group instructor twice. Linda is a member of a Village Connect group and co-led for five years. A highlight for her was participating in a mission trip to Thwake, Kenya, when the new Health Clinic first opened. Linda has been a Shepherd Deacon, chair of the Young Adult committee, and served three years as an elder on Session. Her committee work includes Stewardship, Sacristy, and five years on the Sanctuary/Welcome Center. Linda's involvement with PW includes serving on the Advent Dinner committee and she's currently on the Amazing Graces board. Her biggest honor was to be on the PW Board as the moderator elect, nominating chair and moderator in 2011.



**Lexa Carr** - Lexa has intentionally dedicated her time and talents to Village Church in order to follow God's calling her into service. Her favorite day of the week is Monday, arranging flowers for Monday Flower Ministry for KC Hospice House.

While serving on the Village Golf Classic Executive Committee, a fundraiser for the DRMP, she was blessed to join the January Team for four years of compassionate work. One of her biggest rewards came with participation on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to call Rev. Jenny McDevitt, now a dear and close friend. Participating on the board of Amazing Graces has allowed for lots of fun and meeting many fellow PW women. Her work at Village also includes three years each as a deacon, as an elder and Stewardship chair, and now beginning her first of three years on the Pastoral Care & Counseling committee. A true honor and special gift was the privilege to serve the women and friends of Village Church on the PW Board as co-moderator elect, co-moderator and co-nominating chair.



**Julia Scammahorn** - Julia is a long-time member and an avid and active supporter and volunteer at Village. She has taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and volunteered with Operation Breakthrough. Her committee work includes

Children & Family Ministry, Adult Education, Marketing & Communications and Marketing Steering Committees. She served as secretary of Pastoral Care and Counseling and is the current secretary for Mission Committee. As well, Julia is serving in her fourth year as a Stephen Minister. She is a founding member of the Social Justice Ministry and the Building Beloved Community, a new group launched at Village Church this year. She served as a Session elder for three years and twice on the PW Nominating Committee. Julia is a member of Circle 4, Women with Spirit, Books with Spirit and one time chair of Village on Antioch Book Club.

## CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN

**Cindy Wilcox** - Cindy has been a faithful servant and major presence in the life of Village Church for a total of 21 years. Her contributions to Village as director of Connectional Ministries are both broad and deep. She has greeted all visitors and served as their initial connection to the church which has led to phenomenal growth of our membership. Her commitment has made certain all feel welcome and valued. A short list of her accomplishments includes coordinating ushers, Wednesday Night Dinners, Village Connect small groups, new member brunches and orientation, and special events. She managed all deacon activities and responsibilities. Cindy was the 2016 PW Advent Dinner Speaker. She retired on Jan. 2, 2022 to begin the next chapter of her life.



**Celebration of Faithful Women will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary.** Registration is now open at [villagepres.org/pw](https://villagepres.org/pw).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### **Walking in the Light Village Church Women's Retreat April 22-23 Heartland Retreat Center**



Women of Village Church, we invite you to join us as we gather at Heartland Retreat Center in Parkville, Missouri April 22-23. This is a retreat for all women of our church. Whatever your age or circumstance, this is an opportunity to connect, make new friends and relax together in the beautiful setting of our retreat.

Our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Suzan Hawkinson, has pastored churches in Kansas, Texas, Pennsylvania and is currently pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in Deerfield, Illinois. Married to Joseph Hawkinson, mom to grown children, Jessica & Ben, and grandma to baby Eleanor, Suzan enjoys time with her family, decorating, reading, writing and taking long walks just about anywhere.

**Rev. Suzan Hawkinson** The theme of the retreat, "Walking in the Light," will be developed experientially. As we gather around a campfire, we will spend time aware of the darkness while taking in the Light of God's presence around us. On Saturday, we will further explore God's light within us through music led by Dr. Elisa Bickers, lively interactive discussion led creatively by our keynote speaker and afternoon workshops featuring art, gardening, music and everyday spiritual practices.

As we gather, we will be mindful of safe COVID practices. We are asking that retreat participants be fully vaccinated. Masks will be worn at all times, except when eating. We will be mindful of social distancing and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible.

Registration opens March 4 and can be done online or by mail. We will be offering both overnight (\$95) and commuter (\$55) options. The price includes program, meals and lodging. Visit [villagepres.org/pw](https://villagepres.org/pw) for more information and to register after March 4. If you'd like to register by mail, download the registration form at [villagepres.org/pw](https://villagepres.org/pw) and mail the completed form along with your check to Kim Stratton, 10319 Delmar Lane, Overland Park, KS 66207. Checks should be made payable to "Presbyterian Women of Village Church."

### Look Who's Back!

On Feb. 22, Marianne Weber rejoined the Village staff as the Tuesday/Thursday receptionist and facilities co-coordinator at the Village Church Mission Campus. Marianne retired in December of 2018 after serving 24 years at Village. She is the former adult education coordinator and sister to Village custodian Kelly Furst.

Marianne said, "I enjoyed working at Village so much that I couldn't stay away! This seemed like a good opportunity to do a part-time gig and to do something that I have had some experience with at Village. Kelly was a big catalyst in this. He reached out to me early on about the part-time receptionist job when Karen Cox announced her retirement. I'm looking forward to seeing all the friends that I made at Village in the past!"

Marianne has stayed busy during her retirement. She volunteers at AdventHealth on Mondays, both at the front desk and rocking the babies. She also volunteers at Faxon School as a PAL on Wednesday morning. And she enjoys the "Especially for Women" book study with Rev. Diane Quaintance on Friday mornings.

Welcome back, Marianne!



## WORSHIP



### Are you interested in reading scripture in our morning worship services?

We would be excited to involve you in this special part of our ministry during Lent and beyond. Let us know about your interest with an email to Marsha Hansen at [marsha.hansen@villagepres.org](mailto:marsha.hansen@villagepres.org).



## POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

The following names should have appeared in the February edition of the Good News. We regret that the list was not complete and hereby lift up these precious loved ones in whose memory Christmas poinsettias were donated.

### IN MEMORY OF

### DONATED BY

Kenneth Albert	Kim Lorenzen
Myrna Albert	Kim Lorenzen
Lark Anderson	Bonnie Anderson
Winona Mae and Paul Avila	Leesa and Brice Avila
Dorothy Bayless	Anne Bayless
Ed Bayless	Anne Bayless
Kel Bayless	Anne Bayless
Mort Beck	Amy Jantz
Mina Berger	Alison Patterson
Robert Berger	Alison Patterson
Sally Billingsley	Erin Billingsley
Matt Boggan	Sandy Burdick
Bob Burdick	Sandy Burdick
Laura Beth Casaert	Pam Wood
Deborah Clark	Ann Flanders
William H. Cordes	Cathryn Linney
Sue and Ed Cowan	Jeanne Casey
Raymond Creel	Laura and Alex Hobbs
Betty Davison	Charlotte Davison
Julia and Morris Ehling	Tracy Dillon
Hubert Arnold Eversull	Alex Lee
Marvin Field	Donna Martin
David H. Flanders, Sr.	Ann Flanders
Louise and J. Noland Franz	Julie Richardson
Norman Freiburger	Carole O'Keefe
Valeria Fulk	Sheryl Geisler
Charles Galliher	James Galliher
Frank Galliher	James Galliher
John Galliher	James Galliher
Rea Galliher	James Galliher
Thomas Galliher	James Galliher
Tamara Silin Galliher	James Galliher
Barbara Gile	Carrie Kruse
Jonah Glenn	Susan Latas
Claudette Hill	Jacque Hill
John W. and Rena Hunt	Joyce Hunt
Richard C. Ibarra, Jr.	Leslie Stulken
Lillian Jackson	Christi Salzsieder
Agnes Jameson	Martha Veldhuizen
Gerald "Jerry" Jameson	Sarah Norton

### IN MEMORY OF

### DONATED BY

Jennifer H. Kieltyka	Stephanie Mohr
Donald E. Kimsey	Joni Kimsey
Thomas Carter Kirkwood	Janette Ruess
Ervin Kitchenmaster	Jan Petrowski
Lucille Kitchenmaster	Jan Petrowski
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Maxine Lindsey	Ann Flanders
Betty Lorenzen	Kim Lorenzen
Ella McNaughton	Donna Martin
Floyd McNaughton	Donna Martin
Barbara Neufeld	Nancy Gatewood
Ed Newsom	Tracy Dillon
Noalene Newsom	Tracy Dillon
James Henry Patterson	Alison Patterson
Helen Perucca	Amy Jantz
Lucy Phillips	Tracy Dillon
Elizabeth Rennebohm	Wendy Torrance
Patty Compton Shupe	Lauren Conderman
Paul Silin	James Galliher
Tanya Silin	James Galliher
Walter Silin	James Galliher
Stephanie Stephenson	Carrie Kruse
James Stewart	Pam Southerland
Nancy Stewart	Pam Southerland
Ruth and Curtis Stille	Charlotte Davison
Mark Stingley	Jeff and Gina Stingley
Bud Sweney	Anne Bayless
Nancy Sweney	Anne Bayless
Monroe Taliaferro	Helen Taliaferro
Blanche Tally	Laura and Alex Hobbs
John B. Tally, IV	Laura and Alex Hobbs
Patricia "Pat" Volk	Mary Peacock
Doty Wagers	Ann DeFeo
Bill and Maxine White	Joyce Hunt
Donald E. Wilson	Leigh Anne Neal
Doyle Wood	Pam Wood
George and Diane Wood	Pam Wood
Mike Worswick	Michelle Dicus
The Woodson Legacy	Alison Patterson
Joan and Ray Zook	Carole O'Keefe



## Welcome Our New Village Food Pantry Director, Dennis Cobb



Dennis Cobb joined the Village Church staff on Feb. 28 as the new director of the Village Church Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. After a three-month search, the Food Pantry Director Search Team (Jim Bolton, Mark Bonavia, Julie Haas, Randy Johnson, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Jim Ogden, Susan Webb and Deborah White) welcomed Dennis who will take over pantry leadership following the retirement of current pantry director, Susan Webb, at the end of this month.

Dennis comes to the Village Church Food Pantry from the Presbytery of Chicago where he worked as internal communications and administrative manager. Prior to his tenure at the Presbytery, he has worked within Presbyterian Church settings for several years as a church administrative assistant, manager of assembly programming at the PC (USA) office and a pastoral leader for congregations in Wisconsin and Kansas.

Dennis has a Master of Divinity degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary, a Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Wichita State University. In addition to his administrative experience, Dennis has been associated with several food pantries including starting one. He has also overseen staff and volunteers in a variety of roles throughout his career.

Dennis's husband is Rev. Dale Jackson, the presbyter for vision and leadership at Heartland Presbytery. Since moving to the Kansas City area last summer, much of their free time has been spent on home improvement projects as they shape their house into their home. They enjoy the arts, especially live theater, as well as keeping up with the activities of their seven grandchildren.

## Do You Dig Gardening?

Are you itching to get outside and work the soil? It's time to start thinking about the Village Community Garden at 99th and Mission Road.

Village is looking for volunteers to help plant, weed, water and harvest during 2022. Depending upon the weather, we hope to plant some of our cooler weather crops such as spinach and lettuce beginning in March. Garden produce is donated to the Village Food Pantry for our clients.

If you would like to join the community garden team, call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or email [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org). We will then contact you as we get closer to the planting season with a sign-up list of times to help.



**Judie Thomas, Mary Schulte and Marilyn Wineinger sporting the new Village Food Pantry volunteer t-shirts. We love our volunteers!**



## Refugee Move In

**Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor for Young Adult Ministry, shares exciting news:**

We've had some new friends move to town! The Mohmand family arrived in Kansas City in early December, along with a large wave of Afghan refugees coming from military bases where they had been quickly processed in their evacuation from Afghanistan. Without houses immediately available, Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) helped this family—and so many others—find refuge in hotels as they worked to find available homes.

We have been working with JVS since last November, pulling together donations and volunteers in order to be ready to help this family when the time came. On Saturday, Feb. 12, 18 volunteers from Village Church packed our vehicles with 108 donated items and drove to northeast Kansas City to prepare the family's first home in their new country. Our volunteers did quick work, cleaning the house from top to bottom, erecting IKEA bunkbeds for the family's four children, and not leaving until boxes of toys, books, art supplies, and soccer balls had been unpacked and stocked.

Holding tight our command to love one another, and with our ancient story reminding us that we, too, have been strangers in foreign lands, doing what we are able to help some new friends settle into this new land is simply what we are called to do as Jesus' followers. We will continue to work with JVS to provide support for this family in the days and weeks ahead.

If interested in helping, reach out to Rev. Hallie Hottle. To all who have donated, worked and offered prayer, thank you!



## ANTIOCH CAMPUS



### A Special Thank You!

The Blue Valley Quilter's Guild uses space at our Antioch Campus for their monthly sewing days as well as several annual workshops. This group of 100+ women, including Village Church member Joyce Bardeen, is so generous in their giving to Village. Recently Blue Valley Quilters held a drive-up personal hygiene drop-off as they handed out quilt kits to their crafty sewers. They collected well over 500 items for our Village Church Food Pantry!



## MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Session has approved extending the Mission Campus morning worship schedule of 9 and 11 a.m. through March 6.**

**March 6 – Congregational Meeting** at 10 a.m. in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The meeting will be livestreamed at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online). The Congregational Meeting at the Antioch Campus follows the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 13. Both meetings will include a review of 2021, end of year financials and the presentation of the 2022 budget.

**March 7 – Daily Lenten Video Devotionals** begin and run through April 15. Subscribe at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe)

**March 8 – Village U Class: Discovering God’s Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts** - Rev. Sally S. Wright, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 8, 22, 29, Mission Campus, Room 126

**March 9 – Village U Class: Deep Calls to Deep: The Psalms in Dialogue and Disruption** - Prof. William P. Brown, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9-30, via Zoom only

**Village U Class: Decolonizing the Church: Building Beloved Community** - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 9-30, Mission Campus, Rooms 132 & 133

**March 10 – 2nd Thursday Recital with flutist Ebonee Thomas** 12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Mission Campus Sanctuary

**March 13 – Congregational Meeting** following the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the Antioch Campus.  
Daylight Saving Time begins, set your clocks ahead one hour

**March 14-18 – Village Cup Closed for Spring Break. No Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meal on March 16.**

**March 18 - Violin & Piano Recital with Destiny Ann Mermagen and Tatiana Tessman** at 7:30 p.m. in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The concert is free and will feature sonatas by Brahms and Beethoven, as well as a work from Destiny Ann Mermagen’s CD “Bach to Barn Burners.” Featuring award-winning instrumentalists Tatiana Tessman (piano) and Destiny Ann Mermagen (violin).

**March 22 – Village U Class: Depression: How I Cope and Why I Talk about It** - Dr. John Hall and hosted by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, Mission Campus, Room 132

**March 24 – Village U Class: From the Beginning: The History of Village Church** - Judy Cooper, 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays, March 24 & 31, Mission Campus, Room 230

Look for updates on our website at [villagepres.org/upcoming-events](http://villagepres.org/upcoming-events), in the bulletin announcements and on social media.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

### An Update on 2022 Summer Programs at our Mission Campus

This summer, we will have the usual offerings of Kids Day Out, Creations By Kids Summer Camps and Music & Drama Camp. For VBS, we are going to try a different format this summer: Family VBS. We’ll have music, learning, games, fun & food for the whole family. This will be from 6-7:30 p.m. on three Wednesday evenings, June 8, 15 & 22. Dinner will be provided for the whole family. Family VBS will be in the Mission Campus south parking lot/lawn/playground. Plans are still being finalized for Vacation Bible School at our Antioch Campus. More details and sign-up coming soon!

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **MISSION CAMPUS**

**6641 Mission Rd.**

Traditional – 9 & 11 a.m.  
In the Sanctuary

The Gathering – 5 p.m.  
In Friendship Hall

#### **ANTIOCH CAMPUS**

**14895 Antioch Rd.**

Overland Park, Kansas  
Traditional - 9:30 a.m.  
In the Sanctuary

Call in to hear the previous  
Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary  
worship service on our worship  
service phone line **913-203-1301**.

### **IN MEMORY**

Betty Athey

Dale Darnell

Margaret "Margie" Hopkins

David "Dave" Howard

Catharine 'Cathy' Lykens

William "Bill" McKay