

Spring Village U: Book of James, Politics and Faith, 20th Century American Greats and Feminist Theology

By Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Years ago after I preached at a bacalaureate service for Austin College, they presented me with a t-shirt that featured a kangaroo, the college mascot saying, "God gave you a brain and expects you to use it." I love that. God has gifted us with the capacity to think and reason and wonder and imagine. To do nothing with that ability is an insult to God and God's creativity. At Village Church, we expect you to think because thinking honors God.

Our Spring Village U term starts in February and runs through mid-May. Village U is a wide umbrella of opportunities for adults to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with one another, the church and the world. Classes are open to both church members and community members. The instructors are engaging, knowledgeable and passionate. All classes are free. Four courses headline our offerings this spring.

The Book of James is one of the more controversial books in the New Testament. Martin Luther detested the book and called it an "epistle of straw." He wanted the book tossed out of the Bible. Still for many Christians, the book holds practical wisdom. Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish is the J.B. Green professor of theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. Last year, she published her own commentary on James that has been widely acclaimed both for its scholarship and insight. She will be teaching a class on James in March.



Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish

As the pandemic continued to spread across the country, several religious communities began to protest against the orders to limit gatherings. They cited religious freedom guaranteed in the US Constitution as their reason. Rev. Chad Herring serves as the senior pastor of the John Knox Kirk, a Presbyterian congregation in Kansas City, Missouri. Chad also is an elected member from the first ward of the Prairie Village City Council. He lives at the intersection of faith and politics. So what would a Presbyterian pastor/politician have to say about religious freedom? Chad will teach a class in March about how Christians can be engaged in politics today.



Rev. Chad Herring

Last month TIME magazine named Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as persons of the year. The editors explained that they do their best to select the person or persons who were most influential. If you were to name a key 20th century figure for American Christianity, who would come to mind? Dr. Gus Breytspraak is a popular teacher and leader here, and is professor emeritus of religion and culture at Ottawa University. He will teach a course in March with each session focusing on an important 20th century figure. His list is Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day. In each session, participants will view a documentary and then engage in discussion.

VILLAGE U SPRING COURSES continued



Dr. Kris Kvam

When you pray, how do you talk to God? Is God always “Father” to you? Or is God “Mother” to you? How we speak about and to God makes a difference in how we understand God. That is the premise of a course that Dr. Kris Kvam will teach in April. Kris, a faithful worshiper at Village Church, is the senior professor in theology at Saint Paul School of Theology. She is a popular teacher and an excellent scholar. She continues to do research as a feminist theologian about how we pray to and talk about God and how that shapes our theology and is also exploring our images of God.

Other exciting courses include a study of the great church hymns with Dr. Jan Kraybill and Ryan Main, a study of music and movies with Will Breyspraak and Dr. Carol Dale, the art of listening with Rev. Sally Wright, and evenings with resident poets and authors Dr. John Hall, Arlin Buyert and Priscilla Wilson.

All spring courses will be held via Zoom online. To view the full catalog and to register, visit www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

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Adult Exercise – Margaret Tlapek, Instructor; 9-10 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Year-round, Room 333. This class will include gentle stretching, cardio, strength training and balance exercises. Come to this class if you want more energy, flexibility and overall good health.

Adult Exercise (Chair Exercise) – Margaret Tlapek, Instructor; 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Year-round, Room 333. This class features chair exercises, so participants will not exercise on the floor. Exercises will include gentle stretching, cardio, strength training and balance. Come to this class if you want more energy, flexibility and overall good health.

Boomerangs – Judy Bliss, facilitator; 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Year-Round, via Zoom or South Parking Lot of Village on Mission (weather permitting). The Boomerangs welcome women to join them in fellowship and fun as they work on a range of projects from knitting, rug hooking and needle pointing, to balancing a checkbook. This group is designed for Baby Boomers and older.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Study – led by Newton Graves & Reggie Marselus; 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Year-round, via Zoom. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Study will be meeting every other week on Wednesday morning via Zoom. We will do this until this crisis has passed. We are open to new attendees.

Especially for Women – led by Rev. Diane Quaintance, retired pastor of Village Church; 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Year-Round, via Zoom. Especially for Women welcomes women of all ages to meet on Friday morning via Zoom to discuss issues that shape our lives and wisdom that shapes our faith.

Beginner Hula Hooping & Hoop Dancing – Sirena Beyer, instructor; 5:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-May 12, Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. This fun fitness class offers a total body workout and includes a stretch, a warm-up and basic hula hooping instruction to popular music. Easy hoop dancing routines will be taught, and custom beginner hula hoops will be provided.

Continuing Watercolor – Bill Yates, instructor; Feb. 1-May 14, via email instruction. We will select subjects from nature and life to demonstrate techniques for paintings of your choice. A copy of the drawing with some directions, the painting at various stages of completion, and a finished view will be emailed to classmates who will do the painting at their own pace at home.

Great Books Discussion – led by Jane Abildgaard and Joni Kimsey; 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4, via Zoom. If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation.

Tech Talk with Tony – led by Tony Liu; 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, via Zoom. Tony will lead a discussion of ways to use technology solutions, such as various ways to join a Zoom meeting using a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

Will the Church Have Faith? Why Being Presbyterian Matters – taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 24, via Zoom. Designed for the new member, long time member, and the just curious, participants in this class will explore the theology, history, structure and practices of the Presbyterian Church and why it matters that we identify ourselves as Presbyterians.

Raymond Carver and Katherine Mansfield – Kelly Fast, instructor; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 11-25, March 4, 25, April 1-15, via Zoom. Last semester we read 40 short stories from Anton Chekhov. In this course, we will explore the works of two writers greatly influenced by Chekhov: Raymond Carver and Katherine Mansfield.

Speaking Out for Religious Freedom: On Faith and Politics – taught by Rev. Chad Herring, senior pastor, John Knox Kirk in Kansas City and Prairie Village City Council member; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, via Zoom. Does the government, even in the midst of a pandemic, have the right to limit public worship, and how can there be limits on the founding principle of religious freedom? Rev. Chad Herring will lead an exploration of what it means to be both a follower of Jesus Christ and an American citizen.

Four Giants of 20th Century American Christianity – taught by Dr. Gus Breytspraak, professor emeritus of religion and culture, Ottawa University; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, via Zoom. Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day are four highly influential figures who were important for American Christianity in the 20th century and whose lasting impact shapes American Christianity today. Class sessions will view engaging documentaries and then will discuss and reflect on each of these great persons.

Book of James: A Practical Letter for Today – taught by Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, J. B. Green Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, via Zoom. For many followers of Jesus, the epistle of James offers helpful, practical instructions on how to live faithfully. Over these four classes, Professor Moore-Keish will lead an exploration of this fascinating letter and help us all discover the gift and challenge that is James.

The Great Hymns: Then and Now – led by Ryan Main, director of music ministry at Village on Antioch and Dr. Jan Kraybill, organist at Village on Antioch; 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, via Zoom. Participants are invited to discover the history and story behind some of our most treasured hymns. Whether you are a musician or are enthusiastic to discover new layers of meaning and context to the music that shapes our faith, all are invited.

Marvelous Music Movies – led by Will Breytspraak, director of music ministry at Village on Mission, and Dr. Carol Dale, music coordinator. Film class: 7-8 p.m. Mondays, March 22, April 19, May 24, via Zoom; Movie nights: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Village on Mission north parking lot. Each month we'll have an in-depth Zoom class about a film, and then we'll watch it on the big screen with amazing sound in the north parking lot of Village Church (weather permitting).

Controversies in Feminist Theology: Language Matters – taught by Dr. Kris Kvam, professor of theology, Saint Paul School of Theology; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, via Zoom. In this four-class study, we will explore feminist theology through discussions about the ways that Christians pray and refer to God. We will attend to personal piety and communal witness as we examine topics such as the significance of language, the names of God, and visual imagery about God.

Introduction to the Old Testament – taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, via Zoom. The 39 books that comprise the Protestant Old Testament are a rich collection of stories, history, poetry, prophecy and wisdom. In this class, we will explore key themes of the Old Testament and discover how these ancient words still shape our lives today.

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Discover Your Child's Natural Instincts – led by E3 Academy; 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, Room 132, and Wednesday, April 28, Room 232. The Kolbe assessment is a scientifically proven way to identify the instinctive way children approach learning. We equip both parents and children with tools they can apply in the home and school environment to better achieve success.

An Evening with Dr. John Hall – led by Dr. John Hall, Village church member and poet, and hosted by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Room 126/127. John Hall, MD, has published a number of books of poetry. During this evening, he will read poems from his latest book, "Doggerel from a Friend," published in 2020, and share some thoughts and reflections.

Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours – taught by Rev. Sally Wright, pastor for pastoral care; 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, Room 232/233. Feelings are given to us by God, so how can we use them to benefit us and not hold us back? Using the Stephen Ministry resources, we will remember that Jesus himself expressed deep feelings, and will learn to distinguish between different kinds of feelings including primary and secondary feelings.

An Evening with Arlin Buyert – led by Arlin Buyert, Village church member and poet, and hosted by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, Room 126/127. Arlin Buyert has published six books of poetry and taught poetry to a group of inmates at Lansing Prison in Lansing, Kansas. During this evening, he will read some of his poetry and will share thoughts and reflections on his writing process and inspiration.

The Art of Listening – taught by Rev. Sally Wright, pastor for pastoral care; 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, Room 232/233. In this conversation, we will learn practical tips for improving our listening skills in our relationships. Using Stephen Ministry resources, we will learn active listening skills, how to ask clarifying questions and characteristics of effective listeners.

An Evening with Priscilla Wilson – led by Priscilla Wilson, Village church member and writer, and hosted by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, Room 126/127. Priscilla Wilson has authored four books and is completing her fifth. During this evening, she will read from her new autobiography and share her thoughts and reflections.

Register at www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Monday, Dec. 7, the Village Church Session joyfully welcomed eight new members to Village Church: Molly Groebe, Paul Harrison, Kelly Kerr, Madalene Kerr, Matt Laffey and Lauren Mansfield.

SERMON SERIES

2020 Was My Teacher (Lessons Learned During a Hard Year)

A VILLAGE CHURCH SERMON SERIES

Sundays, Jan. 10-31

This time last year we looked to the new year with hope, even optimism and certainly with at least an expectation that the year would proceed like every other. But mid-March our eyes were finally opened to a new reality that still controls many aspects of our lives. Then in early June, protests about racial injustice filled the streets across the nation and even around the world, as we had our eyes opened anew to the realities of life for people of color in America. And then we walked through an ever-divisive election season. All of these have pressed us and challenged us.

What have we learned this year? We can't afford to

waste a crisis. What has 2020 taught us that we should carry forward? Rev. Tom Are will offer some modest proposals to address that question.

Taizé Worship Online • 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19

Join Dr. Elisa Bickers, a pastor, lay musicians and poetry readers for a short but special reflective time of worship. Taizé is broadcast on www.villagepres.org/online, the Village Music YouTube channel and the Village Music Facebook page @ VillageChurchMusic.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING



Sunday, Feb. 7

Join your Village Church family for an all-church Sabbath retreat—from the comfort of your own home. Our focus for this Holy Reset in this winter season will be rest and delight.

You are invited to set aside Sunday, Feb. 7, as your household's Holy Reset day. (Or set aside just part of the day. Or set aside another day that works for you.) We will provide prayers and ideas to guide your Holy Reset; otherwise, your day will be self-directed based upon your needs.

Our Sunday morning worship that day, led by Pastor Sally and Pastor Melanie, will focus on the Sabbath themes of resting, receiving and rejoicing. A video series from leaders in the congregation will introduce these themes throughout January to help you prepare. Come to a drive-thru at the south entrance of Village on Mission, or at Village on Antioch, the day before (9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at both locations) to pick up a Holy Reset Kit for your household.

It seems to be a longer winter than usual this year. Give yourself the gift of a Holy Reset to rest, receive and rejoice.

New Year Brings a New Session of Growing Through Grief

If you have lost a loved one, consider coming to Growing Through Grief, a five-week class where God is with us, even through our hardest moments. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 10. Each participant receives his/her own copy of "Understanding Your Grief—Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." This class is free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

Stephen Ministry "God is preparing me for this ministry!"

Mark Basso lost his wife to cancer when she was 56 years old. "My grief was beyond words. I wanted someone to talk to, to gain wisdom from their experience, but had no one to turn to," Mark remembers.

"A Village Church Stephen Minister would have made such a difference in my life," he recalls. "Someone to talk to, listen to my grief, hear my questions and worries about parenting my young son ... someone who could support me and encourage me."

Mark is now attending Stephen Ministry training. "I want to help someone who needs care and support while experiencing a life crisis or difficulty," Mark explains. "My training has increased my awareness of how I listen to friends and loved ones, and is preparing me to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care."



Mark Basso

If you are interested in being connected with a Stephen Minister or becoming one, contact Rev. Melanie Hardison at 913-671-2327.

A Stephen Ministry Transition in 2021



Rev. Becky Chamberlain

January 2021 is an important month of transition in the life of your Village Church Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry welcomed Rev. Melanie Hardison to the Leadership Team as the pastor responsible for Stephen Ministry. Rev. Becky Chamberlain has passed her responsibilities for Stephen Ministry to Pastor Melanie but will continue serving on the Leadership Team in a new volunteer role given her deep passion for seeing how God uses the Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministry is an essential part of Pastoral Care & Counseling at Village Church. It provides a team of caregivers who are well trained in the art of listening, highly motivated, and well organized and supervised to assist with ongoing pastoral care needs. Thank you to Pastor Becky for her leadership in the past and in new ways in the future. Welcome to Pastor Melanie!

COMING NEXT MONTH

Names for our 2020 poinsettia memorials will be listed in the Feb. 3 Good News.

**Second Saturday Family Fun Drive-Thru
9-10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 – Village on Mission south parking lot**

Come by to grab your “family game night” kit. The holidays are over and it’s still chilly...time to CONNECT & PLAY!

**Spring Lighthouse Kick-Off
Sunday, Jan. 10**



Village on Mission Preschool Information Meeting

10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021

This virtual meeting will be held on Zoom.

Contact Sarah McKee at 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org for more information.

Village on Mission Preschool Enrollment

Tuesday, Feb. 16 through Friday, Feb. 19, 2021

Opens to greater community on Monday, Feb. 22

Contact Sarah McKee at 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org for more information.

The Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force Offers Free Updates of its Work

The Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force (SWATF) hasn't let the pandemic slow us down. In 2020, the task force has engaged people inside and outside of the church by:

- Supporting gun violence prevention through a commitment with local violence prevention organizations that has included providing gun locks and educating audiences on the spiritual and economic cost of gun violence in Kansas City.
- Educating church members about systemic racism through training that facilitated a discussion showing how ingrained racism often tilts the playing field against people of color.
- Informing members about voter registration information and voting processes in Kansas and Missouri during the pandemic.

We encourage church members to be informed about our group's endeavors. If you want to know more, go to www.SWATF.org and click the link to receive free email updates about our work.



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VILLAGE GIVING

The Church is grateful for those who have fulfilled their 2020 pledge and have made a pledge for 2021. If you have not been able to do either, there is still time.

Village has arrived where it is today, a place of hope, healing, fellowship and service because of the financial support of generations before us. Thank you for supporting Village in this season of our Church's life.

Please contact Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
villagepres.org/online

The Gathering Music and Prayers
5 p.m. Sundays
vpcthegathering.org

Call In to Hear the
9:30 a.m. worship service
913-203-1301

Listen to Worship on 1660 AM
8 a.m. Sundays - a week-delayed
radio broadcast of the
morning worship service

IN MEMORY

Larry and Nancy Butcher
Dee Carver
Bettie Forbach
Ruth Glatt
Betty Hodges
Marge Kalousek
Tom Kirkwood
Eleanor Lear
Kathryn "Kay" Robertson
Radleigh Speer
Carolyn Stevenson
Maggie Weed

Let the Sunshine In!

A Final Report on Solar Panels for the Child & Family Development Center

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center (VCCFDC) at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park was electrically and structurally designed to accommodate an expandable array of 270 solar panels, capable of supplying two-thirds of the building's electrical demand.

In November 2016, 45 solar panels with microinverters were installed as part of its initial construction (Phase 1). These panels were paid for by funds raised by the Environmental Action Committee (EAC). During the next four years, the EAC raised funds for Phases 2, 3 and 4, resulting in the retrofitting of 36, 21 and 105 panels, respectively, for a total of 207.

On Sept. 21, 2020, the 105 Phase 4 panels went online. With 207 total panels, the VCCFDC electrical system is now maxed out. These panels are projected to generate 92.364 MWh of energy annually, offsetting 70.33 tons of carbon (equivalent to 1,624 trees).



EAC would like to thank the 30 plus people who donated—some several times—to the cause over the last four years. A total exceeding \$145,000 was donated (an average of approximately \$700 per panel). The Phase 4 total of \$68,690 included a \$20,000 donation from the Village Church Trustees and a \$20,000 donation from the Frey Foundation.

As an investment projected to pay for itself in dollars in 12 years, these solar panels will reduce the annual operating costs of the Center during the 25-year life of the panels, resulting in savings that will support its mission and ministry with children and their families. “Not included in the calculation of dollar savings is the significant reduction of so-called indirect costs associated with the consumption of electricity generated by coal-fired power plants,” notes EAC chair Jerry Rees. “These involve extraction, transportation and the after effects of a variety of harmful emissions that contribute to health problems and climate change.”

“Ultimately, the installation of these solar panels is about faith, hope and love. They will contribute to the health and wellbeing of future generations of God's people and God's creation. They are an immediate and tangible investment in clean, renewable inexhaustible energy,” adds Jerry. “During the 50+ year life of this building, these solar panels will constitute a legacy for the Center’s children and their children.”

CONNECTONAL MINISTRIES

Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals

Village Church on Mission is offering curbside pick-up home-cooked family meals on Wednesday evenings. The cost is \$5 per person. Order your meals online by noon on Mondays. Go to www.villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. Meals are available for curbside pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the north entrance.

January Menus:

Jan. 13: beef stew, potatoes, carrots and focaccia bread

Jan. 20: creamy honey mustard chicken breast, garlic herb rice, seasonal vegetable and dinner rolls

Jan. 27: parmesan herb crusted pork loin, potatoes, seasonal vegetable and dinner rolls



Advent and the Season of Giving During a Pandemic

The community outreach at Village Church has witnessed ongoing generosity of our members as we strive to provide life-giving relief and sustenance to many struggling to make ends meet during COVID-19. Despite the challenges of social distancing, Village found ways to still make our holiday traditions thrive.

Using online registration software, nearly 100 families received Christmas gifts through our STAR Adopt a Family program with Operation Breakthrough. Thanks to the meal sponsorships by Village donors, the Village Church Food Pantry distributed nourishing Thanksgiving meals for 500 households. In addition, 1,529 diapers were donated via a drive-through collection at the church, and Cross-Lines Community Outreach received 82 hats and 87 mittens dropped in bins at the south entrance at Village on Mission. 103 individuals received support through Village on Antioch's Angel Tree.

The spirit of giving remains vibrant not only during the holidays but all year long. During 2020, volunteers have continued to build houses with Habitat for Humanity, deliver food curbside at our pantries at 99th and Mission Road and at Village on Antioch and serve hot carry-out meals as Cross-Lines. Village Church Mission Sewing made more than 2,000 facemasks in 2020 to distribute to area nonprofits.

Thank you, Village Church, for bringing joy to the present and providing hope for the future during this holiday season and through all the seasons of the year.



Cleaning Supply Drive for Front Porch Alliance, Jan. 10-24

During a pandemic, some of the most needed items to keep your household safe are cleaning supplies. From Jan. 10-24, Village on Mission invites you to donate cleaning supplies for families served by Front Porch Alliance (FPA) in Kansas City, Missouri. Founded more than 20 years ago by Village Church, FPA provides Parents as Teachers and Early Head Start curriculum to eastside residents as well as educational programs for elementary school children and teenagers. During COVID, FPA has offered many of their services virtually or shifted to mobile community resource events such as curbside baby showers.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) cover food support, but not cleaning supplies. As a result, clients must pay for these expensive tools for battling COVID out of their own pocket. As a result, effective disinfecting efforts often go on the back burner.

If you wish to participate in the drive, you can drop off your donation in the marked gray tubs at the south entrance to Village Church on Mission. Household cleaners that kill the coronavirus and are packaged in 24-ounce bottles or smaller are preferred. If you have any questions about the drive, contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

Donate Blood at the Prairie Village Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, Jan. 19

Give the gift of life. Please consider making that gift between noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, in Rooms 132 & 133 at Village Church on Mission Road. Sign up to donate at www.donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip of 66208 and date to sign up. Appointments are required. Please wear a face mask to your donation. Remember to bring a photo ID or donor ID card. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 with any questions.

Global Mission Offering Sunday, Jan. 31

Every year, Village Church helps send volunteer teams to the Dominican Republic to provide surgical, medical and construction support. The proceeds from the global mission offering on Jan. 31 support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership providing health care services to Haitian families via partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic; and the youth spring break international mission project. Donations may be sent Village Presbyterian Church. Please note that the gift is for the Global Mission Offering. Thank you.