

Village U Presents T.A.K.E. Defense Training for Girls and Women

10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 30, in Friendship Hall

We have all been there; in a situation that makes you feel just a little bit uneasy. Sometimes it's walking to your front door at night — darkness can play some scary tricks on you. Other times it's in bright daylight, when that stranger walking toward you gives you an unwarranted stare that throws your sense of comfort a little out of whack.

T.A.K.E. Defense Training provides girls and women of all ages with unique reality-based, hands-on self-defense training. Such training provides safety awareness that everyone needs and deserves.

Your T.A.K.E. training, an integral element in the comprehensive safety awareness program, will take place in a two-hour session from 10 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall at Village Church. When you attend a class, you'll receive priceless awareness education and practical application of the skills demonstrated and learned in the session. We will also cover internet safety, community safety, home safety, safe travel and much more. It's our goal to give you the advantage if you're ever in a situation that makes you question your safety.

So whether you're in search of that advantage to feel in control of everyday situations, or you want to make sure a bad experience is never repeated, take part in T.A.K.E. Defense Training at Village Church. The session will be taught by an instructor from the T.A.K.E. Foundation.



About T.A.K.E

A bright future. A heart to care and help. A smile to melt worry away. All of these were taken away from Roger and Kathy Kemp when their daughter, Ali, was murdered.

So what did they do to fight back? They created a program to forever carry on Ali's legacy and ensure that what happened to her doesn't happen to another. The program is called The Ali Kemp Educational Foundation or T.A.K.E. Foundation.



Ali Kemp

T.A.K.E. Defense was established in 2005 by the Kemp family in partnership with Johnson County Park and Recreation District and in cooperation with Blue Valley Recreation Commission and Leawood Park and Recreation. Over 50,000 girls and women ages 12 and older have been trained with free hands-on self-defense

training. T.A.K.E. Defense carries its message and training across the United States each year to colleges and universities such as Kansas University, University of Missouri, Kansas State University and more. T.A.K.E. Defense Training has been featured on *America's Most Wanted*, ABC's *20/20* and CBS *Prime Time*. Our goal is clear, as said by Mr. Kemp at each program, "If we can save one life out there, I don't care what it costs; this whole program will be worth it." Learn more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxF-eym48EM&feature=youtu.be>.

Join the thousands of women who have experienced T.A.K.E. Defense Training, and help Ali's legacy live long.

A \$12 donation is requested but not required. Email marianne.weber@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2333 to register.





Food Pantry

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Sunday, Feb. 7! This is the first Food Drive of 2016 for the Village Church Food Pantry. We hope to collect lots of Hearty soups to supply our shelves for the cold winter months. Canned soups are easily prepared by adults and children make a nice hot meal on a cold winter day. In the next few weeks, you will probably find sales on hearty soups at our grocery stores. Look for these sales and stock up for Feb. 7. The Pantry can never have enough hearty soups. If the Chiefs are playing on that day - hopefully, you will double your donations!

All in-kind donations may be placed in pantry boxes at the church entrances.

January Luggage Drive for DRMP

Village's Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) is looking for large used suitcases in which to pack medical supplies and equipment to take to the Dominican Republic. If you have any large (25" or larger) suitcases that you no longer need, we would love to take them off your hands! You can drop them off at the receptionist desk or at the International Mission office, Room 212c. For more information, contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at andrea.huffman@villagepres.org. We will be collecting luggage through Jan. 31.

Village Collected Donations for 100 Star Families

One hundred Operation Breakthrough families were adopted through the Village Church STAR Family program during the holidays. Thank you Village Church for making the holiday season brighter for families in need in Kansas City.

It Takes a Village to Host Christmas International House

Christmas International House, a cultural exchange program hosted in part by Village Church, welcomes a number of international college students who are in school around the country. During this two-week visit nine students shared the holidays with host families from Village and Grace Covenant Church. They enjoyed a taste of life in Kansas City with visits to Winstead's, Harvester's Food Pantry, the Country Club Plaza, the Jazz and Negro League Museums, Nelson Atkins Museum, Hope Faith Ministries and Cross-Lines assistance agencies, Mahaffie Farmstead and World War I Museum as well as a lovely dinner at Betty Scott's home. The students' stay culminated in an international potluck, candlelighting and farewell celebration.

Thank you to all the families and organizers of this Village holiday tradition of 13 years. This cultural exchange would not be possible without you opening up your homes and hearts to these students. If you are interested in volunteering as a host family in 2016, email Judy Miller at judy.miller@kcpl.com. One-week and two-week hosting options are available, and it is a great cultural exchange opportunity for families with children.



Cleaning Out Your Closets?

As we tidy up our homes after the holidays, we often identify items that we no longer want but wish to offer to others for their enjoyment. The Village Clothes Closet accepts freshly laundered, gently used, in-season men's, women's and children's clothing. Small household and kitchen items and small kitchen appliances are also accepted. Due to lack of available space, furniture is not accepted. If you have gently used furniture or large working appliances that need a new home, consider donating it to one of the area organizations listed below:

- **Heartland Habitat for Humanity ReStore** (<http://www.heartlandhabitat.org/restore>) is a public retail outlet that sells quality new and used surplus building materials and appliances that are priced at 20% to 80% off retail. Village Mission partners with Heartland Habitat to build houses in our community. All items in the store are donated, including fixtures, furniture, appliances and construction materials. Your donation may be tax-deductible, and all profits from ReStore go to further Heartland Habitat for Humanity's building projects in Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Johnson Counties in Kansas, and Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri. Heartland Habitat ReStore is especially looking for:
 - Wood and Lumber - At least 6 ft. (no nails, brads, rot)
 - New Carpet or New Carpet Remnants Only
 - Tile (New and Boxed)
 - Furniture (Clean, No Heavy Wear or Repair Needed)
 - You can schedule your donation pick-up by calling 913-596-6597 or 913-648-6001.
- **Hillcrest Transitional Housing** in Kansas City, Kansas accepts donated furniture for their apartments and residents. They will take about any item except old tube televisions. Call 913-400-2573 to arrange pick-up.
- **Cross-Lines Community Outreach Thrift Store** in Kansas City, Kansas is always in need of furniture and large appliances (in good working condition) such as stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers. The store helps low-income families purchase household items at a minimal cost. They will come to your house and pick up your large household items. Call 913-281-2274 to schedule a pick-up at your home.

- **Blessings Abound** (<http://www.blessingsaboundkc.org/>) at 10325 Metcalf accepts new and gently used in-kind donations including stain-free mattresses. These donations are either resold or redistributed to other ministries in need such as transitional housing programs and multi-cultural ministries. Proceeds go to Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries. Call 913-648-0700 to arrange donation pick-up for large items.
- **Catholic Charities Turn Stiles** accepts new items along with most gently used donations. All proceeds support programs and services of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. See <http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/turnstyles/donate> for what they accept. Call 913-909-2735 to arrange pick-up of large items for a minimal fee.
- **Church of the Resurrection** collects and distributes donated furniture. Check out <http://www.cor.org/index.php?id=8625> for more information. Call Kevin Jones at 913-544-0755. Pick-ups are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis according to your geographic area.
- **Faith Hope Ministries** in downtown Kansas City, Missouri collects furniture, household items and clothing for homeless individuals and families moving into permanent housing. See <http://www.hopefaithministries.org/gifts-in-kind/> for more information or call 816-471-4673 to arrange a pick-up.

For durable medical equipment donations such as wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds, the following organization will take donations:

- **Coalition for Independence:** The program takes donated durable medical equipment, refurbishes the equipment and then offers it for resale at affordable prices for those who are uninsured or underinsured or for those times when insurance does not cover an item that will improve a person's ability to live independently. The program accepts donations of all types of durable medical equipment in good condition. You may drop your donation off at their office located at 4911 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102 during their office hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F (Wednesday they open at 10 a.m.). If your donated items will not fit in your vehicle, please call them at 913-321-5140 and they will make arrangements to pick-up your donation. All donations are tax deductible and the coalition will provide a receipt for your donation.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS



The Skilled Hands Behind the Village Sanctuary Renovation

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 22, 2015, Village Church hosted a Sanctuary Celebration Breakfast to thank Pearce Construction, Mantel Teter, Stark Raving Solutions (audio visual consultants) and others for their extraordinary work on the Sanctuary renovation.



Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

Instead of gathering after a Sunday worship service, this year's Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2015 and plans for 2016. The Session will present the budget for 2016. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, advise Marsha Hansen no later than Friday, Feb. 5, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, in the Village Church Sanctuary Featuring Guest Conductor Langston Hemenway of William Jewell College

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert in the Village Church Sanctuary at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31. This concert is entitled "Of Wonder and Imagination," and the program will include a variety of music that features brass and percussion. The musical selections include the Fanfare from the ballet *Le Peri* by Dukas, *Celebration Overture* by Creston, *Symphony No. 4* by Hovhaness, and a new piece, *Serenity*, by Gjeilo that was transcribed for wind band. The concert will conclude with *Gazebo Dances* by Corigliano that has fanciful mixed meters and an exciting *Tarantella Dance*.

The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member of the Village Church's Village Arts Alliance and is directed by Dr. Phil Posey and Ms. Pat Setser. For more information, go to www.kcwindsymphony.org or call Dr. Phil Posey at 816-781-1132.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

A New Year, a New Career

The Career Center sessions can help you plan and conduct your job search in the current job market. We'll show you how to find job openings, how to approach these employers, and conducting a planned, step-by-step job search. The next series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, in Room 232. If you want to register for these classes, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Poinsettias Brought Christmas Cheer

"Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia!" "I so appreciate Village remembering me." "The lovely poinsettia really lifted my spirits." These are just some of the responses the church received after 190 poinsettias were delivered by 71 volunteers. Gorgeous red poinsettias were delivered to 52 private homes, 44 facilities and two hospitals across 32 different zip codes. Thank you to all of the kind volunteers and especially to dedicated coordinator Ruthie Kline. What a wonderful gift you all gave to those who couldn't be physically at Village during the Christmas season.

Village Cup Needs You!

Join the hospitality team in the NEW Village Cup in the Welcome Center. Volunteers of all ages needed for Sunday through Friday mornings, especially Monday through Friday. Shifts are 2-4 hours long, depending on the day and your schedule. Volunteers will work at the counter, welcome guests, make coffee drinks and stock supplies. Be a part of this fun ministry! Visit the Village Cup or email Chef Emily at emily.berns@villagepres.org for more information and to sign up. Immediate start and training provided.



The future home of the Village Cup.

Weekly Wednesday Dinners

Dine before or after your Wednesday class. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. These dinners offer an opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy a well-balanced meal that is convenient. A full meal with salad bar & dessert is \$7. Salad bar & dessert is \$6. Cost for children ages 3-10 is \$3 and children age 2 and under-no charge. Contact Cindy (913-671-2331) or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for a reservation.

WND Menus:

- Jan. 20—Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Onion Rings
- Jan. 27—Chicken Pot Pie, Vegetable Rice Pilaf
- Feb. 3—Swiss Steak, Roasted New Potatoes, Vegetarian Entrée



Wednesday Night Classes- Village U

For questions or registration, call 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org. See class descriptions in the Village U Catalog or at www.villagepres.org.

Sing Before Supper - Come to the Chapel for a fun and lively time of singing – old favorites and new treasures. Led by Mark Ball. 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Chapel. (See page 7.)

Date Night - 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Room 232. We will begin with a 30-minute discussion each evening on a topic to help you strengthen your marriage, and then couples will be free to leave on their own for some time away for dinner and discussion. The topics will cover family of origin, toolbox for marriage and growth planning. Child care is available with an advance reservation to be made two weeks prior to the Date Night. A limited number of child care spaces are available. Led by Clint and Kim Carter.

Upcoming Computer Classes

Computer classes are free of charge. **Beginner Excel Computer Class:** 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. **Basic Computer Class:** 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 23- March 15 or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 24-March 16. Call Cindy at 913-671-2331 or email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org to sign up for classes.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amazing Graces Winter Event at the Nelson, Thursday, Feb. 4

Join us at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art for our winter event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. We'll meet in the lobby of the Bloch building for small plates & drinks followed by a docent guided tour featuring religion in art. Your \$10 check is your reservation. Send to Kathy Collins, 4716 W. 86th St., Prairie Village, KS 66207. Drinks are an additional charge and museum parking is \$8.

WOW Luncheon at Café Provence Thursday, Jan. 21

WOW (Women of Wisdom) opens the New Year with lunch at Café Provence, 3936 W. 69th Terrace in Prairie Village, at noon on Thursday, Jan. 21. All women, including first-timers to a WOW event, are warmly invited to what is sure to be a pleasant lunch in a setting that has recently been named one of the nation's Top 100 Restaurants by Open Table. RSVP by today, Jan. 19, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, or to Marvie Sneegas, 913-209-9608 or sneegi@kc.rr.com.



Upcoming Village U Classes:

Learn to Lose Fat and Feel Amazing by Incorporating Real Food into Your Life

Learn what it means to eat real food and how it can have an incredibly positive impact, not only on your physique, but also on how you feel and your general outlook on life. Through his CrossFit practice, the instructor has coached hundreds of people on improving their nutrition and lifestyle habits and is excited to help you kick off your New Year's resolutions of eating healthy and actually sticking to it. Taught by Jon Rowley. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Room 232.



Great Books Discussion

If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come read and discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Child care is not available. Led by Betty Long. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in Room 127.

Sing Before Supper

"The only thing better than singing is MORE singing!" So said the great Ella Fitzgerald. Come to the Chapel for a fun and lively time of singing – old favorites and new treasures. Led by Mark Ball. 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Chapel.

Date Nights

Join us for a Date Night once a month with your spouse. We will begin with a 30-minute discussion each evening on a topic to help you strengthen your marriage, and then couples will be free to leave on their own for some time away for dinner and discussion. The topics will cover family of origin, toolbox for marriage and growth planning. The event will begin at Village at 6 p.m. and will end by 9 p.m. Child care is available with an advance reservation to be made two weeks prior to the Date Night. Register for one, two, three or all nights. A limited number of child care spaces are available. Led by Clint and Kim Carter. 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Room 232.

Organizing 101

"If I could just get organized, I would be able to ..."
Learn from a professional organizer how to maximize your space, de-clutter and manage your time wisely. Sometimes easy and simple changes can have long-lasting results. Come join us! She will leave ample time for Q&A. Taught by Gracie Luce. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in Room 232.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30 a.m.

The Faith Journey class is led by Judy Matthewson during the month of January. The book study is Marcus Borg's *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* where he surveys the most significant conversations and personalities that shaped his life, and presents his convictions about the faith and its role in the twenty-first century. Room 230.

The Cloud of Witnesses and **Village Forum** classes welcome Gus Breytspraak who is leading the class for three weeks studying "Some Parables with Some Help from Amy-Jill Levine." Amy-Jill Levine, our Visiting Scholar for March of 2016, helps us understand the "enigmatic parables of a controversial rabbi" in her 2014 book, *Short Stories by Jesus*. Discussions of the parables, including Professor Levine's insights about how they might have been heard by Jesus' Jewish followers before his death and resurrection. Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7, in Rooms 126 and 127.

The Growing Together class is walking through the epic story of the rise of Christianity via the PBS Frontline documentary entitled *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*. Scholars representing a range of viewpoints, a diversity of faiths and a shared commitment bring new ways of thinking about Christianity encouraging reflection and discussion.

10:45 a.m.

The Inquirers class is reading and discussing Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. This is the subject of all sessions in January. Facilitated by Don and Barbara Wilson. Associate facilitators are Diann Markley, Glen Meredith and Richard Lumpkin. All are invited to join this welcoming study group. Room 124.

Children's Christmas Pageant

If you missed the beautiful worship service with children presenting the time honored Christmas pageant, you can check out the pictures on the Village Church Kids Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/VillageChurchKids>

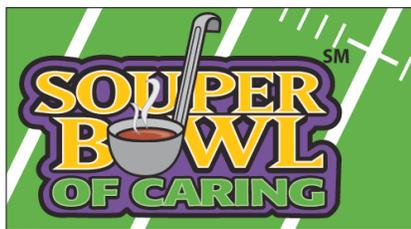
Souper Bowl of Caring: Tackle Hunger

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$98 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Throughout January, children are encouraged to bring cans of soup to Kids' Kingdom and Preschool

Church School. This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in the world.



Village Kid's Day Out Program

The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kid's Day Out program for the 2016/2017 school year. This program is for children ages 2-4 years on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and is in session from Sept.-May. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where your child can grow and learn. We provide your child with many opportunities to explore and be creative. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child's experience a positive one.



Fall enrollment begins from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 1, for Village Church members, KDO Alumni siblings and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Feb. 8.

Any questions? Contact Marjean in the Child Care Department at 913-671-2322

Enrollment for Village Church Weekday Preschool begins in January!

Village Preschool begins accepting applications for the coming school year (2016-2017) in January. Several years ago a tiered schedule was implemented due to the high demand for limited spaces in our program. This allows for currently enrolled families and Village members to have priority. For more information check the preschool page on the Village website or contact Terri Gaeddert at 913-671-2338.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH



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Enrollment Schedule for Fall 2016-2017:

- On Jan. 19, enrollment opens for: Current Preschool Families and Village Church Members
- On Jan. 21, enrollment opens for: Current Village Church Kid's Day Out Families
- On Jan. 25, enrollment opens for: Community Families



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Because of Your Generosity...



The Village Church Presbyterian Women sponsor the Visiting Scholar program that is committed to bringing well known Bible Scholars and Theologians to Village Church and the community. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a New Testament scholar and influential author and an outspoken advocate for interfaith dialogue, to Village Church on March 4 and 5, 2016.



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

VPC Service Times

Traditional — 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
The Gathering — 10:45 a.m.
In Friendship Hall

Radio Broadcast
Sundays at 8 a.m. on
1660 AM KMBZ,
The Business Channel

www.villagepres.org

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. M-F
6–7:30 p.m. Thursday night
9:30–11:30 a.m. Sat. morning

**WINTER WEATHER
ADVISORY** - If weather
is predicted to have
4 inches or more
snowfall during
Saturday night,
the 8 a.m. service
will be cancelled.

