David LaMotte, an award-winning singer/songwriter, activist and advisor to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, will be at Village Church April 10-11, 2015. He'll perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, in Friendship Hall. Saturday morning, he will lead conversation based on his latest book, *Worldchanging 101: Confronting the Myth of Powerlessness*, and help us explore the ways that all of can make a difference every day.

David is well known around Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. He has 11 CDs and 2,500 concerts on four continents and in 48 states to his credit. He also has a long-running passion for peace and “worldchanging” work, leading him to found and direct a non-profit that supports education in Guatemala, chair the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee, and travel to conflict zones and sites of extreme poverty (India, Bosnia, Thailand, Northern Ireland, Israel, and Palestine, among others) to learn and teach.

David is an entertaining presenter, weaving humor and engaging stories into his presentation, and breaking what seem like impossibly big problems down into bite-size pieces. His two and a half decades on stage as a musician have honed his skill in connecting with audiences. Attendees report leaving his presentations feeling validated and inspired as well as challenged.

“David is a tremendously gifted singer-songwriter,” said Rev. Jenny McDevitt. “His song lyrics stay with me long after the concert has ended. He’s also just a lot of fun. He loves playing music and sharing it with others.”

David holds a master’s degree in International Relations, Peace, and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, where he studied as a Rotary World Peace Fellow. His field work included sustainable development in Andhra Pradesh, India. David has also published two illustrated children’s books. The first is based on his award-winning children’s song *SS Bathtub* and the second, *White Flour*, is based on the true story of a creative and whimsical response to a Ku Klux Klan march in Knoxville, Tennessee by a group called the Coup Clutz Clowns. The book teaches creative nonviolence in response to aggression.

He serves as a consultant on Peace and Justice issues for the North Carolina Council of Churches, and is the creator of Abraham Jam, an interfaith concert event. He has led workshops for national, regional and local gatherings of Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, Unitarian, Mennonite and Catholic groups as well as interfaith gatherings.
David’s Core Program, Worldchanging 101

In this workshop/lecture, David questions prevailing ideas about how the world changes and how it does not. Encouraging people to engage with the world around them and address the problems they see, he methodically builds a case for both our capacity and responsibility to make a difference. He supports his encouraging worldview with compelling stories from the U.S. civil rights movement and from his own experiences in Guatemala, India, Haiti, the United States, Northern Ireland and Bosnia.

Frequently Asked Questions

1 Changing the world?  
...Really? Like any good first year (101) university course, David’s workshops do not pretend to offer answers, but rather offer new ways to look at important questions. In this case, the questions are how we are called to engage the world around us and how to practically approach that. Through story, scripture and exercises, he offers a framework to examine our capacity for significant impact on the world, and valuable insights on how to be effective in that effort.

2 Is he a motivational speaker? Yes and no. David is trying to motivate people, certainly, but not to make more money, net more clients, etc. He is interested in engaging people who want to explore what it looks like to be faithful together; those who have grown weary of trying to have a positive impact, or don’t know where to start. He offers tools that help explore one’s own calling to work for the common good, not simply for self-advancement.

3 Will we be brow-beaten by an angry activist? No. David is a trained mediator and a strong proponent of civil discourse. Though he feels strongly about various issues, he does not advocate for particular positions in his talks. Rather, he gives listeners tools to discern what they are called to work on, how to get started, and what scripture has to say about how we are to be in the world. David’s message is encouraging, not guilt-inducing; empowering, not opinionated; respectful, not divisive.

4 Who is this for? David has spoken and led workshops at numerous colleges, civic conferences, faith gatherings and retreats, academic conferences and in business contexts. Adults, college and high school students are his primary audiences.

“Dave is a gentle soul — a real peacemaker. I am inspired every time I hear him speak,” said Jenny McDevitt. “We led a gathering for Presbyterian Mission Co-workers in El Salvador last year, and his words offer both encouragement and challenge. David is convinced that everyone — everyone — can make a difference in the world. Come hear him speak and you’ll be convinced of that, too!”

David LaMotte’s appearance at Village Church is a joint effort of Connectional Ministries, Mission, Music, Young Adult and Adult Educational Ministries. Tickets are FREE, and can be picked up at the Receptionist’s Desk at the south entrance or the Adult Ministry Office. Call 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org for more information.

Photo credit: Johnno Chen
**Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines**

Village Church will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines Kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas on Friday, March 13. There is more than one way to help with our meal at Cross-Lines. We need four to five volunteers to help cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and three to four more volunteers to help serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If you can’t cook or serve, we also need folks to donate cookies. The cookies can be dropped off at the church Reception Desk between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. If you can help, please contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

**Food Pantry**

During March, the Food Pantry is requesting donations of canned tomatoes and canned spinach, both staples in the diets of the Pantry’s clients. “One can, one person, 52 weeks” - what a blessing if everyone would bring four cans during March! Thank you.

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**Second Thursday Recital – March 12**

**Guest Artist: Violinist Sarah Titterington Ibbett**

Please join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the Village Chapel for Second Thursday Recital with violinist Sarah Titterington Ibbett. Sarah will play violin and Baroque violin in a program of Bach and Vaughan Williams, accompanied by Mark Ball on piano. The concert is free and open to the public.

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**Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert**

**7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in the Village Sanctuary**

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, at Village Presbyterian Church. The concert series has been entitled “Let’s Celebrate,” and this concert program celebrates spring. Principal trumpeter, Erik Hulse, will be featured on this concert performing Fantasy for Trumpet by Claude T. Smith. Other selections on the program include Overture: The Hounds of Spring by Alfred Reed, and Casey at the Bat by Randol Alan Bass. This musical selection will be dedicated to the Kansas City Royals. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is sponsored by the Music Ministry Department of Village Presbyterian Church, and is under the musical direction of Dr. Phil Posey and Pat Setser. For more information, call 913-671-2344.

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**Village in the City: Inspiring Music for an April Evening**

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Reserve your seats now for the Village Chamber Choir and Orchestra spring concert at Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The Village Choir will collaborate with the choirs of Baker University and Benedictine College and organist Dr. Elisa Bickers, all under the direction of Matthew Shepard, associate director of music at Village Church. The program includes Festina Lente for Strings and Harp by Arvo Pärt, Josef Rheinberger’s Concerto in G minor for Orchestra and Organ, concluding with Dona Nobis Pacem by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Admission is free. Tickets are required and are now available through kauffmancenter.org. We expect every seat will be filled. Please reserve your tickets thoughtfully and return any unneeded tickets as soon as possible.

A Retiring Offering will benefit Dominican Republic Medical Partnership, an international mission of Village Church.
Wednesday Nights @ Village

Weekly Wednesday Dinners

Dine before or after your Wednesday class. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m., and the hot food buffet is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. A full meal with salad bar & dessert is $7. Salad bar/dessert only is $6. Cost for children age 3-10 is $3 and children under age 3 eat for free.

March 4—Drive-in night! Burgers, hot dogs, onion rings, etc.
March 11—corned beef & cabbage
March 18—Spring Break Week/St. Patrick’s Day—New England clam chowder, vegetarian soup
March 25—meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy

Village University Classes

Repentance and the Psalms - In this session we will examine ways of understanding repentance through the lenses provided by the psalms in general as well as by specific psalms. Class participants are encouraged to bring their own Bibles because a diversity of translation will enrich our study. Taught by Dr. Kris Kvam, professor at St. Paul School of Theology, from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, in Room 132.

Village Talk - Please join us in the Village Sanctuary from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, when Rev. Brian Ellison’s guest is Bernadette Gray-Little, chancellor of the University of Kansas system, who will speak about “Education in the 21st Century.”

School of Theology – Religions of the World, Part II - Continuing to explore the major religions of the world, Part II will focus on the eastern religions—Buddhism, Hinduism and Confucianism—plus several lesser known religions and the phenomena of cults. We will look at the question of where is God in each. Taught by Rev. Dr. John P. Borden from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 15-May 13, in Room 132.

Leaving a Spiritual Will or Spiritual Legacy - This course has been rescheduled from an earlier date! Journalist and Presbyterian Elder Bill Tammeus will help participants understand the difference between a spiritual will and a spiritual legacy and help them begin to create a spiritual will. Bill will also share various ways he’s seeking to leave a spiritual legacy, including his latest book, Woodstock: A Story of Middle Americans. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 22, 29 and May 6, in Room 126.

Go to www.villagepres.org for more details about Wednesday Nights @ Village.

Sam Burchfield Concert at Village Church • 7 p.m. this Friday, March 6

We hope you will join us this Friday at 7 p.m. when Sam Burchfield presents a free concert in the Village Church Sanctuary. Soulful vocals and folk-influenced lyrics combine with a foundation in southern blues and funk to produce an exciting sound from this up-and-coming musician who appeared on American Idol last year. Connectional Ministries is partnering with Shawnee Mission East Coalition to sponsor the concert. A retiring offering will go to LOVE 146. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. We suggest you arrive early to get your seat. Call Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 for more information.

Calling All Artists!

The annual art event at Village “Art & Hors d’ Oeuvres,” is from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 1. All mediums of art are welcome from photography, painting, weaving, mixed media and beyond. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or Stacy Fischer at 913-671-2334 if you would like to display your artwork or get more information.
Village Church is brimming with leadership and talent! The Village Church Nominating Committee needs your help in matching abilities with responsibilities. They are seeking recommendations for elders, elder trustees & deacons for 2016. There are several ways to submit a nomination.

1. Complete the form below and return it to the Church Reception Desk OR mail it to:
   Village Church, (attn: Marsha Hansen) 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208.
2. Go to www.villagepres.org homepage and look under “Featured Events” for event title: NOMINATE NEW OFFICERS FOR 2016; click on the link then complete, print and return to Church Reception Desk.
3. Type this into your browser: http://villagepres.org/about-us/officers/. Complete electronically, then “save as” the document and email as an attachment to marsha.hansen@villagepres.org by the deadline, March 29.

**Duties of Officers**

**ELDERS** make up the Session and are responsible for the total spiritual welfare of the congregation. They should be persons involved in the life of the church who are enthusiastic for its mission, regularly participate in Sunday morning worship and show a genuine interest in the church.

**ELDER/TRUSTEE**s In addition to performing the elder duties, trustees are the corporate officers functioning under the Session and are responsible for fiscal matters, buildings and grounds and other matters referred by the Session. This board usually needs persons with special expertise in areas such as law, accounting, building construction, insurance and business. Those serving on this board should be persons who demonstrate a sincere concern for the church and its mission.

**DEACONS**’ work encompasses all aspects of “hospitality” at Village Church. This hospitality includes greeting at all entrances for Sunday worship services, serving communion in worship, processing Friendship Folder sheets, sponsoring/welcoming new members when they join, providing refreshments between Sunday worship services and much more. Essentially, it is our deacons who have the privilege of offering the gift of hospitality to all at Village Presbyterian Church.

Provide all information that you can on each individual you recommend — and don’t hesitate to recommend yourself!

I recommend: __________________________________________

For the office of:   ☐ Elder    ☐ Elder/Trustee    ☐ Deacon

Age group:   ☐ Youth   ☐ 20-35   ☐ 36-50   ☐ over 50

Talents/Interests/Spiritual Gifts: __________________________________________

Village Church Involvement: __________________________________________

Community Involvement: __________________________________________

My name: __________________________________________

Phone: ________________________ Email: ________________________

Nomination deadline: Sunday, March 29, 2015 for elders, elder/trustees & deacons
Mark Your Calendars for “Celebration Dominicana” and the Village Church Golf Classic
May 9 and May 11

The Dominican Republic Medical Partnership has been a part of the life of Village Church for over 20 years now—its inceptions rooted in a youth group mission trip in the early 1990s. A nurse attending the trip as an adult sponsor was dismayed at the lack of basic medical care for those living in La Romana, a city in the Dominican Republic. Upon returning home, she contacted medical professionals and convinced them that their skills could be put to great use for the Kingdom of God. She gathered a corps of volunteers and together they embarked on the first medical mission trip. The rest, as they say, is history.

So overwhelming was the need—and so dedicated were the volunteers—that one trip turned into two, and this little experiment soon developed into multiple yearly trips staffed by medical professionals in their various capacities: surgeons, nurse practitioners, cardiologists, and a few non-medical personnel as well. The group became the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) and established itself at the forefront of bringing quality health care to the bateys, the under-served communities around La Romana where Haitian sugarcane cutters live.

Now the DRMP is an institution at Village Church, having been supported with the prayers, finances and participation of so many generous members throughout the years. The scope of the DRMP continues to evolve, and its programming includes nutrition and hygiene stations that accompany the ever-faithful medical care. From humble beginnings to its current vitality, the work of the DRMP has only been possible because of faithful supporters like you.

Please accept this invitation to join the DRMP and the Village Church family as we celebrate our commitment to continuing the work in the Dominican Republic. Gather around the table at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Country Club of Leawood for “Celebration Dominicana,” a celebratory dinner and silent auction benefitting the work of the DRMP. Then join us again at Country Club of Leawood at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 11, for the 11th Annual Village Church Golf Classic. To sign up, please fill out the registration form which is inserted on the opposite page.

Contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at andrea.huffman@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390 for more information.
Lily Delivery Volunteers Needed
We need volunteers to deliver one or more of the Easter lilies that will adorn the chancel area to members unable to attend Easter services on April 5. Contact Sandy in the Pastoral Care Department, 913-671-2327 or sandy.perry@villagepres.org, by Friday, March 27, if interested. You will be contacted the week prior to Easter regarding how to pick up your flower(s) following the last Easter service.

Growing Through Grief – New Series Starts April 8
Following the death of a loved one, it is vital to process the constellation of thoughts and emotions that arise. The Pastoral Care & Counseling Department offers a five-week series called Growing Through Grief, intended to educate participants about the grieving process and to support those who are heartbroken. The series is offered at no cost. Registration is required.

Every effort is made to keep the group to no more than 12 individuals so everyone has a chance to participate and get to know each other, creating a more comfortable, relaxed environment.

April 8-May 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 124. Contact Sandy Perry at 913-671-2327 or sandy.perry@villagepres.org to register.

Divorce Support Group
The next six week series begins April 23 and runs through May 28 (6:30-8 p.m. every Thursday, in Room 206). The group is facilitated by Village Church member Peg Borden and covers myriad topics including: understanding grief, working with emotions, parenting, self image, conflict resolution and much more. To register, contact Sandy Perry at 913-671-2327 or sandy.perry@villagepres.org.

Child care is available by reservation only. Contact Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 for child care.

Sunday Evening Taizé Worship
Are you looking for a quiet, contemplative worship experience? Are you wishing for a chance to catch your breath, to take a break from the stress of life? Would you like to set down your burdens, even for just a short while? If so, join us for our next Taizé worship service. The service includes simple songs, silence, and scripture. We also share communion together. Taizé worship takes place on the second Sunday of every month. The next service will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, in the Village Chapel.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES
This Isn’t What I Expected
We dream. We make our plans. We prepare. We check our GPS and chart our course. But sometimes life throws us a curve. Sometimes our work fails to provide the fulfillment we expected. Sometimes our dreams reach beyond that which is realistically possible. Sometimes God proves to be different than we expected. Every one of us knows disappointment like this. Christian faith provides no sanctuary from life’s disappointments. But it does offer strength and direction — and most importantly, hope — when our life proves to be not what we expected.

March 8 When My Faith Fails Me
March 15 When God Fails to Protect Me From the World
March 22 When Jesus Was Disappointed
March 29 Starting Over: A New Temple
April 5 Easter- Starting Over: A New World

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Maundy Thursday
Service of Holy Communion
7 p.m. Thursday, April 2

Good Friday Worship Service
7 p.m. Friday, April 3

Easter Services
8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in Friendship Hall with Rev. Zach Walker

Easter Morning Shuttle
Bus Schedule
8:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. from Blue Moose/ Missouri Bank parking lot to Village Church and back.
Fossil Fuel Divestment Workshop
Presented by Rev. Peter Sawtell
7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13 • 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 14
Village Church, Rooms 132/133

Educational institutions, denominations, seminaries, churches, local and state governments and individuals are being challenged to stop investing in fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and to start reinvesting in projects and companies that are sustainable and restorative to God’s creation.

The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church, the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC, and Earthkeepers of Heartland Presbytery are co-sponsoring a Fossil Fuel Divestment Workshop featuring Rev. Peter Sawtell of Eco-Justice Ministries. Rev. Sawtell will present two sessions:

**Friday evening: Fossil Fuel Divestment and Shareholder Action: What’s the Point?** - Learn how investment decisions—by you, your church, and other institutions—will reduce humanity’s climate impacts. We'll look at what can be accomplished by intentional investment, divestment and shareholder actions, including recent decisions by religious denominations.

**Saturday morning: Fossil Fuel Divestment: Steps Toward Effective Action** - Learn how divesting financial portfolios from fossil fuel focused companies—or even raising the topic—is important for dealing with climate change. You’ll learn what it means for individuals and institutions to divest, how to have the most impact from divestment decisions, and who can help you work toward environmentally responsible investment. We will be looking at both personal investments and the movement for institutional divestment. This session will include segments by Jim Horlacher, MBA, AIF, an accredited investment advisor and financial planner who specializes in socially responsible investment strategies.

**Registration** This workshop is free and open to the public. It is being offered through Village University. There will be a free will offering after each session. Please register in advance by contacting Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

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**Women with Spirit**
**Evening of Pampering**
Manis and Pedis with Women with Spirit! Join WWS for pampering, fellowship, snacks and wine at Nail Perfection and Spa (5110 Johnson Drive, Roeland Park, KS 66205) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. Let us know if you would like to schedule a manicure, pedicure or both when you RSVP by making a comment on EVITE. RSVP/questions: Ashley Daly apdaly@yahoo.com. Manicure is $15, Pedicure is $25, Both Services $38. Contact Pam Southerland for child care reservations by March 5 at pam@villagepres.org.

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**Women of Wisdom Luncheon and Discussion on the Many Changes in the World of Antiques**
The Antique Mall in Corinth (4101 W. 83rd in Prairie Village), coupled with lunch in the Mall's Bloomsbury Bistro, is the destination for Women of Wisdom on Monday, March 23. All women are warmly invited to this fun and informative get-together.

Betty Crooker has kindly agreed to discuss “New Ways to Look at Antiques in 2015” and will focus on the many changes in the world of antiques, including what’s in and what’s out, as she leads us through the Antique Mall. We’ll meet at the entrance to the Mall at 10:15 a.m. and then go to the Bloomsbury Bistro at 11:30 a.m. where we’ll order from a special menu of popular items. All inclusive price is $12 (excluding gratuity). Maximum that can be accommodated for lunch is 25.

RSVP by Friday, March 20, to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianeeleatt.net or to Marvie Sneegas at 913-209-9608 or sneegi@kc.rr.com.
Greetings men and women volunteers! Here is something fun to look forward to as we march on toward spring. At 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, we will have the opportunity to tour the Operation Breakthrough campus, learn about their programs, and gain insight into the children we serve. Carpoools will leave the Village south parking lot at 9 a.m. for this tour.

March 25 through April 29 at Village Church, pick a reading buddy and read to an Operation Breakthrough preschooler (Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m.)

*An orientation meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, before the first reading session. You do not need to be present each week in order to volunteer. Child care is available for the tour and reading dates. Please call Pam at 913-671-2352 at least one week in advance to make child care reservations. Questions? Please contact Cindy Whitham at cwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062.

Join us as we treasure the gifts of all women at Village Church and celebrate Carla Bock, Charlotte Hall and Susie Latas, our 2015 PW Honorary Life Members. Elisa Bickers will speak on an engaging theme of “What’s in Your Pocketbook? Sifting Through the Chaos.” Rest assured you will be inspired, and you will find warm fellowship, laughter and joy.

Perhaps you are aware that March is National Women’s History month. To provide you with a little perspective, in 1980, after noticing there were few role models for women and women were absent in textbooks, a national grassroots organization was formed to annually celebrate and recognize women’s roles in history.

The website from this National Women’s History Project, nwhp.org, proclaims, “We are retelling history. And changing the future. We believe that knowing women’s history gives all of us—female and male—the power and inspiration to succeed. We believe that Our History Is Our Strength.” Sage and powerful words indeed. Women at Village Church have been celebrating women and telling their stories since our first Honorary Life Memberships were awarded in 1959. This Presbyterian Women’s celebration has evolved over time, and every year it surpasses our expectations.

Vicki Graham, co-chair, remarked “Village Church has been a blessing in my life, and my family’s life. I really want people to know this event is a celebration for women and the friendships between them.”

We warmly invite you to share in our story. The 2015 Celebration of Faithful Women will be held on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 11 a.m. Reservations for this heartwarming luncheon are $15/person and will be sold in Friendship Hall between services on Sundays, March 8 and 15. You may visit villagepres.org for online reservations, which includes a $1 processing fee.

Our next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, March 24, in Room 127. All are welcome, and the discussion is interesting even not having read the book. Our book for discussion in March is The Girls of Atomic City. This historical novel tells the true story of the incredible women working in Oakridge, Tennessee who helped win WWII.
AARP 55 Alive Driving Class will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 16 & 17, in Room 233. Classes will be taught by veteran instructor Bob Bonn. The cost is $14 ($12 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. Bring a brown bag lunch or eat out. To enroll, please call Marianne at 913-671-2333.

Village University – Spring 2015
Enroll for courses at villagepres.org, by email marianne.weber@villagepres.org, by calling Marianne at 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119.

Upcoming classes include:
There's No Place Like Home But What If You Have to Move? - As we age, there are many reasons we may need and want to move from the place we've known as home for many years. Health reasons, family connections, loss of friends, financial reasons, among many others may make the decision to leave our only option. But then what? What do we look for in the way of services? Who pays for what? And above all, how do we prepare psychologically for the adjustment? This 90-minute course will help you explore some of the questions needed to make the best decisions and provide basic answers as well. Taught by Penny Shaffer, RN, BA, MA, program director for Health and Human Services at Johnson County Community College. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 132.

Cloud of Witnesses in Room 15
John Knox and the Scottish Reformation - Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee will lead a six-week study on John Knox and the Scottish Reformation. The study will cover Knox's early years in exile on the continent of Europe, his leadership of the church reform movement in Scotland, and the long struggle of the Scots to preserve the Presbyterian form of church government that Knox helped to implement. Dr. Lee will be using slides from his European travels to the places John Knox lived and worked. March 8, 15, 22 & 29.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Inquirers in Rooms 124 - The class will study A Layman's Guide to Process Theology by Dr. Lindsey Pherigo. Facilitated by Don and Barbara Wilson and class members. The class will return to the intimate environment of Room 124 for a study series characterized by an in-class reading of the Dr. Pherigo's original guidebook with integrated whole-class discussion. Now through May 31.

Highlights of Sunday Morning Offerings
Village Forum in Rooms 126-127
9:30 -10:30 a.m.
Faith Journey in Room 230 - For the next few months the class is using writings from Phillip Gulley including Living the Quaker Way to explore what spiritual practices provide a way of life in our contemporary world to address issues facing us today.
Lenten Study: Heaven and Hell - What happens to us after we die? What happens to our friends? Our enemies? The perennial questions of life after death have long captivated Christians and people of other faiths, from arguments Jesus had with the scribes about resurrection to recent evangelical preachers who have been excoriated for rejecting the idea of hell. In this class, we’ll examine the history, theology, biblical resources and cultural representations of heaven and hell. Taught by Rev. Brian Ellison through March 29.

Sanctuary Art
Here's the hoisting of the Sanctuary art that will be displayed throughout the season of Lent as part of our worship. The front banner states the concern of Rev. Tom Are's new sermon series: ‘This Isn't What I Expected.” The banner hung in the back of the Sanctuary issues reassurance: “Do not be afraid.” The banners are made up of thousands of small, angular pieces of fabric. Out of the brokenness, wholeness and beauty emerges. Special thanks to: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Elisa Bickers, Priscilla H Wilson, Troy Lillebo, Sandy Perry, Marsha Hansen, Mich Phillips, Joy Jones, Laura Davis, Molly Sirridge, Matthew Christopher Shepard and Liz Middleton.
Setting the Table
Communion Education Class
3rd-5th Grade

Celebrating Communion is much like sitting around the table for a family table. All are invited. We invite children from 3rd-5th grade who are interested to attend a class to learn about this very important feast of thanksgiving. The class consists of two sessions; in the first session, we’ll explore the meaning of the Lord’s Supper and in the second session, children will get to take part in the Maundy Thursday service and receive communion.

Mark your calendars for 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 and April 2.

Baptism Orientation, March 4

Baptism Orientation (for families that will have their child baptized on March 15) will be held from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the Chapel.

New Little Village Ones

Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little one born recently, Everett Thomas English (Alex & Brad English, parents). A rose will be placed on the communion table Sunday, March 15, in honor of his birth.

Village Moms

Village Moms and Kids Story Time and the Art Room! We gather at 9:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in Room 203 for Story Time, finger plays, songs and movement activities in the Children’s Library and crafts. Themes vary month to month. For more information, email Cheryl, couch-thomas@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2355.

Club V6/ 6th Grade Fellowship

Mark your calendars for the next fellowship event for 6th grade. On March 28, 6th Graders will meet at Ward Parkway Theaters in the afternoon to take in a great movie. More information will be sent home soon or call Cheryl at 913-671-2355.

Rob Fohr To Speak on “Young Adult Involvement in the Church”
March 31 at Village

Rob Fohr is the mission catalyst for the Presbyterian Mission Agency. One of his primary responsibilities is providing leadership for the agency-wide goal of connecting with young adults.

Please join us for dinner and Rob’s presentation, “Young Adult Involvement in the Church,” starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in Friendship Hall. Dinner is from 6:30-7 p.m. Rob will speak immediately following dinner. Admission is free. Contact Elizabeth Nolen to make your reservation at elizabeth.nolen@villagepres.org.

Rob also oversees the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s Research Services department. Included in his other responsibilities is helping to implement the 221st General Assembly’s “Living Missionally” initiative that focuses on equipping churches for mission engagement in their local communities. He served in the PC(USA)’s Young Adult Volunteer program in Buenos Aires, Argentina (’05-’06), and met his spouse, Christine Coy Fohr, through the YAV program. Rob is a ruling elder, currently serving on the session of Highland Presbyterian Church (Louisville). He holds a master of arts in religion from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a bachelor of business administration from Abilene Christian University, and is a proud father of a 6-month-old baby girl named Madeline.
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Village Commitment Corner

Because of your generosity…

… Village Church partners with the Community Blood Center to hold four different blood drives throughout the year. Last year, the blood drives in total collected 174 units of this precious gift of life which helps area hospitals with their need of 580 pints every day.

VPC Service Times
Traditional — 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
The Gathering — 10:45 a.m.

Radio Broadcast
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ,
The Business Channel

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
Drop-Off Hours
10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
6–7:30 p.m. Thursday night
9:30–11:30 a.m. Sat. morning

IN MEMORY
Corrine “Corky” Brickner
Virginia “Hannah” Brown
Joanne Cox
Paula Johnson
Kenneth ‘Ken’ Kalen
Leona Kibler
Margaret Killmar
Marian Powell
Jack Risser
Roberta “Bobbie” Smith