

GOOD NEWS

ONLINE EDITION



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Celebrating Village Church Past, Present & Future • 12:15 p.m. Sunday, May 1

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, May 1, as we celebrate the completion of the Sanctuary and Welcome Center projects of the Now & Tomorrow, Village Church campaign!

The dedication ceremony will be led by Rev. Tom Are. All morning, items from the time capsule placed in 1954 will be on display and a new time capsule representing Village Church today will be filled and placed in the new cornerstone.

Judy Cooper, chair of the Village Church Heritage Committee, shares the history of our first time capsule and what will be placed in our new time capsule representing the church today:

The cornerstone, which read "The Village Church, United Presbyterian, Founded 1949, set in 1954," was to be removed from the existing building last year. The Heritage Committee was hoping to find a time capsule behind it.

We were quite excited when indeed it was there! The box was wrapped in copper and soldered shut!

As we gathered for our monthly meeting on July 6, 2015, George Darrington cut the copper and with great anticipation, we opened the box. We all chuckled to see that while the box was soldered shut, the key was taped on top. The contents included a Thanksgiving day worship bulletin, a church newsletter, a report of the progress of Sunday School, an Annual Report to the congregation, a brief history of the church, a book of Government and Worship of the church, a Presbyterian Union brochure, copies of sermons, a Bible and a cross.

The committee decided at that time that we would like to have a new cornerstone and an updated time capsule to place in the wall when the construction on the addition was completed. Bob Mullett secured a box from the Commercial Bank and we began to gather information that would offer a glimpse of the Village Presbyterian Church in the 21st Century. After much discussion

and research, the contents to be placed behind the new Cornerstone, which reads The Village Presbyterian Church, Est. 1949, will include the following:

Sermons, and a letter from Rev. Tom Are, senior pastor, Glory to God Hymnal, Welcome Visitor packet, 66th Annual Congregational Meeting Report, Church Worship Bulletin May 1, 2016, Endowment Trust Report, Presbyterian Women Information Sheet, Visiting Scholar fliers for 2015 and 2016, Operation Breakthrough, Children and Family Ministry, Village Church Preschool, Village Church Child & Family Development Center, Sunday Church School Curriculum, Community Outreach Booklet, Village Community Garden Sheet, Village Presbyterian Youth Booklet, Boy Scout Troop 91 information, a Good News newsletter, Now & Tomorrow Campaign Brochure,

Care and Counseling Information Sheet, Stephen Ministers, Village Presbyterian Church Timeline, Adult Ministry Information, Adult Sunday Morning Classes, Village U Fall 2015 Catalog, Introductions to our new pastors Rev. Len Carrell and Rev. Hallie Hotte, and an Introduction to Dr. Rodger Nishioka, plus a photo album depicting folks enjoying activities of Village Church.

The cornerstone boxes and pictures of the contents will be on display in the Welcome Center on May 1, 2016 as we prepare for the sealing of the cornerstone, now located at the top of the stairs by the new west entry. The hope of the Heritage Committee is that whenever this box is opened in the future, folks will know what our journey together was like at Village Presbyterian Church in 2015-16.



George Darrington cutting open the 1954 Village Church time capsule on July 6, 2015

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is requesting all varieties of canned fruit to fill their shelves during April. Canned fruit is not always available from Harvesters, but there is always a demand. Pick up a few cans and bring them to church with you. Thank you for leaving your donations in the drop boxes at the northeast sanctuary entrance (by the old elevator), the south main doors, the crib room and the stairwell near the Chapel.

Only spring and summer clothing and shoes are now being accepted in the Clothes Closet - gently used, cleaned and sized - adult and children, all sizes. There continues to be a need for all types of linens for the bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. Thank you.

Cross-Lines Cooks a Meal

On Friday, May 13, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need four to five volunteers to help cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four more to help serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations. They can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Habitat for Humanity - Women Build Week

Join us for Women Build Week April 30-May 7. Women Build brings together women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis facing millions of women and children across the globe and in our community. Contact Joe Carignan joe@heartlandhabitat.org or 913-238-6501 or Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.



Village Golf Classic: Less than a month away!

Time is running out to register for the 12th Annual Village Golf Classic on Monday, May 16. We have some incredible prizes lined up this year, in addition to excellent silent auction items that are ripe for the taking! Like last year, the golf tournament will take place at Country Club of Leawood; and your registration fee includes lunch, golf cart, prizes and awards, and the "tee party" at the end of the day.

This tournament not only benefits the great work of the DRMP, but it's also great fun! We hope you'll join us—you can register online at villagepres.org or you can fill out the registration form (found in various places around the church) and return it to VPC. For questions, contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at andrea.huffman@villagepres.org.



Celebration Dominicana— Come join the party!

This event will truly be a celebration of our work in the DR—with live music and dancing, a silent auction, fund-a-need, and a raffle, great food and beverages, and some special guest appearances by our friends from the Dominican Republic. Come join the party at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Vox Theatre. You won't want to miss this! For more information or to register, go to <http://www.villagepres.org/celebration-dominicana.html>. We hope you'll come celebrate with us!

INDIE FOLK BAND
BARNABY BRIGHT
 IN CONCERT AT VILLAGE CHURCH

7 P.M. FRIDAY
APRIL 29

FREE ADMISSION
 SPONSORED BY CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES.



Photo by Sherry Laine

The Children's Place Selected as Recipient of the Barnaby Bright Concert Offering

He was only three years old, but Thomas knew what hunger felt like. Neglected by his parents, he was often left alone, unwashed, with little food and dirty clothes. When the Missouri Children's Division referred him to The Children's Place, life began to change for Thomas.

When Thomas arrived at The Children's Place, he was living with relatives who were trying to help him but finding it very difficult. He did not express affection and was aggressive, yelling and hitting. Sad and scared, tantrums and tears were frequent events. Sometimes he wet his bed. Due to significant developmental delays and behavioral issues, he was enrolled in the agency's Day Treatment Services program.

After 13 months, Thomas had achieved the goals set out for him and was above average for his age in cognitive and social/emotional skills. He had more self-confidence, had become a leader in his class, and was ready to enroll in a mainstream preschool program.

The Children's Place of Kansas City offers a multi-disciplinary day treatment program for survivors of abuse and neglect ages six weeks through six years. The mission focuses on promoting positive mental health and developmental outcomes through prevention, treatment and family support for young children who have experienced abuse, neglect or other trauma. A retiring offering from the April 29 Barnaby Bright concert will go to The Children's Place.

Village Member Linda Gibson, Recipient of Donated Blood

Four times a year, Village Church hosts the Prairie Village Blood Drive with the Community Blood Center. Recipients of these precious life-giving pints of blood are often unknown to us. However, many at Village will know Village member Linda Gibson who in December 2014 was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease called Wegener's Vasculitis which attacks the sinuses, lungs and kidneys.

Kidney failure often causes anemia and for Linda, it generated the need for a transfusion of two units of blood. "I had difficulty breathing and with anemia it was even more difficult," shared Linda. "I couldn't even walk across the room without assistance."

Before she received the blood, Linda said was as white as paper. The addition of red blood cells gave her back her color. "I had an immediate improvement in how I felt after the blood transfusion," says Linda. "Correcting the anemia was instrumental in my recovery."

Today, though she is on dialysis, Linda's Wegener's is in remission. She is thankful for all those blood donors, including her husband, Jim, who made her recovery and the recovery of many others possible.

If you wish to donate, our next blood drive is from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in Rooms 132 & 133.

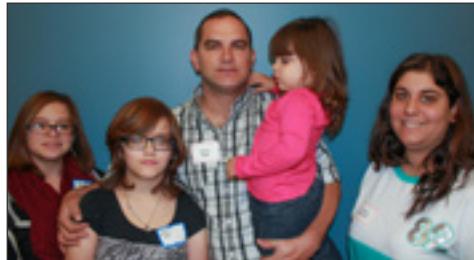


WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST VILLAGE CHURCH MEMBERS

The following folks became members of Village Church on March 13, 2016.

Aaron Bell & Shelley Ballentine

Shelley and Aaron live in Bonner Springs with their daughters Jamie, Brianna, and Isabella, and son Jeremiah. Shelley is a student at the Paul Mitchell School, and Aaron is employed by Propack, Inc. They join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Stephanie Bedard

Stephanie lives in Kansas City, Missouri. She says she is a "wanna be yogi, wine lover, and cook; a linguaphile and hopeless wanderer; and an ordained elder in the Presbyterian church. Farmers' markets and foreign grocery stores are my personal versions of heaven on earth. I'm a sucker for estate homes and gardens. I love new ideas and meeting new people, but I always miss my family and home in the low country of South Carolina." Stephanie joins Village by Letter of Transfer.



Kate and Reed Beebe

Kate and Reed live in Prairie Village with daughter Paige and son Grant. Kate enjoys music and reading and Reed enjoys reading, history and politics. Kate is a stay-at-home mom, and Reed works for the Kansas City Public Library. They join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Tanisha Carrell

Tanisha lives in Leawood with her husband Len (Village Church pastor of Pastoral Care) and their daughter Caitlin. Tanisha enjoys photography, cooking, interior design and reading. Tanisha is employed at KU Medical Center. She joins Village as an Affiliate Member.



Lindsey Clancey

Lindsey lives in Leawood with her husband Bob. She is employed by MOCSA (The Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault.) She joins Village by Affiliate Membership.



Donna and Edward Gaus

Donna and Edward live in Mission Woods. Donna enjoys yoga and bridge, and Edward enjoys tennis and bridge. They join Village by Letter of Transfer.



Katherine Hunter (Photo not available.)

Katherine lives in St. Louis with her husband Heath and daughter Harlow. Katherine was baptized, married at Village Church and attended as a young child. She enjoys reading, fiddle, movies, traveling and cooking. She joins Village as an Affiliate Member.

Fritz and Joyce Kemp

Fritz and Joyce live in Mission Hills. They enjoy traveling, staying active (Fritz loves tennis), and most of all, spending time with their two wonderful grandchildren! They join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Tony Kinkade and Allison Thomson

Allison and Tony live in Merriam. They both are employed at the University of Kansas Hospital. Allison joins Village by Letter of Transfer, and Tony joins by Reaffirmation of Faith.



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Brandi and Richard Pool

Brandi and Richard live in Fairway with daughter Makena and son Marshall. Brandi enjoys drawing, painting, being outdoors, and most of all, raising their children! Richard enjoys home remodeling and furniture design. Brandi is self-employed and Richard works for HNTB. They join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



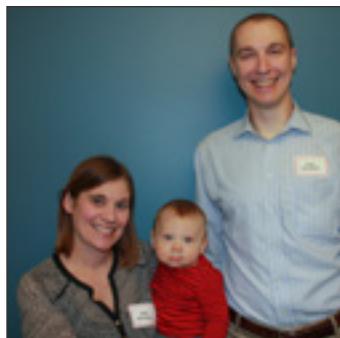
Jane and Gary Raetz

Jane and Gary live in Leawood. Jane enjoys sports, dogs (especially bulldogs!), bible study, and reading. Gary enjoys sports, collections (such as coins) and dogs. They both are employed by Benchmark Financial Group. They join Village by Letter of Transfer.



Beth and Greg Vonnahme

Beth and Greg live in Prairie Village with son Nate. Beth enjoys reading, hiking, and baking. Greg enjoys biking, running, and hiking. Both Beth and Greg are employed by UMKC. They join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Carol Whelan

Carol lives in Overland Park. She enjoys golf, bridge, reading and volunteering. Carol joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Jan and Bruce Zimmerman

Jan and Bruce live in Overland Park. Jan enjoys tennis, cooking, sewing, and reading; and Bruce enjoys golf and reading. Bruce works with Midwest Ear Nose and Throat. They join Village by Letter of Transfer.



Children & Family Ministry Welcomes Kate Ruecker

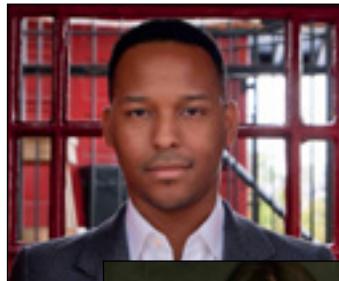
Kate Ruecker joined the Village staff on March 21. Kate works weekday mornings as administrative assistant for Children & Family Ministry. Kate is from the Kansas City area, graduating from William Jewell College. She worked as a paralegal for a number of years, taking time off when her children were very young. She is a member of the church. She and her husband Ray have two children: Olivia in Kindergarten and Will, a three year old. She is part of the Children and Family Ministry volunteers in Teaching Ministry, being part of the Kindergarten Teaching Team. She's been a volunteer in Art Ministry for the past two years and is involved with Women With Spirit. Welcome, Kate!



Vivaldi & Friends in the Village**3 p.m. Sunday, May 15**

The Village Choir, Chamber Choir and Orchestra will present a concert celebrating spring at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in the Village Sanctuary. The program for "Vivaldi & Friends in the Village" will include Vivaldi's "Spring" and "Summer" from *The Four Seasons*; Schubert's *Mass in G*; Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* and Gjeilo's *Evening Prayer*. Our concert soloists are Devin Burton, baritone and violinist Sarah Titterington Ibbett.

Admission is free. A retiring offering will benefit the outreach efforts of the Village Arts Alliance – sponsoring music teaching efforts at three urban-core schools.

**"Tops in Pops" - Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert****With Guest Soprano Gwen Coleman Detwiler****7 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the Village Sanctuary**

This free concert is entitled "Tops in Pops" and will feature musical selections including *Beguine for Band* by Osser, *Original Dixieland Concerto* by Warrington and *Danza Cubanas* by Sheldon. Guest Soprano Soloist Gwen Coleman Detwiler will sing Gershwin's *Summertime* and *Nice Work if You Can Get It*. She will also sing Hartburg's *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.



The Kansas City Wind Symphony has invited the Liberty High School Steel Drum Band, under the direction of Eddie Owen, to perform *Mambo Furioso* and *The Elephant and the Flea with Tuba and Piccolo*. A member of the Village Arts Alliance, the Kansas City Wind Symphony is under the musical direction of Dr. Phil Posey and Pat Setser. Visit kcwindsymphony.org or call 913-671-2344 for more information.

Matthew Shepard's Special Canine Companion

Have you met Franklyn, the newest member of Music Ministry at Village Church? For the last six weeks, when Matthew Shepard has been in the Village Church hallways and in his office, he's been accompanied by a labradoodle named "Franklyn."

Matthew has begun volunteering for a wonderful non-profit called "Paws 4 Autism." He is training service dogs that will be given to children with autism. Part of the training means that the dog will frequently be with Matthew as he is learning to behave appropriately in social situations and learning to obey important commands. On Monday, March 7, Franklyn enjoyed the rehearsal before the Village Chamber Choir's performance at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for the American Choral Director's Association Convention.

Matthew advises, "When the dog is with me, and in his vest, it is important that he be in 'working mode,' so human interaction will need to be minimal. But I promise, there will be ample opportunity to stop by my office and meet Franklyn."



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 Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations.

WND Menus:

April 20-Island Mahi Mahi, pork roast w/plum sauce, stir-fry veggies, coconut rice

April 27-Rueben sandwich, tuna melt, grilled cheese, french/sweet potato fries, veggies

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.

BT.008a School of Theology: Religion in America: Billy Graham to Marcus Borg, Gus Breytspraak, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, now-May 4, Room 232

BT.009 The Huguenots, Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee, 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, now-May 11, Room 232



Tell Me More About This Church Conversation/Dinner with Tom Are

When new members join Village Church, we ask that they take the class, "Tell Me More About this Church", within the first year of membership. So, (if you haven't already taken the class) this is a special opportunity for you to spend time with Senior Pastor Tom Are, and learn more about Village Church. This class will be offered in two parts from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 3 (part 1) & May 10 (part 2), in Room 232 (south end of the building/second floor). Dinner will be provided. Contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org to register.

Child care is available for this event, with seven days advance notice. Email Marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2322 to make child care reservations.

VILLAGE CHURCH
ART &
HORS D'OEUVRES EVENT
MAY 6, 2016 | 5-7 P.M.

Welcome Center & Friendship Hall
Village Presbyterian Church

Admission is Free

A Village Presbyterian Church event, with artists of all ages, amateur to professional, including our own Village Church Preschool.

Featuring a "Jazz Jam" with Kansas City's own Elder Statesmen of Jazz!

light refreshments...music...and more

Parking: north & south lots, plus Prairie School

Call Connectional Ministries at 913-671-2331 for more information.

262 Easter Lilies Brightened Lives

Thanks to 98 volunteers, 262 people throughout 37 different zip codes in the greater Kansas City area received a lovely Easter lily! A lily brings a smile and renews the promise of resurrection to those who cannot be at church on Easter. We are beyond grateful to all who delivered a lily and especially to Ruthie Kline, whose dedication and tireless efforts make this all possible.

Tell Me More About Stephen Ministry

If you have a caring heart, a listening ear and want to bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of need, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Come and find out more at one of two identical "Tell Me More" meetings; either from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, in Room 126 or from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in Room 126. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information.

Come to the Career Center

Are you searching for a new job? Consider attending the next Career Center to learn ways to find job openings, how to approach these employers, and conduct a planned, step-by-step job search. The next series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, in Room 232. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.

Faith and Grief Lunch Series Meets Monthly

Faith and Grief lunches, a new ministry at Village, are for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and wishes to connect with others who have traveled the same road. All participants receive a free lunch and benefit from a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Lunches will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Register online at www.faithandgrief.org. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Nurses Needed

If you are a nurse and are interested in helping both members and others in our community, consider joining Village Nurses. Village Nurses help out at both the church and the Food Pantry, offering health education, nutritional advice, blood pressure checks, support and much more. Please contact either Betty Crooker at 913-432-2649 or bcrooker@ecckc.com (for helping at the church) or Betty Parker at 913-362-6773 or olliebehr@gmail.com (for the Food Pantry) if interested.

Women with Spirit Book Brunch

Laugh, Chat, Chew, Share . . . Read! It's that time ladies! Come one, Come all to our annual Women with Spirit Book Brunch from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16, in Village Church's Small Dining Room. Simply wrap one of your favorite books (new or used) to swap for another's good read. It's fabulous fun and child care is provided! Your check for \$7 made out to "PW of Village Church" will serve as your official RSVP. Mail to Julia Scammahorn, 15705 Dearborn St., Overland Park, KS 66223. For food preparation, checks must be received no later than May 9. To reserve child care, contact Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 by May 9. Contact Julia Scammahorn at juliescammahorn@hotmail.com with questions.

WOW Visits Briarcliff Village May 17

Is your interest piqued by a transportation-provided spring outing to Briarcliff Village in the Northland for lunch and shopping?

Women of Wisdom (WOW) certainly hope so as we invite all women to join us on Tuesday, May 17, for lunch at Trezo Mare, probably best known for its diverse Italian-American cuisine, but with a menu that includes all styles of food. Among the shopping options are the upscale Nell Hills furniture store, and boutiques that feature clothing, jewelry, accessories and more. Or, if shopping isn't your thing, there are pleasant, comfortable areas to just relax and people watch.

Complimentary transportation will be via a commercial van that Diane Quaintance has graciously agreed to drive. The van can accommodate a maximum of 14, but others can car pool and follow the van. We will leave from the south parking lot promptly at 11:30 a.m. and will return by approximately 3 p.m. RSVP by Monday, May 16, to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net or to Marvie Sneegas at 913-209-9608, or sneegi@kc.rr.com.

Mass Incarceration Symposium

The Village Church Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force will host a symposium on mass incarceration in America at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in Friendship Hall. Mass Incarceration refers to the high numbers of young men from poor, disadvantaged neighborhoods sentenced to long terms in America's prisons. The U.S. makes up 5% of



the world's population and holds nearly 25% of the world's prisoners. Excessive, disproportionate sentencing practices, particularly mandatory

minimum sentencing for drug offenses, have resulted in an overcrowded prison system. Black and Hispanic defendants constitute the majority of people subject to these mandatory minimums.

Panelists will discuss the history, causes, consequences, and possible remedies to the problem of mass incarceration, with particular focus on the response of the faith community. Panelists are Sean O'Brien, attorney and professor of law, UMKC; Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, II, pastor, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church; Lora McDonald, executive director, MORE Squared; Darryl Burton, former inmate and current seminarian, St. Paul's School of Theology; and Arlin Buyert, Village Church member and teacher of poetry to inmates at Lansing Correctional Facility. Rev. Brian Ellison will moderate.

Upcoming Village U Classes

Sign up at villagepres.org or contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

Fun Things to do in Kansas City - Although we all anticipate long, lazy summer days, a few weeks into summer we may be looking for fun things to do in Kansas City. Come for a presentation and informal discussion and idea-share about fun family activities and events in our area. Led by Elizabeth Wallace. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, in Room 232.

Date Night - Join us for a Date Night with your spouse from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in Room 232. We will begin with a 30-minute discussion 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. Child care is available with an advance reservation by April 20. A limited number of child care spaces are available.

Day Trip to Powell Gardens - As the area's major botanical garden, Powell Gardens is a uniquely Kansas City garden that offers much to explore and discover. Experience 970 acres of botanical bliss, stunning architecture and gorgeous display gardens that change with the seasons. With a full-service cafe, gift shop and an inspirational chapel, enjoy a visit any time of year. Cost: \$30 includes lunch and a guided trolley tour. Coordinated by Georgia Klein. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

Village Talk - Rev. Brian Ellison welcomes Bob Page, president and CEO of KU Med Center, as his guest from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, in the Chapel.

Daytime or Evening Intermediate Excel Computer Class - This class is recommended for people who have a basic understanding of Excel OR have taken the Beginner Excel Class. Topics covered include: review of the concepts explored during the Beginner Excel class, using formulas to enter data, printing spreadsheets, and turning data into charts. Students will be creating a spreadsheet during class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, in Room 316 or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in Room 316. Call Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org to register.

Finding the Face of God in Art - From time to time we all enjoy a good movie, or a stroll through the museum, or watching a play, or going to the symphony. Usually, we go to be entertained or to get away from the busyness of our lives, or to just unwind. But what artists work so hard to do, is convey something real and truthful about life and the world we live in, much like the stories of our faith try to convey something real and truthful about life and the world we live in. How would our interpretations about art, music and drama change, if we viewed them through a theological lens? For example, how is God viewed differently in the musical *Les Miserables*, or where do we see the face of God in the artwork of Picasso or Van Gogh? Let's try to explore art through a theological lens, and perhaps we might just "taste and see that the Lord is good." Taught by Rev. Len Carrell. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, in the Chapel.

School of Theology - The Mysterious Member of the Trinity - The Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity, is called by many names and is vital to our personal growth and journeys in many ways and, at times, through mysterious roles and relationships. The class is

Continued

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

an exploration of this mysterious and least understood member of the Trinity. Underneath the veil of mystery you will find an aspect of God essential to life and an intimate relationship with God. Taught by Dr. John Borden 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, in Room 132.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30 a.m.

Now through May, the **Faith Journey** class will look at faith's role in various aspects of today's world. How do the concepts of compassion, community, and civility that Jesus taught inform our behavior today? Room 230.

The **Cloud of Witnesses** class is studying "The Huguenots." The Huguenots will explore the history of the French Reformation that began in Paris before the writings of Martin Luther were widely known. It will examine the rapid spread of Presbyterian-style congregations in France led by ministers trained by John Calvin in Geneva. The study will conclude with a careful look at the diaspora of some 200,000 Huguenots from

France in the years after 1685, giving special attention to those who chose to migrate to America. Dr. Lonnie Lee will be drawing from his forthcoming book on a previously undocumented Huguenot migration to Virginia. Now through May 8 in Room 15.

In **Growing Together**, we're watching and discussing a PBS documentary that illuminates the writing of the four gospels and the western history that influenced the Christian religion. Meets in Room 132.

The **Village Forum Sunday** class will hear Jerry Rees speak about "Care of the Environment" on Sunday, April 24. Rev. Len Carrell will discuss "Finding the Face of God in Art" on May 1 & 8 in Rooms 126/127.

10:45 a.m.

The **Inquirers** class is viewing and discussing *The Ten Commandments*. 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.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Resurrection: It's More Than You Think

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a joyful and triumphant day. But resurrection is more than a day of jubilation. Resurrection is God's holy and loving choice to raise Jesus from death. Resurrection is the promise of life after death—but it is more than that. Resurrection speaks to our fears and our ethics; it reorders priorities and provides the foundation for real hope. Resurrection is personal enough to whisper your name but it is also cosmic in scope.

Throughout the month of April, the pastors of Village Church will share with you what they think about resurrection, and how it shapes their lives.

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin will preach in our Sanctuary worship services on Sunday, April 24. She and her mother, Rev. Margaret Peery, are leading the PW Spring Retreat on April 22-23. Word is that Naomi will be with them.

We will have a reception for Meg immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in the Welcome Center.



"Do We Treat Earth Day Like the Sabbath?" A Presentation with Josh Svaty 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Village Church

The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is sponsoring the presentation "Do We Treat Earth Day like the Sabbath?" by Josh Svaty at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in Room 126 at Village Church.

We all know that it is hard to maintain the "piety" of Sunday through the rest of the week. Do Christians fall into the same trap when we celebrate Earth Day only once a year? Do some of our even long-term efforts—such as supporting local agriculture and recycling—fall short of the spirit of Earth Day? In this class, we will explore both the pitfalls of single-day environmentalism and the soft underbelly of some of our best efforts. We will, however, celebrate the power of what even one day can do to foster transformational change within society.

About Our Speaker

Josh Svaty is a fifth generation farmer from Ellsworth, Kan., who married a fifth generation Kansas Citian in May 2007 at Village Church, where she grew up and remains a member. Josh and Kimberly Svaty own and operate Free State



Farms, a diversified crop and livestock operation. From 2003-2009, he served as a state representative in the Kansas Legislature. For five years, he was the ranking minority member on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. He also served on the House Utilities Committee. During the Parkinson Administration, he served as secretary of agriculture. Svaty has been a senior advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 in KC and a vice president at The Land Institute in Salina. He currently farms and manages his consulting company, Perennial Prairie. Josh comes from a multi-generation family of Presbyterians.

Please register by contacting Marianne Weber in the Adult Educational Ministries Office at 913-671-2333 or marianne@villagepres.org. Call Jerry Rees at 913-568-4250 if you have any questions.

Remember Village ...

Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your estate is prepared, consider a gift to the church.

The Meneilly Society honors members and friends who, through their estate planning, have chosen to remember and support the future of Village Church. For more information contact Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

New Young Adult Ministry

Connect with other Young Adults, the church, and God through weekly gatherings, communal worship, monthly service, and fun around KC! Meet every Sunday at noon in the Welcome Center (post-worship, pre-brunch), and 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Blue Moose in Prairie Village. Monthly service and fun posted online: facebook.com/VillagePresYA, Twitter @VillagePresYA. All 20s and 30s welcome!



CONGRATULATIONS 2016 YOUTH CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

Vegetarian – Sky & Ashlee Thao

**Beef (tie) - Kennedy Krumm,
Emma Barickman & Colin
Webb, Grace Strongman,
Sam Vaughan**

**Non-Beef – Emma Pirotte &
Kellen Wright**

**Spicy – Joe Early,
Matthew Hyatt, Alex Paris**

**Staff Entry – Pastoral Care
& Counseling**



At the All Staff meeting on Monday, March 7, Rev. Zach Walker presented this stunning trophy to Pastoral Care & Counseling for Best Village Staff Chili entry in the Youth Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 21. The Pastoral Care Committee fashioned their chili booth after Lucy's psychiatrist booth. Very clever.

Congrats to all the winners!



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

RESCHEDULED – Church-wide Pancake Breakfast with Chris Cakes

Sunday, May 15, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Cost is \$5 at the door.



Story Time at Village

Don't miss the last story time before our summer break.
We'll gather for story time in the children's library and have craft time and maybe some May Day surprises!
9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 3.
Call 913-671-2355 or email cheryl.couch-thomas@village.pre.org.



6th Grade Promotion Sunday

All 6th graders and their parents are invited to attend a Welcome to Middle School on Sunday, May 22. Details will be arriving soon to your email inbox!

Vacation Bible School and Traveling Day Camp

Adult & parent volunteers are crucial to make these very important ministries a success. Volunteer opportunities in all areas! Call Cheryl at 913-671-2355 for more info.

Request from our Nursery

We would greatly appreciate donations of gently-used crib sheets and receiving blankets as our supply is running a bit low. Thank you!

VILLAGE COMMITMENT



At the Heart of Giving...

Smiles all around as Village Commitment chair Lexa Carr delivered your generous donations to Mission Sewing on Monday, March 14. Thank you for your thoughtful support!



Reminder – Village No Longer Has a PO Box

Please make sure you've updated your address book with the Village Church street address. Village Church NO LONGER has a PO Box and hasn't for over a year. Unfortunately, a few folks are still sending correspondence to that old PO Box. The gentleman who now has our old PO Box number is frustrated that he continues to receive mail addressed to Village Church. Please make sure you always mail correspondence to: Village Church at 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Thank you!

GOOD NEWS



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Because of Your Generosity...

Village Church members and volunteers across the Kansas City community are working to reach out to men and women incarcerated at Lansing Correctional Facility. In partnership with the Arts in Prison program, inmates join volunteers to express themselves creatively. If you would like to volunteer for an arts program, donate supplies or simply learn more about this service opportunity, call Arlin Buyert at 913-909-2915 or email arlin85@att.net.



VILLAGE
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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