It was a joyful celebration of the completion of the Village Church Welcome Center on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Rev. Tom Are, senior pastor, led the service of dedication. Judy Cooper, chair of the Heritage Committee, shared the contents of the 1954 and 2016 time capsules that were placed in the new cornerstone on Thursday morning, May 5. Greg Maday, co-chair of the Now & Tomorrow, Village Church campaign, led the crowd in a “Litany of Thanksgiving,” a portion of which read:

In the face of storms we have been a people of “good cheer.”
We stand on the shoulders of giants, earlier saints who have loved and served, and sought to be doers of your word.

We give you thanks for the heritage that is Village Church, for in it we see the grace and power of the living Christ. The witness of those who have gone before us calls us now to step boldly into the future that only God can see. We trust that God will meet us in that tomorrow, until we are gathered up into God’s promised day.

Rev. Tom Are then read a letter he wrote to the Village Church Family at the turn of the century, which was later placed inside the 2016 time capsule. He told the Village congregation of 2099, “Our prayer is that this place is a place of friendship, where love for one another is known, and the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God is practiced. Here brothers and sisters in the faith can be reminded of the power revealed when God’s children love one another.” (See pages 2 & 3 for the complete letter.)

The congregation sang Let Us Build a House, which was also the first hymn sung at the first worship service in our renovated Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015.

Rev. Are closed the dedication by acknowledging Pearce Construction and architects Mantel Teter. Lastly, he motioned to all who had gathered to witness this historic moment for Village Church, “To all of you, you’ve done a good thing here. It will be good for a long time. Go in peace.”
May 1, 2016

To the Village Presbyterian Church at the close of the century,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Village Church family of faith gathers to place this time capsule behind a new cornerstone, signaling a new beginning for Village Church. We imagine your congregation includes some grandchildren and great grandchildren of those of us gathered here today.

Let us share with you some aspects of our ministry in 2016.

We feel a profound sense of gratitude for all that God has done among us. On this day we are dedicating our newest structural addition: a Welcome Center. This Welcome Center is part of a larger campaign we have called Now & Tomorrow. This campaign has resulted in renovation to our sanctuary and construction of a new pipe organ. This beautiful instrument, which will arrive later this year, is one of the gifts we leave for you. We are building a new Village Church Child and Family Development Center to provide the best possible care for preschool children while their parents are at work. This campaign also provides two legacy funds in the Village Church Endowment, generating funds for mission. At a most conservative estimate, by the time you read this, these legacy funds will have contributed $12 million to mission.

We are a congregation of almost 4,800 members, with four worship services on Sunday, and between 100 to 200 people worshipping with us online. Our music ministry includes several choirs for all ages, as well as ensembles of brass, bells and contemporary bands. Our educational ministry opens our eyes to the intersections between the gospel and the globe, noting the demands for justice and the glimpses of divine grace in our culture. Our mission reaches across the city as well as the Dominican Republic and Kenya. Our largest group of new members year after year consists of young families in their 30’s. During an average year, we will hold approximately 90 services bearing witness to the resurrection as we commend brothers and sisters to the church triumphant.

The story of Village is a story of God’s rich blessing witnessed in worship that is vibrant but also humble, in friendships that share laughter and catch tears, in a long obedience and in a choice to serve. We have known from our first days that the gift of our faith is not for our benefit alone. Village is grateful for a remarkable heritage, yet we are confident that the days ahead of us matter to God as much as the days that have past. Village practices the rich theological gifts of the reformed tradition, recognizing that our faith shows up not only in our beliefs, but even more so in how we treat one another. Our ministry is shaped by an incarnational spirit. We love the church, the city and the world with an honesty that sees them as they are, and a vision for how God’s redemptive love can transform them.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ in a time when the church as we have known it is experiencing profound transition. We live in a time of increasing individualism and growing suspicion of institutions that heretofore have provided the tendons that have held communities together. As a result, the Christian Church in America is viewed with diminished respect. While life at Village remains strong, we recognize the future of mainline religion is fragile. It is more common to hear people describe themselves as “spiritual but not religious” than it is to hear them claim traditional mainline designations of Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal or Presbyterian.

We are 50 years after the American Civil Rights movement, but racism remains a relentlessly painful, complex and resilient sin. Society struggles with divisions between the wealthy and the impoverished. We are chasing after evolving technology. The internet has changed and continues to change not only how we communicate, but also how we are connected to one another. We as the church struggle to engage this technology with wisdom. Perhaps most significant of all, scientists report that the climate is changing. We see the polar ice caps melting, the coral reefs dying, water used in unsustainable rates, and weather patterns are confusing. Given the potential of this reality to touch the whole of creation, it may be considered the most significant moral issue of our time.

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For a generation the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been engaged in a denominational struggle regarding the place of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgendered people. The tide is turning toward inclusion and Village has been a leader in this struggle to welcome all of God's children. But the tide has not turned without costs. A new and very small denomination has formed as a result of this struggle, and other congregations continue to renounce their connection to the PC(USA) and have joined other denominations. Over the past decade, Village has been a leader in a movement called NEXT Church. It is a network of pastors and congregations paying attention to what God is doing next in the PC(USA).

In the larger culture it seems that information is more common than wisdom, fear is more prevalent than compassion, and immediate needs are privileged over long term service. To say it succinctly, we live in a time of beauty and brokenness.

As a congregation, we are a people of belief and unbelief. We have known the goodness of God and are grateful. We have heard the call of God and are striving to be faithful. In this season of transition, the way is not always clear, but we find tremendous joy in knowing that our ministry matters. We are confident that God is still at work in the church of Jesus Christ. We are not afraid.

So this day we pray for you, our brothers and sisters in Christ yet to be born. We pray that Village Presbyterian Church is strong and faithful, that you know a spirit of joy and courage. May God's Spirit guide your feet in the paths of peace. We pray that your conversations are not about the wealthiest 1% but about poverty being limited to 1%; but if not, may you be inspired by our faithfulness and instructed by our failures, as you strive toward the day when justice will roll down like waters. We pray that the evils of racism will be a painful lesson captured by the years between us, but if not, may the Spirit of God lead you to live toward that day when all of God's children will be treated as God's children. We pray that your testimony to the Gospel of Jesus Christ will always endeavor to be truthful, and when the truth is too big to know with certainty, to be honest. We pray that you hold deep care for one another and persistent hope for the world. May God’s Spirit guide you in the preservation of truth, the promotion of social righteousness, and enable you to be an exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world.

We have built this Welcome Center because we understand that hospitality is a Christian practice. Like the travelers on the Emmaus road who bid Jesus to “stay with us,” we, too, welcome God's children. But welcome is just the beginning. Jesus told his first disciples “they will know that you belong to me by your love for one another.” Our prayer is that this place is a place of friendship, where love for one another is known, and the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God is practiced. Here brothers and sisters in the faith can be reminded of the power revealed when God's children love one another.

May you walk in the knowledge that the promise of your baptism is trustworthy: you are God's children and there is no power in heaven or earth that can pull you from God's love. May the love revealed in Jesus Christ send you into God's beloved world, which is beautiful but broken, empowering you to live God's love in all that you say and do, forever living toward God's promised day. Live toward that day when justice will roll down like waters. Live toward that day when swords will be beaten into plowshares. Live toward that day when the lowly are lifted up, and all of God's children are welcomed at God's feasting table. Live toward that day when the holy reign of God is at last our home.

In the name of the Risen Christ
Shalom

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr.
Senior Pastor
Village Presbyterian Church (USA)
Food Pantry

Thanks to all for your generous donation of canned fruit for the Canned Fruit Food Drive on May 1. During the month of May, the Food Pantry is requesting all varieties of canned vegetables - spinach (a favorite among our clients), tomatoes, corn, all varieties of beans, peas, asparagus, potatoes, etc. There are usually sales going on - please consider bringing in a few cans with each visit to the church.

The Clothes Closet is asking for household items - like pots, pans, dishes, glasses, miscellaneous kitchen items. Spring cleaning may uncover some of these items that you are no longer using. The clients can put them to good use. Thank you.

Operation Breakthrough:
Our New Signature Mission

This month, the Mission Committee and Village Endowment have approved a total of $30,000 to fund a Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM for short) Smartlab at Operation Breakthrough. The Smartlab has been identified as the Signature Mission for this coming year. Construction begins this month, with a targeted operational date of June 1. If you want to see a Smartlab in action, click on the link to a video (http://www.creativelearningsystems.com/). As the project progresses, we’ll share updates. Thank you for your support of Village Mission through your annual gifts.

Life-Saving Surgeries in Haiti

A volunteer surgical group of 14, led by Village Church member Dr. Ted Higgins, spent the first week of April at Haitian Christian Mission (HCM) doing surgical interventions for dozens of Haitians. HCM’s operating room and minor procedure room stayed busy the entire week, taking care of 12-18 patients each day. A few exemplary cases shared by HCM highlight the necessity of these trips:

An urgent email regarding a patient with uncontrolled blood sugars, low blood pressure and a leg wound that had become infected leading to life-threatening gas gangrene, came to Dr. Maxine Cenatus and Betty Prophete. Due to the patient’s compromised health and critical status, there were no nearby facilities that would take her. Dr. Higgins agreed to see the patient, and the next morning, she arrived in critical condition. She was taken immediately to the OR for an above-knee amputation. The day after surgery, she was sitting up, working on standing with a walker, eating and spending time with her family.

The same day, another patient arrived at HCM with a rapidly growing abdominal mass requiring surgery operation. Dr. Higgins completed a morning-long operation to remove the tumor. The patient is recovering nicely from the surgery.

Cases like this, along with routine surgeries including many hernias and general surgeries, comprised a portion of the over 60 interventions done during the team’s work week. Patients travel great distances to have surgeries when surgical teams come to HCM.

These surgeries are part of the ministry that is carried out through your support of HCM and will be expanded when the new surgical facility, the Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope, is completed. Village Church has supported HCM’s work through a local community grant. If you are interested in learning more about this mission effort, contact Deborah White in the Village Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.
When their child was born 6 weeks early, the hospital bill mounted up and then came a layoff. Thomas and his wife were suddenly facing eviction from their apartment. With a new job around the corner, the couple couldn’t catch up in time to pay delinquent rent of $1,200 and called emergency assistance at Village Church. With the help of Village and other churches around the area, Thomas was able to piece together the funds needed to keep their housing.

Connie, her husband and young son were living in their car over the holidays. Sub-zero temperatures were on the way. Village Church, in cooperation with Hillcrest Transitional Housing, was able to get the family into housing before the freezing temperatures and snow settled into Kansas City. Village provided groceries, a warm welcome meal and a birthday cake for the 5-year old who turned six.

Through annual giving, Village provides safety net services to individuals and families like Thomas and Connie every week. Due to circumstances beyond their control, many Kansas Citians find themselves one paycheck away from homelessness or a utility shutoff. In 2015, 1,186 individuals, including 487 children, received emergency assistance from Village.

“Throughout the year Village bolsters emergency assistance support in Kansas City, partnering frequently with social service agencies such as Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army to pool the dollars needed to prevent hunger, homelessness or loss of gas, electricity or water,” shares Deborah White, director of mission. “To receive funds from us, clients either work through a case manager or provide written documentation indicating inadequate income or an urgent need to pay a bill for a vital service.”

In addition, the Village Food Pantry and Clothes Closet helps bridge the gap for many who are unemployed, underemployed or trying to make ends meet on social security income and food stamps. In 2015, pantry staff and volunteers at the Village Food Pantry served 17,712 individuals including 533 home bound seniors living in low-income apartments in Johnson County who receive groceries through the pantry’s delivery program. Also, volunteers from Village and the community provided more than 28,322 hours assisting clients with the many shopping, collecting, stocking, sorting, delivering and scheduling tasks that keep the pantry humming. A special thank you to pantry director Susan Webb who ensures that the day-to-day operations run smoothly and who helped generate a 14% increase in dollar contributions in 2015.

Moreover, the pantry received 663,628 pounds of food this past year with 17,245 coming from food drives and outside groups such as Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, schools, PW circles and miscellaneous community gardens…to name a few. Our biggest retail contributor, Trader Joe’s, gave 263,510 pounds of food with restaurants and grocers providing another 175,395 pounds. In other words, 82 percent of the food distributed through the pantry came from donors. In 2015, a grand total of 466,850 pounds went to our clients with another 109,430 pounds passed along to other agencies such as Cross-Lines, Jewish Family Services and Church of the Covenant.

All in all, Village Church reaches out beyond the church walls to bridge the gap for clients experiencing difficult and sometimes overwhelming challenges. Thanks to Village members’ financial commitment to mission and the time and talents of many of its members and partner organizations, Village can devote 15 percent of its total operating budget to community outreach.
The Village Church Sanctuary was packed with 800 people Friday, April 29, for a free community concert by award-winning indie folk band Barnaby Bright. Becky and Nathan Bliss of Barnaby Bright also lead music for The Gathering worship service Sundays at Village. The concert was sponsored by Connectional Ministries.

Thanks to the generosity of the audience a retiring offering of $2,851 was collected for The Children’s Place, a day treatment program for survivors of abuse and neglect, ages six weeks through six years of age. Thank you, Barnaby Bright and Village Church, for making this charitable donation possible.
Suicide Prevention Discussed on May 19

Tanya Hessong from Johnson County Mental Health will speak about “Suicide Prevention” at the next Families for Mental Health meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19. This is such an important topic, one that affects so many. Sharing and caring follows the presentation. Families for Mental Health meets the third Thursday of every month in Room 126.

Faith and Grief Lunch Series Meets June 7

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 each month 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.

Taizé Worship Service

Take a moment, relax, and reflect at the Taizé service. Join us for an evening worship service at 7 p.m. next Sunday, June 12, in the Chapel. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes song, silence, and scripture — all experienced at a quiet, reflective pace. We will also take communion together.

Summer “SINGS” at Village Church

All are welcome to three evenings singing the masterpieces of the choral canon. Spread the word and invite guest singers from other choirs and churches. Summer Sings will be in the Village Church Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Thursday, June 16, Mozart: Requiem
Arnold Epley, guest conductor

Thursday, June 23, Bach: St. John Passion (highlights)
Mark Ball, conductor

Thursday, June 30, Beethoven: Mass in C
Will Breytspraak, guest conductor

Visit www.villagepres.org for details on how to get scores.

The Midas Touch for Village Pipe Organ

Gilder Debra Miller was at organ builders Richards, Fowkes & Co. in Chattanooga, Tennessee the first week in May working on all of the gold ornamentation for our Village Church pipe organ, aka Opus 22. Some additional gold will be applied to the casework on site just before the facade is installed. There are 32 of these modillions in the upper casework of our organ. All of the carvings have now been painted and sized and some of them will be enhanced with just a touch of gold.

Thank your child’s teacher!

Honor the wonderful Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and other volunteers your child has had this year by giving a Tribute Gift to Village Church!

Simply make a Tribute Gift online by going to Village Church’s website, www.villagepres.org, click on “Endowment Trust” and then “Tribute Gifts.” For more information contact Molly Sirridge, director of Stewardship and Endowment Trust, 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.
Highlights from PW Spring Retreat  
April 22-23, 2016

Beautiful weather in a beautiful setting prevailed as 160 women gathered at the Heartland Presbytery Center for the 2016 Presbyterian Women’s Spring Retreat. Special guests Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin and her mother, Rev. Margaret Barnes Peery led the theme of the weekend — “Change: A Place Where God is Active!”

Activities included s’mores, campfire songs, a 7 a.m. morning walk with Rev. Jenny McDevitt, music by Elisa Bickers, friendship, laughter, spiritual growth, communion led by five ordained women including Jenny, Meg, Margaret, Rev. Diane Quaintance and Rev. Hallie Hottle, incredible workshops on prayer, music, transition and nature.

Special thanks to the retreat planning committee: Jennifer Stradinger, Kristen Schotte, Sarah McKee, Lois Hunt, Sara Gilson, Dee Gound, Patty Zender, Kim Stratton and Lucy Tidwell.

WOW Lunch at Bravo

Women of Wisdom (WOW) invites all ladies to join together for our first summer lunch at noon Tuesday, June 14. We will meet at Bravo! Cucina Italiana, on the north side of Town Center at 5005 West 117th. One of WOW’s favorites, Bravo! serves great Italian classics. We will enjoy food, lively conversation and fellowship in their inviting atmosphere of a fun Roman ruin décor. Join us and bring a friend. RSVP by Monday, June 13, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, 913-432-4321.

Women With Spirit Event  
My Favorite Things, Show and Tell Summer Edition

Join Women with Spirit for the My Favorite Things, Show & Tell Summer Edition at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Kelsey Nazar’s house (8340 Briar Lane, Prairie Village, 66207). We all have favorite things that save us time, make our life easier, more fun or we just simply like! Bring an appetizer to share with the group and your drink of choice. To RSVP and receive a list of “show and tell” items to bring, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com. Contact Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 to reserve child care.
Mass Incarceration Symposium
The Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force of Village Church will host a symposium on Mass Incarceration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Young Black and Hispanic men constitute the majority of people subject to lengthy, mandatory sentences in America’s prisons, often for nonviolent crimes. Panelists include local activists in areas of faith and social justice, moderated by Rev. Brian Ellison. See the Social Witness web page for more details.

Upcoming Village U Classes
Contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333 to register.

Intermediate Excel Classes
The Intermediate Excel classes will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, and from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in Room 316. 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.

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 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.

Truth & Transparency in our Food System, Monday, June 6 - The Environmental Action Committee is sponsoring a presentation by Carey Gillam about the Corporate Food System and some of its secrets. Carey is a veteran journalist and researcher with more than 25 years of experience, including 17 years as a senior correspondent for Reuters. She is the daughter of Village member Chuck Gillam. Class is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, in Room 127. Admission is free.

Finding the Face of God in Art
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 attempt to do. 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? Come, and together 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 Room 126.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes
The Cloud of Witnesses and Village Forum classes welcome Dr. David May whose topic will be Biblical Concepts of . . . Dreams, Laughter, and Money," Dreams. Laughing. Money. Over three Sundays we will explore the understandings of dreams, humor, and money from the biblical perspective of our ancestors in faith. The remaining sessions will be “The Biblical Understanding of Dreams,” May 22; “God Laughed”: The Biblical Understanding and Use of Humor and May 29; “Money, Money, Money”: The Economics of Jesus. 9:30 a.m. Rooms 126/127.

Summer Sunday Adult Church School – More Food for the Journey of Faith
Join us this summer every Sunday morning for an adult church school conversation that will further explore the sermon text for the day. The class will meet at 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Room 132. Focusing on the summer preaching theme of “Meals in the Bible,” the class will look at the various stories and parables around meals in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The class begins June 12 and ends Aug. 21. The majority of the classes will be taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Come and be further nourished by the word for the journey of faith.
Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2016!

Session welcomed 43 Village confirmands as our newest members of the church on Monday evening, May 2. Rev. Zach Walker also baptized five students. The Class of 2016 was introduced to the congregation on Confirmation Sunday, May 15.

Meet the 2016 Confirmation Class:


Confirmation is the process by which our youth learn what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ as a member of the church. The students have been attending Confirmation classes since late January of this year.
6th Grade Move-Up and Family Brunch

Sunday, May 22, will be our 6th graders last day with us as they are officially welcomed into Middle School Youth. To celebrate, parents and 6th graders are invited for Sunday Brunch to meet the Youth Staff and get to know what Middle School Youth is all about.

Traveling Day Camp

Join the fun of day camp, July 25-29, held once again at Southminster Presbyterian Church at 63rd and Roe. Day campers will learn all about “Courageous Faith” through Bible stories, crazy games, silly songs and most importantly fun. Call Cheryl for more information at 913-671-2355.

Village Church Preschool Winds Up Another School Year

Village Church Weekday Preschool wraps up its school year this week with our annual Family Picnic on the church lawn. We love this opportunity to eat and socialize together, accompanied by the joyful entertainment of one of our favorite performers, Dino O’Dell. It is always difficult to say goodbye to children and families who are moving on to elementary school but we treasure the memories and the connections we have made! We give special thanks for Village Church and the many, many ways you contribute to our program all year long.

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Dedication of Brady Stratton Memorial Wind Sculpture

Kim, Brad and Corinne Stratton, their families and friends who knew and loved Brady Stratton gathered Sunday, May 15, for the dedication of a memorial wind sculpture at the northeast entrance of Village Church. The wind sculpture was purchased through a generous gift made in loving memory of Brady and funds from the Children & Family Ministry department. It is located just outside the Village Church Nursery where Brady spent many Sunday mornings.

The dedication service was led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. Words of gratitude were offered by Sally Wallace, one of the donors who made the sculpture possible.

Brady’s younger sister Corinne shared, “When I was little I decided on behalf of Brady that her favorite thing to do was let me race her down the church ramp in her wheelchair pretending it was a roller coaster…We want to thank Village for all the prayers of support and love. There has always been a congregation of support surrounding us from all the way back to when Brady was baptized by Bob Meneilly 25 years ago to her funeral with so many people reflecting with us upon the gift of her life. And now today, as we recognize this gift here, we celebrate the gift of Brady sent from above.”
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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Because of Your Generosity...

Heartland Presbytery has partnered with the Kikuyu Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa to support the mission work in Thwake Village. Village, together with the rest of the churches in the Presbytery, dug a well to supply water to the community, clinic and school. Although this project took longer than initially expected, the water well was officially up and running by 2013 and the Thwake Villagers, for the first time in the life of their community, had access to clean running water.

VPC Sunday Worship Services

Traditional – 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

The Gathering – 10:45 a.m.
In Friendship Hall

STARTING SUNDAY, JUNE 5
Traditional - 9:30 and 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

The Gathering – 5 p.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