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Community LINC Transforming Generations/Trauma Informed Care Program Village Church Signature Mission for 2017

Every year, the Village Church Mission Committee invites selected nonprofit organizations to apply for Signature Mission funds. This fund, which is generally combined with the Least of These Fund from Endowment Trust, provides the monies for a larger than customary gift from Village Church to a community nonprofit. These funds may help start new programs, expand infrastructure and/or serve new clientele. In general, Signature Mission provides funds to help a local organization grow. It offers an authentic opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ through service work and an identifiable place to grow in relationship with God. The Village Church Mission Committee has selected the Community LINC's new Trauma Informed Care Program for this coming year's Signature Mission.

In 1986, a group of citizens from local churches created Community LINC to address ways to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Today, it is one of the largest single-site providers of interim housing for homeless families in Kansas City. The goal of the program is to stabilize families for sustained independence. LINC owns six buildings with 36 units and has an annual budget of \$2.2 million. They serve 150 families a year.

Community LINC does more than rehouse families. Adults participate in employment services, budgeting, healthy lifestyles and life skills classes,



mental wellness services and intensive and individualized case management. Services for children include bi-weekly classes on nutrition, resilience skills, academic advocacy and support and mental wellness.

The Transforming Generations/Trauma Informed Care project aims to expand LINC's current services in order to impact the next generation and reduce the likelihood of teens and children ever becoming homeless adults. This program will work hand in hand with mental wellness services that Community LINC already provides.

After 28 years of service delivery, Community LINC

has discovered that most program participants have experienced some sort of trauma that contributed to their homelessness. Studies show that over 92 percent of homeless mothers have experienced severe physical and/or sexual abuse. Compared to low-income housed mothers, they have three times the rate of PTSD (36%), twice the rate of drug and alcohol dependence (41%) and half have experienced major depression since becoming homeless. Incorporating a trauma informed program is critical to heal and break the cycle of

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homelessness. By increasing resilience and educating parents and children on the effect of trauma, Community LINC will increase the protective factors in a child's life.

With the new program, Community LINC anticipates serving 300 children during 2017. The funding for the program will cover the following expenses:

- Youth and Children coordinator to manage the project
- presentations with experts on trauma
- trauma trainings for community partners with landlords, school personnel, etc.
- curriculum on protective factors for children and youth
- lobby upgrade to make it more child friendly and warm and calming
- resilient/Protective Factor baskets
- integration of two-generation art programming for healing and family bonding through Kansas City Young Audiences

Program success will be measured with pre and post testing, monitoring of debt satisfaction, employment and meeting attendance and through case management reports and reviews. Community LINC's goal aims to have 80 percent of families who exit from transitional to permanent housing remain stable for five years. In addition, they want 70 percent of participating children to average 80 percent or higher on resiliency cognition.

With \$15,000 from Village Church Mission Operating Funds, \$25,300 from several Village donors and \$8,257 from Village Endowment along with donations from Kansas City foundations, companies and individual donors, the mental wellness program will become a reality during 2017.

In the fall, Community LINC plans to host an open house for Village Church members to see and learn firsthand more about the program. Furthermore, Community LINC offers a number of volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved, call 816-551-5862 or email Daniel Barber at volunteer@communitylinc.org.



On Monday, May 15, the Endowment Trust of Village Church presented a check for \$8,257 from the Least of These Fund to the Mission Committee. The Mission Committee has selected Community LINC as this year's Signature Mission and these funds will be used to start their Trauma Informed Care program addressing the root causes of generational poverty in our community.

I GIVE ELECTRONICALLY



Show Your Generosity

Is your annual gift to Village Church set up electronically? Do you wish you had a means to share with others a symbol that shows your support of Village Church through online giving? Look in the book holder in front of your pew and find the card that says I Give Electronically. When the offering plate is passed, just place this card in the plate as a representation of your generous gift.

Food Pantry

Summer is here! As you're pulling out those summer clothes from last year, remember the Clothes Closet. They will be glad to accept your cast-offs - clean and gently used - for all ages and sizes! Accessories are a big hit with the clients - hats, shoes, purses, sunglasses, etc. The Closet also needs small household items.

The Food Pantry's request is for 1 lb. packages of all types of rice and dried beans. The Pantry is also thinking summer needs and is asking for sunscreen, insect repellent and deodorant.

Drop-off times at the Pantry are on the back page of the *Good News*. Thank you for your generous donations.

Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines

Friday, July 14, Village will for 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, July 13. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Village Church Prayer Labyrinth Completed

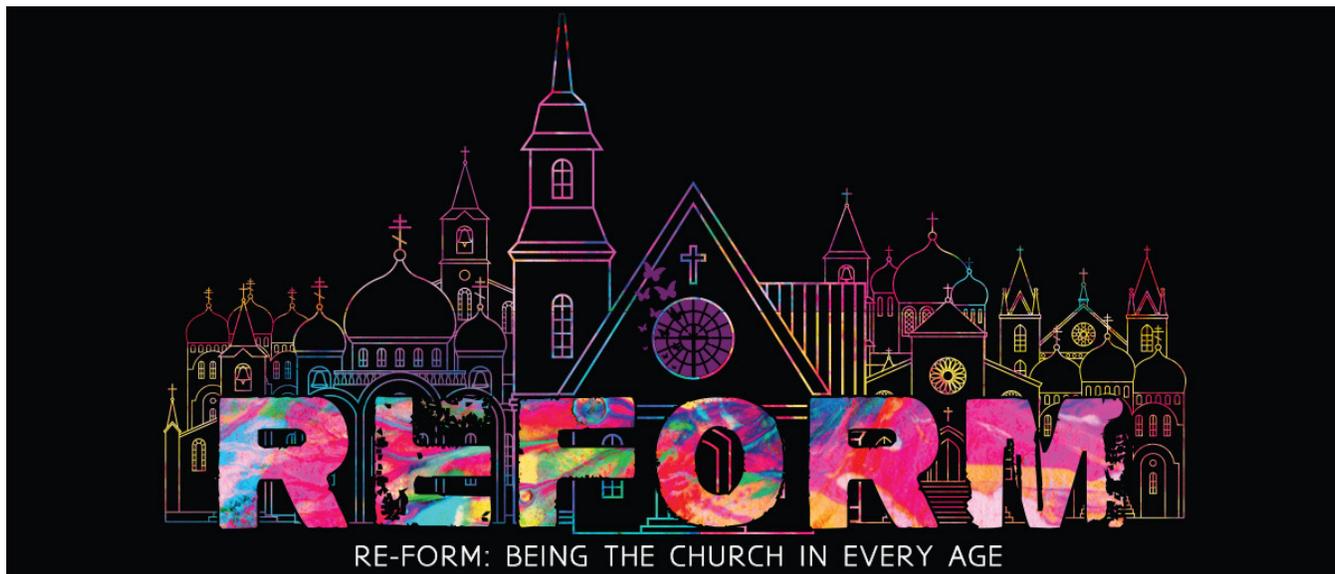
On Saturday, May 13, Village Church completed construction of its first prayer labyrinth located at the Meneilly Center for Mission at 99th and Mission Road.

A labyrinth has a circuitous path that winds its way into the center. It is meant to quiet the mind. Since the destination is assured, with no obstacles to overcome, what remains is a deeply meditative and purposeful discipline of setting one foot in front of the other. Unlike a maze, the person walking it uses the same path to return from the center and the entrance then becomes the exit. The path is in full view, which allows a person to focus internally.

A special thank you to the following 18 volunteers, including those from the Village Singles and Young Adults who rolled up their sleeves to make the labyrinth a reality:

Gadine Acton, Becky Anderson, Ann Colston, Dee Couch, George Crawford, George Darrington, Rev. Hallie Hottle, Amy Jantz, Jean Jennings, Carol Mosher, Rob Nelson, Bev Rehkop, Caitlin Samuel, Marcia Shideler, Jenna Soltys, Deborah White, Wayne White and Cindy Wilcox.





Reform, Multigenerational Vacation Bible School for the Whole Church July 10-13 at Village on Antioch

Why should kids get to have all the fun? This original Vacation Bible School program is intended for all ages. We believe our chances of learning and growing are better when all ages are at the table. Bring family and friends, of any age, or come alone.

We'll eat dinner together, create music and art and split into groups for age-appropriate learning with nationally known pastors and staff. Our VBS creators and leaders are Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor of Village Church, Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor and director of educational ministries, and Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor for young adults and Village on Antioch bridge site pastor.

Our theme, Reform, comes from this year's 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Our faith has followed this pattern of changing, re-forming in some way every 500 years since the birth of the Church. We are of the mind that it's happening again, and that we are potentially the witnesses and participants to a new thing God is doing in and through the Church. Come, imagine what this new thing might be with us.

All people are invited and welcome.

VBS Nightly Schedule

5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6 p.m.	Large Group Opening
6:15 p.m.	Break Into Age Groups
	Children downstairs for games, crafts and learning
	Adults upstairs with Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Tom Are for education and formation
7:15 p.m.	Large Group Activity
7:30 p.m.	Large Group Closing

Go to <https://villageantioch.org/vbs-registration> to register online. Questions? Email hallie@villageantioch.org or call 913-681-8180.



Ice Cream Social

Please join us for our 42nd Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 25, in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot area of Village Church on Mission.

This community event is packed with summertime fun for the whole family. Enjoy all the ice cream you can eat, a Kona Ice Truck with flavored, shaved ice drinks, popcorn, a petting zoo, face painting, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables, a 15-foot slide and more.

Admission is \$2 a person. Invite your friends and neighbors, too! Call Connectional Ministries at 913-671-2331 for more information or visit www.villagepres.org

Age Specific Dinner

40s & 50s Dinner, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant

6 p.m. Thursday, June 15

Couples and singles are invited to meet at the famous Olive Garden Italian Restaurant at 6750 W. 95th St. in Overland Park, to enjoy Italian classics with other Village Church friends. We'll gather at 6 p.m. for dinner. Olive Garden is located on 95th Street, just east of Metcalf. The reservation is under "Village Church Group, Liz Middleton." Each person is responsible for their own tab. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal. Go to www.olivegarden.com to check out the menu. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359. Space is limited!

Ushers Needed

If you are interested in helping to usher for the worship service of your choice on Sunday mornings, please contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331. Thank you.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

Village Presbyterian Church launched a new Single Adult Ministry this spring. This new ministry will offer a variety of programs and events for all single adults (age 40 & up) in our congregation and community. Our plan, initially, is to focus on four programming areas which include:

1. Taste of KC (meet for dinner in local restaurants)
2. Service Projects (work on mission/service projects together)
3. Faith & Film (watch a movie/eat together, followed by discussion)
4. Outdoor Activities (gather for walks, bike rides, etc.)

We also have a Single Adult Leadership Team in place with eight members: Ben Hard, Dee Couch, Jean Jennings, Judy Wiseman, Mary Kapka, Joni Kimsey, Denise Ray and Richard Frederick. This team is working to create programming opportunities for 2017. The Village staff contact for this new ministry is Cindy Wilcox, director of Connectional Ministries.

The Single Adults just completed their first service project on Saturday, May 13, which included building an outdoor prayer labyrinth next to our Community Garden at the Village Church Robert and Shirley Meneilly Center for Mission (99th & Mission Rd.). (See page 3 of this *Good News*)

Below is information about two more upcoming events.

6 p.m. Friday, June 30 - Taste of KC dinner at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, 95th and Metcalf in Overland Park.

6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 - Faith & Film - View movie *Collateral Beauty*, followed by discussion.

Please contact Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org to RSVP for these events.



SERMON SERIES

Living Unafraid in a Frightening World

When Easter was over and the world got back to normal, some recognized there was a new normal now. The world today is a place of crosses. Bodies fail and hearts break, systems and structures crush the powerless. There is enough in this world to scare you to death. But Jesus is alive now—there is a new normal. Jesus is alive now, so we can live, even in this world, as a people who are living unafraid in a frightening world.

June 11	Acts 10	The Last Person I Thought I Would Need
June 18	Act 15	When God Shows Up At Your Meeting
June 25	Acts 20:7-12	A Lesson From Eutychus
July 2	Acts 15: 36-41	Barnabas: Son of Encouragement
July 9	Acts 26:12-18	Have I Told You This Story Before?
July 16	Acts 28:23-30	It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This

Women with Spirit Girl's Night Out, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15

We're going casual for the summer month of June ladies... say Cheers to a GNO! Throw on your comfy jeans or better yet, yoga pants (that's what they're for after all, right?) and join us in Waldo at the KC Bier Co. at 310 W. 79th Street in Kansas City, Mo. Of course you can buy food/drinks there or even bring your own bottle of wine for a \$10 corking fee. So if you're ready for a chill night out on the town, come! Sit, relax and chat it up with your fellow fab Women with Spirit!

Contact pam.southerland@villagepres.org by June 8 for child care reservations, available from 6-8:30 p.m.

WOW Lunch at Jack Stack Barbeque on Metcalf

Jack Stack Barbeque (corner of 95th and Metcalf) is the destination for Women of Wisdom's (WOW) first lunch of the summer season. All women are warmly invited to join us there at noon Wednesday, June 21. This popular restaurant features smoked meats and chicken, grilled seafood, entrée salads and yummy sides, including their classic baked beans, coleslaw and cheesy corn bake.

We will be seated in a secluded area in this casual, friendly restaurant, and hope you'll want to enjoy good food in the warm company and fellowship of delightful women. RSVP to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321 by Tuesday, June 20. Look forward to seeing you!

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

All Are Welcome at the Faith & Grief Lunches

The first Tuesday of every month, Village partners with four other area churches to offer the Faith & Grief lunch program. Grieving the loss of someone close is a challenging journey; sometimes being with others who are facing this same challenge can help. The lunch features a short program and conversation around tables led by a trained facilitator. Lunch is provided. Come every month, come when your schedule allows, or just come once to check it out. Faith & Grief lunches are from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Please 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.

Saint John Passion Concert Retiring Offering Check Presentation

On May 18, *Saint John Passion* concert conductor Matthew Shepard presented a \$4,725 check to Jewish Vocational Service Refugee Services Executive Director Hilary Cohen Singer. The check from the Village Presbyterian Church Music Department is the total retiring offering collected from the *Saint John Passion* concert at Village Church on April 9.



Faith Seeking Understanding. Conversations On the Sermon Text for All Adults

Beginning the first Sunday in June and continuing each Sunday through Aug. 20, all adults are invited to study and discuss the Bible text for the day's sermon. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor and director of adult educational ministry, will lead the majority of classes. The class will meet in Rooms 126-127 from 10:45-11:45 a.m. The class welcomes persons who are new to the Bible as well as those who are more familiar with the Bible. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will explore the context of the Bible passage, discuss what the preacher said in the sermon, and better understand what it means to us as followers of Jesus.

Solar Panels Installed at Child & Family Development Center

Solar panels have provided clean, sustainable power to the Village Church Food Pantry since 2008. A similar system of 45 panels has been installed at the new Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road and is scheduled to go online in late November.

The building has been electrically designed to accommodate an expandable array of 268 solar panels capable of developing approximately 76KW of electrical power (about 2/3 of the building's annual electrical demand). Each panel is equipped with its own micro-inverter and produces 285 watts of power, allowing for minimal incremental cost of expansion. The solar arrays will be ballast mounted on the south-facing roof, tilted at 10 degrees toward the south. It is estimated these panels should pay for themselves in about 15 years.

Funding for the initial 45 panels and expandable electrical infrastructure was donated by four couples and four individuals. The Environmental Action Committee also contributed over \$2,000 that had accumulated for several years from its Deffenbaugh recycling rebates. Over the years, as more funds are raised, this solar array will be expanded in blocks of 21 panels.

These solar panels will save the church money each year during the 25-year life of the panels—money that can be used to support expanded mission and ministry. Plus it has the additional benefit of reducing indirect costs, such as emissions that contribute to health problems and climate change.

As the solar array is expanded to its full capacity, these panels will contribute to the well being

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2 of 3 rows of solar panels installed to provide clean energy to the new Day Care building.



The system used to orient the units toward the sun.

of future generations of God's People and God's Creation. During the 50+ years' life of this building, they will constitute a legacy for the Child and Family Development Center children and their children.

To make a contribution, send a check payable to "Village Presbyterian Church" to the attention of Marianne Weber at 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Write "SOLAR PANELS" on the memo line. Like all donations to the church, this donation will be tax deductible. Questions? Contact Al Pugsley at 913-226-7225. Thank you for your support!



All three rows of the expandable installation.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Nominate Your "Green Saint"

The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church needs your help! Surrounded by the manifestations of climate change, environmental degradation, and dwindling natural resources, EAC would like to award recognition to Village members who demonstrate exceptional dedication to earth consciousness in their thinking and living. These are people who practice, model, and teach faithful and responsible stewardship of God's Creation by adopting sustainable practices and technology in their daily life, by sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm to influence others, and by supporting environmental programs, legislation and organizations.

You probably know one of these "green saints" walking among us. Nominate one or more deserving members for EAC's 2017 Earth Steward Award. In addition to adults, we would also like to recognize the environmental efforts of our youth, children, and entire families. We encourage nominations in these categories as well.

Previous recipients of the Earth Steward Award are Al and Carole Pugsley and Taylor Cantril in 2009, Sarah Are and Caroline Barnett in 2010, Wayne and Janet Bates and Chuck Gillam in 2011, Jerry Rees in 2012, Michael and Diana Bay and Bob and Bonita Siemens in 2013, Rev. Dwight Tawney in 2014, Lisa, Robbie and Margaret Veglahn and Judy Baird in 2015, and Jim Porter, Jacob Rubesch and Dr. Herb Young in 2016.

To nominate a green saint, contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4240, ReesVeenstra@aol.com or Rodger Nishioka at 913-671-2323, rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org.

Village Cares for God's Creation

Let us step outside for a moment.
It is all there
Only we have been slow to arrive
At a way of seeing it.
Unless the gentle inherit the earth
There will be no earth.

"New Year Poem" by May Sarton, 1993



New Little Ones

Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little ones born recently: William Sears Stenger (Annie and Sean Stenger, parents) and Gunnar Jacob Fox (Kelly and Preston Fox, parents). A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday in June to celebrate these new babies.



Be a Faith Friend

Build loving relationships with the youngest in our church family by committing to one or two Sundays a month. We provide the training, lessons, supplies and encouragement! There are still openings in many age groups. If you feel called to nurture children and help build their faith, call Cheryl Couch-Thomas at 913-671-2355.

Village Church Weekday Preschool

Village Church Preschool currently has a couple of spots opening up for the coming school year. If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time preschool experience (ages 3, 4 and 5) in a nationally accredited, creative and nurturing learning environment, please call the Preschool Office at 913-671-2338. We'd love to have you join us!

A few spots left in the following Creations By Kids Camps

- June 12-16 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Healthy Eating = Healthy Children
completed grades 1,2,3,4
- June 19-23 12:30-3:30 pm.
Camping We Will Go
Preschool
- June 19-23 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Poetry
completed grades 2,3,4,5,6
- June 26-30 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Wiggle Giggle a Musical Journey
Preschool
- July 10-14 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mission is Possible
completed grades 3,4,5,6
- July 17-21 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mission is Possible
completed grades 3,4,5,6

To register, call Debbie Smith at 913-671-2379.





You're invited to the
VILLAGE CHURCH
CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Community Open House
& Dedication

3-5 p.m. • Sunday, June 11 • 9900 Mission Rd
 Tours, activities for kids & refreshments!
 Short program at 3:30 p.m.

**The Village Church Preschool
End of Year Picnic
May 18, 2017**

We had beautiful weather and a wonderful turnout for the Village Church Preschool End of Year Picnic on Thursday, May 18. Children, parents, grandparents and staff enjoyed live music by Dino O'Dell and his band. The kids came up to the stage and danced, wiggled and hopped to the music.

Retiring Preschool Director Terri Gaeddert told the crowd, "Thank you to all of you for the many ways that you have touched our lives as a staff here, and for opening yourself up to hopefully some ways that we have also touched you.



It's been a wonderful partnership and a wonderful relationship through the years, and I think you've given your children a wonderful gift."

Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of Children and Family Ministry, said "Terri was instrumental in getting outdoor classrooms in the Preschool playground. So we have signs that will be placed in each area." Terri noted that her favorite area is the "Dirt Digging Area."

Assistant Preschool Director Debbie Smith gave Terri artwork of a tree with quotes from the children on each leaf, which brought a few tears. Then, the children came forward and handed Gerber daisies to Terri.

Incoming Village Preschool Director Sarah McKee hugged Terri and said, "You may be little in stature, but you leave big shoes to fill."

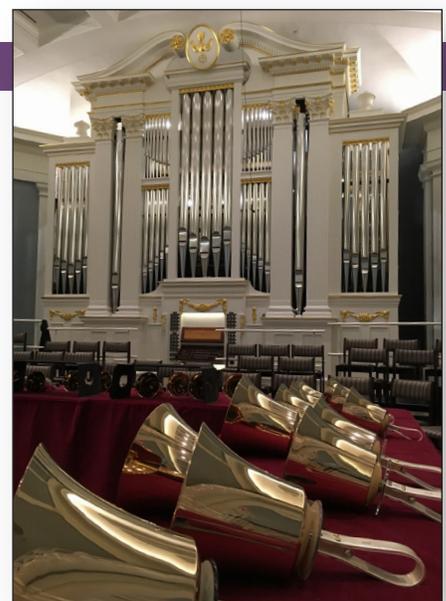


Sarah McKee and Terri Gaeddert

MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Basics Workshop

Come learn to ring handbells in a fun, relaxed setting. You will be amazed at how quickly you are able to make beautiful music! This free workshop is specifically for individuals who have no ringing experience, although it is helpful to have some basic music reading ability. The three session workshop will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Thursdays, June 15, 22, and 29, in the Choir Room 14. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the joy of ringing! To sign up, or for more info, contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734.





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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

The Power of Giving

In 1949, Village Church was a small church with big dreams in a new and growing family-oriented community and neighborhood. The vision and goals of those original church members lives on today, and the power of giving by our current membership can be witnessed each and every day in so many ways.

Village Church Pantry: provides food, clothing, personal and household products to families on a limited income in a compassionate manner; over 49,000 pounds of food are distributed on a monthly basis.

Dominican Republic Medical Partnership: Over 800 patients were provided medical care during 5 separate mission trips in the past 12 months; 150 patients underwent needed surgeries provided by Village Church medical teams.

Habitat for Humanity: Since 1979, Village Church has contributed whole or in part to the construction of over 45 homes in our community.

Local Community Outreach: Village Church supports numerous community groups and non-profit organizations focusing on childhood education, hunger and homelessness. Examples are Community LINC, Operation Breakthrough, Front Porch Alliance, Crosslines, Community Blood Center and many other worthy organizations.

The Village Commitment Committee thanks you for your gifts and annual pledges which are so important to the continuing work we do here at Village Church. We are overwhelmingly grateful for your support. Thank you!

—Jack Foster



SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION

9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sanctuary

5 p.m. The Gathering
Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH

11 a.m. - Sanctuary

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

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IN MEMORY

Helen "Missy" Eubank
John Hamilton
Betty Henson
Caryl Herman
Jennifer KIELTYKA
Phyllis Krause
Patricia 'Pat' Volk
Wanda Wood

The Village Church Pipe Organ Nears Completion

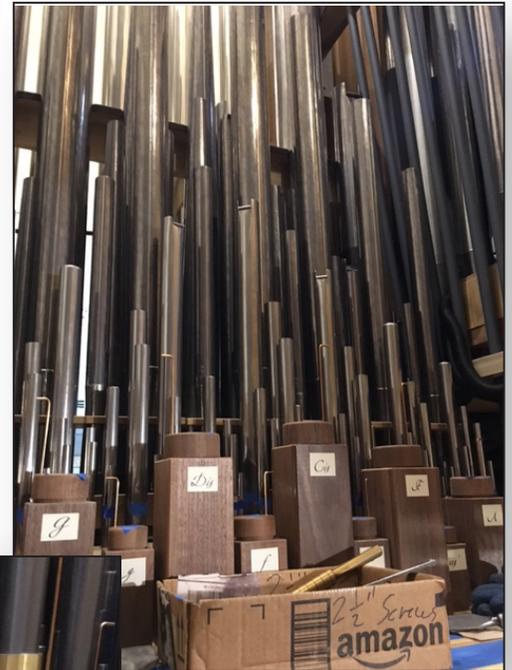
With over 75% of its 3,800 pipes now voiced, organ builders Richards, Fowkes & Company are now installing and voicing reed pipes in the Village pipe organ. Principal Organist Dr. Elisa Bickers explains, "There are two different kinds of pipes in the organ: flue pipes and reed pipes. Reed pipes are the ones that sound like oboes, trumpets, bassoons, anything that would be like a brass instrument. They go in last in the organ because they are closest out of the chest. We've been voicing pipes in the order that they are out in the chest. So we start with those further back. You add the next one and you voice those, etc. The reeds are the last ones to be put in. I need them to be closest, so I can tune them later."

"We've had another organ builder here, Patrick Fischer, who is a reed specialist. We've had three guys working on the reeds. The reed pipes take longer to voice than the flues because they're more finicky. They don't make her any louder, but they give her that character, like that nice big brassy chord at the end of a hymn."

The zimbelstern, which is a series of chimes, arrived in late May. "I'll use it on my opening concert on Aug. 20 for sure. That's the non-pipe part of our organ that's this little set of chimes."

Organ Dedication Sunday is Aug. 6. "We'll be celebrating the pipe organ during morning worship, with a particular focus on congregation singing," said Dr. Bickers. "The Pipe Organ Committee will work with Rev. Tom Are to plan the worship for Aug. 6."

Dr. Bickers will play an organ dedication opening concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23. Child care will be available for both concerts. Call Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 to make your child care reservation. "Aug. 20 is when we're going to invite our architect and our organ builders and everybody from the committees for the Sanctuary and Pipe Organ to come and be recognized. This is a celebration and a day of gratitude for them, too. They have been doing this for over eight years. It's a labor of love and I think we have all enjoyed it."



Above are the reed boots for the Great's 16' and 8' trumpets.

Pictured left are the wooden boots for the pedal 16' posaune (trombone). Behind the boots is the freshly voiced pedal mixture.



"My opening concert is for every one of us who has been waiting for this. I want to share pieces that are rip-your-heart-out beautiful, as well as jump-up-in-the-air exciting and everything in between. So we've got pieces that span about 600 years. One was written particularly for this day by local composer Geoff Wilcken. It's called *Rosette*."

"I have carefully chosen pieces that I think show off the great variety that the instrument offers. She has her roots in 17th century Dutch pipe organs. So I've got some wonderful Renaissance and Baroque pieces that will really show off that perspective. But we've also asked the organ builders to put foundational stops that would not have been found on a 17th century Dutch organ, because we are a 21st century Presbyterian Church."

"I've got two particular pieces planned on my program to honor our former Village organists. One will be in memory of Helen Hogan and one in honor of Laverne Friday, because they were such amazing contributors to the music and organ here at this Church."

The Village Church Pipe Organ Dedication Concert Series runs from August 2017 through the spring of 2018. "We've kept the dedication year really varied," shared Dr. Bickers. "We have solo organ concerts. We have choir and organ. We've got orchestra and organ. We've got chamber music and organ. We've got short recitals and long recitals. But we wanted to have it in all of her ways, and particularly opening the year with lots of hymn singing, which we will do on Aug. 6 and then closing the year next spring with a hymn festival."

World-renowned concert organist Doug Cleveland will be performing at Village Church on Sunday, Sept. 25. "I met Doug when he came to play as a concert organist at my undergraduate school when I was a student and I turned his pages," remembers Dr. Bickers. "I learned so much just standing three feet away from him and observing how this man played. I've kept in touch with him and we see each other at conventions. He has performed all over the world. He has never lost a competition. He's phenomenal. He can play anything in the world, and he is the nicest person you'll ever meet."

Visit www.villagepres.org for the complete listing of times and dates for organ dedication concerts.

During Creations by Kids Summer Camp in June, the preschoolers are going to come to the Sanctuary for a special organ program. "It's a funny little script that someone wrote that shows all the different types of pipes. And there's a narrator speaking on Old English, which is perfect for that age. It all takes variations of the tune *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*—a really familiar tune but with all these different types of sounds."

Look for Village U classes where you can learn all about the new pipe organ in the fall catalog. "Dr. Rodger Nishioka and I have been talking about doing one a month during the organ dedication year," said Dr. Bickers. "We'll do two of those in the evening and two during the day. It should be a nice intimate class for whoever decides to do it. Details are still being worked out. It will be a time to get up close and personal. People can ask questions. I will have diagrams. We can go inside to really see how it works."

Fall Village U registration for church members opens Aug. 16. The catalog will be posted online by Aug. 3.



This is the zimmelstern for the Village Church pipe organ. The English translation for zimmelstern is "cymbal star." When engaged, the star rotates, producing a continuous tinkling sound. The organ's zimmelstern is installed on top of the choir division, right by the ceiling.