Are You Ready for Some Ice Cream?
The Scoop on the 40th Annual Village Ice Cream Social

Join us for our 40th Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, in Friendship Hall. It’s also a celebration of Pastor Jay McKell’s service to Village Church!

New at this year’s Ice Cream Social is a photo booth, petting zoo and Kona Ice Truck that will have flavored, shaved ice drinks. We’ll also have our old favorites: popcorn, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables and a 15-foot slide, food, fun and of course all the ice cream you can eat!

Admission is $2 a person. Everyone is welcome, so bring friends and family. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for more information.
Song Recital with Tenor Christopher Reames
6 p.m. Sunday, June 21, Village Church Chapel

Christopher Reames served as a music ministry intern while he was a student at William Jewell College (2013-2015). He has since gone on to complete a Master of Music degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and is nearing completion of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of New York at Stonybrook. In April of 2014 he returned to Kansas City to perform the role of Uriel in our performance of Haydn’s “Creation” at Helzberg Hall.

We are delighted to welcome him back to Village Church for a lovely evening of singing. He will join with pianist Mark Ball to present songs by Robert Schumann and Claude Debussy and a collection of hymns and spirituals. There is no admission charge.

The Summer Sings at Village Church
Four kinds of musical events to make the summertime SING!

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17
Village Chapel
**Singing 101** – an hour of group singing lessons from Mark Ball
If you already know how to sing – you may not attend.
If you are shy or unsure about your singing – this is for you.

6 p.m. Sunday, June 21
Village Chapel
**Christopher Reames**, tenor, and Mark Ball, piano, present an evening of beautiful songs.

7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24
Friendship Hall
**SING MASTERWORKS** – Vivaldi’s *Gloria* and Vaughan Williams’ *Mystical Songs*. This event is for singers, and especially those who like to sing.

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8
Friendship Hall
**SING MASTERWORKS** – Brahms’ *A German Requiem*. This event is for singers, and especially those who have sung this great work before.

6 p.m. Sunday, July 12
Village Chapel
**Alannah Garnier, soprano; Devin Burton, baritone;** and Mark Ball and Elisa Bickers, pianists, present an evening of beautiful songs and duets.

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15
Village Chapel
**Sing the Faith III** Hymns, Songs and Spirituals for Everyone to Sing

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22
Friendship Hall
**SING MASTERWORKS** – Handel’s *Messiah* (selected choruses).
This event is for singers who love to sing *Messiah*. 
April 28 Blood Drive Results
We collected 42 pints of blood at the Village Church Blood Drive on April 28. In addition, the following donors received their gallon pins:

Ed Dexter, 6 gallons
Charlotte Davison, 5 gallons
Bonnie Ruzich, 3 gallons
Michelle O’Neal, 1 gallon

Thank you to all who contributed their time to give life-saving blood for hospitals in our community.

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet
The Clothes Closet is hoping that you will check your linen closets for sheets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths, etc., that you are no longer using. The shelves are very low on these items, and they are in much demand with our clients. The Food Pantry is requesting child-friendly lunch foods – hearty soups and canned pasta meals (Spaghettios, ravioli, beef stew, etc.) – to fill the void created by not having a free school lunch. It’s usually a small thing for you to add a couple of cans to your grocery cart; it’s a big thing for some of the Pantry’s hungry clients. Thank you!

Another Successful School Year with BackSnack
The Village Church BackSnack volunteers have wrapped up another successful school year with the BackSnack program. The volunteer team delivered approximately 3,045 food packs to 105 children during this school year! That is a wonderful accomplishment, and the families at Overland Park Elementary and Neiman Elementary are so very grateful.

Nicole Muller and Amanda Lambright have coordinated the program over the past four years. Thank you Nicole and Amanda, for making this program possible. Also, thank you to Jane Emley and Amy Turpin who will be taking their spots as the BackSnack coordinators this fall.
Congratulations To Len Carrell

Len Carrell became our associate pastor in Pastoral Care Sunday, June 7. Len was selected from over 100 applicants.

A Message from the APNC

Progressing through the discernment phase of our search, we have come in contact with some wonderful people, full of talent and gifts. Len Carrell was the one we kept returning to… his earnest love of God and the church was the spark that caught our attention. His winsome way of connecting with our committee, meeting each one of us where we were, is the piece that let us know he would be a natural in Pastoral Care, caring for our members who are experiencing life’s sting. As we further built a relationship with Len, we found that he has a warm sense of humor, spins wonderful stories, stays in the faith conversations and has an endless supply of positive energy. Len’s eagerness to learn and humble spirit are the icing on the cake. We welcome Len, his wife Tanisha and his daughter, Caitlin, to our Village Church family!

—Alice Carrott, APNC chair

We’ll share more about Len in the July 7 Good News.

Stephen Ministry Needs You!

If you often find yourself listening to and praying with people, this is your opportunity! Stephen Ministry provides confidential, one-on-one Christian caregiving when someone is going through a challenging time. Stephen Ministers care for people in the midst of grief, unemployment, loneliness, illness, family illness, changing family dynamics of any sort, and more. We are recruiting now for our next class of Stephen Ministers. Training begins in September. Stephen Ministry is a wonderful way to give back to the Village community and a great way to develop deeper relationships yourself. Our 70+ Stephen Ministers gather twice monthly for continuing education, small groups, and prayer. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, or to request an application for the upcoming training, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 913-671-2367 or jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org.

NEW: Cancer Support Network Needs YOU!

Cancer affects far too many members of our Village community. While many of you are currently receiving treatment; thanks be to God, many of you have successfully completed treatment. Cancer is a difficult journey for the individual and for those who love them. Sometimes, simply knowing you are not alone, and knowing who else has walked this road before you (or is still walking alongside you) can be a tremendous gift.

At the prompting of some of our members, we are beginning a Cancer Support Network. Someone newly diagnosed with breast cancer may be grateful to talk with someone else who has or had breast cancer. Someone in the middle of treatment for lymphoma may wish to talk to someone else who has completed treatment for lymphoma. The spouse of someone with cancer may benefit from advice from another spouse who knows a bit what the journey feels like. Shared experiences lighten the burdens we carry.

To get this new ministry off the ground, we need to hear from YOU. If you are interested in participating, to either receive or give support, please contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org or 913-671-2367.

Women of Wisdom Mid-Summer Luncheon July 16

Women of Wisdom have scheduled a mid-summer luncheon at noon on Thursday, July 16, at The Tavern in Mission Farms, 10681 Mission Road in Leawood. All women are invited to share warm fellowship and good food at this popular restaurant that features classic American cuisine served in a stylish, comfortable setting. RSVP to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, or to Marvie Sneegas, at 913-209-9608 or sneegi@kc.rr.com by Tuesday, July 14. Whether you have been a longtime attendee at WOW get togethers or are considering attending for the first time, please know you are warmly welcomed.
The Bible is filled with stories of ordinary people. Some of them are good. Many of them are surprisingly selfish. Most are afraid, yet some show courage in the face of fear. Some accomplish big things, but most we know only for a moment. Some have strange names, like Onesimus and Rizpah and others bear names we give to our children, like Mary and James. And yet, the most fascinating thing about these people is that we know their names because they, at least for a moment, were part of God’s story. This list is long of those who have been part of God’s work of redemption in this world. As we consider these fascinating people from the Bible, we may discover how our name is on the list of God’s good work as well. Upcoming sermons include:

June 21   Joseph of Arimathea
June 28   James
July 5    Samson

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
The Most Fascinating People

There are lots of fascinating people in the Bible. You will recognize some of their names; some will not be familiar at all. Their stories will give you glimpses of God, and perhaps of yourself. Some of them are ordinary folks, and some do extraordinary things. Our SUMMER SUNDAYS class — a combined class for youth and adults — will follow Tom Are’s sermon series. Leaders will rotate, offering their own perspective on the biblical character of the week. Now through Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-noon in Rooms 126 and 127. Upcoming classes include:

June 21   Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:42-47) – taught by Dr. David May
June 28   James (The Letter of James) – taught by Dr. Gus Breytspraak
July 5    Samson (Judges 16) – taught by Dr. John Borden
The 12th Year of Creations By Kids Just Started!
Here are some images of the first week.

Art Around the World
Kids discover art in other cultures.

1-2-3 Action
Creative music and drama, complete with a Friday afternoon performance.

Creations By Kids
Even our youngest artists get to explore art.

The Great Outdoors
Fun in the sun, playing and painting outside!

Congrats to Eagle Scout Chase Conderman
Village Church Preschool would like to extend our congratulations to church member, Chase Conderman, who recently completed his Eagle Scout project! Chase installed the Little Free Library that was part of our playground wish list and also conducted a book drive, providing books for several area Little Free Libraries. We are grateful to be the recipients of his hard work and invite church families to visit the Little Free Library (adjacent to the south playground) this summer. Take a book. Read it and enjoy it, then…return a book (or a few). Congratulations, Chase, and thank you!

Vacation Bible School and Traveling Day Camp
There are still a few spots open for Traveling Day Camp, July 27-31. Call Cheryl at 913-671-2355 for more information.
Construction Update

Our Welcome Center construction project has lost a few weeks due to weather since the project began. The current schedule has construction completed around the first of November.

Framing of the ceiling in the Sanctuary started this week. The schedule still calls for an early October return to the Sanctuary, hopefully in time for the Barnaby Bright concert on Oct. 9.

We broke ground for the new Village Church Child and Family Development Center on Sunday, June 7. See more pictures on the Village Church Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/villagepres?fref=ts.

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Remember Village in Your Estate Plan

Planned giving perpetuates the goodness of our individual existence once we are no longer here. Consider including Village Church in your estate plan and help ensure the long-term operation and mission of Village Church.

Please contact Molly Sirridge at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325 if you would like more information or if you have already remembered Village in your estate plan.

Find “Mocha” the Monkey in the Village Cup July 6-10

A little sock Monkey named “Mocha” will be hiding in a different place in the Cup from July 6-10. Come find him and receive a special treat. Special kids’ size smoothies will be offered as well for $2.50.
Because of your generosity…

…Cross-Lines, Village’s Signature Mission, now has a computer lab and computer education program. Clients can use the computers to search and apply online for jobs, and parents have on-line access to their student(s’) grades and educational progress. An unexpected bonus is clients staying in touch with family and friends through the internet; a beautiful example is a grandmother who learned how to use email to keep in touch with her granddaughter who lives out of state.