Ice Cream Social
Sunday, June 26

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, June 26, for our 41st Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot. This event includes a petting zoo and Kona Ice Truck (flavored, shaved ice drinks) as well as our old favorites: popcorn, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables, a 15-foot slide, food, fun and, of course, all the ice cream you can eat! Admission is $2 per person. Sponsored by Connectional Ministries.

Come for the Ice Cream Social and stick around for the installation service for Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of Young Adult Ministry, at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Food Pantry

Summer is here! The children of the Food Pantry’s clients are out of school - and are no longer being provided with a free school breakfast. A bowl of cereal and cold milk is an excellent way to start a hot summer day. During this summer, the Food Pantry is focusing on the need for cereal to fill the shelves at the Pantry and thus the tummies of these children. Please bring a box of cereal (any and all varieties are welcome) with each visit to the church this summer.

The Clothes Closet is looking for large-sized clothing - clean and gently used.

Thanks for all you do to support this mission.

A Well of Generosity

On the first floor of Village Church as you enter Children’s Kingdom and Village Preschool on the north side of the church, you will find the Village Church Thwake Well. Since 2013, children of Village Church have contributed their spare change to the well. Money collected goes to the Thwake Village Partnership in Kenya, an international mission of the Heartland Presbytery. Village Church, together with the rest of the churches in the Presbytery, has built and staffed a health clinic; helped complete and continue to support both a primary and a secondary school; dug a well to supply water to the community, clinic and school; completed the construction of a Presbyterian Church; and a Children’s Home that houses 12 young girls.

The well has generated more than $2,500 in coins over just the past three years. This money has been used for diesel to run the well pump providing water to the Thwake Clinic. If you have some extra coins rattling around in your pocket at church, stop by the well and help wishes come true in Thwake.

12th Annual Village Golf Classic Rained Out
Committee Still Grateful for Unwavering DRMP Support

For the first time in its 12-year history, the Village Church Golf Classic was cancelled due to rain. In addition to the ground already being soggy from the weather over the weekend, the day of the tournament brought with it thunder, gray skies and a near constant rain. As a result, Country Club of Leawood and the DRMP Golf Committee made the joint decision to cancel the event. The disappointment was almost palpable, both to the players who had been gearing up for a great time and the tournament committee who had been working for months to make this event a success.

Despite the disappointment, though, the DRMP Golf Committee has been grateful for the many people who have supported the DRMP and the Golf Classic, even in the midst of the tournament’s cancellation. Because these people were willing to donate their time, finances and resources to this event, we would like to thank them in this small way by publishing here in the Good News the information that would have been in the tournament program. In addition to those who donated funds as sponsors, we are also including those who contributed to the organization by signing up to play.

The Golf Committee would like to express its most sincere regrets at not being able to enjoy the outing this year, but also our overwhelming gratitude for the constant and unwavering support for the Golf Classic from our Village Church family. Thank you for your generosity, for your eagerness to support the DRMP and join us for the tournament, and for bearing with us during this unforeseen turn of events.

Sincerely,

The DRMP Golf Classic Committee: Clarence Munsch, Lexa Carr, Jim Tilden, Scott Beall, Yana Beranek, Joe Pattison, Suzanne Willey and Steve Holtman

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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 lives; 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.

Nominated one or more deserving members for EAC’s 2016 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.


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

Village Church Recertified as an Earth Care Congregation

In March 2016, Village Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation for the sixth year in a row! Earth Care Congregations is a program sponsored by PC(USA)’s Department of Environmental Ministries. The purpose of this program is to inspire churches to care for God’s earth in a holistic way by incorporating earth care into their mission and ministry.

To become certified, a church affirms an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all aspects of its church life and to complete projects and activities in the four fields of worship, education, facilities and outreach.

Certification is based on a scoring system that counts sustainable practices and earth care actions. Re-certification requires 50 points with a minimum of 5 points in each category.

Using a scoring sheet, the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) performed an environmental audit of activities and projects between April and December 2015. Village Church earned the following points:

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With 272 total points, re-certification is recognition of what has been accomplished by various groups within the church (not just EAC). The Earth Care Congregation certificate hangs above the drinking fountain between the Chapel and Friendship Hall.

Since the program’s launch in July 2010, 191 Presbyterian churches across the U.S. have been certified as an Earth Care Congregation. Four of them are from Heartland Presbytery: Village Church, Grace Covenant, Rolling Hills and Second Presbyterian.

Certification honors churches that make the commitment to be stewards of God’s Good Green Earth and encourages other churches to follow their lead. Also, congregational members are invited to participate as individuals by completing similar actions in their homes.

Contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4250 or reesveenstra@aol.com if you have questions.
Mark Ball Answers a New Call

After 15 years as director of music ministry at Village Church, Mark Ball is leaving us. There were more than a few tears when Mark made the announcement at the end of year party for the chancel choir in late May.

Mark shares this message with you:

“...For 15 seasons I have felt “called” to this work in ministry with you...I am now experiencing a different sense of call in my life: a call to give more focus and energy to my roles as father, grandfather, brother, friend, citizen and neighbor.

Since the death of my father in August, I have allowed myself to contemplate making significant changes in my life, including the focus of my musical energies and passion, and how they relate to other priorities – the roles to which I just referred.

This has led to my acceptance of an offer to become organist and director of music ministry at Southminster Church, here in our community, a position which is significantly less demanding and which will allow other priorities to have a larger share in my life.

I hope you will understand that this decision was not reached quickly, or painlessly. Our life and work together has been an extraordinary opportunity for me, bringing many experiences of deep meaning, growth in the Spirit, and joy. I pray that you will come to understand that this is in no way a rejection of you, or of this beautiful community. I hope you understand that I am deeply grateful for you – for your friendship, encouragement, and loyalty – and that I pray that your future is filled with great purpose and fulfillment in service to God’s dreams for us, and for all humankind.”

Do You Know Someone Serving in the Military?

If you have family members or friends who are currently serving in the military, we would be happy to add them to the prayer list. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org with the person’s name, rank, where he/she is based, and any other information you would like to share. We are deeply grateful for their service.

Searching for a New Job?

The Village Church Career Center offers a Job Search Program that can be delivered directly to you via email. If you would like to know more or want to receive this information that has helped so many find a new job, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Summer Sunday Hours for Village Nurses

The nurses are happy to help you this summer; they are available at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning in the Bride's Room. Come have your blood pressure checked or ask a health question!
ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Summer Sunday Adult Bible Study

10:45-11:45 a.m. Room 132 • More than a Summer Picnic: Food for the Journey of Faith

Come join us as we explore the sermon text for the day based around meals in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Adults of all ages are welcome.

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Someone once said, in Luke’s Gospel Jesus seems to be at a meal, on his way to a meal, or on his way from a meal. The table is an important place. It is a place of story telling. It is a place of community building. Sometimes the table is the place where we gain a glimpse of the promised day of God. When Jesus is at the table, grace is served; and life is good. When Jesus is at the table, there is always enough; and there is always room for others. This summer we will join Jesus at the tables of his ministry. There we will find not simply a summer picnic, but a feast!

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**Bier and Bonhoeffer**  
*7 p.m. Thursdays at KC Bier Company*  

Every Thursday in June and July, we’ll meet at KC Bier Company at 310 W 79th Street in Kansas City, Mo. We’ll read Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together* and consider what “community” means today. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor who resisted the Nazis and encouraged Christian thinking in a secularized society. He was ultimately executed for his failed assassination plot of Hitler, but left behind writing that remains relevant, perhaps especially today. It’s $5 for the book!

**Extended Table: Worship and Dinner**  
*The Gathering Worship Service, 5 p.m.*  
*Young Adult Dinner, 6 p.m.*  
*Every Sunday June - August, Friendship Hall*

The Gathering, our alternative worship service with indie folk music, will be at 5 p.m. every Sunday evening June - August. We’ll gather afterwards for relaxed dinner and conversation about that week’s topic. Sleep in, and come feed your body and your soul.

**Summer Sings**

All are welcome to the two remaining 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 23**, Bach: *St. John Passion* (highlights)  
  Mark Ball, conductor
- **Thursday, June 30**, Beethoven: *Mass in C*  
  Will Breytspraak, guest conductor

Visit the music events page on villagepres.org for details on how to get rehearsal scores.

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**The Gathering**  
*AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO WORSHIP*

Please note The Gathering will meet at 6 p.m. this Sunday, June 26, in the Sanctuary for Rev. Hallie Hottle’s service of installation.

Regular time is 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall.
Meet our Home Grown Youth Ministry Summer Interns

Annie Foster - I am a sophomore at the University of Kansas, studying Business Marketing. I have been a part of Village my entire life and have enjoyed growing up with the Youth department. My favorite parts have been the mission trips and Montreat. I am thrilled to be back as an intern this summer! I am a huge sports fanatic, and cheer passionately for the Jayhawks, the Royals and Sporting KC. My dog, Kesha, shares a special place in my heart. You'll find me hanging out at Chipotle, in my Chacos. I hope to make meaningful connections in the church program and am so eager to embrace all of the fun memories and incredible lessons this summer is going to bring.

Collin Jones - My name is Collin Jones, and I am happy to say I'm coming back for my second year as an intern! I just finished up my junior year at the University of Kansas. I am currently majoring in Finance with a concentration in Information Systems. My favorite parts of last year's summer were volunteering with the middle schoolers around the Kansas City area and going on mission and youth conference trips. Very happy/thankful to be coming back to Village.

Kayla Koenig - My name is Kayla Koenig. I will be a senior at Kansas State University working toward my major in Family Studies with an emphasis in Occupational Therapy and Child Life. I have been a member of VPC since I was in fourth grade, and I am so excited to come back this summer as an intern. One of my favorite parts about being a youth at Village was mission trips. Through mission trips, I had the amazing opportunity to serve others and connect more with others in the youth group. I am so excited to see what great things are in store for us all this summer!

Jamie McDonald - Hey Village! My name is Jamie, and I've been a part of Village Youth for years, which makes me even more excited to be an intern. I graduated from Shawnee Mission East in 2014, and now attend Denison University. I'm a junior, I play tennis, and I'm a Psychology and Political Science double major. I'm looking forward to a great summer!

Tessa Polaschek - My name is Tessa Polaschek. I will be a junior at the University of Kansas this coming fall studying nursing. I grew up at Village and have loved working on the coffee shop staff, being a Children's Ministry intern, and being a Youth Deacon. Find me a new Netflix show to watch, bring me a dog to pet, a craft to do, or a snack to eat; and we'll be fast friends. I'm extremely excited to have this opportunity to be a part of the summer staff for the Youth department, and I can't wait to see what fun things are in store for the summer!

Thank You Volunteers!

If life was a Twitter page, #kindness, #benevolence and #compassion would be trending because of you. Thanks for volunteering.

The Village Commitment Committee recognizes and thanks all our volunteers here at Village Church. Look for committee members as you leave today; they want to say thank you in person!
SUMMER IS HERE and The Moose Is On The Loose!

Our Lucky 13th year of Creations by Kids kicked off at the start of June. Be sure to check out the fun pictures on the Village Church Kids Facebook page and stay up to date with all of our summer camp news by checking the big bulletin board in the hallway of the 2nd floor in the Education Wing.

Meet Our Two College Interns!

Tessa Polaschek just finished her second year at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She is transferring to the University of Kansas School of Nursing this fall.

Grace Pickell just finished her junior year at University of Kansas. In addition to her Exercise Science studies, Grace is on the Track and Field team. Grace looks forward to a career in Physical Therapy. Tessa and Grace will be working with children on Sunday mornings, during Vacation Bible School and this summer’s Traveling Day Camp.

Children in Worship

At our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service this summer, all children are invited to sit with their families for the start of worship. We’ll have a “Time for Children,” both to engage our kids in worship, and also to remind us all that Jesus made special time for his youngest followers; and we should too. After the Time for Children, they are invited to meet teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to continue on in Sunday School, or to stay and keep worshipping with their families. See below for more options.

Preschool Church School - Parents may check in their preschool age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Broadly Graded Sunday School

Children who have completed grades K-5th grade meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 203 (Creation Station) for a totally fun way to look at favorite Old Testament stories.

Village Church Drama & Music Camp Presents: “The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit” June 10, 2016

From June 6-10, fifty-five children from Kindergarten through 5th grade rehearsed with director Jenny Hull for just three hours a day over five days to learn and present the musical, “The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit.” The kids worked extremely hard to learn their lines, the songs and choreography. There were loads of giggles when the giant Goliath sauntered in with a Texas swagger in cowboy boots for his showdown with the shepherd David and his slingshot. This ferocious giant, who moonlights as a pastor of pastoral care at Village Church, happens to be from Texas.
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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Because of Your Generosity..

“I was sick and you took care of me.”

Village Church is one of three churches in Kansas City providing ongoing mission work one Saturday a month to the KC CARE Clinic. In 1971, the Kansas City CARE Clinic was formed to serve the ongoing health care needs for the uninsured and underinsured. More than 45 years later, the clinic is one of the nation’s largest, providing free, first-class health care including: basic health care services in general medicine; HIV prevention and primary care; behavioral health; and dentistry. Today, the clinic at 3515 Broadway runs at capacity. On a yearly basis, the KC CARE Clinic sees nearly 8,000 people with more than 70,000 patient visits, contacts and activities. Patients find that the Kansas City CARE Clinic is the only place that can serve them, particularly on an ongoing basis for chronic illnesses.

VPC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUNDAYS
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
Week-Delayed Broadcast

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