

GOOD NEWS

ONLINE EDITION



The Village Church *Good News* is published once a month (printed and online) for all members and friends of the Village Presbyterian Church. Readers are encouraged to submit article ideas to: the Department of Communications, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208, call 913-671-2375 or email laura.davis@villagepres.org.

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Reconciliation Services Thelma's Kitchen; Village Church Signature Mission for 2018

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 the 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 Reconciliation Services (RS) donate-what-you-can café, officially known as Thelma's Kitchen, for this coming year's Signature Mission.

For more than 30 years, RS has made the urban core of Kansas City, Mo., along the Troost Avenue corridor, a focal point for Healthy Community Initiatives, Social and Mental Health Services and Economic Community Building. RS works to cultivate a community seeking reconciliation and



to transform Troost from a dividing line into a gathering place, revealing the strength of all.

RS offers housing and utilities assistance and ID and document assistance and partners with the KC Medicine Cabinet to provide access to needed dental and medical care and supplies. Also, RS Mental Health Services provides evidence-based, clinical support under the direction of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW); offering individual and group therapy and intensive case management for clients struggling with depression and trauma. In addition, RS Economic Community Building Services provides volunteer and employment opportunities. RS has two programs in this area: The Foster Grandparents Program (a federally-funded partnership with the Senior Corps), recruits, trains and mobilizes

low-income senior adults to volunteer with at risk area youth. RS Social Ventures, a company founded by RS, aims to provide living wage employment opportunities to their clients.

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After several years of listening to RS's neighbors and surveying community needs, this summer Reconciliation Services will launch Kansas City's first donate-what-you-can café, based on the proven One World Everybody Eats (OWEE) model, which encourages community-driven solutions through engagement and mobilization. The café will be a community gathering hub that provides access to affordable, healthy and wholesome food. An embedded case manager will provide access to their holistic continuum of care, which includes a suite of social and mental health services and access to economic opportunities. Additionally, clients can "earn" meal tokens for the kitchen as incentives for arriving on time for appointments and completing milestones for recovery. Ultimately, this model and new program will bring neighbors together for food and community in an area that is racially and economically segregated.

With Thelma's Kitchen, Reconciliation Services anticipates serving 500 lunches per week during 2018. Village Church funding will help provide needed food and supplies and furniture for the pivotal first start-up year as well as funds to cover some remodeling costs. The goal of RS is to bring operations of the kitchen to a 60/40 (paid/free guest) ratio, which achieves monthly sustainability of core operations by the end of 24 months. Additionally, RS will measure diversity and level of community adoption through sales data, demographic tracking and customer user surveys.

This project is one example of how gifts to Village Church's annual fund are making a difference in our community. With \$15,000 from Village Church Mission Operating Funds and \$50,000 from a Village donor, along with donations from Kansas City foundations, companies and individual donors, Thelma's Kitchen will become a reality during 2018.

In the fall, RS plans to host an open house for Village Church members to sample the kitchen firsthand. Furthermore, RS offers a number of volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved, call 816-931-4751. To see more about Thelma's Kitchen, check out the online video at <http://bit.ly/thelmaskitchen>



Food Pantry

Summer is here in force, and the clients of the Food Pantry are so happy that you have been providing a wonderful variety of breakfast cereals. The Pantry is asking that you continue to provide that variety during the summer. Fortunately, the stores are usually having cereal sales - please be generous.

The Clothes Closet has a big need for large and x-large sizes of summer clothing and bed and bath linens. Thank you.

Visiting Surgeons

Thanks to the generosity of Village Church, Dr. Peterson Thosiac, a general surgeon from the Higgins Brothers Surgicenter in Fonds-Parisien, Haiti, was able to spend time in Kansas City for further surgical training, which he will take back with him to Haiti. Dr. Ted Higgins introduced him at Session on Monday, June 4. Dr. Thosiac expressed his gratitude to the people of Village Church for this educational opportunity.

Dr. Higgins said, "Dr. Thosiac and his colleague, Dr. McKendy Termelus, are both Haitian surgeons who will begin working as full-time surgeons at the Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope in July. I have worked with them both for years during their surgical training. Both spent a month shadowing surgeons at Research Medical Center, learning new techniques during this observation period."

The Village Church Mission Committee granted a \$5,000 stipend for scholarship funds used for this learning purpose.



Handmade Gifts for Girls in Thwake, Kenya from Mission Sewing

The loving hands of our Mission Sewing ladies made a special contribution to Village Church's mission trip to Thwake, Kenya – one-of-a-kind dresses for each of the 12 girls living in Thwake's Children's Home. The dresses were custom sized, made of colorful fabrics with geometric patterns, have sweet little pockets, colorful bows and rickrack trim. Damaris, Grace, Eunice, Gloria, Miriam, Anastasia, Merci, Faith, Rosemary, Diana, Carolyn and Caroline loved their creations. Thank you, Mission Sewing!

Look for a feature story about the church's recent trip to Thwake, Kenya in the Aug. 1 "Good News."

SUMMER SERMONS

Preaching at Village this Summer

July 8	Rev. Pen Peery, senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C.	Aug. 5	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
July 15	Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick	Aug. 12	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
July 22	Rev. Hallie Hottle	Aug. 19	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
July 29	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka	Aug. 26	Youth Sunday
		Sept. 2	Rev. Zach Walker

Three Village Church Women Approved for Candidacy for Ordination

At Heartland Presbytery's Stated Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, three persons were admitted to candidacy for ordination as Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word and Sacrament). All three are women. All three are Village Church members. They are Caroline Barnett (left), middler student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Essie Koenig-Reinke, graduate of Union Theological Seminary and currently director of youth and family ministries at the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Claire Brettell, middler student at St. Paul School of Theology. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Solar Panels Update

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center building has been designed to accommodate an expandable array of 270 solar panels, capable of supplying two-thirds of the building's electrical demand. In Nov. 2016, 45 solar panels were installed as part of its initial construction. In November 2017, 36 panels were retrofitted, bringing the total number of installed solar panels to 81.

The cost of these solar panels was paid for by funds raised by the Environmental Action Committee. EAC estimates that the cost of 30 additional panels will be \$19,200. With \$12,318 currently in the solar account, EAC's fundraising is already 64% toward that goal.

EAC invites you to help purchase these 30 panels. To contribute, send a check payable to "Village Church" to Marianne Weber, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Write "SOLAR" on the memo line. Like all donations to the church, this donation will be tax deductible. For more information, visit EAC's web page on the Village Church website.

As an investment that will eventually pay for itself, the use of solar panels will reduce the annual operating costs of the VCCFDC during the 25-year life of the panels, resulting in savings that will support its mission and ministry. By contributing to the purchase of additional panels, you have the opportunity to make an immediate and tangible investment in clean, renewable, inexhaustible energy. During the 50+ year life of this building, these solar panels will constitute a legacy for the child care center and its children.

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH



Village on Antioch has new projectors and screens and they look beautiful.



The VOA north parking lot was repaved on June 11.



Village on Antioch welcomed 60 children to its first daytime Vacation Bible School June 18-22.



See more pictures on the Village on Antioch Facebook page.



Village on Antioch celebrated its one-year anniversary on Sunday, June 24. We rejoiced at all the amazing things God has done at Village on Antioch this past year and continues to do.

Welcoming New Instrumentalists to Village



Violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen and cellist Michael Mermagen will help guide Village's new inter-generational chamber music program, The Village Players, beginning in the fall of 2018. Destiny will be coaching, planning and playing as a member of our regular music team, and Michael will periodically consult, play and coach for the ensemble.

The winner of international competitions and performance awards, Destiny Ann has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at the Kennedy Center, Strathmore Hall, Carnegie Hall and numerous other venues across the U.S., in Europe and in Russia. Destiny Ann received her Master of Music Degree at Catholic University, where she studied on full-scholarship with distinguished violinists Jody Gatwood and Luis Haza.



Cellist Michael Mermagen is an artist-faculty member at the Aspen Music Festival and School, and he has held the prestigious position of principal cellist of the Aspen Chamber Symphony for over 25 seasons. He is currently associate professor of cello at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance, after a 12-year tenure as associate professor of cello at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Summer Sing at Village on Mission 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2

Please join us for our 2018 Summer Sing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Come and enjoy singing Fauré's "Requiem" and Parry's "I Was Glad" with music lovers from all over KC. Scores will be provided. Matthew Shepard and Will Breytspraak will conduct and Dr. Elisa Bickers will play the Village pipe organ. Fellowship will surely follow at the Blue Moose in Prairie Village.



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 10-11:15 a.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 9, 16 and 23, in Room 14 at Village on Mission. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the joy of ringing. Contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734 to sign up or for more information.

Save the Date for Sonia!

Join us for a two-night event on Sept. 5 and 6. The film, "Big Sonia," will be shown Wednesday night, Sept. 5. Sonia Warshawski, "Big Sonia," and her daughter, Regina Kort, will speak on Thursday night, Sept. 6. Mrs. Warshawski is one of the last remaining Holocaust survivors in Kansas City; the movie shares her story, and then Sonia will share her thoughts about her life in the concentration camps and her passionate message to never, never forget.

More details will be coming, but mark your calendars now. Co-offered by Stephen Ministry and Village U.



Village Nurses – A Ministry of Compassionate Care

It all started with a note from Dr. Bob Meneilly. He left Betty Crooker a brief-but-to-the-point message in her trustee envelope, asking her why Village couldn't have a program where our nurses helped members. He ended his note with "Get on it, Crooker!" and also left her the book "The Parish Nurse." Thus began the Parish Nurses, now known as the Village Church Nurses.

For more than 25 years, members who are nurses have been helping our congregation by addressing health questions and concerns. Every Sunday morning the nurses were in the Bride's Room at Village on Mission, cheerfully taking blood pressure readings. When the Village Church Food Pantry opened, the nurses also were there to help clients. They still serve at the Food Pantry where they do blood pressure checks every Monday and Tuesday morning, all-day Thursday, and assist with various health topics, including answering questions about medications, providing nutritional counseling and sharing loving concern.

Blood pressure checks are no longer offered on Sunday mornings, yet members are welcome to come to the Food Pantry for a reading. Nurses are always needed to serve at the Food Pantry. If you would like to volunteer your talent and time, please contact Carolyn Larsen at 913-888-2986.

We are extremely grateful to every Village nurse. Your time and gift of care has been a blessing to so many.

WOW Luncheon

Hope you can join Women of Wisdom (WOW) for a noon lunch on Tuesday, July 24, at Charleston's, 8817 State Line at the south end of Ward Parkway Shopping Center. An upscale casual restaurant featuring traditional American classics, Charleston's opened just nine months ago. Access is easy via State Line and turning east on 89th St. where there is ample parking. RSVP by Monday, July 23, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net.

Summer Sunday Adult Faith Formation

Join us for our summer Adult Faith Formation class. The class meets 10:45-11:45 a.m. Sundays in Rooms 126 & 127. Each Sunday, we will explore the scripture that was preached in worship. A variety of teachers will guide us. These classes welcome both conversation and participation and are designed for the novice Bible reader as well as the seasoned Bible scholar. Remaining classes include:

- July 8 Rev. Len Carrell, pastor for pastoral care
- July 15 Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- July 22 Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- July 29 Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor for pastoral care
- Aug. 5 Rev. Jay McKell
- Aug. 12 Claire Brettell, middler student at St. Paul School of Theology in Overland Park
- Aug. 19 Andrew Frazier, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Seminary in Austin, Texas

Tech Talk with Tony - We will discuss how to organize your digital data and where to store it, as well as organizing data into a hierarchy of folders then allowing or restricting others access to your data will be demonstrated. We will talk about where to store data in the Cloud (Public or Private) or on your computer storage. Please join us from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, in Room 316.

The Fall 2018 Village U term will offer a wide variety of classes that include Breakfast and Bible Study with Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Essential Oils with Elissa Duncan, Wreath Making with Katherine Taylor, interesting day trips, a variety of computer classes and many more. We hope you will spend some time discovering all that is available and join us!

Child care will be available for most classes for a one-time \$40 fee for the fall term; reservations will be required in advance. Some classes will have a small fee for materials and resources; the fees will be noted in the class listing. You will be able to register online, by telephone, by fax or by email.

Registration for Village U 2018 fall term - For Village Church members: Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20. For non-members: Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

On Sunday, June 10, we welcomed 29 new members to the Village Presbyterian Church family.

Joining at Village on Mission

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| Cindi Barfield | Andrea Chamblin | Julie Haas | Elaine Medlar |
| Brett Beltrame | Bill Cook | Courtney Higginbotham | Wade Medlar |
| Jacqueline Beltrame | Tyler Davidson | Melissa Lemon | Jeanne Norris |
| Catherine Broksieck | Judy Gemmill | Paul Lemon | Ron Norris |
| Derek Broksieck | Paul Gemmill | Tom Mailliard | Jerry Woolsey |

Joining at Village on Antioch

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| Patti L. Bauer | Lisa M. Lusk | Patricia H. Peth |
| Cynthia C. Galyardt | Betty J. Marler | James T. Pirtle |
| Milton "Andy" Galyardt | James F. Marler | Carol E. Slack |



Highlights from the 43rd Annual Ice Cream Social

Moving to Friday night proved very popular for the Ice Cream Social at Village on Mission. Over 600 people ate a whopping 350 hot dogs and 40 gallons of ice cream on June 22. Many thanks to Connectional Ministries for sponsoring this wonderful family event.

Age Specific Dinners

Age 70s and Up

You are invited to meet at Stroud's Restaurant in Fairway for an early dinner at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Stroud's is located at 4200 Shawnee Mission Parkway, on the corner of 55th Street. Come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal. Each person pays for their meal. See the menu at stroudsrestaurant.com/fairway. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359.

Age 40s/50s

Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 40s & 50s (couples and singles)! Join us at Manny's Mexican Restaurant at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 26. Manny's is family owned and located at 207 Southwest Blvd. in Kansas City, Mo. You'll find their menu at www.mannyskc.com. Enjoy a taste of Mexico! Each person responsible for their own tab. Space is limited. RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359.

Village Church Meneilly Society

Anytime a member makes a provision for Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust in their estate plan, it is a time for deep appreciation and gratitude. An estate gift represents a most meaningful and significant depth of dedication and commitment.

By becoming a member of the Meneilly Society, you help ensure a bright future for Village Church. Through God's grace and your generosity, Village will be able to serve our members, our community and our world for generations to come.

Contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org for more information.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Meet our Summer 2018 Interns

Anna Beck will be a sophomore at Drake University in the fall. We are delighted to have her, along with her many musical talents, join us in Children and Family Ministry this summer.

Kathryn Jones will be a junior at the University of Arkansas. We appreciate her elementary education background as she skillfully plans and interacts with children in our department this summer.

Michaela Ketcher will be a junior at Missouri Southern State University. We are enjoying putting her love for children and English background to work for us this summer.



Anna Beck



Kathryn Jones



Michaela Ketcher

Summer Sundays

We have several options in July: Attend Family Worship through the Sanctuary Children's Time, then meet a Sunday school teacher in the Narthex to be escorted to Sunday school; attend Family Worship the entire service and enjoy family and the Worship bags; or attend our broadly-graded Sunday school class the full hour. Children are enjoying a window into our new curriculum by Sparkhouse, which we will be launching on our first Sunday School of the fall, Sept. 9. Remember, no Sunday School in August.

Fall Sundays and Weekdays

We are very thankful to the Endowment Trust of Village Church for providing our children with brand-new curricula by Sparkhouse: Frolic and Whirl, for infants through 6th graders. A sneak preview is being very much enjoyed by all this summer.

Baptisms and New Babies

Future baptism dates are July 15 and Sept. 16. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby as so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member's arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

Summer Weekday Camps

Village Church is the Spot to be this Summer 2018 indeed! We are loving the children, families and teachers and all their laughter and delight.



Summer Kids Day Out



Camp Little Village is alumni of the VCCFDC and new summer friends.



Music & Drama Camp



Village on Mission VBS preparation



Creation By Kids Math Camp Lemonade Stand



Village on Antioch VBS



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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Awe Moment



On March 24, nine Deacons helped the teens at Youth Ambassadors practice their interviewing skills.

“Mr. Lewis showed me great kindness and support while helping me prepare for future interviews.”

—Chakilah

Your generosity brings our mission to life and we are grateful!



SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION
Traditional – 9:30 and 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
The Gathering – 5 p.m.
In Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH
Traditional - 10 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
14895 Antioch Rd.
Overland Park, KS 66221

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

George Beaumont
Suzanne “Suzy” Gurche
Gerald “Jerry” Jameson