

Thwake: The Heart of Kenya Reflections from Village's 2018 International Mission Trip to Kenya

Twenty-three members of Village Presbyterian Church, including Rev. Tom Are, joined a group of six Neema Church members and Rev. Tim Soule, pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth, in early summer for a 12-day mission trip to Thwake, Kenya. The team was led by Rev. Dr. David Nzioka and the Thwake Village Partnership. Dr. Nzioka is a former pastoral intern at VPC and current pastor of Neema Community Church in Olathe. He grew up in Thwake and started the Thwake Village Partnership.



As part of the mission, the team hosted a health fair for the residents of Thwake with much-needed services such as dental, vision, general medicine and a pharmacy. They also formed strong bonds with the 12 beautiful girls who live in the Children's Home. An important part of the trip for the team was participating in a beautiful ceremony and celebration to honor the construction of an addition to the Presbyterian Church of Wote, which was funded by generous offerings from Village Church members.

About Thwake Village Partnership

In 2010, Rev. Nzioka started the Thwake Village Partnership through the Heartland Presbytery. The organization's mission is to provide fundamental infrastructure, services and education for the people of Thwake. In just eight short years, the Thwake Village Partnership has built Thwake's first fresh water well, a health clinic with 24/7 services, a Children's Home for 12 incredible parentless teenage girls, and a Presbyterian church. Every year the partnership stocks the primary and secondary school with much-needed books and supplies. The latest project, which received such generous Village Church support, is an addition to the Presbyterian Church of Wote (pronounced WAH-tay). This addition will allow the church to provide additional services to its members and significantly grow its congregation.



Rev. Patrick, Wote Presbyterian; Rev. Soule, Rev. Are and Rev. Nzioka at cornerstone ceremony at Wote Church

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Reflections From The Thwake Team

Andrea Chamblin

“Getting to know the girls living in the Children's Home was life changing for me! I feel like I got to know them as God may hope for...girls excited about their new dresses and who loved coloring and painting their fingernails. I want to help our church do more for these girls and I am excited to be a part of the future for the people of Thwake.”



Dee Gound

“My experience in Thwake was truly fascinating. We were able to see much of the work already accomplished by the Thwake Village Partnership: the building projects, the operation of the different clinics and the continued relationships with the Kenyan children and adults. Rev. David Nzioka is well known in his native Kenya and is truly dedicated to improving their lives. And while he, Scott Stanley and others have accomplished so much, the level of need is still great.”

Vicki Woolsey

“Being able to watch my new husband, Dr. Jerry Woolsey, in the dental clinic was amazing. Even with the language barrier, Jerry and Dr. Olive, the Kenyan dentist, became a great team and bounced ideas and procedures back and forth.”

Jim Heeter

“What an extraordinary experience to spend nearly two weeks with Pastors Tim Soule, Tom Are and David Nzioka and the 26 other wonderful folks! It was beautiful to witness people serving others and building relationships with all of God's children.”

Melanie Mann

“I did not expect to be so moved by the compassion, patience, creativity, kindness, humor and generosity of the mission trip team. It absolutely warms my heart and greatly humbles me every time I think about it.”



Barbara Jaekel applying a long-term tooth protectant on a girl in the village.

Learn More About the Thwake Village Partnership

Contact Lora Garrison, director of international mission, for more information about our efforts in Thwake or to put your name on a list of interested participants for

Village's 2020 mission trip. Lora can be reached at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390.



Dan Robeson sketches with school kids in the village.

Scott Stanley, Beatrice Weru and Vicki Woolsey after Sunday church service in Thwake



Food Pantry

During the month of August, the Food Pantry is asking for three popular canned vegetables: canned beets, canned spinach and canned potatoes. They may not be your favorites - but they are the clients! (No glass containers please.)

The Clothes Closet is so thankful for all the summer clothing. For August, we are asking for kitchen items: dishes, glasses, pots and pans, and flatware. Check your kitchen cupboards for donations.

Finally, we will kick off the new school year with Peanut Butter Sunday on the first week after Labor Day – Sunday, Sept. 9. Thank you for your support!

Blood Drive Tuesday, Aug. 14

Village Church on Mission will host a blood drive from 11a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres." Or, you may stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon on Aug. 5 and 12. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com for more information.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life: Become a PAL Tutor

For 19 years, volunteers from Village Presbyterian Church have supported Front Porch Alliance's PAL program at Faxon Elementary School located at 1320 E 32 Street in Kansas City, Mo. This past year, 65 volunteers in the program tutored students ranging from kindergarten through 6th grade with their math and reading skills.

"Volunteers choose the age of the child and day and time they want to work," shares program coordinator Charlotte Davison. "Typically, PALS work an hour a week, with two students for half an hour each. Some PALS choose to work with more students for a longer time frame or as classroom aides, and some have been with the same child for more than five years."

This past year at the Operation Breakthrough (OB) Learning Center at 31st and Troost, several volunteers also worked with the Faxon second grade class in robotics and Maker's Space. In addition, during this coming school year, students will be a part of a unique partnership between Kansas City Public Schools and OB in OB's new expanded facility; and more volunteers are needed to support this program.

"The growth of the PAL program is indicative of the need and the progress being made in the program," says Charlotte. "PALS often provide a variety of support services beyond tutoring. They host a back-to-school lunch for teachers, greet families and students on the first day, help stock the school food pantry, chaperone field trips, assist with the book fair and organize an event each spring to celebrate sixth grade graduation."

Contact Charlotte Davison if you would like to learn more about the PAL program and being a caring adult and mentor in a child's life. She can be reached at 913-648-6045 or charlottesdavison@gmail.com.



Village Church Marks 10th Year Offering BackSnack to Low-Income Children

The 2018-2019 school year is about to begin and thanks to the leadership of Village Church member Nancy Gatewood, Village is offering the BackSnack program to school children in our community.

More than 100,000 children in Harvesters Food Bank's service area receive free and reduced-price school meals during the week, and many of those are at risk of hunger on weekends.

Harvesters offers the BackSnack program, which provides bags of nutritious food to more than 20,000 low-income children every week during the school year. The local community partners help facilitate picking up the BackSnack food kits from Harvesters and distributing them to the schools. School principals and/or counselors determine which children receive BackSnacks at each school.

For the past nine years, Village Church volunteers have participated in the BackSnack program. During the 2017-18 school year, Village provided food to 100 children at Overland Park Elementary and Nieman Elementary each week, totaling more than 3,000 meals for the year. Food is generally packed up on a Wednesday at the Village Food Pantry and delivered on Thursday or Friday. A special thank you to Cosentino's Price Chopper for donating several thousand bags for the delivery of meals.



Our efforts and the work of other organizations across Kansas City are making a difference. Children in the program have nine percent fewer school tardies and visits to the school nurse have been reduced by eight percent. Schools have also reported a 10 percent improvement in students' attentiveness and on-task behavior.

Please call Nancy Gatewood at 913-638-1922 or nngatewood@gmail.com or Debbie Smith at 913-522-8130 or debbie.smith@villagepres.org if you are interested in helping pack and distribute meals to our partner schools during the 2018-19 school year.

FUN VILLAGE TRIP

Join the Village Choir Tour VII to Andalucia, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal! May 29-June 11, 2019

Spend time in Spain's southernmost region of Andalucia to visit its capital, Seville - a twin city with Kansas City! See amazing architectural wonders of Seville like the original La Giralda Tower as well as the Alhambra in Granada; the Mezquita in Cordoba; and a drive along the sundrenched Costa del Sol, and the charming White Villages set in the hills near Cadiz! In Lisbon, we meet this beauty of a city where old and new blends harmoniously just like the multi-colored tile work of its buildings. The choir will perform in three outstanding venues with spectacular organs. Throughout the tour, you'll be dazzled by Spain and Portugal's diverse terrain: green hills, from snow-capped mountains to dazzling coastal views. And, experience the traditional music of the two countries: Flamenco and Fado! The tour is designed and managed by Lisa Ball Travel Design. A first information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, in Room 14. Lisa will host fun pre-tour info sessions to fully prepare you for Spain and Portugal. Fantástico!



Molly Ramsey, VOA Ministry Assistant Discerns A Call to Ministry

Molly Ramsey has been serving as a ministry assistant at Village on Antioch for the last year and a half, helping with Sunday morning worship and “all other duties as assigned.” Molly shares, “It’s kind of a running joke, the ‘all other duties as assigned.’ That’s listed on the the name plate outside my church office. I shovel snow and fix doors. I get to prepare communion and help prepare the Sanctuary for worship every week. I also work with the youth along with Matt Vaughn.”

Molly is no stranger to the church at 14895 Antioch Road. Her father, the Rev. Richard Ramsey, was the first called pastor at Presbyterian Church of Stanley and Molly was baptized there March 12, 1989. She grew up in Columbia, Mo. where her parents still reside.

Molly is also an active member of the Village Church Young Adult Ministry.

Molly received her Master of Science in Geology from Washington State University and her Bachelor of Science in Geology from Northwest Missouri State. Right out of school, she worked as a consulting hydrogeologist for several years and was based out of Kansas City.

“I enjoyed the work, but I traveled six days a week. I didn’t get to meet anyone new in Kansas City because I was never here. So, I decided to take a step back and figure out what I wanted to do. I was thinking maybe clinical counseling. I wanted a job where I could be in town and have time to find a community and have time to figure out what was next. I took a job as coordinator for the anesthesiology department at the University of Kansas Medical Center.”

Shortly before Molly left consulting, she started attending Village on Mission. “That was around the same time both Rev. Hallie Hottle and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka were called, and I became active in Young Adult Ministry. When Village on Antioch started, I went out there to help, while still participating in the young adult group and attending The Gathering worship service.”

Through Molly’s faith journey and long discernment process, she has discerned a call to ministry. “There have been people throughout my life who planted the seeds for it, even though I would say, ‘Absolutely not!’ There wasn’t



one moment when I decided to go to seminary. It was more of a process and a lot of people affirming that this might be something that I should consider, and then God opening my heart and my eyes to that.”

Molly will be attending, Princeton Theological Seminary this fall. Earlier this year, the Village Church Session unanimously approved her endorsement to start the journey towards ordained ministry in the PC(USA).



Molly on the Village Church Border Ministry trip November 2017

“I’m in the process of discerning a call to congregational care, but I am open to how the Spirit will equip and where it will call.”

Village on Antioch is having a farewell reception for Molly after worship on Sunday, Aug. 19.

“It has been a really unique experience to see Village on Antioch come together and watch it grow,” said Molly. “I really enjoy worshiping at VOA because it is a congregation that feels like a family.”

“I’m really thankful for everybody at VOA allowing me to be a part of this. It’s humbling to observe everybody’s strengths, commitment and resolve and passion for the church and for each other. And while I’m looking forward to this new chapter and adventure, I’m so incredibly thankful for all that you have taught me over the last year and a half.”



Molly's baptism at Presbyterian Church of Stanley March 12, 1989

Two Unforgettable Evenings with “Big Sonia” Sept. 5 & 6 – Village on Mission

Village Church is proud to sponsor two memorable nights – first, showing the award-winning documentary film, “Big Sonia,” and then hosting Sonia herself and her daughter for a speaking engagement the following evening.

As a Polish teen, Sonia Warshawski survived three Holocaust death camps. She was liberated by the British in 1948, and she and her husband, John, another Holocaust survivor, emigrated to Kansas City. They ran a tailoring shop in Metcalf South Shopping Center for 30 years. Sonia is a survivor, mother, grandmother and a diva. Most importantly, she is an inspiration.

“Big Sonia” will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. The following night at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, in the VOM Sanctuary, Sonia and her daughter, Regina Kort, will continue with a presentation on what it means to be a Holocaust survivor and how intergenerational trauma affects families. They will share family stories and photographs, followed by questions and answers. Both events are free and open to the community. A free will offering will be taken Sept. 6 to benefit the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education.

This two- night presentation is co-sponsored by Stephen Ministry and Village U.



Save the Date! Classic Citizens Event Set for Sept. 27

Mark your calendar for the Classic Citizens’ Celebration from 1:30-3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. The good times will be rolling, the food plentiful, the fun immeasurable! If you are 75 or more years young, look for an invitation coming in the mail soon.

VILLAGE ON MISSION CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY

Soon you will see some construction happening on the first floor of the education wing at Village on Mission. The Village Church Board of Trustees authorized three projects to improve security for the Village on Mission preschool. The major project is creating a new egress to the north parking lot, by changing a window to an "exit only" door in one of the Child Care rooms. The new door will provide a direct exit route from the first floor to the north parking lot. A second project will create a window in the preschool office, so that there is visibility into the corridor leading from the main building to the education wing. A final project is to replace the existing hollow core classroom doors with solid wood doors.

Thanks to the Trustees for their continuing efforts to improve security for the VOM Preschool and Child Care rooms.

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. Remaining classes include:

- Aug. 5 Rev. Jay McKell, honorably retired minister and friend of Village Church
- Aug. 12 Claire Brettell, middler student at St. Paul School of Theology in Overland Park
- Aug. 19 Rev. Ky Weekley

Fall Village U Catalog Now Online

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, Exploring Art with the Nelson-Atkins Museum, a variety of helpful computer classes and many more. The online catalog is now available at villagepres.org. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, for church members and at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, for community members.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Our regular schedule of Sunday morning classes resumes Sunday, Sept. 9.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

The **Faith Journey** class believes it's important to all our faith journeys to grow from listening to the insights of others. We believe that God gives each of us understanding for the journey according to our ability to comprehend. So while one person's path may not be where God has led the individual thus far, we are a community that can grow and support each other by being open to the Spirit of God in each of us. Our format is to use book studies, guest speakers and videos to explore new perspectives and our own beliefs.

Foundations of Faith offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles and couples, who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives.

Growing Together class is for adults who are interested in growing together in context of their families. Growing Together welcomes anyone who is looking for opportunities to grow using Christ's principles as we apply Jesus to our lives today.

Village Forum is a lively class of adults ranging in age from their thirties to their eighties. Class topics include Biblical Studies, Theology, Social Issues and Church History. Discussion is encouraged. Classes are led by visiting teachers as well as class members.

VILLAGE COMMITMENT

A Friendly Reminder

During the summer months, when so many of you are on vacation and busy with children's activities, inevitably the church's attendance and income slows down. So, this is a friendly reminder to please take a moment and check the balance of your annual pledge and consider making a gift now toward fulfilling your commitment. Our church's funds could use a little help to keep our mission and ministries on task.

Thank you and God bless,
Your Village Commitment Committee

REV. DR. RODGER NISHIOKA ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION



At Long Last – Meet the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

On Tuesday evening, June 26, 2018, 500 people filled the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary to celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Rev. Tom Are said in his Charge to the Minister, "After 35 years of Rodger's ministry, this is a night God has been looking forward to for a long time."



A Message from Rev. Dr. Nishioka

Several years ago, I was reading an interview with a professor at the University of Washington. He was retiring after a long and esteemed career. When the interviewer asked him to describe his years of teaching, he said it was like "drinking from his saucer." He explained that for his years of teaching, his proverbial cup had been so overflowing that all he could do was drink from his saucer. I know we are in the age of mugs and tumblers, but that image has stuck with me and on Tuesday night, June 26, at the service of ordination and installation as your senior associate pastor, I felt my cup overflowing. Thank you for the many generous expressions of love and affirmation. I am so honored to be serving here with you and look forward with great anticipation to all to which Christ is calling us in the years ahead!

—Rodger

Great Expectations Now-Aug. 19

What should you expect as a visitor, regular attendee, new member or long-time member of Village Presbyterian Church? What does God expect of each of us as followers of Jesus Christ? What does God expect of us all as a faithful congregation?

The Strategic Framework, proposed by the Strategic Planning Team and adopted by the Session in November 2017, identified four expectations for Village Church.

On July 29, the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor, preached on the expectation to be invitational. For the next three Sundays, he will preach on each of the other three expectations in our Strategic Framework.

Aug. 5 Expecting to be Magnetic – How to Build an Ark

Aug. 12 Expecting to be Formational – Body Building

Aug. 19 Expecting to be Leaders – Leading as Loving

For the Remaining Summer Sundays

Aug. 26 Youth Sunday

Sept. 2 Rev. Zach Walker, associate pastor of youth ministries, is preaching

Sept. 9 Rev. Tom Are returns to the pulpit as we kick off the fall season at Village Church

We return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, Sept. 9. We will resume the 8 a.m. service at Village on Mission and Village on Antioch returns to worshipping at 9:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING

The Gathering at Grandview Presbyterian Church Sunday, Aug. 12

Here at Village, we profess our trust in God's promised day. It's the day when justice will roll down like water, the hungry will be full, and all God's children will be treated like God's children. We believe in, hope for, and work for that day.

So, at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, we're going to worship in a way that gives witness to our trust in God's promise. The Gathering will move to Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan. for one night, where we'll be led in bilingual worship by leadership of both congregations, children will be "blessed" to begin a new school year, we'll celebrate Holy Communion together, a special offering will be collected to renovate Grandview's kitchen that feeds the community's children, and we'll celebrate the goodness of being together with a shared meal after worship.

It's in times when God's promised day feels most distant that we're called to create glimpses of it for one another, that we might keep living in hope and working for justice, singing our praise and sharing our tables. So, come, let's worship and witness together! See more at www.VPCTheGathering.org/juntos

Grandview Park Presbyterian Church is located at 1613 Wilson Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66102.



Age Specific Dinners - Age 60s
6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Red Snapper Bistro

Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles) at Red Snapper Bistro, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. Red Snapper is famous for their “teriyaki” and “sweet & sour” menu items. The restaurant is located at 8430 Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Mo. Each person responsible for their own tab. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or 913-671-2359.

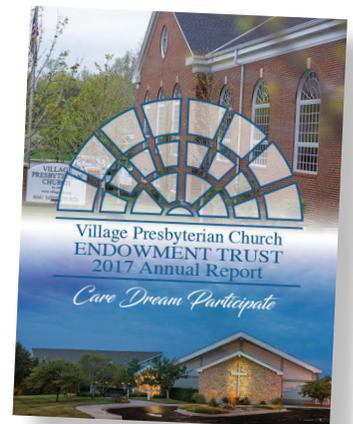


4th Annual Food Truck Festival
5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 - Village on Mission

You are invited to join us for a community event for all ages in the Village Church on Mission north parking lot! Bring your family and your lawn chairs, sit under the big tent and enjoy live entertainment by the Aaron Linscheid Trio. Choose from five amazing, gourmet food trucks offering reasonably priced specialties: Food trucks include Slater’s Food Truck (wings, pizza, parmesan fries), Beauty & the Bistro, Cooter Brand BBQ, Crave of KC and Betty Rae’s Homemade Ice Cream. Food cost is on your own. The event is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee.

The 2017 Endowment Trust Annual Report
Now Available

You will find this new report online at www.villagepres.org, Endowment Trust or you can find copies at each entrance to the Church. You may also contact Molly Serridge at 913-671-2325. This report is filled with impactful stories of how our Endowment Trust makes a difference within our Church and out into our community.



A Note About Children's Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School in the month of August and on Labor Day Sunday. Plan to attend and enjoy Family Worship, Time with Children and our Worship Bags. Children three years and younger may attend our child care in Rooms 107, 111 and 114.

Join Us As a Teacher this Fall

New Sunday school Teacher Team Training Workshop is from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. It is for both those committed to teaching as well as for those who want to learn what it means to be on a Teacher Team without pressure to commit. We would love to have you!

New for Kids & Parents

- Frolic and Whirl Sunday School Year begins at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9. We're excited about this new curriculum. We hope you and your children are too!
- Parent Information Kick-off Party follows on the south lawn, 10:30 a.m. Sept. 9.
- Couples with Kids' Bible Studies are from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month.

We extend a special Invitation to families to come to The Gathering Worship Service at 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall. This alternative worship service is very child friendly!

Baptisms and New Babies

Future baptism dates are Sept. 16 and Nov. 18. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member's arrival.

Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

Highlights from Vacation Bible School at Village on Mission

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School at Village on Mission was a great success! Thank you for your prayers and support and many helping hands to make VBS week a blessing to 167 children, 70 volunteers and staff. Look for pictures from Heartland's Traveling Day Camp at Village on Antioch in the Sept. 5 "Good News."



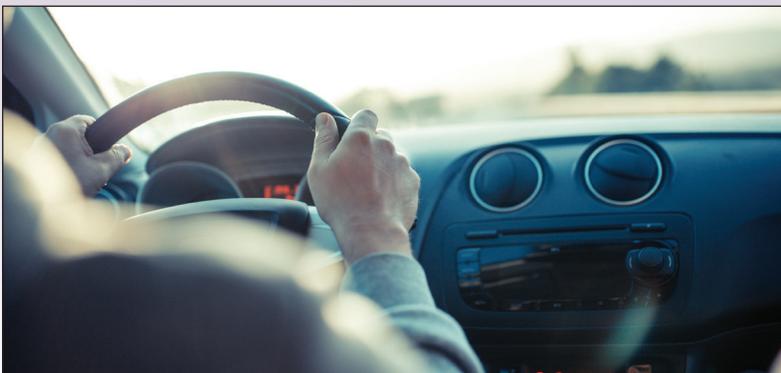


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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Awe Moment



One of our members shared that one Sunday morning, he was on his way down I-35 toward Texas on some serious family business. He remembered he could connect to our Sunday worship service by live-stream, so he stopped and connected his iPhone to our worship service. On his way again, he listened to that Sunday's worship service. He shared with us that the worship service, and the sermon message in particular, were just what he needed to hear that Sunday morning and it was a great help with what he had to deal with in Texas.

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



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

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

www.villagepres.org

IN MEMORY

June Bazin

Judy Channon Gemmill

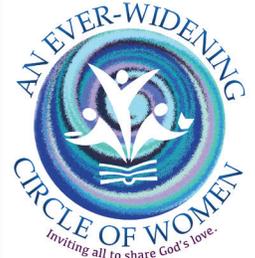
Wilbur Hook

Dorothy Hultz

Betty Mathews

Shirley Smith

Presbyterian Women of Village Church



Inviting All to Share God's Love



Who are Presbyterian Women?

All women members of the church and women in the community interested in the purpose of Presbyterian Women (known as PW) are welcome to be affiliated with Presbyterian Women. Every woman member of Village Church is a member of Presbyterian Women.

What is our PW purpose?

We commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



Rev. Clare Lozano



Rev. Dr. Warren Carter



Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

Some upcoming Presbyterian Women events:

Sept. 12, 2018 – PW Fall Event - Crepes & Conversation

Women of all ages are welcome to learn about all the activities of PW, enjoy complimentary crepes and engage in fellowship from 9:30 -11 a.m. in Friendship Hall. RSVP by Aug. 31 to Marianne Weber at marianne@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

Dec. 11, 2018 – Advent by Candlelight

Rev. Clare Lozano, guest speaker

Rev. Lozano received her Masters of Divinity degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. She is passionate about pastoral ministry and feels deeply blessed to have been called to the wonderful community of Heritage Presbyterian in Olathe. This treasured event embraces exciting new developments. Join us as we gather with mothers, daughters, sisters and friends, to prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ child.

March 1-2, 2019 – Visiting Scholar

Featuring Rev. Dr. Warren Carter

Dr. Carter is a professor of the New Testament at Brite Divinity School, Ft. Worth, Texas. He formerly taught in Kansas City at St. Paul's School of theology for 17 years and taught some Sunday School classes at Village Church on Mission.

March 23, 2019 – Celebration of Faithful Women

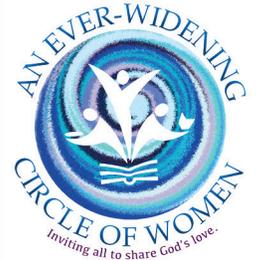
Featuring Rev. Jessie Light-Wells, guest speaker

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells serves as the Monie Pastoral Resident at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. Jessie received her Masters of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. We invite you to join us as we honor our 2019 Honorary Life Members who have made outstanding contributions to Presbyterian Women.

Visit villagepres.org/presbyterian-women for more information.

Join Us!

Presbyterian Women of Village Church



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More ways to connect with Presbyterian Women:

Alive Now Bible Study - This dedicated group meets at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and is open to women of all ages. Various theological and biblical related subjects with application to life's daily journey are studied. Contact Judy Cooper at 913-268-8719 or judycooperjc@gmail.com for more information.

Amazing Graces - A fellowship of women who meet during the day and evening for book club discussions, dinner groups, speakers, yoga classes and field trips. Contact Martha Tatman at 913-221-5280 or matatman@hotmail.com if you would like more information.

Circles - This year's PW Circle Study is based on Horizon's study, "God's Promise: I Am With You." Circles meet on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to women of all ages. For more information, contact Leslie Conrad at 913-341-2734 or conradleslie@aol.com.



Mission Sewing - This productive group is open to women of all ages who enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting and good fellowship. It meets every Tuesday each month except December. We welcome non-sewers for cutting, counting and other tasks. At-home projects are available as well. Attention knitters: please pick up your yarn in the fall to begin knitting the baby Christmas hats. If you would like to join, simply drop by the Sewing Room at church (Room 115) or contact Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.



Page Turners - Women of all ages are welcome to join this group for lively discussions of books selected with the guidance of Vivien Jennings from Rainy Day Books. Page Turners meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Contact Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at judylockett@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Operation Breakthrough Reading Group - This heartwarming group meets at church for one hour on Wednesday mornings for six weeks in the fall and spring to read to preschool children from Operation Breakthrough. Contact Cindy Whitham at 913-262-3062 or ciwhitham@aol.com for more information.

Women of Wisdom - As a fellowship of women, this group welcomes women of all ages and meets for lunches and dinners. Contact Marvie Sneegas at 913-209-9608 or sneegi@kc.rr.com for more information.



Women with Spirit - WWS is a community of women who share a similar stage of life juggling families, work, home and beyond while working to grow in faith together. Child care is available for most events which include dinners, brunches and various other social outings. Contact Shelby Krumm at 913-341-6875 or shelbykrumm@yahoo.com for more information.

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Note: Child care is available for most events held at Village Church with advance reservations.

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