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New Village Church Child & Family Development Center Filled with Pint-Sized Surprises

If all goes according to plan, the delightful sounds of little children will soon be emanating through the halls of the new Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 99th and Mission Road.

About the Design

GastingerWalker& Architects designed the new child care center. The same firm designed the Tillotson building (home of Village Food Pantry), which opened in 2008. Steve McGuire of GastingerWalker& tells us about the special features of the new Center.

"The project is the second phase of construction at the Meneilly Center Campus. The building completes a master plan originally approved by Overland Park Planning in 2005. The new

building uses the same exterior materials and scale of the Tillotson building to provide continuity, but has been configured differently to better reflect the different use and requirements of the Child and Family Development Center.

This portion of the site slopes three feet within the length of the building. In order to provide ground level access from classrooms and all major use areas, the building steps gradually down to the west with 8" level changes and intermittent sloping circulation areas.

The multi-use building will provide day care classrooms and support space for 132 students. The day care portion of the building includes a storm-hardened safe room space and food preparation and dining areas. A flexible 250-person multipurpose space with associated meeting, conference and storage areas is included as well.

We want the building to efficiently provide all the functional requirements of the staff and the Meneilly Center Committee. In addition, we want it to be a place the children enjoy and are excited to come to each

day. We want the architecture to be bright and cheerful and to supplement the smiles and positive attitudes of the staff.

Arrival starts at a broad entry canopy with tree-like

columns. Once inside the building, a custom door provides a 'child's' entrance to the classroom area that is too small for adults to go through. The classrooms are joined with a playful multi-level interior circulation space that is

flooded with daylight from south facing roof monitors above. Throughout this space there are little surprises, such as windows in a variety of shapes and sizes to provide views into the classrooms at child height.

There are color coded floor areas with lower scaled ceilings at the classroom entries. The classroom ceilings all slope up to the exterior walls providing a light and more spacious feeling to the classroom. The windows of the classrooms have tinted glass panels that reinforce the entry and room accent colors.

A favorite area of students and staff will certainly be the nature explore outdoor classroom/play area. The design incorporates a nature-centered play and education concept. This portion of the project will be installed once the existing building is removed.



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Sustainable Design

The building is designed to be a good steward in the use of materials and resources. The building is low and compact allowing a central utility core to most efficiently supply heating and cooling. Multiple equipment zones allow utility savings for those areas of the building not in use. Light monitors above the central circulation space provide daylight deep into the building and will often preclude the use of artificial light there altogether. The lighting throughout is high efficiency LED. The classrooms have a sophisticated control system that provides daylight harvesting and programmable dimming options. Parking lot lighting is LED as well.

Like the Tillotson building, this building will receive an initial 12 KW photovoltaic electric rooftop installation, with equipment sized to add many times that capacity in the future. Additionally, the rooftop will provide an active 120-gallon solar hot water heating installation. All building roof water is diverted to a rain garden collection and percolation area that serves as a buffer and landscape area between the building and 99th Street to the north. An electric vehicle charging station will be provided on site as well."

Steve McGuire is the senior project architect for the Village Church Child & Family Development Center.

Dianne Stanley is chair of the Meneilly Center Committee. "It is an exciting time for our committee," said Dianne. "We understand that our church members see the need to provide quality day care for the entire community as an important part of our church's mission.

We embraced our role to be good stewards of the church's money and understand the need to accomplish:

The programming needs of the day care center

- A day care center that provides natural light in as many spaces as possible
- A building that included an above ground storm shelter that will serve this building and the Food Pantry
- Designing outdoor play areas that are educational, as well as provide for developing small and large motor skills

And creating a flexible space for the community that will serve many user groups.

It is a joy for our committee to see this building project come to fruition and all of the design decisions come together. We look forward to watching the children, teachers and the community enjoy the new space."

Plans are to have an Open House for church members and the community to tour the new Center once the old building is demolished and the parking lot is complete.

MISSION

Keeping Tummies Full Over the Weekend

Approximately 122,570 or one in five children in Harvesters Food Bank's service area are food insecure. Food insecurity means that a person or household may have food today but does not know if there will be food tomorrow.

Harvesters offers the BackSnack program, which provides bags of nutritious food to low-income children for the weekend. The program creates a partnership between Harvesters, a participating school and a local corporate, civic or religious organization.

For the past seven years Village Church volunteers have participated in the BackSnack program. During the 2015-2016 school year, Village provided food each week to 100 children at Overland Park Elementary and Nieman Elementary, totaling more than 3,000 meals for the year. Food is generally packed up on a Wednesday or Thursday at the Village Food Pantry and delivered on Thursday or Friday.

Our efforts and the work of other organizations across Kansas City are making a difference. Consistent and reliable access to food is critical to a child's physical and emotional growth. With BackSnack, participating schools report improved grades, attendance and behavior; and students are better prepared to focus and participate in school.

Over the years, Village has helped pack over approximately 19,500 nutritious meals through the school adoption program. One student said, "Some of the food at the grocery store is really expensive, so BackSnack helps us with some money issues." Another student added "I love what's in them...I believe that people should get these every Friday." If you are interested in helping to pack and distribute meals to our partner schools during the 2016-2017 school year, contact Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138 or amyjturpin@gmail.com or Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 or kuandfm@sbcglobal.net.

Blood Donor Turns Blood Recipient

Ruth Glatt understands first hand about the importance of giving the gift of life. A 36-year member of Village Church and a retired nurse, Ruth was not only a regular blood donor for many years but also a recipient of seven pints this past spring.

"I was at the church at an event and I felt weak and light headed," says Ruth. "My friends here took me to Shawnee Mission Hospital where doctors discovered that my hemoglobin was very low...at a four."

Hemoglobin is a protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen throughout the body. Normally, it is 13 to 18 grams per deciliter (one-hundredth of a liter) for men and 12 to 16 grams per deciliter for women. When hemoglobin becomes too low, the risk of fainting, palpitations and chest pain can arise.

For Ruth, a blood transfusion took care of the problem.

"I have always been very healthy and it was just a freak event. You never know what's in store," shares Ruth.

Ruth enjoys caring for others. She worked for 40 years in nursing, including work at Trinity Lutheran Hospital



where she says she "was really good at sticking people and doing blood draws." She babysat for her six grandkids and helped in Village's respite care program and in the nursery. Her penchant for caregiving continues today as a volunteer for the Prairie Village Blood Drives hosted by Village Church. Several times a year she assists with registration.

The Prairie Village Blood Drive can always use volunteers and donors. If you would like to know more about volunteering, contact Deborah White in the Mission office at 913-671-2369 or Ann Colston at 913-722-0165.

Village Blood Drive – Aug. 23

Village will host its next blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit www.esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon on Aug. 14 or 21. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has received numerous requests for Bibles from their clients. If you have an extra one lying around your house, perhaps you could donate it to the Pantry. It will immediately be placed in a good home. With these hot days of summer, the Pantry is requesting personal care items that we all use during these months: deodorant, insect repellent, bar soap, sunscreen, shampoo, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for summer clothing in all sizes - cleaned and gently used. Towels, washcloths and bed linens are also needed. Thank you for your caring donations!

Pot and Pan Drive for Homeless Ministry

Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas is seeking donations of new and gently used kitchenware, especially pots, pans and casserole dishes. Hillcrest provides homeless families temporary housing and case management so they may become self sufficient. Village sponsors one of Hillcrest's 28 family apartments and 10 teen apartments in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties. You can drop off donations at the Village Church Reception Desk located at the south entrance. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 with any questions. Donations are needed by Sept. 15.



September 2016 Wednesday Nights @ Village

Weekly Wednesday Church Dinners All Are Welcome!

Wednesday church dinners will resume at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7. These dinners are offered so people of all ages can come together and share a meal before attending a class, choir practice, etc. Chef Emily prepares a full, hot buffet with salad bar for \$7, salad bar & dessert for \$6. And children age 3-10, \$3. Children under 3 are free. Emily is very conscientious about offering healthy options, also gluten free options, as well as both meat and vegetarian entrée. The menu is posted on the Village Church website, in the Sunday bulletins and the *Good News*.



Reservations are required by noon every Monday. This is so Emily knows how much food to purchase/prepare. Beginning Sept. 7, diners will be asked to print their name in a guest book each week. This will help us keep track of all those who are eating. We want to be good stewards so we're asking you to help us out by **making a reservation** each week. Reservations are easy. Just call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org, or go to www.villagepres.org, click on "Connect", then "Adult", then "Wednesday Night Dinner." We hope you'll take a night off from cooking each week and join us!

September Menus:

- Sept. 7 – Fried chicken picnic, baked beans (GV), potato salad, macaroni & cheese (V)
- Sept. 14 – Chicken fajitas, vegetable fajitas, flour and corn tortillas, Mexican rice, beans
- Sept. 21 – Roast pork (GF), mashed potatoes (GF), Brussels sprouts, tomato pie
- Sept. 28 – Roasted chicken (GF), wild rice pilaf (V & GF), sweet potato casserole (V & GF)

Wednesday Night Classes- Village U

For questions or registration, call 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org. See class descriptions in the Village U Catalog or at www.villagepres.org.

- CL.003** **Gabriel's Revelation, Rev. Dwight Tawney**
6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28, Room 127
- FL.001** **Taste of MOPS, Bethany Ramsey**
6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, Room 126
- FL.002** **Human Sexuality – Just Say Know, Rev. Karen Wagner Wright**
6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, Room 126
- HW.004** **Sabbath Yoga Wednesdays, Katherine Caputo**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14, Rooms 307/309/311. Class will not meet on Nov. 23.
- LS.002** **Very Basic Computer Class-Evening**
6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 5, Room 316

An Invitation from Ryan Main, Interim Director of Music Ministry

Dear Village friends,

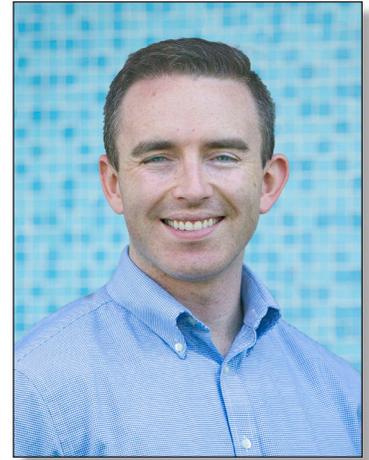
It is a blessing and honor to join you in making music in worship at Village Presbyterian Church.

I am thrilled to begin ensemble rehearsals on Sept. 1 (for Thursday ensembles) and Sept. 7 (for Wednesday ensembles). Our Music Ministry team is hard at work planning a variety of uplifting and engaging literature for the fall. To current choir and ensemble members, you can expect to continue making wonderful music as a part of a warm and inviting community. I am profoundly grateful to join you in music ministry and eager to serve you.

To anyone who might be interested in joining the Music Ministry, whether you have a musical background or no experience at all, I would like to invite you to join us. Music Ministry at Village provides opportunities for musicians of all experience and comfort levels to grow through music in worship. Reach out to any of us by phone, email or in person. We would love to have you join us.

Thank you for the warmest of welcomes.

Sincerely,
Ryan Main



Returning for Its Third Season: Second Thursday Recitals

At 12:15 p.m. the second Thursday of every month, a 30-minute musical program is offered in the Village Chapel. The performance is free and open to the community. Performances resume Sept. 8.

Our featured artists will be:

- Sept. 8 - Kristee Haney, soprano
- Oct. 13 - Tabitha Reist Steiner, harp
- Nov. 10 - Alison Borberg, soprano
- Dec. 8 - Karen Kushner, piano

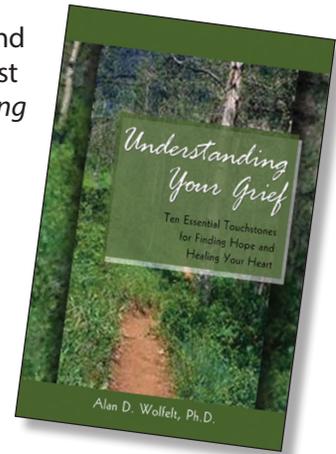
And for the spring 2017 semester, we'll feature Village Choir Intern Jee-Yeun Kim, soprano; University of Kansas Chamber Ensemble; Lyric Arts Trio; and Charlie Metz, harpsichord.



New Growing Through Grief Series Starts Sept. 14

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please know you are not alone. The Care and Counseling department wants to support our members and anyone who is facing this difficult time by offering a five-week class, Growing Through Grief. The next series will be from 6:30-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 14-Oct. 12, in Room 124.

Join us to learn more about the grieving process, meet others who understand your struggles, and be reminded that God is with us through even the hardest of moments. The classes include helpful (optional) reading from *Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*, by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. The series is offered at no cost and includes your own copy of the book. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save-the-Date

Feb. 24-25, 2017

Village Presbyterian Church



Reopening the Letters of Paul Beverly Roberts Gaventa



Dr. Gaventa specializes in the Pauline epistles and in Luke-Acts with an emphasis on theological interpretation.

- Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Baylor University
- Formerly Princeton Theological Seminary's Helen H.P. Manson Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis
- B.A. from Phillips University
- M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary
- Ph.D. from Duke University

The Visiting Scholar Event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women at Village Presbyterian Church. Go to villagepres.org and click Connect, Adults, then Visiting Scholar, for more information.



Summer Sunday Adult Bible Study

10:45-11:45 a.m. Rooms 126 & 127 • 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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| Aug. 7 | Luke 19:11-10 | Jesus and Zaccheaus | Dr. Rodger Nishioka |
| Aug. 14 | Luke 22:14-22 | Jesus and Disciples' Last Supper | Dr. Rodger Nishioka |
| Aug. 21 | Luke 24:36-43 | Resurrected Jesus Eats with Disciples | Dr. Rodger Nishioka |

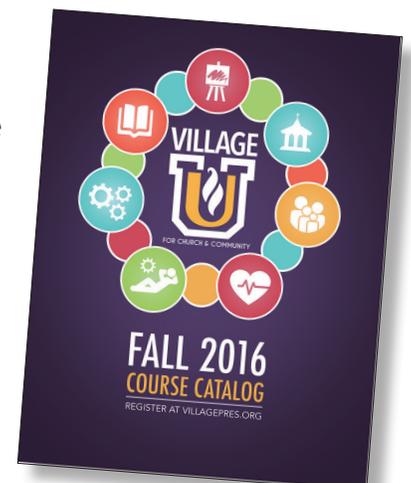


Fall Village U Registration Opens Aug. 15

The Fall 2016 Village U Course Catalog is now available. The Village U curriculum is a wide umbrella encompassing all our adult learning opportunities in one, easy-to-find location. Village Church is a learning community with a long commitment to providing opportunities for adults – young and older—to grow in knowledge and faith together. A wide spectrum of classes in the areas of Art, Christian Living, Computer, Family Life, Health and Wellness, Leisure and Life Skills will be offered. We hope you will spend some time discovering all that is available.

- 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 are noted in the class listing.
- You will be able to register online, by telephone, by fax or by email.

Registration begins on Monday, Aug. 15, for Village Church members.
 Registration begins on Monday, Aug. 22 for members of the community.



Fall Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30 a.m.

Cloud of Witnesses

The class welcomes Rev. Dwight Tawney who is teaching "Old Stories in A New Light." During the past two decades, archeological excavations in Israel and Jordan have focused fresh light on some familiar biblical stories. Join us as we peer through an archeologist's lens to gain new insights on some of these biblically-significant discoveries. Sept. 11-Oct. 23 in Room 15.

Faith Journey

This fall, the class is studying the book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. This is a true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a call for us to fix our broken system of justice. We will be discussing the book and how we, as Christians, can have a positive impact. Facilitated by Kathy Ray in Room 230.

Growing Together

This fall, the class will view and discuss *The Gospel of Luke* DVD that faithfully re-creates the stories of John's gospel with narration from veteran actors Richard E. Grant and Sir Derek Jacobi. Shot on location in Morocco, the second film in the Lumo Project series uses on location filming in Morocco and a multi-million pound budget to create the most authentic bible portrayal so far. All the actors speak in the original aramaic language, as well as wearing costumes accurate to the period. The movie uses the 'latest theological, historical and archaeological research' to authentically render the fourth gospel faithfully and cinematically. Both accurate and cinematic, *The Gospel of Luke* recreates the unabridged life of Jesus, word for word. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre in Room 132.

Village Forum

The Peoples' Book - Unlike other books of the Bible through which we hear God speaking to us, in the Psalms we are the ones who do the speaking while God is the one who listens. We say an assortment of things; we speak of thanksgiving and praise, affirmation and affection but we find there are other words in the Psalms ... darker words ... perhaps more honest words that may surprise and perhaps frighten us ... words of grief, anger, and lament. Given the times in which we find ourselves and the life experiences we all have, it might be helpful to ponder Psalms that are familiar and Psalms that are not, for perhaps both apply to us at different times in our journeys of faith. Rev. Jay McKell will facilitate this five-week class with occasional assistance from Old Testament teacher and former Visiting Scholar Walter Brueggemann. Sept. 11-Oct. 9 in Room 126.

10:45 a.m.

The Inquirers class will launch its fall semester study schedule reading and discussing the late Marcus Borg's thought-provoking and inspirational book, *Convictions*. Borg, one of the world's pre-eminent scholars of the Historical Jesus, concludes his long career with a heartfelt examination and recitation of "How I Learned What Matters Most." Borg writes provocatively and compellingly about beliefs that can transform Christians: God is real... and a mystery, salvation is more about this life than an afterlife, the Bible can be true without being literally true, Jesus' death on the cross matters...but not because he paid for our sins, God is passionate about justice and the poor and to love God is to love like God. Join the book review and discussion of Borg's memories, conversions, and convictions when Inquirers class resumes Sept. 11 in Room 124. Be a part of the effort to study and celebrate "what matters most" to those who seek to better understand and follow Jesus.

August Service Day • 9 a.m.- noon Saturday, Aug. 13

Come do good work with good people at the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House! There's a chicken coop that needs tended to, an orchard that needs groomed, food to be prepared and houses to clean! This is a local site that helps with emergency housing and food needs of our neighbors in northeast Kansas City, all while living together in intentional community. Children are welcome on this adventure. Address: 3308 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO.

Summer Yard Game Olympics • 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26

Do you have a rarely celebrated ability to play croquet like no other? Do you throw a mean bocce ball? Here's your time to shine! Come and compete in non-competitive sports, BBQ with friends and enjoy the end of our first summer season together. Children are welcome. Bring your favorite beverages to share! Address: 2009 W. 103rd St., Leawood, KS.



ENDOWMENT TRUST-MENEILLY SOCIETY

Support Village Church into the future...

You have the power to play a vital role in helping the mission and ministries of Village Church far into the future through the Meneilly Society. When you plan a gift that will support Village Church Endowment Trust after your lifetime, you are committing to Christ's works through Village Church.

To be part of the Meneilly Society you need only to include a charitable gift in your estate plan:

- gifts in your will or living trust
- charitable remainder trust
- retirement account beneficiary designations
- life insurance beneficiary designations

If you have already included Village Church in your estate plan, please let us know so you can become a member of the Meneilly Society.

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

New Little One at Village Church

Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little one born recently: Avery Elle Wendt (Tanya and Same Wendt, parents). A single rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday in August to celebrate the new baby.

Fall Brochure

Watch your mailboxes for the fall mailing. This year's catalog will be chock-full of all the programming available for Village Church Kids.



**Moose on the Loose ...
Summer 2016 at Village Church**

A summer of fun... here are some of our favorite moments from Creations by Kids, Kids Day Out and Vacation Bible School.



2016 Surf Shack VBS Catches the Wave of God's Amazing Love

A sea full of 185 elementary and preschool surfers packed Friendship Hall from July 15-22 for Surf Shack Vacation Bible School. VBS legendary storyteller Gary Wann returned to tell Bible stories—something he's been doing at Village Vacation Bible School for the past 40 years. Michelle O'Neal returned for her third year as VBS director. Adult volunteers were dressed as lifeguards.

Snappy the Crab (aka Jodie Winfrey), made many guest appearances throughout the week. At the end of the VBS morning session on Friday, a preschooler came up to Snappy and said, "Snappy, if you're going to be sad that we are all leaving. You can come spend the rest of the summer at my house. I'm going to give you my phone number (which he recited). You don't need to write it down. I'm going to say it two more times so you can remember it!" Now how could Snappy turn down an invitation like that?

The Gray Sharks VBS group visited Mission Sewing on Tuesday. No shark attacks reported.

Erin Thomas, daughter of Children & Family Ministry Director Cheryl Couch-Thomas, was camp photographer. You can see lots of VBS photos on the Village Church Kids Facebook page.

Special thanks to the Children & Family Ministry team, our summer interns Grace Pickell and Tessa Polaschek, other Village staff and the 70 volunteers who helped make this a wonderful VBS experience for our kids.



Save The Date

Child Safety Expert Pattie Fitzgerald at Village Church Oct. 23 & 24

Pattie Fitzgerald has been successfully teaching Child Predator Safety Awareness since 2001. She is the founder and creator of Safely Ever After, Inc. and provides effective, non-fearful safety workshops, seminars and keynote speeches at schools, community organizations, churches and corporations throughout the United States. She has trained many crime prevention educators and children's advocacy groups with her specialized programs, curriculum and educational materials.

A widely recognized and respected children's advocate, Pattie has made it her mission to teach parents and children everywhere her "safe smarts" – which is child-friendly terminology for "street smarts." Armed with "safe smarts," parents and children are left feeling empowered, informed and aware – secure in the knowledge that they can take measures to prevent victimization.

As a mom herself, Pattie understands the fears and concerns that other parents are faced with every day when it comes to protecting their children. And... she knows how to deliver the message so that it is heard. Her straight-forward, warm and caring approach has been highly praised by parents, educators and child advocacy groups across the country.

With her common sense strategies, technical expertise, and parent-friendly guidance, Pattie is expert at dispelling the myths and clarifying the truths surrounding childhood sexual abuse. She is a published author and has been selected by the Los Angeles Sheriff's M.E.R.I.T. Program as an instructor to incarcerated inmates at the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic, Calif. Pattie has also recently been named as the safety and prevention advisor for the newly formed child advocacy group, www.PeasInTheirPods.com. Prior to the inception of Safely Ever After, Inc., Pattie previously worked as the community outreach educator for the national child advocacy group, Parents For Megan's Law.

She has been featured on *Good Morning America*, *CNN Headline News*, *MSNBC*, and more. Her written works have been published in numerous parenting magazines, trade journals and newspapers throughout the United States.



Pattie Fitzgerald Village U Classes This Fall

Kidz Power!

5-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, Room 228

For ages five thru eight - Children do not have to be paranoid or fearful when it comes to safety. They simply need to learn some vital skills and strategies so they can recognize a "thumbs down" situation. In this 45 minute, age-appropriate and non-fearful presentation, children will learn that they are the "boss" of their bodies and that their feelings are most important. Features include: 10 family safety rules, what to do if you get lost in a store (or public place), an age-appropriate explanation of physical boundaries, clarification of the "stranger danger" concept and how to spot a "TRICKY PERSON."

Playing It Safe

6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, Room 228

For ages nine through 12, an interactive and age-appropriate 50-minute program focusing on appropriate physical and relationship boundaries - how to define them and how to safeguard them. Children are also instructed on how to trust their instincts and make safe choices as they gain more independence. Features include: 12 safe-smart rules for kids; what is a boundary is and why it's important; how to spot a tricky person; playing it safe by making safe choices; resisting peer pressure and nine Internet safe-smart guidelines.

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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Because of Your Generosity . . .

Village Church is able to sponsor an apartment in conjunction with Hillcrest Transitional Housing, a group that offers homeless families, singles and youth a disciplined, educational program with a caring, supportive environment. Hillcrest's primary objective is to move clients from homelessness to self-sufficiency within 90 days by addressing the total life situation of the homeless families they serve.



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

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
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

IN MEMORY

Hazel Bond
Mary Hilding
Sydney Landon
Geraldine Marshall
John Weber

Presbyterian Women of Village Church



Pouring Out God's Spirit



More ways to connect with Presbyterian Women:

Alive Now Bible Study - This dedicated group meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. 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 Bible studies, book club discussions, dinner groups, speakers, yoga classes and field trips. Contact Martha Tatman at 913-221-5280 or matatman@hotmail.com for more information.

Circles - Thought-provoking Bible studies and fellowship meet on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to women of all ages. Contact Carolyn Eakins at 913-732-2292 or carolyneakins@gmail.com for more information.

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. Non-sewers are welcome too 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 or Karen Stone at 913-271-6603.



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, dinners, and various field trips. 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 and brunches, Bible studies and volunteer projects. Contact Shelby Krumm at 913-341-6875 or shelbykrumm@yahoo.com and Niki Krenznel at susannkrenznel@aol.com for more information.



Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt, PW staff advisor and pastor of Pastoral Care at 913-671-2367 or jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org or Katherine Caputo, PW moderator, katherinebestcaputo@hotmail.com with any questions.

Join Us!

Presbyterian Women of Village Church



Pouring Out God's Spirit



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.

Some upcoming Presbyterian Women events:

Sept. 14, 2016 – PW Fall Event - Crepes and Conversation

Women of all ages are welcome to enjoy fellowship and wonderful crepes, 9:30 -11 a.m. in Friendship Hall. This is a great time to learn about the many activities of PW. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-642-6370.

Oct. 11, 2016 – Operation Breakthrough Dinner-

Struggling in the Land of Opportunity

Village Presbyterian Church invites you to a dinner and forum focusing on the struggles that impoverished families face every day here in Kansas City! Please join us for an evening of fellowship and awareness.

Dec. 6, 2016 – Advent Candlelight Dinner

Rev. Hallie Hottle, guest speaker

This intergenerational dinner gathers mothers, daughters, sisters and friends to prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ child.

Feb. 24-25, 2017 – Visiting Scholar

***Reopening the Letters of Paul* with Beverly Roberts Gaventa**

Dr. Gaventa specializes in the Pauline epistles and in Luke-Acts with an emphasis on theological interpretation.

April 8, 2017 – Celebration of Faithful Women

Sarah Are, guest speaker

Sarah attends Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. and is the daughter of Rev. Tom Are and Carol Are. We invite you to join us as we honor our 2017 Honorary Life Members who have made outstanding contributions to Presbyterian Women.

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

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



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