



Please join us for worship on Aug. 6 for Organ Dedication Sunday. We will walk through the church year with congregational singing, accompanied by Dr. Elisa Bickers on our completed pipe organ, Opus 22.

"This organ will aid our worship when we hold candles on Christmas Eve, when we are commending our loved ones to glory, when we baptize our children, when we sing a new song and when we sing the old songs," said Rev. Tom Are. "But I am mindful that there are generations of the Village family who we are yet to know, but they too will sing their faith and sing their way to faith."

A full schedule of concerts and recitals will introduce Opus 22 to the Kansas City area community from August 2017 through May 2018.

Dr. Bickers will kick off the Opus 22 concert season with two performances: the first at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, and the second at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. Child care will be available for both concerts. Call Marjean Lindquist at 913-671-2322 to make your child care reservation.



Internationally acclaimed organist Doug Cleveland (pictured left), will be performing at Village Church at 3 p.m. Sept. 24.

Our Second Thursday Recital series will showcase Opus 22 with guest organists Dr. Lara West on Sept. 14, Paul Meier on Nov. 9, Dr. Kenneth Walker on March 8, 2018 and Mark Ball, former director of music ministry of Village Church, on May 10.

Other concerts include the Village Chamber Choir, Orchestra and the William Jewell Concert Choir at 3 p.m. Oct. 29, Te Deum Chamber Choir with guest organist Kurt Knecht at 3 p.m. Nov. 12, the Kansas City Wind Symphony with organist Dr. Elisa Bickers at 7 p.m. Nov. 12, "Tidings of Joy" concerts at 3 and 6 p.m. Dec. 17 and the Bach Aria Soloists at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10. We will end the season with a solo organ recital and hymn festival with organist Dr. Jan Kraybill at 7:30 p.m. May 18. Visit villagepres.org for more information about the Opus 22 schedule of events.



The Power of Giving

On June 25, we celebrated the joining of two congregations into one church family. Over 320 members and friends were present at Village on Antioch that morning – here's what some of them had to say:

"It was a joyous day to see so many people packed into the Village on Antioch Sanctuary, to hear the glorious sound of the combined choir and parishioners. I recall my first meeting in 1980 with Dr. Bob Meneilly. On that day, Dr. Meneilly said, 'If Stanley needs anything, Village will help.' – Rev. Dick Ramsey

"It was great being a part of something so special. Witnessing two church families becoming one was amazing. Very proud!" - Suzanne

"It reminded me of a wedding. I was honored and truly moved to witness the joining of our two families into one." - Kevin

"It was my deepest honor to be present during the historical worship service at Village on Antioch to witness the strong religious convictions and gratitude of its members when they became a part of the Village Presbyterian Church family. The total experience proved to be extremely compelling and moving. It was another great day in the life of Village!" - Tom

"Being part of the Resurrection Service at Village on Antioch was amazing! As a former member and choir member at PCOS, the words, 'full circle' keep coming to mind. As painful as it was to see our church split, it's been as wonderful to be back at Village Church and part of that family. And now – to see Village in both places makes my heart so happy. Having Ryan Main become the new director of music at VOA is icing on the cake. I have a lot of hope for this new venture!" - Carolyn

"The rich history of ministry and service at the church was clearly on display that Sunday. There was a sense of excitement and joy, leaving all with a sense of great things to come for Village on Antioch." - John

"I was blessed to be accepted by the leadership and congregation of the PCOS when I did my outreach project the summer of 2016. After June 25, blessings continue to grow as close friends are now brothers and sisters in Christ with God's love; one community of faith coming together as one Village Church family." - Tony

"There is no doubt in my mind – God was in that Sanctuary with us that day. I've never felt a presence like that – we are blessed!" - John

"It was an incredibly emotional experience to worship at the newly christened Village on Antioch on June 25. When Dick Ramsey, the first pastor called to serve at PCOS, walked with Tom Are and Hallie Hottle down the aisle to start the service, dozens of us were pleasantly surprised. When the service started with video messages of blessings from several of our former pastoral team members, we knew we were in for a special service. And when the combined choir and brass blessed us with that moving music by Holst, we were beyond moved and had to reach for the Kleenex.

The history of the church was honored, not ignored. And the visitors enjoyed learning about how PCOS came to be a thriving church in southern Johnson County, and how cows used to meander in pastures just across Antioch from the church.

We were reminded of a time, not too long ago, when each and every Sunday worship looked and felt just like that morning. And we look forward to a time when more than 250 will gather each Sunday for worship at the corner of 148th and Antioch." – Lisa

"You could see by the tears, smiles and hugs that this day meant so much to both of our church families as we united as one." – Laura



Highlights from Multigenerational VBS at Village on Antioch

Thank you everyone for a wonderful Vacation Bible School for all ages at Village on Antioch. One hundred-thirty-two adults, youth and children came for four nights, July 10-13, for our original multigenerational Reform VBS.

We ate together, sang, laughed, learned, danced, tie dyed and made art together. And we prayed together. "Holy things happened at VBS," said Rev. Hallie Hottle, bridge site pastor at VOA. "If you were part of it, you know. The best part is, the Spirit doesn't vacate after VBS. Let's keep worshipping and working together, dreaming up what God might have in store next."

Special thanks to the 37 volunteers who helped make VBS such a great success.



On the heels of VBS, the new monument sign at Village on Antioch was installed on Tuesday, July 18. The VOA Ministry Team gathered around the new sign at their meeting Wednesday, July 19. Now people traveling up and down Antioch Road will see we are now Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch.

An Update on Front Porch Alliance Supporting KC Families with a New Leadership Network on the LAMP Campus

Supporting families in Kansas City's urban core is a vital mission for a variety of core institutions and service-based agencies. The Front Porch Alliance (FPA) has always believed that collaboration and trusting partnerships yield the best results when it comes to the stabilization and care for low-income families living in Kansas City's eastside neighborhoods. We are thrilled to announce a new leadership structure designed to make a broader network of resources available to help support the many and varied needs of our neighborhood families.

Tom Esselman, CEO of Connecting For Good, a non-profit dedicated to bridging the digital divide in KC's urban core, and a partner tenant with the FPA in its headquarters at the Linwood Area Ministry Place (LAMP) campus, is the new director of the FPA's Collaborative Leadership Team. His role is to oversee the staff and programs of the Front Porch Alliance, and to work closely with FPA's board of directors to advance the sustainability and growth of FPA's mission to make positive and lasting changes to the lives of Kansas City's eastside residents. Joining Tom in this mission is Angela Underwood, chief programs officer for Connecting for Good, and new associate director of the FPA's Collaborative Leadership Team. Angela has previously served as an urban school principal in Nashville, Detroit and Kansas City, including Faxon Elementary, where she partnered with the FPA in leading its PALs (Partnership in Active Learning) program.

Tom and Angela began leading the FPA programs in April, with their top priority being to hire a new programs director who could serve as an actively engaged participant-leader for the Front Porch Alliance programs. They succeeded in doing just that. Brooke Taylor started on July 10 as FPA's program director. Brooke is an early childhood certified Instructional Coach, who also worked in the Nashville, Detroit and Kansas City urban school districts. She will manage FPA's Parent Educator staff of Makeda Peterson and Kimberly Miller, and will supervise the volunteer-led programs that the FPA has developed as a continuum of support for vulnerable families in the east of Troost KC neighborhoods.



(L-R) Brooke Taylor, Tom Esselman and Angela Underwood



He's back! The fabled Peanut Butter Phantom has returned to the Village Church Food Pantry. This wonderful mystery donor has once again offered to match the total pounds of peanut butter donated by all of Village Church on our Peanut Butter Sunday food drive. So please come to church with plastic jars of your favorite creamy or crunchy on Aug. 27, Peanut Butter Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Clothes Closet will still be accepting your summer clothing donations through the end of September. Thank you for your generous support of this mission that is so vital to hundreds of families in our community.

Amy Turpin and Jane Emley Lead BackSnack Ministry at Village for Third Consecutive Year

The start of the 2017-2018 school year is just around the corner and once again, thanks to the leadership of Village members Amy Turpin and Jane Emley, Village is offering the BackSnack program to school children in our community.

More than 100,000, 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 more than 20,000 low-income children every week during the school year. The program creates a partnership between Harvesters, a participating school and a local corporate, civic or religious organization.

For the past eight years, Village Church volunteers have participated in the BackSnack program. During 2016-2017 school year, Village provided food weekly to 100 children at Overland Park Elementary and Nieman Elementary, totaling more than 3000 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 Consentino'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 tardies and visits to the school nurse have been reduced by eight percent. Schools have also reported a ten percent improvement in students' attentiveness and on-task behavior.

Over the years, Village has helped pack over approximately 22,500 nutritious meals through the school adoption program. One school staff member said, "I love having the BackSnack program at our school. I know that it benefits children in my classroom every year who might not have enough food at home. I want it to stay in our school for sure." A BackSnack parent added, "I love BackSnacks. Even with my husband and me working, it's just not enough. So these, these BackSnacks, they help tremendously."

If you are interested in helping to pack and distribute meals to our partner schools during the 2017-18 school year, please call Amy Turpin at 913-908-1138 (amyjturpin@gmail.com) or Jane Emley at 913-302-7544 (kuandfm@sbcglobal.net).



Blood Drive Aug. 15

Village Church on Mission will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon on Aug. 6 and 13. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

**3rd Annual Fall Food Truck Festival
5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10
Village on Mission North Parking Lot**

Join us for our third annual Fall Food Truck Festival, a community social event for all ages at Village on Mission. Bring your family and your lawn chairs and sit under the big tent in the north parking lot and enjoy live entertainment by The Aaron Linscheid Trio! Choose from six amazing, gourmet food trucks offering reasonably priced specialties: Mad Jack's Fish & Shrimp, Beauty & the Bistro, KC BBQ, Cheesy Pops' Pizza, Crave of KC and Betty Rae's Homemade Ice Cream. Food cost is on your own. Ice water will be provided.

In case of inclement weather, food trucks will park in the south parking lot and we'll eat in Friendship Hall.

This event is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee.

**Weekly All Church Dinners
Resume Wednesday, Sept. 6**

These weekly dinners are for people of all ages to come together to share a meal before attending a class, choir practice or just to take a break from cooking. Our own Chef Emily prepares a full, hot buffet with salad bar and dessert for \$7 or salad bar & dessert for \$6. Cost for children age 4-10 is \$3. Children under age 4 are free.

Chef Emily offers a variety of cold and hot foods each week. In addition to the main entrée, options for gluten free, vegetarian and children's meals are provided. The menus will be on the Village Church website www.villagepres.org, Sunday church bulletins and our church newsletter (*Good News*) beginning in September.

Dinner Reservations

The deadline for reservations is by noon on Mondays, so Chef Emily knows how much food to purchase/prepare. Just as you would for dinner guests in your own home, the amount of food Emily prepares is solely based on the reservations we receive. Please keep this in mind, so we may always have enough food for everyone. All left over food is donated to the Village Church Food Pantry.

New this fall is "standing reservations" that will only be available on a pre-paid basis. We will approach "standing reservations" with a clean slate this fall, so if you had a previous standing RSVP, please contact us to re-register. We are implementing a new process, which we hope will be helpful. A standing dinner RSVP will only be available on a "pre-paid" basis.

People may purchase as many meals as they would like for specific dates. Example: \$7 x 4 meals is \$28 for Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Paying ahead for these meals/dates is more convenient than writing multiple checks or always carrying ready cash. Also, people who are pre-paid will go through an "express" line for easier access into Friendship Hall. We believe this will expedite the process. Those who pre-pay for September-December (14 meals = \$98) will receive a discounted price of \$90.

We want to be good stewards so please make a reservation each week or purchase pre-paid meals. To make reservations, call Liz at 913-671-2359, email at liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go online at www.villagepres.org click on "Connect", then "Adult", then "Wednesday Night Dinner."

Come eat dinner with us!

Blessings,
Cindy Wilcox



Try Taizé This Summer

Consider taking a quiet moment for yourself during the busy summer months and attend the evening Taizé worship services at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes scripture, song, silence and communion. Come to Taizé on Aug. 13 (services are held on the second Sunday of each month).

Growing Through Grief – Next Session Starts Sept. 6

If you have lost a loved one, coming to a five-week class called “Growing Through Grief” might be helpful. You will 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 next “Growing Through Grief” is from 6:30-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Oct. 4, in Room 124. You’ll receive your own copy of *Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*, by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. The series and book is offered at no cost. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

VILLAGE U

Highlights from Fall 2017 Village U Classes for Church and Community

Happy Quincentennial! A “quincentennial” is a 500-year anniversary. 2017 marks 500 years since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517. One of the new Village U courses for this fall is an exploration of the Protestant Reformation taught by the Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee.

Among the other new fall courses: Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry, will teach a course for parents and caregivers with young children about the journey of Advent. Village Church member Bob Fletcher will teach a course on the art of centering prayer and contemplation. The Rev. Bud Cooper will teach a course on Older Adult Spirituality, offering ways for older adults to continue to grow in their faith.

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist, will offer several opportunities for small groups of persons to meet the new organ “up close and personal.” Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor and director of Adult Educational Ministries, will teach two new courses: one on how the Bible came into its current form and another on the Book of Revelation. The study of the Book of Revelation will occur in a new “hybrid” format where persons will gather together for the first and last class sessions and the other class sessions will be offered online. There are many other courses focusing on Arts Ministry, Health & Wellness, Leisure, Life Skills and Literature.

Look for the new fall Village U Catalog available in early August. Registration for Village Church members begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, and for community members at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 21.

Child care is available for most classes for a one-time \$40 fee per child for the term; reservations 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. For more information, contact Marianne Weber at Marianne.Weber@villagepres.org.



Summer Adult Sunday Morning Class

Faith Seeking Understanding. Conversations On the Sermon Text for All Adults

Each Sunday through Aug. 20, all adults are invited to study and discuss the Bible text for the day's sermon. The class will meet from 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Rooms 126-127. The class welcomes persons who are new to the Bible as well as those who are more familiar with the Bible. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will explore the context of the Bible passage, discuss what the preacher said in the sermon, and better understand what it means to us as followers of Jesus. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry, will teach on Aug. 6 and Rev. Jay McKell will lead the class on Aug. 13.

The following **Adult Sunday classes** will resume on Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.:

- Faith Journey** - Room 230
- Foundations of Faith** – Room 15
- Growing Together** – Room 124
- Village Forum** – Rooms 126/127

Now That You Have Your Google ID, What Do You Do With It?

The Village Church Computer Ministry is hosting "water cooler sessions" on the first Wednesday of the month. The remaining session will be Sept. 6. Learn how the Google suite of products can be used to collaborate with others while doing God's work in the church and the community. Topics will include Gmail and InBox, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Spreadsheets, Google Drive and Google Keep. 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 316.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY TASK FORCE

Seeking Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly with God

On the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, members of the Village Church's Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force attended a screening of the documentary film, "At the River I Stand." The film remembers the Memphis sanitation workers who were on a 65-day strike for a union, a living wage, and an end to racism on the job. Dr. King had come to Memphis to march with the workers in keeping with his vision of a "Beloved Community" of black, white and brown Americans together as one people.

After the screening, fast-food worker Bridget Hughes spoke to the group of low-wage workers, supporters and members of the faith community saying, "Dr. King himself recognized that to solve economic and racial injustice, all workers need a living wage. \$15 will be good for our economy. \$15 will be good for our families. \$15 will be good for America."

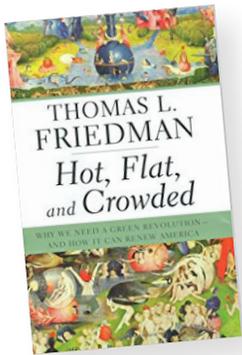
Village Church's Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force seeks to educate and advocate about social and economic issues such as hunger, gun violence, mass incarceration, healthcare and immigration.

For more information about the work of the task force, see the Village Church website under connect>adult>social justice.

New Library Books from the EAC!

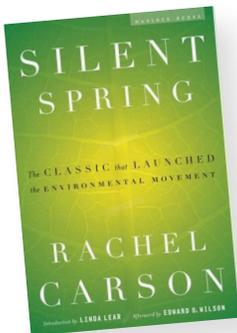
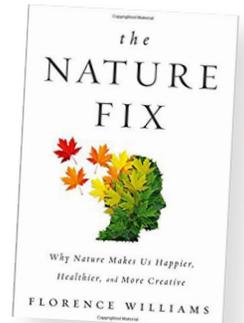
The Environmental Action Committee has made eight new additions to the Village Adult's Library in Room 129 that are now available for check out. You can read about the other four in the previous issue of the *Good News*, and hear about the remaining four below! Come by and borrow one of these fascinating texts that consider God's creation in new and challenging ways. Come in and check them out! The library's summer hours are 8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. on weekdays and 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sundays (closed Saturdays).

Peace,
 Hannah Ratliff
 Village Church member & MDiv student at Columbia Theological Seminary



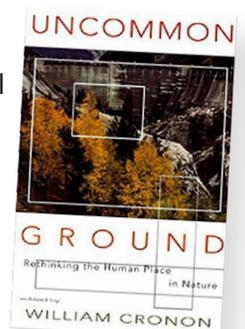
Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas L. Friedman explores the complicated circumstances that brought us to our ecological state today, and gives his perspective on how we need to move forward for a healthier planet, and healthier selves. Looking both at environmental and economic circumstances, Friedman extols the need for sustainability, and how environmental sustainability is useful to our own success. From the publisher: "*Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Release 2.0* is classic Thomas L. Friedman: fearless, incisive, forward-looking, and rich in surprising common sense about the challenge -- and the promise -- of the future."

Journalist Florence Williams sought out to understand why time outdoors seems to have such a widely positive effect on our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Williams explores researchers' efforts to explain the phenomena, and why nature seems to be a helpful cure to some of what ails us. "*The Nature Fix* is a beautifully written, thoroughly enjoyable exposition of a major principle of human life now supported by evidence in biology, psychology and medicine." - Edward O. Wilson, University Research Professor Emeritus, Harvard University



Considered by many the springboard for the 20th century movement to protect the environment, *Silent Spring* made waves when published in 1962, and continues to inspire action today. Rachel Carson's jarring exposé of the effects of DDT and the contamination and pollutants of air, land, and water led to extreme reform in American legislation throughout the following decades. With a new foreword from biographer Linda Lear, author of *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature*, and an afterword from author and scientist Edward O. Wilson, this edition builds upon the passion and wisdom of Carson's original text for an even more timely and relevant reading. From the publisher: "Carson's passionate concern for the future of our planet reverberated powerfully throughout the world, and her eloquent book was instrumental in launching the environmental movement. It is without question one of the landmark books of the twentieth century."

Changes in the Land author, historian and geographer William Cronon explores our place within the environment and the world as people with the power to alter it. "At a time when threats to the physical environment have never been greater, it may be tempting to believe that people need to be mounting the barricades rather than asking abstract questions about the human place in nature. Yet without confronting such questions, it will be hard to know which barricades to mount, and harder still to persuade large numbers of people to mount them with us. To protect the nature that is all around us, we must think long and hard about the nature we carry inside our heads." - William Cronon



Upcoming Environmental Action Committee Events

End-of-Summer Earth Care Cookout

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Fairway Park shelter by the pool

As a celebration of the work of the Environmental Action interns Amber Berg and Hannah Ratliff, the Environmental Action Committee is hosting an end-of-summer cookout and inviting all of Village to join. It will be completely waste free, delicious, locally grown or organic and totally vegan. With black bean burgers, veggie kabobs, roasted potatoes, fresh watermelon and Hannah's homemade berry cobbler, this FREE meal is a great way to celebrate the planet and our church together. Join us for fun, fellowship and delicious, sustainable food! Bring your kids, your dog or a friend for this celebratory afternoon together. RSVP by Aug. 15 to <http://bit.ly/2t4Keey>.

Village Cares for God's Creation

This year we have two gorgeous yellow warblers nesting in the honeysuckle bush. The other day I stuck my head in the bush. The nestlings weigh one-twentieth of an ounce, about the size of a honeybee. We stared at each other, startled by our existence. In a month or so, when they reach the size of bumblebees they'll fly to Costa Rica without a map.

"Warbler" by Jim Harrison from Dead Man's Float.



ENDOWMENT TRUST

Meneilly Society - A Testimonial from Lisa Schellhorn

When our last child was in high school, I became active with Presbyterian Women. Little did I know how much my life would be enriched by that decision. I have had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful women of all ages as we have worked, celebrated, prayed and studied the Bible together. We have shared our joys and concerns, and we have held each other up during difficult times. What a blessing the women of this church are! The Village community has been such an important part in my life, and I am pleased that my legacy gift will help Village continue to be strong, vibrant and doing great work far into the future.

—Lisa Schellhorn



New Babies

Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little ones born recently: Rhys Chandler Welsh (Susan and Austin Welsh, parents), Piper Erin Brune (Erica and Mike Brune, parents), and Silas Boyd Walker (Rev. Zach Walker and Rev. Dr. Meredith Holladay, parents).



Chillin' in the Church Summer 2017 at Village Church

A summer of fun ... check out some of our favorite moments from Creations by Kids, Kids Day Out and Vacation Bible School on our Village Church Kids Facebook page.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Fall Brochure - watch your mailbox for the fall mailing. This year's catalog will be chock full of all the programming available for Village Church Kids.

Hero Central Vacation Bible School

Hero Central Vacation Bible School July 17-21 at Village Church on Mission was packed with super hero fun. 185 kids enjoyed awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes.

This year, in addition to collecting items for the Village Food Pantry, we collected Super School Supplies. Our thanks to the 60+ staff, interns and volunteers who helped make VBS at Village on Mission such a great experience for our kids.

WORSHIP FOR THE END OF SUMMER

Aug. 6 Organ Dedication: Walking Through the Church Year

Aug. 13 Family Matters : Being Subject to One Another
Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

Aug. 20 Rev. Len Carrell preaching

Aug. 27 Youth Sunday

Sept. 3 Rev. Jenny McDevitt preaching

Beginning Sept. 10, Rev. Tom Are will begin a new series entitled "It Takes a Village!"



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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. The church's coffers could use a little help to keep our mission and ministries on task.

Thank you and God bless,
Your Village Commitment Committee



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION

9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sanctuary

5 p.m. The Gathering
Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH

11 a.m. - Sanctuary

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

Margaret "Peggy" Adair
Violet Andersen
Gail Ceneviva
Lenore Dawson
Bill Eubank
Mark Stingley

Presbyterian Women of Village Church



Embracing a Spirit of Gentleness and Humility



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. 13, 2017 – PW Fall Kick-Off 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. 6 to Marianne Weber at marianne@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333.

Dec. 1, 2017 - Church Women United Annual Meeting & Lunch at Village Church

Lunch, meeting and musical entertainment will be included.

Please contact Betty Harrison at 913-642-3892 or bettymharrison@aol.com or Ann Kindred at 816-509-5963 or LaKindred@aol.com

Dec. 5, 2017 – Advent Candlelight Dinner

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, guest speaker

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

March 2-3, 2018 – Visiting Scholar

Featuring Rev. Dr. Serene Jones on the theme of American Theology. Dr. Jones is the 16th president and first woman to head the 180-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

March 24, 2018 – Celebration of Faithful Women

Rev. Sarah D. Brouwe, guest speaker

Associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis. We invite you to join us as we honor our 2018 Honorary Life Members who have made outstanding contributions to Presbyterian Women.

April 27-28, 2018 - PW Spring Retreat

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, retreat leader

Pastor of Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich. Join us for a fabulous and inspirational retreat weekend to be held at the beautiful Heartland Presbytery Center in Parkville, Mo.

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



Rev. Dr. Serene Jones



Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers



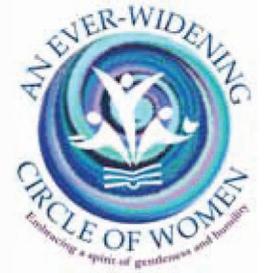
Rev. Jenny McDevitt



Rev. Sarah D. Brouwe

Join Us!

Presbyterian Women of Village Church



Embracing a Spirit of Gentleness and Humility



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 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 - Beginning in September, there will be a new evening circle targeting younger women with Abbey Thomas as leader and support from Circle 4. This year's PW Circle Study is based on the Gospel of John, drawing heavily from some of the work of Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench. Circles meet on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to women of all ages. Contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.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.



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 Krenzel at susannkrenzel@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 PW co-moderators, Kim Stratton at kastratt1gmail.com or Patty Zender at patriciazender@gmail.com, with any questions.

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

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