Please Welcome Our 31 New Members of Village Church

**Joined May 8**

**Scott Miller** lives in Prairie Village with his wife Brooke and son George. Scott joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.

**Kevin and Lacey Maughan** live in Telluride, Colorado. Kevin is the Director of Operations at Telluride Rentals and Lacey is a stay at home mom with son Thomas. They both enjoy skiing, outdoor activities, and spending time with their son. Kevin and Lacey both join Village by Confession of Faith.

**Joined May 22**

**Joanne Bauer** lives in Roeland Park. She is employed by Marketplace Animal Hospital. Joanne joins Village Church by Letter of Transfer.

**Pam and Randy Brown** live in Westwood Hills with their children Aiden and Radley. Pam and Radley were also baptized May 22. Pam joins by Baptism/Confession of Faith and Randy joins Village Church by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Michael Brune** lives in Leawood with his wife Erica, son Porter and daughter Reagan. He is the district sales manager for Dex Media and in his spare time enjoys sports, photography and his family! Michael joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.


**Lynn Comer** lives in Leawood and is employed by St. Luke's Hospital of Kansas City. Lynn joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.

**Nick Dorn** lives in Kansas City with his wife Hallie Hottle, Village Church pastor of Young Adults. Nick joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Lauren and Jeff Hannawald** live in Prairie Village with their son Turner. Lauren works for Rockhurst University and Jeff is employed by Cerner Corporation. Jeff joins Village by Confession of Faith and Lauren joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Kendra Khan** lives in Raymore with husband Ramshaid and sons Kylan and Aydin. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering at the animal rescue shelters, reading, painting, poetry and writing. She joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

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Pam Palermo lives in Shawnee with her husband Don and is employed by the Shawnee Mission Public School system. Pam enjoys reading, gardening, babysitting her grandsons, and crafts. She joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

Julie Postlewait is retired and lives in Lenexa with her husband John. She joins Village by Affiliate Membership.

Carolyn and Merrill Stiles live in Overland Park. Carolyn enjoys painting and bridge. Merrill also enjoys bridge as well as Tai Chi and reading. Carolyn and Merrill join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

David Scott and Renee Zakaryan are engaged to be married. David lives in Prairie Village and Renee lives in Mission. David and Renee both join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Tyler and Lara Shelton live in Fairway with their sons Jack and Will. Tyler works for McInnes Group and enjoys golf, fly fishing and coaching youth sports. Lara works for LA Plates and enjoys tennis, art and their children’s activities. Both Tyler and Lara join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

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Joined July 24
Meredith Holladay lives in Prairie Village and is an ordained minister in the Baptist church. She has served in Kansas at First Baptist, Lawrence and Country Club Christian, Kansas City. She is married to Zach Walker, pastor of Village Church Youth Ministries. Meredith joins Village Church by Letter of Transfer.

J.C. Sutherlin and Claire Peterman live in Prairie Village and are engaged to be married. Friends and family first brought them to Village Church. Claire and John join Village Church by Affiliate Membership.

Cyndi and Bill Seifert live in Kansas City, Missouri. Cyndi enjoys photography and travel. Bill enjoys gardening and is employed with Meritas Pavilion for Women. Cyndi and Bill join Village Church by Letter of Transfer.

Jan and Ron Witzke live in Kansas City, Missouri. Jan is a nurse and Ron is a college professor. They both enjoy biking and reading. Jan and Ron join Village Church by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Melinda Tiemeyer and Mark Bonavia. Melinda lives in Prairie Village and works for Freelance Public Relations. She enjoys swimming, writing, reading, interior designing and cooking. Mark lives in Olathe and works for Freelance PR Pro. He enjoys piano, writing, reading and cycling. Both Melinda and Mark join Village Church by Reaffirmation of Faith.
**Food Pantry**

A big thank you to the Village Church Vacation Bible School for their amazing collection of cereal and personal care products for the Food Pantry! The shelves were stocked right away, and the clients of the Pantry were so excited to see the new items. Bubble bath brought a lot of smiles. During the month of August, cereal is the requested food item. What we received from VBS will be a wonderful “priming of the pump.” Your donations will all add to it.

A “heads up” that Sept. 18 will be PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY, the third Food Drive for the Pantry this year. One and two pound plastic jars are requested. We’re giving you a month’s notice to find those wonderful Peanut Butter sales.

The Clothes Closet typically asks for clothes, but during August, the requests are for donations of purses, belts, hats, umbrellas and socks in good condition. Your donations make this mission a big success. Thank you!

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**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.

**Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines**

Friday, Sept. 9, Village will cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need four to five volunteers to help cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four more to help serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations. They can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. If you can help, please contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

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**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](http://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. 21. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

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**We Tried 5 p.m. Sundays This Summer, And You Liked It!**

Due to the overwhelming response to having The Gathering at 5 p.m. on Sundays this summer, the decision has been made to make 5 p.m. Sundays The Gathering’s permanent start time.
Wednesday Night Dinners
Starting Soon

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 ages 3-10, $3. Children under 3 are free.

Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Just call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org, or go to http://www.villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.html.

Sept. 7 Menu—Fried chicken picnic, baked beans (GV), potato salad, macaroni & cheese (V)

Core Connections Gets a New Name

This fall, Core Connections will return under a new name: Village Connect. The format will be similar with video presentations by Rev. Tom Are and a study guide, but the presentation will be improved.

Village Connect is an opportunity for you to have conversations with friends about things that matter to you in your faith and life.

This year’s curriculum is called “What I Love About This Gospel: Reading Through Mark.”

If you are not yet part of a Village Connect group, contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 so that you can participate in this meaningful experience.

ENDOWMENT TRUST

Estate Planning Workshop
If you are interested in learning how to set up your estate plan, this workshop is for you!

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, in Room 132, Stacey Janssen will present a workshop which includes reviewing the importance of estate planning documents such as Last Will and Testaments; a Testamentary or a Living Trust for the support of the family; and an explanation of Probate, Guardianship and Conservatorship.

Sponsored by Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust.

RSVP - Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325, molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.

Stacey Janssen earned her BA and JD degrees from the University of Kansas. She is on the Johnson County Bar Association Board of Directors, a founding member of the Kansas Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and chair of the Johnson County Probate Bench Bar Committee. Stacey is an attorney with Dysart Taylor. She is a member of Village Presbyterian Church and has served as an elder, clerk of Session and is currently a member of the advisory board for the Village Presbyterian Child & Family Development Center.
**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, mezzo-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-Yeon Kim, soprano; University of Kansas Chamber Ensemble; Lyric Arts Trio; and Charlie Metz, harpsichord.

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**New Village Pipe Organ Arriving Soon!**

A team of pipe organ builders from Richards, Fowkes & Company will arrive at Village Church the week of Sept. 12 to refinish the very largest organ pipes and install the organ’s wind system. The rest of the organ will arrive the weeks of Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. In the All Staff meeting on Aug. 1, Dr. Elisa Bickers shared details of what she affectionately referred to as Operation I.A.T. (It’s About Time). Please stay tuned as we may need your help carrying in the 3,700 pipes uniquely crafted for this spectacular instrument.

For significant periods, the Sanctuary will again be “under construction” as this large instrument is installed. Once installed, it will take as many as nine months to tune and voice.

The organ builders are having an Open House at their warehouse in Ooltewah, Tennessee on Sunday, Aug. 21, to show off Opus 22, our Village pipe organ. Dr. Bickers will be attending that Open House and will have the opportunity to play it before the packing begins for transport to Prairie Village.

Earlier this summer, Dr. Bickers was named a fellow in the American Guild of Organists. “We are so fortunate to have one of the finest organists in the country,” said Rev. Tom Are, senior pastor. “Soon, we will have one of the finest organs. As a result, our worship will be richly blessed. Village will be a place God’s children will want to sing as we worship the living God.”
Divorce Support Group Begins Sept. 6

If you are going through or have experienced a divorce, consider coming to the next Divorce Support Group series. The group will begin meeting from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6 - Oct. 25, in Room 206. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will be the facilitator. Child care is available by advance request; if you would like child care, please let Pam Southerland know by Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org. To register for this support group, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

New Growing Through Grief Series Starts Sept. 14

Grieving the death of a loved one is one of life's most difficult journeys. The Care and Counseling department wants to support our members and anyone grieving by offering a five-week class, Growing Through Grief. The next series will be from 5-6:15 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 14-Oct. 12. 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.

It's Time for the Amazing Classic Citizens Celebration!

We will be hosting our Classic Citizen Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 22. If you are 75 or more years young, then you are a Village Church Classic Citizen and we want you to come and celebrate! Join us from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, in Friendship Hall for this memorable event. Laugh and talk with friends, hear all the latest Village Church news, enjoy the entertainment and help yourself to delicious food and drinks. Need a ride? Let us know – a ride to and from the church is available upon request. Your invitation will be coming in the mail soon – if you don’t receive one, call Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Volunteers Needed for Classic Citizens Celebration

Pastoral Care & Counseling Department sponsors the annual Classic Citizens Celebration every fall. It’s a fun time and made possible by volunteers. The event will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, in Friendship Hall. If you would like to help with this event, or want more information, please contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Village Earthcare

What’s a carbon footprint? We all have one. It’s shorthand for the impact of our lives on planet Earth: an activity (driving), an item (plastic water bottles), a lifestyle...you get the idea. In upcoming issues of the Good News, “Village Earthcare” will attempt to help us be more aware of the tracks we leave, for good or ill.
PW Fall Event - “Crepes and Conversation”
Wednesday, Sept. 14

Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church and their guests to join us for Chef Emily’s complimentary crepes and refreshments from 9:30-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Friendship Hall.

Our annual PW Fall Event, “Crepes and Conversation,” gives all an opportunity to reconnect with friends old and new. It also is an opportunity to discover what’s happening this year and all that PW has to offer. This event is also a great opportunity to invite a friend to introduce her to Village Church and Presbyterian Women.

RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 7, to Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-642-6370 or by Sign-up genius.

Child care is available with advance reservations. Contact Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org or 913-671-2352 for your reservation.

Seeking PW Honorary Life Member Nominations

On April 8, 2017, Presbyterian Women of Village Church will celebrate and honor the gifts and talents of women in our church at the Celebration of Faithful Women Event. If you would like to nominate a woman you know who:
  • Supports the mission of the church
  • Nurtures your faith
  • Works for peace and justice
  • Promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership

contact Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-488-6370. Names will be accepted through Oct. 15, 2016.

Amazing Graces Fall Gathering

6:30-8:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Sept. 21
at the Home of Sherry Forsee
4943 Central, Kansas City, MO

Mary Carol Garrity of Nell Hills will be our Speaker

Serving wine, hors d’oeuvres and desserts

Your $10 check to Presbyterian Women of Village Church is your reservation.
Please mail by Sept. 14 to Kathy Collins, 4716 W. 86th St., Prairie Village, KS 66207

SAVE THE DATE for WOW!

Women of Wisdom (WOW) has started to plan a Tuesday, Sept. 20, Streetcar ride and lunch at Lidia’s, near KC’s historic Union Station, to which all women will be warmly invited. Some details are still pending, including plans for group transportation from the church for those who are interested. So please stay tuned and watch for the final details in the Sept. 7 print edition of the Good News. In the meantime, we hope you will mark your calendars for noon, Sept. 20, and join us for this fun mid-day fall outing.
**Upcoming Village U classes include:**

**Exercise for Seniors** - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. The 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous aerobics; and we do not include floor exercises. If you are not sure of your ability to do floor work, start in the 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday. Cost: $5 per class. Margaret Tlapek, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays year round beginning Sept. 1. Room 333.

**William Faulkner: A Light in August** - For six weeks this fall, we are going to continue our exploration of William Faulkner with *A Light in August*. As always, it is helpful to read from the same edition. We will be using the following: *A Light in August*, William Faulkner, ISBN-10: 0679732268 ISBN-13: 978-0679732266. For the first class, please read the first three chapters of *A Light in August*. Class limit: 30. Kelly Fast & Michael Sanem, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 6. Room 232.

**Gabriel’s Revelation** - In 2008, scholars reported on a new archaeological discovery near the Dead Sea — a three-foot high stone tablet inscribed with 87 lines of Hebrew text, composed just before the time of Jesus. The tablet describes a suffering messiah and contains a revelation of the archangel Gabriel, known from the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Luke. The controversial text has led to a renewed examination of Jewish and Christian understandings of the Messiah. This class will explore the controversy that one scholar has claimed “might shake our basic view of Christianity.” Rev. Dwight Tawney, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28. Room 127.

**Especially for Women** - *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living* by Krista Tippett - Peabody Award winning broadcaster and National Humanities Medalist Krista Tippett has interviewed the most extraordinary voices examining the great questions of meaning for our time: scientists in a variety of fields; theologians from an array of faiths; poets, activists and many others. In *Becoming Wise*, Tippett distills the insights she has gleaned from this luminous conversation … and the enduring question of what it means to be human. All women are welcome in this class that enjoys lively discussion. Newcomers are especially welcome. Rev. Diane Quaintance, instructor. 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 9-Dec. 16. Room 132.

**Very Basic Computer Class-Daytime** - This class allows students with limited computer experience to become comfortable with Microsoft Word, the internet and email. Students will explore topics including: the basic components of a computer, how to use a mouse, opening documents in Microsoft Word, selecting and editing text in a document, finding information on the internet, and composing and sending email. No prior experience using a computer is required. These classes are free. Child care is not available. Class limit: 12. Dee Couch, instructor. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4. Room 316.

**Very Basic Computer Class-Evening** - The Very Basic Computer class allows students with limited computer experience to become comfortable with Microsoft Word, the internet and email. With the assistance of teachers and teacher assistants (chimes), students will explore topics including: the basic components of a computer, how to use a mouse, opening documents in Microsoft Word, selecting and editing text in a document, finding information on the internet, and composing and sending email. No prior experience using a computer is required. These classes are free. Child care is not available. Class limit: 12. Dee Couch, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5. Room 316.

**Taste of MOPS** - Are you a M.O.P. (mother of a preschooler including newborns through kindergarten)? We are exploring starting a MOPS group here at Village Church beginning this fall, possibly the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 14, we are hosting “Taste of MOPS” for you to have an opportunity to get to know what MOPS is all about and to get excited about the start of the group in the fall. Join us for a great time of fellowship. Child care is available. Bethany Ramsey, instructor. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Room 126.
Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies - Join our senior pastor, the Rev. Tom Are, Jr., for a morning Bible study for men. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. Invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact Marianne at marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: $6. Child care is not available. Rev. Tom Are, Jr., instructor. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Nov. 15. Room 228.

The Fall Adult Sunday Morning Classes Resume Sept. 11

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 - The Growing Together class will watch the newly-released The Gospel of Luke. This movie is word-for-word from the bible. We will look at Jesus through the eyes of Paul’s ministry. Throughout the year, we will bring the Gospel of Luke alive from both a historical perspective and as a living application to our lives today. The Growing Together class is made up of parents and young adults who want a deeper connection to our faith. 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. Led by Don Wilson in Room 124.
“Love Your Neighbor and Other Spiritual Truths”

When Europe was falling apart in the 1940’s, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote a little book called *Life Together*. It was an exploration of the fundamental “neighborly” or communal aspect of Christian faith. Sometimes we say that the love of Christ shows up in our hearts. A better way to say that is the love of Christ shows up in our relationships. We are part of many communities: family, church family, national community… the list goes on. Paying attention to this fundamental truth of Christian faith is what gives our faith energy and hope. But, because people are people, it is also why we need to time and again remind ourselves that Jesus calls us to love our neighbor.

- Sept. 11  It is Not Good That the Human is Alone
- Sept. 18  We Keep Bumping Into All Those Other Followers of Jesus
- Sept. 25  For Once, It’s All About You
- Oct. 2    Don’t Be A Goat
- Oct. 9    Blind Spots
- Oct. 16   A More Perfect Union

We return to our regular Sanctuary worship schedule on Sunday, Sept. 11, with the addition of the 8 a.m. worship service.

Our Village Young Adults played their first softball game with Second Presbyterian Saturday night, July 30, at Brookside Park. They only lost by one run. Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of Young Adults, said the opposing team was a bit intimidated when our team showed up in matching tee shirts. There will be a rematch!

**Summer Yard Game Olympics • 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19**

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.
Labor Day Sunday, Sept. 4

There will be no Church School for the elementary grades or preschool ages. This allows our volunteer staff to have a day to worship with their families. Nursery and toddler care will be provided.

Get Ready for Back to School!

Regular Church School classes (Preschool and Kids’ Kingdom) resumes Sunday, Sept. 11.

New School Year in Kids’ Kingdom

**Kids in Kindergarten and 1st Grade:**

Our youngest elementary kids start their faith journey with Growing in Grace & Gratitude, which is rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God’s grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life and worship; extends an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity and love; and reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God’s grace.

Kindergarten meets in Room 311, 1st grade meets in Room 303.

**Kids in 2nd through 5th Grade:**

We will start off the new school year learning the favorite stories from both the Old and New Testament. We will be learning about the great Patriarchs from the Old Testament, our favorites stories of Moses, and in time for Advent, the wonderful narrative of the birth of our Savior, and many other wonderful and awesome stories from the Bible.

**Kids in 6th Grade:**

The curriculum for our “tweens” is called Connect. Connect is a Bible-centered curriculum, with just enough humor to get sixth graders hooked. Using quirky videos, hands-on activities, and Bible exploration, Connect helps preteens uncover major Biblical themes and discover how the Bible relates to their own lives. We meet in Room 301 with our Heartland Camp intern.

Volunteer Opportunities

Don’t miss your chance to help grow the faith of our children. There are still opportunities to teach in the Three-Year Old classrooms and in Kids’ Kingdom (3rd Grade Teaching Team). Call Cheryl at 913-671-2355 for more information.

Looking ahead at Village Church Preschool…

It’s August and we are busy preparing for the upcoming school year! Our annual “Get Acquainted” Parties and Parent Orientation Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1 and Friday, Sept. 2. Preschool classes will begin on Sept. 6 and 7. We can hardly wait! Enrolled families will be receiving details in the mail this month.
New Hours for the Village Cup Starting Sept. 6

We’re expanding our hours in the Village Cup Coffee Shop starting Tuesday, Sept. 6. Since there are so many evening meetings on Monday and Wednesday nights, we’ll be open all day until 7:30 p.m. those two evenings. Please spread the word about our new business hours:

- Sunday: 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Monday: 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m.–noon
- Saturday: Closed

We will offer cold lunches Monday through Thursday, with the addition of hot soup (October through April) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We look forward to seeing you in the Cup.

VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Because of Your Generosity . . .

In following the vision of Village Presbyterian Church, Village Church Computer Ministry is able to provide rebuilt personal computers, documentation and training in basic computer skills to selected charitable organizations in the Kansas City area.