

GOOD NEWS



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Your Endowment Trust Enriches Our Mission and Ministries

Ava was so excited when her mom picked her up from her Sunday school classroom, "Mom, did you see all the baptisms today? Our class got to go and watch. Did you know that when we are baptized, we become a child of God? And the way we are baptized is through water being poured on us and a prayer to God. I don't remember because I was just a baby when I was baptized – but that doesn't matter, God knows my name and he loves me forever."

Well, to say the least, Ava's mom was so impressed and loved the excitement that filled Ava.

Ava's class wasn't the only class learning about baptism that day. Because of a grant awarded through the "Children, Youth and Family Legacy Fund" of the Village Church Endowment Trust, children from preschool through 6th grade all learn the same themed lesson each week through a new curriculum that provides Bible-centered developmentally appropriate lessons. The outcomes so far are exciting.

A Village Church Endowment Trust grant that has made an impact in our community is the "Least of These Legacy Fund." The fund awarded its dollars to the Reconciliation Service Donate-What-You-Can Café, also known as Thelma's Kitchen. Our "Food Pantry Legacy Fund" grant helped the Village Food Pantry purchase much needed staples such as pasta, beans, rice and cereal. "First Decision Legacy Fund" helped with the costs to minister to our expanding membership at Village on Antioch, and our music concerts, renown throughout the community, received funds from the "Music Legacy Fund" to help purchase needed music, hire professional musicians for concerts and provide hospitality for their concerts that are always open and widely attended by the community.

These are just a few of the grants that make a difference each year. More than \$1 million has been allocated to Village Church through our Endowment Trust in 2019. In addition to 10 Legacy Funds that are aligned with our ministries receiving grant funds, the general Endowment Fund supported the annual operating budget with over \$880,000. That is inspiring! Our Endowment Trust extends our care, enriches our mission and demonstrates a hope in our future.

The Endowment Trust couldn't do what it does if it weren't for those of you who remember our Endowment Trust by giving both large and small gifts – you have made it what it is now – over a \$22 million Endowment. Thank you.

To those who have invested in the future of Village Church by making your last gift a planned gift to our Endowment Trust, and became an honored member of the Meneilly Legacy Society – thank you.

And, if you have not already done so, the Endowment Trust Board of Directors hopes you will secure a bright future for Village Church by making the decision to remember our Endowment Trust in your estate plan through your will, trust, beneficiary of a life insurance policy or your retirement plan.

For more information about our Endowment Trust, contact any Endowment Trust Board member or Molly Sirridge at molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



Children's Choir performing during Tidings of Joy



Thelma's Kitchen volunteers

Front Porch Alliance's PAL Program Starts its 20th Year

Over the past 20 years, volunteers from Village Presbyterian Church have supported Front Porch Alliance's Partner Active in Learning (PAL) program at Faxon Elementary School located at 1320 E. 32nd Street in Kansas City, Missouri. This past year, 72 volunteers in the program tutored students ranging from kindergarten through 6th grade with their math and reading skills.

In addition to volunteering onsite at Faxon, volunteers have worked with the students at the Operation Breakthrough site to assist with robotics programming and creative work in the MakerSpace. Village helped fund the MakerSpace several years ago. Using real materials, the program teaches kids to tinker, problem solve, collaborate and create. Kids in the space cook, construct, code and express themselves through visual arts.

"The PAL program offers an opportunity to build friendships with the students through a regular schedule of tutoring each week," says Charlotte Davison. "The time commitment is not huge but the impact on student growth and cognitive and emotional development is tremendous. PAL volunteers have also reached out to the broader school community by hosting back to school lunches for teachers, greeting families on the first day, stocking the pantry and celebrating the sixth-grade graduation."



Typically, PALS work for an hour a week with two students for half an hour each. If you would like to find out more about the PAL program and being a caring adult and mentor in a child's life, contact Charlotte Davison at 913-648-6045 or charlottesdavison@gmail.com for more information.



Food Pantry

This Sunday, Sept. 8, is Peanut Butter Sunday, the third Food Drive of 2019 to benefit the clients of the Village Church Food Pantry. Peanut butter is a staple in the diet of the clients and there are now so many varieties of peanut butter in the stores. Please be generous with your donations.

The Clothes Closet is asking for towels and washcloths, sheets and pillowcases, etc. during September. Your gifts make the mission of the Pantry the success that it is. Thank you.

Worship, Eat, Serve: Be the Church Service Day at Village Sunday, Oct. 27

On Sunday, Oct. 27, Village Presbyterian Church on Mission and Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch will be sponsoring the fourth annual Be the Church Service Day. In addition, this year's event will join other Presbyterian Churches in the area to offer a variety of service opportunities throughout the week between Oct. 20 and 27. Village Church will host its activities on Oct. 27.

Last year, more than 600 people of all generations took part in a variety of service activities at Village and fourteen churches across the city.

This year at Village on Mission, participants are invited to partake in the Gathering worship service at 5 p.m., enjoy fellowship and a pizza dinner and then from 6:30-7:30 p.m., take part in a variety of service projects. Projects include the following:

- Assembling kits that help people maintain basic hygiene and thus prevent spread of disease or illness
- Packing sack lunches for City Union Mission
- Creating Thanksgiving cards for food pantry clients receiving baskets
- Stuffing socks with snacks for the homeless
- Tying blankets for Avenue of Life Unaccompanied Homeless Youth House (sponsored by Circle 4)
- Assisting with Mission Sewing ministry projects
- Helping make shoes to prevent jiggers in Uganda
- Preparing the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership for upcoming trips
- Packing coffee for Frontera de Cristo border ministry



At Village on Antioch, after morning worship at 9:30 a.m., volunteers can enjoy a brunch and then participate in a variety of activities including stuffing socks with snacks for the homeless and making Thanksgiving cards for the Village Food Pantry clients from 11 a.m.-noon.

Participants can check out the variety of opportunities at Village on the Be the Church website at www.bethechurchservice.com. The direct link to the Village registration is www.bit.ly/bethechurch2019. If an activity is full, there are number of other opportunities to do service work that day.

All ages are welcome. During the Sunday activities, food is provided to all who participate, and child care is available at Village on Mission (call 913-671-2322 or email marjean@villagepres.org by Oct. 21 to reserve).

Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or email deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines

On Friday, Sept. 13, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. If you can help, sign up online at www.bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

FALL SERMON SERIES

God May Not Be Who You Think She Is Sept. 8–Oct. 27, 2019

This is a study of the Prophets. Sometimes the Prophets critique those who do not trust in God, but usually, they are correcting (or reminding) people's confused understandings of God. That's something all of us suffer from at times. Our understanding of God is never stagnant, or at least it shouldn't be. The prophets try, often unsuccessfully, to push God's people toward greater faithfulness. Another note is that prophets almost always deeply loved their people.

Sept. 8	Fire Shut Up In My Bones
Sept. 15	This Is Real Life
Sept. 22	We Have Been Here Before
Sept. 29	Isn't God Supposed to Bless Me?
Oct. 6	The Infinite and Finite (World Communion Sunday)
Oct. 13	Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
Oct. 20	Someone's Crying, Lord
Oct. 27	I Don't Care What Other People Think... Too Bad

RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Worship Schedule Returns Sunday, Sept. 8

This Sunday, Sept. 8, we return to our regular Sunday worship schedule of 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Village Church on Mission, and 9:30 a.m. at Village Church on Antioch.

Our radio broadcast at 8 a.m. Sundays on 1660 AM returns to a live broadcast of our 8 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 8, also.

Our morning worship services at Village on Mission are live streamed on our website. We archive our Sunday sermons on the website as well, in case you weren't able to be with us.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 15

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 15. This meeting will take place at both campuses: immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in the Village on Mission Sanctuary and following the 9:30 a.m. service at Village on Antioch. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers for the positions of elder, elder/trustee and deacon. At-large members of the Nominating Committee will also be elected. Ordination of new church officers will take place in early January 2020.

Wednesday Family Dinners, September 2019-May 2020

You're invited to our weekly Wednesday Family Dinners beginning Sept. 11. People of all ages can gather before attending a Village U class, choir practice or just take a night off from cooking. Chef Emily prepares a hot buffet, salad bar and dessert (\$7) or salad bar & dessert (\$6). Children age 10 and under eat free! We've also added a children's play area. Emily is conscientious about wonderful options for children as well as gluten free, meat and vegetarian. Credit cards accepted. Menus can be found on our website at www.villagepres.org, in the Sunday bulletins and weekly Village on Mission eNews. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. RSVP to Liz at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org, or RSVP online at www.villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinner.

Fall Food Truck Festival • 5-7 p.m. Sunday Sept. 29

Please join us from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, in the Village on Mission north parking lot for the Fall Food Truck Festival. Bring your family and lawn chairs and enjoy music from The Aaron Linscheid Trio. Purchase food from five gourmet food trucks: Slater's Food Truck (wings, pizza, parmesan fries), Smash Burger, Cooter Brand BBQ, The CRAVE Truck, and Betty Rae's Homemade Ice Cream. Community social event for all ages! Sponsored by Connectional Ministries Committee. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 for information.



Village Connect Conversation Groups

Village Connect, a small group ministry of Village Church, is a place where friendships can be found and nurtured. Most of us would say time is one of our greatest assets, but this commitment takes just one hour a month. Through an eight-session video study developed by Rev. Tom Are, these small groups provide opportunity to strengthen faith and deepen friendships through conversation. The title of the study this fall is "Teachers Along the Way" which includes Zachariah who leaves the temple speechless, Jesus who turns water to wine, and a new interpretation of David and Goliath.

We currently have 22 groups: 10-Couple's, 5-Women's, 1-Working Young Moms, and 6-Mixed (women & men). Each group of 10-12 participants has trained facilitators and is open to the community as well as our congregation. Individual groups decide frequency, location and meeting times through the school year months (October-May). New groups are forming as needed.

If you would like to start a new group, participate in a group, or facilitate a group, contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Joining Aug. 4 at Village Church on Mission

Elsa Aguilar and Miguel Martinez (baby boy Leonardo)
Sue Calhoun
Shirl Cunningham

Elizabeth Green
Laurie Hughes
Amy and Tom Volini

Joining Aug. 18 at Village Church on Antioch

Joyce Burton
Jean Glasebrook
Donald and Nancy Swartz

A Sneak Preview of the Village Church on Mission 2019-2020 Concert Season

We hope to see you often in our 2019-20 Concert Season! The season will feature our main three beneficiary concerts, our Village Arts Alliance concerts, and our 2nd Thursday lunchtime recitals. We are dedicating this season to the memory of beloved long-time Village Church director of music and friend, Mark Ball, who passed away this year. Throughout the year, we give special thanks for the life his work still gives to our music ministry and the city, such as the 2nd Thursday recital series and beneficiary concerts that Mark started.



Please be on the lookout for our season brochure for our full listing of concerts. Here are just a few of the highlights and our Second Thursday Recital Series.

Season Kickoff Concert: Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin & Heather Adelsberger, piano also featuring Village Players Youth Evelyn Holmes, violin and dance

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, Village on Mission Sanctuary

“Let My Love Be Heard”: A Concert for Community

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, Village on Mission Sanctuary

A retiring offering will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City, celebrating 40 years.

19th Annual Tidings of Joy – Our Celebration of Christmas – a Kansas City favorite

3 & 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Village on Mission Sanctuary

A retiring offering will benefit Grace United Community Ministries, serving educational needs of children from multicultural families in Northeast Kansas City.

“Light Eternal” - music of Philip Glass and James Bingham with soloists Gwen Coleman Detweiler, soprano, Ron Witzke, baritone, and Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2020, Village on Mission Sanctuary

A retiring offering will benefit Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM), celebrating its 50th anniversary of ministry.

Second Thursday Recital Series 2019-2020

12:15-12:45 p.m. in the Village on Mission Sanctuary or Chapel



Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 – Sarah Tannehill Anderson, soprano

Sarah Tannehill Anderson, coloratura, is a singer of opera, oratorio, choral music, contemporary works and art song. Having performed at companies including Opera Company of Philadelphia, Boston Lyric, Opera Omaha, Fort Worth Opera and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Sarah is now making her career in the vibrant Kansas City music scene. She is resident soprano of the Kansas City ensembles the Lyric Arts Trio and Bach Aria Soloists.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019 – Michael Emmerich, organ

Michael Emmerich, winner of the American Guild of Organists-Quimby Competition, has appeared as a recitalist in England and throughout the United States. His playing and compositions can be heard on American Public Media’s Pipedreams and Pipedreams Live!



Thursday, Nov. 14 – Beau Bledsoe, guitar and Coleen Dieker, violin

Beau Bledsoe and Coleen Dieker will perform music from Ireland, Turkey, Spain and Argentina.



Thursday, Dec. 12 - Mark Lowrey, jazz piano

A staple in the Kansas City jazz music scene, Lowrey has made a name for himself with his versatility, command of the piano and sound that transcends genres.



Thursday, Jan. 9 – Jonathan Pilkington, tenor

Jonathan Pilkington frequently performs as a recitalist and as an oratorio soloist. He also has much experience as a professional choral singer, in addition to operatic roles and musical theatre repertoire.

Thursday, Feb. 13 – Jane Christison, accordion

Accordionist and singer Jane Christison is known for her trademarked “Music With A Smile®.” Her performances are filled with personality and an enthusiasm for playing the accordion that shines through.



Thursday, March 12 – Kayleigh Aytes, soprano

Young lyric coloratura soprano Kayleigh Aytes is enchanting audiences with her charming stage presence, graceful voice and elegant musicianship. Her recent engagements include collaborations with the Te Deum Chamber Choir and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium as a guest soloist.

Thursday, April 9 – David Pickering, organ

David C. Pickering is associate professor of music and chair of the keyboard division at Kansas State University. He is an active recitalist, having performed throughout the United States, Austria and Canada.



Thursday, May 14 – Sora Park, piano

A dedicated vocal and choir accompanist, Sora Park has concertized throughout South Korea and the United States. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance at the University of Kansas. She serves as accompanist for the Kansas City Korean Elders Choir in Overland Park and is pianist at the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas in Merriam.

**Village Church on Antioch Choir Festival
Saturday, April 4, at Village on Antioch**

Village on Antioch will host a daylong choir festival led by Ryan Main, award-winning composer and director of music at Village on Antioch, and organist Dr. Jan Kraybill. The festival will culminate with a performance that afternoon. Look for more details as we get closer to the event.

**KC Wind Symphony Concert
7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6
Village Church on Mission Sanctuary**

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present their opening concert of the 2019-20 season at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Admission to this event is free! The program will feature works by Bernstein and Verdi and will feature guest conductor James Barnes conducting his own piece “Malaguena.” The concert will conclude with Holst’s masterwork “First Suite in E-Flat.”

Hungry? Come to the Feast! – By popular demand, we are offering The Feast a second time. This event begins with a Saturday retreat on Oct. 19 and continues with four Saturday morning sessions. If you want to deepen your spiritual life as a follower of Jesus Christ through a variety of spiritual practices, we invite you to join us at the table. Judy Cooper, Ed Dexter, Bob Fletcher, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Michelle O’Neal and Susan Satterlee are the leadership team. For more information, contact Sunni Battin at sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

Upcoming Fall 2019 Village U Classes

Church: What It Is and Is Not: How It Got Here and What’s Next – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, in Room 126. This two-session class led by Rev. Dr. John P. Borden will trace the formation and development of the church through time, relating the journey to scripture, as well as looking at what is next as we seek to understand, worship and serve God.

Believing and Belonging (Part One for New Members: Meet New Friends, Building Tour, Spirit Gifts and Spiritual Practices)– 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Room 232. Participants will learn about the story of Village Church, learn our way around the building and meet others on this journey. We will identify ways we can share our gifts through the various ministries of Village Church. We will also explore the top five spiritual practices that help persons grow in our faith. Register online at www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean Lindquist at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.



Believing and Belonging (Part Two for New Members: Conversation with Rev. Tom Are)– 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Room 15. In this session, participants will share conversation with our senior pastor. Now in his 16th year at Village Church, Tom brings over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. This is your opportunity to ask Tom anything about Village Church. RSVP for this course by registering online. RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean Lindquist at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

Romans: The Righteousness of God – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 16, in Rooms 232 & 233. The Apostle Paul’s letter to the Christians in Rome is thought by many New Testament scholars to be his masterpiece. At 16 chapters, the letter is longer than any of Paul’s others. Over four sessions, we will explore the major themes of Romans and will read through all of the letter. We will come to understand how this work speaks to our lives today.

Rising Strong™ for Women (Weekend Course)– 5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 and 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in Rooms 132 & 133. What would it be like to create a brave new ending to the story of struggle you keep bumping up against? Using the powerful curriculum created by Dr. Brené Brown, our two-day intensive course offers you an opportunity to dive into your story and look at it in a way you’ve never looked at it before. The cost is \$200 per individual. Email danna@havertytherapy.com for more information .

Walk/Jog: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 27-Dec. 13, Room 15/The Village Cup. Enjoy a child-free walk or run in the neighborhoods surrounding the church. Please stay within walking or running distance of the building. Class will still gather on days with inclement weather unless the Shawnee Mission School District cancels school. Contact artminvpc@gmail.com for more information.

Documents, Spreadsheets and Presentations (Daytime & Evening) 1-2:30 p.m. & 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Room 316. In today’s world, delivering presentations isn’t limited to our professional life. Through volunteer work, we may be called upon to present information to others. This class explores using a combination of document creation, spreadsheets and presentation software to easily create powerful presentations. Topics include using basic presentation software, text editing, inserting pictures, using SmartArt and utilizing spreadsheets to create charts and graphs. Basic knowledge of document creation and spreadsheets is helpful. Registration is necessary.

If you are interested in teaching for spring 2020 Village U, email Sunni Battin at sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE CHURCH SESSION ACTIONS

At the Aug. 5 Session meeting, the elders of Village Church...

- Opened in prayer by Elder Chas Vincent
- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sept. 15 to be held at both VOM following the 11 a.m. service and VOA following the 9:30 a.m. service, for the purpose of acting on a report from the Village Nominating Committee regarding new officers
- Approved beneficiaries of retiring offerings at upcoming concerts including Habitat for Humanity (celebrating 40 years in KC), Grace United Ministries and Presbyterian Association of Musicians (celebrating 50 years of ministry).
- Approved modest changes to the Articles of Incorporation of Front Porch Alliance
- Approved the Endowment Trust grant proposal for Avenue of Life Unaccompanied Homeless Youth House from the Least of These Legacy Fund.
- Approved the Endowment Trust grant proposal for updating the Children & Family Ministry Office and 3rd floor Sunday School "Welcome" area from the Children, Youth and Family Legacy Fund.
- Approved the Endowment Trust grant proposal for 2019 Music Ministry concerts and special services from the Worship and Music Legacy Fund.
- Approved the Endowment Trust grant proposal for Village on Antioch operating costs from the First Decision Legacy Fund

The Session heard reports from the Board of Trustees regarding upcoming capital needs and suggested that the Session begin the early stages of planning a 75th anniversary recognition (the 75th anniversary of Village Church will be in 2024).

The Session closed the meeting with prayer, noting all persons on the prayer list. The next meeting will take place on Sept. 9.

What is the Session? The Session is the governing board of the congregation. The 29 elders are elected by the congregation. Each one serves for a three-year term. Currently the Session is comprised of 13 women and 16 men. Two of the elders are young people. The Session meets monthly except for July. The Rev. Tom Are, Jr. is moderator of the Session. Pastors and ministry directors also attend the meetings.

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH

Village Church on Antioch & Heritage Presbyterian Team Scramble Golf Outing Saturday, Sept. 21

Tee Times begin at noon at Heritage Golf Course, located at 16455 Lackman Road in Olathe. Cost is \$55 per golfer for the 18-hole scramble and includes green fees, cart, post-tournament lunch, soft beverages and awards. You may sponsor a hole for \$25. Proceeds will be divided evenly between the two churches. VOA's portion will support Habitat for Humanity. Information and registration forms are available at Village on Antioch. The registration deadline is Sept. 15.

Questions? Contact Les Ansay at 913-205-3015 or doublelansay@att.net or Mark Wardle at 913-271-3877 or mjwardle@sbcglobal.net.

Village On Antioch Has a New Book Club

The first gathering on Aug. 8 of the VOA Book Club was a lot of fun. The group discussed Rob Bell's "What Is The Bible?" They plan to choose another book and meet again soon. Anyone is welcome to participate.





Can't Wait to See You at the Classic Citizens Celebration Sept. 26!

Join us for fun, food and fellowship at our annual Classic Citizens Celebration from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in Friendship Hall at Village Church on Mission. RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. Transportation provided upon request.

Would You Like to Receive Home Communion?

Home communion is scheduled for the weeks of Oct. 14 and Oct. 21. If you would like a pastor to come to your home and share this sacrament with you, let Linda Alley know at either 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amazing Graces Late Summer Soirée 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19

Join Amazing Graces at the home of Patty Zender (6529 High Drive, Mission Hills, Kansas) for a soiree and guest speaker Rev. Sally Wright. Cost is \$10 a person. Reservations will be taken after the Sept. 8 and Sept. 15 worship services at Village Church on Mission. Contact Martha Tatman at matatman@hotmail.com for other payment options and for more information. Payments must be received by Sept. 16.

WOW Lunch at Ya Ya's

Women of Wisdom (WOW) warmly welcomes all ladies to a noon lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Ya Ya's Euro Bistro in Corbin Park at 135th and Metcalf. We will enjoy sophisticated dining in our private room and an eclectic menu of American, French, Italian and Greek cuisine. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 16, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. We look forward to lovely, warm fellowship and delicious food in one of KC's finest restaurants.

Look for our new Presbyterian Women overview brochure at the Discover Village kiosks at Village Church on Mission.

Seeking PW Honorary Life Member Nominations

Please submit candidates for the 2019-2020 Honorary Life Membership award to be given at the Celebration of Faithful Women event March 21, 2020. In honoring the gifts and talents of women in our church, we ask you to please nominate Village Church woman who strive to “promote the mission of the church, nurtures your faith, works for peace and justice, and promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership to the church.” Submit nominations by Oct. 15 to Ann Flanders at 913-558-2155, or Niki Krenzel at 315-767-6629 or VPCPWHLM@gmail.com.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Fall Programming to Begin Sept. 8

This Sunday, Sept. 8, we will kick off the fall and celebrate a wonderful summer. At 9:30 a.m. at Village Church on Mission, please go to your NEW classroom to begin our fall programming. And after Sunday school, please join us for ice cream sundaes on the playground. We’re celebrating an end to our “Sunday Funday” summer programming with actual SUNDAES! Bring the whole family...because ice cream for breakfast (once a year) is a really good idea.

August Sunday Funday’s Special Guest

Tami Greenberg, Village Church deacon and CEO of Ronald McDonald House and Charities, did an amazing job of teaching our Sunday Funday kids about the Ronald McDonald House and how to be good neighbors in our city!



Sunday Funday Kids Raise Funds for Operation Breakthrough

Village Church kids had a blast learning about Operation Breakthrough in June. Their post-church lemonade stand/bake sale brought in \$568, which was sent on to Operation Breakthrough. Thank you for your generosity towards our kids and Operation Breakthrough!



Check Out Our Renovated Children & Family Ministry Office

Come by and visit our newly renovated Children & Family Ministry office. It’s a great place to hang out – comfy chairs for adults (and we’ll serve you coffee and snacks!) and lots of toys and games for the kids. Stop by to celebrate our new space with us!



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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Village is at work.

Whether across town or across the world, Village is making a difference in people’s lives through Jesus Christ. Providing lunch eight miles away at Thelma’s Kitchen, or supplying medical, educational and clothing needs 8,000 miles away in Thwake, Kenya would not be possible without the stewardship of the believers at Village Church. And Village is not only generous with its money, but also generous with its spirit. Along with the sharing of financial resources, I have been humbled by the generosity of the hearts of Village members-in their creativity, courage and compassion to connect to others-who may seem very different. Extraordinary things can be accomplished by doing ordinary things with love.



—Melanie Mann



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION
Traditional – 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
The Gathering – 5 p.m.
In Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH
Traditional - 9:30 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
14895 Antioch Rd.
in Overland Park

**Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
Drop-Off Hours**
10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

www.villagepres.org

IN MEMORY

Robert “Bob” Hanna
Jim Hultman