



Exciting Plans for the 2018/19 Music Season at Village on Mission

We talked with Will Breytspraak, director of music, about the 2018-2019 concert season and other new developments in our Music Ministry offerings at Village Church on Mission.

Q: What can we look forward to in this year's concert line-up?

Will: There is truly something for everyone in the Village Music Ministry's 2018-19 Concert Season. You'll want to keep an eye out for the music season brochure, which is coming in the mail, but also available at the "Discover Village" station at the church. The brochure is like what you get from the KC Symphony and other arts organizations in that it captures and illuminates our whole exciting year in one place. We think so many more people should know about the concert opportunities we provide, and we also want people to be able to put concerts and recitals that excite them on their calendars before they fill up! We hope everyone will keep it in a visible place around their homes. Consider sharing it with friends and neighbors who might just need a little nudge to come out and be touched by the gift of music and the warmth of our congregation.



Q: Besides the obvious fact that your programming is often sacred music, what's unique about a concert experience at Village Church, as opposed to a concert somewhere else in town?

Will: All our concerts are extremely family friendly – kids love them. And we offer child care for many concerts for any children too young to enjoy the concert. Our messages are uplifting, even life-changing. And almost all our concerts are



FREE! Additionally, we often have benefit concerts – so people are supporting great causes just by showing up, as they can learn about important mission work in Kansas City and beyond. And they can give to the free-will offering if they are interested and able.

Q: What's planned for the "Big Three" concerts this year?

Will: You'll see our "big three" concerts, each of which is FREE with child care provided, and a benefit (free-will offering) for an important local or wider-world cause. The first of those big concerts is our fall concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, with a performance of Bobbi

Fischer's "Missa Latina," a fascinating, rhythmic work with tastes of Latin America, which will feature the Village Chamber Choir, and soloists, including a sort of South American orchestra (complete with accordion, piano, bass and violin)! Also on that concert will be beautiful settings of the Beatitudes and other sacred texts, sung by the Village Choir. It will all be a benefit for Frontera de Cristo, a powerful border ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S./Mexico).

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Our 18th Annual "Tidings of Joy" is a favorite for families (child care is also provided). This year's "Tidings of Joy: Sweetly Singing O'er the Plains" will feature the Tidings of Joy Children's Chorus, our adult choirs and orchestra, and some special surprises as people enter the church. It's going to be a truly immersive Christmas festival that you do not want to miss! We will have a free-will offering for the Sherwood Center, which provides vital special education services and adult services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related developmental disabilities.

The spring concert, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2019, will feature Dr. Elisa Bickers and the Village Orchestra on Poulenc's tremendous "Organ Concerto," and the Village Chamber Choir, orchestra and soloists on Fauré's "Requiem." This Lenten concert will be a benefit for Avenue of Life, which offers a myriad of essential social services in one building in Kansas City, Kan.

Q: Is something new happening with the popular 2nd Thursday Recital series?

Will: This year each recital will be followed by a reception, with treats and a chance to meet the performer and other audience members in the Welcome Center. What a perfect way to add a little music to your life, or that of a friend or neighbor. Our 2nd Thursday recitals are still 12:15-12:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.



Q: It's great to hear about all these concert plans. What will be new and exciting this year in worship music?

Will: I think the most exciting and important thing is that we are expanding the reach and role of our children's choirs. Our children's music coordinator, Jenny Hull, will be leading a new "Angel Choir" for preschool age children. It is important to reach the kids with the gift of music early on, but it's also exciting be able to offer this choir to the families at Village's two preschools and the whole community. Volunteers Kate Beebe and Rebecca Enslow continue to direct the Kindergarten through Second Grade "Prelude Choir," and

I will be jumping in with the 3rd-6th grade "Hallelujah Choir." All our children will be taking on a greater leadership role in worship and learning about the musical gifts God has given them. These gifts are most powerful when they are shared, and children at Village will continue to experience the joy of reaching others with the Gospel in music.

Q: Are there any new things happening with instrumental music at Village on Mission?

Will: Yes, actually. Our new chamber music program, "The Village Players," is a unique approach to fostering instrumental music in our community. Rather than say, "Let there be orchestra!" or, "Let there be string quartet!" we are taking the approach of just building a roster of people who are interested in playing more. And then the Village Music Ministry is functioning as the "matchmaker." Rather than have rehearsals at a single set time, like all our other ensembles, the Village Players will meet up around town a little more organically – in smaller groups – duets, trios, quartets, quintets – and play as a large ensemble at the church a few times throughout the year. The Village Players will benefit from the leadership and energy of violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen, a wonderful new teacher and performer in the Kansas City area.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to share with the congregation and wider community?

Will: I get to connect with our music ministry volunteers a lot, but it's less often that I get out to be with the whole congregation. I just want to say how much the music staff and volunteers appreciate the whole congregation and wider community for following the music ministry's lead in worship music, for coming out to these concerts, and for sharing all the good news about our season with the wider community. Village Church is a very big, and ever-growing family, but in the most important ways it still feels like a small church.

Look for the music season brochure in your mailbox this week. Get more details about the upcoming concert season at www.villagepres.org/upcoming-music-events.





Second Thursday Recitals

The Second Thursday Recital Series begins at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Village on Mission Sanctuary with saxophonist Megan Sebastian and pianist Nancie Dalke. They will be performing three of the most important works for saxophone by Eugene Bozza, Paul Bonneau and Alexander Glazunov. You are invited to meet and welcome these fine artists at a reception in the Welcome Center after their exciting and virtuosic performance.

Handbell Basics Workshop

Come learn to ring handbells in a fun, relaxed setting. You will be amazed at how quickly you are able to make beautiful music. This free workshop is specifically for individuals who have no ringing experience, although it is helpful to have some basic music reading ability. The three-session workshop will be held from 1-2:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the joy of ringing. Contact Leslie Conrad at conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734 to sign up, or for more information.

Food Pantry

This Sunday, Sept. 9, is Peanut Butter Sunday, the Village Church Food Pantry's third Food Drive for 2018. Peanut Butter is such a staple in the diet of the Pantry's clients and their children. Peanut butter is high in protein, so easy for children to use - whether they're spreading it on a sandwich or using it as a dip for apples. Please be generous with your donations - creamy, crunchy or flavored - and bring several to church on Sept. 9. The Clothes Closet is collecting kitchen items - pots and pans, glasses, dishes, flatware, utensils, etc.



Village Church Cross-Lines Cooks a Meal

On Friday, Sept. 14, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. 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 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up>.

Thank You from the DRMP

The DRMP extends a big thank you to the generous sponsors and supporters of their annual fundraiser, Celebration Dominicana, held this past June. The event generated over \$40,000 and allows the DRMP to continue improving the health and well-being of underserved populations in the D.R. by working with local partners to promote sustainable health efforts. **Mark your calendar for next year's Celebration Dominicana on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019!**

Worship, Eat, Serve: Be the Church Service Day at Village, Oct. 21

On Sunday, Oct. 21, Village Presbyterian Church on Mission and Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch will be sponsoring the third annual Be the Church Service Day. This year, we will join other Presbyterian churches in the area to offer a variety of service opportunities throughout the week between Oct. 21 and 28. Village Church will host its activities on the day of Oct. 21.

Last year, more than 600 people of all generations took part in a variety of service activities at Village and 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 to 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 SafeHome for survivors of domestic violence (sponsored by Women of Spirit and Circle 4)
- Helping make shoes to prevent jiggers in Uganda
- Assembling feminine hygiene kits for Haitian women
- Preparing the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership for upcoming trips

After morning worship at 9:30 a.m. at Village on Antioch, volunteers can enjoy a brunch and then participate in a variety of activities including stuffing socks with snacks for the homeless from 11 a.m. to noon. You can register online at <https://bit.ly/2KnCrNA>.

In addition, volunteers have the option of joining one of our partner churches (Second Presbyterian Church, Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church and the Kirk) and participating during the week in activities ranging from yardwork to preparing a meal. Participants can check out the variety of opportunities at Village and at participating churches on the Be the Church website at bethechurchservice.com.

All ages are welcome. During the Sunday activities, food is provided to all who participate. Child care is available at Village on Mission. Call 913-671-2322 or email marjean@villagepres.org by Oct. 13 to make your child care reservation.

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

WORSHIP

Rev. Tom Are Returns Sunday, Sept. 9

Rev. Tom Are returns to the Village Church pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 9, after his summer sabbatical. We also return to our regular Sunday worship service schedule:

Village on Mission – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary; 5 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall

Village on Antioch – 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Congregational Meeting Sept. 16

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 16. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. 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 2019.

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinners

Dine before or after your class. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. These dinners offer an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a well-balanced, convenient meal. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon Monday.

Standing Reservations for more than one date are only available on a pre-pay basis. Contact Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org if you are interested in paying for a month, several dates, or the rest of the meals through Dec. 12, 2018.

Menu:

Sept. 12 – Beef brisket burnt ends, BBQ pulled chicken, baked beans, cheesy corn

Sept. 19 – Roasted chicken breasts & thighs, wild rice pilaf, broccoli/cauliflower

Sept. 26 – Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, vegetarian sauce, eggplant Parmesan, vegetable



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

Single Adult Ministry Friday Nights at Village

Single Adult Ministry Friday Nights at Village. You are invited! NO reservation needed. Please join us from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 7–Nov. 16, in Room 230, for fellowship and conversation. Anyone interested in going out for dinner following the gathering is welcome to do so! Contact Cindy Wilcox for questions at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.



You’re Invited — Village Connect Conversation Groups

Village Connect (small group ministry) is a way to strengthen faith through conversations, while making and deepening friendships. Trained leaders are provided for these groups, along with a DVD video study developed by Pastor Tom Are, and a leader’s guide developed by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. The 2018-19 study is entitled, “Letters from Prison.” Currently, 19 groups meet between October through May. Subsequent groups may form as needed. Types of groups include: couples, women and mixed (men & women). Each individual group decides frequency, location and time for meetings. Village Connect is open to both the congregation and community. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for more information.



Stephen Ministry Leaders Training Course: Providing Knowledge, Skills and Enthusiasm to Direct the Care Giving Program

Four members of Village Church recently completed Stephen Ministry Leadership training. Jan Howard and Martha Tatman attended the leader's course in St. Louis and Dave and Jan Fellers attended an Orlando conference. The courses involve five and a half days of intense training



13,000 congregations across the country.

Stephen leaders manage the SM program for a congregation. They build awareness of the program and that focuses on assisting members of the congregation who face challenges in life, they identify and recruit new SMs, coordinate the SM training and ongoing education programs, identify and connect SMs with appropriate care receivers and assist the pastor of Pastoral Care in administration of the program.

"Stephen Ministry training is a very spiritual experience," according to Dave Fellers. "After nine years as a Stephen Minister, it was equally gratifying to undertake the exceptional course to be a SM leader." Fellers noted that Village Church has one of the larger and long-term programs in the country. As a result, Village Church leaders not only learn from other participants at the conference, but also provide helpful guidance to those attending the course to establish a Stephen Ministry program at their church.



Martha Tatman with her prayer partner

excellent Christian fellowship and the establishment of close relationships. One of the steps taken at the conference is for each SM to meet and become a "prayer partner" with another.

Contact Pastoral Care & Counseling for more information about Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry (SM) has been an important mission and program of Village Church for over 25 years. Members of the congregation go through over 50 hours of training to become lay caregivers who bring God's healing love to millions of hurting people going through difficult times in life. There are over 600,000 Stephen Ministers and 70,000 SM leaders representing more than



Dave and Jan Fellers

Jan Fellers notes that her Stephen Ministry training was prompted by her desire to help others. However, she has found it to be valuable and rewarding in her life, with family, friends and even people she meets during a typical day. "I feel I have gained so much by being a SM, having the opportunity to walk with others during a difficult time in their life. My initial training and especially the SM Leaders training has given me a new perspective on seeking out a daily or even hourly spiritual relationship."

The Leadership Conferences provide a great opportunity to meet other Stephen Ministers from around the country. This results in

Taizé Returns to Village on Mission

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, we will resume our Taizé services in our chapel at Village on Mission. It will be a good anniversary to be gathered by the silent strength of prayer and remembrance and peace.

On Oct. 3, 10 and 17, there will be a three-week series of classes led by Jen and Howard Martin speaking on the spirit of Taizé, with the final class as an actual Taizé service for October. The following Taizé services will be Nov. 13 and Dec. 18. Starting January 2019, Village's evening prayer service done in the style and spirit of Taizé, will continue at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Chapel.

If you have never known about the community of Taizé, come and listen, be silent and sing, receive communion and community filled with love.



Get Ready to Rock and Roll!

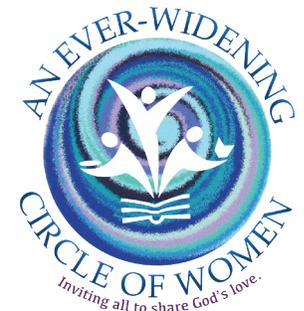
Join us on Thursday, Sept. 27, for the Classic Citizen's Celebration! There will be fabulous food, lots of music and plenty of fun with your friends and the staff from 1:30-3 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Rev. Tom Are will share the latest and answer your questions. Need a ride? Just let us know. If you are 75 or more years young, let Linda Alley know if you can join in the fun at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Women of Wisdom

WOW welcomes all Village ladies to join us for lunch at noon Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Tavern at Mission Farms, 10681 Mission Road. RSVP by Sept. 17 to Marvie Sneegas at sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608.

Bookworms, Bibliophiles, Readers of All Interests

Please join us for reading suggestions given by Vivien Jennings from Rainy Day Books at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Room 127 at Village on Mission. Vivien always presents entertaining sketches of books selected to appeal to a wide range of interests covering diverse genres. Please come. Bring a friend. Books will be available to purchase.



Amazing Graces

Our fall gathering will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the home of Susan Creidenberg. Vivien Jennings of Rainy Day Books will speak on "Stories for the Soul." Tickets are \$10 and will be sold in Friendship Hall between worship services on Sept. 9, 16 and 23. Payment may also be sent directly to Dee Gound at 8208 Cherokee Circle, Leawood, KS 66206.

Operation Breakthrough Reading Program

For six weeks our PW Operation Breakthrough Reading Program brings children from Operation Breakthrough in Kansas City, Mo. to Village on Mission for a wonderful, enriching experience with Village volunteers. Each child is paired with a reading buddy from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, in Rooms 307-309-311. Contact Cindy Whitham, at ciwhitham@aol.com at 913-262-3062 with questions. Child care will be available beginning Sept. 19 by calling Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

Seeking PW Honorary Life Member Nominations

Please submit candidates for the 2018-19 Honorary Life Member award to be given at the Celebration of Faithful Women event March 23, 2019. In honoring the gifts and talents of women in our church, we ask you to please nominate a Village Church woman who strives 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 Kim Stratton, kastratt1@gmail.com, 913-226-2723, or Patty Zender at patriciaazender@gmail.com or 816-520-8228.

Mission Sewing

If you like to sew, check out our Mission Sewing group! We meet all day every Tuesday (come and go as your time allows). If you don't sew, how about stuffing pillows, pressing labels onto items, or if you knit, you can do your knitting at home. We have patterns and yarn. We especially need sewers in the afternoons. You are welcome to stop in to see us in action or call Edie Hultman, 913-432-3515, for more information.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Listen to Sermons of Founding Pastor Dr. Bob Meneilly

The Heritage Committee has created MP3 files of the sermons of Dr. Bob Meneilly which are available for your listening pleasure. You may find them online at https://soundcloud.com/villagepres_heritage.

Upcoming Village U Classes Include:

Beginner Excel – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data into an Excel spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, Room 316 OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, Room 316.

I Drive Electric. You Can Too! – This class is part of Village Church on Mission's Electric Car Expo from 4-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the south parking lot with a class taught by Al Pugsley from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 127.

Intermediate Excel – This two-week class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR have taken the Beginner Excel class. Topics include filtering and sorting data, using Excel to create charts, and utilizing functions to easily perform mathematical and statistical calculations. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 18 and 25, or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 20 and 27, Room 316.

In the beginnings...Genesis – The story of faith begins with Genesis, the first book of the Bible, and the Hebrew Torah. We will read through the book of Genesis and explore what the narratives tell us about God and humankind through the covenants God makes with Noah and Abraham and Jacob. Then we will explore what God is saying to us today through this ancient book of all beginnings. Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, Oct. 3-31, Rooms 232 & 233.



Living as Christians in a Religiously Diverse World – In a nation of increasingly diverse religious traditions, people of every faith – and none – must find ways to be religiously literate enough to welcome those who practice religions other than their own. In this class, Bill Tammeus and some of his friends who are adherents of religions other than Christianity will speak about how best to do that. Bill is the former faith section columnist for “The Kansas City Star.” 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, Oct. 3 & 10, Room 126.

Back Pain and Sciatica: How to Heal Naturally – In this one-hour workshop taught by physical therapist Biagio Mazz, you will learn about: the single biggest mistake back pain and sciatica sufferers make which stops them from healing, the three most common causes for lower back pain and sciatica, a sure way to pick the right treatment for the cause of your pain, and what successful treatment and permanent relief looks like without the side effects of medications, injections, or surgery. 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, Room 133.

Housing Options – What Are Your Choices? – This session covers the vocabulary associated with aging and senior housing choices. Learn the basics to start your exploration of what is right for you. Taught by Evie Curtis who retired following a 43-year career in financial services. Sponsored by The Education Group that provides education about issues related to aging and helping avoid common pitfalls in decision-making. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, Room 232.

Peace of Heart in All Things: An Introduction to the Life-giving Wisdom of the Christian Community at Taizé The community of Taizé has a lot to teach us about peace of heart in a troubling world. Founded in southwest France in the 1940s as a refuge from the terrors of WWII, it exists to this day as a place of pilgrimage for people seeking the fresh wind of God's Spirit blowing across their lives. In the first two class sessions, we'll explore some of the elements of the community of Taizé. In our third session, Rev. Len Carrell and Dr. Elisa Bickers will lead us in a simple Taizé-style evening vespers. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10 & 17, in the Chapel.

Village Church 101: Believing and Belonging – This series of classes is designed especially for new members and those who are curious to know more about Village Church. The first three sessions will focus on learning more about our mission and ministry, and how to be a part of the church in a meaningful way. One session is a conversation with Senior Pastor Tom Are. Dubbed the “Ask Tom Anything” session, all are invited to ask Tom anything. Class leaders also include Rev. Len Carrell, pastor for pastoral care, and Cindy Wilcox, director of connective ministry. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3-24, Room 127.

Art with the Nelson - Nelson-Atkins Museum staff will be leading four classes exploring different art techniques. Various materials and techniques will be utilized. The Oct. 25 class will take place at the museum and will include a special exhibit tour. All materials are provided by the museum. 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, Room 15.

Pony Express Museum Day Trip - The Pony Express Museum is a transport museum in Saint Joseph, Mo., documenting the history of the Pony Express, the first fast mail line across the North American continent from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast. The museum is housed in a surviving portion of the Pikes Peak Stables, from which westward-bound Pony Express riders set out on their journey. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. Additional Cost: \$30.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

9:30-10:30 a.m. Classes resume this Sunday, Sept. 9.

Faith Journey will begin a study of "Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel by Kate Bowler." Millions of American Christians measure spiritual progress in terms of their financial status and physical well-being. We will look at the history of the prosperity gospel along with the scripture that this group uses as support for their beliefs to examine how our beliefs on this topic and the interpretation of the scriptures compare. Room 230.

Foundations of Faith - Rev. Dwight Tawney helps us understand what happened to the Jerusalem Church. Within four years of the crucifixion, a growing fellowship of believers emerged in Jerusalem led by James, the brother of Jesus. What were the earmarks of this Jewish Christian church? How was it like the Gentile church founded by Paul? How was it different, and what became of this earliest form of Christianity? Room 15.

Growing Together invites adults in their 40's and 50's who are interested in growing together in context of their families. Room 124.

Village Forum - The class begins the fall with the video, "God and Imperial Power, Jesus and Economic Justice." In this video series from Faith and Reason, John Dominic Crossan and Joerg Rieger expand our awareness of the historic collusion between Christianity and the empires of the west, from Jesus' non-violent program of resistance to Roman Imperialism under Augustus, to the imperialistic "partnerships" of the 21st Century. Sept. 9-Oct. 14. Room 126.

SOCIAL WITNESS & ADVOCACY

Guns to Grace—A Hope Filled Dialogue Saturday, Oct. 20

Join us as we search for clarity and meaningful solutions on the overwhelming issue of gun violence. The Social Witness Advocacy Task Force is sponsoring "Guns to Grace—A Hope Filled Dialogue," a forum from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Village on Mission. We will explore gun violence from the perspective of history as well as the responses from our Christian heritage. We hope to provide an atmosphere of dialogue and thoughtful consideration of how Jesus would act in these times. A wide range of breakout sessions will provide opportunities to learn how we move forward toward God's healing spirit. We hope this forum will help us move from debate to dialogue as we search for solutions and allow God's presence to guide us toward peace. Look for more details in the Oct. 3 "Good News."



Traveling Day Camp

The small and intimate nature of the camp at Village on Antioch allowed a celebration of each child's unique gifts throughout the week. The personable, welcoming atmosphere created by Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick was a true highlight.

Join Us This Fall

Children's Sunday School resumes at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, Sept. 9, with new "Frolic and Whirl" curriculum for infants through 6th graders.

Parent Information Party follows at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 9 on the south lawn at Village on Mission, with music, lemonade and s'mores. Join us to learn more about teaming up with us in your child's faith journey by translating Sunday School lessons to everyday life lessons.

Couples with Kids Bible Studies are from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month.

New Babies

We celebrate the birth of new little ones in our church family: Eleanor Jane Langdon, born to Andrew and Bailey Langdon, and Margot Dove Lee, born to Deron Lee and Haley Harrison-Lee. Roses will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday of September to honor them. If you have a new addition to your family, call 913-671-2350.



Children and staff alike shared a rich week of Heartland's Traveling Day Camp at Village on Antioch.

Baptisms

Future baptism dates are Sept. 16 and Nov. 18. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Contact our Children and Family ministry office if you are interested.

IN MEMORY

- Melissa Anthony
- Jean Bradshaw
- Grace and Verne Davis
- Robert "Bob" Harber
- Ruth Holland
- Meridee Jordan
- William 'Bill' Lee
- Anna "Berdine" Lewis
- James "Jim" Mason
- Joe Morris
- Shirley Robbins
- Audrey Skelly
- James "Jim" Stewart, Sr.
- Sheila Stewart
- Virginia Stuhr
- Pearl Thorp
- Martha "Marti" Towle



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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Awe Moment



Field trip to the Flint Hills 2016

A group of guys meet twice a month at the church for coffee and conversation. Most of these guys have lost a wife and others have a wife living with dementia. As you can imagine, this is a close-knit group. One morning, a new guy walked in the door. He learned of this gathering from a hospice worker. He had lost his wife 6 months ago. After introductions, this man talked to the group about how much he loved his wife and how much he missed her. Within a heartbeat, the group began talking to him, asking him questions, sharing their feelings and lifting him up in their love. What an awe moment! For this was witness to when one of our own is hurting, we hurt with them, and love has the power to lift us up!

This story was shared by Pastoral Care and Counseling Ministry.

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



VILLAGE
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION
Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 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.
Overland Park, KS 66221

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

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IN MEMORY

Look for the names of Village Church Members who have passed on to glory on page 11.