

Finding Hope in a Violent World

The Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force of Village Church is hosting a forum, "Guns to Grace – A Hope Filled Dialogue," from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 20, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Join us as we search for clarity and meaningful solutions to the overwhelming issue of gun violence. We'll explore gun violence from the legal perspective, sociological perspective and the theological perspective. A wide range of breakout sessions will provide opportunities for high school students, parents and other adults to learn how we move forward toward God's healing spirit. This event is generously supported by the Village Church Endowment Trust so there is no cost to participate. Child care will be provided. Contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org to register.

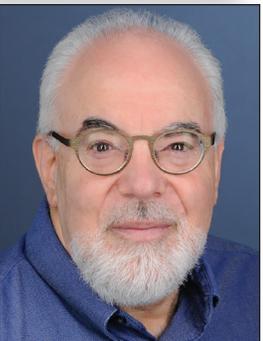
FORUM SPEAKERS



What does the Second Amendment say about the Right to Bear Arms? The Legal Perspective

The interpretation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has become one of the nation's most bitterly controversial issues. Prof. Allen Rostron will discuss what the Second Amendment was originally supposed to do, how the courts have interpreted it and what role it should play today.

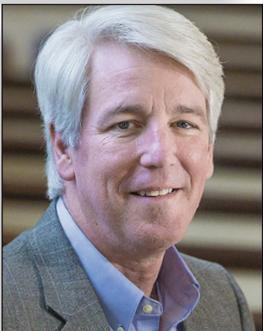
Prof. Allen Rostron is on the law faculty of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He teaches courses on constitutional law and tort law. Before he began teaching, he worked as a senior staff attorney at the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.



How do Americans feel about guns? The Sociological Perspective

At first glance, the American public's feelings about guns and gun violence seem to be hopelessly divided, but closer inspection shows that some of the disagreements are matters of emphasis and that, on some crucial questions, substantial majorities are in broad agreement.

Prof. David N. Smith is on the sociology faculty of the University of Kansas. His research focuses on social attitudes, with a focus on authority and personality. Given that interest, he has published widely on charisma, bias, and violence, among other subjects.



How does our faith in God shape our views on the Second Amendment and gun violence? The Theological Perspective

The Psalmist declares that the whole earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. So how do Christians look at the complex issues surrounding guns and violence? What does the Bible have to say to us? Rev. Tom Are will provide a Christian faith lens through which to view the Second Amendment and guns and violence.

Rev. Tom Are, Jr. is senior pastor at Village Church. Under his faithful leadership, Village continues to grow as a thoughtful congregation willing to engage the difficult issues in open and honest conversation, striving to listen to one another and discern the Holy Spirit's leading.

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CHOOSE ONE OF SEVEN BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session 1: How do you talk to those with whom you disagree? Engage in several proven conflict resolution strategies and skills to increase understanding and decrease tension, so families and friends may talk honestly with one another without devolving into arguments and anger. **Led by Rev. Bill Ryan**, a trained community mediator who has led conflict resolution and reconciliation in many settings and groups.

Session 2: How do you keep your firearms safe? Learn clear, practical ways to safely secure firearms from curious children and impulsive teens. **Led by Prairie Village Police Officer Seth Meyer**, responsible for instructing new recruits and current officers in weapons handling and marksmanship.

Session 3: How do we stop school shootings? Learn how high school students are working to end gun violence, especially in schools, and how young people can create similar groups in their own schools and neighborhoods. **Led by Daniela Rodriguez-Chavez**, a senior at the Pembroke Hill School, who has helped plan and lead rallies and town halls for gun reform.

Session 4: How are our legislators leading us in gun violence prevention? Hear hopes for and ways to support fair and thoughtful Kansas gun legislation in the upcoming legislative session. **Led by Kansas State Senator Barbara Bollier**, a Republican representing the 7th district in the Kansas Senate, a Village Church member and one of the founding members of American State Legislators for Gun Violence Prevention.

Session 5: How do you talk with children about guns and violence? Learn and practice how to talk with children about guns and violence using language that helps children feel safer and gives them tools to cope with anxiety and fear. **Led by Ann Thomas**, president/CEO of The Children's Place, a treatment agency in Kansas City, Mo., which specializes in working with children who have experienced abuse, neglect and other traumas.

Session 6: How do you help children who have experienced abuse, violence and trauma? Discover practical ways you can help children and their families who are victims of abuse and violence begin the path toward healing and wholeness. **Led by Beth Banker**, clinical director at the Child Protection Center, which provides a safe, child-friendly setting in which to interview child abuse victims, coordinate investigative team services, and mental health and medical services for child victims of abuse.

Session 7: How do you make sure your child is safe when they go visit another home? Learn how to gently ask the uncomfortable question, "Is there an unlocked gun in your house?" as a way to prevent household gun tragedies. **Led by Loren Stanton**, a retired journalist with "The Kansas City Star" who has developed a useful strategy for parents to be sure their children are safe when visiting homes of family and friends.

SCHEDULE

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| 9 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:15 a.m. | Welcome, Prayer and Introductions |
| 9:25 a.m. | Three Plenary Speakers |
| 11 a.m. | Seven Breakout Sessions (choose one) |
| Noon | Forum Concludes |

"In addition to learning more about the issue of gun violence, our hope is that each attendee will leave with a skill to help get through a difficult conversation...such as the kind of conversation you might have when relatives with different points of view get together at Thanksgiving dinner," said Charlotte Davison, member of the Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force. "No one wants gun violence," notes Charlotte. "Gun owners are collectors, sportspeople, hunters or may have a gun for protection. This workshop emphasizes that the right of gun ownership comes with the responsibility of proper gun storage. The hope is that we come together and learn to talk together to find common ground."

Contact Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka at rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org for more information.

Worship, Eat, Serve: Be the Church Service Day

On Sunday, Oct. 21, Village Presbyterian Church on Mission will be sponsoring the third annual Be the Church Service Day. Activities will be after the Gathering service at Village on Mission and after morning worship at Village Church on Antioch. Roll up your sleeves and help serve your community with activities ranging from packing hygiene kits to making Thanksgiving cards for our Food Pantry clients.

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.

Participants can check out the variety of opportunities at Village on Antioch and Mission by visiting <https://bit.ly/2KnCrNA>. You may also contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.



Sole Hope Denim Drive

We are collecting denim in preparation for our annual "Be the Church" service day on Oct. 21. Drop off your old blue jeans in the designated boxes at either main entrance (Village on Mission) by Oct. 19. Then, join us for our Be the Church Service Day to help transform them into shoes for children in Jinja, Uganda. Learn more at www.solehope.org.

Thwake Village Partnership's Girls' Home Fundraiser

Please join us for a fun-filled night of Kenyan food, music, dancing and entertainment benefiting Thwake Village Partnership's Girls' Home.

Funds generated from this event will benefit the 12 beautiful, parentless girls living in the Thwake Village Partnership's Girls' Home by covering their tuition, food, clothing, supplies and the housemother's salary. Let's make it easier for these girls to accomplish great things.

About Thwake Village Partnership

Because of the generosity of our supporters, the Thwake Village Partnership has improved access to fundamental services for the residents of Thwake, Kenya. Since our inception in 2010, Thwake residents were provided resources to build and staff the Girls' Home; Thwake's only fresh water well; a health clinic and birthing center with 24/7 services; and the Thwake Presbyterian and Wote Presbyterian Churches.



6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church - 9300 Nall Ave. in Overland Park

RSVP by Oct. 24 to thwake.village.partnership@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend but wish to contribute to the Girls' Home, visit www.thwakevillagepartnership.com/support-thwake/.

Get Your Flu Shot at Village Church on Mission

Village on Mission will be offering flu shots from 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in Friendship Hall and from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, outside Room 230. Just bring your health insurance card and a photo I.D.

Food Pantry

Fall is here, and the Village Church Food Pantry is not receiving as much fresh fruit - so the request from the Pantry for the month of October is canned fruit. The clients of the Pantry enjoy having a variety of fruit to choose from - mandarin oranges, pears, tropical mixed fruit, pineapple, etc. It would be so appreciated if you brought a can with each visit in October. The Clothes Closet is now accepting fall and winter clothing - clean, gently used and sized for all ages. Thank you for your generous support of this important mission.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Comes Early This Year

Thanksgiving is coming soon to the Village Church Food Pantry! This year turkeys and Thanksgiving baskets will be given away to 500 Food Pantry families on Nov. 14-17. Because the holiday falls early this year, Pantry volunteers will be at Village on Antioch and Village on Mission collecting Thanksgiving food on Sundays, Nov. 4 and 11. The shopping list for the baskets is to the right and will be available on Sunday, Oct. 28. Please donate early so that we are able to have everything ready for our families.

If you prefer to keep it simple and let us do the shopping for you, \$30 will provide one Thanksgiving basket. Checks should be made payable to "Village Church Food Pantry," and may be delivered to the Food Pantry or the church business office.



Monetary donations may also be brought to church during our food drives on Nov. 4 and 11.

Thank you for being a part of this meaningful, local mission project by helping another family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Shopping List:

Stuffing mix
Green beans
Corn
Sweet potatoes
Boxed mashed potatoes
Gravy mix
Cranberries
Evaporated milk
Pie crust mix
Pumpkin pie mix

No glass containers, please.

Blood Drive Tuesday, Oct. 30 - Village on Mission

Village Church on Mission will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit www.esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon on Oct. 21 or 28. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

Living Toward God’s Promised Day

William Faulkner once wrote, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” There is wisdom in these words, as our yesterdays show up in both predictable and unexpected ways. Nevertheless, the Christian faith provides a different way to look at our day. As Christians we are not primarily defined by our past, but by a future promised day. It is a day when God makes right that which we cannot heal. Of course, we only see glimpses of it in our lives, but it is a day that is trustworthy and true. This is why my last words to you each Sunday are “live toward God’s promised day.” For we are not defined by our yesterdays, not even our grand ones, but by a tomorrow we have yet to see.

- Oct. 14 This is the Place to Love
- Oct. 21 The Places Jesus Shows Up
- Oct. 28 A Place for Boldness
- Nov. 4 Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka Preaching

VILLAGE COMMITMENT

AWE Moment

Untitled

A poem by Barbara Jaekel about her witnessing God’s love on the Village Church trip to Thwake, Kenya

I look into the eyes of Africa,
 dark and shining with hope.
 Curious children with toothy grins stare back.
 A pale-skinned woman with straight hair
 has come to paint their teeth.

They know little English.
 More than my Swahili.
 We make do.
 Smiles. Gestures. Giggles. High fives.
 Open wide. Say Ahhh. Good job.



I am Monet on porcelain canvas,
 varnish each tooth with fluoride palette.
 Our knees touch, breaths mingle.
 Each brush stroke brings us closer.

They tell their friends:
 It doesn't hurt. It tastes good.
 The lady makes you laugh.
 More children come.
 80 in one day.

Of all my paintings, this is my best work.
 As light fades, my masterpiece complete,
 I send the last child on his way,
 dark and shining with hope.

But I will remember their faces forever.
 I looked into the eyes of Africa
 and saw the face of God.



Second Thursday Recital Oct. 11 • Pianist Thomas Rosenkranz

Please join us to hear internationally acclaimed concert pianist Thomas Rosenkranz at our 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Second Thursday Recital in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. His fun and eclectic concert will feature favorites of Scriabin, Schubert and Messiaen, as well as a surprising piece for piano and boombox, "The Body of Your Dreams" by Jacob T.V. You'll have a chance to greet Thomas following his recital at a cookie and lemonade reception in the Welcome Center.



**Te Deum Chamber Choir Presents "To Life: Bernstein and Contemporary Jewish Music"
3 p.m. Sunday, Oct 14 - Village Church on Mission**

Te Deum pays tribute to the centennial of legendary composer Leonard Bernstein with a presentation of "Chichester Psalms." This 15-minute piece draws upon the Psalms and the hopeful, life-affirming messages they share. Also on the program is a world premiere by Stewart Duncan, commissioned in memory of long-time Village Church member, Carol Lynn Stockton. Tickets are \$15 online at www.te-deum.org/concerts or \$20 at the door. Te Deum is a proud member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.



Will Breytspraak, director of music, gave us details about the Nov. 4 fall concert featuring the Village Choir, Chamber Choir and soloists.

Why the concert is called "The Peacemakers"

Will: This concert is a benefit for an important border ministry of the Presbyterian Church, (USA): Frontera de Cristo. We wanted to create a program that would be incredibly positive during our current period of political and social turmoil. Simply put, we want to be peacemakers. This is not a "political concert." The first half of the concert will feature Patrick Hawes' "Beatitudes," including the concert title movement "The Peacemakers." Poet Arlin Buyert will be reading poems of his own that weave the first half of music

together. The second half will celebrate life south of the border with a thrilling Latin-American piece "Missa Latina."

"Missa Latina" may sound more like music you would hear in a club in Argentina with accordion, double bass and percussion rather than what you might typically expect to hear in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. I think it's going to sound incredibly fresh and new. The music is full of joy and sorrow, sunshine and rain, and more than any other Mass I have ever heard, it transports the listener. We are going to be doing some special things to help set the scene – situating the orchestra more like how they'd stand at a club and adding some creative lighting to the Sanctuary.

Many concerts offer beautiful or exciting music, but I think people will leave this concert transformed. Full of hope. And ready to be peacemakers. I really believe in the way this whole concert is coming together.

Frontera de Cristo – The Concert's Free-Will Offering Recipient

Will: Frontera de Cristo does a lot of things at the U.S./Mexico border. Frontera de Cristo's Migrant Resource center provides basic humanitarian needs –could be a fresh pair of socks, or basic medical attention for dehydration and blisters. They also have a Family Ministry, a Health Ministry (more substantial and preventative than their Migrant Resource Center) and a Church Development Ministry.

Child care is provided. Please make your child care reservation by Oct. 28 by emailing marjean@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2322. Thank you!

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:

- Oct. 10**—salmon fillet, roasted new potatoes, zucchini tomato casserole, corn
- Oct. 17**—Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, vegetarian dish, vegetable
- Oct. 24**—fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mac & cheese, vegetable
- Oct. 31**—Halloween! Chili dogs, SW quinoa black bean bake, corn chips, Halloween dessert
- Nov. 7**—Fall flavors menu: roast pork with apples, scalloped potatoes, vegetarian dish, vegetable

Single Adult Ministry Friday Nights

Single adults, join us from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fridays, now through Nov. 16, in Room 230, for fellowship and conversation. No reservations required. 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.



Discover Village (Information Center) Open Sunday mornings

Dear Friends,

If you have not had a chance to check out Discover Village, you're in for a real treat. It's located at the north Welcome Center entrance on Sunday mornings, between worship services. Come say hello to our hosts. They want to meet you and talk with you. Discover Village was designed by an Adult Educational Ministries Task Force to be a place where people can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. Whether you are newer to Village or a long-time member, Discover Village is the place you can come for fellowship and information! If you have interest in serving, connecting or growing, they can help with that, too. I hope to meet you at Discover Village sometime soon!

Cindy Wilcox, director of Connectional Ministries



New Safety Measures at Village on Mission

Acting on the recommendation of Prairie Village police to improve safety at Village on Mission, two entrances to the church are now locked Monday through Saturday: the west side Chapel door entrance and the west steeple entrance. All doors will be open on Sunday.

You'll be hearing more about other plans to improve safety and security at Village Church in the Nov. 7 "Good News."

WOW Lunch at YaYa's

Women of Wisdom, (WOW), eagerly looks forward to a fall lunch at noon Tuesday, Oct. 30, at YaYa's Euro Bistro, 7021 West 135th in Corbin Park. We will enjoy sophisticated dining in our private room and an eclectic menu of American, French, Italian and Greek cuisine. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 29, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608. We welcome all women to lovely, warm fellowship and delicious food in one of KC's finest restaurants.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Taizé Worship Service Returns to the Mission Campus

Taizé is filled with song, scripture and communion. Come and learn more about Taizé through two remaining Village U classes – Oct. 10 and 17. On Oct. 17, we will attend worship. (You may attend worship without attending class.)

Join us for Taizé worship at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17, Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Dec. 18. Then in 2019, we will hold Taizé at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, January through May, in the Village on Mission Chapel.

Big Sonia was BIG at Village!

Village was honored and thrilled to host a two-night event on Sept. 5 and 6 with the showing of "Big Sonia" and a presentation by Big Sonia herself, Sonia Warshawski, and her daughter, Regina Kort. More than 600 people viewed this gripping documentary about how Sonia survived the Holocaust. Regina spoke and then Sonia, age 94, shared her experience. Her courage, strength and humor inspired the more than 350 in the audience. Mission Sewing presented Sonia with a gift and invitation to join them for one of their Tuesday sessions. More than \$1,800 was collected in a free-will offering for the "Big Sonia" documentary which will be given to Holocaust education centers all over the country.



Upcoming Village U Classes Include:

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Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies — Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. 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. So, invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact Marianne Weber at marianne.weber@villagepres.org or 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 9-30 & Nov. 6 & 13, Room 228.

Beginner Google Docs — Learn to create documents in the free, web-based environment offered by Google. Topics include basic document creation, text editing and using Google Docs to collaborate with others in real time. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, Room 316 OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Room 316.

Housing Options – Navigating the Decision Tree — We will lead you through the 11 options for living independently that currently exist in Johnson County, plus compare the 5 options available for advanced care. By use of a flow chart you will learn a decision process for guiding you towards selecting the option best suited for you. Taught by Mark Gingrich. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, Room 232.

Relief from Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain — If you have problems with everyday activities due to rotator cuff or shoulder pain, this workshop is for you. You will learn about: the number one thing in the body that can cause shoulder pain, the three most common causes of shoulder pain and how to determine the cause of your pain without an expensive MRI or X-Ray. Taught by Biagio Mazza, physical therapist. 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, Room 133.

Mission Journeys: Haitian Art for All — Artist Kim Higgins will lead a tour of Haiti through art to explore its roots and history, looking at its traditions and various styles. Learn more about the work being done at the Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope in Fonds-Parisien in Haiti, and then participants will be invited to create their own piece of traditional Haitian art using cardboard and acrylic paints. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, Room 203.

Self-Care with Essential Oils — Learn about supporting your emotional and physical health with essential oils! You will leave with tips for taking the best care of yourself possible. Each participant will make 2 products using essential oils to take home that will support relaxation and a happy and healthy mood. Additional class fee: \$10. Taught by Elissa Duncan. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Room 206.

Advocating for Others on Health Care Decisions — It will happen. You or a loved one will face a health crisis. You will want help navigating the complicated medical landscape from diagnosis to healing. This session will teach you basic hospital advocacy skills as well as the new Kansas Lay Caregiver Act. Taught by Chuck Nigro, retired health care administrator. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Room 232.

Recovering Well from Knee Replacement Surgery — You will learn about how to avoid developing severe stiffness in your knee replacement following surgery and the three most effective do-it-yourself techniques to ensure a successful recovery. Taught by Biagio Mazza, physical therapist. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Room 127.

Beginner Google Slides — Learn to create presentations in a web-based environment that can be accessed from any Windows or Apple device. In addition to creating a presentation, the class will explore how to collaborate with others on editing a presentation. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Room 316.

Creation and Community — Beginning with our contemporary understandings of creation and community, we will examine how these complex ideas are lived in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Then we will apply our understandings to how we are to live today as we are called to care for God's wondrous creation. Taught by Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7 & 14, Room 126.



Mission Journeys: Local Need, Local Community Outreach — A representative from United Community Services joins this class for a state of the county report on poverty in Johnson County. Deborah White will follow up with a brief overview of community outreach efforts through Village and highlight some of the many volunteer opportunities available through partner agencies. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Room 15.

A Christian Justice for the Common Good — In this class, Rev. Dr. Tex Sample will describe what Christian justice looks like on the ground in real world settings and will identify the skills that must be cultivated to do justice work with others. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, Room 127.

Computer Safety and Identity Theft — You are forced to do more and more with a computer. Keeping your identity and your computer safe are critically important. Learn the latest tips and techniques to protect your computer and your identity. Taught by a member of the District Attorney's Office. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Room 232.

Keeping Your Balance and Preventing Falling — Falls among older adults are the number one cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries. You will learn about the best way to assess your own fall risk, the top three keys to balance and fall risk prevention and the most effective daily exercises to minimize your fall risk. Taught by Biagio Mazza, physical therapist. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Room 132.

What is Predestination All About? What is the doctrine of predestination and how has our understanding of it changed through time? Are other changes in our stated beliefs also happening? Together, we will explore the early church's understanding of predestination and its biblical and theological support. Taught by Rev. Dr. John Borden. 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, Room 127.

Mission Journeys: Thwake, the Heart of Kenya — This spring, members of Village Church led by the Rev. Tom Are and the Rev. David Nzioka, pastor of the Neema Presbyterian Church, spent time with the people of Thwake, Kenya. You will hear personal stories from those who went on this trip and view a video of the trip created by Cole Conderman. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, Room 307-311-319.

Working Class Rage — White working-class people are the canary in the mine. Poorly understood and perceived as a threat to the common good – unintelligent, self-destructive, utterly incapable of leveraging their own privilege - white working-class people have recaptured the cultural and political imagination in the wake of the 2016 presidential election. Taught by Rev. Dr. Tex Sample. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, Room 127.

Beginner Google Sheets — Learn to create spreadsheets in a web-based environment that can be accessed from any Windows or Apple device. The class will explore the components of a spreadsheet, entering data into a spreadsheet, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 301.

Day Trip to the TWA Museum — From the birth of airmail to the inception of passenger air travel, to the post-WWII era of global route expansion, TWA led the way for 75 years. The TWA Museum became a Chapter of the Platte County Historical Society in 1985. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Additional Cost: \$30.

Winter Wellness with Essential Oils — A Young Living Essential Oils representative will help you learn about how to support your health naturally and preventatively using essential oils. You and your family can thrive through sick season! Each participant will make two products with essential oils to support their health during the winter season. Taught by Elissa Duncan. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 206. Additional class fee: \$10.

Family Haitian Art Class

Come to our Family Haitian Art Class. The minimum age is six. Join artist Kim Higgins to make Haitian art using cardboard and acrylic paints. Learn about the wonderful work being done at the Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope in Haiti. 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Room 203. Register online through Village U at www.villagepres.org.



Baptisms and New Babies

The next baptism dates are Nov. 18 and Jan. 20. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member's arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.



Village Church Preschools

Village Church on Mission Preschool is off to a fantastic start to the school year. We welcomed five new staff members and 109 preschool-aged children to our program at the beginning of September.

Village Church on Antioch Preschool started the new school year with three new staff members and 98 preschool-aged children. We are very excited to have a new logo and sign.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Presbyterian Church (USA) Calls for Urgent Response to Threat of Global Climate Change

The Presbyterian Church General Assembly, the national body that meets every two years, voted in June to urge its 9,451 congregations and 1.4 million members to respond now to the very real threat of global climate change.

The assembly calls upon:

- Pastors and church leaders to accept the mantle of moral leadership and to speak from pulpits about what must be done.
- All members to meet the skeptics and deniers with the truth and the urgency necessary.
- All members to set a moral example with truthful words and actions, speaking publicly without being compromised by power and wealth.
- All members to hold religious, political, corporate, and global leaders accountable to end global climate change.
- The whole church to be bold and courageous as we face one of the greatest moral challenges in our history.
- The whole church to begin a new global story of a civilization not dependent on greenhouse gases emissions or the wealth of a few and the misery of the many.

Village Church's Environmental Action Committee invites the congregation to respond to this urgent call by accepting that it is up to each of us to pour ourselves out to bend the moral arc of justice, with joy in our hearts, beauty in our sights and hope for our children.

As we plan for how Village Church will respond to this call, your input and participation would be appreciated. Contact Chuck Gillam at chuckgil@everestkc.net.



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CHELSEA CLINTON COMING TO VILLAGE ON MISSION



Chelsea Clinton, a #1 "New York Times" bestselling author, has published a new children's book, "Start Now! You Can Make a Difference." At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, she will discuss her book and respond to questions in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Rainy Day Books and the Girl Scouts are co-presenting this ticketed event.

In her new book for the youngest activists among us, Chelsea Clinton breaks down the concepts of health, hunger, climate change, endangered species and bullying, so that readers can understand the world

around them, and how they can make a difference in their own lives, as well as in their communities and the world at large.

Get more information and purchase tickets at www.rainydaybooks.com/ChelseaClinton2018 or call Rainy Day Books at 913-384-3126.

PLEDGE FULFILLMENT REMINDER

Your generous pledge for 2018 has made a difference in our ministry and mission throughout the year. As we enter the final quarter of 2018, we have more outstanding pledges than we typically have this time of year. If you have not yet fulfilled your 2018 pledge or annual giving, please consider doing so in the coming weeks. We are grateful!

Your Village Commitment Committee

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

Velma "Vel" Ballentine
Ralph "Jack" Chalender
David Norton
Christine "Chris" Plog