

## A Sneak Preview of Author Kathy Bostrom's Upcoming Workshops for Parents and Grandparents at Village Church Nov. 3 & 4

**K**athy Bostrom, an ordained Presbyterian minister and mother of three, is an award-winning author who has written numerous children's books and books for parents and grandparents. She lives in Wildwood, Illinois with her husband Greg, also a pastor.

Rev. Diane Quaintance is thrilled that Children and Family Ministry is bringing Kathy to Village Church for two special events Nov. 3 & 4. "I have four granddaughters from 16 down to age 5," said Diane. "When my oldest granddaughter was 4, she was given a book by Kathy Bostrom called *Little Blessings*, which is a little children's book series of daily bible stories and a paragraph reflection about them. I can't tell you how many of those stories I have read to my granddaughters over and over and over. They loved the book. They all include a little prayer and the kids have learned to memorize those prayers.

So today, when I have a friend who has a new baby or is giving a baby shower, I always take one of those books as my gift because they're really special books for children for opening up those doors of faith when you're itty bitty."

Kathy Bostrom says she started writing when her children were very young (3, 5, 7), for her own mental health. "Greg and I were new co-pastors at a church north of Chicago and I had just been diagnosed with a chronic illness, so in my busy life, writing was my therapy, my devotional time. Writing helped me get in touch with my own spiritual life, and the beauty of the world around me.

We read often to our children, and one day while I rocked my youngest and read him a book before his afternoon



nap, I thought, 'These are and will one day be some of my most cherished memories with my children.' And then I thought, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful to write books for children that other adults and kids will read together, to create their own cherished memories?' That – and all the ideas I got from my own children and those of the church - inspired me to write for young children and to seek the path towards

publication. I endured over 250 rejections over 4+ years before I had my first book accepted for publication. The only way I kept trying was my belief that writing was a calling, alongside my call to ordained ministry, and now it is my primary vocation.

As a pastor and parent, I understand the challenges of raising spiritually healthy children in a world full of challenges that are both

unchanging and ever-changing. I wanted to write a book that was accessible – short, easy to pick up and read, with info and activities that could be incorporated into a family's super-busy lifestyle. I included hands-on activities in which a variety of ages could engage, so all the family could be included. Raising children is tough work, but the most rewarding. As people of faith, providing a spiritual foundation for our children an essential priority.

I adhere to the Scripture verse, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (Matthew 19:14). As parents and teachers, we have much to learn from our children, through observing their spiritual journeys, listening to their questions and embracing their tender and open-hearted faith in God. What a joy it is!"

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**What to Expect at Her Workshops**

Kathy Bostrom's workshop from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Friendship Hall, will be based on her book, *99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children*. The following morning from 9-11:30 a.m., Kathy turns to her book of devotions, *Finding Calm in the Chaos*, a guide to creating space for God's peace and calm in our lives.

"I like to share basic information on the faith-stages of children, what they can understand and grasp at different ages. This gives us a foundation for knowing how to talk with children about concepts of faith, and what books are appropriate for certain ages," Kathy said.

"In both workshops, I will provide practical, user-friendly methods for nurturing the faith of children, and for nurturing our own spiritual lives. As adults, we often put our own spirituality on the back burner. I wrote *Finding Calm in the Chaos* to provide a daily devotional that allowed the reader to read and engage with one Scripture verse for a week, rather than jumping to a new verse every day. I wrote (and quoted) simple, short, yet poignant daily devotions/prayers/poems to enhance the understanding of the verse. With both books, my target audiences are busy people with busy lives and little time to sit and read a long book (although I highly recommend doing that, too!). I hope I have succeeded in my intentions!"

One Village mom asked Kathy: ***In this society of social media and technology, how can we continue to focus on values, faith and community?***

Kathy responded, "I feel for parents these days with the widespread imposition of technology into daily life: cell phones, iPads, the internet and the violation of privacy. But technology is not only here to stay, it will continue to evolve. I suggest that rather than be fearful of technology, we find ways to accept its inevitable presence, yet learn how to set necessary limits and protective guidelines, because there is a lot of scary stuff out there. How do we teach our children moderation, and not make technology the 'forbidden fruit' that makes it more desirable? Through education, conversation, finding other parents who share our values.

Practically speaking (and this is a writer and book-lover speaking), fill your house with books! Set up a book-nook, a reading corner, a cell-free zone. Be intentional about your own use of technology. How often do your kids see you checking your phone, email, watching TV? They will learn most by what they see you do. So we, too, as adults, need to set limits to our use of all this wonderful

technology that truly can be a huge time drain, and take time away from that which is much more important, like our family, friends and neighbors."

Another mom asked: ***How do we encourage kids to know that praying often is good?***

Kathy suggests, "Incorporate prayer as a part of your daily routine. Let your children see you pray. Be spontaneous! 'Isn't that a beautiful flower? Let's thank God for making such a pretty rose!' Ask questions: 'What would you like to tell God about your day?' We can say anything to God, we can tell God our hopes, fears, dreams,

sorrows. Prayers can be wordless – just sitting quietly and closing our eyes and thinking of a person we love, and saying that name over and over in our minds. Experiment with prayers that aren't full of words. Read prayers from books. Write a family prayer. Just a few ideas for now."

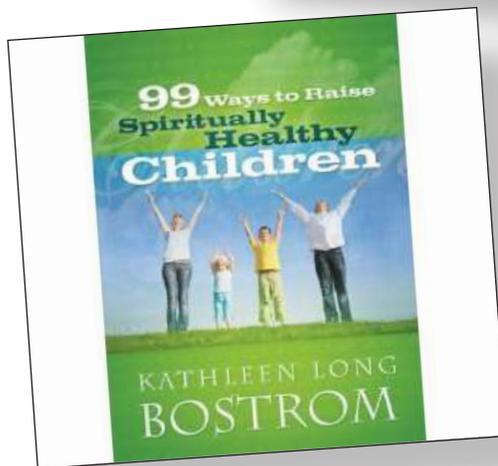
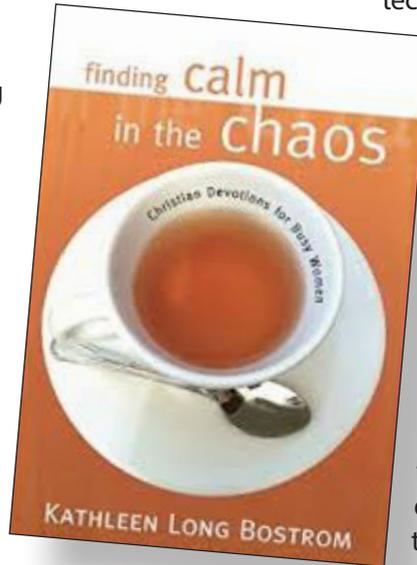
Get your questions ready for Kathy. She encourages audience participation. "When I teach, I open the discussion so that we can all learn from one another. I don't pretend to be the expert or to know it all! I am learning

all the time, and love hearing what others have to share."

Both Kathy Bostrom workshops are free and open to the public. Rainy Day Books will be selling Kathy's books at the events. A book signing will follow each workshop.

Register online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org), or by calling Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at Village Church.

Child care is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Marjean at 913-671-2322 or [marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org](mailto:marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org) or Pam at 913-671-2352 or [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org) to make your reservation.



## Village Relationships are Interwoven with Front Porch Alliance

The beautiful history continues to build, of Village Church reaching out to Kansas City's Ivanhoe neighborhood through the work of Front Porch Alliance.

As happens regularly, last winter Front Porch Alliance (FPA) received a call from an occupational therapist, asking if our Minor Home Repair team could help one of her patients who lives nearby. Since that call, the Minor Home Repair volunteers have worked on several projects for this elderly gentleman, and they have enjoyed the chance to know him.



In a quick visit after church services, our good FPA friend and mentor, Henry Sewing, made it a point to introduce me to the therapist who had called, Kay Findlay. She had never said she was a Village member or asked for any special treatment. In this brief chat, Kay said her son would like to volunteer and asked for my contact info.

Many people say their sons (or husbands) want to volunteer... This time Sam Findlay called me, and he had a plan – a full-fledged filmmaking experience for the FPA Teen pre-vocational program. Sam has a plan and like-minded young friends in the industry. Thanks to Sam and friends, FPA is able to offer this beneficial, educational and fun program this fall.

This is the fabric of our lives at Village. It is such a special thrill to have the “next generation” offer time and talent to support Front Porch Alliance in its work, helping our neighbors.

Getting Kansas City's eastside kids ready for their future – that is the vision of Front Porch Alliance. Knowing that Village has been instrumental in planting that seed of vision in so many young members is a wonderful reminder of our special relationship as a partner mission.



— Barbara Beddingfield, executive director



**6:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
**Kansas City Scottish Rite Temple**  
**1330 Linwood Boulevard**

The evening will feature a supper buffet, cocktails, music by the Kansas City Lights Jazz Ensemble, silent and live auctions, and a few surprises. Snazzy attire – fedoras encouraged.

Visit <http://frontporchalliance.org/> for ticket information.



Cross-Lines volunteers from Village: Jackie Bennett, Sue Minor, Abbie McKnight, Sherry Sims, Gail Arther, Leslie Conrad, Sue & Ed Conner

## Cross-Lines Cooks a Meal

On the second Friday of every other month, Village Church serves a meal to about 150 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. Volunteers from Village Church obtain the ingredients for a taco salad, slice, dice and cook the food and serve it to those in need. Cross-Lines Community Outreach provides people affected by poverty with basic services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence and self-sufficiency. Cross-Lines distributes approximately one million pounds of food each year through breakfasts and lunches served in their community annex and brown bag program, a food pantry, commodity distribution, cooking classes and community garden. If you would like to help serve meals, call Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 to sign up.

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry sends thanks for the congregation's support of PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. Your donations are keeping our peanut butter loving clients very happy.

October is here and the nip in the air makes the Pantry think of hot soup for lunch or dinner. There are very few hearty soups at the Pantry - YOU can eliminate that problem by bringing hearty soups to the church with each visit during the month of October. That nip in the air also means that the Clothes Closet is now accepting cold weather clothing. The Closet is almost completely out of large and x-large sized clothing and clothes hangers for small children's clothing.

Because of changes in parking at the Meneilly Center due to construction, the THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE will start earlier this year. The Food Pantry truck will be in the church parking lot on Nov. 1, 8 and 15 to collect your donations. See the shopping list below. Lists will also be available at the information tables at the south reception desk and on the Bridge after Oct. 25.

Distribution of baskets to clients begins Nov. 14 and ends on Nov. 23.

THANKSGIVING IS COMING SOON!



### Help us with the Village Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets Shopping List

- Stuffing mix
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Gravy mix (no glass please)
- Canned broth
- Pie crust mix
- Pumpkin pie mix
- Condensed milk

We do not need cranberries this year thanks to an early donation! Donations may be left in the drop boxes at church entrances.

## Meet the New Steinway Concert Grand at Village Church

This beautifully restored Steinway Concert Grand piano arrived at Village Church on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015.

Three years ago Mark discovered Lindeblad Piano, a family owned business in New Jersey that for five generations has specialized in restoring vintage pianos. These are pianos made during the "golden era" of piano building in the U.S. – roughly 1870 to 1940. The quality of materials and workmanship of these pianos has never been surpassed, but after decades of use they need restoration. Restoration involves replacing the action parts, including hammers, strings, soundboard and pedal mechanism. The case is refinished, inside and out, and the metal structure, known as the "harp" is also re-plated. Exterior metal – hinges, wheels, etc. – is also re-plated. The end result is a like-new (but in some ways better than new) piano at a substantial savings of cost. It is also a "green" piano in that the most expensive and largest percentage of wood and metal is reused.

Using memorial funds, a year ago we purchased from them the excellent Mason and Hamlin piano now in our Chapel. It was built in 1917. Now, using money from the estate of a long-time choir member, and other generous contributions, we have had restored for us a 1926 Steinway concert grand (model D). It will serve in our Friendship Hall until the Sanctuary is reopened. Once in the Sanctuary, it will be the primary keyboard instrument until completion of our pipe organ in the spring.

The smaller grand piano which had been in Friendship Hall has been taken to New Jersey, where it will be restored and taken to a church or school.

Learn more at <https://www.lindebladpiano.com/>.



## Kansas City Wind Symphony Announces Their 18th Concert Season

The Kansas City Wind Symphony, which is sponsored by the Village Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry Department, will begin this 18th season with a free concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Due to the Village Church Sanctuary construction, this concert will be held at Faith Lutheran Church at 67th and Roe in Prairie Village. Their Nov. 15 concert will also be held at Faith Lutheran Church.

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will also present a concert at Johnson County Community College at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and a concert at Lakeview Village in Lenexa at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Dr. Phil Posey and Pat Setser share the conducting of this fine ensemble. This year's concert guest artists will be Jacob Sentgeorge, tenor, Kairy Koshoeva, pianist and Gwen Detwiler, soprano. Call 913-671-2344 or 816-835-5943 for more information.

## Morning Stars Children's Choir

### About Morning Stars

Morning Stars is a unique music and worship program for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade that meets every Sunday morning immediately following Sunday School. Not only do children learn to sing their faith, they are learning each week that they are an essential part of the Village Church family, and that they too can be worship leaders, alongside both children and adults in the church.

The Morning Stars time includes a choir rehearsal, fellowship and lesson time, and a special chapel service, where children serve as song leaders, scripture readers, acolytes and prayer leaders.

Morning Stars began in 2010. Before that, there were choirs that met on Wednesday afternoons. The Wednesday afternoon choir time had been set for years, and assumed a stay-at-home parent that could bring children to church each week. It became apparent that times had changed and this model simply wasn't working for many of today's families. After researching other successful music programs across the country, Morning Stars was created, based on a Sunday-morning model used by the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas.

Jenny Hull has been directing Morning Stars since the program began, and taught the older choir on Wednesdays prior to that. Jenny also leads children's music programming at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center and at Village Church Preschool.

Jenny shares: "Music has always been a love of mine, and throughout the years, children and education have become a passion. Combining the two creates the perfect way for me to do both. Children are inherently musical, and too often they do not have the encouragement to explore that. When you teach scripture through music, it locks into the brain in ways that the written and spoken word never could, making it the perfect way to encourage children to learn and grow in the church. And giving children the confidence and self-awareness that they are a special and vital part of this church family? That is priceless."

"Children have always been an important part of music ministry at Village Church," adds Jenny. "They are the future of the church. Too often, children are placed in a separate church school environment, and never experience the joy and importance of worshiping with their families.



If children do not see and experience first-hand how their parents worship, it will not be a real part of their lives. Morning Stars is a step in between the two - providing a child-friendly worship time where children can learn the hymns, responses and prayers that are traditionally sung and spoke in the Sanctuary and Gathering services. Then throughout the year, we offer "family worship days," where we do not meet for our regular routine, and parents are encouraged to take their children with them to worship. When children feel comfortable in worship, knowing the order of the service, being able to sing along with responses, and join in with group prayers, it brings it all together in a way that creates a meaningful worship experience for the whole family."

### How Often Do the Morning Stars Perform?

The choirs sing in worship about four times a year, and present special musical offerings at Christmas, and have a final spring performance each May, most recently as part of the final Wednesday night dinner at church in the spring.

"The older choir will be joining forces this fall with Matthew Shepard and the Village Voices, and will also be working on music to sing with other area churches in a Chorister's Guild Children's Music Festival in January," Jenny said. "The younger choir has a new exciting curriculum for the year, providing a great foundation for our youngest singers. We also have some fun activities planned for Morning Stars families outside of Sunday mornings, including Christmas caroling, singing at a local retirement village, and other special events throughout the year."

It's a great time to be a Morning Star!



**A Village Talk Special Event with Former Missouri Senator John Danforth  
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25**

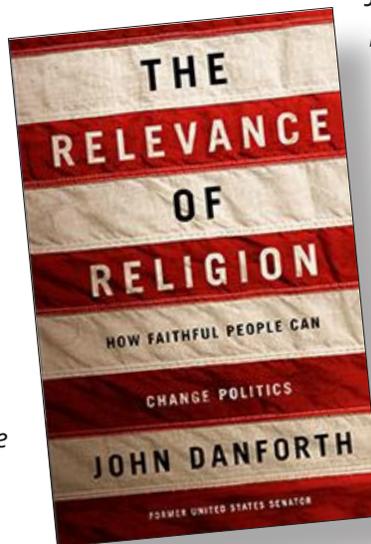
Village Talk host Rev. Brian Ellison will be speaking with former United States senator and ambassador to the United Nations John Danforth at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, in Friendship Hall at Village Church.

Senator Danforth will talk about his new book, *The Relevance of Religion: How Faithful People Can Change Politics*, which will be available on Oct. 13.

Brian shares:

*“Danforth’s career can hardly be easily summarized. Few people have so deftly made the connection between faith and values on the one hand and politics and civic life on the other. Long before writing this book, Danforth has been articulating that relationship beautifully with his conduct as a public figure.*

*Years ago, Danforth wrote Faith and Politics, which was something of a broadside—some would say it was true and necessary—that blasted his fellow Republicans for the way some used religious wedge issues to divide rather than unite. But this book is different: He’s making a case for the positive place of religion in politics—for how our values, inspired by faith, can make public officials better leaders and the rest of us better citizens. The book lays a philosophical foundation for how political engagement should work—think John Locke or Jean-Jacques Rousseau.*



*But it’s also very personal and specific, reflecting on his own years in Washington and evaluating recent campaigns we’ve all witnessed right here in Kansas and Missouri. And there’s a whole chapter on Scripture! It’s fascinating stuff.*

*He’s a career politician—U.S. senator, U.N. ambassador, Missouri attorney general—but also an Episcopal priest. It’s sad that this seems like such a surprising combination. We Presbyterians should appreciate a figure like Danforth; remember that the only clergyperson to sign the Declaration of Independence was the Presbyterian John Witherspoon.*

*John Danforth is truly one of the defining political leaders from our region in this generation. He has shaped how politics works, and consistently tried to make it better. I wouldn’t miss the opportunity to come hear him.”*

A book signing follows the event. Rainy Day Books will be selling Danforth’s new book that evening.

Admission is free. Arrive early. Seating is limited. Call 913-671-2333 if you have any questions.

**Weekly Wednesday Dinners**

Dine before or after your Wednesday class. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m., and the hot food buffet is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. These dinners offer an opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy a well-balanced meal that is convenient. A full meal with salad bar & dessert is \$7. Salad bar & dessert is \$6. Cost for children ages 3-10 is \$3 and children age 2 and under eat for free. Call or email Stacy at 913-671-2334 or [stacy.fischer@villagepres.org](mailto:stacy.fischer@villagepres.org) for a reservation.

**Upcoming Wednesday Night Dinner Menus:**

- Oct. 14** Spaghetti with meat sauce (GF pasta available), eggplant parmesan (V), vegetable mélange
- Oct. 21** Pork fajitas, vegetable fajitas, flour and corn tortillas, Mexican rice, beans
- Oct. 28** Halloween dinner! Chicken and white bean chili, vegetarian chili, fish nuggets



**Wednesday Night Classes- Village U**

For questions or registration, call 913-671-2333 or email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org). See class descriptions in the Village U Catalog or at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).

- BT.003 Sermon Conversations: 5-6 p.m. now-Nov. 18, in Room 232**
- BT.008 School of Theology: Presbyterians, Puritans, and Anglicans in 17th-Century Virginia 6:30-8 p.m. Now- Nov. 4, in Room 127**
- CC.004 Intermediate Computer Class: 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 28-Nov. 18, in Room 316**
- HW.011 Last Acts of Love: Rev. Jenny McDevitt, 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 21-Nov. 18, in Room 126**
- SI.001 Village Talk- Gary Forsee, former Sprint CEO and University of Missouri president, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Village Chapel**

Kansas City native Gary Forsee had a distinguished business career in the telecommunication industry for 3½ decades with Southwestern Bell, AT&T, and as chairman and CEO of Sprint Nextel before becoming president of the University of Missouri system. "Sometimes life's road takes some interesting twists and turns," he says with a smile. He'll share his common sense practicality in a conversation about the challenges of both business and education today.



- HW.012 Stephen Ministry Training- 6:30-8 p.m. now-Nov. 18, in Room 132**

**Wednesday Night Music Choirs-Ensembles**

**Village Brass Ensemble** rehearses from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Assembly Hall at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 99th and Mission Road.

**More Love Chorale** rehearses from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 132/133.

**FLU SHOTS**

Flu Shots will be given from 5-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Room 230 and from 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in Room 233. Most insurance is accepted.

**COMPUTER MINISTRY**

Computer classes are free of charge.

**Intermediate Classes:** 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 28-Nov. 18

Call Stacy at 913-671-2334 or email [stacy.fischer@villagepres.org](mailto:stacy.fischer@villagepres.org) to sign up for classes.

**Praise the Lord! Construction has begun at 99th Street!**

Dirt began moving on Thursday morning, Sept. 24, for the new Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 99th and Mission Road. Construction crews started with the removal of an existing sewer/installation of a new sewer line. That work had to be completed before the rest of the site work could begin.



**Welcome Center**

All of the structural steel is installed (including the beam church members signed) and crews are now framing up the exterior walls and installing the trays for the brick. We ask for your prayers for good weather to continue to make progress on the Welcome Center.



**Sanctuary Update**

We are thrilled to report that we are back on schedule... which means it is within the realm of possibility that we'll be back in the Sanctuary for a service or two in December, before Christmas Eve. Pearce carpenters completed the installation of crown molding in 48 coffers by Sept. 25, which is about half of the main Sanctuary. The second shipment of crown molding (for the chancel area) arrived Sept. 28, and work has now shifted to the chancel coffers. The push is to get the chancel coffers done so that the chancel scaffolding can be removed and the chancel floor installed.



Bellows stack – Five bellows will stack on top of the case to provide wind for the instrument. Ray, the worker pictured here, is six feet tall.



24-foot-tall interior case frame that is made of poplar.



**Pipe Organ Update**

Elisa Bickers took these photos of our new pipe organ during a recent visit to Richards, Fowkes & Co. in Tennessee. She reports that progress is coming along swimmingly, with 94% of the pipes complete and the wooden and metal frame of the case reaching 24 feet! We expect the organ to be installed during the first quarter of 2016.



*Please join us for the  
~ Amazing Graces Fall Gathering ~  
6:30-8:30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, Oct. 14*

*Speaker: Tanisha Carrell*

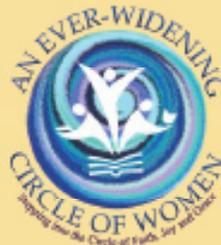
*At the home of Liz Maday  
2711 Verona Terrace  
Mission Hills, Ks 66208*

*Serving Wine, Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert*

**Your \$10 check to Presbyterian Women of Village Church is your reservation.**

**Please mail check by Oct. 9 to:**

**Kathy Collins, 4716 W. 86<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS 66207**



**Lunch With Len - WOW**

All ladies of Village Church are invited to the WOW (Women of Wisdom) "Lunch with Len" at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Heritage Dining Room at Village. Chef Emily is planning a delicious buffet lunch with dessert!

Following lunch, our speaker will be Rev. Len Carrell, our new associate pastor of Pastoral Care. Len has a fascinating past which began in professional theater in New York. After 20 years, he was called to the ministry and attended Austin Seminary, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity in 2014. After many months of searching, our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee chose Len from dozens of candidates to join the pastoral staff at Village.

Len has a warm sense of humor, and an endless supply of energy, talent and gifts. We would like to get to know him and welcome him to Village. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Cost for lunch is \$10, payable in cash at the door. Early RSVP is required by Sunday night, Oct. 11.

RSVP to Marvie Sneegas at [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com) or 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee at [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net) or 913-432-4321.

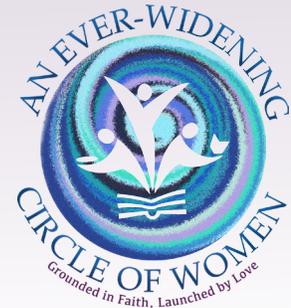


In February, Village Church will celebrate and honor the gifts and talents of women in our church at the Women of Faith Celebration. If you would like to nominate a woman you know who:

- supports the mission of the church,
- nurtures your faith,
- works for peace and justice, or
- promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership,

please contact Julie Foster at [foster.julie@icloud.com](mailto:foster.julie@icloud.com) or 913-221-7778.

Nominations will be accepted through Oct. 20, 2015



**Autumn Harvest Coffee Blend is Back**



The brilliant, blazing colors of fall foliage here in Kansas City can be spectacular! So is the sight of a luminous harvest moon hanging over our beautiful skyline. As the nights grow longer, we seem to treasure morning even more. And on a crisp fall morning, there's nothing like our Autumn Harvest Blend, another of our favorite things about the season.

Flavored with the warm, wonderful spices of pumpkin pie, Autumn Harvest is a cozy blend that's only available in the fall in the Village Cup. Winter will be here before you know it, so come have a cup while we have it.



### AV Technicians Needed

If you are tech savvy and familiar with both PC and Apple products, we need your assistance. Grieving families often wish to share videos or photos during a loved one's memorial reception. Meeting this need is one way we provide care following a death. If you would occasionally be willing to help facilitate this, or would like more information, contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

### Latest Findings in Alzheimer's Disease Research

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, Dr. Jeffrey Burns, co-director of the Alzheimer's program at KU Hospital, will talk about the latest findings in research regarding Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Burns' presentation will be held in Room 228. This presentation is sponsored by Stephen Ministry and is open to the congregation and the public. Please join us.



### A Pastoral Note

I offer you a note with the word "ordination" on my mind. The revelation I had standing with the church, with the people whom I have called home in NYC for many years, was that in our baptism we have all been ordained, or called into ministry. Standing behind the baptismal font, not the one I was baptized in, answering questions about my faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I was reminded that my parents first answered these questions for me, when I was only a child. In our baptism, infant or otherwise, we have been ordained to live a life following Christ. Because before we knew God, God knew us; before we loved God, God loved us; and before we go searching, God has already claimed us.

—Rev. Len T. Carrell

Len will be installed as a pastor of Village Church on Nov. 22.

### Classic Citizens Event Sept. 24, 2015

We love our Classic Citizens at Village Church! Each year, Pastoral Care & Counseling invites members age 75+ to a special event in their honor. Our Classic Citizens visited with staff, reconnected with friends, heard the latest about Village Church from Rev. Tom Are, while enjoying delicious food and drinks. Three-year-olds from the Village Church Preschool also shared a song and made drawings for these treasured special guests.



**AARP 55 Alive Driving Class** will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 15 & 16, in Room 126. Classes will be taught by a veteran instructor. The cost is \$20 per person (\$15 if you are an AARP member) payable to AARP. Bring a brown bag lunch or eat out. Call Marianne at 913-671-2333 to enroll.

**Village U Fall 2015** registration is now open! You may enroll at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org), by email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org), by calling Marianne at 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at Village. There is a one-time only child care fee of \$40. Contact the Adult Ministry Office at 913-671-2333 with any questions.

### Upcoming Village U Courses:

#### Sermon Conversations

Have you ever wished for an opportunity to talk with friends about one of Tom Are's sermons? If so, this class is exactly what you've been waiting for. Each 50-minute class will view a sermon from the church's sermon archive, followed by time for discussion facilitated by a host couple. There are no right answers, you don't need to come every week, the conversation will be good. Led by Rex and Arlene Raudenbush. 5-6 p.m. **Wednesdays, now-Oct. 28, in Room 232.**

#### Snacks, Nutrition and Healthy Living for the Whole Family

Join Stacey ElAttar, Village preschool teacher and nutrition specialist, for a fun-filled workshop on nutritious food and movement ideas for the whole family. She will share creative ways to entice kids of all ages to keep moving and eat healthy. Her strategies are great for the whole family. **9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Room 206.**

#### Last Acts of Love

Navigating through the various aspects surrounding death can be difficult, and sometimes intimidating. This four-week series will help you and your family with conversations about end of life issues. Taught by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. **6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 18, in Room 126.**



#### Day Trip to The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics – Lawrence, Kansas

The Dole Institute celebrates public service and promotes civil discourse and the legacy of Senator Bob Dole with a museum gallery featuring the world's largest stained-glass American flag, Kansas veterans WWII memory wall and World Trade Center beams; the gallery exhibits tell the story of the senator's extraordinary life. *"In America we take pride in the past, but we live for the future. To the young people who will come here for inspiration as well as information, may you never stop reaching for the stars – whatever the difficulties."* —Senator Dole, July 22, 2003. Stop for lunch on the way back to the church. Departing promptly at 9:30 a.m. and return to the church about 1:30 p.m. **Led by Georgia Klein. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. There is a fee for transportation. Cost: \$20 plus lunch.**



#### Essential Oils 103: Women's Health

If you're frustrated with your personal health "mysteries" – if you've been given a clean bill of health but still feel yuck – if you're ready to get to the root of your health issues – check out this session on women's health. If you missed the intro class, you are still free to join us. **Taught by Amy Williams & Lindsey Leif. 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, in Room 126.**

#### The Strawberry Hill Museum and Culture Center

The Strawberry Hill Museum is located in the old Croatian neighborhood in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Part of the building housing the Museum is an elaborate Queen Anne style mansion built for the Cruise family in 1887. In 1919 it was purchased by St. John's Catholic parish, expanded, and served as the St. John the Baptist Children's Home until 1988. Today, portions of the building have been beautifully restored to the Victorian age, the chapel and one of the nuns' cells are unchanged, and the balance of the building is dedicated to the neighborhood's Slavic heritage. This Day Trip will depart by school bus promptly at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, and return about 1:30 p.m. **Cost: \$20, which includes a lunch featuring Croatian foods.**



**VILLAGE CHURCH SCHOOL**

**9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Preschool Church School, the curriculum especially designed for our earliest learners, is Bible based and filled with stories, activities, crafts and fun! In the first rotation for Kids' Kingdom, kids learned the Creation story. This upcoming unit, which starts Oct. 18, kids in grades 2-5 will be learning about the Old Testament prophets.

In October, Kindergarten and 1st Graders will continue moving through Genesis, learning about the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Club V6 new unit, "The Promise," is filled with interesting and often quirky stories of the patriarchs of the Old Testament. This stuff is just for the 'tween crowd!

**Stepping Stones of Faith  
3rd Grade Bible Presentation**

On Sunday, Oct. 25, 3rd Graders will receive their presentation Bible. Their new Bible (NRSV) will help kids explore the Bible in a personal way, making it easy to interact with God's Word. Each book of the Bible includes fun and kid-friendly introductions, along with definitions, facts, trivia and questions to help kids think about their faith.

**Village Moms Story-Time and Crafts**

Tuesday, Oct. 6, kicked off another year of Village Mom's Story-Time. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Children's Library for stories and age appropriate crafts. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next event on Nov. 3. Call 913-671-2355 to ensure we have enough craft supplies.

**Two-Year-Olds**

Sunday, Oct. 11, Children and Family Ministry will be giving some of our youngest a board book, *God Loves You*, which introduces God's unconditional love through the fun rhymes and adorable illustrations.



**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
Sept. 20, 2015

**Announcing Our Newest Little Members of the Family of Faith**

Logan Christopher Heinrich (Josh & Joey Heinrich, parents) and John Warren Gamble (Lindsay & David Gamble, parents). If you are a member of Village and have a new baby, please share with us. Call 913-671-2359 or 913-671-2355. A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday of this month in their honor.

FESTIVAL OF FAITHS SPECIAL EVENT

**Transformative Stories  
Presented by the Kansas City Festival of Faiths  
7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Unity Temple on the Plaza**

A unique and unforgettable evening of science and song, humor and human experience: Jill Bolte Taylor, best-selling author of *My Stroke of Insight*, and Grammy award-winning Carrie Newcomer present "Transformative Stories" from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Unity Temple on the Plaza. Look into the human brain and see what potential it holds for living well in a pluralistic world! Presented by the Kansas City Festival of Faiths. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door, and are available at [www.festivaloffaithskc.org](http://www.festivaloffaithskc.org).

## Electronics Recycling: Safely Dispose of Old Electronics and Help the Earth

9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 10

### Village South Parking Lot

The Environmental Action Committee of Village is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition (SSC) to host a Recycling/Reuse Event from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, in the south parking lot. There is a suggested \$20 tax deductible donation per car to support SSC and its mission to foster earth care in congregations. Additional donations are welcome.

Drop-off your old, obsolete, unwanted or unused E-waste: computers, components, printers, copiers, cell phones and A/V equipment. Small appliances in good working condition will also be accepted. NO TV's will be accepted!

Goodwill will refurbish what they can for resale and safely recycle the rest. Save precious resources and keep toxins out of the landfills!

#### Notes:

- Please, no drop-offs the day before.
- No removal of sensitive computer data is provided on site.
- Donations go to Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition, a non-profit that helps congregations engage in Earth Care ([www.ssckc.org](http://www.ssckc.org)).
- Everyone welcome. Invite others.

For more information, contact Jerry Rees 913-568-4250, [reesveenstra@aol.com](mailto:reesveenstra@aol.com) or Stan Chappell 913-341-7319, [chappells@everestkc.net](mailto:chappells@everestkc.net).

Tell your friends and neighbors. For more information, contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4250, [reesveenstra@aol.com](mailto:reesveenstra@aol.com) or Stan Chappell at 913-341-7319, [chappells@everestkc.net](mailto:chappells@everestkc.net).

## Shoe-In in October

During the month of October, the Environmental Action Committee is partnering with Shawnee Community Services to hold its third Shoe-In. Bring your gently used footwear to church and place them in the barrels that are located inside the south entrance of the church and near the north ramp door on the ground floor.

All sizes and types are needed. Shawnee Community Services will be re-distributing this footwear free to those in need in the Kansas City area. And they will be kept out of the landfill—at least for a while.

Call Bob Siemens at 913-268-5107 if you have questions or want more information.



## WE ARE ALMOST THERE

### HELP US REACH THE FINISH LINE

If you have been planning to support the Now & Tomorrow, Village Church campaign to help us realize this dream for Village and haven't done it just yet...

If you would like to be able to tell your family and friends you played a part in guaranteeing another 50, 100, and even 150 years of vibrant community at Village Church....

If you want to help close the gap in fundraising...

Now is the time to take action!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

We are preparing a Now & Tomorrow donor recognition book that will be placed in the new Welcome Center. This book will hold the names of everyone who has made a pledge and gift to the campaign.

We would like to include your name. Pledge cards are available on the tables outside Friendship Hall or call Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325.



PERIODICALS POSTAGE  
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### *Generosity of Time and Spirit*

Several months ago our family was having a rough Sunday morning. Perhaps other families have had these kinds of mornings too, where a kiddo is dead-set against going to church, spurring deeper conversations about belief, faith practices and commitment. As his parents, we were getting more and more frustrated – and less and less effective! That Sunday morning we were hoping for some divine intervention... And it came, in the form of Rev. Tom Are! He saw our interaction and offered counsel and support, but at first I was too embarrassed to take him up on his offer. Then we decided to seek his help, and without hesitation he gave 100% of his attention to our family. He responded to our son’s difficult questions with grace, understanding, wisdom and great pastoral care. His generosity of time and spirit, in that challenging moment for our family, helped our son move forward in his faith, and also demonstrated one of the many reasons we’ve come to feel we truly belong here at Village.

—Tami Greenberg



**Left to right, Tami Greenberg, Alex Blickhan, Ben Blickhan and Mary Chris Blickhan**



VILLAGE  
COMMITMENT

#### VPC Service Times

Traditional — 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
**In Friendship Hall**

The Gathering — 10:45 a.m.  
**In the Youth Loft/Room 333**

**Radio Broadcast**  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on  
1660 AM KMBZ,  
The Business Channel

[villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org)

#### Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. M-F  
6–7:30 p.m. Thursday night  
9:30–11:30 a.m. Sat. morning

#### IN MEMORY

Delores Berkvam  
Phyllis Brownlee  
Antoni “Toni” Diehl  
Rev. William “Bill” Foster  
Frances Robertson  
James “Jim” Sawyers  
Thomas ‘Tom’ Scott  
Mary “Betty” Sweeney  
Lois Travis  
Marie Watson



Invite your neighbors, bring your family and your lawn chairs. Choose from four amazing, gourmet food trucks.



**KC BBQ** - featuring hickory-smoked ribs, brisket, pulled pork, hot links and many other side dishes and specialty items.



**Beauty of the Bistro** - featuring gourmet burgers, crawfish mac & cheese and more.



**Crave of Kansas City** - featuring carnitas, chicken, barbacoa & fish tacos, loaded nachos and more.



**The Cupcake Cruiser** - featuring an assortment of luscious cupcakes for \$2.50 each.

We'll also enjoy live music from **The Prairie Earth Ensemble** who will perform an eclectic mix of acoustic roots, folk and blues music...featuring Jeff Clayton, guitar and vocals; Heidi Peterson, vocals; David Firman, bass; and Joshua Clayton, percussion.

The event is sponsored by the Village Church Connectional Ministries Committee. Cindy Wilcox, director of Connectional Ministries, shares how the Fall Food Truck Festival idea emerged. "When we learned the Sanctuary wouldn't be ready for the Oct. 9 Barnaby Bright Concert and we'd need to postpone that event until spring 2016, we wanted to plan something else exciting for a community social event in October. So, I threw out the question to the committee, 'What can we do this fall in the place of Barnaby Bright that would be strictly FUN?' And, one of my committee members said 'How about a food truck event?' Everyone agreed, 'YES, that's it!'"

Food is very reasonably priced. Drinks will be provided. Contact Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) with any questions.