

It Takes a Village to Affect Change: Village Service Night

- 100 lunches assembled for those staying in the City Union Mission shelter
- 20 friendship blankets created for residents in the Hillcrest Transitional Housing program
- Medicines and vitamins packed for more than 200 people for the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership, as well as materials prepared for nutrition and hygiene education
- 450 hygiene kits assembled for those affected by Hurricane Matthew

Sunday evening, Oct. 9, more than 200 members of Village Church gathered to roll up their sleeves in service to our dear neighbors at home and abroad. The project was a coordinated effort of Local and International Mission and Children's, Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Village Church.

Among the activities provided was the assembly of hygiene kits for those areas hit by Hurricane Matthew. Personal hygiene is a top need for people struggling with unexpected loss of shelter, food and water due to disaster. Hygiene kits provide a bit of normalcy in a small bag for those who have suffered during a crisis. "These kits also offer a first line of defense against the spread of illness," shared Deborah White, director of mission. "Village members stepped up to assist with the projects provided and the assistance has been very timely."

"In Haiti, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has partners working since the 2010 earthquake and they're still



working on repairs from Hurricane Sandy," said the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, PDA director. PDA's National Response Team has had members all along the coast monitoring needs and preparing responding with resources. Those interested in supporting relief efforts should designate gifts to "Hurricane Matthew" through <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000148/>.

"Let's do this again" said numerous volunteers before the evening was over. "Village members of all generations joined forces," said Deborah White, "making this truly a church-wide endeavor for our community."

In addition, volunteers helped prepare the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) for their upcoming medical trips. "Preparing the medications for our patients in the Dominican Republic is one of the most tedious but also most important thing that the DRMP does. With help from volunteers from Village, a usually mundane task

turned into an enjoyable event where people chatted around the tables as they counted and packed the pills. It felt very much like a family coming together in service of the greater good," said Andrea Huffman, director of international mission. Volunteers also helped prepare materials for the DRMP's education programs related

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to hygiene and nutrition, and even the youngest of Village's members were able to help sort crayons to send with our teams.

Many of the volunteers experienced the enjoyable atmosphere. "It seemed like everyone came with open and willing hearts for service," said Pam Logan. With the vast amount of willing hearts and helping hands, the productivity of the service night was amazing. "Volunteers packed every pill bottle the DRMP brought, sorted and grouped all of the crayons," said Andrea Huffman. "They also completed every blanket for Hillcrest Transitional Housing. I never cease to be amazed at what can be accomplished when we all work together. As one of our volunteers said that night, 'It really does take a Village!'"

Food Pantry

In just 10 days, the THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVES for the clients of the Food Pantry will begin! Collection of the needed food items will extend over three Sundays: Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13, with distribution to the Food Pantry's clients beginning on Nov. 16. It's time to start looking for sales.

The Clothes Closet is now accepting fall and winter clothing and COATS. As you change out for the seasons, please donate the clothes that you will no longer use to the Clothes Closet. We're great at recycling.

Items can be dropped off at the pantry during hours of operation or at the north and south entrances of Village Church.

Seeking Host Families for Christmas International House

Village Church will again be hosting students in the Christmas International House program this holiday season, and we are looking for host homes and volunteers! If you are interested or would like more information, contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at 913-671-2390 or andrea.huffman@villagepres.org or Judy Miller at 816-651-5387 or 816-260-2497.

DRMP Needs You!

The DRMP wants YOU to join their medical teams! We are looking for medical and non-medical participants from Village Church to join us on one of our many trips to the Dominican Republic. For more information, contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission.

Thanksgiving Basket 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
- Evaporated milk

We do not need cranberries this year thanks to an early donation!

Blood Drive Oct. 25

Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit <https://www.esavealifenow.org/> and use sponsor code of "villagepres." For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

The following folks joined Village Church on Sunday, Sept. 25:

Colin and Mary Davidson

live in Prairie Village and are both mechanical engineers. Colin enjoys travel, KU sports, biking, and hiking. Mary likes to travel, hike, run, bike and cook. Colin and Mary join Village by Confession of Faith.



Tucker Fenske lives in Belton, Mo. and is the tennis instructor at Indian Hills Country Club. He enjoys music and performing arts. Tucker joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

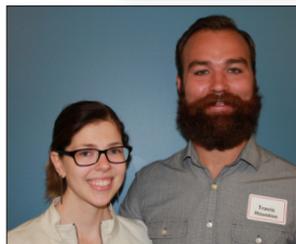


Danielle Harrison lives in Prairie Village with her husband Ridgely (member) and their two children Sunshine and Webb. Danielle works three days a week at Truman Medical Center and enjoys travel, outdoor activities and her family. Danielle joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Travis Houston and Jana Hutsler

live in Lenexa. Travis is a band teacher for the RayPec School District and Jana is a choir teacher for the KC Kansas School District. They both enjoy music! Travis and Jana join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Sarah and Jared Jaynes live in Prairie Village with their three boys, Elliot, Oliver and Leo. Sarah and Jared join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Abby and Scott Kramer live in Prairie Village with their three children, Lexington, Hadley and Lincoln. Scott is a firefighter for AEMT and Abby is a stay at home mom. Abby and Scott join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Alan Lilleoien lives in Leawood with his wife, Jane (member). He is involved in banking and enjoys golf as a hobby. Alan joins Village by Letter of Transfer.



Abigail Lutz lives in Prairie Village. She is a campaign associate with The United Way. She enjoys family, friends, dogs, photography, graphic design and home décor. Abigail joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.



Lisa and Chris Morris live in Lenexa with their children Trinity and Caleb. Lisa is an instructional aide at Countryside Elementary. Lisa and Chris join Village by Letter of Transfer.



Rachel Priest lives in Overland Park and is employed by Softek Solutions. She enjoys music, politics, the French language, cooking, gardening and travel. Rachel joins Village by Letter of Transfer.



Molly Ramsey lives in Mission and is an administrative coordinator at KU Medical Center. She likes to read, travel and eat locally. Molly joins Village by Letter of Transfer.



Margo and Jon Wagner

live in Leawood with their two boys, Oliver and Theodore. Both Margo and Jon are employed by Children's Mercy Hospital. Margo enjoys art, cooking and music while Jon enjoys sports, golf, music and reading. Margo and Jon join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Ali Weinel lives in Prairie Village and is an administrative assistant at Research College of Nursing. She enjoys reading, going to the gym, athletic events (kickball, soccer, softball) and board games. Ali joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.



**Weekly Wednesday Church Dinners
All Are Welcome!**

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 & dessert is \$6. Children ages 3-10 is \$3 and children age 2 and under-no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon Monday.



Menu:

Oct. 19 – Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, (GF pasta available), roasted vegetable stew with quinoa (V& GF)

Oct. 26 – Halloween! Chicken and white bean chili, vegetarian chili, battered cod mini fillets

Wednesday Night Classes- Village U

For questions or registration, call 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

See class descriptions in the Village U Catalog or at www.villagepres.org.

- FL.005a** **FamilySearch.org & Ancestry.com**, 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 19-Nov. 9, Room 230
- HW.004** **Sabbath Yoga Wednesdays**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. now-Dec. 14, Rooms 307/309/311. (no class Nov. 23)
- LS.004** **Intermediate Computer Class**, 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 26-Nov. 16, Room 316
- LS.005** **Real Life Ethics for the Workplace**, 6:30-8 p.m. now-Oct. 26, Room 15

Age Specific Dinners

Event for 60s • Manny’s Mexican Restaurant • 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21

Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles)! We have reservations at Manny’s Mexican Restaurant at 207 Southwest Blvd, at 5:30 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 21. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under “Village Church Group, Liz Middleton.” Space is limited. RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331.

MEET REV. AMANDA MACKEY

Rev. Amanda Mackey Service of Ordination Oct. 2, 2016

Village Church member Amanda Mackey, a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, was ordained Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, 2016, in the Village Church Sanctuary. The sermon was given by Rev. Dr. Cindy Rigby, a theology professor at Austin Seminary. Amanda has answered a call as associate pastor of youth at Germantown Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Tenn. near Memphis. Rev. Tom Are presented her with a green stole, a gift from Village Church. Rev. Are and Rev. Jenny McDevitt presented her several other gifts of office. The service concluded with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and a reception in the Welcome Center. Congratulations Rev. Amanda Mackey!





Tickets Now Available For “And Thou, America!” • A Patriotic Concert of Celebration

Get into the patriotic spirit right before the presidential election. Reserve your seat now to our patriotic concert “And Thou, America!” at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are free and may be reserved through the Kauffman Center, either online at www.kauffmancenter.org or by calling their box office at 816-994-7222.

“And Thou, America” is a concert of celebration. The program includes music and poetry of great American Artists such as Whitman, Frost, Copland and Bernstein. One of the featured works is Howard Hanson’s *Song of Democracy*. There’ll even be an opportunity for the audience to sing along!

Performers include the Village Chamber Choir, the Kearney High School Chamber Choir, singers from Lawrence Free State and Lawrence High School, and the Kansas City Wind Symphony, a member ensemble of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

The concert will be directed by Matthew C. Shepard, Dr. Phil Posey and Pat Setser. A retiring offering will be taken to support the wonderful work of Kansas City Youth Ambassadors.



Second Thursday Recital Nov. 10 • Featured Artist Alison Snegas Borberg

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Village Church Chapel, for our next Second Thursday Recital. Our guest artist is soprano Alison Sneegas Borberg who will be accompanied on piano by her mother, Marvie Sneegas. The program will be a mixture of spiritual, standards and favorite musical theater stand outs.



Alison is delighted to share the stage with her mom at Village Church. Alison has worked at the major theaters in town, with favorite shows including *Side by Side by Sondheim*, *Bernstein’s Broadway*, *Cinderella in Into the Woods*, *Sarah in Guys and Dolls* and *Mary in A Wonderful Life* and dozens of cabarets at Quality Hill Playhouse.



2016 Earth Steward Awards Recipients

Village Church's Environmental Action Committee (EAC) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2016 Earth Steward Awards: Jim Porter, Jacob Rubesch and Dr. Herbert Young. This award recognizes and honors members of the Village family who practice, model, and teach faithful and responsible stewardship of God's Creation—green saints who demonstrate exceptional earth consciousness in their thinking and living. In selecting these three recipients, EAC has decided to go with a gardening theme this year. Their awards were presented during the 9:30 a.m. worship service Oct. 16.

Jim Porter grew up in a small rural community in upstate New York. At an early age, he was influenced by his father, who was a soil conservationist and avid gardener. He learned from his family the joy of gardening and the appreciation of nature. He helped with the large family garden as well as with a community garden that was shared by several families. Jim graduated from Cornell University where he earned Agriculture Bachelor's degrees in Plant Science and Agronomy. While in college, he spent the summers as an Assistant County Agent working in dairy and crop production.



Jim began his professional career with the USDA as a Federal Grain Inspector in New Orleans. After working in Atlanta and Houston, he moved to Kansas City in 1981 to work for the USDA Farm Service Agency. He and his wife Sally met at Village Church in 1984 and are both members.

After 37 years with the USDA, Jim retired two years ago. He has been active volunteering at church and in the community. Having a passion for vegetable gardening, he has served for the past 2 and a half years as the Village Community Garden Coordinator at 99th and Mission Road. His goal is to train other gardeners while growing produce that can be donated to the Village Church Food Pantry. Jim works with adults, teens, and children in the garden.

Jim thinks that Community Gardens promote a better understanding of how our food is grown. He feels

that locally grown produce is more flavorful, more nutritious, more beneficial to the local economy, and has environmental benefits by reducing transportation costs, carbon emissions, and water use in western states.

Last April, Jim received the Green Thumb Award from the Mission\ Department in recognition of his work for and dedication to the Village Church Community Garden. This fall he begins his third year as a tutor for special needs students at Johnson County Community College. Jim and Sally have two children (John and Emily) who grew up in Village Church.

Jacob Rubesch is a member of Boy Scout Troop 91 sponsored by Village Church. Inspired by the Saving the Monarch Migration presentation by Angie Babbit of KU's Monarch Watch in April, he developed plans to plant a Monarch Waystation as his Eagle Scout project. He engaged the help of other scouts, troop leaders, his family, neighbors, a Master Gardener, EAC member Herbert Young and other interested parties.



On Saturday, May 21, Jacob organized a workday to transform the existing untended garden west of the Food Pantry at 9900 Mission Road. On that day, over 25 volunteers converged on the garden to re-mulch a walking path, clear debris, and plant 64 milkweed seedlings and 16 nectar plants among existing plants deemed worthy of saving.

With the scouts providing the planning and labor, EAC initiated, promoted and underwrote the cost of the garden. With Herbert Young spearheading the ongoing project, EAC intends to provide watering, selective plantings, and other care of the still evolving Waystation.

Jacob is an eighth grader at Indian Hills Middle School. In addition to scouting, he likes to read, draw and run cross country for the school's team.

Dr. Herbert Young grew up in Highland Park, Ill., where his father was a Presbyterian Minister and his mother taught first grade. Because they lived in the manse on church property, they were not allowed to garden. It was three decades later before Herbert and his wife, Lisa, would live in a house where they could plant a vegetable garden. Herbert remembers that his mother back in the

1950's brought Monarch caterpillars and milkweed into her school classroom so her children could watch the metamorphosis of these striped crawly creatures into beautiful butterflies.

Herbert went off to college with an interest in science and medicine, but also was attracted to broadcasting. After earning a B.S. from Northwestern University, he established a progressive rock format (Radio Free Madison) in Madison, Wisc. He and Lisa remember the excitement of celebrating the first Earth Day on the university campus mall. After earning an M.A. in biomedical journalism, he entered medical school. During this period, he worked as a graduate PA for the Institute for Environmental Studies writing and announcing Earthwatch radio scripts that were distributed to radio stations in Wisconsin and beyond. After medical school and residency, he worked for the Leawood-based American Academy of Family Physicians. He retired in 2013.



He and Lisa try to live a low carbon footprint life—made easier by the curbside recycling and yard waste program of their homes association. They take glass, metal, and other materials to recycling sites, and the large amount of papers accumulated during 28 years at AAFP are now making their way to the recycling bin at nearby Brookwood School. He and his wife home compost vegetative kitchen waste as well as all their leaves and weeds. Herb enjoys driving a Mariner Hybrid.

Herbert and Lisa have been members of Village Church since the late 1990's. More recently in retirement, he joined the Environmental Action Committee to learn how he could participate more actively in earth care. When EAC began considering the idea of developing a Monarch Waystation last winter, he seized the leadership in that effort. He learned that an old unattended butterfly garden existed west of the Pantry. Herbert contacted the Johnson County online Master Gardeners and consulted Monarch Watch at KU to arrange the shipment of two flats with two species of milkweed.

A discussion with Todd Martin (leader of Boy Scout Troop 91) resulted in the recruitment of Jacob Rubesch, who adopted the Monarch Waystation as his Eagle Scout project. (See Jacob's story above.) Herbert has

shepherded the Monarch Waystation project since its inception last winter and helped Jacob implement his plans during the spring. He has completed the paperwork for certification of the renovated garden as an official Monarch Waystation.

After the planting in May, Herbert and Lisa monitored and watered the garden until his back surgery in late June. During his recovery, members and friends of EAC have been weeding and watering as required. Herbert sees the Monarch Waystation as a long term evolving project that demonstrates one way Village Church can honor its commitment to the Earth Care Pledge passed by the Session in 2011. It will be named the Village Earth Care Pledge Monarch Waystation.

Since 2009, there have been 18 recipients of the Earth Steward Award: Al & Carole Pugsley and Taylor Cantril in 2009, Sarah Are and Caroline Barnett in 2010, Wayne & Janet Bates and Chuck Gillam in 2011, Jerry Rees in 2012, Michael and Diana Bay and Bob and Bonita Siemens in 2013, Rev. Dwight Tawney in 2014, and Judy Baird and Lisa, Robbie and Margaret Veglahn in 2015.



Electronics Recycling Event 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, Oct. 22

The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church is partnering with the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition (SSC) to host a Recycling/ Reuse Event from 9 a.m.- noon this Saturday, Oct. 22, in the south parking lot of Village Church. There is a suggested \$20 tax deductible donation per car. Drop-off your old computers, components, printers, copiers, cell phones, A/V equipment and small appliances (NO TV's). Contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4250 or reesveenstra@aol.com for more info.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Climate Mobilization: The Case for Immediate Action 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Room 127

The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition of KC and the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church are co-sponsoring a presentation about the impending consequences of the climate change crisis that have already begun.

Our guest speakers, Josh King, Craig Wolfe and John Fish Kurmann, will discuss the science, impact and mitigation strategies of the climate crisis. The focus will be on The Climate Mobilization platform and the call for an emergency, WWII-scale systemic transformation to sustain human civilization in the face of global warming. They will discuss the severity of recent scientific evidence, the current and future damage to life and human civilization, and the recent Victory Plan strategy to transform society and rise to the biggest crisis humans have ever faced.

About Our Speakers:

Craig Wolfe is the president of the Heartland Renewable Energy Society, communications director of the Kansas Sierra Club, a recent graduate of Al Gore's Climate Reality Project training, and a singer/song writer with the musical group Soular (writing songs about our Earth and the climate crisis).

John Fish Kurmann is lead coordinator of 350KC who has been a grassroots activist and teacher working on culture change, climate and energy, consumption and population, and food and farming for more for more than 22 years.

Josh King is a sociologist, activist and musician who has worked in the nonprofit sector for the past decade and serves as both the chair of the Kansas City Climate Coalition and the operations administrator for The Climate Mobilization. His research focuses on how economic ideologies and belief systems impact environmental action, and his current work is geared toward understanding what motivates individuals to engage the climate crisis.

The event is free and open to the community.

VILLAGE CARES FOR GOD'S CREATION

Earth Care Note from the Environmental Action Committee

One incandescent bulb in Livermore, Calif. fire station has continued to burn nonstop for over 115 years (albeit with the brilliance of a night light). How is this possible? Turns out, in 1901, things were built to last. What's happened since? Check out next month's Village Earthcare tip.



PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, Oct. 23

Please bring your animals to our Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn of Village Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. We'll also include a blessing for veterinary staff. All animals welcome, leashed or otherwise safely restrained.

Taizé Is More Than A French Word

The Taizé worship service is a quiet, contemplative worship experience. The service has beautiful music, scripture and moments of silence and prayer. Communion is shared. Come and find out for yourself how lovely and meaningful this service is at 6:30 p.m. on every second Sunday of the month. Taizé is held at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park. Our next service is on Sunday, Nov. 13.

PW Advent Candlelight Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 6

Rev. Hallie Hottle will be giving the meditation on "Seeking the Sacred," for the 2016 Presbyterian Women's Advent Candlelight Dinner. Please join us at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, for an intimate celebration which includes an inspiring lighting of the Advent Candles, a savory meal prepared by Chef Emily, joyous Christmas Carols sung by Judy and Becky Bliss, a meaningful meditation concluded with communion and song.



Rev. Hallie Hottle, associate pastor of Young Adult Ministry, brings a warm, inviting personality and creative spirit to Village. We believe you will enjoy getting to know her, as she is full of energy and enthusiasm! Regarding the approaching Advent season Hallie remarks, "Instead of combating our culture's encroachment of this Holy day, I have become fascinated with how Christians might redeem it."

We look forward to a Spirit-filled event, and hope you plan to attend. Reservations will be taken in Friendship Hall on Sunday, Nov. 13 and on Sunday, Nov. 20 (if not sold out).

WOW Luncheon at Ya Ya's

Women of Wisdom, (WOW), warmly welcomes all ladies to a noon lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 16. We will meet at Ya Ya's Euro Bistro in Corbin Park, 7021 West 135th (135th and Metcalf) in Overland Park.

Ya Ya's offers sophisticated dining, with an eclectic menu inspired by a combination of American, French, Italian and Greek cuisine. RSVP by Monday, Nov. 14, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

Tickets Now Available for 2017 Visiting Scholar Event

Dr. Beverly Roberts Gaventa is the 2017 Visiting Scholar. She is a scholar (president of the Society of Biblical Literature), teacher (distinguished professor of New Testament at Baylor University), and author of several books. Dr. Gaventa's new book, *When in Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel According to Paul*, will be released in November.

Rev. Len Carrell encountered Dr. Gaventa at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He said, "As a student, I have read many a commentary... but that was the first time I ever saw one come to life in front of my eyes." It was "incredibly engaging and enlightening." Rev. Tom Are has met Dr. Gaventa at Moveable Feast meetings and is pleased that she will be sharing her views with us.

Dr. Gaventa will be "Reopening the Letters of Paul" on Friday evening and Saturday morning, Feb. 24-25, 2017. Friday's presentation is titled "Giving Paul Another Chance." Saturday's presentations are based on her new book and are titled *When in Romans... Look to the Horizon and When in Romans... Pay Attention to the Road*.

Tickets may be purchased online or by mail. Prices are \$15 for either Friday only or Saturday only or \$25 for both.



Presbyterian Women's Visiting Scholar program has been bringing biblical scholars and theologians to Village Church since 2003. The program's mission is to offer fresh and challenging ideas, to deepen our understanding of the wisdom of the past and to stimulate our hunger to know more fully the God we worship and rely upon. Past scholars have included Amy-Jill Levine, John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggeman, among others.



FORMING FAITH FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

KENDA CREASY DEAN
PRESENTER

Open to all, with invitations to other churches and parents and caregivers of children and adolescents. No cost to attend.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Forming Faith Foundations for Young People

9 a.m. Gathering with coffee and pastries, fruit

9:30 a.m. Presentation One: Epic Church: Growing Young in the Age of Benign Whatever-ism.

Game scientist Jane McGonigal argues that young people steeped in video culture becomes virtuosos of hope—in ways the world desperately needs. Why are young people more likely to find hope in a video game than in the church? Twelve years into the ongoing National Study of Youth and Religion, we have some clues—now backed by research from the Fuller Youth Institute about what does (and doesn't) seem to help churches "grow younger."

10:45 a.m. Presentation Two: "How are the Children?" Practices for Parents and Congregations that Lay a Foundation for Young Faith.

What happens to young people's faith after high school? Faithful young adults seem to have shared many similar assets during the high school years. Taking our cues from the second wave of research from the National Study of Youth and Religion, we will explore how parents and congregations can share faith with young people in ways that feel honest to where they are spiritually, and help youth form foundations for a faith of their own. Concludes at 12:15 p.m.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

The Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean is the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ, where she works closely with the Institute for Youth Ministry. An ordained United Methodist minister, she is the author of numerous books on youth and the church, including *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church*, *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* with Andrew Root and *The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry* with Ron Foster. A spouse, mother of teenagers, and popular conference speaker and presenter, Dr. Dean embodies that rare combination of thoughtful theologian and helpful practitioner. She is a dynamic and inspiring teacher and lives out her passion for young people and the church.

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<http://www.villagepres.org/meneilly-conference.html>

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Fall 2016 Village U Upcoming classes include:

Kidz Power! Presented by Pattie Fitzgerald - For ages five thru eight - Children do not have to be paranoid or fearful when it comes to safety. They simply need to learn some vital skills and strategies so they can recognize a “thumbs down” situation. In this 45-minute, age-appropriate and non-fearful presentation, children will learn that they are the “boss” of their bodies and that their feelings are the most important. Features include: 10 family safety rules, what to do if you get lost in a store (or public place), an age-appropriate explanation of physical boundaries, clarification of the “stranger danger” concept and how to spot a “TRICKY PERSON.” 5-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, in Room 228.

Playing it Safe! Presented by Pattie Fitzgerald - For ages nine through twelve, an interactive and age-appropriate 50-minute program focusing on appropriate physical and relationship boundaries: how to define them and how to safeguard them. Children are also instructed on how to trust their instincts and make safe choices as they gain more independence. Features include: 12 Safe-Smart Rules for Kids; What is a Boundary and Why It’s Important; How to Spot a Tricky Person; Playing It Safe by Making Safe Choices; Resisting Peer Pressure; and 9 Internet Safe-Smart Guidelines. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in Room 228.

Art in the “Church Attic” – Day of the Dead Theme Miss Carol, the beloved owner of “Art in the Attic” is bringing her love of art and kids to Village Church. This class is for children three years and older who must be accompanied by a parent, caregiver or grandparent. The kids will be creating a project with a “Day of the Dead” theme. This is a great opportunity for your children to have fun, explore and express themselves through art in the company of a parent, grandparent or caregiver guided by an expert teacher. Cost: \$7 per child. Class limit: 12 children. Carol Schleszer, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25. Room 203.

Intermediate Computer Class - This class allows students with basic knowledge of computers to improve their skills in Microsoft Word, the internet and email. With the assistance of teachers and teacher assistants (chimes), students will explore topics including: inserting pictures into documents, using margins, indents, and tabs, using the Help feature in Microsoft Word, using the Internet to locate specific information, using folders and address books to organize email. Completion of the Very Basic Computer Class is recommended but not required. These classes are free. The computers have recently been upgraded to the Windows 10 operating system. Seating is limited. Contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne@villagepres.org to register.

Daytime: 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 25-Nov. 15. Room 316.

Evening: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 26-Nov. 16. Room 316.

Last Acts of Love: Final Gifts: Who Will Receive My Legacy? A conversation about how to disperse one’s legacy to family, church, and other charitable organizations. Rev. Jenny McDevitt, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25. Room 230.

Digging Deeper into FamilySearch.org - Learn how to dig deeper into finding indexed and unindexed records for your ancestors. FamilySearch is adding records daily. Some are indexed and easy to find. Others are not and take more time, perseverance, and understanding. We will explore how to attach photos, stories, and audio files to particular ancestors and discover learning opportunities that will help in your continued research. Parts of this class will be a live demonstration of www.FamilySearch.org. Char Mitts, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in Room 230.

Blogging Basics - Interested in starting your own blog? Join Rebecca Enslow as she helps class participants navigate the basics of blogging – sites to use, how to set up your blog, private/public settings and much more! Plus, Rebecca will share her unique way of preserving her blog posts in a family encyclopedia. 10-11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Room 232.

Climbing Your Family Tree with Ancestry.com - Ancestry.com is a great premium website with genealogy resources to help you find your ancestors. Learn how to navigate and understand its basic features. Do basic searches and attach documents to your ancestors. Parts of this class will be a live demonstration of Ancestry.com. Char Mitts, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Room 230.

The Value of Doubt - Based on Bill Tammeus' new book, *The Value of Doubt: Why Unanswered Questions, Not Unquestioned Answers, Build Faith*, the class will explore some of the eternal questions and explore how at least provisional answers may be found through the challenging paths of doubts and hard questions. Bill Tammeus wrote for the Kansas City Star for nearly 27 years as part of the editorial staff and then as religion writer. He is the author of a popular blog entitled Faith Matters. Bill Tammeus, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2-16, in Room 126.

Where Have All the Young Adults Gone? Village Church has launched a new emphasis on ministry with young adults, focusing on persons in their 20s and 30s. This class will explore some of the latest research that tells us more about who these young adults are, what they are seeking, and why so few of them believe they can find a meaningful faith in the church as it exists. The class will include listening to those young adults who are among us and will identify some of the emerging best practices that help young adults to be vital participants in worshipping communities. Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Hallie Hottle, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2-30, in Room 127.

Super Saturday Handworks & E-Works - Enjoy community and fellowship and/or take some time for yourself doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. Participants engage in everything from crocheting, to recipe organizing, to catching up on phone calls and emails to reading. Some sessions will begin with a brief devotional and group conversation time. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in Rooms 232 & 233. Child care is only available from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Understanding More about Ancestry.com - Learn how to drill down to just the information you need while using advanced search tools on Ancestry.com. Climb higher on your family tree and discover other resources within Ancestry.com that will help you graft more onto your family tree. Find some hidden gems that will help you in your research. Parts of this class will be a live demonstration of Ancestry.com. Char Mitts, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in Room 230.

Art in the "Church Attic" – Giving Thanks Theme - Miss Carol, the beloved owner of "Art in the Attic," is bringing her love of art and kids to Village Church. This class is for children three years and older who must be accompanied by a parent, caregiver or grandparent. The kids will be creating a project with a "Giving Thanks" theme. This is a great opportunity for your children to have fun, explore and express themselves through art in the company of a parent, grandparent or caregiver guided by an expert teacher. Cost: \$7 per child. Class limit: 12 children. Carol Schleszer, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Room 203.

To enroll in Village U classes, visit <http://www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.html> or contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Fall Adult Sunday Morning Classes:

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Foundations of Faith (formerly Cloud of Witnesses) - Rev. Dwight Tawney is teaching "Old Stories in A New Light." During the past two decades, archeological excavations in Israel and Jordan have focused fresh light on some familiar biblical stories. Join us as we peer through an archeologist's lens to gain new insights into some of these biblically-significant discoveries. Meets in Room 15.

Faith Journey - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson, is the focus of this class for the fall. This book is a true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us. We will be discussing the book and how we, as Christians, can have a positive impact. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Meets in Room 230.

Growing Together - This class is exploring the Gospel of Luke through viewing and discussing parts of the newly-released *The Gospel of Luke*. This movie is word for word from the Bible. Throughout the year, we will bring the Gospel of Luke alive from both a historical perspective and as a living application to our lives today. This class is specifically for parents of children and teens and is facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Meets in Room 132.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Village Forum - The class is focusing on "Faith in Action at the Ballot Box." Since we will be casting our votes at the ballot box on Nov. 8, the Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force offers classes that highlight considerations for Christians on current important social issues:

Oct. 23 – Guns on Kansas College Campuses, led by Megan Jones, president of Kansans Against Campus Carry

Oct. 30 – Refugees and Immigration Reform, led by Angela Ferguson, an immigration attorney who works with AIRRKC (Advocates for Immigrant Rights & Reconciliation)

Nov. 6 – Livable Wage/Raising the Minimum Wage, led by Mike Enriquez of Stand UP KC

Please join the Village Forum class in Rooms 126-127 for these pertinent perspectives (and bring a friend). Contact Vicki Ensz at vijiensz@gmail.com or 913-491-4094 for more information.

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Inquirers - The class is currently studying *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom* featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. *First Light* is a 12-session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The series addresses questions such as: Why did Jesus happen when he happened? Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus? Why the tiny villages around the Lake? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? Led by Don Wilson in Room 124.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Bier and Bible

7 p.m. every Wednesday night at KC Bier Co., 310 W. 79th Street, KCMO. Every week this fall we'll learn to read the Bible together, while continuing to grow in all that it means to be community. All 20s and 30s welcome!

MMPM: Midweek Morning Prayer for Mamas!

9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings in the Village Church Chapel. Every Wednesday morning this fall, we'll pray for each other, then join for coffee and convo. in the Cup. All 20s and 30s moms welcome!

Fall Fest! • 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Let's celebrate fall together! We'll join new friends from Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th Street, KCMO, for a kickball game (a rematch from our softball game), then celebrate our victory with food and your favorite fall beverages. Child care is available if you reserve in advance! Bring friends. Make friends. Allow yourself some time to play!





Children and Families Involved in Service Projects

Our first Village Service Night was a huge hit. After The Gathering service on Sunday evening, Oct. 9, many children and their families were involved in various service projects including building hygiene kits for Heart to Heart, making blankets or packing sack lunches to be given to homeless shelters.

Baptism Education and Baptism Sunday

The next Baptism Education class will be Wednesday, Nov. 9. On Nov. 20, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and welcome several little babies into our family of faith.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, Oct. 30, will mark another faith milestone for kids at Village Church. The third graders will be presented with their own Bibles. You can still contact Children and Family Ministry with your child's name: 913-671-2359.



6th Grade Retreat at Heartland Center

A group of Village Kids 6th Graders had a blast at Heartland Center, Sept. 30–Oct. 1. Kids enjoyed outdoor worship, horses, archery, high-ropes challenge course and of course, 'smores!

NEW SERMON SERIES

God's Beloved World - It is Beautiful, but Broken

This is God's world. But the ways of this world are not as God intends. Anyone can see that and many complain about the way things are, but faith invites us to hold a new perspective. Even when broken, the world is beautiful. It's not just the color of nature or the sounds that fill the air; it is the beauty of human compassion, genuine friendship, and humble service. The broken world is still beautiful. And this world is loved by God, so it should be loved by us. Such love is the currency of Christian living.

Oct. 30	God's Beloved World
Nov. 6	Do You See It?
Nov. 13	Blessed are Those who Mourn
Nov. 20	It is Worth the Struggle

An Update on the Pipe Organ Installation from Dr. Elisa Bickers

The installation of Opus 22 has been going pretty smoothly! The toughest part so far was figuring out how to safely install The Twelve Apostles (the largest pipes that were refurbished from our old organ). This took a great deal of time and experimentation with a very complicated system of scaffolding, I-beam, and winch – not to mention good old fashioned muscle and prayer. These pipes, of course, had to go up first, because the rest of the case sits in front of them. Once the pipes were safely installed, the case itself has gone up pretty quickly. And that makes sense, because the builders have already installed this case in their shop, AND have taken it down. So assembling this series of puzzle pieces didn't take as much experimentation as getting The Twelve Apostles up.

While the case was being assembled in the chancel, gilder Debra Miller worked in the nave on finishing touches to the various moldings and carvings. Debra has worked on many organ cases and pipes in her career, as well as other works of art, and her craft has taken her all over the world. She is truly one of the best in the business, with an eye for excellence and the patience needed to apply gold leaf just so. The touches of gold on our instrument help to bring out the beautiful artistry and details of the case, which might otherwise be lost if they were painted white like the rest of it.



The week of Oct. 3, electricians and organ builders worked side by side to install and wire some of the smaller and more intricate parts of the instrument. The combination action is now complete (this means that I can save various organ sounds and bring them to life with the touch of a piston). The blower is also now wired, so our bellows system is ready to fill our pipes with wind! Once the bellows were functional, we were able to play The Twelve Apostles and hear them for the first time since they were removed from our old organ, repaired, and restored. And what a divine sound they make!! It's a low, rumbling, satisfying sound – perfect for the most triumphant hymn or the end of Widor's infamous Toccata.



Our organ builders have been truly delightful to work with – and they have said the same of us! Village has the gift of space – a nice, large sanctuary where they can spread out their various projects, plus the basement of the Welcome Center, which has served as an important work and storage space. This installation has gone smoothly, but it's still a complicated and back-breaking process. The builders have worked 70 hours per week to accomplish what they have, and they are exhausted by the end of the day. Even in their tiredness, they work well as a team and are respectful to one another, and to our church members. I admire their tenacity and focus, and their constant dedication to doing this job right. This instrument is a beautiful, well-oiled piece of machine-art because of them.





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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Food Pantry

In just 10 days, the THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVES for the clients of the Food Pantry will begin! Collection of the needed food items will extend over three Sundays: Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13, with distribution to the Food Pantry's clients beginning on Nov. 16. The items needed for each basket are: chicken broth, dressing, boxed mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, box pie crust mix, evaporated milk, pumpkin pie mix (not just pumpkin), turkey gravy (no glass containers, please). It's time to start looking for sales.



The Clothes Closet is now accepting fall and winter clothing and COATS. As you change out for the seasons, please donate the clothes that you will no longer use to the Clothes Closet. We're great at recycling.

Your donations of food, clothing and household items makes our mission successful. Thank you.



**VPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
SUNDAYS**
Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
The Gathering – 5 p.m.
In Friendship Hall

**Live Radio Broadcast
Sundays at 8 a.m. on
1660 AM KMBZ,
The Business Channel**

www.villagepres.org

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