



Village Welcomes Former U.S. Senator John Danforth for Village Talk Special Event 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25

Village Talk host Rev. Brian Ellison will be speaking with former U.S. Senator John Danforth at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, in Friendship Hall at Village Church.

John "Jack" C. Danforth is an ordained Episcopal priest, former three-term U.S. senator (R- MO) and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. In 2001, President Bush appointed Danforth as special envoy for peace in Sudan, where he worked to broker a peace agreement that, in 2005, ultimately ended the twenty-year civil war.

Brian will talk with Senator Danforth about his new book, *The Relevance of Religion: How Faithful People Can Change Politics*, which was published Oct. 13.

For more than a decade, John Danforth has written extensively on the negative impact the Christian right has had on American politics. Upon reflection, however, he felt he ought to balance the picture by writing about the positive, constructive impact faithful religious believers have, and can have, on our public life.

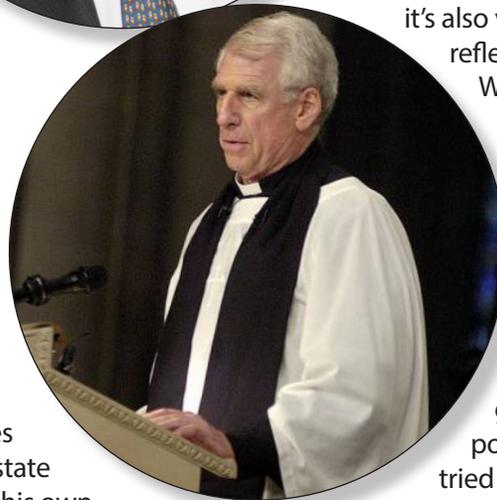
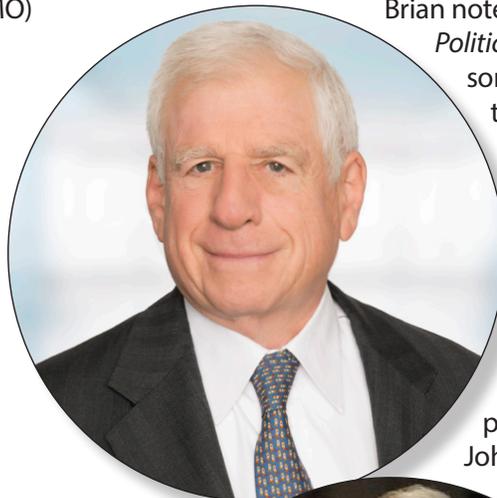
The Relevance of Religion is the product of that period of reflection. In the calm and wise voice of the pastor he once aspired to be, Senator Danforth argues that our shared religious values can lead us out of the embittered, entrenched state of politics today. A lifelong Republican, he calls his own party to task for its part in creating a political system in which the loudest opinions and the most polarizing personalities hold sway. And he suggests that such a system is not only unsustainable but unfaithful to our essential nature. We are built to care about other people.

This inherent altruism which science says we crave because of our neurobiological wiring, and the Bible says is part of our created nature, is a crucial aspect of good government.

Brian notes, "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.

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."

Rainy Day Books will be selling Danforth's new book at the Village Talk event on Oct. 25. Admission is free. A book signing follows Brian's interview. Call 913-671-2333 if you have any questions.



Remember the Food Pantry When You Go Grocery Shopping

The annual Food Drive for Thanksgiving Baskets will kick off on Sunday, Nov. 1. Our fine feathered friend has the shopping list in her cart below. Shopping lists will also be available at church on Sunday, Oct. 25.

The Food Pantry truck will be in the south parking lot on Nov. 1, 8 and 15 to collect your donations. Because of limited parking due to construction at the Meneilly Center, the event begins earlier this year. Thanksgiving Baskets will be distributed from Nov. 14-23 - so please give early.

Perhaps you prefer to donate money instead of food and let us do the shopping. For a \$30 donation, we can buy a Thanksgiving turkey and fill a basket for a family of two. Please make checks payable to: Village Church Food Pantry and deliver to Susan Webb at the Pantry - or to the business office at church. Your donation will help another family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Additionally, the Clothes Closet is now accepting warm blankets and winter weather clothing for all sizes. Thank you.

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
- Evaporated milk

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

Your Annual Giving Dollars at Work: Hillcrest Transitional Housing Update

Life in transitional housing has its ups and downs, but usually ends up turning around for many residents in Hillcrest Transitional Housing.

For the past several years, Village has sponsored an apartment at Hillcrest's Johnson County location which the church also helped purchase with a \$45,000 grant. For our most recent resident in the Village Church sponsored apartment, the ups and downs are smoothing out and stabilizing as finances and debt are getting under control. Despite a 97 percent approval rating by her employer, our resident was let go from her job this past month. Though disappointed, she has managed to obtain steady social security income from early retirement and is now seeking other employment. In addition, the repair work on her car has been completed, and she now has reliable transportation.

Late last year, a former resident in the Village-sponsored apartment entered the program fighting an illness and also suffering from debilitating depression. Hillcrest turned his life around. He graduated from the program in February and now has a full-time job and is living in a house with a friend. He continues to budget his money using the principles he learned in the program. In

addition, he still fondly mentions Village Church and the help we gave him during his stay in the Hillcrest apartment.

These stories of struggles of the homeless in Kansas City often have happy endings if a client obtains support from Hillcrest Transitional Housing. 95 percent of their graduates remain self-sufficient in the first year and after five years, 87 percent have stayed independent. By focusing on one family at a time, Hillcrest generates sustainable, positive change for those living in poverty. During the 90-day rent-free, utility cost-free stay in transitional housing, residents work on life skills focusing on personal finance, relationships, job searching and job performance, time management and home and vehicular maintenance.

Thank you Village Church, for creating new beginnings for residents in Hillcrest. If you would like to take a more active role in Hillcrest's mission, please contact Deborah White in the Village Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

LAMP Dedication 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

It's been 20 years in the making, but with the grace of God, Linwood Area Ministry Place (LAMP) will be celebrating a new life as a campus of community services in a dedication service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3210 Michigan Avenue in Kansas City, Mo. The service will be held in the former sanctuary space that has been vacant for 40 years. Tours of the renovated space and the adjacent Harold Thomas Center, where Front Porch Alliance has offices, will be offered at 1:30 and 4 p.m.

LAMP is a ministry of presence, service and leadership. By reinvesting in this site, the Heartland Presbytery has continued its ministry of presence, investing in a challenged area working as neighbor and friend to people in need. As a ministry of service, LAMP is creating a vibrant campus of service ministries to meet urgent human needs. And as a ministry of leadership, LAMP brings church and community resources together to restore this highly visible site and to be a catalyst for restoring the surrounding community.

LAMP is envisioned to be a flagship ministry of the entire Presbytery—to be a place where our individual and collective ministries can coalesce to be deployed with heightened effectiveness. It will provide a key portal for connecting our urban ministries in an authentic, enduring way with the community, as well as with other community ministries and human service agencies.



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 for a reservation.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Dinner Menus:

- 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
- Nov. 4** Baked lemon chicken (GF), vegetable quinoa pilaf (GF & V), vegetable mélange, mini turkey corn dogs



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 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

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

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, in Room 316.

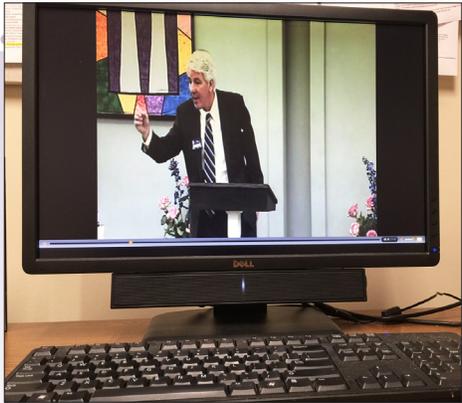
Call Stacy at 913-671-2334 or email stacy.fischer@villagepres.org to sign up for classes.

Did You Know...

If you can't make it to church on Sunday morning, you can watch our 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on your computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

Just go to the church website: www.villagepres.org and click on the Quick Link on the right hand side of the home page titled "Live Service Broadcasts." You can also bookmark this link <http://www.villagepres.org/worship-music/live-service-broadcast/>.

If you don't have an internet signal, you can also tune into 1660 AM, KMBZ the Business Channel and listen to the 9:30 a.m. worship service on the radio.



Baroque Violin Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 • Village Church Chapel

Baroque violinist, Samuel Breene, and theorbist, Jeffrey Noonan, will present a concert of sonatas and dances from the 17th Century at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Village Chapel.

The concert will feature music from Italy, France, Germany and England and includes works by the first generation of Italian violin virtuosos, including Biagio Marini and Marco Uccellini. French violin music is represented on the program by a dance suite composed for the court of Louis XIV by Robert de Viseé. English and German violinists created national styles but remained strongly influenced by travelling Italian players and the performance includes virtuosic music by Heinrich Schmelzter and divisions on popular songs from England and Scotland.



Samuel Breene is an associate professor of music at Rhode Island College in Providence, Rhode Island where he teaches music history and early music performance. He has extensive performing experience on both modern and baroque violins up and down the east coast. Jeffrey Noonan is professor emeritus of music at Southeast Missouri State University where he taught music history and directed the classical guitar program. He has played early plucked instruments throughout the Midwest with numerous early music ensembles for over 30 years. In addition to their performing and teaching, both Sam and Jeff remain active researchers, producing numerous articles, conference presentations and books.

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert – “Night of Magic” 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Faith Lutheran Church 67th & Roe, Prairie Village

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. This concert’s guest soloist is Jacob Sentgeorge who is a member of the voice faculty at Central Methodist University in Warrensburg, Mo. He will be performing *Nessun Dorma* from Puccini’s opera *Turandot*, and also *Vainement ma bien-aimée* from Lolo’s opera *The King of Y’s*. The program also includes *Night on Bald Mountain* by Mussorgsky, *The Sorcerer’s Apprentice* by Dukas, and *Lord of the Rings* by Dutch composer Johan de Meij. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is conducted by Dr. Phil Posey and Pat Setser. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member of the Village Arts Alliance of Village Presbyterian Church. For more information, go to www.kcwindssymphony.org or call 913-671-2344.



Autumn Home Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8

The Village brass, hand bell, and choral ensembles will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, in Friendship Hall. Because of limited space in worship, these ensembles haven’t been able to join us on Sundays like they usually do. But they haven’t been taking a break! They have been hard at work preparing for this special concert. Come hear your musical friends for a lovely afternoon of music.

The Giver That Keeps On Giving

One way to speak of God's relationship with the world is to note that every interaction God has is an act of generosity. The Apostle Paul writes, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." He writes this to the Corinthians, but he could have written it to us. But Jesus is not the only gift of God's grace. So is God's work of creation itself. Even the law, as well as the prophets, are expressions of God's generosity. This sermon series will focus on God as The Giver That Keeps on Giving.



- Oct. 25 Where There is a Way, There is a Life
- Nov. 1 It Looks Like This is Never Going to Stop
- Nov. 8 Life Is Good and It's the Real Thing
- Nov. 15 Perhaps the Craziest, Surprising, Most Beautiful Gift of All
- Nov. 22 This Is Our Time

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Latest Findings in Alzheimer's Research

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 from 5-6 p.m. in Room 228. This presentation is sponsored by Stephen Ministry and is open to the congregation and the public. Please join us.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mission Sewing

We are enjoying our new machines. What a gift! Knitters: Stop in any Tuesday and pick up your Christmas yarn for the baby caps. We continue to do our best to fill the requests from our agencies and hospitals. We love the feedback that we get from Village members who have been hospitalized and find that they have been given an item with one of our labels on it. Stop by and check us out in the Mission Sewing Room directly underneath the Chapel.

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.

Stepping Into the Circle

Some people say that women talk in circles . . . and they are absolutely right! If you want to see for yourself, come to the church on the second Tuesday of any month, and there will be Circles of women talking everywhere. They are listening, laughing, asking questions and sharing answers, supporting one another and discovering their faith. Presbyterian Women offers a Circle for early risers at 7 a.m., 4 Circles at 9:30 a.m., 2 Circles at noon, and 1 at 7 p.m. There is even a Circle that meets at Lakeview Village at 1 p.m. Circles are great ways to get to know other women in the church, and let them get to know you, to make new best friends and connect with old friends. There is no better place to feel at home, nurtured and challenged by others, to feel God's love and grace.

Several of the Circles get together for lunch provided by Chef Emily every month. The food is great, but the conversation and fellowship is what brings women together.

If you have not tried a Circle, step into one this month . . . it may change your life!

Page Turners Meeting 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27

The Page Turners meeting on Oct. 27 will be a group effort, presenting reviews of three books by Robert Louis Stevenson: *Kidnapped*, *Treasure Island*, and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Last year the group was inspired to read these books after reading and discussing *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*, a book about Stevenson's life. Page Turners meets in Room 127 on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join the discussion or just to enjoy listening.

Amy-Jill Levine Visiting Scholar Tickets Go on Sale Nov. 15

You can order your tickets online for 2016 Visiting Scholar Amy-Jill Levine starting Sunday, Nov. 15.

Dr. Levine will be at Village Church March 4 and 5, 2016. The New Testament professor, scholar and influential author will speak on "Jesus the Jewish Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Anew."

The Visiting Scholar Event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Village Church. For more information, go to <http://www.villagepres.org/ministries-programs/visiting-scholar/>.



Lunch, Miniatures and Toys – WOW!

Women of Wisdom (WOW) will visit the newly renovated National Museum of Toys / Miniatures on Monday, Nov. 16, and warmly invites all ladies to join us for lunch and a guided tour at the museum. The tour will highlight new exhibits in the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures, as well as one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys.

Lunch will be at noon at Michael Forbes, 128 W. 63rd in Brookside, and then we'll make the short drive to the museum at 5235 Oak for a guided tour, lasting about an hour. That will leave time for those who would like to visit the Gift Shop and perhaps pick up holiday stocking stuffers before the museum closes at 4 p.m.

Cost for the tour is \$6 per person, payable in cash at the restaurant to avoid delays at the museum. There is free parking in front of the fully ADA accessible museum. Please ask for easy driving directions to the restaurant and museum when you RSVP. Very limited carpooling from the church may be possible, based upon need.

RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 12, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, or to Marvie Sneegas, 913-209-9608 or sneegi@kc.rr.com. We'd love to have you join us!



Photos courtesy of the National Museum of Toys/Miniatures.

Village U Courses:

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.

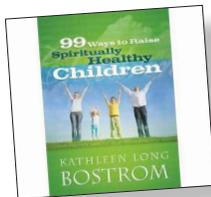
A Special Event for Parents & Grandparents, Nov. 3 & 4

Kathy Bostrom is a Presbyterian pastor and the author of several books, including *99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children* and *Finding Calm in the Chaos: Christian Devotions for Busy Women*. She is an award-winning author for children and adults.



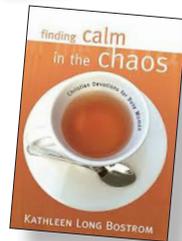
99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children - 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Friendship Hall

Kathy Bostrom weaves faith and daily family life together in a refreshing, affirming and grace-filled way for even the busiest parents. You will chuckle, wonder and find yourself in what she has to say, but most of all, you will find hope and joy.



Finding Calm in the Chaos - 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in Friendship Hall

Sharing her very real life as a woman, a mother, and a minister, Kathy Bostrom knows the pushing/pulling chaos of life, and yet she brings a voice of calm faithfulness. In her book of devotions, she becomes a companion and guide to creating space for God's peace and calm in our lives.



Enroll online at 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. To make your child care reservation, call Marjean at 913-671-2322 or marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or Pam at 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org.



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 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.**

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, and the conversation will be good. **Led by Ed and Jan Dexter, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in Room 132. Led by Bob and Bonita Siemens 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 11 & 18 in Room 232.**

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.**

**Lemonade Stand Entrepreneurs
donate all their profits to the
Kenya Well**

Anne and Ellen Bowser donated almost \$80 they earned from their Lemonade Stand to the Kid's Kingdom fund for the Kenya Well.



Fall Retreat for Village Kids

A group of Village Kids from 4th Grade through 6th Grade had a blast at Heartland Center, Oct. 16-17. Kids enjoyed outdoor worship, horses, archery, high-ropes challenge course, and of course, s'mores!



Stepping Stone Presentations

Oct. 25 will mark another faith milestone for kids at Village Church. Third Grade children will be presented with their own Bibles. Check our Facebook page later for pictures!

Story Time at Village

Tuesday, Nov. 3, will be our next Story Time at Village. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Children's Library for stories and age appropriate crafts. Please call 913-671-2355 to ensure we have enough craft supplies.



**Baptism Orientation and
Baptism Sunday**

The next Baptism Orientation class will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Village Church Chapel. Babies are welcome at the orientation or child care reservations are due by Oct. 29 to Marjean Lindquist, 913-671-2322. On Nov. 15 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and welcome several little babies into our family of faith. Please call Cheryl Couch-Thomas for baptism details at 913-671-2355.

**Our Little Village Halloween Parade
4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23**

Our little ghosties and ghoulies at the Village Church Child & Family Development Center will have their annual Halloween Parade at 4 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 23, followed by a Halloween Party. You may park between the Food Pantry and Child Care Center buildings. The parade will be in the grassy area adjacent to the parking lot.



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.





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Because of Your Generosity ...



The Village Church Habitat for Humanity Tuesday-Thursday crew has been able to build 40 houses for low-income families. More than building homes, we build communities, we build hope and we build the opportunity for families to help themselves.



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

**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