



## A Sneak Preview of Presbyterian Women's Advent Candlelight Dinner



**5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1,  
in Friendship Hall**

PW's Advent Candlelight Dinner is a beloved tradition at Village Church – always selling out quickly and always an inspiring, beautiful evening filled with women of all generations who

welcome the beginning of the Advent season.



Rev. Diane Quaintance will provide the meditation this year. Her theme is "Waiting." Diane shares, "Waiting is something all of us do. As children we wait for our turn, for our birthday, for

snack time or the end of the school day, for the day we graduate from the car seat. As teenagers we wait for the day we're old enough to drive, for our first kiss, for our test score, for the day we graduate from high school. As adults we wait for word about that new job, for our first house, for the birth of a child, for the day when we can retire. What are you waiting for? Something wonderful? A visitor? A surprise? The season of Advent is about waiting . . . ours and God's."

Jee-Yeun Kim, our Village soprano intern from Korea, will be singing at the Advent Dinner. Music selections will be based on the theme of "Waiting."

## About Our Village Choir Soprano Intern - Jee Yeun Kim

Jee Yeun Kim is a graduate student (D.M.A) in vocal and opera at the University of Kansas. Jee Yeun began her vocal studies at age nine as a member of the Seoul Metropolitan Junior Chorus in her native Korea. She sang with them for 10 years before continuing her studies at the College of Vocal Music at Yonsei University in Korea. During that time she also pursued voice study in the Summer Master Class program of the Hochschule Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Following her graduation she began teaching high school, while also working as a church choir director.



How did she wind up studying in the United States? Jee Yeun tells us, "My husband's friend invited my family to the United States when he was appointed as a professor at Pittsburg State. My husband asked me if I wanted to study more and I answered 'Why not?' Just a few days afterwards, I applied to PSU and came here with my two kids. My husband had to stay in Korea due to his business, but became the most supportive husband in the world. Because I knew some times the way that God works and invites us is very simple and clear, my husband and I answered to God the same way.

After moving to the U. S., Jee-Yeun started to study voice and choral conducting again at Pittsburg State University. She was a first place winner in the West Central Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in 2012 and a first-place winner in the Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in the winner's recital for the Barry Alexander International Vocal competition in January 2013.

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"I am now in Lawrence with my two kids pursuing a doctoral degree in voice at KU. It is my fourth year I have been staying in Kansas. I love Kansans' smiles, sunflowers and barbecues!"

Jee Yeun heard about the music internship program at Village Church from an old professor at PSU. "When I finished my studies and decided to pursue my DMA degree at KU, I started looking for a church to attend in Lawrence. Dr. Susan Marchant knew how much I loved to sing in church choirs. When she heard from Mark Ball that Village Church needed a soprano intern, she encouraged me to apply." And, Jee Yeun got the job.

Jee Yeun is elated to be at Village. "Did you notice me smiling the whole time during the first rehearsal last September?" said Jee Yeun. "I fell in love with Village Choir immediately. I love the positive and supportive energy that I have received from the church.

I grew up in a Presbyterian church in Korea. (Did you know that 80% of the Korean churches are Presbyterian?) I was the girl who spent most of my time in church playing the piano or the organ for services or singing in the chancel choir or conducting the choir. I met my husband in the church, and he was a student in the youth group, which my mother led at the time. I mostly kept my music life within the church rather than the opera stage, although my major was not sacred music. I think I did so because I heard that my father gave a promising prayer that Jee Yeun will sing for worships throughout her life. While I was conducting or singing in the choir, my husband took care of the kids.

If he had duties as a youth group leader, then my parents took the kids. I see Elisa Bickers doing the same thing now."

Thanks to our worship service livestreaming, Jee Yeun's family is able to watch her perform at Village Church.

"Watching the live stream of our worship services through the internet before their bedtime has become my relatives' new weekly routine. Sometimes when my father knows the tune of our hymn, he sings with us. My mother still gives me feedback about my voice and attire. They all say 'God bless you and peace be with you!'"

In addition to Jee Yeun singing, Marvie Sneegas playing piano and Diane's "Waiting" meditation, Chef Emily Berns will prepare another fabulous dinner, which includes a dessert definitely worth waiting for: a tulip cup made of dark and white chocolate, filled with cream cheese mousse and topped with raspberry coulis. The menu also features pecan-parmesan pork tenderloin with fig sauce and sweet au potato gratin. Yum!

Advent Dinner reservations are \$16 a person. There are still a few seats left. You can make your reservation at <https://vpcpvks.infellowship.com/UserLogin/Index?ReturnUrl=%2fForms%2f297830>.

Payment is required at the time of your reservation. Contact Laurel Green at [lngreen@everestkc.net](mailto:lngreen@everestkc.net)/ 913-406-6291 for more information.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

### 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:

**Nov. 25** – Happy Thanksgiving – no dinner!

**Dec. 2** – Soup & baked potato bar, one meat soup, one vegetarian soup and baked potatoes with various toppings

**Dec. 9** – Christmas Dinner - Chef Emily and her culinary team will create a scrumptious Country Club style buffet, including carved round of beef.

After dinner, plan on staying for The Christmas Carol Sing, which starts at 6:45 p.m. in Friendship Hall. The program will include holiday favorites, and some Christmas "Swing" along with traditional Christmas Carols for everyone to sing. Invite your friends and family. Admission is free. Call 913-671-2334 for more info.

There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner Dec. 16, 23 and 30. Dinners resume Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.



## Food Pantry

Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets has already started at the Food Pantry for the Pantry's clients; however, it's never too late to make a cash donation. \$30 will cover the cost of a Thanksgiving Basket and turkey for a family of two. Baskets will be distributed until Monday, Nov. 23.

The Clothes Closet is in need of winter coats in all sizes, blankets and all large and X-Large sized clothing. The Closet can also use children's small clothes hangers.

During this season of Thanksgiving, the Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet always gives thanks for your generous donations to help in feeding the hungry in our area. Thank you!

## Deck the Village Trees with Hats and Mittens

The Village Church tradition of the Hat and Mitten Trees returns for the holiday season. From Dec. 6-25, come decorate our Christmas trees with hats and mittens to give to families served by the Village Clothes Closet/ Food Pantry. You will find the trees located outside the Children's Library on the second floor and at the south entrance to the church. Contact Deborah White, director of mission, at 913-671-2369 or [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org) with any questions.



## Diapers in December

Village children will be collecting diapers throughout December to give to the Village Food Pantry. Did you know an adequate supply of diapers can cost over \$100 per month? Many parents are already struggling to pay for rent and food and cannot afford the high cost of an adequate supply of diapers. In poor and low-income families, a baby can spend a day or longer in one diaper, leading to potential health and abuse risks.

## Operation Breakthrough Children Trick or Treat throughout the halls of Village Church Oct. 28, 2015



## 2015 Village Church Advent Season Activities

### Advent Family Workshop – 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, in Friendship Hall

Don't miss our traditional family activity. Make your own Advent wreaths and gifts for Christmas. There will be crafts for all age levels, and of course, cookie decorating, popcorn and festive music. Free and open to the public.

### Presbyterian Women's Annual Advent Candlelight Dinner – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Friendship Hall

See pages 1 and 2 for more information.

### Christmas Night Out – 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Village Church Child Care

Send your kids to this fun-filled night from 5:30-8:30 p.m. while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-10 will enjoy activities and games and cookies to decorate. Cost is \$15 per child and \$30 max for families. Sign up by Monday, Nov. 23, by calling Pam at 913-671-2352 or emailing [pam@villagepres.org](mailto:pam@villagepres.org).

### Mesner Puppet Theater - 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in Friendship Hall

Mesner Puppet Theater presents "Anansi the Spider," a lively telling of four classic folk tales from Africa and the Caribbean. All these humorous stories feature a trickster spider that sometimes gets tricked himself. In "How the Stories Came to the World," "Tiger Becomes a Riding Horse," "The Magic of Five," and "Dinner for Two," Anansi the Spider offers universal lessons of wit and cleverness. Call 913-671-2355 for more information. The performance is free and open to the public.



### VCCFDC Christmas Sing & Pancake Dinner with Santa- 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in Friendship Hall

Come see our little ones from the Village Church Child & Family Development Center present their version of the Nativity at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall. VCCFDC will host its first "Pancake Dinner with Santa" immediately following the performance. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake supper prepared by Chris Cakes. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children age 2 and up. Children under 2 eat free. Get your child's picture taken with Santa. Contact Peggy Tingle at 913-671-2311 or email [peggy.tingle@villagepres.org](mailto:peggy.tingle@villagepres.org) for tickets. Proceeds from the pancake dinner with Santa will help pay for new playground equipment for the VCCFDC.



### Family Christmas Pageant - 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, in the Sanctuary

See the most beloved Nativity story through the eyes of a child. The Christmas play is produced by the Children and Family Ministry. The Family Christmas Pageant will be incorporated into the 5 p.m. Family Worship Service.

### Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, Dec. 24, in the Sanctuary

5 p.m. Family Worship; 7 & 9 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Services; 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Communion Service. We will have two shuttle buses running from 4:30-10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, picking up at the Village Shops Blue Moose/ Missouri Bank parking lot and dropping off at the west Chapel entrance of the church.



Visit [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org) for the complete list of Advent activities.

**15th Annual Tidings of Joy Concert - 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Sanctuary**

A beloved tradition in our community, "Tidings of Joy, A Celebration of the Season's Most Beautiful Music," will be presented by the Village Choir, Alegría and the Village Chamber Choir, with guest artists Barnaby Bright. The program includes favorite carols for choir and orchestra – and the audience gets to sing along!

The 'major work' of the concert is one of the most popular pieces of choral music, *Gloria*, by Antonio Vivaldi (the composer of the famous *Four Seasons*). [Click here](#) for a sampling.

Tidings of Joy is free and open to the public.

This year's Tidings of Joy retiring offering will go to the Thwake Village Partnership, a ministry



of partnership with Village Church, the Heartland Presbytery and the people of Thwake, Kenya. Each year, members from around the Heartland Presbytery travel to Thwake Village to assist with creating a better quality of life for the villagers. The Thwake Village Partnership has helped the people of Thwake, Kenya build schools, water wells, a Presbyterian church, a health clinic, and most recently, a Children's Home for young girls. Under the direction of Rev. Dr. David Nzioka; Village members John Hall, Scott Stanley, and Linda Alley, and other churches in the Heartland; the Thwake Village Partnership is making a real difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Kenya.

**2nd Thursday Recital 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10  
Soprano Jayne Siemens Presents "Christmas Laments & Celebrations"**

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Village Chapel, when soprano Jayne Siemens will perform "Christmas Laments & Celebrations" accompanied by Mark Ball on piano. The 30-minute recital is free and open to the public.

Jayne first garnered attention at age five as the best squirrel in the Wichita Children's Theater improvisational class where she also made her professional stage debut in fourth grade as Little Boy Blue with actress Helen Hayes. She discovered her singing voice that same year, which led to the Interlochen Academy of the Arts in high school, a scholarship to the University of Michigan and a master's degree in opera from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London where she was a Fulbright Scholar. She performed leading roles at the Lyric Opera of Chicago in *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, *Don Pasquale*, *I Pagliacci*, *Die Fledermaus* and more.

Jayne has sung with the Greater Miami Opera, Bern Switzerland Stadtheater and the South Bank Theater in London. She also performed with some of the most prestigious singers in the opera business, such as Kiri te Kanawa and Samuel Ramey.

"One of the highlights of my singing career was working closely with masters of self-promotion such as tenor Placido Domingo and conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein," said Jayne.

When not warbling to the howling obligato of her Welsh Corgi "Quinnie," Jayne is president and founder of Venice Communications, Inc., an integrated marketing, visual storytelling, PR and social media company. She is also a board member of the Folly Theater.

Go to [www.vencomm.com](http://www.vencomm.com) for more information about Venice Communications, Inc.



**Thank You, Joyce Wann!**

Every fall and spring, Joyce Wann cheerfully coordinates our entire home communion ministry. She handles requests, makes schedules, coordinates pastors and elders and deacons, and is flexible with any change that may occur. From Oct. 19-30, 61 Village Church members received communion in their home over the course of eight days from one of eight pastors and 14 elders/ deacons, and 79 partook in communion and worship at either Aberdeen, Lakeview Village, The Forum or Claridge Court. We are grateful to all of the volunteers, and especially to Joyce. Our gratitude knows no bounds for her faithfulness and grace.

**Remembrance Service - 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Friendship Hall**

Join us for a special service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Friendship Hall when we'll thank God for our loved ones who are deeply missed. This service includes prayers, beautiful music, time for reflection, candle lighting and the proclamation of God's holy, Christmas promise: that there is a light in this world that the darkness will never, ever overcome.

If your loved one passed away during 2015 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. If you would like to include any other names, please contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) by noon Monday, Nov. 30.

**Please Help Deliver a Poinsettia**

Delivering a poinsettia to members who are unable to attend church is a long-standing tradition at Village Church. The Pastoral Care & Counseling Department would like to continue this tradition with your help. On Sunday, Dec. 13, poinsettias will line the hallway near the Receptionist area at the south entrance where you may pick up cards with names and addresses of people who would greatly appreciate the gift of a poinsettia. Come to the Receptionist desk between worship services on Dec. 13, choose one or more cards and take

the poinsettia(s) with you at the same time. The poinsettia(s) should be delivered anytime between Dec. 13 & 15. Thank you for helping us with this special gift for those who aren't able to be with us at church this holy season.



**If You Need a Listening Ear...**

This time of year and the approaching holidays can be a challenge. If you would like to talk with someone; have someone there who will listen, pray with you, and support you; please consider receiving support from a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one, confidential care to individuals who need help navigating some of life's harder moments. Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 913-671-2367 or [jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org](mailto:jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org).



**Rev. Len Carrell**  
*Installation Ceremony & Reception*

Join us at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in Friendship Hall when Rev. Len Carrell will be installed as a pastor of Village Church. The ceremony will be followed by a reception with refreshments.

## Dinner and Panel Discussion on Immigration a Tremendous Success

By James Galliher

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, a dinner and panel discussion on immigration was held at Village Church: *“The Great American Refugee Crisis: Immigration, Faith, and Advocacy.”* The event was sponsored by the Village Church Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force, along with Colonial Church (UCC) in Prairie Village, and Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Prior to dinner, the Honorable Alicia Kerber, consul of the Mexican Consulate located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., described the Mexican Consulate’s mission in its area of jurisdiction (Missouri, Kansas and Western Oklahoma). Rev. Tom Are delivered the opening prayer.

The panel discussion began with presentations by recruited experts on issues related to the US immigration process and undocumented immigrants: Catalina Velarde, Angela Ferguson, Rev. Rick Behrens and two special guests who are immigrants to the U.S. caught in the vagaries of the immigration system. Three major questions were addressed: 1) what happens to individuals and families without legal status caught at the border in an attempt to gain entrance to the U.S.; 2) what are the possible consequences for immigrants living in U.S. communities without legal documentation; and 3) how is the faith community called upon – and what actions can they take – to support both legal and undocumented immigrants who arrive in our country? Our two immigrant guests on the panel described their own precarious family situations in our community. The descriptions of their day-to-day lives gave meaning and urgency to the on-going debates in this country surrounding immigration. The evening closed with singing and prayer led by Rev. Rick Behrens.

Dinner guests were also given the opportunity to sign postcards to: 1) their U.S. Senators and Congressional Representatives asking for “comprehensive immigration reform providing for a clear path to citizenship,” and 2) President

Obama and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, urging them to “end the detention of families without legal documentation seeking asylum” but caught attempting to enter the U.S. Guests were also asked to: 1) sign a petition to the City of Prairie Village to designate itself as a “Welcoming Community” as several other Kansas communities have recently done, and 2) make a free-will donation to Grandview Park Presbyterian Church to help support the personal and legal needs of immigrants in our local community. Dinner and non-dinner guests numbered approximately 150, just over 100 advocacy postcards were signed, 80 guests signed the petition to Prairie Village and \$500 was collected as the free-will donation.



**Give & Take, Coffee Break!  
9:30-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, in Room 232**

Women with Spirit, get set to fill up your coffee cup & souls alike! As we sit, share & enjoy our tea/coffee & scones, we will at the same time be working to make a difference for the young women of DeLaSalle Academy. The task at hand? Knot & tie blankets! Our simple gesture has the potential to make a big difference for the young mothers whose little ones are in childcare while they work to complete their high school education.

You may recall Village recently announced its partnership with DeLaSalle in an effort to support their mission of addressing the significant life barriers of our city's most under served urban youth through a non-traditional education focused on small, personalized classes, holistic support services and workforce development. Visit [www.delasallecenter.org](http://www.delasallecenter.org) for more information.

Contact Pam at [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2352 for your child care.



**Star Families - Adopt a Family for the Holidays**

Village Church has again sponsored "Star Families" from Operation Breakthrough. We help provide Christmas gifts and holiday meals for families. Each child receives at least three new unwrapped gifts, and the parent receives a \$25 gift card to Target or Walmart. Monetary donations to Village Church for Star Families will be accepted for holiday meals now. \$30 will feed a family of three or less, and \$60 a family of four or more. Note "Operation Breakthrough" in the memo of your check. Contact Marilyn Borel at [rmborel@sbcglobal.com](mailto:rmborel@sbcglobal.com) or 913-708-1917 for more information.



**Rev. Len Carrell WOWs the WOWs of Village Church**

The Heritage Dining Room was filled with WOW (Women of Wisdom) for "Lunch with Len" on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015.

Women of Wisdom wanted to get to know more about our new associate pastor of Pastoral Care, Rev. Len Carrell, and asked him to speak at their fall gathering.

## Village U Highlights, Spring 2016

Over 125 new opportunities for adults are coming in the Spring 2016 Village U catalog. We hope you will spend some time discovering ways you can “grow in knowledge and faith” here in a faith community committed to learning. Here are some highlights:

Sunday morning classes bring the opportunity to tap into the wisdom of an outstanding faculty: Rev. Dwight Tawney, Dr. David May, Dr. Lonnie Lee, Dr. Don Wilson and Dr. John Borden share their knowledge and passion for the Bible and history as they draw connections to our contemporary world.

Day Trips for spring include Kansas City’s newly renovated Toy and Miniature Museum, the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka and the beautiful Powell Gardens.

Dr. Gus Breytspreek will explore *Short Stories By Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine’s popular new book on the parables. Levine, who will be the Visiting Scholar on March 4 & 5, shows how Jesus told short stories not to make his followers comfortable, but to provoke and challenge them and us.

There are two exceptional opportunities for parents of teenagers: the Ali Kemp Foundation will lead a Self-Defense for Girls and Women class, and Rev. Zach Walker will address the often difficult but extremely important topic of Sex and Sexuality in Adolescence.

Other classes to look for include: a genealogy class, “Piecing Your Family Puzzle Together,” a moving and inspiring look at the Holocaust with Bill Tammeus and Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn, stimulating editions of Village Talk, monthly fun Singing Before Supper and dozens of opportunities to exercise, be creative and share faith and life with others.

Course catalogs will be available throughout the church and on the church website by Nov. 30. Registration for Spring 2016 Village U courses opens Monday, Dec. 7, for Village Church members and Monday, Dec. 14, for the general public.



## Former Senator John Danforth Packs Friendship Hall for Village Talk Special Edition • Oct. 25, 2015

We had a wonderful turnout of 275 people Sunday evening, Oct. 25, for Village Talk with retired Missouri Senator John Danforth. The three-term U.S. Senator from Missouri who served briefly as ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush, was at Village Church to talk about his new book, *The Relevance of Religion: How Faithful People Can Change Politics*.

Danforth and Rev. Brian Ellison, host of Village Talk, discussed Danforth’s vision for the proper role of religion in public and political life — and how people of faith could help swing the political process back to one that sought solutions to the nation’s problems.



**Series on Ageism**

This three-part class will explore ageism—its meanings, manifestations, and origins within our culture and throughout history, including in different sectors of our lives such as health care, the arts and media, family and intergenerational relations, politics, and religion. We will explore ways to reframe the issue of aging in our society so as to eliminate some of the causes of ageism and allow people to better fulfill the potential of extended years. Taught by Linda Breytspraak. 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 & 16, in Room 127.

**Adult Sunday Morning Classes  
9:30 a.m.**

The **Faith Journey** class believes it’s important to all of our faith journeys to grow from listening to the insights of others. We believe that while one person’s path may not be where God has led someone else, we are a community that can grow and support each other by being open to the Spirit of God in each of us. Our format is to use book studies, guest speakers and videos to explore new perspectives and our own beliefs.

Our current book study is Marcus Borg’s *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* where he surveys the most significant conversations and personalities that shaped his life, and presents his convictions about the faith and its role in the 21st century. **Room 230.**

**Cloud of Witnesses  
The Birth of Jesus: History and Lore**

In the familiar stories of the gospels, Jesus was born in Bethlehem but was raised in Nazareth. While archaeology has shown these towns to be dramatically different from each other, they both figure prominently in the life of Jesus and the stories and legends that grew up around him. What can we really know about Jesus’ birth and his early days in Nazareth? We invite you to join this class, led by Rev. Dwight Tawney, from Dec. 6 through 20, as we journey through the history and lore of Jesus’ early life. **Room 127.**

**Growing Together** class is viewing and discussing the Frontline video series, *From Jesus to Christ*. **Room 132.**

**Lights out? Christmas Lights Recycling in December**

During the month of December and the first two weeks in January, the Environmental Action Committee will be partnering with Southeast Enterprises to recycle Christmas lights. Please bring your old or broken Christmas lights to church and place them in the barrel inside the south entrance of Village. Christmas Lights Recycling is a metro-wide project sponsored by Southeast Enterprises and its community partners, who collected over 40,000 pounds of holiday lights last year. This year their goal is 60,000 pounds. In addition to keeping lights out of the landfill, this recycling project has the benefit of providing challenging work for over 170 employees with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They remove the light receptacles from the wire and then separate and recycle each component.

Drop off locations include over 165 businesses, banks, schools, recycling centers, and a few churches. For the third year in a row, Village Church joins the list of churches. If you have questions, call Gary Tegtmeier at 913-362-8596.



### Village Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### 3rd Grade Bible Presentation



The 3rd Grade class poses with their new Bibles.

Addie Davis smiles as she receives her Bible from Rev. Are.



### Retreat at Heartland Center



Sixteen Village 4th, 5th and 6th Graders went to Heartland Center Oct. 16-17. Besides having a blast, the kids enjoyed horseback riding, archery, hiking and the High-Ropes Course.

### The Children's Christmas Play is back on Christmas Eve!

Information will be coming soon about casting for speaking parts, looking cute parts, and singing parts. Casting information and more details coming soon! The Family Christmas Pageant will be incorporated into the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship Service. Call 913-671-2355 or 913-671-2385 for more information.

### Thank you Rev. Kathy Bostrom

Rev. Kathy Bostrom presented two wonderful workshops for parents Nov. 3 & 4 at Village Church. The first was based on her book, *99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children*, and the second presentation was based on her book, *Finding Calm in the Chaos, Christian Devotions for Busy Women*.

Kathy encouraged attendees to make a habit of finding 10 minutes a day to quiet your mind, say a breath prayer and listen to the beauty of nature around you. The special event was sponsored by Children & Family Ministry and Village U.





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# The Giver that keeps ON Giving

## Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

After thoughtful prayer, please consider your annual commitment to Village Church. Complete and return your commitment card on or before Nov. 22.

## Ways to make your 2016 Commitment

Complete your commitment card and return to Village Church.

You can also make your pledge online at:

<http://www.villagepres.org/giving/annual-commitment-form/>

Bring your completed commitment form to worship services on Sunday, Nov. 22.

If you have misplaced your commitment card, additional cards are available outside the doors of Friendship Hall or call Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325.



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