



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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Merry Christmas from the PW Board

*May you spend this holiday season,
With love, peace and joy.
Joyful holiday wishes to you.*



From left: Leslie Conrad, Carlene Anderson, Niki Krenznel, Dee Gound, Carrie Craig, Marvie Sneegas, Elaine Franz, Sandra Stephens, Jenny McDevitt, Carol Solenberger, Diann Markley, Kim Stratton, and Patty Zender

Not pictured: Jane Emley, Ann Flanders, Shelby Krumm, Martha Tatman, Lucy Tidwell



Message from the Moderators

Our Christmas Wish

As we find ourselves wrapped in the warm glow of family and friends during the season of Thanksgiving, our grateful hearts in stillness wait for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This time of Advent fills our hearts and souls with longing, hope and abundant joy.

One of our most cherished PW events is the annual Advent Candlelight Dinner held on December 5th. We give special thanks to our Co-Moderators Elect, Ann Flanders and Niki Krenzel, and their committee of faithful women~ Becky Anderson, Julie Foster, Dee Gound, Vicki Graham, Carol Keller, Kim Lorenzen, Kay Patterson and Julia Scammahorn for the most wonderful evening of fellowship! We celebrated this holy season with stories, songs and communion of our souls. These holy moments swirled around us with lighted candles and the promises of God's unconditional love for each of us pouring forth as we gathered around the tables.



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EPHESIANS 4:2

It has been said, "It's the simple things in life that are the most extraordinary; only wise men and women are able to understand them." Let our simple gifts of time, love and joy be shared with all we meet during this time of advent.

As we prepare for the way of the Lord in the weeks ahead let us also remember these wise words from Mother Teresa... "Spread LOVE wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

This is our Christmas wish for each of you.

With love and grateful hearts,

Patty and Kim



Presbyterian Women Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- ◆ To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study
- ◆ To support the mission of the church worldwide
- ◆ To work for justice and peace
- ◆ To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



Women with Spirit

Book Brunch, with a Twist!

9:30-11:30 a.m., Friday, January 19

Village on Mission Small Dining Room



Please join Women with Spirit for one of our most popular semi-annual events! And in the spirit of giving, a twist! Along with the gently used or new book you wrap & bring to swop with a friend please also consider bringing a gently used or new book (not wrapped) for a sweet child at Operation Breakthrough, ages 0-13.

Your check of \$7 made out to PW of Village Church will serve as your official RSVP. Please write "WWS Book Brunch" in the memo line and either drop in the WWS envelope at the south reception desk at VOM or mail to Julia Scammahorn, 15705 Dearborn St., Overland Park, KS 66223. For food preparation checks must be received no later than Friday, Jan. 12.

Need childcare? Email Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org no later than Jan. 12.

See you at brunch!

Amazing Graces at **kemper**MUSEUM of contemporary art

Sometime in the beginning of March, AG is planning a tour at the **Kemper Museum** with drinks/plates at **Café Sebastienne**.

Watch for more information on this fun event.

Women Of Wisdom

Welcoming 2018 at Café Provence

Following a brief hiatus in late 2017, Women of Wisdom (WOW) looks forward to enjoying the start of the new year with a delicious lunch at Café Provence at noon on Wednesday, January 10th. Located

in the Prairie Village Shopping Center at 3936 W. 69th Terr., and winner of multiple prestigious awards, this charming restaurant serves authentic French cuisine in a cozy setting with a quiet ambiance.



On what is likely to be a cold day, all women are invited to share warm fellowship and a delightful lunch at a dining spot that has long been a favorite for the WOW group. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net, by Monday, January 8th. It will be so nice to have you join us!

OPERATION Breakthrough

Star Families

Christmas presents for an Operation Breakthrough Holiday Store are being collected as well as monetary donations for holiday meals. If you would like to volunteer to set up the holiday store on December 17, 2017 (2:30 pm), please email holiday@operationbreakthrough.org. The Operation Breakthrough Truck will be in Village parking lot on Sunday, December 10th to receive Star Family donations.

Questions? Marilyn Borel rmborel@sbcglobal.net, 913-708-1917



*Starlight, star bright- the first star I see tonight;
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have the wish I wish tonight.....*



Visiting Scholar

The Visiting Scholar program began when Village Church member, Julie Lee asked: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could hear this author in person?" The context was the Friday morning *Especially for Women* class studying one of Marcus Borg's earlier books. Rev. Diane Quaintance, the teacher, responded: "Let's try to find a way to make it happen." And they did just that!

Since 2003, our Scholars have included: Marcus Borg, Bruce Feiler, Elaine Pagels, Amy-Jill Levine, Walter Brueggeman, Brian McLaren, Diana Butler Bass and John Dominic Crossan. Due to the vision of Julie Lee and other Presbyterian Women who shared her dream, the Visiting Scholar program is one of Village's proud traditions. The hospitality extended by PW is a major factor in attracting participants from throughout the greater KC metropolitan area and beyond.

If you would like to share Julie Lee's vision and help bring some of today's scholars and theologians to Village, contact Jane Abildgaard ja87869@gmail.com or Elaine Franz ebdkfranz@gmail.com.



Friday March 2 & Saturday March 3, 2018

Village on Mission

What is True: *Theology and the American Story*

Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

The 16th President and first woman to head the 180-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York City



Tickets are available online.

Go to villagepres.org/visiting-scholar to purchase your ticket or for more information.

Save the Date

The Celebration of Faithful Women

10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 24

Village on Mission

Friendship Hall

We hope you can join us for brunch and recognition
of our Honorary Life Members

More details to come in upcoming Messengers

2018 PW Women's Retreat

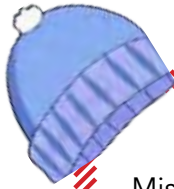
We are so excited about the 2018 PW Women's Retreat! This biennial event will take place, once again, at the beautiful Heartland Presbytery Center in Parkville, Missouri on **April 27-28, 2018**. Heartland is just an easy 30-45 minute drive away from Johnson County.

This semi-annual retreat is always such a great time to be with the wonderful women of Village Church in a beautiful, natural setting. The meals provided are delicious. There are great walking trails and other outdoor activities available. Don't miss this chance to be "around the campfire" with such a great group! The overnight facilities offer motel-like rooms with bathrooms. Some women choose to attend as a "commuter" ...just driving up for the Saturday program and meals.



Our retreat leader will be Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers. Melissa Anne is Pastor of Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, MI and also a dear friend of our own Jenny McDevitt. Jenny has described her as "the person who taught her much of what she knows"! We know that this weekend will be a fabulous and inspirational experience. We hope that you'll join us!





Mission Sewing

Mission sewing wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes and prayers for a wonderful New Year! We will take some time off the month of December but will be ready to start a New Year the 9th of January. If you are a knitter, and have time on your hands during this time, we will be happy to take any of your items. We have open sewing machines in the afternoons, so if you would be interested in joining us please drop by any Tuesday, 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. or call Edie Hultman @ 913-432-3515 for more information.



Circle 2

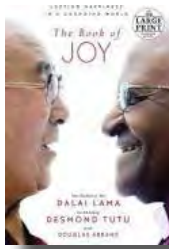
Meets: 9:30 a.m. Rooms 126-127

Leader: Becky Anderson (913-579-2042) becky.anderson418@gmail.com

A mix of both old and new friends – women from ages 50-90; an upbeat group with a sense of humor, strong desire for Bible study and lively discussions.

Page Turners

After having no meeting in December, Page Turners will start the new year on January 23 with a discussion of THE BOOK OF JOY, about and by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Two great spiritual masters share their wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity.



The book for our February 27 discussion is THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF LOVE, by Elizabeth Church. This story features the "traditional" marriage between a physicist husband and his wife who had earned advanced degrees in ornithology before their marriage. Later, the wife, realizing what sacrifices she has made, revives her previous life, but at what expense?

Page Turners meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in room 127. As always, all are welcome to enjoy the discussion. Contact Rosella Hogle at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at judylocket5@gmail.com for more information.



PW Alive Now

Alive Now is a Bible Study for women who are early risers. We meet each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the Heritage Dining Room. In addition to studying a passage of scripture, we are a support group for one another and often spend as much time sharing and caring for each other's needs. For more information, please contact Judy Cooper at judycooperjc@gmail.com.

Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Classes

Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the youth loft (3rd fl) of Village on Mission.



A regular yoga practice keeps your body young and pain free. Taught by Katie Hurcomb, a registered yoga instructor with 20 years of teaching experience to populations that are 50+. Katie knows first hand the power yoga has to heal injury and maintain a pain free life. She shares her love of yoga with her students as she guides them through poses that are doable and easily modified to fit each individual in class.

Come try the first class for free!
8 classes for \$96

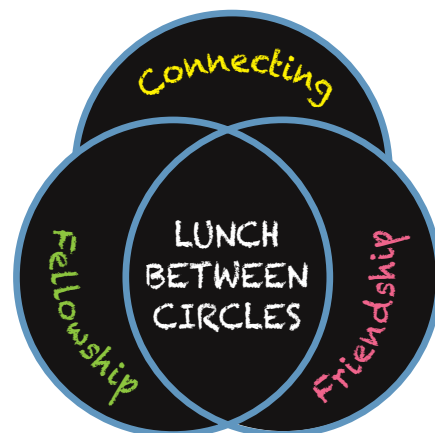
Call with questions or concerns. Katie Hurcomb
913-244-5623, or hurkate@gmail.com.



Lunch Between Circles

Our next Lunch Between Circles will be on January 9, 2018. Come from 11:30 - 12:30 to enjoy a delicious lunch and great fellowship for only \$6.00. Make your reservation at December circle meetings, or notify your circle leader by January 1. You can also make a reservation before January 1 by contacting Leslie Conrad at 913-341-2734 or conradleslie@aol.com.

Hope to see you there!



Amazing Graces Book Club

If you like to read and enjoy good conversation, you will fit right in to this interesting group! The AG Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month in homes at 6 p.m. For meeting locations, reading lists and general information, email Sara Wallace at swallace01@gmail.com.



Amazing Graces Dinner Groups

The AG dinner groups were created so women could gather in smaller groups and enjoy one another. There are several Amazing Graces dinner groups for you to choose from. Each group chooses their own dates and times to meet for dinner, dependent on the needs of their group, always at a different restaurant. We welcome new members. For more information, call Deb Spaulding, 913-219-5503 or deborah.spaulding@hok.com.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OB Truck Star Family Pick-Up - Dec. 10

Circle Day - Dec. 12

WOW Lunch - Jan. 10

WWS Book Brunch - Jan. 19

Page Turners - Jan. 23

Page Turners - Feb. 27

PW Visiting Scholar - March 2-3

Celebration of Faithful Women - March 24

PW Spring Retreat - April 27-28



Box Tops, Coupons and More

Proceeds from the collection of these coupons benefit the children of Menaul School.

History of Menaul School: In 1896, Rev. James A. Menaul, a Presbyterian minister, sought and received Presbyterian mission funding for a boarding school that would serve Spanish-speaking boys in New Mexico, primarily from the northern portion of the state. In 1882, the site that is now the Menaul School campus was purchased through the efforts of local Presbyterians. Menaul School is proud of its tradition of educating students in New Mexico. In 1932, the school became co-educational. Today, Menaul accepts students from all cultural, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds. Fifty percent of the students receive financial assistance, and more than 60% are self-identified as individuals of racial or ethnic minorities.

The children at Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, thank you for your support.

Note: Please be sure that the box tops and labels you save have not expired.



WOW Welcomes Will



More WOW Welcomes Will

