



2019 Village Church Advent Season Activities and Mission Collections

Advent: A Holy Invitation - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Village on Mission

All women are invited to an inspiring, intergenerational evening as we begin the Advent season. Our guest speaker is Rev. Sarah Are. We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres in Friendship Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. We will move to the Sanctuary for the program portion of the evening. The event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Village Church. Reservations are now open. Cost is \$18 a person. For child care reservations, email pam.southerland@villagepres.org by Nov. 26.

Advent Family Workshop - 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 – Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

Don't miss our traditional family activity to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Make your own 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 community.

Te Deum Chamber Choir Presents "Peace & Joy" - 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 – Village on Mission Sanctuary

This Christmas concert will focus on two of the season's most important themes, music of peace and joy, but we will also give special attention to local Kansas City composers. The concert features world premieres by composers Ed Frazier Davis and Geoff Wilcken. And we will perform one of the most virtuosic and grand choral pieces ever composed, Schoenberg's Friede Auf Erden (Peace on Earth). Tickets are \$15 per person available at www.te-deum.org.

Christmas Night Out with Puppet Show - 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 – Village on Mission Child Care

Send your kids to this fun-filled night while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-8 will enjoy crafts, activities, a fun snack and the puppet show. Cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 15.

Paul Mesner Puppets and "The Cat Came Back" - 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 – Village on Mission Sanctuary

Based on the folk song (made popular by Fred Penner), this performance tells the tale of Mister Johnson and a mysterious cat who keeps returning to his doorstep. Mister Johnson tries everything he can to get the cat to go away, from giving her to a pilot to sending her into outer space. The cat, however, keeps coming back! Admission is free. Open to the community.

Christmas Dinner - 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

Come celebrate the holidays with friends at the Wednesday Family Dinner Christmas meal. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and the hot food line opens at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 a person. Kids age 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon Monday, Dec. 9, to 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

VCCFDC Cookies with Santa – 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 - Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center will host "Cookies with Santa." Contact Linda Harmon at 913-671-2310 or linda.harmon@villagepres.org to make a reservation. Donations are welcome to feed Santa's reindeer!

Village on Antioch Children's Christmas Pageant – Following 9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday, Dec. 15

Enjoy our annual Children's Christmas pageant in the Village on Antioch Sanctuary.

19th Annual Tidings of Joy Concert – 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 - Village on Mission Sanctuary

Featuring some of the greatest music of the season performed by the Tidings of Joy choruses, orchestra and soloists. Child care will be provided with a reservation by Dec. 8. This FREE concert will have a free-will offering for Grace United Community Ministries serving educational needs of children from multicultural families in Northeast Kansas City.

The Snow Globes with Barnaby Bright – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 - Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

The Kansas City-based trio The Snow Globes (Lindsey Jones, Barclay Martin and Rick Willoughby) offer a new twist on traditional carols and classic songs of the Christmas season. Join us for a night of good holiday cheer and a special appearance by Barnaby Bright (Becky and Nathan Bliss)! Admission is free. More info at www.thesnowglobes.com.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials - Reserve by Dec. 6 - Celebrate the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Make your \$10 check \$10 payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by Friday, Dec. 6. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

Mission Collections

Shop for a Family for Christmas - If you wish to adopt an Operation Breakthrough family for Christmas, Village will have a bulletin board filled with family wish lists on the adoption table from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Nov. 17, in Friendship Hall. In addition, monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for holiday meals. \$30 will feed a family of three or less and \$60 a family of four or more. If you wish to buy just one or more gift(s) for the OB Holiday Store, you can pick up a shopping list at the VOM reception desks. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or Marilyn Borel at 913-708-1917 with questions.

Angel Tree at Village on Antioch (VOA) - VOA will be participating in the Angel Tree program through Prison Fellowship, www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree. This program provides us the opportunity to buy gifts for the children of prisoners in the name of their parent in prison. Children with a parent in prison grow up wondering if their mom or dad still loves them. Through Angel Tree, you can be the one to show them they do! The Angels will be available at VOA beginning Sunday, Nov. 24, in Fellowship Hall. The child's information and gift suggestions will be on the Angel. The gifts, valued at \$40-\$45, should be returned, gift wrapped, to VOA by Dec. 8. We will deliver the gifts to the children on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Decorate the Village Trees with Diapers and Hats and Mittens - From Dec. 6 to 24, come put hats and mittens on our trees and diapers (all sizes welcome including adult large and XL) under our trees to give to families served by the Village Clothes Closet/Food Pantry. You will find the trees located at the south entrance to Village on Mission and in the Welcome Center. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

Joy Offering & Christmas Project Offering (Dec. 22) - The Joy Offering provides support to current and retired church workers in need (50%) and to students attending Presbyterian- related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. It also supports leadership development efforts of the Racial Equity Office of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (50%). The Christmas Project offering helps local social service agencies who help others with holiday and emergency assistance needs (100%).

Advent Sermon Series

I Won't Be Home for Christmas Dec. 1-24

Advent is a season of waiting. The church is always in Advent, because we are always waiting on what God will do next. Although it is only this time of year that we mark that posture of expectation. Why are we always waiting? Because we aren't home yet. We, nor the world itself, are as God intends us to be. So, as a people who are always "on the way," we continue the journey toward home. This series will rehearse some of the expressions of waiting (which can be another word for hope) that is part of this long tradition.

Christmas Eve Worship Service Times

Village on Mission – All services will be in the Sanctuary.

3 & 5 p.m. Family Worship Service with The Gathering Band; 7 & 9 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship Services; 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

All Village on Mission Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed at www.villagepres.org/online

Village on Antioch – Both services will be in the Sanctuary.

4 p.m. Family Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

