



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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Celebration of Faithful Women



*Vicki Graham Margaret Dalke Jennifer Sawyer
the 2018 PW Honorary Life Member recipients*



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Message from the Moderators

Dear Friends,

It is with bountiful Easter Joy we greet the beautiful days of renewal springtime brings! New beginnings all around us include the Presbyterian women of Village on Mission and Village on Antioch!

We lifted up the beautiful words of The Servant Song in worship a few weeks ago...we hold them deeply in our hearts as we reach out in love and devotion to each other as women of faith...

Will you let me be your servant; let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Dee Gound and Samantha Sturgeon, has worked tirelessly to put together a group of women dedicated to leading us in a purposeful, thoughtful, and wise direction into the future. We appreciate their commitment to the task! The following slate of officers for the PW Board of 2018-2019 were voted on at the Celebration of Faithful Women brunch March 24, 2018. They are as follows:

Co-Moderators:	Ann Flanders & Niki Krenzel
Co-Moderators Elect:	Becky Anderson & Lexa Carr
Treasurer:	Janet Bates
Secretary:	Diann Markley
Personal Growth Coordinator:	Carrie Craig
Christian Action Coordinator:	Sandra Stephens
Circle Activities Coordinator:	Leslie Conrad
Communications:	Laura Langdon
Messenger Editor:	Julie Foster
Membership Coordinator:	Carol Solenberger
Spiritual Growth Coordinator:	TBD
Women with Spirit Representative:	Shelby Krumm
Amazing Graces Representative:	Martha Tatman
Women of Wisdom Representative:	Marvie Sneegas
Co-Nominating Coordinators:	Kim Stratton & Patty Zender
Staff Advisor:	Rodger Nishioka
PW Advisor:	Carol Are



We are excited as we look ahead to the remaining events this year...our spring retreat on April 27-28, 2018 held at the beautiful Heartland Presbyterian Camp in Parkville~ don't miss this inspirational and renewal opportunity with your friends!

Again this spring we will walk the servant path together as a board participating in the Women Build project of Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City.

There is always an opportunity to join together as women of faith in PW... please consider reaching out to join us along the path with a spirit of gentleness and humility.

With grateful hearts,
Patty Zender and Kim Stratton

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.



2018 Presbyterian Women's Retreat



The 2018 PW Spring Retreat will take place April 27-28, at Heartland Presbyterian Camp in Parkville, MO. Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and inspiration. The retreat begins Friday evening and motel-like rooms are available for overnight guests. There is also the option of attending as a commuter.

Our retreat leader will be Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, MI.

Registration will close Wednesday April 11th. Registration is now open at www.villagepres.org/pw. Registration forms are also available at both VOM and VOA. If you have any questions call Lucy Tidwell at 913-486-7129 or email her at lucytidwellco@gmail.com. Scholarships are available...for more information contact Rodger Nishioka.



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Celebration of Faithful Women

Thank you to all who made the Celebration of Faithful Women brunch on March 24, a huge success! A special thanks to the COFW Committee: Kenyon Vrooman, Rachel Ciordas, Margo Wagner, Melissa Clark, Carol Solenberger, and Sandra Stephens. A wonderful time was had by all celebrating the many accomplishments of our three lovely honorees, Margaret Dalke, Vicki Graham, and Jennifer Sawyer. Our guest Speaker, Sarah Brouwer, spoke on Open Doors, Open Futures which helped us remember how Mary paved the way for women to openly say yes to what God has called them to, even if we have doubts as to why we were called.

Thank you all for your support to make this event happen.

-Sandra Stephens and Carol Solenberger



*Celebration of Faithful Women
with Rev. Sarah Brouwer*



For Presbyterian Women







I met Lucy Tidwell and her husband Brant in 1985 when a new Sunday School class for young adult couples was being formed. At the first meeting, there were a handful of couples that had not ventured into parenthood. Brant and Lucy were very involved in that Sunday school class which is now called Growing Together.

Lucy grew up in St. Louis and was the youngest of 6 children in her family. She went to Kansas University, and that is where she met Brant. After getting married, Brant and Lucy settled in Prairie Village and Joined Village Church. She worked at Kansas City Life Insurance Company for many years, then worked with Brant at the Tidwell Co.

In 1988, Foster Tidwell was born; then Calvin was born in 1990. Life in the Tidwell house was very active with all the activities that 2 boys are involved with including sports and Boy Scouts.

In 2013, Brant passed away due to a brain tumor. It was a trying time for Lucy and her family and friends. Lucy was devastated but has a strong faith and leaned on it to get her through the tough days that followed.



As I mentioned, Lucy has been very involved at Village Church on Mission Road. She has been an Elder, the Clerk of the Session, on the PW Board, and is currently co-chairing the PW Retreat that will be held April 27-28th at the Heartland Center. Most people know Lucy through her activities and involvement at Village Church, and through the earlier years when her boys were in school.

Lucy is looking forward to going to Africa on the Village Church mission trip in May. She just started working for Care Haven Homes, and is beginning a new chapter in her life in September as Grandmother!



ATTENTION: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF VILLAGE CHURCH

The Rules and Revisions Committee has made three amendments to the Bylaws of the Presbyterian Women of Village Church. The PW Executive Board and Coordinating Team have met and approved the amendments. The PW general membership will be given the chance to vote on these amendments at the upcoming PW Retreat on April 27-28, 2018. The changes are indicated in red and italicized.

Amendment 1:

Article IV. MEMBERSHIPS

Section 2. PW RELATIONSHIPS

PW shall be a member and share in the work of Presbyterian Women of The Heartland Presbytery, Presbyterian Women of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and Church Women United of Johnson County.

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Amendment 2:

Article V. OFFICERS

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Amendment 3:

Section 2. ELECTIONS

B. All officers shall serve a term of three years with the exception of the secretary who shall be elected for a two-year term. The term of office shall begin July 1st and end June 30th.

B. All officers shall serve a term of two years with the exception of the PW Executive Board members who shall serve a three year term (1st year-Moderator-Elect, 2nd year-Moderator, 3rd year-Nominating Coordinator). The term of office shall begin July 1 and end June 30.

PW Rules and Revisions Committee Co-Chairs

Ann Flanders and Niki Krenzel

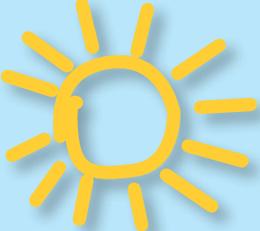
Women Of Wisdom

Women of Wisdom, (WOW), is excited to return to one of our favorite restaurants, Tatsu's, for a noon lunch on Tuesday, April 17. Tatsu's, at 4603 West 90th, is an exquisite French restaurant, known for its consistently excellent food and gracious service, in a private and peaceful dining room. We welcome all women to dine together and enjoy fun conversation and fellowship. RSVP by April 16 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. We would love to see you.



Women With Spirit

Save the Date
Friday, June 22nd

 **POOLSIDE** 
Happy Hour 

Home of Joy Beth Scammahorn-Orr

**BE COMPLETELY HUMBLE AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT;
BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE**

EPHESIANS 4:2

Operation Breakthrough Reading Program

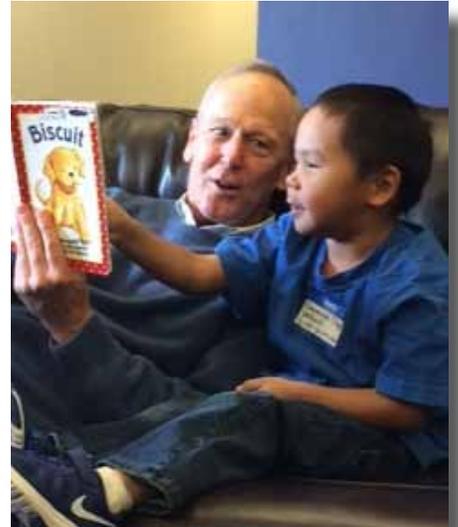
Spring Session continues 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday mornings through April 25

Our little friends from the yellow and green classes returned with a sense of confidence and a noticeable growth in their skills and maturity. There were some excited reunions as they came off the bus and found their special buddies. New friendships were also started like the little boy in the photo. This was his first day at Operation Breakthrough and he speaks a native Alaskan language. But his buddy, Rick, engaged him in a good dog book and the pictures told the story.

It was “fill a bucket day” and by the time we waved goodbye to the bus there were smiles and good feelings all around. When the children were asked how can you be a kind bucket filler, they responded with things like, “Tell my mom I love her” and “Help my friends.”

Thank you all for being part of the volunteer team!

Cindy Whitham



OPERATION Breakthrough



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Village church and PW members who greeted and hosted our guests for the 2018 Visiting Scholar event with Dr. Serene Jones. Also a big thank you to all the PW cookie bakers; the cookies were delicious and enjoyed by all!

—Visiting Scholar Committee

Page Turners

Books for discussion have been chosen by the Page Turners book club for the next several months, April through August, though the order has not been determined.

"The Curious Charm of Arthur Pepper", by Phaedra Patrick

"A Gentleman In Moscow", by Amor Towels

"Great Reckoning", by Louise Penny

"The Hamilton Affair", by Elizabeth Cobb

"Hero of the Empire", by Candice Millard

More information about each book will be provided when it is chosen for a specific month.

Our meeting in April is on the 24th (the fourth Tuesday, as always) in room 127 at 9:30 a.m.

For an interesting discussion, please join us. All are welcome

Contact Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at judyloket5@gmail.com for more information..



Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Classes

Mondays and/or Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Gentle yoga for joint health.

8 classes for \$96

New students: first class is free.

Please bring your own yoga mat.

Class location: The Youth Loft on 3rd Floor.



Class Description: Must be able to get up and down off the floor relatively easy. Knee, wrist, and hip issues welcome. This is Very gentle yoga that leans towards the therapeutic and functional side of things.

Instructor: Katie Hurcomb has been teaching therapeutic methods for the last 20 years and loves to help illuminate the pathway of awareness so her students can heal and strengthen themselves.

Please call her or text with any questions.
913-244-5623

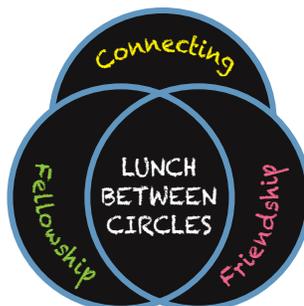


PW Alive Now

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.

Lunch between Circles

Lunch Between Circles is concluding for the year with the April lunch. Watch for its return in the fall. Contact Leslie Conrad (conradleslie@aol.com or 913.341.2734)



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.



Box Tops, Coupons and More

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

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

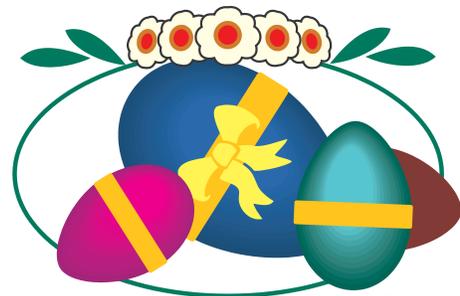
Circle Day - April 10

CT Meeting - April 17

WOW Lunch at Tatsu's - April 17

Page Turners - April 24

PW Spring Retreat - April 27-28



Happy Easter

Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing continues to provide numerous items for various local hospitals and agencies. If you would like to join in the fun, we are open every Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and go as you like. If you are there during lunch, bring your own or purchase something at the Cup. No need to be a machine sewer.

We have jobs for hand sewers and pillow stuffers. Call Edie Hultman @ 913.432.3515 for more information.

