

GOOD NEWS



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"For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." – Jesus (Matthew 25:35)

In November, a team of 13 Village Presbyterian Church members led by Rev. Hallie Hottle, Rev. Rick Behrens (pastor of Grandview Park Presbyterian in Kansas City, Kan.), and Lora Garrison traveled to Agua Prieta, Mexico for a five-day border immersion experience with Frontera de Cristo, our PC(USA) Border Ministry.

This is the second year Village has sent a delegation to see what it really looks like when a wall divides; and to form relationships with migrants, recovering drug addicts, street pastors, the abandoned and those who have abandoned others, those who teach of hope and those who feel their lives are beyond repair.

This year, Dr. John Hall, Carol Are, R.N., and Lora Garrison hosted two half-day dermatology clinics. A total of 46 patients were seen for a variety of conditions and repaid our team in stories of pain, hope and belief.

The following are pieces of reflections from those who traveled to the border. For full reflections and more reading, go to www.VillagePresYA.org/border.

Reflections from Border Team Members

Carol Are - The Bible study about the Good Samaritan and the wounded on the side of the road has stuck with me. Rev. Adams with Frontera said, "If the Good Samaritan story keeps happening, and there is yet another mistreated human being on the side of the road, you have to start asking the question... What is wrong with the road? Are we doing anything to fix the road?"



Carol Are cleaning patient's wound



Team members with Frontera de Cristo staff: Top Left: Joca Gallegos, Carol Are, Andrea Chamblin. Middle Left: Dr. John Hall, Miriam Maldonado Escobar, Lora Garrison, Jaimee Shireman, Fred Logan, Rigo Suarez, Trenton Smith, Rob Carlson, Jim Galliher, Dianne Stanley, Rosendo Sichler Rubio, Rev. Rick Behrens, Samm Skare. Bottom Left: Vicky Chaidez, Hallie Hottle, Carol Tucker, Jenna Soltys and Elvia Llinás



Dr. John Hall, Carol Are & Lora Garrison with Joca Gallegos, co-coordinator of Frontera.

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REFLECTIONS FROM BORDER TEAM MEMBERS

Rev. Rick Behrens - As we were crossing the border into Mexico, I looked to my right and saw my tax dollars blowing away in the desert wind. The recently arrived U.S. military were perched on ladders hanging concertina wire on top of our side of the wall.

On the Mexico side, we admired the art-covered side of the border wall and overindulged in coffee from Café Justo, whose mission gives a market to Chiapas coffee farmers and provides jobs in Agua Prieta. We shared a meal and heavy conversations with recent deportees at CAME Migrant Center. We worshiped, sang and danced at CREEDA Drug Rehabilitation Center and visited the DouglaPrieta Trabaja Women's Co-op where women learn skills to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Agua Prieta and Douglas are a study in contrast. On one side, the power of an empire seeks to shut out with a fortress wall, razor wire and militarization. But in its shadow on the other side, the wall becomes a canvas for beautiful art and its community unites under God by taking care of all of Christ's children.



The wall becomes art on the Mexico side of border.

responsible for the welfare of our neighbors as we are for the welfare of our own loved ones.

Dr. John Hall - I saw hope where none should ever exist. We are a part of a great faith. I take pride in VPC's ministers, in this case Rev. Hallie Hottle, and how she has brought the ministry of Frontera de Cristo to our congregation.

Fred Logan - In preparing for the trip, I found that the books I had read on immigration policy were not nearly as helpful as my re-reading of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There is a time for policy debates, but we need to confront humanity's most difficult problems from a Christian perspective.

Samm Skare - We attended an AA/NA meeting at CREEDA Drug Rehab. The meeting was in Spanish, so I understood little of what was said, but that did not matter because the collective spiritual connection we experienced was massive. The presence of God and the Holy Spirit was everywhere!

Carol Tucker - My faith in God was reignited by this trip. I had been wondering where my walk-in-step-with-God relationship had gone. Seems I found it in Mexico with a bunch of migrants heading north who – and this is important – really don't want to leave their homes, a group of us old fogies who have been fighting against inequality since the 1960s decade of activism, and the young adults who blew me away with their knowledge and faith. Before this trip, I did not know how much I was longing for connection. Rev. Tom is always speaking of "God in relationships," and I think I finally get what he means.



U.S. Military hanging razor wire on U.S. side of the wall

Rob Carlson - Faith and hope in Agua Prieta were palpable. Christ was everywhere. We prayed at the border wall beside a large crucifix, with sound and lights going by in the night, families in cars with their own stories. God let me take those images into my heart and sharpened my sense of faith with beautiful voices of hope. Flying back home, I could feel Christ holding me tight, no words, but a long embrace of love that reached miles into my heart.

Jim Galliher - Our Christian faith commands us to love our neighbors – all of God's children regardless of where or how they live. In doing so, we know that we are honoring and loving God. This is the most eye-opening commandant that our Lord places before us: You and I are as



Fred Logan leads prayer at the border wall.

REFLECTIONS FROM BORDER TEAM MEMBERS

Rev. Hallie Hottle

What is happening on our border? From what I have seen, the Holy is parading around, wearing the skin of faithful people, sharing good news in a hard place, calling us to pay attention. And at the same time, our military wearing uniforms suited for war, hanging razor wire on the opposing side of a wall painted in rainbows.



Rev. Hottle's big thumbs up to Cafe Justo

It's the juxtaposition of these realities that leave my heart and head in knots every time I visit our friends at Frontera.

Suffering and injustice are there. Life and love are there. And my nation and my God are on opposing sides of this battle.

But what I have been reminded of yet again, is that love can't be deterred by walls. That hope can't be stifled by show of force. That light shines, and can never, ever be put out.

So I'm grateful for a relationship with friends who live their every day in this conflicted space, for the witness and love of Frontera de Cristo who continually challenge me to see the Good News, and work for that. And I'm grateful for a church family who is brave enough to endure my driving into deserted places, who has eyes to see the Holy dwelling beyond our walls.

What's happening on our southernmost border? Why don't you come with us next time, and see?



Rob Carlson, Jim Galliher, Carol Tucker & Samm Skare at Cafe Justo

MISSION

Global Mission Offering Feb. 3

Every year, Village Church helps send volunteer teams to the Dominican Republic to provide surgical, medical and construction support. The proceeds from the global mission offering on Sunday, Feb. 3, support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership providing health care services to Haitian families via partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic and the youth spring break international mission project. For more information, contact Lora Garrison at 913-671-2390 or lora.garrison@villagepres.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

This year an annual meeting will take place at both the Mission campus and the Antioch campus. You are welcome to attend the meeting at either location. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2018 and plans for 2019. The Session will present the budget for 2019.

Mission Campus – The Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please advise Marsha Hansen no later than Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

Antioch Campus – The Annual Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, preceded by a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please advise the Antioch location at 913-681-8180 or email office@villageantioch.org no later than Monday, Jan. 28.

MISSION

Accepting Local Community Grant Applications

The Village Church Mission Committee is now accepting applications for local community grants in the areas of homelessness, hunger, and adult education (ages 16 and older). Grant sizes range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. More information on the grants is available on the application form on the Village website under the Mission tab. The deadline is Feb. 28. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

Food Pantry

The New Year is here, and the Village Church Food Pantry is hoping that one of your New Year's resolutions is to bring one food item to church with you each week - 52 items each year. What a blessing to the Pantry if everyone did that!

During January, the Pantry is asking for canned fruit and the Clothes Closet is asking for warm blankets, winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.

Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 3. There is a big demand for hearty soups by our clients. You have a month to hit the sales and stock up on hearty soups - warm nutritious soups for cold winter nights. Please be generous. Thank you.

Blood Drive at Village on Mission Tuesday, Jan. 22

Village Church on Mission will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit www.esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon Jan. 13 or 20. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines

On Friday, Jan. 11, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. We also need cookie donations that can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10. If you can help, contact Jim Bolton at 913-262-3823 or jcb3823@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Second Thursday Recital Jan. 10 With Guest Artists The Wires

Please join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Village Mission for Second Thursday Recital with The Wires, an original alternative classical music duo comprised of Sascha Groschang on cello and Laurel Parks on violin. Together they surpass expectations of what a string duo can be by incorporating innovative sounds and techniques into their pop song-length compositions.



Workshop on Stopping Global Warming

Village Church's Environmental Action Committee invites you to attend a presentation and workshop on the highly acclaimed "Drawdown," a bold new plan to save our environment from the rapidly increasing devastation caused by Global Warming from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 12, in Room 228 (Friendship Hall East).

"Drawdown," edited by Paul Hawkin, is the most comprehensive plan ever developed to reverse Global Warming. The workshop leaders, Emily Libla and Rev. Helen Nelson, are well-known environmentalists and social justice advocates. This program follows a similar one that was presented here at Village Church last month, attended by 135 local civic leaders concerned for our future. A U.S. Government report released last month predicted that effects from global warming will become "horrific" in as few as 25 years instead of the original estimated 100 years. The Drawdown plan says we can change this, if we all work diligently and begin now.

Drawdown emerged from researchers around the world who have identified and modeled actions to reverse global warming by 2050 using existing technologies. Participants will leave with practical, clear strategies for stopping global warming. For more information and to register, contact Jerry Rees at reesveenstra@aol.com or 913-568-4250.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women with Spirit Book Brunch

Please join us for one of our most popular events! It will take place in the Heritage Dining Room from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11. Simply wrap one of your favorite books (new or used) to swap for another's good read. In addition to the book swap, please consider bringing new or gently-used books for the sweet children at Operation Breakthrough. For additional details and to RSVP, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com.

WOW Lunch at Café Provence

Women of Wisdom (WOW) looks forward to lunch at one of our favorite restaurants, Café Provence, 3936 West 69th Terr. in Prairie Village, at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Most are familiar with this cozy, award-winning restaurant described as "where the food speaks French." RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net by Jan. 15. All women are invited to share in the warm fellowship.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Poinsettia Deliverers are Angels in Disguise

On Dec. 9, 250 poinsettias were delivered to more than 33 zip codes all through the metro area, across Missouri and Kansas. Your selfless gift of your time and help brought a bit of Christmas cheer to so many. We are truly grateful to all who helped deliver a poinsettia. Truly you are an earthly angel!

Growing Through Grief – New Series Starts Feb. 13

If you have lost a loved one, consider coming to Growing Through Grief, a five-week class where you'll know that God is with us even through our hardest moments. You'll receive your own copy of "Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart," by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. This is optional reading, yet many have found it to be extraordinarily helpful. The next series is from 4:45-6 p.m. every Wednesday, Feb. 13-March 13, in Room 124. There is no cost to attend. Registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

Wednesday Night Dinners Resume on Jan. 9 – Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and hot food bar is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Take a night off from cooking. Cost remains the same this year: \$7 for full meal and \$6 for salad bar/dessert. Remember to RSVP by noon Mondays to Liz Middleton 913-671-2359.

70s and Up Lunch at Salsa Grill

You are invited to meet at the Mexican restaurant, Salsa Grill, in Mission at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, to enjoy low-seasoned dishes with other Village Church friends. Salsa Grill is located at 6508 Martway in Mission across from Hy-Vee. Come enjoy the fellowship of friends. (each person pays for their own meal). RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359.

All-Church Winter Bowling Event

Connectional Ministries is once again sponsoring an "All-Church" Bowling Event from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89 St. (89th & State Line). We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. Indoor winter fun for all ages! Please RSVP to Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359.

Single Adult Ministry 2019 Speakers Series

Single adults age 40 and up are invited to a special five-week series of presentations suited for singles. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2019 in Room 230 to enjoy presentations geared towards single adults, while sharing refreshments and fellowship. Our speakers and topics include:

Feb. 5 – "Starting a New Hobby" presented by photographer Carol Tucker

Come and learn tips from Carol on making photography a hobby: do's, don'ts, useful resources and references; and what I would have liked to have known, before jumping into my love of photography.

Feb. 12 – "Traveling Single" presented by travel designer Lisa Ball

Lisa will offer travel suggestions for singles wishing to embark on group or solo travel. She will have destination ideas as well as travel safety tips for traveling on your own. Don't stay home! Get your bucket list ready and discover the world!

Feb. 19 – "When Grief Gets the Best of Us" presented by retired pastor Rev. Jay McKell

From the moment life begins we find ourselves letting go; friends, schools, jobs, parents, dreams, etc. It's not always easy saying goodbye for goodbyes mean loss, and loss is often accompanied by grief. We choose some of life's losses when we move, end a relationship or change jobs. But in other situations, loss and the grief that shadows it is difficult, for it is not our choice. Jay will reflect on what our faith has to say when grief gets the best of us.

Feb. 26 – "Financial Decision Making for Singles" presented by investment advisor Brad Stratton

For many individuals, the subject of financial decision-making and retirement planning can be both overwhelming and intimidating. Join us for a conversation with Brad who will share his insights, advice and best practices from over 30 years as an investment adviser in the wealth management industry. We'll discuss how to begin saving for retirement, how to make better decisions with loans and mortgages or simply want to learn more about the investment markets.

March 5 – "Real Estate for Singles in KC" presented by real estate agent Susan Younger

Have you considered the possibility of changing your residence in the next five years? This presentation might help you in making that decision. Susan will discuss various types of available housing and what you could do to get your current home ready for sale. It's never too early to begin the process.

These free events were planned by the Village Church Single Adult Leadership Team. No reservations required.

Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org if you have questions.

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Becoming a Love and Logic Parent is an approach to parenting built around the science of crafting caring and respectful relationships. An authentic, loving connection between parents and their children is the root of a healthy, thriving relationship built on trust and understanding. Sounds easy enough but never before in history have parents been faced with so many challenges! This approach provides a variety of simple and effective strategies for parenting children from birth to adulthood. Whether you're embarking for the first time with your new baby or navigating the turbulent teens with your youngest, our strategies and techniques will help you create calm and loving solutions. This common-sense approach teaches parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children by offering them choices, empathy and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings or lectures. Love and Logic parenting is easy to learn and can be put to use right away; it changes lives and raises responsible children. Taught by Jeffery Psota. 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 19, 26 and April 2, in Room 232. Cost is \$25 per person or couple plus \$10 for the workbook. You will register online at www.villagepres.org.

The Spring 2019 Village U catalog is available, and the curriculum can be found online at www.villagepres.org.

Registration opens Wednesday, Jan. 9, for church members and Monday, Jan. 14, for the community.

Upcoming Village U classes include:

Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. So, invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, call 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5, 12, 19, 26, Room 228.



Art Workshop - Did you love art classes in high school or college? Would you like to renew those skills with other creative people? Then unpack your pastels, paints or pencils and join us for an 8-week workshop. There will be no formal instruction - just encouragement, laughter and sharing of talents and techniques. Taught by Susan Webb. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 6-March 27, Room 233.

Great Books Discussion - If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Led by Jane Abildgaard. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7, Room 127.

Men's Bible Study - A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. Facilitated by Dave Greenlee. 6:30-8 a.m. Tuesdays, year-round, Room 230.

Tuesday/Thursday Exercise for Seniors - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. The 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday & Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous aerobics; and we do not include floor exercises. If you are not sure of your ability to do floor work, start in the 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday & Thursday. You will feel better and gain more energy, strength and balance if you give the classes a try. Taught by Margaret Tlapek. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Room 333. Cost: \$5 per class.

M-W-F- Exercise for Senior - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics than the Tuesday/Thursday class, and the class ends with floor exercises. Margaret Tlapek has been teaching exercise classes for 25 years. She knows you will feel better and gain more energy, strength and balance if you give the classes a try. Taught by Margaret Tlapek. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Room 333. Cost: \$5 per class.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Study - A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. Facilitated by Newton Graves. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, year-round, Rooms 132 & 133.

Path with Heart - The group will select books of interest through the semester from a wide variety of authors. Participants develop quality friendships and explore new insights. Prospective new members are welcome to try the Path. Led by Marcene Borthwick. 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays, year-round, Room 305.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Registration is not required. Please come...learn...and enjoy fellowship!

9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Faith Journey welcomes Walt Grainger in January to lead the class for five weeks in discussing "Vanishing Grace" (What ever happened to the good news?) Author Philip Yancey explores "In Vanishing Grace," the desperate need our world has for grace and how Christians can truly make the gospel good news again when research shows that favorable opinions of Christianity have plummeted drastically—and opinions of Evangelicals have taken even deeper dives. In February, we will begin a new study of "Mending the Divides: Creative Love in a Conflicted World" by Jon Huckins about the fact that conflict, hatred and injustice seem to be the norm rather than the exception in our world, our nation, our communities, our homes. The fractures and fissures run so deep that we're paralyzed by our hopelessness, writing off peace as a far-fetched option for the afterlife. We've been told that the enemy is to be destroyed. Jesus tells us to love our enemies. We've been told that the other is a threat. Jesus tells us that it's in the eyes of the other that we see God. In this study the group will examine personal values and where we can make an impact in our world. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

Foundations of Faith "Looking Toward the Heavens" - One of the most enduring quests of the human spirit is the search for a satisfying understanding of the world in which we live. From the time of ancient Babylonia and up to our own day, a vast array of cosmologies have helped people fathom the deepest mysteries that surround them. This class, led by Rev. Dwight Tawney, will explore the history of cosmology and its relevance to our lives of faith. Room 132.

Growing Together seeks to strengthen our faith each week by digging into the stories behind the Apostle Paul's letters. We seek to understand the relationship he had with the letter recipient. We seek to understand the mindset he had when he wrote the letter. And we seek to discover the story that the letter tells us about early Christianity. You are invited to drop in for a mixture of video content and group discussion as we bring alive the stories of the New Testament. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

Village Forum welcomes Dr. Leslie Smith for the four Sundays in January. Dr. Smith teaches at Avila University and is the author of: "Righteous Rhetoric: Sex, Speech, and the Politics of Concerned Women for America" (Oxford, 2014) and "Compromising Positions: American Religion and Political Sex Scandals" (Oxford, forthcoming 2019). She will be helping us understand current theory and issues regarding gender and race. Many people who see social issues like racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, etc. know that these are problems but are relatively unaware of the phenomena that drive them. This four-week presentation will introduce the class to how systemic oppression operates, why it is generally accepted within our culture (even as many of us recognize that it is unethical) and will provide a brief introduction to some of the main ideas behind gender and race theories. The goal will be to help us figure out how to ethically respond to systemic oppression.

Week 1: Habitus and Systemic Oppression

Week 2: Intro to Gender Theory

Week 3: Intro to Race Theory

Week 4: What Do I Do Now? Organizing an Ethical Response?

Village Kids Day Out Program

The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kid's Day Out (KDO) program for the 2019-2020 school year. This program is for children ages 2-3 yrs. (must be 2 yrs. old by Dec. 1). KDO is offered from 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Thursdays September-May. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where your child can grow and learn. We provide your child with many opportunities to explore and be creative while making new friends. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child's experience a positive one.

Fall enrollment for Village Church members, KDO Alumni siblings, and Village Preschool families is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 11. Enrollment for community members is from 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 25. See the website for full information. Contact Marjean in the Child Care Department at 913-671-2322 if you need more information..



Village
KIDS DAY OUT
come grow with us!

Village Church on Mission Preschool

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year begins for Village Church members and current Village on Mission Preschool families on Monday, Jan. 14. Current Kids Day Out families may enroll on Thursday, Jan. 17. Enrollment opens to the community at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Students must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1 to be eligible for our program. Enrollment forms may be found online at www.villagepres.org/preschool.

Diapers in December

Children and Family Ministry thanks all those who donated diapers last month. All diapers collected were donated to the Village Food Pantry. The First Grade Kids' Kingdom Sunday School class collected the most diapers in December and will enjoy a donut party in mid-January to celebrate.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Throughout January, children and families are encouraged to bring cans of soup to Kids' Kingdom and Preschool Sunday School. All soup donations benefit Village Food Pantry clients. This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in our community.



Dear Village Family,

It was three years ago last month when we opened the doors to this renovated Village on Mission Sanctuary for the first time. There was still plywood by the exit, as construction on the Welcome Center was still underway. The organ had yet to find her home as she was still being assembled in Tennessee.

If you were here before then, you will remember that the acoustics in this room have experienced a transformation. Much of that improvement is in this beautiful ceiling. I am told that the construction is a complicated one.

After three years, we have discovered that some of the ceiling needs some touch up repair. So, to ensure that it serves us as it is intended to, we will have some work done on the ceiling which began right after Christmas. It means on Sundays you will see the evidence of the work being done, with some scaffolding. It means that some seats on the main floor will be roped off, and at times some views from the balcony obstructed. I know some of you might have to find a different seat on a given week or two. We have alerted the Almighty through prayer and God has promised to find you, even if you are out of your seat.

We need to endure this temporary inconvenience to ensure that the Sanctuary serves us for generations to come. We appreciate your patience during this time of necessary improvement.

Shalom,

Tom



Winter Weather Advisory

If the weather forecast is to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission will be cancelled. Check our website for additional information/cancellations at www.villagepres.org.



GOOD NEWS



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**Consider setting up an automatic withdrawal
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Go to villagepres.org/giving

Scroll down to the Online Giving section, click the purple button "Continue to Online Giving"

If you have already set-up an account, enter your information and click sign in. You will be taken through the required information needed to set-up your automatic withdrawal.

If you are new to this page, click on – Sign Up – located in the right-hand corner.

Complete the sign in process. You will then be taken through the required information needed to set-up your automatic withdrawal.

Contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org with any questions.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION

Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

The Gathering – 5 p.m.

In Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH

Traditional - 9:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

14895 Antioch Rd.

Overland Park, KS 66221

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

www.villagepres.org

IN MEMORY

Barbara Fennel
Warren "Ed" Hall, Jr.
Gloria Hannas
Marian "Dilly" Kenney
Patrick Miller
George Morse
Janet "Jan" Seymour

DR. WARREN CARTER

ABOUT HIS PRESENTATION

Dr. Carter will draw upon his scholarship and imperial-critical approach to present three talks under the umbrella heading, Telling Tales About an Elusive God: Reading the Gospels.

Each session will focus on one of the Gospels and demonstrate how that Gospel writer told tales in an attempt to make sense of God in difficult, confusing, and challenging circumstances. Dr. Carter will help us to understand the Roman setting of the Gospels and to hear the distinctive voice of Matthew, Luke and John as they attempted to explain the mysteries of God.



SESSION SCHEDULE

7 p.m. Friday, March 1

Matthew's Gospel: God's Elusive Presence

9 a.m. Saturday, March 2

Luke's Gospel: God's Elusive Purposes; John's Gospel: God's Elusive Revelation

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Warren Carter is professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Before going to TCU, Dr. Carter taught at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City for 17 years, so he comes with a hometown connection. While at St. Paul, Dr. Carter taught several classes at Village Church and was always a popular teacher.

REGISTRATION

The Visiting Scholar Committee is delighted to present the 2019 Visiting Scholar FREE OF CHARGE due to generous donations from last year's Visiting Scholar participants and a grant from the Village Church Endowment Trust.

Although you may register for the program at the door, it will help our planning tremendously if you register before the event. You must register early if you need childcare.

When you register, we invite you to make a tax deductible donation to carry forward the generosity of others and to support future Visiting Scholar programs.

VISITING SCHOLAR

The Visiting Scholar Program is committed to bringing well known Bible Scholars and Theologians to Village Church and the community to:

- offer fresh and challenging new ideas on theology,
- deepen our understanding and appreciation of the wisdom of the past, and
- stimulate our hunger to know more fully the God we worship and rely upon.



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