In the Middle Ages, most persons were illiterate. Imagine the wonder and awe they felt when they first saw a Bible of not just words but illustrations. These images conveyed the biblical story in a way that both thrilled and inspired. This month, Village Church members may be thrilled and inspired through the wonder of the Saint John's Bible. The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press in 1440 CE. It was proudly commissioned by and created at the Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral here in Kansas City obtained one of the 299 limited sets of full-size fine art reproductions of the original Bible. From 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday March 4, 11, 18, and 25, the very Rev. Peter DeVeau, retired Dean emeritus of the cathedral, will lead classes exploring each of the seven volumes of the Saint John's Bible. From 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 14, the entire Bible will be available for viewing in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Docents from the cathedral will be available to help show and interpret the Bible.

The Bible took 13 years to produce. It has over 160 illuminations. Smithsonian Magazine commented that the Saint John's Bible is “one of the extraordinary undertakings of our time.” When asked why they were commissioning a hand illuminated Bible, Saint John's Abbey and University said they sought to “ignite the spiritual imagination of believers throughout the world by commissioning a work of art that illuminates the Word of God for a new millennium.”

Come discover a new way of seeing the Bible!

“...the art, plentiful and beautiful, is not there as decoration or even as illustration: it is there to illuminate, to light up Holy Scripture from within. It is sacred art, focused intently on Sacred Revelation.”

—Sister Wendy Beckett, Contemplative nun, author, art commentator

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SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE CONTINUED

Contact Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka for more information at rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org. You may register for the Wednesday night Village U classes online at www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

MORE UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES

Income Disparity – 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 16, Room 232. It is bad. It is growing. And it is global. Simply put, the upper 10% of Americans are getting richer while the lower 50% are struggling. Lower taxes help the rich while inflating health care, education, and child care costs leave the lower half with less hope of breaking out from their financial woes. How did we get here? How do we fix it? Facilitated by Charles “Chick” Keller.

The Harlem Renaissance – 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Rooms 132 &133. The booming, experimental period in American history known as the Harlem Renaissance exposed the world to the arts, culture and intellect of African Americans. But it was also a time of struggle when white society failed to respond to issues of civil rights and social equality. Could art produced by African Americans, primarily for African Americans, succeed where politics, religion and the courts failed? Using jazz, blues, spirituals and poetry, this presentation spans the 1920s and explores the contributions of Kansas artists who answered the call to this unmistakable moment. Facilitated by Lem Sheppard, a musician and historian based in Pittsburg.

The Suffering of God – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 15, 22, 29, Room 126. The God of the Old Testament has been commonly understood by many in the church and outside the church as a God of judgment and wrath. This God is hard to reconcile with the loving and compassionate God incarnated in Jesus Christ. With reliance on Old Testament scholar Terence Fretheim's "The Suffering of God," and Hebrew scripture scholar Abraham Heschel's classic work on "The Prophets," we will attempt to broaden our understanding of the kind of God portrayed in the Old Testament – the God who suffers. Facilitated by Rev. Becky Chamberlain.

1&2 Corinthians – Letters to a Real Church – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Rooms 132 & 133. Made rich through trade, Corinth was a stratified city of the very wealthy and the very poor. After establishing a Christian community there, the Apostle Paul wrote at least three letters to the believers. We only have manuscripts for two of them. What Paul's letters reveal is a community struggling with such challenges as idolatry amid many different religions, sexual fidelity and immorality, unity and divisions in the church, collecting funds for the ministry, and how to love one another. We will read 1&2 Corinthians, memorize some key verses, and discern how Paul's wisdom speaks to us today as we, like the Corinthian Christians, seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka.
At the Feb. 3 meeting of the Session, the elders of the church...

- Approved the recommendation of the search committee for the director of finance and administration, chaired by Stacey Janssen, calling Mr. Jim Tilden to serve in the position as senior director of business operations. This fills the position formerly held by Kathy Lueckert. For almost 40 years, Jim has practiced law. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration (accounting/finance) from Iowa State and his Juris Doctor from University of Iowa College of Law. Jim and his wife, Becky (an elder trustee), have been members of Village Church for 35 years. After the vote, Rev. Tom Are said Jim will spend some time winding down his law practice and will officially begin his duties at Village on March 2. Bob Sperry, interim director of finance, has graciously agreed to stay on for a few months during this transition period.

- Approved a Music Ministry proposal endorsed by the Worship and Music Committee to hold one or two spring fundraising concerts to help subsidize travel expenses for instrumentalists, music interns and volunteers going with the Village Chamber Choir on tour with the Peacemakers Concert June 1-7, 2020 to Atlanta, Savannah and Charleston.

- Approved insurance documents covering the year 2020. Scott Carr noted there was an increase over last year due to security upgrades in the Village on Mission Preschool.

- Approved the sale of the house owned by the church near 67th and Mission Road (formerly occupied by the Lueckerts) closing on Feb. 20. Elder Trustee Scott Carr reported the house sold for $233,000, which was more than the listing price. He gratefully acknowledged Susan Creidenberg, who handled the sale for the church pro-bono.

The Session heard reports about...

- The Endowment Trust from Andrew Nazar, chair of the Endowment Trust Committee. Andrew reported Trust assets totaled $24,126,845.37 as of Dec. 31, 2019. That’s up from about $20.7 million in 2018 (a 14% gain). In 2020, the Endowment Trust grant distribution amount will total $1,058,469, which comprises roughly $900,000 to the general fund for the church and $157,000 for the 10 legacy funds.

- Connectional Ministries Super Bowl Watch Party Potluck on Feb. 2 attended by 60 exuberant Village Church Chiefs fans who watched our KC Chiefs become champions of Super Bowl LIV. Go Chiefs!

The Session closed the meeting with prayer including all persons on the prayer list. The next meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on March 3, 2020 in Rooms 132-133.

What is the Session? The Session is the governing board of the congregation. The 29 elders, elected by the congregation serve for a three-year term. Currently the Session is comprised of 17 women and 12 men. Two of the elders are young people. The Session meets monthly except for July. The Rev. Tom Are, Jr. is moderator of the Session. Pastors and ministry directors also attend the meetings.

Welcome New Members

We joyfully welcomed 16 new members at our Village on Mission campus on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Fred Bartlett  Pat & Sherre Lane
Dave & Dee Dillon  Derek & Chelsea Long
Craig & Mary Ann Gibson  Dave & Lori McCune
Beau & Laura Jackson  Judy Patrick
Rachel & Tim Krigbaum
LENTEN SERMON SERIES

What Freedom Looks Like

Freedom is important and something that we should not take for granted. But what does it mean to be free? There is certainly a political way to answer that question. There is also an economic way to express freedom. But human freedom is first a spiritual category. How does Christianity understand what it means for a person to be free? What would it take for us to live toward freedom in our day?

March 8    The Devil Loves Binary
March 15   Rich in All the Wrong Markets
March 22   You Shall Know the Truth, and the Truth…
March 29   Lessons Learned From A Servant
April 5 Palm Sunday   It’s My Job
April 12 Easter Sunday   This is Just the Beginning

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 5 – Children’s Palm Parade at the 9:30 a.m. service (both campuses)

Maundy Thursday, April 9 – 6 p.m. in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. We’ll worship around the table like our early disciples; 7 p.m. traditional service in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 10 – 7 p.m. at Village on Mission & Village on Antioch

Easter Sunday, April 12 – Village on Mission: Traditional worship services at 8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be an additional 9:30 a.m. service in Friendship Hall with Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching. The Gathering (alternative worship) is at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

Village on Antioch – traditional worship at 9 & 11 a.m., with an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

Shuttle Bus Service – Village Church on Mission will provide free shuttle bus service from 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Easter morning. Buses will pick up at the Blue Moose parking lot at the Shops of Prairie Village and drop off at the west entrance of the church.

There is no Children’s Sunday School at Village on Mission Easter morning. Child care will be available for infants up to 3 years old for all Holy Week services.
Food Pantry
During the month of March, the Food Pantry is asking for all varieties of pasta, dry beans and rice. There are a lot of varieties of these items from which to choose; your choices will please the clients. Hamburger Helper type dinners are also requested. The Clothes Closet is concentrating on adding to their kitchen shelves—pots and pans, kitchen utensils, dishes, etc. Thank you.

Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines
On Friday, March 13, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. 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, March 12. If you can help, sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2.

Tidings of Joy Check Presentation
Village Church on Mission Music Director Will Breytspraak presented a check for $3,782 to Jesse Barnes, executive director of Grace United Community Ministries, from the retiring offering at the Tidings of Joy concerts on Dec. 15. Since 2004, Grace United has focused on educational and food and clothing support and this year they have launched a new pre-kindergarten program to better equip children in their community with critical foundations for learning.

Wednesday Family Dinners
Dine before or after your class. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. These dinners offer an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a well-balanced, convenient meal. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is $7. Salad bar & dessert is $6. Children under 10 eat free. Youth ages 11-18 is $5. Contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon Mondays or RSVP online at www.villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners.

Standing Reservations, for more than one date, only available on a pre-pay basis. Contact Liz Middleton liz.middleton@villagepres.org if you are interested in paying for a month, several dates, or the rest of the meals through May 13, 2020. (No dinner March 18 due to Spring Break)

Menus:
- March 11—corned beef & cabbage, buttered new potatoes, baby carrots, macaroni/cheese
- March 18—NO DINNER—SPRING BREAK
- March 25—New England Clam Chowder, vegetarian soup, grilled cheese sandwiches
- April 1—sloppy joes, crinkle fries, baked beans, vegetarian entree
* special kids’ activity planned

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Something New is Cooking with Chef Emily Berns

Emily Berns has served as head chef at Village Church for the past 11 1/2 years. During that time, she’s planned, purchased, prepared and served countless meals at Village Church on Mission. She has also overseen the management of the Village Cup Coffee Shop. “I believe that hospitality is a ministry, and making a person feel welcome, comfortable and included at Village Church can be facilitated by providing food and drink,” shared Emily.

Emily’s last day at Village on Mission was on Valentine’s Day. She has accepted a new position at Research Medical Center. “I’ll be supervising the crew that takes the patient food orders, making sure that the patients are following their diet orders. It’s a 600-bed hospital. They prepare about 300 meals per meal period.”

A year and a half ago, Emily received her dietary manager certification. “That’s how food affects your health and if you have a certain medical condition, what diet you should be on and how to more scientifically handle food allergies and different kinds of modified diets for people who have problems eating or chewing. It was my hope to get into the health care field or retirement community field.”

Emily has her B.A. degree in music from Saint Mary College in Leavenworth. She received her A.A.S. in culinary arts from Johnson County Community College while she was completing a three-year culinary apprenticeship at the Mission Hills Country Club.

Her Path to Village Church

“I was at Mission Hills Country Club three years as a sous chef and then they decided to have a major renovation at the club. My husband, Ed Hoyt, and I thought that would be a great time to start a family. After having my two sons, Nicholas and Alister, I cooked Wednesday night dinners at Valley View United Methodist Church for six to eight years. I cooked for their men’s breakfast for eight to 10 years. And then I came to Village Church.”

After announcing she was leaving Village Church at the Jan. 28 Congregational Meeting, Rev. Tom Are told the congregation that the main reason the men come to his Tuesday morning Bible study is for Emily’s great breakfast. Emily blushed and said, “He’s kidding, of course.”

Her Family Background

Emily grew up in the country north of Topeka, Kansas. She met her husband while attending Saint Mary College. “My husband and I have been married 21 years. Our son, Nicholas, is a freshman at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania studying civil engineering. Our youngest son, Alister, is a junior at Shawnee Mission West. He wants to be a veterinarian. I’m very proud of my family.”

Can her kids cook? “They have abilities in the kitchen. They can make anything out of eggs. I don’t let them cook as often as they probably should because I cook for therapy. I like to come home and cook a nice dinner for my family. I like to be in the kitchen by myself. I look forward to that time. It makes me feel good.”

An Environmentally Conscious Chef

“I consider every action and every purchase that I make with regards to its effect on the environment. I believe that if everybody took responsibility for what they’re purchasing, what they’re using, we can make a real difference. I’m always investigating how we can reuse some packaging, still in accordance with sanitation guidelines and food safety, using chemicals that aren’t as harsh on the environment or break down more quickly in the environment. I take aluminum foil home in big bags and recycle it because we can’t recycle it here. I take a lot of packaging down to the preschool for them to use for storage or crafts. Sometimes I think people prioritize convenience over wiser choices.”
Chef Emily's Pecan Shortbread Cookies

Yield about 2 ½ dozen cookies
¾ cup pecans, coarsely chopped
1 ¼ sticks butter, room temperature
½ cup confectioners’ sugar
½ vanilla bean, split lengthwise and seeds scraped
½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
½ teaspoon kosher salt
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
3 Tablespoons turbinado sugar (Sugar in the Raw)
1 each egg yolk, lightly beaten

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread the chopped pecans on a baking sheet and toast for about 5 minutes, until lightly browned and fragrant. Let cool.

Using a standing mixer and paddle attachment, beat the butter with the confectioners’ sugar, vanilla bean and seeds, vanilla extract and salt at medium speed until fluffy. Add the flour in 3 batches, beating at low speed until just incorporated. Remove the vanilla bean and discard (or use it to make vanilla sugar!) Stir in the pecans.

Transfer the dough to a work surface and roll into a 1½-inch thick log. Wrap the log in plastic or parchment paper and refrigerate for about 1 hour, until chilled.

Line 2 large cookie sheets with parchment paper. Spread the turbinado sugar on a platter. Brush the log with the egg yolk and roll it in the sugar. Slice the log into ½-inch thick rounds. Transfer the rounds to the prepared baking sheets, spacing them about 1” apart.

Bake for about 20 minutes, until the edges are golden; rotate the baking sheets halfway through baking. Transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

Dear Village Family,

I wanted to write a note of thanksgiving and explanation as I begin this new adventure back to school, both to assure you I haven't lost my mind, and to invite you along with me.

It was four years ago that you called me to do ministry with our 20's and 30's. You'd seen the Pew Research Center's reports, read the articles about "spiritual but not religious" millennials, even lived the struggle of your own kids and grandkids not being interested in church. And so, you decided to create this position for a pastor to tend solely to our young adults.

For four years I've experimented, created, and learned from young adults who have bucked their generational norms and entered into community with us. We've discovered some beautiful things together, grown important relationships, and even learned to podcast. The Spirit has been busy here.

But in this past year as stable leadership and growth allowed me to exhale, I stopped sleeping.

If not my love of coffee, sleeplessness is usually telling me the Spirit is up to something. And so, in discernment that must be Holy because I wouldn't have chosen it myself, I began applying to Doctor of Ministry programs. Academia has never been my happy place, but I found myself energized by the idea of being able to study what I've been learning here, more intentionally, and with a community of curious-others surrounding me.

There are few pastors in our nation who are supported full-time to minister with young adults. There are very, very few Presbyterian pastors who get to do this work. And so, over these next 5 years I'll be spending time (about 3 weeks/year) at San Francisco Theological Seminary to study more deeply the learning I've gained in your midst, and eventually, hopefully, share this learning with the broader church.

A D.Min. (sounds like “demon”…not by accident) is a unique degree because it requires students to be engaged in full-time ministry. It will require me to ask you for help along the way with my research, and for forgiveness when it appears I've been up all night reading.

So, church family, I'm grateful for your support as I begin this new thing, and preemptively grateful for your participation along the way. May we keep encouraging one another to respond to the Spirit’s stirring.

In love,
Rev. Hallie Hottle

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Light Eternal Concert Dedicated to Mark Ball
3 p.m. Sunday, March 29

This year Village Church and the music community celebrate the lasting gifts of the late Mark Ball, director of music from 2001-2016. Light Eternal, our spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary, is dedicated to Mark. It will feature singers from Village Presbyterian and Southminster Presbyterian, as well as other singers and instrumentalists from around Kansas City and beyond. Coming back to her home church to sing the soprano solos in James Bingham’s "Requiem" will be Dr. Gwen Coleman, who is a voice professor at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory and daughter of Village members Bob and Sandy Coleman. Singing the bass solos on Bingham's "Requiem" will be William Jewell College professor and Village favorite, Dr. Ron Witzke.

The concert will begin with "E Chorus" by the brilliant American composer, Philip Glass. It is inspired by thoughts of compassion and meant to evoke feelings of serenity and peace. The concert will continue with James Bingham’s "Requiem." The piece is an expression of the composer’s faith in eternal life—a faith which persevered through tremendously painful losses.

An offering will be taken for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. The gift will be given in memory of Mark Ball.
Celebration of Faithful Women

The inspiring Celebration of Faithful Women is at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at Village on Mission. All Presbyterian Women will be celebrated at this special luncheon, and we will recognize the individual contributions of four incredible Village Church members: Dee Couch, Patty Grossman, Michelle O’Neal and Kelly Thomason. Village’s Rev. Sally Wright speak on “Divine Scheduling.” Register online at www.villagepres.org/pw. The last day for registration in Friendship Hall is March 8, but online reservations will be open until March 13.

2020 Honorary Members Being Recognized

Dee Couch has dedicated a large amount of her time and talents to Presbyterian Women at Village Church for many years. Dee serves most Sundays as an usher and also coordinates the communion servers. She is the education team lead for the Computer Ministry, chairs the Connectional Ministries Committee and serves on the Village Emergency Response Team. She also co-leads a Village Connect small group. Dee has also served as deacon and elder.

Patty Grossman’s involvement at Village Church is deep and wide. She became the director of Village Church on Mission Preschool in 1998 when her family returned to Kansas City from Omaha, Nebraska, and she served in that role for 12 years. Patty has been a Village Church choir member, a communion server, Village Connect small group leader, a Stephen minister, a member of the DRMP board and chairman of the Pastoral Care and Counseling Committee. Patty is ordained as a deacon and elder. Within PW, she has served on numerous committees. Patty was PW Board spiritual growth coordinator and co-moderator. She is a Circle 2 member and participates in Amazing Graces.

Michelle O’Neal found Village Church in 2004 as a mother of three babies needing child care, and she has shared her time and talents with Village ever since. She has served as Vacation Bible School director and co-director, and she recently served on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee commissioned to hire our new children & family ministry director and two pastoral care pastors. Michelle is currently a Sunday school teacher, a Stephen minister and a member of The Gathering Committee. In addition, Michelle has served on the 2016-17 Strategic Planning Committee, is on The Feast leadership team and is the PW Circle 4 leader.

Kelly Thomason attends Village on Antioch and has a long history of involvement with the Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women. She has served as an elder, Sunday school teacher of multiple ages, mission trip youth sponsor, VBS team leader, VOA coordinating council, VOA Hospitality Committee member, PW Circle treasurer, PW Spring Luncheon Committee member and VOA Sound Board member. As if that weren’t enough, she has also served as an office worker, bulletin printer, painter of Sunday school rooms and even bathroom tiler. These honorees can do it all!
Paint with Amazing Graces

Save the Date for the Amazing Graces spring gathering! Jan Fellers will host a “Painting Party” at her art studio at 4000 W. 87th St. in Prairie Village. As Jan leads us, we will create an acrylic painting on canvas which will be exhibited at Village Church on Mission.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, for hors d’oeuvres, beverages and friendly conversation. Reservations ($10) will be sold between services. Look for more information in the church bulletin and the March Messenger. For questions, contact Martha Tatman at matatman@hotmail.com.

WOW to Lunch at Redrock Canyon Grill

Excellent food, friendly, efficient service, cozy upscale atmosphere and reasonable prices - that’s what Women of Wisdom (WOW) will experience at our lunch at noon on Tuesday, March 31, at Redrock Canyon Grill. Redrock is located at the corner of 135th St. and Metcalf in Corbin Park (13505 Metcalf). We’ll dine in a semi-private area. All women are welcome to join us for good food, conversation and fellowship. RSVP by March 30 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

Register Now for Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat
April 24-25 at Heartland Retreat Center

Online reservations are now open for PW Spring Retreat at www.villagepres.org/pw This powerful event brings women of all ages together to grow spiritually, connect with new and old friends and unplug from the chaotic world we live in. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, will share her understanding of how play and connection are a vital component of our spiritual lives. In addition, small workshops will provide an opportunity to continue the discussion as we get to know each other and create meaningful relationships.

Stay overnight at Heartland Retreat Center or come as a commuter. The retreat will be from 4-10 p.m. on Friday, April 24, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. Heartland Center is located at 16965 NW 45 Hwy, in Parkville, Missouri.

Mission Sewing Makes Robes for Avenue of Life Homeless Youth

Over the past several months, Mission Sewing has created 40 robes for the young residents who will soon be living in Avenue of Life’s new Accompanied Homeless Youth House. This new program is Village Church’s 2019-2020 Signature Mission. The new youth home will provide 30 long-term beds for homeless youth ages 16 to 18 and 10 emergency beds for youth. Two professional staff are onsite 24/7 for 8-hour shifts. There are currently 59 unaccompanied homeless youth in Kansas City, Kansas but no youth shelters available in Wyandotte County. The home offers 18 bedrooms and adequate space for transformational, wraparound support. Youth can call this new facility home through high school graduation and on to career and higher education.

We anticipate youth living in the home starting this month, at which time they will receive these handcrafted robes from Mission Sewing. Thank you to all our Mission Sewing volunteers for making this possible.
Kids Summer Camps Registration

Summer Camps brochures are available in Children & Family Ministry.

Registration for all summer programming (Kids Day Out, Creations by Kids, Music & Drama camps and VBS) will be online this year. Children’s Summer Camp registration opens Monday, March 23, for church members, Village on Mission Preschool families and Kids Day Out families. Registration opens Friday, March 27, for the community.

Creations by Kids Summer Camps: Starting June 1 and running through July 2

Music & Drama Camp: 12:30-3:30 p.m. June 1-5. This year’s production is “A Technicolor Promise,” the story of Noah and the great flood—a rainbow of hope, promise and lots of animals thrown in for good measure.

Vacation Bible School - Join us at Village on Antioch or Village on Mission for Cokesbury’s 2020 VBS, “Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor!” Kids will take on the role of brave knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King’s Book. Kids take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to “armor up” and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God’s love with the world.

VBS at Village on Antioch: 1-3:30 p.m. June 22-25
Online registration is now open for church members and opens Sunday, March 8, for the community. Cost is $20 per child and includes a music CD. Cost per family is $30. Contact Clare Stern, director of children & youth at VOA, at 913-681-8180 or clare.stern@villagepres.org for more information.

VBS at Village on Mission: 9 a.m.-noon July 20-24
Please note the following change to VBS at Village on Mission: Online VBS registration for church members, current preschool and KDO families opens Monday, March 23. Friday, March 27, online registration opens for the community. Cost is $15 per child. This information is an update to the information printed in the Feb. 5, 2020 Good News. Contact Brooke Latas, director of children & family ministry, at 913-671-2355 or brooke.latas@villagepres.org for more information.

Get more details at www.villagepres.org/summercamps.

Pastoral Care Loves Our Volunteers!

We are so grateful for the 275 Village members who volunteer for pastoral care A huge thank-you to Telecare callers, Flower Ministry, Helping Hands, Village Visitors, the Share-a-Song Choir, Memorial Ushers and Reception Hosts and Stephen Ministers. These volunteers support church members in times of need by calling them, visiting, delivering flowers, helping during a memorial service, and more. We celebrated our volunteers on Sunday, Feb. 2, but we celebrate them every day. Thank you!

Easter Lilies Need Legs!

Make plans now to help deliver one of more than 250 Easter lilies over Easter weekend, April 11 & 12. We can use your help to take lilies to members all over the metro area—choose a location that is convenient for you. Come to the Welcome Center Saturday morning, April 11, for early pick-up or between any of the Easter Sunday services to pick up an Easter lily and instructions.

Growing Through Grief Starts April 22

Growing Through Grief is a five-week class where those who have lost a loved one know that God is with us even through our hardest moments. The next series is from 5:30–6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, April 22-May 20, in Room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required-contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

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FAREWELL FROM MOLLY SIRRIDGE

Dear friends,

I am going to miss you! These last 8½ years have been the best working years in my life – I’m not kidding. Many of you joined with me in our efforts of stewardship, Endowment Trust and the Now & Tomorrow capital campaign for Village Church. I had the privilege of getting to know and learn from you. You brought such love, generosity, wisdom, fun and hard work to whatever goal we were working towards. It was truly a wonderful time in my life. I wish each of you much love and joy in your future endeavors.

You are in my heart,
Molly

P.S. If you have any questions regarding your gifts to Village Church, please call Bob Sperry at 913-262-4200.