Next Steps in the Transformation of Village on Antioch

We’ve been celebrating many firsts at Village Church on Antioch. Our first worship service on Feb. 5, 2017. Welcoming our first new members to join Village Church at our Village on Antioch campus on Easter morning. And most recently, our first Village on Antioch Food Truck Community Festival on April 30.

More than 250 people came out in the rain to enjoy food from trucks parked along the circle drive. Folks of all ages came inside to enjoy music by Victor & Penny. Kids lined up in Fellowship Hall for balloon creations and some pretty elaborate face painting. Many who came had never been inside the church before. Volunteers gave tours of the church.

Village Church staff photographer Lori Locke noted, “Every time I come to take pictures at Village on Antioch, everyone is always smiling.”

There is an air of excitement and enthusiasm that’s contagious.

Clem Bartnett and his wife Pat were among the seven who joined Village Church at Village on Antioch April 16. “We’d been searching for a new church home for about a year or better,” said Clem. “My daughter had just moved down to Wyngate, just south of Village on Antioch. We were driving by there one day and said, ‘That’s where our daughter Deborah got married 25 years ago.’ So we said, ‘We ought to go take a look at that.’ The first time we visited we felt comfortable. We found everybody friendly. We’re old Presbyterians.”

New member Debby Williamson said, “I’ve been attending Village Church on Mission for a couple of years. When Rev. Are stated that the Session was considering a partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Stanley, I was excited! On my way home from church that Sunday, I drove by the Stanley Church and was delighted to discover that it was a ten-minute drive from my house. Once inside, I found it to have a lovely worship space with a smaller number of congregants. So, now I attend services at Village on Antioch most of the time, but am pleased to be able to be present for special events at Village on Mission as an option.”

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 4

Both Village Church campuses will move to the summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 4. Village on Antioch Children’s Sunday School will be

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at 10 a.m. and worship will be at 11 a.m. The move to 11 a.m. is necessary because Village on Mission has no 8 a.m. service in the summer. The 8 a.m. sermon is what VOA worshipers typically watch at 9:30 a.m. During the summer, it will be the 9:30 a.m. sermon video watched at 11 a.m.

Besides changing worship times for the summer, you will soon notice signs changing at the church, clearly identifying this place as Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch.

As the school year is winding to an end, Village on Antioch is about to turn a big corner.

Next Steps for PCOS & VOA

The litigation phase is over, with the appellate court ruling in favor of Presbyterian Church of Stanley and no appeal to the court decision.

At the PCOS Session meeting on Tuesday, May 2, the Session voted to call a Congregational Meeting following 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, June 4, for the purpose of transferring the property, assets and liabilities to Village Presbyterian Church, pending the approval by Heartland Presbytery at its stated meeting on Saturday, June 10.

If PCOS votes in favor of transferring the property to Village Presbyterian Church, there must then be a called Congregational Meeting for Village Church to vote on receiving the property. That meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, after the June 4 Presbyterian Church of Stanley Congregational Meeting.

The Finishing Touch for the Village Pipe Organ Case

The Village organ medallion is now in place and our new pipe organ case is complete. Principal Organist Dr. Elisa Bickers shared, “Richards, Fowkes & Co. has a woodcarver in their shop named Trent Buhr. He is an artist of the greatest skill. We asked him to carve a descending dove with a nimbus around its head. A nimbus is often seen in paintings of Mary - a circular halo. It is a symbol of holiness. The dove is associated with several Biblical stories, including baptism and Pentecost. The carved medallion arrived at Village Church in late March. Then the builders began their delicate gilding process in the Sacristy Room. The medallion was installed Maundy Thursday. If you stand in the back, in the center aisle, you can see the cross with the dove aligned right above it.”

“As for the organ voicing process, 73% of the 3,800 organ pipes are now voiced. The goal is for voicing to be completed in June.”
Meet our 15 new members who joined Village Church at our Village on Mission campus Sunday, April 2:

**Mary Lynn Cate** and **Jim Wood** live in Leawood. Mary Lynn enjoys travel, reading, museums, gardening and movies. Jim enjoys fishing, model trains, reading and gardening. Mary Lynn and Jim join Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Ann DeFeo** lives in Overland Park with her husband, Michael. She works part time for the school district as a special education coordinator. Ann joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Sarah and Seth Gilman** live in Prairie Village with their son, Hudson. Sarah is a stay at home mom and Seth is in medical sales. Sarah joins Village by Letter of Transfer and Seth joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.

**Gloria Hannas** lives in Overland Park and enjoys bible study, cooking, reading, book groups, classical music and theatre. Gloria joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Lora Jennings** lives in Prairie Village and is engaged to be married. She is an attorney and enjoys golf. Lora joins Village by Confession of Faith.

**Brian and Haley Killough** live in Prairie Village. Brian is a construction engineer and enjoys golf and hunting. Haley is a dental hygienist and enjoys animals, cooking, exercise and sewing. Brian and Haley join Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Amy and Bryan Paris** live in Leawood. Amy is a homemaker and enjoys bike riding, running, and reading. Bryan is a chief financial officer and enjoys tennis, golf and hiking. Amy and Bryan join Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Ali Kimura and Tanner Poppe** live in Overland Park and are engaged to be married. Ali is a registered nurse and Tanner is a medical assistant. Ali joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith and Tanner joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Kelsey Potts** lives in Kansas City, Mo. with her husband, Whitaker (member). She is a medical sales rep for radiology. Kelsey enjoys cooking, friends, fitness, the outdoors, flowers and event planning. Kelsey joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Amy and Justin Zarecor** live in Kansas City, Mo. Amy is a stay at home mom to their two boys, Jackson and Lincoln. Her hobbies include Zumba, golf and going to restaurants. Justin is in business management and enjoys basketball, home improvement and spending time with family. Amy joins Village by Reaffirmation of Faith and Justin joins Village by Baptism/Confession of Faith.

**Clem and Pat Bartnett** live in Overland Park. Both are retired and Pat enjoys knitting, walking, biking and games. Clem and Pat join Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Marty Bauer** lives in Overland Park with his wife Patti. He enjoys reading, movies, guitar and cars. Marty joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Tami and Chip Burger** live in Olathe. Both are retired and Tami enjoys sewing. Tami and Chip join Village by Letter of Transfer.

**Karma Blongewicz** lives in Overland Park. She is retired and is passionate about working at the Food Pantry, supporting friends and the needy, and has been a Husker football fan since 1987. Karma joins Village by Affiliate Membership.

Meet our seven new members who joined Village Presbyterian at our Village Church at the Antioch satellite campus on April 16:

**Clem and Pat Bartnett** live in Overland Park. Both are retired and Pat enjoys knitting, walking, biking and games. Clem and Pat join Village by Letter of Transfer.

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WELCOME NEW VILLAGE CHURCH MEMBERS

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Meet our Confirmation Class of 2017

On Monday night, May 1, the Village on Mission Session officially welcomed the Confirmation Class of 2017. Our confirmands pictured above are Emma Barickman, Kyle Battey, Sean Battey, Benjamin Blickhan, Charlie Brouillette, Grant Colvin, Sean Cunningham, Olivia DeSantis, Lauren Dornbusch, Nicholas Edge, Elizabeth Fredrick, Benjamin Groebe, Caleb Groebe, Ridgely Jones, George Luetje, Paige Lynch, Caroline McCAfreen, James McElhinney, Susan Murray, Michael (Graham) Nunnelee, Wyatt Pearlman, Thomas Pollock, Carolyn Popper, Sam Rydberg-Cox, Abigail Schipfer, Margaret Schutt, Christopher Short, Kathleen Stanley, Parker Stepp, James Stowers, IV, Skyler Thao, Sophia Thuenemann, Max Tucker, Samuel Vaughan and Margaret Veglahn. Seven students were baptized. August Hoffman, will join Village at a later date.

(Continued) New members who joined Village Presbyterian at our Village Church at the Antioch satellite campus:

Debby Williamson lives in Overland Park. She is a librarian and enjoys genealogy, journaling and writing. Debby joins Village by Letter of Transfer.

New members: Tami and Chip Burger, Marty Bauer, Karma Blongewicz, Debby Williamson and Clem and Pat Bartnet. (Also pictured: Julia Scammahorn, Village Session member, and Rev. Hallie Hottle.)
Let’s Celebrate Dominicana-style!

Please join the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church (DRMP) at our annual fundraiser, Celebration Dominicana, at 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the Vox Theatre. This is a festive evening of Caribbean food, drinks, music, dancing and a silent auction.

Celebration Dominicana enables us to provide health care and health education to children and adults living in the impoverished bateyes (communities of Haitian sugarcane workers and their families) in the Dominican Republic. The DRMP services include medical care, ongoing hypertension management and life-changing surgeries. Our health education programs focus on topics such as disease prevention and good nutrition.

We also have special guests coming into town from the Dominican Republic just for this event – our Dominican partners who have emerged from the poverty of the bateyes and, with the help of DRMP to receive higher education, are now leaders in their community. They are people we look up to, people we are proud to call our friends, and people devoting their lives to helping others break the cycle of poverty.

Visit www.drmp2017.eventbrite.com for tickets, sponsorship opportunities and event details.

Food Pantry

Did you know that in addition to providing food and clothing to families at the Village Food Pantry, we also deliver weekly grocery bags to about 80 seniors living in low income apartments? You can help us fill these weekly grocery bags by providing one pound packages of all kinds of rice, dried beans and pasta. Also, canned meals such as ravioli, chili or tuna can make a nice meal for one.

The Clothes Closet is in need of extra-large sized items for men. All kinds of large shirts or pants would be appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to support the Village Church food pantry and Clothes Closet!

Witness Offering June 4

Witness Offering is coming on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. This offering is divided among Village Church (40%) for programs focused on supporting youth in Village and Heartland Presbytery and General Assembly for children at risk advocacy (10%), ministries with youth (25%) and ministries with young adults (25%). Yellow envelopes for this offering are available in the hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.
Living Unafraid in a Frightening World

When Easter was over and the world got back to normal, some recognized there was a new normal now. The world today is a place of crosses. Bodies fail and hearts break, systems and structures crush the powerless. There is enough in this world to scare you to death. But Jesus is alive now—there is a new normal. Jesus is alive now, so we can live, even in this world, as a people who are living unafraid in a frightening world.

May 21 Acts 9:1-19  Being Converted to Christ Every Day
May 28 Acts 6:1-7  Now Hiring
June 4 Acts 2:1-13  Who Needs to Be There?
June 11 Acts 10  The Last Person I Thought I Would Need
June 18 Act 15  When God Shows Up At Your Meeting
June 25 Acts 20:7-12  A Lesson From Eutychus
July 2 Acts 15: 36-41  Barnabas: Son of Encouragement
July 9 Acts 26:12-18  Have I Told You This Story Before?
July 16 Acts 28:23-30  It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 4

Sunday Worship Services at Village on Mission
9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
5 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall

Sunday Worship at Village on Antioch
11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our worship service radio broadcast on 1660 AM KMBZ, the Business Channel will be a recorded broadcast of the previous Sunday’s service starting Sunday, June 11.

We will return to our regular worship schedule Sunday, Sept. 10.
Upcoming Village U Course:

I Drive Electric. You Can Too! - Al Pugsley, Village Church ruling elder and recipient of the Environmental Action Committee's Earth Steward Award, has been driving electric cars for over 10 years. You will learn about costs and saving money and better understand the differences between electric vehicles and hybrids and plug-in electric vehicles. Come learn more about how Al views electric car ownership as one faithful way to care for God’s creation. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, in Room 126.

Special Class:

Now That You Have Your Google ID, What Do You Do With It? - The Village Church Computer Ministry is hosting a series of "water cooler sessions" from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month now through September. Each of these sessions will provide both demonstration and discussion, emphasizing how the Google suite of products can be used to collaborate with others while doing God’s work in the church and the community. Topics will include easy to use email (Gmail and InBox), online calendar to organize your day or schedule time with others (Google Calendar), text editing that allows users to easily edit and collaborate with documents (Google Docs), spreadsheet editing or manipulation (Google Spreadsheets), file storage or backup on the Google Cloud (Google Drive), and note taking applications or To Do lists that can be shared with others (Google Keep). Class meets in Room 316.

Nominate Your “Green Saint"

The Environmental Action Committee of Village Church needs your help! Surrounded by the manifestations of climate change, environmental degradation, and dwindling natural resources, EAC would like to award recognition to Village members who demonstrate exceptional dedication to earth consciousness in their thinking and living. These are people who practice, model, and teach faithful and responsible stewardship of God’s Creation by adopting sustainable practices and technology in their daily life, by sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm to influence others, and by supporting environmental programs, legislation and organizations.

You probably know one of these “green saints” walking among us. Nominate one or more deserving members for EAC’s 2017 Earth Steward Award. In addition to adults, we would also like to recognize the environmental efforts of our youth, children, and entire families. We encourage nominations in these categories as well.

To nominate a green saint, contact Jerry Rees at 913-568-4240, ReesVeenstra@aol.com or Rodger Nishioka at 913-671-2323, rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org.

Village Cares for God’s Creation

"There is no second nature." So says a recent ad by The Nature Conservancy. It doesn’t take much thought or imagination to understand the point. When we see the disappearing ice caps and hear of the loss of species and habitats, some hanging on for dear life, who cannot mourn the loss? We won’t get second chances to treasure nature’s wonderful, vital gifts.
Women with Spirit Girl’s Night Out, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15

We’re going casual for the summer month of June ladies... say Cheers to a GNO! Throw on your comfy jeans or better yet, yoga pants (that’s what they’re for after all, right?) and join us in Waldo at the KC Bier Co. at 310 W. 79th Street in Kansas City, Mo. Of course you can buy food/drinks there or even bring your own bottle of wine for a $10 corking fee. So if you’re ready for a chill night out on the town, come! Sit, relax and chat it up with your fellow fab Women with Spirit!

Contact pam.southerland@villagepres.org by June 8 for child care reservations, available from 6-8:30 p.m.

WOW Lunch at Jack Stack Barbeque on Metcalf

Jack Stack Barbeque (corner of 95th and Metcalf) is the destination for Women of Wisdom’s (WOW) first lunch of the summer season. All women are warmly invited to join us there at noon Wednesday, June 21. This popular restaurant features smoked meats and chicken, grilled seafood, entrée salads and yummy sides, including their classic baked beans, coleslaw and cheesy corn bake.

We will be seated in a secluded area in this casual, friendly restaurant, and hope you’ll want to enjoy good food in the warm company and fellowship of delightful women. RSVP to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net or 913-432-4321 by Tuesday, June 20. Look forward to seeing you!

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

A Huge Thank-You to All Easter Lily Peeps!

Thank you to each and every one of 103 volunteers who brought some Easter joy to more than 256 recipients! Easter lilies went out from Village Church to 79 homes, 54 facilities and across 31 different zip codes. Behind this incredible act of thoughtful organization is Ruth Kline, volunteer extraordinaire. Thank you, Ruthie!

Families For Mental Health Meets May 18

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, you’re invited to hear Dr. Pranahitha Reddy talk about psychiatric services that are available at Johnson County Mental Health. Sharing and caring follows the presentation. Families for Mental Health meets the third Thursday of every month in Room 126.

Join Village Nurses

If you are a nurse and are interested in sharing some of your time and talents helping both members and others in our community, consider joining Village Nurses. Both the church and the food pantry could use your knowledge and caring touch. Village Nurses do many things like offer health education, nutritional advice, blood pressure checks, support and more. If you are interested, contact either Betty Crooker at 913-432-2649 or bcrooker@ecckc.com (for helping at the church) or Betty Parker at 913-362-6773 or olliebehr@gmail.com (for the Food Pantry).

We are Grateful for Our Military

If you serve in the military or have family members or friends who are currently serving, we’d be honored to add your/his/her name to our prayer list. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org with the person’s name, rank, where he/she is based and any other information you would like to share.
6th Grade Move-Up and Family Brunch

Sunday, May 21, will be our 6th graders last day with us as they are officially welcomed into Middle School Youth. To celebrate, parents and 6th graders are invited for Sunday Brunch to meet the Youth Staff and get to know what Middle School Youth is all about. Call Cheryl at 913-671-2355 to RSVP.

Traveling Day Camp

Join the fun of Traveling Day Camp July 30-Aug. 4, on the lush green lawns of Village on Antioch. Day campers will learn the “I Am” statements of Jesus and other Bible stories, play crazy games, sing silly songs and most importantly, have fun. Call Cheryl for more information at 913-671-2355.

New Little Ones

Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little ones born recently: Matilda Clare Chonko McInerney (Julie and Kieran McInerney, parents) Ellie Jo and Morgan Marie Balwanz (Josh and Joanie Balwanz, parents); Isla Annabel Pattison (Joe and Sally Pattison), Luella Jadene Lindquist (Stacey and Bobby Lindquist). A rose will be placed on the communion table May 21 in honor of all these precious little bundles.

Volunteer to Teach

You are invited to be a part of the greatest thing ever, besides following Jesus Christ. If you feel called to nurture young children and help build their faith, please consider volunteering to teach in Preschool Church School, Kids’ Kingdom or 6th Grade.
Sarah McKee Named New Village Preschool Director

Sarah McKee has been named as the next director of Village Church Weekday Preschool! Sarah is currently one of our Village Preschool teachers. She is also a member of Village Church, a Sunday School teacher and a parent of former Village preschoolers.

Current Village Preschool Director Terri Gaeddert said, “I know Sarah as a gifted educator, a passionate communicator, a natural leader…Most importantly, I know Sarah as a life-long learner, an intentional teacher and a constant advocate for young children and best practices in early childhood education.”

Over the past two months a dedicated search committee - representing Preschool teachers, Preschool parents and Village Church staff - worked through 40 resumes and three interviews before making their recommendation. Many thanks to the Search Committee for their diligence and hard work.

Meet the Design & Digital Media Manager at Village Church

Please welcome Sean Tatschl as our new design and digital media manager. Sean comes to us from Omaha, Neb. where he and his family have lived for the past 14 years. Sean has 18 years of experience in web and graphic design. Most recently, Sean worked as a graphic designer and web programmer for multiple school districts. He also worked as a graphic designer and creative director for the Omaha World-Herald and was a graphic designer and web designer for Sprint.

Sean grew up in this area. He’s a graduate of Shawnee Mission North High School and attended Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. Sean’s wife, Sue, is a hospice chaplain at University of Nebraska Medical Center. They have three children: Matthew (18), who is graduating from high school later this month, Anna (15) and Ben (9). His sister is Krista Tatschl Eyler, a former reporter at KMBC-TV.

Sean is an accomplished piano soloist and has played piano/organ duets with Mark Ball on many occasions. He also enjoys listening to vinyl records, visiting antique stores and fixing vintage toys. We’re thrilled to have Sean join our team!

Show Your Generosity

Is your annual gift to Village Church set up electronically? Do you wish you had a means to share with others a symbol that shows your support of Village Church through online giving? Look in the book holder in front of your pew and find the card that says I Give Electronically. When the offering plate is passed, just place this card in the plate as a representation of your generous gift.
Tell Me More About This Church
Conversation with Rev. Tom Are

“Tell Me More About This Church” is a special opportunity for those newer to Village Church, to spend time with Senior Pastor Tom Are, and learn more about Village Church. This is a two-part, free class that will be offered from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 30 (part 1), and June 6 (part 2), in Room 232 (south end of the building/2nd floor). A box dinner will be provided.

To register, please contact Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

Child care is available for this event, with (7 days) advance notice reservation; please make your child care reservations by contacting Marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2322.

Age Specific Dinners

70s and Up Dinner, Salsa Grill (in Mission!)
4 p.m. Thursday, June 1

You are invited to meet at the Mexican restaurant Salsa Grill, to enjoy low-seasoned dishes, good prices and neighborhood friendliness with other Village Church friends. We’ll gather for an early dinner at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, at the restaurant located at 6508 Martway in Mission, Kan. Salsa Grill is located south of Johnson Drive, across from the Hy-Vee Grocery Store. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal! We’ll go “Dutch” (each person pays for their meal). Space is limited, so RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

Age 40s & 50s Dinner, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
6 p.m. Thursday, June 15

Couples and singles are invited to meet at the famous Olive Garden Italian Restaurant at 6750 W. 95th St. in Overland Park, to enjoy Italian classics with other Village Church friends. We’ll gather at 6 p.m. for dinner. Olive Garden is located on 95th Street, just east of Metcalf. The reservation is under “Village Church Group, Liz Middleton.” Each person is responsible for their own tab. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal. Go to www.olivegarden.com to check out the menu. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359. Space is limited!

A Way to Say Thank You!

A Tribute Gift to Village Church Endowment Trust gives you an opportunity to honor any of the wonderful Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and other volunteers your child has had this year.

Simply make a Tribute Gift online by going to Village Church’s website, www.villagepres.org, click on Endowment Trust and then Tribute Gifts. Complete the form and click submit. You will then be given the opportunity to pay online or you may send your check to the church. After we receive your donation, we will send a card directly to the person you are honoring.

Contact Molly Sirridge, director of Stewardship and Endowment Trust, at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org for more information.
Because of your generosity …

the Dominical Republic Medical Partnership currently sponsors four trips per year for medical/surgical teams and those with no medical background who simply have a desire to go and serve. They travel to the Dominican Republic to hold medical clinics, surgical interventions and more for the patients living in the “bateyes” (small rural villages).