A Time for Thanksgiving and Welcome at Village on Antioch

The final Village Presbyterian Church congregational vote was cast Sunday, June 11, to fully create our satellite ministry at Village on Antioch. We will officially be one church on two campuses: Village on Mission and Village on Antioch. Heartland Presbytery approved the agreement at its stated meeting on June 10.

Village Church member Tom Dean has been worshiping at Village on Antioch since February. Following the congregational vote at Village on Mission, he said, “This is a huge step in the right direction. It’s a step toward unity and a step toward community.” Peggy Dean added, “It’s a step toward a new beginning and new mission for Village Church.”

At 11 a.m. this Sunday, June 25, we will hold a “Service of Thanksgiving and Welcome,” at our Antioch campus. In this service, we will give thanks for the faithful ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley (PCOS) and recognize the contributions to mission and ministry that congregation has made since its formation in 1979. We will also welcome PCOS members into the Village Church family. Rev. Hallie Hottle, bridge site pastor at Village on Antioch, shared, “Rev. Dick Ramsey (the first called pastor of PCOS), along with myself and Rev. Tom Are, will lead worship together. It’s going to be a full, sweet, long worked for day.”

“June 25 would be a good time for Village on Mission folks who wish to visit and worship and participate in Village on Antioch to join with us in welcoming our new brothers and sisters in Christ,” said Rev. Tom Are. “The Presbyterian Church of Stanley will be dissolved; and we will become one church, united, in two locations. Together we are ensuring that there is a PC(USA) witness to Jesus Christ in southern Johnson County. Just like our ministry in Prairie Village, our ministry in the Stanley community will be gracious, inclusive, thoughtful, joyful and committed to mission.”

Heartland Presbytery celebrated the life of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley at its June 10 stated meeting in Atchison. Phil Hendrickson, PCOS charter member and Session clerk, presented highlights from the 38-year ministry of Presbyterian Church of Stanley. “George Spriggs, our organizing pastor, was Associate Presbyter for the Presbytery when he took a leave of absence to start a new church in southern Johnson County,” recalled Phil. “We had our first worship in December, 1978, in the basement of the Stanley Bank on the southwest corner of 151st and 69 Highway. We organized with 87 people. Our official founding date was January, 1979. We outgrew the bank in about seven months and started worshipping in the cafeteria of a middle school in the Blue Valley School District. We were there for a little over

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three years. It was during that time we called our first pastor, Rev. Richard Ramsey.

On Nov. 7, 1982, we dedicated our new building on Antioch, which was 10,000 square feet. Back then, Antioch was a gravel road with a pond across the street (see painting). In 1988, we doubled to 20,000 square feet with the education wing addition. Dick Ramsey took the church from 87 to 714 members in 11 years."

In 1995, we expanded the building to our current size of 40,000 square feet. That was during the time of our second called pastor, Rev. Tom Sparks, who took PCOS membership to its peak of 1,400 members in 2003. PCOS was once the second largest PC(USA) church in the Heartland Presbytery, second only to Village Presbyterian Church," noted Phil.

Phil also shared the more painful part of the PCOS story. “Our last senior pastor left the denomination along with 350 members, which was a third of our membership.”

“I then pointed out that it was a win-win-win situation for PCOS to partner with Village Presbyterian Church. It was a win for us because our members can continue to worship at the same church building where they worship at and stay within the denomination, which is all that we really fought for. It’s also a win for Village, because Village can expand a successful ministry in southern Johnson County. And it’s a win for PC(USA), because this is a good news story. There has been so much bad news the past several years with churches leaving. Here’s a case where a church will thrive again.”

“I got some applause when I said, ‘I want to thank PC (USA) for the Book of Order,’ as I held up the Book of Order. When a church splits, it’s in the Book of Order that the Presbytery decides who the ‘true church’ is. And the courts and the judge use that to decide who the assets and the facility belong to.”

Phil closed with, “Thank God for the Presbyterian Church of Stanley. Thank God for our birth, our life of 38 years, and our resurrection as Village Presbyterian Church on Antioch. And long live Village on Antioch!” Heartland Presbytery responded with a standing ovation in honor of the good people of Stanley Presbyterian Church.

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**Are You Interested in Visiting Village on Antioch this Sunday, June 25?**

The Village Commitment Committee is offering a bus ride from Village on Mission to Village on Antioch for the 11 a.m. worship service, Sunday, June 25. This offer is available to the first 50 people who register. Please call Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email Marianne.weber@villagepres.org to make your reservation.

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**Vacation Bible School for All Ages at Village on Antioch**

**July 10-13**

Please join us July 10-13 at Village on Antioch for an original Vacation Bible School for all ages, children all the way through adults. Bring friends and family or come alone. Come for one night or for all four nights.

“VBS starts at 5:30 p.m. each evening with a meal that we are going to share and then we’ll spend some time laughing and enjoying each other’s presence,” said Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult education ministries. “We know this. We know that we are better at understanding who Jesus is and what it means to follow Jesus when we are all ages together.”

We’re going to study some. We’ll break up into smaller groups of children, youth and adults. Rev. Hallie Hottle will be leading the children’s ministry. And Rev. Tom Are and Dr. Rodger Nishioka will be leading the adult segment. Ryan Main will be leading music. We’ll be done by 7:45 p.m. every evening. It’s free. There’s no cost to you. But we’d like to know that you’re coming.

For more information and to register, visit [https://villageantioch.org/vbs](https://villageantioch.org/vbs).
Food Pantry
School is out for the summer and the Food Pantry is in need of kid-friendly foods to make nice summer lunches - tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, canned soup. These are easy to prepare and good to eat. Think of those food items your children like to eat for lunch.

The Clothes Closet needs lots of summer shirts for men and women - especially medium to x-large sizes.

Village Church Cooks a Meal at Cross-Lines
Friday, July 14, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need four to five volunteers to help cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four more to help serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations. They can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, July 13. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Thank you Abbie and Gail!
For six years on a Friday every other month, Village members Gail Arther and Abbie McKnight have coordinated the serving of lunches at Cross-Lines Community Outreach to low-income residents in the Armourdale neighborhood in Kansas City, Kan.

With an average of 120 clients at each meal, Gail and Abbie have served thousands with hot and tasty cuisine. Abbie and Gail have decided it is time to turn over the reins for this ministry to Village members Jim Bolton and Addie Perry. When you see Abbie and Gail, please thank them for their six years of dedicated service to our community.

The Cross-Lines team welcomes volunteers to help prep and serve meals. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Jim at jcb3823@gmail.com or 913-669-9428 or Addie at addie.perry@gmail.com.

Front Porch Alliance Seeking Volunteers for Robotics Program
Front Porch Alliance needs volunteers for a robotics program we sponsor at Faxon School, Linwood and the Paseo. We will coach two teams in the fall, one fifth and one sixth grade. We will meet for one hour two days a week starting Sept. 7, and ending with a competition in December or early January. We will also have activities after Christmas break. These will be for shorter periods of time working with second, third and fourth graders. Training for the fall session will be in August with a retired teacher who has worked with robotics for years. She is also our lead coach. We would love to have you join us. Contact Charlotte Hall for more information at charlottehall5@gmail.com for more information.
Connecting the Community to Computers

Our world today revolves around computers. Without access, many find it more difficult to communicate personally and professionally, to conduct business, search for jobs or even touch base with family and friends. When the computer ministry at Village Church started 15 years ago, the volunteer team focused on giving our community groups the technology tools needed to operate their nonprofits and on teaching others how to use computers. Types of organizations that have benefited from the computer ministry include tutoring labs, job search labs, and neighborhood food pantries.

“Our calling is to offer our talent and gifts to build a stronger collective whole in our community,” shares Tony Liu, one of the computer ministry’s leaders. “Some work well with their hands refurbishing computers and others teaching users how to navigate new technology and software. You don’t have to be a computer expert to participate.”

The computer ministry consists of two teams. The Refurbishing team led by Ken Smith reformat old computers and updates them with new software before donating them to nonprofits in the Kansas City area. The Education team led by Dee Couch offers a non-threatening, fellowship-oriented, one-on-one teaching method for basic and intermediate classes. Education teaches a fall and spring class schedule. The classes are taught two separate times a week, Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday nights. In 2016, the computer ministry refurbished and distributed 59 computers; and the ministry provided nine Excel, Word and Internet education classes.

If you are interested in donating a computer, you can drop off your computer on Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8 p.m., at the Village Computer Ministry, co-located with the Food Pantry at 99th and Mission Road. The refurbishing team meets from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays. We are also looking for volunteers to join us and help on either of the two teams (Refurbishing and Education). If you would like to learn more about this ministry, call Tony Liu at 913-384-0679 or email at anthonygreeneliu@gmail.com.
Ice Cream Social

Please join us for our 42nd Annual Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. this Sunday, June 25, in Friendship Hall and the south parking lot area of Village Church on Mission.

Enjoy all the ice cream you can eat, a Kona Ice Truck with flavored, shaved ice drinks, popcorn, a petting zoo, face painting, clowns, balloon figures, inflatables, a 15-foot slide and more.

Admission is $2 a person. Invite your friends and neighbors, too! Call Connectional Ministries at 913-671-2331 for more information or visit www.villagepres.org.

Village Church Single Adult Ministry
Dinner at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30

You are invited to meet at Red Robin Restaurant, to enjoy mouth-watering Gourmet Burgers, with other Village Church Single Adult friends. We will gather in a private party room for dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 30. The address is 7111 W. 95th St., Overland Park, just west of Metcalf. Reservations are under “Village Church Group”. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The majority needs to be there on time to be seated. RSVP by June 27 to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359. Space is limited!

Age 60s Dinner at Dragon Inn Oriental Cuisine
6 p.m. Friday, July 14

Village Church is offering a fun opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles) at Dragon Inn, 7500 W. 80th St. in Overland Park, at 6 p.m. Friday, July 14. Dragon Inn, a family owned business, serves Peking and Szechuan dishes. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under “Village Church Group.” RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359. Check out the menu at http://dragoninn.us/.
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.

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WOW Lunch at Aixois

Women of Wisdom (WOW) has scheduled a noon lunch on Wednesday, July 19, at Aixois, a casual French restaurant at 251 East 55th St. in Kansas City, Mo., a few blocks north of the Brookside area. Parking is easy on either the street or in a church parking lot directly across the street. Aixois features food with a French flair, (as well as a burger and fries!), priced slightly above average, and served in a pleasant atmosphere with a warm ambience. You may want to allow a little extra time to visit some of the charming shops along the block that is anchored by Aixois.

As always, all women are most welcome to join us for our last lunch of the summer season before WOW’s next event during the second half of September. RSVP by Tuesday, July 18, to Diane Lee, dianeelee@att.net or 913-432-4321, and indicate at that time if you need transportation. We really hope that you can join us!

Village Women Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build Week

On Thursday, May 11, a group of Village women worked during Habitat for Humanity’s National Women Build Week at 3004 Highland in Kansas City.

Volunteers work under the guidance of construction professionals and also alongside other volunteers and future Habitat homeowners.
Learn More About Your Pastoral Care and Counseling Department

Two pastors. One coordinator. And literally hundreds of volunteers make up the care and counseling ministry at Village Church. There are four major ministry areas with more than 40 programs and events. Educational Ministry includes Village Nurses and Career Connections. End of Life is grateful for the many volunteers who help with memorial services and receptions. Stephen Ministry and Helping Hands are just two of the groups in Support Ministry while the flower ministry, home communion and our annual Classic Citizens Celebration are part of the Connectional Ministry. All are here to provide care and support to our members and friends in our community.

Village Church and Dr. Bob Meneilly Featured in New Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center

The new Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center is now open in the old King Louie building at 8788 Metcalf Avenue. Village Church and Dr. Bob Meneilly are featured in an interactive exhibit called “Becoming Johnson County.” You’ll hear Dr. Bob reading one of his sermons about fair housing.

The signature exhibition gives visitors a deeper understanding of the county’s history. Through the themes of land, policy and regionalism, you’ll discover how Johnson County residents have worked together to create the community of today.

The regular operating hours of the JCAHC are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The Johnson County Museum is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission for adults is $5, seniors $4, and children $3.

Visit https://www.jocoahc.com/ for more information.
ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Summer Adult Bible Study

Faith Seeking Understanding. Conversations On the Sermon Text for All Adults

Today and continuing each Sunday through Aug. 20, all adults are invited to study and discuss the Bible text for the day's sermon. The class welcomes persons who are new to the Bible as well as those who are more familiar with the Bible. On June 25, Rev. Jenny McDevitt will guide the class; next Sunday, July 2, Rev. Len Carrell, will teach; and Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead the classes on July 9, 16 and 23. Rooms 126-127. 10:45-11:45 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

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

Most youngsters can recognize the monarch butterfly, its bright orange and black lattice wings, flecked with white. More than beautiful, monarch butterflies contribute to the health of our planet. They pollinate wildflowers and are an important food source for birds, small animals, and other insects. However, monarchs have become rare. Milkweed, the only source of food for the larvae and caterpillars, is being destroyed by some herbicides. Grow some milkweed in your unsprayed back yard and look for the monarchs to return.
We Are CHILLIN’ in the Church!
Our fourteenth year of Creations by Kids kicked off at the start of June. Be sure to check out the fun pictures on the Village Church Kids Facebook page and stay up to date with all of our summer camp news by checking the big bulletin board in the hallway of the first and second floors in the Education Wing.

Children In Worship
This summer, all children are welcomed and encouraged to sit with their families for the first 10 minutes of the worship service. During the 9:30 a.m. service, after Time with Children, elementary-age children are invited to meet teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to continue on in Sunday School, or to stay and keep worshipping with their families. Parents of preschool-age children must check their child in on the 1st floor in the Preschool wing.

Preschool Church School
Parents should check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Broadly Graded Sunday School
Children who have completed grades K-5th grade meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 203 (Creation Station) for a totally fun way to look at favorite Old Testament stories.

Meet our Two College Interns!
Returning summer intern Grace Pickell has finished her course work at University of Kansas and is on her way to graduate school to become a physical therapist. Sydney Griswold also just finished all her course work at KU, with a major in psychology and a minor in sociology. She is also getting ready to apply to graduate school to be a physician’s assistant.

Sydney and Grace will be working with children on Sunday mornings, during Vacation Bible School and this summer’s Traveling Day Camp at Village on Antioch.

Children In Worship
This summer, all children are welcomed and encouraged to sit with their families at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. During the 9:30 a.m. service, after Time with Children, children are invited to meet teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to continue on in Sunday School, or to stay and keep worshipping with their families.

Of course, parents may drop off their children as during the school year (see below).

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Traveling Day Camp
There are still a few spots open for Traveling Day Camp, July 31-Aug. 4, at Village on Antioch. Call Cheryl at 913-671-2355 for more information.

Be a Faith Friend
Build loving relationships with the youngest in our church family by committing to one or two Sundays a month. We provide the training, lessons, supplies and encouragement! There are still openings in many age groups. If you feel called to nurture children and help build their faith, call Cheryl Couch-Thomas at 913-671-2355.
Village Church Preschool Afternoon 5's Class Collaborative Art Panels

Artist and preschool parent, Aaron Shipps, visited the classroom and helped the children learn about the printmaking process. Each child then created their own mono print. On April 30, the class took a field trip to Bedrock Art Editions, a professional collaborative print shop owned and operated by Tamarind Master Printer, Aaron Shipps. Together, the children and Shipps created these beautiful panels entitled: Winter, Lightning and Snowy Mountain.

The panels are currently on display at the Village Food Pantry at the Meneilly Center for Mission.

Village Church Weekday Preschool

Village Church Preschool currently has a couple of spots opening up for the coming school year. If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time preschool experience (ages 3, 4 and 5) in a nationally accredited, creative and nurturing learning environment, please call the Preschool Office at 913-671-2338. We'd love to have you join us!
Meet Our New Director of Information Technology

Please welcome Robb Rumold as our new director of information technology at Village Church.

Robb grew up at Village. “It’s wonderful to be home again. Be it preschool, choir, Troop 91, youth group, confirmation or volunteering, Village has always been an integral component in my life,” said Robb.

“I left for California in 1992 to attend University of California San Diego, eventually receiving a degree in Biochemistry. Immunology research (lupus) started while an undergraduate at the Scripps Research Institute led to further research at UCSD (oncology) and UCLA (rheumatology/asthma).

Just shy of 10 years ago, I returned home and switched gears completely to become a software engineer, architect and entrepreneur. I’ve been blessed and had the good fortune to work with some fantastic projects/people in locations I never would have imagined when I first started.

Working with not-for-profits has always brought me the most joy, however, and obviously this particular organization is very personal to me. Up until this point, it has always been in a volunteer capacity (computer ministry/Robotics Coach to Faxon Elementary through the Front Porch Alliance) so I’m excited to see how I’ll be able to help as an employee.”

Meet the Village Youth Summer Interns

Please welcome our summer interns working at Village Church this summer. Working in Village Youth are Kayla Koenig, Grace Pickell, Olivia Redelsheimer and Julianna Whitson.

Grace Pickell is splitting her internship time with Children & Family Ministry. Sydney Griswold is also one of our interns. Sydney and Grace will be working with children on Sunday mornings, during Vacation Bible School and this summer’s Traveling Day Camp at Village on Antioch.

Hannah Ratliff is the Village summer intern for Pastoral Care & Counseling and for Environmental Action. This is the first time we have had an intern in both Pastoral Care and Environmental Action. Amber Berg is splitting the Earth Care internship with Hannah.
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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Because of your generosity ...

the volunteers who work at Village Community Garden located at 9900 Mission Road at the Meneilly Center for Mission provide produce harvested from the garden to the Village Food Pantry located on the same grounds as the garden.

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION
9:30 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary
5 p.m. The Gathering Friendship Hall

VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH
11 a.m. - Sanctuary

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Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours
10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday