

“Struggling in the Land of Opportunity” Dinner & Forum Oct. 11 at Village Church

From 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Friendship Hall, Village Presbyterian Church presents “Struggling in the Land of Opportunity,” a dinner and forum focusing on the struggles that impoverished families face every day here in Kansas City. Operation Breakthrough CEO Mary Esselman will moderate a dialogue featuring parents from Operation Breakthrough, Mothers in Charge and Amethyst Place.

“Our parents are looking forward to the chance to share their stories - not just the challenges, but the times when their resilience has uplifted them,” said Mary Esselman. “Our hope for the evening is that our parents and attendees will come together over a meal, form bonds and begin to understand each other in new ways.”

Tickets are \$13 per person. Reserve your space by Friday, Sept. 30. Contact Carolyn Eakins at carolyneakins@gmail.com or 913-732-2292 to register or register online at <https://vpcpvks.infellowship.com/Forms/327063>. Child care will be available. Attendees are asked to bring a package of diapers for a donation at the door.

Operation Breakthrough is one of the largest single-site early education and social services facility in the state of Missouri, serving 400 children daily from the urban core. The mission of Kansas City-based Operation Breakthrough is to provide a safe, loving and educational environment for children in poverty



Mary Esselman
Operation Breakthrough

and to empower their families through advocacy, emergency aid and education.

Mothers In Charge advocates for families affected by violence and provides counseling and grief support services for families when a loved one has been murdered.

They are comprised of

impassioned mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and others who are committed to working towards saving lives and preventing another mother from having to experience this terrible tragedy.

In addition, Mothers In Charge collaborates with elected officials, community leaders and other community and faith-based organizations on legislation and solutions to support safe neighborhoods and communities for children and families.

Amethyst Place provides transitional housing for women in recovery and their children, and serves 50-60 families and over 100

children each year. Their typical client is 30 years old, raising two children under seven years old, with no more than a high school education, living on less than \$10,000 per year. She was probably in foster care and/or was a runaway as a youth, and she grew up in a family with a history of drug and alcohol addiction. Most of the women, as well as many of their children, have suffered significant trauma prior to their residency there.

We hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship and awareness.

Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations to Peanut Butter Sunday. Your donations will keep the shelves stocked for all the clients. The Food Pantry is now asking for donations of all varieties of hearty soups - another staple in the diets of the Pantry's clients. The Clothes Closet is continuing to ask for back-to-school clothing in all sizes - clean and gently used. The shelves do not have many kitchen items on them and so The Closet is asking for small appliances, tools, dishes and cookware. Thank you for all your support!

It Has Been a Good Year...

With the rains and hot weather, the Village Church Community Garden at our Meneilly Center Campus at 99th & Mission has enjoyed a bumper crop of produce to give to the Food Pantry. Nearly 550 pounds of food have gone to our clients and still more is left to be harvested. Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped plant, water, weed and harvest:

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| Gadine Acton | Nick Dorn | Dyane Hyer | John Polaschek |
| Jennifer Beck | Helene Gesink | Leigh Klein | Jim Porter |
| James Bolton | Teresa Halbersam | Mary Lemon | Michele Stowers |
| Andrea Brown | Hallie Hottle | Diann Markley | Deborah White |
| Children's Ministry
(Debbie Smith/Mollie O'Donnell) | | | |
| George Darrington and the Building
and Grounds Staff | | | |

As we wrap up the season in October, we look forward to 2017 and new possibilities as the dust settles from the construction on 99th Street. Thank you all for your patience during this time of growth and transition and thank you for rolling up your sleeves to help nourish clients at the pantry.



Village Service Night Sunday, Oct. 9

Join Village Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, to help pack hygiene kits to be sent to areas of need served by Heart to Heart International, assemble sack lunches for City Union Mission, create fleece blankets for Hillcrest Transitional Housing and help the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership prepare for upcoming mission trips. Worship together at The Gathering at 5 p.m. and stay after to serve our community here and abroad. Sign up for a volunteer time at <https://signup.com/group/976229548048>.

All ages are welcome. No special skills needed. Food is provided to all who participate. Child care is available. Call 913-671-2352 or email pam.southerland@villagepres.org by Sunday, Oct. 2, to reserve child care slot(s).



Peace Offering Oct. 2

The Peace Offering is Sunday, Oct. 2 (World Communion Sunday). Money from this offering is used for peacemaking programs across PCUSA, in the Heartland Presbytery and at Village Church. White envelopes for this offering will be in the hymnal slot in front of you.



Fall Food Truck Festival
5-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 • North Parking Lot

You loved our first Fall Food Truck Festival last year, so we're doing it again this October in the north parking lot. This community event for all ages is sponsored by the Connectional Ministries Committee, 913-671-2331.

Bring your family and lawn chairs, sit under the big white tent, enjoy live music by the Prairie Earth Ensemble and choose from five gourmet food trucks, including mac n' cheese, BBQ, burgers, pizza, tacos, salads and cupcakes.

Food cost is on your own. Please park in the Prairie School parking lot or in the south church parking lot. In case of inclement weather, food trucks will park in the south parking lot and we'll eat in Friendship Hall. We hope you will join us!

**Weekly Wednesday Church Dinners
All Are Welcome!**

Wednesday church dinners will start up at 5:15 p.m. Chef Emily prepares a full, hot buffet with salad bar for \$7, salad bar and dessert for \$6. And children age 3-10, \$3. Children under 3 are free. The menu is posted on the Village Church website, in the Sunday bulletins and the *Good News*.

Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Just call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to <http://www.villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.html>. We hope you'll take a night off from cooking each week and join us!



September Menus:

Sept. 21 – Roast pork (GF), mashed potatoes (GF), Brussels sprouts, tomato pie

Sept. 28 – Roasted chicken (GF), wild rice pilaf (V & GF), sweet potato casserole (V & GF)

Oct. 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce (GF pasta available), eggplant parmesan (V), vegetable mélange



Age Specific Dinners

Event for 40s and 50s

Granite City Food & Brewery (119th & I-35) • 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30

Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 40s and 50s. We have reservations at Granite City, 15085 W 119th St., at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. Granite City has won awards nationwide for Best Restaurant, Best Brunch, Best Patio, Best Beer, Best Martini, Best Burger and more. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under "Village Church Group, Liz Middleton." Space is limited. RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331. Check out the menu at www.gcfb.com/location/olathe-kansas.

Event for 70s and Up

Lunch at Waldo Pizzeria in Waldo (75th & Wornall area)

11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6

You are invited to meet at Waldo Pizzeria at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6. Waldo Pizza is located at 7433 Broadway St. The menu offers three authentic styles of pizza as well as salads, sandwiches, pasta and gluten-free choices. We'll go "Dutch" (each person pays for their meal). The reservation is under "Village Church Group, Liz Middleton." RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at 913-671-2331 or cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

Event for 60s

Manny's Mexican Restaurant

5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21

Village Church is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 60s (couples and singles)! We have reservations at Manny's Mexican Restaurant at 207 Southwest Blvd, at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. Each person is responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under "Village Church Group, Liz Middleton." Space is limited. Please RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Tickets Now Available For “And Thou, America!” A Patriotic Concert of Celebration

Reserve your seat now to our patriotic concert “And Thou, America!” at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are free and may be reserved through the Kauffman Center, either online at <http://tickets.kauffmancenter.org/single/PSDetail.aspx?psn=11316> or by calling their box office at 816-994-7222.

“And Thou, America” is a concert of celebration. The concert features music and poetry of great American Artists such as Whitman, Frost, Copland, Bernstein and Howard Hanson. There’ll even be opportunity for the audience to sing along!

Performers include the Village Chamber Choir, Kearney High School Chamber Choir, singers from Lawrence Free State and Lawrence High School, and the Kansas City Wind Symphony, a member ensemble of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

There will be a retiring offering taken to support the wonderful work of Kansas City Youth Ambassadors.



VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Book Drive This Sunday, Sept. 25!

This year, the Village Commitment Committee is committed to offering opportunities for all of us to give beyond our annual pledge. On Sunday, Sept. 25, we ask that you help Operation Breakthrough and Talk, Read, Play by donating a book.

“This is not dropping a book into a barrel going to some child somewhere. They are going to Kansas City children that Village Church volunteers serve through the Operation Breakthrough Reading Program at Village, Talk, Read, Play and Front Porch Alliance’s Faxon PAL Program.”

—Charlotte Davis



Please bring a new book!
Sunday, Sept. 25

Benefiting Operation Breakthrough and Talk, Read, Play

Books should be new and appropriate for children ages newborn to 5 years with topics including **diversity, friendship, food, nature, animal and love.**

Books will be collected at the Village Commitment table in Friendship Hall between all worship services.

We Thank You!



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

Classic Citizens Celebration is Tomorrow!

Our annual Classic Citizen Celebration is tomorrow, Sept. 22. If you are 75 or more years young, then you are a Village Church Classic Citizen and we want you to come and celebrate! Join us from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, in Friendship Hall. You'll hear the latest Village news from Rev. Tom Are. There will also be entertainment and delicious food and drinks. Need a ride? Let us know – a ride to and from the church is available upon request. If you would like to come, call Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Check out the Taizé Service – New Time, New Location!

The Taizé worship service is moving! Join us at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road in Overland Park. The beautiful new location offers many exciting possibilities. Come join us for a different, compelling and meaningful service.

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Looking for a New Job or Career Opportunity?

Career Connections can help you find your next business position. Come and learn the best approach to finding a job in today's changing market. Class is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, in Room 316. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

Walt Grainger Heading up Career Connections at Village Church

Walt Grainger is now heading up Career Connections: Search to Success at Village Church. He'll be offering online and in person support for your job search.

About Walt

Walt has been in manufacturing management for the past 52 years. The span of operations have been from 1 to 13 plants, with work forces of 22 to 350 employees, generally operating a 24/7 schedule. During this time Walt also started four companies from scratch: financing, hiring, training, sales, maintenance and quality control. What he learned from all of these experiences is the importance of finding, hiring and keeping the best people for the job that needed to be filled.

Five years ago, while in Palestine, Texas, it was obvious to Walt the job applicants did not know how to be successful in the job search process. They were not being hired and the companies were not finding the best people. Walt went to the dean of Adult Education at Trinity Valley Community College and proposed teaching course to help students prepare for the job search and applying their education to the new occupation. This was made into a one hour college credit course for the students and was opened to the non-student surrounding communities. The results have enabled the graduating classes to secure full employment in their chosen fields.

"Companies receive thousands of applications and resumes. Human Resources can't process all the paperwork and frequently use an electronic scanner to make the first evaluation. These will then be looked at by a human who may spend 6-10 seconds on your paper work," notes Walt.

"The Village Career Connections program is to get the best possible tools to the applicant and to prepare for the job applicant's success in the job search journey."



Amazing Graces Bible Study

All women who would like to explore their faith through Bible study and conversation are invited to join the Amazing Graces Bible Study, which is starting a new curriculum this fall. We will be using film and discussion questions based on the parables of Jesus. This study, *The Stories Jesus Loved to Tell*, was used in last year's Village Connect (formerly Core Connections). Our group will gain fresh insights into these parables as we read and talk about them. We meet at 4:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of most months in Room 133. We start with a social time and begin the study at 5 p.m. No preparation is needed prior to our meetings. Contact Lisa Schellhorn at 913-236-6837 or schell5@aol.com for more information. We will meet Sept. 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, and Dec. 7.

Mission Sewing

Fall is here, and it's time to think knitting and crocheting and sewing. We need hats, all sizes; mittens, all children's sizes; baby hats (we have special yarn for these); and scarves, child and adult sizes (we have yarn for these). We also have at home projects from cutting out items, sewing items, etc. Please stop by the sewing room from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. any Tuesday. For more information, call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.

Operation Breakthrough Reading Program Orientation

Our small but mighty donor, Vera Thomas, asked her guests to bring books, instead of presents, to donate to Operation Breakthrough Reading for her two-year birthday. What a great idea! Presbyterian Women's Operation Breakthrough Reading Program has resumed from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, now through Oct. 26. Men and women volunteers and donated books are needed for this worthwhile project. Contact Cindy Whitham at ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 if you have questions. Call Pam at 913-671-2352 or email pam.southerland@villagepres.org to make a child care reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

Women with Spirit Oktoberfest

Nothing says autumn quite like crisp air, colorful foliage & Women with Spirit's Oktoberfest! Come alone, with a friend, date or spouse. Bring your favorite six pack of beer - three bottles to share and three to swap. You will go home with three new bottles to try. Appetizers will be served. The celebration kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the home of Berent and Shelby Krumm. RSVP to Shelby Krumm at shelbykrumm@yahoo.com.

Save the Date! Presbyterian Women's Advent Candlelight Dinner

Please join us on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, for Advent Candlelight Dinner. Our speaker this year is Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of Young Adult Ministry. Her meditation is titled, "Seeking the Sacred." Details in upcoming issues of the *Good News* and *PW Messenger*.



**Please join us for the Service of Ordination for Amanda Mackey
2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 • Village Church Sanctuary**

Amanda is a member of Village Church and a recent graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She just answered a call as associate pastor of youth at Germantown Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Tenn. (outside of Memphis)

Amanda's former theology professor from Austin, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby, will be preaching at the service.

A reception will be held in the Welcome Center immediately following the ceremony.

AARP 55 Alive Driving Class will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 13 and 14, in Room 127. The cost is \$15 if you are an AARP member; \$20 for non-members, payable to AARP. Bring a brown bag lunch or eat out. To enroll, call Marianne, 913-671-2333.

Fall 2016 Village U

The fall 2016 Village U curriculum offers a wide spectrum of classes in the areas of Art, Christian Living, Computer, Family Life, Health and Wellness, Leisure and Life Skills.

Upcoming Village U classes include:

Exercise for Seniors - Monday through Friday, year round, 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 and 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 and Thursday. Cost: \$5 per class. Margaret Tlapek, instructor. Room 333.

Boomerangs - Join the Boomerangs (the Baby Boomers Handworks class) to start or finish any project from knitting, rug hooking, needle pointing, to balancing your checkbook. Field trips to various Kansas City locations are also scheduled with some side trips. Class is designed for Baby Boomers and older. Child care is not available. Judy Bliss, instructor. 10 a.m.- noon. Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Dec. 13. Room 301.

Sewing Circle - Whether you are interested in learning to sew or if you are already a pro, this class is for you. You will work on projects of your choice. Sean Margaret Droessler will be available to help with your machine, to give advice, to teach pattern reading, to assist with putting in a zipper, etc. A materials list will be provided prior to the first class. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Dec. 6, Room 230.

Walk/Jog - Go for a group workout (walk or jog) outside in the neighborhoods surrounding the church or stay inside and bring an exercise video to do in Room 204 on cold or rainy days. Please stay within walking (or running) distance of the church. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Dec. 6.

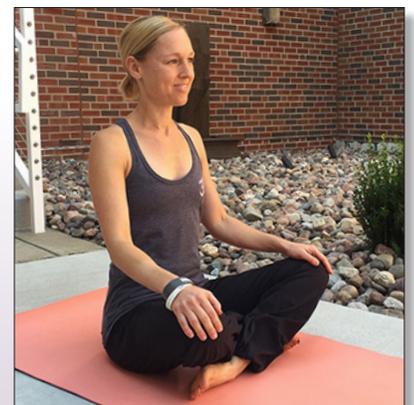
Knitting - This class begins with the basics and allows you to progress at your own pace. After you finish the first project – a knitted wash cloth – the instructor will coach you through a project of your choice. In the first project you will learn how to cast on, increase, decrease and bind off stitches. If you already know these basics, join us with your own project and enjoy the camaraderie and friendships that grow through the knitting circle. Cindy Craig, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14. Room 132.

The Pointer Sisters (Needlepoint) - Learn basic stitches and peruse materials that will enable you to make beautiful and creative projects for you and your family. Sewing and fellowship will be top priorities. Linda Pierpoint, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14. Room 133.

Wednesday Handworks & E-Works - Enjoy community and fellowship and/or take some time for yourself doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. Participants engage in everything from crocheting, to recipe organizing, to catching up on phone calls and emails to reading. Some sessions will begin with a brief devotional and group conversation time. Child care is available. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14. Room 230.

Continuing Watercolor - Enjoy the company of other watercolor artists of all levels...beginner to master. Child care is not available. Ed Harper, Bill Yates and Vesta York, instructors. 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14. Rooms 232 and 233.

Sabbath Yoga Wednesdays - Join us after Wednesday night dinner for a relaxing session of gentle and restorative yoga with centering prayer meditation. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat. Katherine Caputo, instructor. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28-Dec. 14. Rooms 307/309/311.



Last Acts of Love: Ending Well: What Will They Say At My Funeral? A conversation about what Presbyterians believe about death and what we do as a church family when death comes, including planning for a memorial service. Rev. Jenny McDevitt, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. Room 230. **Caring Conversations: What Happens When I Can't Speak For Myself?** A conversation about healthcare directives. Rev. Jenny McDevitt, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Room 230.

A Tactile Advent - As we prepare for the season of Advent, how can we engage the familiar story with all of our senses? Have you smelled frankincense? Have you touched rough wood and thought about laying a baby in it? We will explore the familiar Advent story in a way that engages our senses, and the Nativity story to experience the story in new and dynamic ways. Come explore how the Advent season and the miracle of Christmas can become real to you this year. Rev. Sally Wright, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16, in the Chapel.

Real Life Ethics for the Workplace - Ethics focuses on what we believe to be the right action and the wrong action in any given situation. Drawing upon the instructor's over 40 years of business experience and university teaching, this course will invite participants to focus on real life ethical issues that occur in the business workplace. "I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean." Romans 14:14 will form the biblical foundation for our conversations. Instructor Charles "Chick" Keller has 30 years of executive business experience working at United Telecom (now Sprint) and Black and Veatch and eight years as a professor of management at Kansas University. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-26. Room 15.

Session 1: When should you stand up for what you believe and when should you just go with the flow? Background information will be provided including information on what happens to whistle blowers and "smoking guns". Oct. 5

Session 2: Moving beyond focusing on simply what is right or wrong; a more crucial question is who should decide? Ethical issues will include: what level of client entertainment is acceptable? What product labeling is correct? What levels of cleanliness or safety procedures are required? What is equitable pay? Oct. 12

Session 3: How does the old adage, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" play out in the business world? Background information will be provided on the American Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and on American foreign policy. Oct. 19

Session 4: How does one balance the demands of business with the demands of life? Should businesses adjust benefits to accommodate those who want more time to spend with children or elder care? Do such policies lead to increased productivity and better employee retention? Oct. 26

Christians, Race, and Culture - Past president of Spellman College, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, writes that most Whites tend to deal with race and racism in one of three ways: 1. White guilt—feeling a deep shame for racist actions in the past such as the enslavement of African-Americans or the trail of tears and the creation of reservations for Native Americans; 2. White blindness—the insistence that they are not at all racist and in fact, do not see racial difference; 3. White power—feeling threatened, the need to assert theories of White supremacy and power to preserve their way of life. Daniel Tatum writes that none of these are helpful. So what is the White Christian called to believe and do? Participants in this class will explore how to live more faithfully given the challenges and gifts of race and culture that God has set before us all. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5- 26. Room 232.

Wisdom for Living the Good Life from the *Pirkei Avot* - The *Pirkei Avot* is a compilation of ethical teachings and maxims of the Rabbis from the Mishnaic tradition of Judaism. These ethical teachings and maxims include such wisdom as showing kindness to others, respecting God, others, and self, seeking peace in one's life, being careful with one's speech, and not leaping to judge others. Over three evenings, this class will explore some of the greater ethical teachings and maxims and how these teachings influenced the parables of Jesus. Rabbi Cukierkorn is the descendant of Hasidic Polish rabbis and was raised in Brazil. He is the spiritual leader of Temple Israel of Greater Kansas City and the founder and president of Brit Baja, an online network of Hispanic worshippers whose ancestors were forced to deny their Jewish faith but continued to practice in secret. An energetic and dynamic teacher, Village is delighted to have Rabbi Cukierkorn return as part of the of the Village U faculty. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5-19. Room 233.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Book Club - Join us on the first Friday of each month for an interesting book discussion. As a group we'll decide which books we'd like to read – from award-winning classics to brand new releases. Child care is available. Class limit: 12. Nicki Johnston, instructor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2. Room 127.

Friday Handworks & E-Works - Enjoy community and fellowship and/or take some time for yourself doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. Participants engage in everything from crocheting, to recipe organizing, to catching up on phone calls and emails to reading. Some sessions will begin with a brief devotional and group conversation time. Child care is available. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 7-Dec. 16. Room 126.

Blessing of a Skinned Knee - Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for youth ministry, and Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of Children and Family Ministry, will facilitate a discussion based on Wendy Mogel's bestselling books on parenting; *Blessing of a Skinned Knee* (essential points about raising self-reliant, compassionate and ethical children) and *Blessing of a B Minus* (helping parents navigate the teenage years). Topics will include teaching respect for adults, the value of chores and ordinary work, keeping expectations in line with your child's temperament, avoiding over scheduling and overindulgence, teenage narcissism, living graciously with rudeness, when to step in and when to step back, and more. (Copies of both book titles will be available for purchase during the course.) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Room 132.

Fall Adult Sunday Morning Classes Include:

9:30 a.m.

Village Forum - Faith in Action at the Ballot Box - On Nov. 8 we will be casting our votes at the ballot box. The Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force presents four classes each highlighting considerations for Christians on current important social issues:

Oct. 16 – How can people of faith use their vote to advance the “Kingdom of God” here on earth? and What are the Presbyterian General Assembly ‘stands’ on pertinent election issues?, led by Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

Oct. 23 – Guns on Kansas College Campuses, led by Megan Jones, President of Kansans Against Campus Carry

Oct. 30 – Refugees and Immigration Reform, led by Angela Ferguson, Immigration Attorney who works with AIRRKC (Advocates for Immigrant Rights & Reconciliation)

Nov. 6 – Livable Wage/Raising the Minimum Wage, led by Mike Enriquez, Stand UP KC

Please join the Forum Class for these pertinent perspectives (and bring a friend). Contact Vicki Ensz, vijiensz@gmail.com, 913-491-4094, for more information. Rooms 126-127.

VILLAGE CARES FOR GOD'S CREATION

Earth Care Note from the Environmental Action Committee

Spreading mulch for the fall? Avoid using cypress mulch. Cypress wetlands in the Gulf Coast region are buffer from flooding and hurricanes and a habitat for many of God's creatures. There are cheaper, better mulch alternatives!



The Gathering: Come and See

—Rev. Hallie Hottle

This past April, faithful members of Village and attendees of The Gathering met to discuss and discern for Village’s alternative worship service. For over six years this service has existed, living into a call to provide more and different opportunities for God’s people to worship. During these six years, Village has evolved, changed and grown in different ways, and in April, it became clear that the Spirit was pulling in a brand new direction all together.

It was decided then that beginning on June 5, we would move The Gathering to 5 p.m., invest more resources into the service and use the summer as discernment to see what the Spirit might be trying to do here. With help of a grant from the Trustees, we purchased new and needed sound and lighting equipment, envisioned staging and props, and reimagined a liturgy that would incorporate old words in new ways. Days were spent building, setting up, taking down and trying again. With our hands and God’s leading, on June 5 an all new Gathering service was created.

Our Gathering leadership knew on that first night that something had happened. We evoked the presence of the Spirit as worship began, but it was clear the Spirit was already there. Throughout the summer we discerned continued direction, and the Spirit kept showing up, along with the people, twice as many people as The Gathering has seen before. So in early August, Session officially approved The Gathering to remain at 5 p.m. Sundays.



This new version of The Gathering is growing, and building, and bursting with new life. There are many reasons for this. The time, the ambiance, the steady Word offered by Village’s pastoral staff, the terrific music led by Becky and Nathan Bliss, the years of prayer by those who first gave The Gathering life. But more than anything, The Gathering is just Village Church doing what the Church has always done, allowing herself to be formed and reformed by a God who constantly calls us into new things. And we know, as God’s children have always known, when we follow God’s lead, strange and holy things will happen.

If you haven’t been to The Gathering yet, come and see.

God is too big to be worshipped in only one way. Village is too big to offer worship in only one way. And this world is too hungry for the Spirit to not take the shape of lights and harmoniums and new technology and old sacraments in order to feed the people. We’re grateful God is leading us into this new thing. So Gather with us, come and see.



Check Out The New Gathering Video Brainchild of a Young Entrepreneur with Ties to Village

A new company named Troolu recently completed a video that captures the new look and spirit of The Gathering worship service at Village Church. Check it out at <https://youtu.be/gm9hO1rDXo4>

Troolu was founded by 22-year old Luke Faulconer, a senior at Ole Miss majoring in finance. He graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School.

"I have always had an entrepreneurial spirit, but never quite knew for sure where that would lead me. I started Troolu at the beginning of this summer and it has been evolving tremendously."

Luke is a member of Think Big Co-working in Kansas City. Through Think Big, he met Nick Dorn, husband of Rev. Hallie Hottle. "I met Nick there and told him a little about what I do and he said he knew that his wife, Hallie, would be very interested. I met with her and we ran with the idea for a video! I coincidentally was confirmed at Village Pres and that piqued my interest in the video even more. I am very familiar with the community and members there and wanted to help give back to Village!



We donated this video to the church. That is part of Troolu's concept. We help nonprofit organizations by creating videos that share their stories and this provides them with powerful content that will help build their exposure.

The idea for Troolu was conceived when I saw a need for more positive news in this world, while most media focuses on the negatives. I believe that people have a hunger for good news and wanted to create an organization that could be a catalyst for that.

Troolu is a 501(c)3 nonprofit on a mission to bring positivity to the world through our videos. We help our sponsors and donors by assisting them to achieve their philanthropic goals, and providing them with a timeless and powerful PR & marketing tool that shows how their generosity makes a difference in this world.

We are always looking for more great nonprofit organizations that could benefit from a video story! We are also creating a platform where anyone who is passionate about a cause can donate to and see through our videos how they made an impact on organizations."

Learn more about Troolu at www.troolu.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Bier and Bible

7 p.m. every Wednesday night at KC Bier Co. Every week this fall we'll learn to read the Bible together, while continuing to grow in all that it means to be community. All 20s and 30s welcome!

MMPM: Midweek Morning Prayer for Mamas!

9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings in the Village Church Chapel. Every Wednesday morning this fall, we'll pray for each other, then join for coffee and convo. in the Cup. All 20s and 30s moms welcome!

Fall Service Night

Sunday, Oct. 9, after The Gathering. For one night we'll have community and world organizations in the building with projects they need hands to work on. Come and worship, then stay and serve! All ages welcome.



World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2

We encourage children and families to worship together on this day in which faith communities across the world will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. There will be additional and age appropriate information for children to learn more about this very special meal. Sunday morning classes will be held as usual.

Don't Miss Pattie Fitzgerald, Our Special Speaker this Fall- 5-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23

Kidz Power! for children ages 5-8 and their parents. In this 45-minute, age-appropriate and non-fearful presentation, children learn that they are the "boss" of their bodies and that their feelings are the most important. In Rooms 132 and 133.



6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24

Playing It Safe! for ages 9-12 and their parents. An interactive and age-appropriate 50 minute program focusing on appropriate physical and relationship boundaries: how to define them and how to safeguard them. Children are also instructed on how to trust their instincts and make safe choices as they gain more independence. In Rooms 132 and 133.

Pattie Fitzgerald is the founder of Safely Ever After, Inc. and is nationally recognized for her work as a child safety educator, Children's advocate and author. A former preschool teacher and child visitation monitor, Pattie brings compassion and common sense strategies to her audiences without using fear tactics.

Sign up through Village U at <http://www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.html> or call Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email marianne.weber@villagpres.org.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, Oct. 30

Our new 3rd graders will receive a new Bible during the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Oct. 30. Parents, you will be receiving an informational letter in the mail soon. For more information, contact either Liz at 913-671-2359 or Kate at 913-671-2350.



THE NEW VILLAGE CUP COORDINATOR

Meet Dena Keehne Coordinator for the Village Cup

Welcome Dena Keehne, the new Village Cup coordinator. Dena has only been in the Kansas City area for two years. She's originally from California and is an experienced barista from Starbucks. She has also worked at Disney World. If you really want to make her day – bring her some Peanut M&M's. Dena works in the Cup Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please stop by the Cup and say hello. We're so glad she's joined our team.



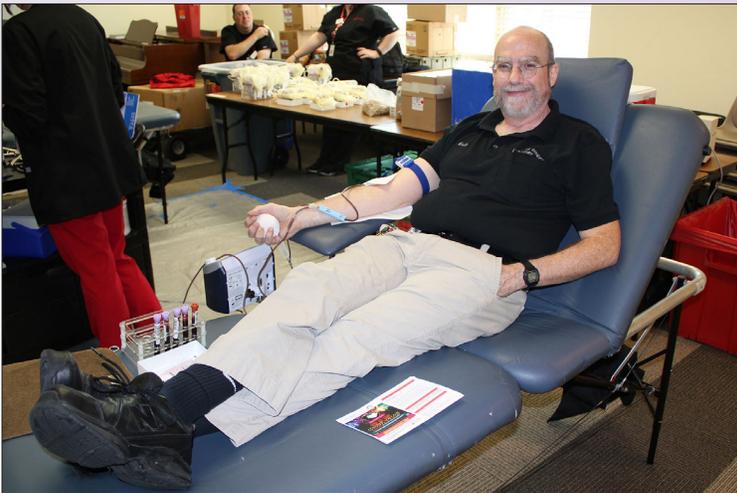
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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

“Because of Your Generosity” ...



The statement “Blood is life ... give it!” is adhered to at Village Church during blood drives that take place here several times a year. Your willingness to donate is a blessing to others who may be in dire need due to illness, accident or injury. A total of 500 donors are needed each day to meet area hospitals’ needs.

VPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

The Gathering – 5 p.m.
In Friendship Hall

Live Radio Broadcast
Sundays at 8 a.m. on
1660 AM KMBZ,
The Business Channel

www.villagepres.org

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. M-F
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday