

## Be the Church Service Day at Village on Mission 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22

On Sunday, Oct. 22, Village Presbyterian Church on Mission will be sponsoring the second annual Be the Church Service Day. This year's event will join other Presbyterian Churches in the area to offer a variety of service opportunities throughout the day and evening.

Last year, more than 200 people of all generations took part in a variety of service activities at Village. "I never cease to be amazed at what can be accomplished when we all work together," one of our volunteers said that night. "It really does take a Village!"

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Village on Mission, participants can assemble kits that help people maintain basic hygiene and thus prevent spread of disease or illness. You may also assemble sack lunches for City Union Mission, refurbish the Thwake Well and help the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership prepare for upcoming trips.

"We are also trying something new this year by pooling resources within the Presbyterian faith community," shared Deborah White, director of Mission. "Over the past year, I have been meeting with fellow mission leaders in other churches in the Heartland Presbytery to collaborate and exchange ideas."

As a result of these mission conversations, volunteers have the option of joining one of our partner churches (Second Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church and the Kirk) and participating during the day in activities ranging from yardwork to preparing a meal.

"Members can choose from a variety of service opportunities throughout the metropolitan area," said Deborah White. "We can also enjoy fellowship with other Presbyterian churches while reaching out beyond the walls of the church. All



the volunteer options are listed online at a central registration site, [www.bethechurch.online](http://www.bethechurch.online)."

All ages are welcome. During the evening at Village Church, food is provided to all who participate and child care is available. Call 913-671-2352 or email [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org) by Oct.15 to make your child care reservation.

If you would like to volunteer for the Village Service Night on Oct.22, you may do so online at [www.bethechurch.online](http://www.bethechurch.online). For more information, call Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or email [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org).



## Food Pantry

Fall is in the air and the Clothes Closet is now accepting fall clothing - sweaters, light jackets, socks, jeans and warmer children's clothing - clean, lightly used and sized.

The Food Pantry is asking for hearty soups, canned chicken, tuna fish, ham, salmon, Spam, Vienna sausage, etc. Once again there is a need for plastic grocery sacks (the ones for packing groceries). Brown paper grocery sacks are also welcomed. Save yours and bring them to church with your food donations. Thank you for your support.

## Blood Drive at Village on Mission

Village on Mission will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 15 or 22. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com).

## Share Your Home and Your Holiday with an International Student

Christmas International House, a cultural exchange program hosted in part by Village Church, needs your help to make this Christmas a merry one for international students. Every year, Christmas International House at Village (CIH) hosts a number of international college students who are in school around the country. CIH introduces these students to Kansas City, taking them to museums and other cultural sites as well as fun activities and finds host homes for them during the holiday break.



Christmas International House is looking for families who are willing to host students at their homes for the two-week holiday season between Dec. 16, 2017-Jan. 2, 2018. Families can opt to host one or more students, and they can sign up to host them for the first week, the second week, or both. Since the students will be traveling all around the city during the days, CIH host families will only be responsible for breakfast and the evening meal, as well as providing these students with a safe and comfortable place to sleep. Host families will enjoy meeting young people from all across the globe, and will help build bridges of friendship that may never have existed otherwise. In fact, some of our host families continue to stay connected with students they hosted years ago via email, Facebook, text messages and other social media.

If you are interested in taking part in this exciting seasonal ministry, please contact Judy Miller, CIH coordinator from Village: [judy.miller@kcpl.com](mailto:judy.miller@kcpl.com) or 816-260-2497, or Lora Garrison, director of International Mission: [lora.garrison@villagepres.org](mailto:lora.garrison@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2390.

## SOMETHING NEW IN VILLAGE ON MISSION COMMUNICATIONS

### Would You Like to Receive the Village on Mission Weekly eNews?

Now that we are fully one church worshipping at two campuses, we have made some changes in our regular email communications with you.

We now have a weekly eNews for Village on Mission members and attendees. This is emailed each Wednesday. It focuses on what's happening that week at Village on Mission. If you are not receiving the weekly eNews and would like to, please update your email preferences on our website [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org). Go to the Resources tab and select Email Opt-In in the dropdown menu and check "eNews VOM (Weekly)."

Rev. Hallie Hottle sends out a weekly eNews highlighting what's happening at Village on Antioch. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. continues to send his weekly eNote on Friday mornings that is emailed to folks at both Village Church campuses.

If you have any questions, please email [laura.davis@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.davis@villagepres.org). Thank you.

## Please Join Us: A Family-Friendly Mission to Thwake, Kenya

We invite you and your family to please join Rev. Tom Are, Jr. and Rev. Dr. David Nzioka on our Thwake Village Partnership mission trip to Thwake, Kenya in May 2018. The trip will be led by Rev. Nzioka who was born and raised in Thwake and is now senior pastor at Neema Community Church in Olathe.

The purpose of our trip is to help with a two-day health fair, and explore building a greenhouse. Your children play an important role in our mission by forming relationships with their Thwake peers and attending their school.

**Dates: May 27-June 8, 2018**

**Cost: \$2,600-\$2,700/person includes airfare, transportation, lodging, food and 2-day safari**

The Thwake Village Partnership is a joint effort between Heartland Presbytery and Kikuyu Presbytery of East Africa. Together we have helped build and staff a health clinic, a Children's Home, a Presbyterian church and Thwake's first-ever water well.

For more information, contact Lora Garrison, director of International Mission, at 913-671-2390 or [lora.garrison@villagepres.org](mailto:lora.garrison@villagepres.org).



## VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH

### Meet our New Staff Members

Please welcome our two new staff members at Village on Antioch.



Please welcome **Randii Rankin** as our new site coordinator. Randii's professional background is in customer service and in the hotel industry. In her new position at VOA, Randii is providing office support for Rev. Hallie Hottle and Ryan Main. She is also helping with meeting scheduling in the facility. Randii's office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. "I'm excited to be here," said Randii. "I love helping people. There's not anything that anyone can't ask me. If I don't know, I'll find out. I love a good scavenger hunt." Randii has two children, an 11-year old son, Jason, and a 3-year-old daughter, Rian.

**Edward Poston** is our new organist at Village on Antioch. Edward received his BM in Organ Performance from Brigham Young University-Idaho. He was organist at First Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Edward moved to Lawrence, Kan. last month to begin his master's program in Church Music and Organ at the University of Kansas. He is engaged to Kim Trowbridge, who is majoring in Choral Music Education at BYU-Idaho. They plan to be married next spring.





**9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28**

Friendship Hall – Village Presbyterian Church on Mission

Open to all. No cost to attend. Funded through the Village Church Endowment Trust. These presentations will explore the intersection of science, faith and care for God’s creation.

**9 a.m. Gathering** with coffee, pastries, and fruit

**9:30 a.m. Conversation One: Polar Journeys: Reflections on 35 years of environmental research**

The Earth’s polar regions are not only the most forbidding places on the planet but are also sentinels of climatic change. Professor John Smol has spent 35 years doing research in the high Arctic and has been to Antarctica three times. In this first presentation, he will lead us in an exploration of the polar regions and show us what is happening at the planet’s poles as early warning signals of what is and will be happening to our world in the near future.

**10:45 a.m. Conversation Two: Reflections on local climate change issues and issues of social justice**

While what is happening at the Earth’s poles is clearly important, the Arctic and Antarctic are far away from the American Midwest and the whole topic of climate change seems distant, complex, and at times abstract. In his second presentation, Professor Smol will discuss how climate change is affecting us locally, how the repercussions of climate change raise social justice issues nationally and internationally, and what actions we can take to help maintain our environment for our children and grandchildren.

**About the Presenter**

Professor John Smol is one of the world’s leading scientists on climatology. He holds the Canada Research chair in Environmental Change in the Department of Biology at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. He was the founding editor of the International Journal of Paleolimnology and is the current editor of the Environmental Reviews Journal. He has lectured and presented on all seven continents and because he is able to speak so passionately and graciously, he is a frequent commentator on environmental issues. Dr. Smol has edited and/or authored 21 books and over 500 journal publications. His presentations will include a time for question and answer and reflection.

**How to Register**

Register online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org)>Connect>Adult>Meneilly Conference. You may also call 913-671-2333 or email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).



**Village Single Adult Ministry  
Special Movie/Dinner Event *Collateral Beauty***

You are invited to a special event for single adults at Village Church. We will gather in Friendship Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, to watch the movie, *Collateral Beauty*. Here's a short synopsis: When a successful New York advertising executive (Will Smith) suffers a great tragedy, he retreats from life. While his concerned friends try desperately to reconnect with him, he seeks answers from the universe by writing letters to Love, Time and Death. When his notes bring unexpected personal responses, he begins to understand how these constants interlock in a life fully lived and how even the deepest loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty.

The cost for the evening is only \$5 for all you can eat pizza and popcorn. We'll enjoy the movie and meal together and engage in discussion following the movie. This is a special "Faith & Film" event planned by leadership team members, Dee Couch and Denise Ray. Contact [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) to RSVP, or [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for questions.



**Village Single Adult Ministry Event  
The Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens  
Saturday, Nov. 4**

You are invited to a Village Church Single Adult Ministry outdoor event at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens at 8909 W. 179th St. in Overland Park. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Come join us and be captivated by the great outdoors on a walk in the woods, an invigorating hike, the beauty of trees and flowers and sculpture, and just being outdoors. Then we'll meet at noon in the Garden Cafe for those who want to share lunch together (cost on your own). This is a special outdoor activity planned by leadership team members Richard Fredrick and Ben Hard. Click on the Arboretum link below to learn more about this amazing place! <https://artsandrec-op.org/arboretum/> Contact [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) to RSVP, or [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for questions.

**Wednesday Night Dinner**

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 and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) for reservations by noon Monday.

- Oct. 11—Spaghetti w/meat sauce (GF pasta available), Eggplant Parmesan (V), vegetable melange
- Oct. 18— Roast pork (GF), scalloped potatoes (GF), Brussels sprouts, vegetarian entree
- Oct. 25—Halloween! Hot dogs & brats (GF), mixed vegetables, mac & cheese (V)
- Nov. 1— Beef brisket with gravy (GF), mashed potatoes (GF), vegetarian entree (V), vegetable

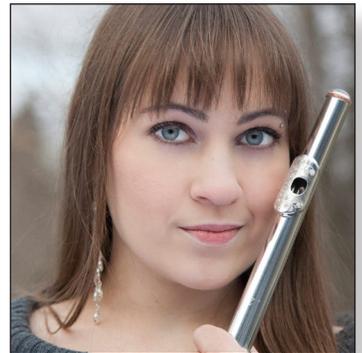


**Kansas City Wind Symphony in Concert  
7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8**

Please join the Kansas City Wind Symphony at Village Church on Mission as they kick off their 20th anniversary season at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8! This is the first concert under the baton of newly appointed conductor, Dr. Langston Hemenway. The concert, entitled "Masterworks," features some of the most famous music for wind band, including *Lincolnshire Posy* by Percy Grainger, and the *March from Symphonic Metamorphosis* by Paul Hindemith. Admission is free. Visit [www.kcwindsymphony.org](http://www.kcwindsymphony.org) for more information.

**Second Thursday Recital  
Oct. 12 Guest Artist: Joelle Teal, flute**

Village Church is excited to welcome flutist Joelle Teal for our Oct. 12, Second Thursday Recital. A highly regarded teacher and performer in Kansas City, Joelle has shared her gifts in worship on numerous occasions. Joelle's concert will include a wide and dynamic variety of music by Hamilton Harty, Louis Ganne, Henri Dutilleux and Ian Clarke. The 30-minute recital begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel at Village on Mission.

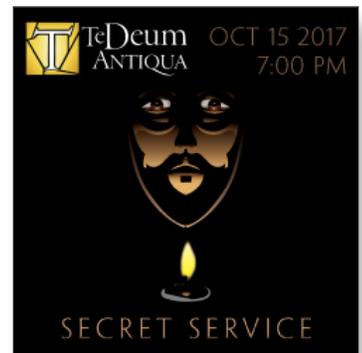


**Te Deum Antiqua Presents: Secret Service  
7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church**

It was a crime to be Catholic in Elizabethan England, so William Byrd composed Masses in secret. This concert features his evocative *Mass for Five Voices*, and includes the proper motets and chant for a complete service.

Tickets are \$15 and available at [www.te-deum.org/concerts](http://www.te-deum.org/concerts).

Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.



**"Splendor and Light"  
Fall Concert at Village on Mission  
3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29**

Please join us for a celebratory concert for choir, organ and orchestra performed by the Village Chamber Choir, William Jewell College Concert Choir and the Village Orchestra. Splendor and Light will feature Elisa Bickers, organ; Michael Kirkendoll, piano; and conductors Matthew Christopher Shepard, Will Breytspraak and Anthony J. Maglione. The program will include works by Beethoven, Haydn, Duruflé, Britten, and two new works written for this concert: *Shape Note Fantasy* for organ and orchestra by Joseph Kern, and *Rosette* by Geoffrey Wilcken. The concert is free. A retiring offering will be taken to benefit Family Conservancy's Talk, Read, and Play program.



### Tell Me More about Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a ministry to help others when they need one-time assistance with things like raking those fall leaves, getting a home-cooked meal after a hospitalization or a ride to the doctor. These activities are not only helpful, they are holy. They remind us that we are a community, and that we support each other as much as we can, whenever needs arise.

There are three parts to Helping Hands:

- Household Help: if specific tasks around the home such as occasional yard work, small home repair or maintenance work, etc. is daunting, a volunteer or two can help.
- Meals: during an illness, after welcoming a new baby, or other life events that throw your schedule off track, let volunteers provide a meal you don't have to shop for or prepare.
- Transportation: if you need help running a short errand or getting to a medical appointment, let a volunteer help get you where you need to go.

**Want to help?** As with any ministry, this effort is only as strong as the volunteers behind it. We can use your helping hands and your willing heart whether you have one day a week or one hour a month to share. Any variety of skill level is welcomed—you will self-select your own projects. Contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

**Need help?** If you have a need that might be met through Helping Hands, contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



#### Women of Wisdom Welcomes Will Luncheon

Women of Wisdom (WOW) Welcomes Will at a luncheon at noon on Thursday, Oct. 26. We'll enjoy Chef Emily's delicious food in the Heritage Dining Room at Village on Mission. Cost for lunch is \$10 payable at the door. Guest Will Breytspraak will speak about returning to his childhood home church as our director of Music Ministry. RSVP by noon Oct. 20, to Marvie Sneegas, [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com), 913-209-9608. Join your PW friends to Welcome Will back to Village!

#### Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Members

On March 24, 2018, Presbyterian Women of Village Church will honor and celebrate the gifts and talents of women at the Celebration of Faithful Women.

Please take a moment to nominate a woman you know who supports the mission of the church, nurtures your faith, works for peace and justice and promotes an inclusive and caring community. Please contact Samantha Sturgeon [slsturgeon@kc.rr.com](mailto:slsturgeon@kc.rr.com) or Dee Gound [dkgound@kc.rr.com](mailto:dkgound@kc.rr.com). Names will be accepted through Oct. 28, 2017.

**AARP 55 Alive Driving Class** will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12 and 13, in Room 133. Classes will be taught by veteran instructor, Terry Barker. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. To enroll, please call Marianne, 913-671-2333.

**Upcoming Village U courses include:**

**PowerPoint** – This class explores the basic skills necessary to develop a simple presentation using PowerPoint. Topics covered include adding and deleting slides, using charts, graphs, and pictures in presentations and utilizing the Notes feature. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, Room 316, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Room 316.

**Older Adult Spirituality** – A Journey in Storytelling – Our lives are made of stories, stories within stories and then more stories. It is our stories that bring us closer together. When we're able to connect our stories, we become closer. Our personal stories are our faith stories and are worth sharing and will unite us spiritually. We are one! Taught by Rev. Bud Cooper. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 11-25, Room 124, OR 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 13-27, Room 126.

**Weston Red Barn Farm & Historical Museum, National Silk Art Museum** – A trip to the Weston Red Barn Farm is like visiting a turn of the century working farm. In the spirit of preserving the American dream of farming, the Red Barn Farm offers visitors the opportunity to experience a real working farmstead. Traditional farm animals and crops are featured. In the fall, we celebrate the harvest being brought in and offer visitors the chance to have some old-fashioned farm fun. Cost for the tour is \$30 per person. Participant limit: 25. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

**Job Search 2017** – Do you have a job change in your future? (The answer is “yes,” we all do). On average, workers change jobs every two to four years, whether by their choice or due to life events such as divorce, illness, or job loss. Whether you are planning a job change now or soon, join Diane Schmidt, career coach, to learn about the best tools and resources for today's job search. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, Room 132, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, Room 126.

**Organ 101: Up Close and Personal** – Get “up close and personal” with Village Church on Mission's amazing new pipe organ. With Dr. Elisa Bickers as your guide, explore how the organ works, hear the varied sounds, and even go inside the organ for a closer look. All questions are welcome. Please wear comfortable walking shoes or tennis shoes if you would like to go inside the organ. Class limit: 20 people. 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, Sanctuary.

**Bible 201 – Current Issues in Interpreting the Bible** – The Bible is sometimes cited as a source of authority on a myriad of issues. In this “tip of the iceberg” course, we will explore some of the most challenging current issues around biblical interpretation. What does the Bible say about abortion? About end of life issues? About homosexuality? About women and leadership? About evil? Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 18 & 25, Room 232 and 233.

**Women's Clothing Swap** – A fun and free way to switch up your wardrobe! Bring your gently worn clothes and accessories that you'd like to swap for new-to-you items. Please have three garments laundered prior to the swap. Any items left over will be donated to the Village Church Clothes Closet. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, Room 133.

**Google Sheets** – This class is for users who are new to Google products. In addition to formatting spreadsheets, this class will explore using charts and templates, accessing spreadsheets from any device (computer, tablet, phone), using Google sheets to collaborate with others and converting Excel files to Google sheets. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Room 316, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, Room 316.

**Apocalypse When?** – Study of the Book of Revelation (Hybrid course) - Of the 27 books of the New Testament, the Revelation to John is surely the most complex, challenging and mysterious. Participants in this “hybrid” course will engage in a study of this most fascinating of Bible's books. In the first session, we will meet in person and be introduced to the book. Then individuals will view four sessions and interact with one another online. Then we will gather for a concluding conversation together. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. This course is a hybrid course. Participants will meet twice in person: once at the beginning of the course 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, and once at the end of the course 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, Room 127. The remaining four sessions will be available online. You must have access to the internet to participate in this course.



### Adult Sunday classes at 9:30 a.m.:

**Faith Journey** – The class is studying the book, *The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear*, by Michael Kinnamon. We live in a world driven by fear. But should we allow fear to play such a large role in our lives? According to the religions of the world, the answer is no. In this helpful and illuminating book, the author challenges readers to consider why. Led by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

**Foundations of Faith** – When Egypt Was in Israel's Land - Long before the Kingdom of Israel arose in the land of Canaan, Egyptian influence colored the lives of the peoples who populated the land. Biblical tradition holds that ancient Israel was unique and distinct from these other peoples and nations. Rev. Dwight Tawney will lead the class to explore the impact that Egypt exercised on the religion and culture of the emerging community of Israel. Now-Oct. 29. Room 132.

**Growing Together** class is for adults in their 40's and 50's who are interested in growing together in context of their families. Growing Together welcomes anyone who is looking for opportunities to grow using Christ's principles as we apply Jesus to our lives today. Join us as we study the Book of Acts. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

**Village Forum** – On Oct. 8 and 15, this class will view a biopic documentary on Martin Luther. Discussion will draw on materials prepared by various Lutheran groups for this excellent film. Led by Gus Breytspraak and various instructors. Professor Kris Kvam will teach three more classes related to Luther and Lutherans on Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5. Room 127.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

### An Update on Solar Panels at the VCCFDC

Last October, through donations from the Environmental Action Committee, 45 Solar Panels were installed on the south facing roof of the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road. They became operational in late November and have generated enough electricity to offset 8.72 tons of carbon emissions (the equivalent of 215 trees).

The building has been electrically and structurally designed to accommodate an expandable array of 268 solar panels, capable of supplying about 2/3 of the building's electrical demand. The EAC has set a new goal of installing 30 additional solar panels at a cost of \$22,500. The committee is about 77% toward that fundraising goal. Please consider making a contribution by sending a check payable to "Village Presbyterian Church": to the attention of Marianne Weber at 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Write "SOLAR PANELS" on the memo line. Contact Al Pugsley at 913-226-7225 with questions.



### Shoe-In in October

During the month of October, the Environmental Action Committee is partnering with Shawnee Community Services to hold its fourth annual Shoe-In. Please bring your gently used footwear to church, and place them in the barrels that will be located inside the North and South Entrances of the Church. All sizes and types are needed.

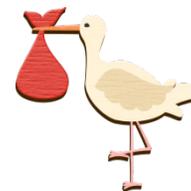
Shawnee Community Services will be re-distributing this footwear, free to those in need in the Kansas City area. And they will be kept out of the landfill—at least for a while. Call Bob Siemens at 913-216-2000 if you have questions or want more information.

### New Village Little Ones

Join Children and Family Ministry in welcoming the following little ones born recently:

Joseph Madden Fisher (Taryn and Craig Fisher, parents), Oliver James Gamble (Lindsay and David Gamble, parents), Evelyn Rose Jones (Abby and Ryan Jones, parents) and Graham Allen Thomas (Abbey and Drew Thomas, parents).

A rose will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday in October to celebrate these new babies.



### Village on Mission Names Interim Director of Children & Family Ministry



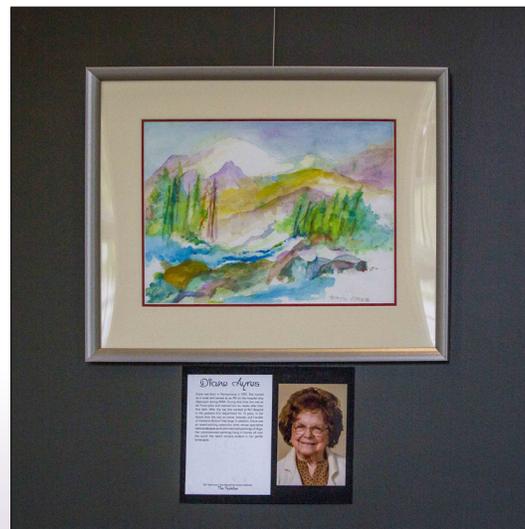
Ellen Wootton has been called as our interim director of Children and Family Ministry. Ellen recently returned to the Kansas City area after living in the Washington, DC area for 30 years. She lived in this area about five years prior to that. "I moved here to join my children and grandchildren and accepted a job teaching in the Village Preschool but was looking for something additional," said Ellen. "Lo and behold this other position came up, which is really what I have done in the past. And I jumped at the chance. I'm really honored to be here."

Ellen is working part-time in Children and Family Ministry on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday and teaching in the Village on Mission Preschool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please welcome Ellen to Village Church!

### MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

#### Art Exhibit in the Welcome Center

Come see paintings by men and women in varying stages of Alzheimer's, created through the Alzheimer's Association "Memories in the Making" program. These artists struggle with memory and so much more, but even still, they are bringing great beauty into the world . . . reminding us that beauty and wonder persist, even in the face of great difficulty. The exhibit will remain on display until Oct. 16.



## Adulting With Jesus

We invite you to join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights at KC Bier Co. This fall we are looking at some of our most common young adult questions, but from a Christian perspective. All invited. Pizza provided.

## Young Adult U.S./Mexico Border Trip

There is lots of talk about our US/Mexico border these days. What are we actually talking about? Let's go find out. We'll spend three days exploring life on our southernmost border with Frontera de Cristo, a PC (USA) ministry in Douglas, Ariz. and Agua Prieta, Mexico. All young adults are welcome. Nov. 10-13. Price is \$450. To reserve a spot, email [becky.bliss@villagepres.org](mailto:becky.bliss@villagepres.org).

## Meet Our New Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry

In addition to serving as music director of The Gathering alternative worship service, Becky Bliss is now working 20 hours a week as the coordinator of Young Adult Ministry at Village on Mission.



"I could not be more thrilled or honored to serve the church in this way," said Becky. "I'm so excited to be even more involved with this fellowship of amazing, smart, passionate young adults."

"Becky will be working with us to ensure that we can keep GROWING in all the right ways," adds Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of Young Adult Ministry.



## YOU'RE INVITED

## An Ordination Invitation

You are invited to celebrate the ordination of Sarah Are, by joining us in a worship service to celebrate Sarah's ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary.



Sarah is the daughter of Rev. Tom and Carol Are, and a child of Village Church. She is also the daughter of six generations of Presbyterian pastors. Sarah graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in May, and has accepted a position as the designated associate pastor for youth and young adults at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Thus, Sarah is finally within driving distance to KC- a fact her entire family celebrated.

In Sarah's words, "I would not be who I am without Village. This church has loved me unconditionally, encouraged me endlessly, and supported me throughout my time in seminary. I learned how to sing in the youth choir, I learned how to be a leader in the youth group, I learned how to pray in these pews, and I learned what the community of Saints looks like from this church. There is simply no other place I would want to be

ordained than at Village Presbyterian Church, for Village will always be home."

We hope you will consider joining Sarah and her family on Oct. 10.



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## VILLAGE COMMITMENT

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You may now give a gift to Village Church's annual fund by using your Smartphone. All you need to do is text your gift amount to 913-270-3436.

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Contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or [molly.sirridge@villagepres.org](mailto:molly.sirridge@villagepres.org) if you have any questions.



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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

**VILLAGE ON MISSION**  
Traditional – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
In the Sanctuary  
The Gathering – 5 p.m.  
In Friendship Hall

**VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH**  
Traditional - 9:30 a.m.  
In the Sanctuary  
14895 Antioch Rd.  
Overland Park, KS 66221

### Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Drop-Off Hours

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday

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### IN MEMORY

Marion Goodwin  
Douglas "Doug" Petty



Beginning Sunday, Oct. 22, through Sunday, Nov. 12, Rev. Tom Are, Jr. will preach a series of sermons on “The Places Hope Takes You.” When we live as a people of God’s hope, we are led to new places and new ways of being faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Here are 12 opportunities for you to journey to a place of hope during the four weeks of the preaching series. We encourage you to choose from the following locations as together we experience “the places hope takes you.”

**1. Finding Hope through “Be the Church Service Day” at Village on Mission 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, in Friendship Hall.** Ages 3+ are welcome. See page 1 of the *Good News* for more details.

**2. Finding Hope through Exploring the Village Church Food Pantry and Clothes Closet – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27.** Discover what happens to your donations of food and clothing and how those gifts are shared with others in an environment of kindness and hope. Susan Webb, Food Pantry director, will be your host and guide, starting with a description of what, why, and how hope is offered.

**3. Finding Hope through Walking the Labyrinth – 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.** Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate, will be present to orient you to the labyrinth at the Rev. Robert and Shirley Meneilly Center for Mission and will be glad to pray with any persons. Come and go at any time in this two-hour period.

**4. Finding Hope through Worshiping at Lakeview Village – 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1.** Join Village Church pastors Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Rev. Len Carrell, and Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Village Church choir members in a worship service at the Lakeview Village Retirement Community in Lenexa. This brief service offers an opportunity to meet with Village Church members who reside in the Lakeview Village community.

**5. Finding Hope through Singing and Cider Around a Campfire at Village on Antioch – 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.** Join with others at the Village on Antioch site for singing and community together around a fire pit. Come join with the whole world to sing praises to God in hope of peace. Led by Rev. Hallie Hottle, Village on Antioch bridge site pastor and associate pastor for young adult ministry, and Ryan Main, Village on Antioch director of music.

**6. Finding Hope through Experiencing God’s Creation – 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.** We’ll gather for a walk through the beautiful woods, flowers and sculptures. Cost is \$3 for youth and adults and \$1 for children payable at the entrance. Led by Cindy Wilcox, director of connectational ministries and staff for the Single Adult Ministry Leadership Team.

**7. Finding Hope through Gathering Food for the Hungry – 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.** Following the harvest, farmers often have perfectly good produce left over that they cannot sell and do not want to throw away. After the Harvest is an organization that picks what is left in the fields and delivers it to food banks, pantries, shelters and community kitchens in the Kansas City area. You may be picking apples, pears, beans, kale, berries, squash, corn and more. Site to be determined by the After the Harvest group. You will be notified by Monday, Nov. 6, about where you will be gleaning. All ages. Led by Rev. Zach Walker, associate pastor for youth ministry.

**8. Finding Hope through Exploring How to End Homelessness and Transform Lives – 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.**

Learn more about Village Church's signature mission for 2017-18, Community LINC (Living in New Community) of Kansas City. The goal of the organization is to end family homelessness by stabilizing, re-housing and empowering homeless families. You will engage in a one-hour tour where you will learn more about the group and its purpose and experience its progress. Young adults and older.

**9. Finding Hope through Praying for the City – noon-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the National WWI Memorial.**

The Psalmist calls upon God's people to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" so that all who live in her walls will find peace and security (Psalm 122). We'll join to pray for Kansas City as we stand looking out over the city from the WWI memorial site. We will pray and sing that our city will be a place of hope. Parking is free in and around the memorial site but persons need to walk to the memorial and the overlook. There is no seating. Led by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor; Will Breyspraak, director of music; and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate.

**10. Finding Hope through Sorting Clothes and Supplies for the Homeless – 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Uplift.**

Since 1990, the Uplift ministry has been bringing hope to homeless persons throughout the Kansas City area by providing warm meals and clothing. Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday night, Uplift food trucks fan out across the metro offering kindness and care through providing food, clothing and other basic resources. Donations come to the Uplift warehouse where they are sorted and prepared for loading on the trucks. You will join with others to sort clothes and other donated supplies and prepare the trucks for their nightly journeys. Adults only. Led by Rev. Len Carrell, associate pastor for pastoral care.

**11. Finding Hope through Worshiping at Claridge Court – 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.** Join Village Church pastors Rev. Tom Are, Jr., Rev. Len Carrell and Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Village Church choir members in a worship service at Claridge Court. This brief service offers an opportunity to meet with Village Church members who reside in the Claridge Court community. Led by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor; Rev. Len Carrell, associate for pastoral care; and Rev. Jenny McDevitt associate for pastoral care are leading worship.

**12. Finding Hope through Recreation and Re-creation – 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Roe Park.** As the culminating activity for "The Places Hope Takes You" sermon series, we will gather together at Roe Park (107th and Roe) for a friendly kickball game and a cookout. We will share stories about the places we found hope in the last month and enjoy a game of kickball between Village on Mission and Village on Antioch members. Then we will share in a cookout together. Led by Rev. Hallie Hottle, Village on Antioch bridge site pastor and associate for young adult ministry and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate and director of adult educational ministry.

**Finding Hope through Seeing Hope: A Visual Art Installation in the Village Church Welcome Center**

Hope is both a present-tense reality and a future-tense conviction. During this sermon series, we will display images of the places we find hope and the places that need hope -- but this installation needs you. Send pictures of your hopeful places (interpreted however you understand them) to [jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org](mailto:jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org). Photos will be added throughout the series, but the sooner you send them, the sooner we will "see hope" together.

**[Get more details and register for each of these opportunities at villagepres.org/hope](https://villagepres.org/hope)**