

Village Church Advent Season Activities & Mission Collections

Shop for a Family for Christmas

If you wish to adopt an Operation Breakthrough family for Christmas, Village will have a bulletin board filled with family wish lists and adoption table from 9 a.m.-noon Sunday, Nov. 5, in Friendship Hall. In addition, Village is also offering an opportunity to buy individual toys for the Operation Breakthrough Holiday Store. See more about Star Families on page 3.

Advent Family Workshop - 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, in Friendship Hall, Village on Mission



Don't miss our traditional family activity to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Make your own Advent wreath, calendar and gifts for Christmas. There will be crafts for all age levels and of course cookie decorating, popcorn and festive music. Free and open to the community.

Diapers in December

Beginning at the Advent Family Workshop on Nov. 26, Village Church children will be collecting diapers throughout December to give to the Village Church Food Pantry.

Angel Tree at Village on Antioch

Begins Nov. 19. Look for details on villagepres.org/antioch.

Christmas Night Out with Mesner Puppet Theater- 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Village on Mission Child Care

Send your kids to this fun-filled night from 5:30-8:30 p.m. while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-8 will enjoy activities and games and cookies to decorate. Cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. Registration for church members opens Friday, Nov. 10. Our registration deadline is Nov. 17. Sign up at 913-671-2352 or pam@villagepres.org.

Mesner Puppet Theater - 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Friendship Hall

Mesner Puppet Theater presents *The Cat Came Back*. Based on the folk song made popular by Fred Penner, this performance tells



the tale of Mister Johnson and a mysterious cat who keeps returning to his doorstep. Mister Johnson tries everything he can to get the cat to go away, from giving her to a pilot to sending her into outer space. The cat, however, keeps coming back! Call 913-671-2355 for more information. Admission to the puppet show is free.

Wreath Making Class - 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1

Join us for this instructor-led course that will teach students how to create a fresh wreath for the holiday season. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Room 126 at Village on Mission. Additional class fee: \$25. Register online at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes or by contacting Marianne at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Hanging of the Greens: All Church Family Decorating Day - Sunday, Dec. 3, at Village on Antioch

Look for details on villagepres.org/antioch.

Remembrance Service - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary

Join us for a special service where we thank God for our loved ones who are deeply missed, when we give voice to the grief that lingers and the love that will never let go. If your loved one passed away during 2017 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. Please call 913-671-2327 or email linda.alley@villagepres.org by noon Monday, Nov. 27, if you would like us to include any other names.

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Hat and Mitten Trees at Village on Mission

From Dec. 3-24, come decorate our Christmas trees with hats and mittens to give to families served by the Village Clothes Closet/Food Pantry. Trees will be located at the north and south entrances of Village on Mission. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org with any questions.

Presbyterian Women Advent Candlelight Dinner - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Friendship Hall, Village on Mission

All women are invited to an inspiring, intergenerational evening as we begin the Advent season. Reservations are \$16 a person and open Sunday, Nov. 12. See page 7 of the *Good News* for details.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials – Reserve by Dec. 8

A poinsettia that decorates the church this Advent season may be purchased in memory of a loved one. Make your check (\$10) payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by Friday, Dec. 8. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

Christmas Dinner - 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Friendship Hall

Chef Emily and her culinary team will create a scrumptious Hotel-style buffet including a carving station, side dishes, tossed salad, cheese, fresh fruit and dessert. Cost is \$7 a person, \$3 for age 10 & under. RSVP by calling 913-671-2359 or emailing liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

Children’s Christmas Pageant and Sing-along with Rev. Len Carrell and Dino O’Dell– Sunday, Dec. 17, in Friendship Hall

This year’s Christmas Pageant will be during Sunday School Hour and more (between 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services).

VCCFDC Pancake Dinner with Santa – 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in Friendship Hall

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center will host its annual “Pancake Dinner with Santa” at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in Friendship Hall. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes by Chris Cakes and get your child’s picture taken with Santa. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children age 2 and up. Children under 2 eat free. Contact Linda Harmon at 913-671-2310 or linda.harmon@villagepres.org for tickets. Come to the Sanctuary at 5 p.m. and enjoy the preschoolers’ version of the Christmas Story.

Vivaldi’s Gloria in Worship - 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17

All morning worship services at Village on Mission, the Village Voices, conducted by Matthew Shepard, will sing excerpts from Vivaldi’s *Gloria* with chamber orchestra.

17th Annual Tidings of Joy Concert - 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary

A beloved tradition in our community, “Tidings of Joy, A Celebration of the Season’s Most Beautiful Music,” is presented by the Village Choir, Alegría and the Village Chamber Choir. Admission is free. A retiring offering will benefit Community LINC, our 2017 Signature Mission of Village Church.

Joy Offering and Christmas Project Offering

The Joy Offering provides support to current and retired church workers in need (50 percent) and to students attending Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges (50 percent). The Christmas Project offering helps local social service agencies who help others with holiday and emergency assistance needs (100 percent). Green envelopes for this offering will be in the hymnal slots in the pew in front of you on Christmas Eve.

Advent Sermon Series – A Stranger Came to Town

This is a season of tradition. We read the same stories. We sing the same hymns. We light the purple candles. We kneel at the manger and we have learned the angel’s songs by heart. We walk this same journey because the love that fashioned the universe and its billions of galaxies has chosen, in grace, to take on skin and walk where we walk. The Word became flesh. He napped in a manger. He spoke with an accent, and had favorite foods and loved a good story. He was one of us. But he was also a stranger. His heart was bigger, his prayers were deeper, his spirit was freer. This strangeness was unsettling to some. It was magnetic to others. They discovered, and we continue to discover, that this stranger not only reveals truth about God, but he reveals the truth about us. A stranger came to town and sends us on a journey to find our way home.

- Dec. 3 This is the Stranger’s Town
- Dec. 10 Finally Seeing What Has Been True All Along
- Dec. 17 The Good News of the Metanoia Man
- Dec. 24 Morning Worship, Lessons and Carols
Evening Worship, You Do Not Have to Be Afraid Anymore



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is buzzing with preparations for the distribution of 650 Thanksgiving Baskets to the Pantry's families. The Pantry is so appreciative that a generous Village Church member has purchased all the turkeys needed for the baskets, but there is a great need for the other food items to fill 650 baskets.

The items needed for each basket are 1 can green beans, 1 can corn, 1 box instant mashed potatoes, 1 stuffing mix, 1 can sweet potatoes, 1 can (no glass) turkey gravy, 1 can broth, 1 pumpkin pie mix, 1 Jiffy pie crust mix, 1 can evaporated milk. Canned cranberries have already been donated.

The last date for collection will be Sunday, Nov. 12. Distribution to the clients will be completed by Nov. 18. Please donate early. Your generosity makes Thanksgiving as happy for our clients as it will be for you. Thank you.

Cross-Lines Cooks a Meal

Village Church will cook a meal at Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. on Friday, Nov. 10. We need four to five volunteers to cook from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and three to four to serve from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church south reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Star Families

Village Church will again sponsor "Star" Families from Operation Breakthrough. We will help provide Christmas gifts for families and holiday meals. Stars will be available on the bulletin board from 9 a.m. to noon this Sunday, Nov. 5, in Friendship Hall. Each child receives at least three new, unwrapped gifts; and the mom receives a \$25 gift card to Target or Walmart. The Operation Breakthrough truck will be in our parking lot to receive the donations on Sunday, Dec. 10. Monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for holiday meals. \$30 will feed a family of three or less and \$60 a family of four or more. Note: Operation Breakthrough in the memo of your check.

In addition, Village is offering a new opportunity to buy individual toys for the Operation Breakthrough Holiday Store. Nearly 750 kids who don't attend Operation Breakthrough but live in the same urban community benefit from this one-day shopping event. Pre-registered parents come and pick out gifts for each of their children with a volunteer. Volunteers are also needed at this event (contact Lee Duckett at leed@operationbreakthrough.org). If you are interested in donating a new toy to the shop, you will find a list of the needed items at the north and south reception desks. You can deliver these individual toys for the store to Village on the morning of Dec. 10.

The children who receive Christmas aid all come from low-income families. Some are homeless. Many are in foster care because they have been abused or neglected. Nearly all live in single-parent families, headed by working-poor women. Contact Ann Colston, 913-722-0165, or Marilyn Borel, 913-708-1917 with questions.

SARAH ARE ORDINATION

Introducing...Rev. Sarah Rachel Are!

Over 400 people filled the Village on Mission Sanctuary and countless others joined via livestream Tuesday evening, Oct. 10, 2017, to witness the service of ordination for Rev. Sarah Are, daughter of Rev. Tom and Carol Are.

Rev. Sarah shared her tremendous gratitude to the people of Village Church: "I learned how to be a minister at Village, but more than that, I learned how to be a Christian. The impact this community of faith has had on me is immeasurable, and could take hours to unpack- including countless stories of youth trips, singing in the choir, worshiping in these pews, and adopting dozens of adults as bonus parents and grandparents. I cannot say 'thank you' enough to this community of faith and the many hardworking church staff, who supported me throughout my seminary career and throughout this ordination process. I will cherish so many memories from my Ordination evening, but top among them is that the service itself was held at Village, and Village will always be home. As I said Oct. 10, the church, at its best, is a family. You all taught me that, so thank you for being my family. It is a joy to love you."

—Gratefully, Sarah Are



VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH



World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1, was the debut of our Village on Antioch adult and children's choirs. In this picture, the children's choir is singing *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. We worshiped in Arabic and English with Rev. Amgad Megally from the Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship, and Egyptian singers from the Coptic Christian Church.

Volunteer Matt Vaughan and VOA staff person Molly Ramsey took our VOA youth for their first outing to the Louisburg Cider Mill on Sunday, Oct. 8.



Nov. 5 Hope in the Rear View Mirror
 Nov. 12 The Places Hope Takes God

Please sign up for one or more of several opportunities for you to journey to a place of hope during The Places Hope Takes You Sermon Series. Here are our Places of Hope activities Nov. 7-18.

Finding Hope through Gathering Food for the Hungry - 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7

After the Harvest is an organization that picks what produce is left in the fields and delivers it to food banks, pantries, shelters and community kitchens in the Kansas City area. You will be notified by Monday, Nov. 6, about where you will be gleaning. All ages welcome. You will be walking through fields collecting produce and carrying it to crates and collection. Led by Rev. Zach Walker, associate pastor for youth ministry (zach.walker@villagepres.org).

Finding Hope through Exploring How to End Homelessness and Transform Lives - 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, Community LINC, 4012 Troost, Kansas City, Mo. 64110

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. Persons must drive to the site for the tour. Hosted by Deborah White, director of mission (deborah.white@villagepres.org)..

Finding Hope through Praying for the City - noon-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, Liberty Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Mo. 64108

We'll join to pray for Kansas City as we stand looking out over the city from the Liberty memorial site. We will pray and sing that our city will be a place of hope. The prayer service will last 30 minutes. No seating. All ages welcome. Parking is free in and around the memorial site. Led by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor, Will Breytspraak, director of music, and Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate.

Finding Hope through Sorting Clothes & Supplies for the Homeless - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Uplift, 1516 Prospect Ave, Kansas City, Mo. 64127

Uplift ministry brings 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. 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 (len.carrell@villagepres.org).

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11. Finding Hope through Worshiping at Claridge Court-1-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Claridge Court, 8101 Mission Rd., Prairie Village 66208

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. The building is accessible to all.

12. Finding Hope through Recreation and Re-creation - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Roe Park, 107th and Roe Ave, Overland Park 66207

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.

Please register at villagepres.org/hope

MUSIC MINISTRY

Second Thursday Recital Nov. 9-Guest Organist Dr. Paul Meier

Please join us in the Village on Mission Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, when Dr. Paul Meier plays the new Village pipe organ. Dr. Meier is the newly appointed director of music at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo. His program will include works by Vierne and Mozart. Admission is free and open to the community.



Te Deum Chamber Choir Presents: "To Light the World" 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Village on Mission Sanctuary

Explore light's revealing nature, and our opportunity to be light in darkness. Features works for choir and organ by John Tavener, William Walton, Arvo Pärt, James MacMillan and the world premiere of commissioned work by Ingrid Stölzel.

Tickets are \$15 and available at www.te-deum.org/concerts. Te Deum is a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

Kansas City Wind Symphony's Second Concert Features Music for Organ and Winds

The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents a concert entitled "The Majesty of the Organ" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. The free concert features Dr. Elisa Bickers, associate director of music and principal organist at Village Church, performing selections for organ and wind ensemble.

Dr. Phil Posey, recently retired conductor of the ensemble, returns to conduct along with Dr. Langston Hemenway, the ensemble's new principal conductor. Music on the program includes William Walton's *Crown Imperial*, Weinberger's *Polka and Fugue* from *Schwanda the Bagpiper* and *Pebble Beach Sojourn* for organ and expanded brass and percussion ensemble composed by Ron Nelson. The featured work on the program is Camille Saint-Saens' monumental *Organ Symphony No.3 in C Minor, Opus 78*, transcribed for wind orchestra by Mark H. Hindsley.

The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member ensemble of the Village Church Arts Alliance.



Wednesday Night Dinner

Dine before or after your class. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. These dinners offer an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a well-balanced, convenient meal. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is \$7. Salad bar & dessert is \$6. Children 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 for reservations by noon Monday.

NEW: Standing reservations are only available on a pre-pay basis. Contact Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org if you are interested in paying for a month, several dates, or the rest of the meals through Dec. 13.

Menus:

Nov. 8—Baked lemon chicken (GF), vegetable quinoa pilaf (GF & V), vegetable mélange, sm. turkey corn dogs

Nov. 15—Thanksgiving potluck. Herb roasted turkey & turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, bread stuffing, sweet potatoes with chickpea bacon (V & GF) dinner rolls with butter. We are asking that each attendee PLEASE bring a salad, side dishes or desserts to share.

Nov. 22—Happy Thanksgiving – NO DINNER

Nov. 29—Baked parmesan tilapia, Athenian orzo (V) w/tomatoes, spinach, feta cheese, fish nuggets, veggie

Dec. 6 —Soup and baked potato bar – one meat soup & one vegetarian, and baked potatoes with toppings



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's 2017 Advent Candlelight Dinner



Home for Christmas
Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Village Church Pastor of Pastoral Care

Tuesday, Dec. 5
Village Church on Mission– Friendship Hall
5:30 p.m. Punch Reception
6 p.m. Dinner & Program
Reservation Cost: \$16

Come! Bring your mothers, sisters, aunts and friends as we gather for the time-honored Advent Dinner tradition. Paid reservations will be taken at PW Circle meetings as well as in Friendship Hall Sunday mornings, Nov. 12 & 19. One table seats eight guests. Seating is limited so please don't delay. Questions? Contact Kay Patterson at klutjenpatterson@gmail.com or 913-481-3612.

For child care reservations, please email Pam Southerland at pam.southerland@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2352 no later than Nov. 28.

If you would like to be a server, please contact Julie Foster at foster.julie@icloud.com or call 913-221-7778.

Mission Sewing meets every Tuesday in Room 115 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with a lunch break from noon-1 p.m. Come and go as you can. Jobs other than machine sewing include stuffing pillows, hand sewing, pressing and miscellaneous. Call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information. Home knitters – it's time to think "Christmas caps."

The Good Times Rolled at Classic Citizens' Celebration!

On Thursday, Oct. 5, more than 140 members who are 75 years or more young at heart gathered for the afternoon to enjoy food, fellowship and fun. Guests mingled with staff members, heard great music from our new music director Will Breytspraak, and heard the latest from Rev. Tom Are, Jr. An impromptu sing-around-the-piano brought smiles to many faces! This was our largest turnout yet for this annual event. Thank you to Chef Emily, the PC&C committee and everyone who helped make this happen.



Memories in the Making

Memories in the Making provides relationships, colorful connections and a wellspring of inner expression to people living with Alzheimer's. The class meets at Village on Mission the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Room 126, with a caregiver's support group meeting in Room 124.

We invite you to explore this opportunity for yourself or with a loved one. Please contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org.



2018 Visiting Scholar Tickets Now Available For Online Purchase

Dr. Serene Jones is president of Union Theological Seminary, a former professor at Yale Divinity School, and regular contributor to *Time* and *Huffington Post*. She is also our 2018 Visiting Scholar helping us explore "What is True: Theology and the American Story." Tickets are available through the Village Church website at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

Although many people think mixing politics and religion leads to disastrous consequences, Dr. Jones asserts that is not an inevitable result. She writes our country's founders recognized "religious, community, and moral values play an invaluable role in building a just society. They knew that... the people who dig into their faith or moral convictions for wisdom govern the best." Dr. Jones believes that this holds true just as much for religious progressives as for conservatives. Please join us Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, 2018, to explore this timely topic.



Upcoming Village U courses include:

Great Books Discussion - If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Child care is not available. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5, Room 127.

Super Saturday Handworks & E-Works - Enjoy community and fellowship amongst some of us who have so much in common while doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. You will see everything from crocheting, to recipe organizing, to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Rooms 126 and 127. Child care is only available from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Mail Merge - Just in time for the holidays! Students will learn how to utilize an Excel spreadsheet to format and print address labels. Mail Merge is an excellent tool for those who send holiday cards, party invitations, or newsletters. Labels will be provided. A sample spreadsheet will be available for use during the classes. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Room 316.

Book Club - Join us for an interesting book discussion while your children enjoy child care. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, Room 133.

Wreath Making Class - Join us for this instructor-led course that will teach students how to create a fresh wreath for the holiday season. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Room 126. Additional class fee: \$25.

Hallmark Cards Exhibit at Crown Center - For more than 100 years, Hallmark Cards has called Kansas City home. Joyce C. Hall, an 18-year-old entrepreneur, started the company in 1910 with a shoebox full of postcards. Today Hallmark creates greeting cards and many other products in 30 languages that reach 100 countries around the globe. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. Cost for the bus is \$20 per person; participants pay for their own lunches. Participant limit: 25.

Register for Village U classes online at villagepres.org or by contacting Marianne at 913-671-2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.



2017 Village Church Earth Steward Recipients

Nicola Juricak and Sallie Veenstra have been named as the recipients of Environmental Action Committee’s 2017 Earth Steward Awards. This award recognizes and honors members of the Village family who practice, model and teach faithful and responsible stewardship of God’s Creation. These people are green saints walking among us who demonstrate exceptional earth consciousness in their thinking and living 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.

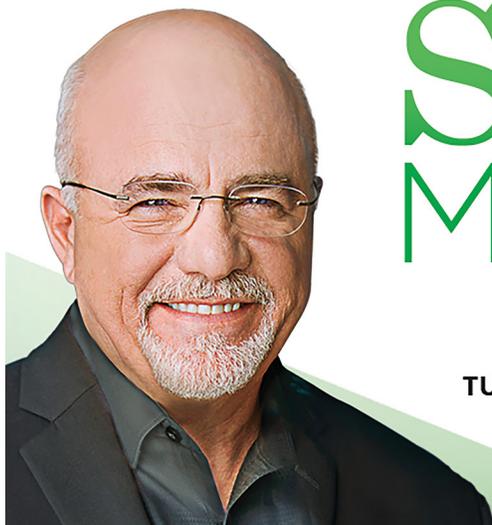
Nicola joined EAC in 2014. She says she was impressed by the Church’s commitment to creation care, visible on their bulletin board and web page and in its array of earth care activities. Her arrival infused EAC with renewed energy and purpose.



As a pediatrician and as a Christian, Sallie believes that another way to care for children (and their children and grandchildren) is to care for the environment, the natural world that surrounds and sustains us. Environmental degradation, resource depletion and climate change disproportionately harm the least among us—those least responsible for the problem and least able to cope with its effects.



VILLAGE COMMITMENT



DAVE RAMSEY'S
Smart MONEY

LIVE STREAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 7 PM

Village on Mission – Room 132
Free to participate. Child care available.
RSVP to molly.sirridge@villagepres.org or
913-671-2325.



The Village Commitment Committee is happy to bring you an opportunity to attend the live stream of Dave Ramsey’s “Smart Money” here at Village Church on Mission. The event is free and will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Room 132 at Village on Mission. Child care will be available until 8:30 p.m. Please contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org to make your reservation to attend.

Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze via live stream will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for retirement and much more. Stop wondering where your money went and start telling it where to go. We hope to see you there.

Baptism

Class for Nov. 19 Baptism is scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, in the Chapel. Please call the Children and Family Ministry office at 913-671-2350 to register. Child care is provided with advance registration.

Advent Activities

Be sure to look on page 1 and 2 of this *Good News* to get the dates and times for all our annual events and activities. Please note: Advent Family Workshop is not on the first day of Advent, but is on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Family Worship

Nov. 19 and 26 will be a special family time. We will offer family worship and "Broadly-graded" Sunday School for Preschool and Kid's Kingdom. Delight in being together with God and the greater church family, beautiful music, new worship bags with *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, baptisms and more.

Third Graders Bible Presentation

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 34 third graders received their own Bibles, a long tradition of our church. These child-friendly Bibles help youngsters explore the Bible in a personal way, making it easier to understand God's Word. If you and your third grader missed the Bible presentation, please call the Children and Family Ministry Office at 913-671-2350.

COMMUNITY SPACE AVAILABLE

VCCFDC Community Space Use

The Village Church Child and Family Development Center (VCCFDC) has a large community room and two smaller conference rooms available weekday evenings from 6-9 p.m. These rooms may be scheduled by contacting Mary Cashin, facilities coordinator, at 913-671-2342. There is no facility charge for Village Church sponsored groups. There is a facility fee of \$50 for groups with no Village Church affiliation. Find the VCCFDC Facility Use Policy online at villagepres.org and click on LOCATIONS>MENEILLY CENTER FOR MISSION.

The Village Church Labyrinth is Completed

On Saturday, Oct. 14, a group of members from our Single Adult Ministry group and Mission Committee put some finishing touches on the Village Church Prayer Labyrinth at 99th and Mission Road. They constructed an arbor to mark the entrance and topped off the paths with additional crushed granite. Come enjoy this spiritual resource and walk the path of prayer and meditation. A box now hangs on the arbor that contains more information about the labyrinth and a prayer you can use when you walk.



Rob Nelson and Wayne White with the arbor



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VILLAGE COMMITMENT

The Place Hope Takes You

What inspires you to commit time, talent and treasure? For me, it's gratitude for what I've received and my desire to share. At Village Church, I have made wonderful friendships and discovered a variety of meaningful ways to serve. The sermons and studies, highlighting God's love for us, are all the more amazing. Through it all, hope is the foundation that keeps me engaged and wanting more. I love the hope of God that says we can be the church He has called us to be within and outside the walls on Mission and Antioch Roads. This inspires me to commit my time, talent and treasure to Village Church. After all, God's blessings aren't for us to keep but to share.



I invite you take time now to consider your annual commitment, as we journey ahead together. I look forward to seeing the places hope takes you and me!

—Suzanne Willey



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

www.villagepres.org

IN MEMORY

Robbie Gentry
Nancy Preston