Advent: A Holy Invitation - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Village on Mission

All women are invited to an inspiring, intergenerational evening as we begin the Advent season. Our guest speaker is Rev. Sarah Are. We will have heavy hors d’oeuvres in Friendship Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. We will move to the Sanctuary for the program portion of the evening. The event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Village Church. Reservations are now open. Cost is $18 a person. For child care reservations, email pam.southerland@villagepres.org by Nov. 26. See page 8 for more information.

Advent Family Workshop - 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 – Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

Don’t miss our traditional family activity to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Make your own 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.

Te Deum Chamber Choir Presents “Peace & Joy” - 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 – Village on Mission Sanctuary

This Christmas concert will focus on two of the season’s most important themes, music of peace and joy, but we will also give special attention to local Kansas City composers. The concert features world premieres by composers Ed Frazier Davis and Geoff Wilcken. And we will perform one of the most virtuosic and grand choral pieces ever composed, Schoenberg’s Friede Auf Erden (Peace on Earth). Tickets are $15 per person available at www.te-deum.org.

Christmas Night Out with Puppet Show - 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 – Village on Mission Child Care

Send your kids to this fun-filled night while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-8 will enjoy crafts, activities, a fun snack and the puppet show. Cost is $15 per child with a $30 maximum per family. The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 15.

Paul Mesner Puppets and “The Cat Came Back” - 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 – Village on Mission Sanctuary

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! Admission is free. Open to the community.

Christmas Dinner - 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Friendship Hall at Village on Mission

Come celebrate the holidays with friends at the Wednesday Family Dinner Christmas meal. Salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and the hot food line opens at 5:30 p.m. Cost is $7 a person. Kids age 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon Monday, Dec. 9, to 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

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VCCFDC Cookies with Santa – 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 - Friendship Hall at Village on Mission
The Village Church Child & Family Development Center will host “Cookies with Santa.” Contact Linda Harmon at 913-671-2310 or linda.harmon@villagepres.org to make a reservation. Donations are welcome to feed Santa’s reindeer!

Village on Antioch Children’s Christmas Pageant – Following 9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday, Dec. 15
Enjoy our annual Children’s Christmas pageant in the Village on Antioch Sanctuary.

19th Annual Tidings of Joy Concert – 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 - Village on Mission Sanctuary
Featuring some of the greatest music of the season performed by the Tidings of Joy choruses, orchestra and soloists. Child care will be provided with a reservation by Dec. 8. This FREE concert will have a free-will offering for Grace United Community Ministries serving educational needs of children from multicultural families in Northeast Kansas City.

The Snow Globes with Barnaby Bright – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 - Friendship Hall at Village on Mission
The Kansas City-based trio The Snow Globes (Lindsey Jones, Barclay Martin and Rick Willoughby) offer a new twist on traditional carols and classic songs of the Christmas season. Join us for a night of good holiday cheer and a special appearance by Barnaby Bright (Becky and Nathan Bliss)! Admission is free. More info at www.thesnowglobes.com.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials - Reserve by Dec. 6 - Celebrate the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Make your $10 check $10 payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by Friday, Dec. 6. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

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 on the adoption table from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Nov. 17, in Friendship Hall. In addition, 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. If you wish to buy just one or more gift(s) for the OB Holiday Store, you can pick up a shopping list at the VOM reception desks. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or Marilyn Borel at 913-708-1917 with questions.

Angel Tree at Village on Antioch (VOA) - VOA will be participating in the Angel Tree program through Prison Fellowship, www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree. This program provides us the opportunity to buy gifts for the children of prisoners in the name of their parent in prison. Children with a parent in prison grow up wondering if their mom or dad still loves them. Through Angel Tree, you can be the one to show them they do! The Angels will be available at VOA beginning Sunday, Nov. 24, in Fellowship Hall. The child's information and gift suggestions will be on the Angel. The gifts, valued at $40-$45, should be returned, gift wrapped, to VOA by Dec. 8. We will deliver the gifts to the children on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Decorate the Village Trees with Diapers and Hats and Mittens - From Dec. 6 to 24, come put hats and mittens on our trees and diapers (all sizes welcome including adult large and XL) under our trees to give to families served by the Village Clothes Closet/Food Pantry. You will find the trees located at the south entrance to Village on Mission and in the Welcome Center. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org for more information.

Joy Offering & Christmas Project Offering (Dec. 22) - The Joy Offering provides support to current and retired church workers in need (50%) and to students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. It also supports leadership development efforts of the Racial Equity Office of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (50%). The Christmas Project offering helps local social service agencies who help others with holiday and emergency assistance needs (100%).

Christmas Eve Worship Service Times
Village on Mission – All services will be in the Sanctuary.
3 & 5 p.m. Family Worship Service with The Gathering Band
7 & 9 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship Services
11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

All Village on Mission Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed at www.villagepres.org/online

Village on Antioch – Both services will be in the Sanctuary.
4 p.m. Family Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship Service with Communion
I Won’t Be Home for Christmas
Dec. 1-24

Advent is a season of waiting. The church is always in Advent, because we are always waiting on what God will do next. Although it is only this time of year that we mark that posture of expectation. Why are we always waiting? Because we aren’t home yet. We, nor the world itself, are as God intends us to be. So, as a people who are always “on the way,” we continue the journey toward home. This series will rehearse some of the expressions of waiting (which can be another word for hope) that is part of this long tradition.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

I Believe. Help My Unbelief.
through Nov. 17

Church should be about the big things in your life and heart. It should be about joy and failure, about social struggles like poverty and racism, about ultimate questions like forgiveness and heaven. These are not questions that we face individually. God intended that there be a church because we cannot explore these questions apart from community. But it’s not just any community. This is the body of Christ.

Because of the size of the issues and the expectations of our calling, Christian faith is always something we will embrace with a degree of question or wonder. We will never move from a place of I believe, help my unbelief to a place of I believe 100%. Unbelief is a given with this gospel.

- Nov. 10  What Does Love Look Like?
- Nov. 17  Because He Lives

World Communion Sunday
Oct. 6

Our Morning Stars Children's Choirs performed for the first time this fall on World Communion Sunday.
At the Oct. 7 meeting of the Session, the elders of the church...

- Approved the recommendation from the Endowment Trust board for $1,250 to support the participation of young people in the “Be the Church Service Night” and $3,600 to support a new capstone experience for graduating high school seniors to explore the call to ministry. These funds come from the Endowment Trust’s Children, Youth and Family Legacy Fund.

- Approved a new set of guidelines and practices for the Memorial Garden at Village on Mission. The guidelines will be shared with families who have placed the remains of loved ones in the Memorial Garden. The goal is for the garden to continue to be a place of comfort and beauty for all.

- Endorsed the Rev. Hallie Hottle as she pursues a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree beginning in January 2020. Rev. Hottle will continue in her work at Village Church full time during her studies. Typically a five-year program, the course of study includes 2-3 years of course work involving 1-2 weeks of on campus study per semester and two years of writing a dissertation. The D.Min. is a doctoral degree designed only for ministers and is a practical degree that encourages ministers to do research on a particular question or challenge in their ministry setting. Rev. Hottle plans to focus on Christian spirituality related to young adults.

The Session heard reports about...

- New priorities in Adult Educational Ministry including a renewed focus on Sunday morning classes and opportunities for adults in their 40s and 50s.

- Two staff searches. Following the calling of the Rev. Melanie Hardison to serve as one of the associate pastors for pastoral care, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues its search for the second associate pastor in pastoral care. The search for a director of finance and operations continues. Stacey Janssen is the chairperson of the search committee. Ruling Elder Sam Wendt is a member. A search firm has provided a group of candidates. Rev. Tom Are is working with both searches.

- A wonderful Classic Citizens Celebration, the largest gathering in our history, was held on Thursday, Sept. 26, in Friendship Hall. Many thanks to staff and to the Pastoral Care and Counseling Committee members who welcomed these classic citizens with such joy and delight.

- A Mission Committee meeting with Front Porch Alliance leadership. The leaders presented information about the work of the alliance and then engaged the committee in conversation. The committee was very enthusiastic about the ongoing ministry of the Front Porch Alliance which Village has supported since its inception 20 years ago.

- Worship attendance is up compared with a year ago. Five children were baptized, one couple was married, and services were held for four members who have joined the saints in heaven.

The Session closed the meeting with prayer including all persons on the prayer list and especially praying for people of Haiti and our many friends there. The next meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in Room 132.

What is the Session? The Session is the governing board of the congregation. The 29 elders are elected by the congregation. Each one serves for a three-year term. Currently the Session is comprised of 13 women and 16 men. Two of the elders are young people. The Session meets monthly except for July. The Rev. Tom Are, Jr. is moderator of the Session. Pastors and ministry directors also attend the meetings.
The Food Pantry is gearing up for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This past Sunday in church the shopping lists were passed out:
1 can green beans, 1 can corn, 1 can sweet potatoes, 1 box mashed potatoes, 1 can gravy, 1 can broth, 1 box/bag stuffing,
1 can pumpkin pie mix, 1 can evaporated milk, 1 box pie crust.
Please, no glass containers. If you prefer the Pantry do your shopping, $30 will provide one Thanksgiving basket.
Collection days are Sundays, Nov. 10 and 17, at church. Distribution begins at the Pantry on Nov. 20. Six hundred baskets will
be distributed - your generous donations are so appreciated.
Remember the Clothes Closet as you change out your wardrobe with the seasons. Winter clothing, sweaters, jackets, warm
socks, hats are all welcome.

Village Signature Mission Project Opens Its Doors

Avenue of Life's Unaccompanied Homeless Youth House will be hosting a ribboncutting and open house from
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at 3535 Wood Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. This long-term transitional housing program
for youth between the ages of 16 and 18 provides a stable home environment until residents graduate and move on to a
career or college. If you would like to attend the festivities, contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or
deborah.white@villagepres.org.
Classic Citizens Celebration was Great Fun!

The food – delicious. The singing – wonderful. The fellowship and laughter – the best part. On Thursday, Sept. 26, 175 people enjoyed our largest Classic Citizens Celebration to date. Rev. Tom Are shared updates not only from Village but also from Presbyville and answered questions. Thank you to all the Pastoral Care & Counseling members, staff and many others who helped make this fun possible. We already can’t wait for next year!

Rev. Becky Chamberlain’s Time as Interim Pastor for Pastoral Care Coming to a Close

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor, shares “With the calling of the Rev. Melanie Hardison, Rev. Becky Chamberlain’s interim service is coming to a close at Village Church. Becky will conclude her work as interim pastor on Nov. 29. Thankfully, she will continue to be with us in a new part-time role as parish associate for Stephen Ministry until June 30, 2020. We are so grateful for Becky and her leadership and faithfulness!”

Rev. Becky Chamberlain writes to you, the Village congregation:

It’s no coincidence that my home calendar for October carries a quote by Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister: “The pain of one loss is always an invitation to open myself to the rest of life.” The God who called me to serve as your interim pastor at Village wanted me to trust these good words. The truth is, while I look forward to more time to pursue other interests and opportunities as my work as interim ends, there is grief in the ending as well.

An invitation from Village Church to serve in pastoral care was never on my radar! When that call came 18 months ago, I had no idea how it would change my life. Sharing ministry with so many of you has brought joy, satisfaction, challenge, weariness, heartbreak, growth… I have had the privilege of sharing God’s love with you in joyful and difficult circumstances and everything in between. Recently, after a particularly moving home communion visit with one of our elders, I thought, “How can I be so blessed?” The experiences I have had will never be forgotten, nor will all the caring and committed staff and volunteers and members and friends who welcomed me from day one. It has been PURE GIFT to be part of it all!

I end the interim with some sadness but also great joy that you will soon have two full-time pastors in pastoral care. I end humbled and strengthened in my own faith as I “open myself to the rest of life.” Thanks be to God!

—Rev. Becky Chamberlain
Stephen Ministers Help Those Facing a Difficult Time in their Life

Winter and the holidays can be dreary and difficult for some friends and family. If you know someone facing challenges in their life — such as grief from loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, separation due to military deployment, or other problem, Village Presbyterian Church may be able to help through its Stephen Ministry program.

Over the years, Stephen Ministers from 13,000 congregations and other organizations have provided spiritual support to over 1.5 million people.

Stephen Ministers are laypeople – Christian men and women – trained to provide one-to-one care to a hurting person. They meet with that person on a weekly basis. Men with men, women with women. Everything is totally confidential!

What Do Care Receivers Say About Stephen Ministry?

A Stephen Minister begins a caring relationship when he or she is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis. The Stephen Minister then meets with that person to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the person needs care.

The following are quotes from Care Receivers who have shared their story about the impact of Stephen Ministry on their life.

“I Began to Feel God’s Love Again”— A young woman described how her caring relationship with her Stephen Minister allowed her to experience Jesus in a personal, tangible, life-transforming way.

“I’m So Grateful for Stephen Ministry!”— A man shared how he and his Stephen Minister built a high-trust relationship, apart from his regular circle of friends, so that he could move forward through a tough time in his life.

“On the Front Lines of Care”— The story of an Army captain who lost his foot in an explosion in Iraq, trained as a Stephen Minister, and later returned to Iraq better equipped to care for the soldiers under his command.

“A Steady Reminder of God’s Presence”— A woman told how having a Stephen Minister during a family crisis gave her a spiritual anchor and the opportunity to focus on her own needs.

Encourage a friend or family member to participate…

If you know a friend or family member who would consider utilizing a Stephen Minister, please encourage them to contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain in Pastoral Care and Counseling at 913-671-2347 or becky.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

Candlelight Remembrance Service is Dec. 8

The annual Remembrance Service honors those loved ones we lost. It will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. If your loved one passed away during 2019 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. If you would like to include any other names, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org by Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Bringing a Poinsettia Brightens a Member’s Advent Season

Cheerful red poinsettias will be available for delivery to homebound members on Sunday, Nov. 24 (or come early on Saturday, Nov. 23, and beat the crowd). Can you help deliver one or two of 300 poinsettias? Come to the Welcome Center at Village on Mission either early Saturday morning or between any of the Sunday services to pick up a poinsettia. There will be tables, sorted by zip code areas, with instructions. Choose an area that is convenient for you. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and help in delivering some Christmas cheer!
**Wednesday Family Dinners**

People of all ages can gather before attending a Village U class, choir practice or just take a night off from cooking. Chef Emily prepares a hot buffet, salad bar and dessert ($7) or salad bar & dessert ($6). Children age 10 and under eat free! We’ve also added a children’s play area. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. RSVP to Liz at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org, or RSVP online at www.villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners.

**Menus:**

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**All-Church Chiefs Game Watch Party Potluck**

6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18

The Connectional Ministries Committee invites you to the first Chiefs Game Watch Party. We'll enjoy the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Los Angeles Chargers Monday Night game on the big screen from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Bring a hearty potluck dish to share. Drinks, hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided.

Free child care (from 6:30-8:30 p.m.) with a reservation by Nov. 11 to marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Advent: A Holy Invitation**

5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3

Reservations Now Open

Presbyterian Women are delighted that Rev. Sarah Are will be offering the meditation for our Advent celebration. She is serving as associate pastor of youth and young adults at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Sarah will be reflecting on “Advent: A Holy Invitation.” She says, “When the angel tells Mary that she is going to bear God’s son, the angel invites Mary to participate in what God is doing in the world. Mary cannot see the road ahead and she certainly could not have anticipated what was to come. I think the invitation of Advent is an invitation to show up - which is to live like we’re not afraid and to live like God is active in the world.”

All are welcome in Friendship Hall for heavy hors d’oeuvres followed by worship in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Reservations are $18 and can be purchased between morning services at Village Church on Mission Nov. 10 or 17 or online at www.villagepres.org/pw now through Nov. 24. For child care reservations, email pam.southerland@villagepres.org by Nov. 26.
Upcoming Fall Village U Classes

Basic Microsoft Publisher (Daytime or Evening) – 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Room 316. This class is an introduction to Microsoft Publisher. The objective of this class is learning to use the Microsoft Publisher software to create greeting cards, business cards, calendars or simple newsletters. Topics to be covered include accessing templates, editing templates to customize documents and printing documents. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available. For more information, email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

Housing Options–Part I: What Are Your Choices? – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Room 232. The Education Group is dedicated to providing education about issues related to aging and to helping others avoid common pitfalls in decision-making. This session covers the “why” and the vocabulary associated with aging and senior housing choices. Learn the basics to start your exploration of what choice is the right choice for you. Facilitated by Ann Brazil & Evie Curtis.

Housing Options–Part II: Navigating the Decision Tree – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Room 127. The Education Group is dedicated to providing education about issues related to aging and to helping others avoid common pitfalls in decision-making. Participants will be led through the eleven senior housing options for independent living that currently exist in our area plus compare the five options available for advance care. As part of this session, costs associated with type of housing will be discussed. Facilitated by Don Williams & Evie Curtis.

Mail Merge (Daytime or Evening) – 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, Room 316. Just in time for the holidays! Learn to easily convert a simple spreadsheet into mailing labels. This skill can be used both at home and in the workplace. A basic understanding of spreadsheets is helpful. A sample spreadsheet and mailing labels will be provided. Child care is not available. Registration is necessary. For more information, email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

From Dust to Dust–Dealing with the End of Life – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, in the Village on Mission Chapel. The poet writes in Ecclesiastes 3:20, “All go to one place; all are from dust, and all turn to dust again.” The words are true for all creatures but especially for those who are facing the end of one’s life here on earth. What decisions confront us both as individuals and as caregivers? How do we make faithful decisions for the end of one’s life? Facilitated by Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor for pastoral care.

Jesus Christ is Born! The Miracle of the Incarnation – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, in Rooms 232 and 233. In these three classes in the weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, we will explore the doctrine of the incarnation and how the early church struggled to form this key tenet of Christian faith. We will examine the controversies around the immaculate conception and ultimately realize how the birth of Jesus transforms our lives today. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor.

Online registration is encouraged at www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes

Village Church Single Adult Ministry
French Cooking Class
6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Room 232, Village on Mission

Join chef instructor Rachel Ciordas for a French dinner. These simple recipes are fantastic as dinner for one, or to size up for company. Come enjoy crisp autumn salad of French greens with walnuts and “fromage bleu”, flavorful Beef Burgundy served with silky potatoes, and ending with sweet, creamy chocolate mousse! The cost is $10. RSVP is required to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.
Kansas City Wind Symphony Veterans Day Concert
6 p.m. This Sunday, Nov. 10 - Village Church on Mission Sanctuary

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present their second concert of the 2019-20 season at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free. The program will be a Veterans Day special featuring works of a patriotic nature and will include music by Morton Gould, Donald Grantham, Robert Russell Bennett, John Philip Sousa and more!

Second Thursday Recital Guest Performers Beau Bledsoe and Coleen Dieker
12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 - Village on Mission

Guitarist Beau Bledsoe and violinist Coleen Dieker will perform music from Ireland, Turkey, Spain and Argentina. The recital will be in the Village on Mission Chapel. Admission is free!

Beau Bledsoe’s performances have been described as “pointedly musical” by Paul Horsley of The Kansas City Star. This stylistically eclectic musician performs and records classical music, jazz and folkloric music from around the world as he seeks to integrate different musical cultures with diverse audiences. With his many varied projects and ensembles, Beau has performed extensively throughout Europe, Russia, Asia, South America and North America. In addition, he has produced 15 recordings under his recording label Tzigane. Beau is currently artistic director and founder of Ensemble Ibérica which explores the music of Spain, Portugal and the colonial Americas while educating the public about Iberian cultural influence.

Coleen Dieker started playing piano when she was four years old and violin when she was seven. She has been singing all her life. After many years of classical training, she attended Berklee College of Music for two years and studied piano performance, improvising, listening, arranging and recording. As a genre-hopping music fiend, she enjoys a diverse career of collaboration, performance and recording. She has since worked with many local and national artists and enjoys taking on new challenges and projects.

Countertenor Philippe Jaroussky
with the Boston Early Music Festival Chamber Ensemble
“The Story of Orpheus”
2:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 - Village on Mission

Orpheus is one of the most tragic characters in history. When his love tragically dies on their wedding night, he embarks on an epic journey to rescue her from the gates of the underworld. The Boston Early Music Festival Chamber Ensemble will unfold this incredible tale using music inspired by the story with the help of countertenor Philippe Jaroussky and soprano Amanda Forsythe. Don’t miss your chance to be swept away by this love story for the ages. Presented by Friends of Chamber Music. Tickets may be purchased at www.chambermusic.org.
Welcome to “The Lighthouse”

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Brooke Latas, director of children & family ministry, announced “We’re launching a new name for Sunday school. Mostly because it had the word ‘school’ in it, and let’s be honest, we need a break from that word on the weekends. We thought long and hard, researched – even prayed – to find a name for us that seemed right – a word that was fun, but purposeful, a word that honors God and each other. Our verse for this summer was Love God. Love each other. Lighthouses reminded us of that verse.

What is a lighthouse? Where are lighthouses built? Why are they built there? Sometimes life is really hard. Sometimes it’s sad and frustrating and tiring. Have you ever experienced that? Sometimes we just need a little reminder of what’s most important, a little light to guide our path, especially when the road ahead looks treacherous.

Who is our ultimate lighthouse? Who do we look to when the waves feel big and overwhelming and we need help? When life feels dark and stormy and we need a little light to guide our steps, God is our lighthouse.

And God also gives us opportunities for us to be lighthouses to each other. When waves are hitting for a friend and life just seems really hard, we can reflect God’s light on our friends and be lighthouses.

Village on Antioch Welcomes Clare Stern as Director of Children & Youth

Clare Stern lives in Overland Park and is a member of Village Presbyterian Church. “I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve the children and youth of Village on Antioch and their families,” said Clare.

Clare is a graduate of the University of North Florida where she received her bachelor’s degree in health science with a concentration in public health and a double minor in health education and community leadership. She comes from an interfaith family and got involved with Interfaith Youth Core’s Better Together Network her freshman year of college. It was because of working with a variety of religious and nonreligious communities that she became more grounded in her faith and values. Her family’s story and two questions from her baptismal covenant became central to her Christian and interfaith activist identities.

Clare was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, and moved to Kansas City to support interfaith cooperation at the high school level in 2017. Clare shares the same sentiment as her mentor, Rachael McNeal, that “she is enthusiastic about empowering young people to lead, not just for the future, but embolden them to serve the church now.” Clare enjoys music, reading, trying to be a yogi, and would fully support coffee becoming a holy sacrament. Welcome Clare!
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2020 Village Commitment Campaign

Your 2020 annual commitment packet should arrive in your mailbox soon. Enclosed in your packet, you will find your 2020 commitment card. This card is so important! Your completed commitment card enables Village to offer our most effective mission and ministry in 2020.

Please take time to fill out your card and mail it back in the self-addressed envelope you received in your packet on or before Nov. 17.

Or, you can go to villagepres.org/Giving and then click on Continue to Commitment Form, complete and click send!

If you do not receive your packet or if you have any questions, contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

VILLAGE ON MISSION
Traditional – 8, 9:30 & 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.
in Overland Park

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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