

## Keeping an Eye Out New Safety Measures Coming to Village on Mission

The Village Church Session recently approved new safety and security measures recommended by the Session's Safety/Security team. This team—representing the Trustees (Barbara Brown and David Reinke), Adult Educational Ministries (Ed Dexter), Deacons (Bob Zimmerman) and Children & Family Ministries (Shelby Krumm)—along with staff members Kathy Lueckert and Laura Davis, met through the summer reviewing the current Village Church Emergency Plan and Protocols, identifying areas where safety of the congregation, children and staff could be improved. The team also consulted with Cindy Wilcox, director of Connectional Ministries, and head ushers Kevin Butler and David Enslow.

The safety and security recommendations made to Session included:

1. Locking lesser used entrances during the week (the west Chapel door entrance and Steeple entrance). All doors are open on Sunday.
2. Regularly inform the congregation about what to do in emergency situations. We will do this through articles in the "Good News" newsletter, bulletin inserts and "Why Village Matters" speakers.
3. Install security cameras to cover the parking lots in 2019. Cameras are already installed inside the church buildings.
4. Implement a Sanctuary/Chapel/Friendship Hall Evacuation Plan
  - Place pew cards diagramming evacuation routes for Sanctuary, balcony and the Chapel (Coming Nov. 18)
  - Usher/Deacon training, including readily accessed color coded vests and flags, for ushers to direct evacuation (took place Oct. 23)
  - Purchased stair evacuation chairs for the north and south entrances
5. Update Emergency Communications Plan (completed)
  - Includes protocol for floods
  - Includes a Crisis Communications Plan
  - Includes protocol for a cyber attack
6. Mandate a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) email accounts to provide additional protection against cyberattacks and hacks of Village Church systems. (Timing: January 2019)
7. Consider a Village Security Team, responsible for "keeping an eye out" on Sundays and for major events. (Timing: 2019)



"We want to reassure our Village Church family that we have given safety and emergency preparedness a great deal of thought. These safety improvements are what have resulted," said Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration. "Our emergency plan was developed out of a sense of care for children, the congregation and staff. We wish to remain an open and hospitable church campus, while ensuring that everyone feels safe at Village."

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## VILLAGE CHURCH SAFETY MEASURES

"We have acted on recommendations by Prairie Village police based on their assessment of potential vulnerabilities," added Kathy. "Staff was trained on the new Emergency Plan at a retreat in April of this year. Ushers received training on our new Sanctuary evacuation plan and other safety procedures on Oct. 23. By developing this plan and through ongoing training and regular communication, the congregation and staff will be better prepared to respond to emergency situations."

"Safety at Village Church has been on my mind over the last several years given the sad reality in our country," said Shelby Krumm. "When asked to serve on the Safety/Security Review Committee, I jumped at the opportunity. I was relieved to hear that Village Church was making this a priority and wanted to have numerous voices at the table to discuss and determine a plan of action. We, as a committee, have had some very difficult, thoughtful and intentional discussions throughout our time together. This is an ongoing process and conversation that will continue to evolve. Based on my experience, I am confident that Village will continue to make this a priority!"

### Keeping Children Safe at Village

Preschool teachers and child care staff have regular emergency drills for children and teachers. "The safety of the children here at Village Church is always our utmost priority," said Sarah McKee, director of the Village on Mission Preschool. Safety improvements to the VOM Preschool and Child Care wing were completed this fall. A new egress was added to the north parking lot by changing a window to an exit door in one of the Child Care rooms. The new door provides a direct exit route from the first floor to the north parking lot. Also, a window was installed in the Preschool Office, so that there is visibility into the corridor leading from the main building to the education wing.

Child Care and Children & Family Ministry staff have established emergency protocols for different situations. "In all situations, children will be following the instructions given by their teachers," noted Kate Ruecker, Children & Family Ministry program coordinator. "Parents need to know that their children will be taken care of by their teachers. If parents are in the Sanctuary and are asked to evacuate, they should follow the evacuation instructions in the pews and any directions given from the pulpit. All volunteer teachers are trained on emergency procedures. Children and Family Ministry employees have two walkie talkies that are monitored on Sunday mornings."

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center, Village Food Pantry and Village Church on Antioch all have their own emergency plans.

### Village on Mission Sanctuary Evacuation Plan

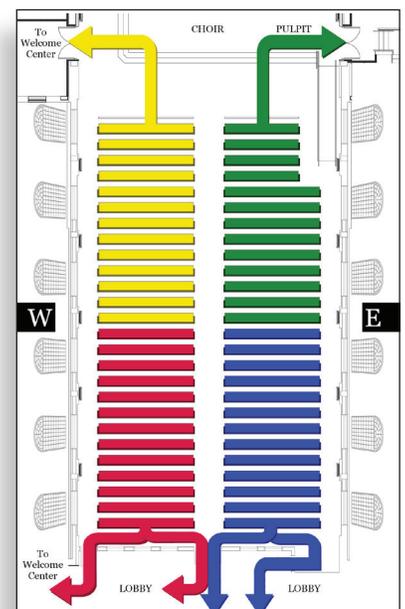
The Village on Mission Sanctuary and Chapel have been divided into color coded sections. The door you will use to evacuate is based on the color of the section in which you are sitting. Evacuation cards will be in each pew starting Nov. 18. You will be asked to look for the usher wearing the same color vest as your pew section, who will then lead you to safety. "We enlisted the help of Mission Sewing to make the colored vests for the ushers. They were happy to do it and said they too were relieved to learn that church leadership has been thinking about safety," noted Kathy.

"We have also purchased five stair evacuation chairs for the north and south entrances. These chairs provide safe and easy transport for the mobility impaired. Of course, in the event that we must evacuate the Sanctuary, we will ask all to help those around you."

You'll hear more about Village on Mission safety plans during "Why Village Matters" on Sunday, Nov. 18. We will also have a bulletin insert that will include tips on making your own emergency plan at home.



**Village on Mission Preschool Fire Drill - Preschoolers are led to the grassy area south of the playground. Teachers instruct preschoolers to place their hands on the trees while they are being counted, to make sure all students are safe and out of the church building.**



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

This Sunday, Nov. 11, is the last collection Sunday for the 500 Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed to the clients of the Village Church Food Pantry.

If you don't have the time to shop, a donation of \$30 will provide a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for a very appreciative family and we'll do the shopping. Distribution starts at the end of the week. Thank you for your donations of food or cash to make a memorable dinner for another family.

The Clothes Closet is now accepting winter clothing - coats, hats, scarves, gloves, heavy sweaters, boots, etc.

## Worship, Eat, Serve: Be the Church Service Day at Village Offered a Packed Evening of Activities for All Generations

This year's third annual Be the Church Service Day at Village on Mission and Antioch offered more service opportunities than ever for the 200+ Village volunteers who took part. At Antioch at 5 p.m. and after the Gathering Service on Mission at 5 p.m., participants enjoyed a meal, fellowship and participated in a variety of projects benefitting programs locally and abroad.



Regarding the impact, the numbers speak for themselves:

- 450 hygiene kits assembled
- 260 socks stuffed with snacks for homeless clients with UpLift
- 283 Thanksgiving cards created for Village Food Pantry clients
- 23 blankets made for Safehome for domestic violence survivors (sponsored by Women of Spirit and Circle 4)
- 76 pillows stuffed for hospital patients along with 32 seatbelt pads (sponsored by Mission Sewing)
- 30 pieces of material prepared for shoes for Ugandans to prevent jiggers
- 415 sack lunches prepared for City Union Mission
- 508 packages of adult and children's vitamins packed for the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership
- Thousands of lives touched

"Be the Church is an opportunity to express one's love for one's neighbor through service," said Deborah White, director of Mission at Village Church. "The variety of activities allowed all ages and abilities put faith into action."

If you are inspired to seek further opportunities to serve, call 913-671-2369 or email [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org).

**Village on Antioch Welcomes Laura Patton,  
New Site and Communications Coordinator**



Laura joined the staff at VOA in October 2018 after retiring from the Shawnee Mission School District where she served as a secondary reading specialist and English teacher. She earned a B.A. in English from Iowa State University, a M.S. in Adult Education from Kansas State University, and certification to teach English for Speakers of Other Languages from Emporia State University.

Laura has been married to Dennis Patton since 1990. They have two sons: Caleb, who graduated from K-State in 2018, and Noah, who is studying music at the University of North Texas. Laura and Dennis are long-time members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian where Laura has served as both elder and deacon.

Laura says she is thrilled to be starting her second career at VOA and hopes to grow along with the church.

**Community Sing:**  
**Draw <sup>THE</sup> Circle**  
**WIDE**

**3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17**  
**Village on Antioch Sanctuary**

**A free concert featuring the**  
**Village on Antioch Choir and More Love Chorale**

The Village Church on Antioch Choir will join with the More Love Chorale to draw the circle of community wide through music and action. The choirs will invite the community to join in singing together with Dr. Jan Kraybill on organ, and directors Ryan Main and Will Breytspraak leading. This free concert includes a free-will offering benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City.

“We’re excited to bring our first community concert to Village Church on Antioch,” said Ryan Main, director of music at Village Church on Antioch. “We will sing music focused around community by award-winning contemporary composers Rollo Dilworth and Elaine Hagenberg, with solo organ features by Dr. Jan Kraybill and opportunities for the audience to participate as well!”

**"The Road Home"  
WWI Armistice Commemoration Worship Service  
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11  
Atonement Lutheran Church**



Please join the greater Kansas City community at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park, for a special worship service held on the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. As the home of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City will be a focal point of this commemoration.

Featuring the renowned Störling Dance Theater and Te Deum Chamber Choir (a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance), the worship service weaves together letters from soldiers on the front written to their loved ones back home, lovely music, powerful dance depicting life at the end of the war, scripture, reflections and prayer. Admission is free. Plan to arrive by 2:30 p.m. to get a good seat. All are welcome to attend.

The event is co-sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

**KC Wind Symphony Concert  
7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18**

The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present its second concert of the 2018-19 season at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free. This performance will feature music by: Leonard Bernstein, John Mackey, Scott McAlister, David Beidenbender and will conclude with Morton Gould's epic "Symphony No. 4."

**Village on Mission Children and Youth Sing for  
World Communion Sunday**

The Morning Stars children's choirs and Village Voices brought the gift of music to worship on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7. A total of 67 children helped lead worship. Our new Angel Choir is for preschoolers. The Prelude Choir is for Kindergartners-2nd graders. The Hallelujah Choir is for 3rd-6th graders. The Village Voices is for high school and middle school students. What a joy to see so many children participating in worship.



## Getting Real

We, at Village, are good people. We really are. But we are not perfect. There would not be a one of us who has escaped feelings from time to time of guilt or disappointment. So, how do we deal with failure? How do we deal with burdens that can weigh heavy at times? In this sermon series we will explore the realities of sin, grace and what to do with a second chance, or third, or however many we might need.

- Nov. 11 There's a Little Maxwell Smart in Everybody
- Nov. 18 Grace is the Whole Story
- Nov. 25 For Your Progress and Joy

## Advent Sermon Series "Gospel Writers Tour of Homes"

Part of the power of the celebration of Christmas is found in tradition. You, no doubt, return to familiar observations of the season. There are decorations, foods and other traditions that we revisit year after year. It's part of what makes it Christmas.

This Advent we will consider how each Gospel writer might celebrate this season. How might Matthew decorate his home, or what carols would be most important to Luke? Each writer speaks of Jesus in a different way, so if we look closely, we will find that each Gospel writer celebrates this season in his own way. So, let's take a Gospel Writers Tour of Homes this Advent. It will no doubt bring to sharper focus what will be important to celebrate in our homes this Christmas.

- Dec. 2 Christmas at Mark's House (Mark 1:9-12)
- Dec. 9 Christmas at Matthew's House (Matthew 1)
- Dec. 16 Christmas at Luke's House (Luke 2)
- Dec. 23 Christmas at John's House (John 1)
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: Welcome Home, Little One



**Peter Wallace, host of the Day1 radio program at Alliance for Christian Media in Atlanta, asked Rev. Tom Are to record two sermons inviting us to celebrate Christmas with Gospel writers Mark and Luke. Rev. Are recorded the sermons during his summer sabbatical. His sermons will air Dec. 2 and Dec. 16. Rev. Are shared that these Day1 sermons inspired his Advent Sermon Series "Gospel Writers Tour of Homes," a fresh take on the gospels and the Christmas story that you won't want to miss! Learn more at [Day1.org](http://Day1.org).**

## Weekly Wednesday Night Dinners

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 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.



**Standing Reservations for more than one date** are only available on a pre-pay basis. Contact Liz Middleton at [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) if you are interested in paying for a month, several dates, or the rest of the meals through Dec. 12, 2018.

### Menu:

**Nov. 14** – Thanksgiving Dinner. Cost is **\$5 plus, bring a salad or vegetable** (enough to feed 6-8 people). Chef Emily provides roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls and dessert.

**Nov. 21** – **Happy Thanksgiving!** No dinner

**Nov. 28** – Baked tilapia, baked chicken breast, Athenian orzo (tomatoes, spinach, feta cheese), vegetable

**Dec. 5** – Taco buffet; hard and soft beef & veggie tacos, Spanish rice

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### All New Advent Celebration

“Using All Our Voices to be One Voice in Christ”

Rev. Clare Lozano, Heritage Presbyterian Church in Olathe

Come! Bring your mothers, sisters, aunts and friends as we prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ child. This treasured event embraces beautiful music, inspirational words and delicious food with room for ALL.

**Tuesday, Dec. 11, Friendship Hall - Village Church on Mission**

**5:30 p.m. Fellowship & Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres**

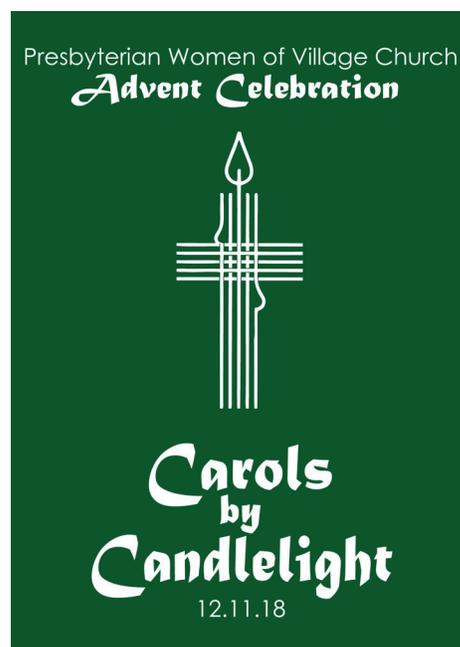
**Program to follow in the Sanctuary**

Reservations may be purchased for \$16 by Nov. 27

- At VOM & VOA between all services on Sundays Nov. 11 & 18
- Online at [www.villagepres.org/pw](http://www.villagepres.org/pw) Nov. 11-27
- Or by mail with form (available at the church)

For child care reservations, email Pam Southerland at [pam@villagepres.org](mailto:pam@villagepres.org)

or call 913-671-2352 no later than Dec. 4.



### Classic Citizens Rocked!

Friendship Hall was filled with laughter and music the afternoon of Sept. 27. More than 160 classic citizen members and staff enjoyed fellowship, delicious appetizers and desserts, and hearing the latest church news from Rev. Tom Are. A big thank you to the pastoral care and counseling committee, Chef Emily and Larry, Team Kitchen, the custodians and all who helped make this event our most successful one yet.



### Taizé Worship Service – A Source of Calm During the Hectic Holidays

The holiday season is here! Along with the fun and anticipation, sometimes taking a moment to relax and be centered is just what we need. Consider coming to Taizé, a service filled with silence, contemplation, candlelight and scripture. Communion is also served. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the Village on Mission Chapel.

### Remembrance Service Honors Our Loved Ones

The annual Remembrance Service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. If your loved one passed away during 2018 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. If you would like to include any other names, please contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) by Friday, Nov. 16.

### Will You Deliver a Poinsettia on Sunday Dec. 9?

Every year, those who cannot physically come to the church during the Advent season receive a bright, beautiful poinsettia. This year Village on Mission has 250 poinsettias and Village on Antioch will have 50 poinsettias to be delivered. Can you help deliver one or two? If so, for Village on Mission, come to the Welcome Center between any of the services to pick up a poinsettia and instructions. Thank you for your gift of time and help.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Meet Madeline Chamberlain, New Youth Coordinator at Village on Mission



Please join us in welcoming Madeline Chamberlain as our new youth coordinator at Village Church on Mission. Madeline is an alumnus of Lee University in Chattanooga, Tenn. where she earned a B.A. in English, tutored ESL students in English and worked as a teaching assistant. She relocated to Missouri in April from Tennessee, where she danced with Unity Dance Troupe, a Christian performing arts company, and taught ballet classes for children and college students. She now lives in Grandview, Mo. with her dog and attends Kingdom Living Congregation in Shawnee. Madeline says she is excited for the opportunity to serve the youth and parents of Village Presbyterian Church.

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**Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies** — Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. So, invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact Marianne Weber at [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Room 228.

**Aging in Grace: Older Adult Spirituality** — There is new emerging research about older adults and faith and spirituality. Through these class sessions, we will examine what it means to be an older adult whether one is younger old, middle old, or older old. We will explore how the Bible views aging and the association of aging and wisdom. Other sessions will focus on the impact of physical, cognitive, and emotional changes on one's spirituality. We will also examine spiritual needs as one ages and how one can strengthen their faith even through the loss of loved ones and friends. Then we will look at how one embodies a deep and faithful spirituality of death and dying. Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 14, 28 & Dec. 5, Rooms 232 & 233 OR 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, Nov. 15, 29 & Dec. 6, Room 126 & 127.



**Mail Merge** — Learn how to utilize an Excel spreadsheet to format and print address labels. A sample spreadsheet will be available for use during the class. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in Room 301.

**Medicare 101 and Medicaid 101** — These important government programs can be confusing. This basic overview also will touch on Veteran's benefits and scams related to all these programs. Presenter Rachel Monger is a Kansas licensed attorney specializing in elder care Issues, vice president of government affairs for LeadingAge Kansas and a lobbyist for non-profit senior services at both the state and federal levels. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Room 232.

**Reading Paul's Letters within Judaism and Why that Matters Today** — Paul is one of the most influential figures in the Christian church, even in Western society, but throughout his life he identified as Jewish, not Christian (a term he never used). Yet his letters have not been read as Jewish correspondence. In this series of classes, we will revisit Paul as a leader of a movement within Judaism before it became Christianity. These historical questions will be brought into conversation with contemporary concerns, such as how Paul's voice can be understood to address the matters of our time, including various Christian theological topics and how Christians think and talk about as well as relate to Jews and Judaism. Taught by Dr. Mark Nanos. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 14, 28 & Dec. 5, Room 127. Class will not meet on Nov. 21.

**Wreath Making Class** — Join us for this instructor-led course that will teach students how to create a fresh wreath for the holiday season. Taught by Katherine Taylor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Room 133. Additional cost: \$25.

**How to Find the Right Care for Your Loved One** — If you or a loved one needs care for medical needs beyond what routinely can be managed at home or in another living situation, it can be a daunting task to find and evaluate the available choices. This presentation will offer you guidance for making these choices, including when limited income is an issue. Presented by Rachel Monger. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Room 232.

The season of Advent is quickly approaching. Be sure to look at the Advent insert to get the dates and times for all of our events and activities.

### New Arrivals

We celebrate and welcome the birth of new little ones in our church family: Evelyn Anne Lane was born to Emily and Stewart Lane; Everett Woods Langdon was born to Laura and Jesse Langdon; and Thomas Alexander Robinson was born to Mark and Katherine Robinson. Roses will be placed on the communion table the third Sunday in November to honor these new babies. If you have a new addition to your family, please call the Children and Family Ministry office at 913-671-2350.



### 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On Oct. 14, 3rd graders from Kids' Kingdom received new Whirl Study Bibles. These help children explore the Bible using familiar Whirl characters in footnotes, making it easy to enter into God's Word.

## Chelsea Clinton Packs the Village on Mission Sanctuary

The Village on Mission Sanctuary was packed with 800 people on Tuesday night, Oct. 16, who came to see Chelsea Clinton talk about her new children's book "Start Now! You Can Make a Difference." Rainy Day Books and the Girl Scouts co-presented the event.

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka welcomed the crowd to Village Church. Vivien Jennings of Rainy Day interviewed Chelsea. The daughter of former President Bill Clinton and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton talked about the problem of bullying and shared her own stories of being bullied as a child. One chapter in her book talks about how to stop bullying. "A key is to show people kindness and respect," said Chelsea. One audience member asked, "What's the best advice you ever got?" Chelsea said it was from her mother, "Take serious criticism from serious people seriously."



## Gun Violence Forum Offers Meaningful Conversation Filled with Hope

The Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force of Village Church hosted 80 guests who attended an educational forum “Guns to Grace: A Hope Filled Dialogue” on Saturday, Oct. 20. Our guest speakers explored gun violence from the legal, sociological and theological perspectives.

When it comes to the Second Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, some people focus more on the opening words, “A well regulated militia,” and others focus more on the closing words, “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” Some try to adhere strictly to the original intent of the writers while others call for a more nuanced and contextual interpretation. According to UMKC Law Professor Alan Rostron, it is no wonder the debate is so polarized.

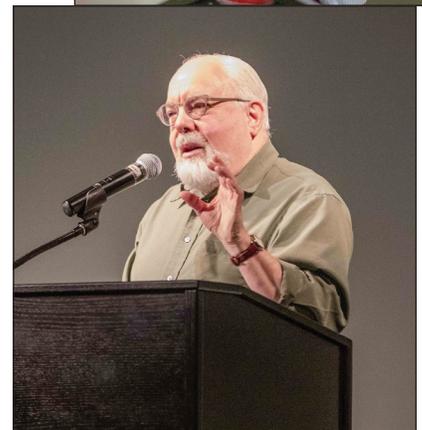
University of Kansas Sociology Professor David Smith says the way you ask the question matters. For instance, he cited research in a journal article he recently published. When asked their opinions about gun regulation overall, there was an even split between respondents. But when he asked about reducing gun violence and more stringent background checks, the vast majority of all persons favored both. According to Smith, there is more that we hold in common than divides us.

Senior Pastor Tom Are, Jr. called us to our Presbyterian heritage that values thoughtful study and reflection over ideology. He said that our faith calls us to see all persons not as the enemy but as family. He paired freedom with responsibility and quoted Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who reminded the nation that the U.S. Constitution was “defective from the start” because it was by its very nature incomplete. “America is a great blessing,” said Rev. Are, “but she still requires hope to live toward God’s promised day.”

Breakout sessions helped participants engage in dialogue with those with whom we disagree, understand ways we can stop school shootings, keep the guns we own safe, and talk with children about guns and gun violence. We also learned how to care for

children who have experienced gun violence and Village Church member and Kansas State Senator Barbara Bollier (R-7th district) shared ways we can help support legislation to end gun violence.

The forum was generously supported through the Village Church Endowment Trust.





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## 2019 COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN

### Living Toward God's Promised Day Incarnational Relational Missional

Because of the generosity through your annual commitment to Village Church, we are living toward God's promised day by being incarnational, relational and missional through our ministry and mission efforts.

Everyone is welcome to gather in worship on Sundays, learn more about God's word through bible studies, Village U and visiting scholars. The hungry are fed, and the poor are clothed through the Food Pantry. The Youth Ministry provides a place for our youth to learn about God together with bible studies, mission trips and retreats. Pastoral Care provides comfort and support during times of physical, emotional or spiritual need and through our Mission Ministry, 17 local organizations are helped through outreach grants, the medical trips to the Dominican Republic provide 1,487 patients with much needed medical care and homes are being built through Habitat for Humanity.

We thank all of you who have sent in your 2019 commitment and ask those of you who haven't, to make your pledge now! We need your commitment to make sure we have the resources to continue to minister to all God's children and live toward God's promised day.

—Your Village Commitment Committee



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**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](http://www.villagepres.org)

### IN MEMORY

Phyllis Bernard  
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Suzanne Hardin  
Mary Harper  
Ernest 'Ernie' Lobb  
Dorothy Pickup  
Barbara Poyser  
Betty Sexton  
Gloria Steele  
Joe Zimmerman



## 2018 VILLAGE CHURCH ADVENT SEASON ACTIVITIES AND MISSION COLLECTIONS

### Events and Activities

#### **Rezound - 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 - Village on Mission Sanctuary**

Experience the lively and seasonal sounds of REZOUND, Kansas City's premiere bell ensemble! Admission is free.

#### **Advent Family Workshop - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 – 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 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 – Village on Mission Sanctuary**

Audiences can expect a thoughtfully planned selection of a cappella gems that are fresh, festive and beyond the seasonal standards, including settings of carols by Jocelyn Hagen, Susan LaBarr and Sofia Söderberg, as well as works by Walton, Poulenc, Tavener and Pärt. **Child care will be provided with a reservation by Nov. 26.** Tickets are \$15 per person. (available at the door or at [www.te-deum.org](http://www.te-deum.org)).

#### **Snow Globes Holiday Concert - 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 – 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! Admission is free. More information is available at [www.thesnowglobes.com](http://www.thesnowglobes.com).

#### **Christmas Night Out with Puppet Show - 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 – Village on Mission Child Care**

Send your kids to this fun-filled night while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-10 will enjoy crafts, activities, a fun snack and the puppet show. Cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. Registration is now open. **Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 16.** Registration forms are available at the church and need to be notarized and returned to the Child Care Office or the Children & Family Ministry Office.

#### **The Gingerbread Boy Puppet Show by Piccadilly Puppets - 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 – Village on Mission Sanctuary**

This family-friendly show, full of holiday goodness as sweet as sugar, features Belinda Baker, who makes a special wish and bakes her a boy made of gingerbread. Then, "The Gingerbread Boy" makes himself a sister, and silliness ensues. Catch them if you can! Admission is free.

#### **Presbyterian Women Advent Celebration - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Village on Mission**

All women are invited to an inspiring, intergenerational evening as we begin the Advent season. This year we are trying something new. 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. Reservations are \$16 a person and open Sunday, Nov. 11. See page 8 for more information.

#### **Christmas Poinsettia Memorials - Reserve by Dec. 7**

Celebrate the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Make your \$10 check payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by Friday, Dec. 7. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

### **Christmas Dinner - 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Friendship Hall at Village on Mission**

Come celebrate the holidays with friends at the Wednesday Night Dinner Christmas meal. Cost is \$7 a person, \$3 for age 10 & under. RSVP by calling 913-671-2359 or emailing [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org).

### **VCCFDC Cookies & Cocoa with Santa - 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 – Meneilly Center for Mission, 9900 Mission Road**

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center will host "Cookies and Cocoa with Santa." Come early at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy the preschoolers' version of the Christmas Story. Contact Linda Harmon at 913-671-2310 or [linda.harmon@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.harmon@villagepres.org) for more information.

### **The Children's Christmas Pageant - 10:30-11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 – Friendship Hall at Village on Mission**

See the greatest story ever told through the eyes of the children at Village. More information coming soon.

### **18th Annual Tidings of Joy Concert - 3 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 – Village on Mission Sanctuary**

Featuring some of the greatest music of the season performed by the Tidings of Joy Children's Chorus, the Village Choir and soloists, the Village Chamber Choir, the Village Women's Chorus, the Village Men's Chorus, the Alegria Vocal Ensemble and the Tidings of Joy Orchestra. Child care will be provided with a reservation by Dec. 9. This FREE concert will have a free-will offering for the Sherwood Center. Sherwood provides vital special education services and adult services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related developmental disabilities.

## **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 on the adoption table from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Nov. 11, in Friendship Hall (if all families are not already adopted). 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**

Village on Antioch will be participating in the Angel Tree program thru Prison Fellowship, [www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree](http://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. 18, 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. 9. We will deliver the gifts to the children on Sunday, Dec. 16.

### **Deck the Village Trees with Diapers and Hats and Mittens**

From Dec. 2-24, come put hats and mittens on our trees and diapers (sizes newborn and 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 the church and in the Welcome Center. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or [w](http://w).

### **Joy Offering and Christmas Project Offering (Sunday, Dec. 23)**

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

## **Christmas Eve Worship Service Times**

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

**Village on Antioch** – 7:30 pm. Traditional Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary