

# 75 YEARS

# GOOD NEWS

The Village Church Good News is published quarterly for all members and friends of the Village Presbyterian Church. Readers are encouraged to submit article ideas to The Department of Communications, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208, or call 913-671-2375 or email [laura.davis@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.davis@villagepres.org).

## Happy Birthday Village Church!

On Feb. 13, 2024, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. On Feb. 13, 1949, Village Church was organized with 282 charter members and 350 children in the basement in Sunday school. It all started as a grand experiment led by a dynamic young pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Meneilly, and a dedicated congregation.

We gathered in the Mission Campus Sanctuary to celebrate Village's 75 years of faith, mission and good cheer. The program led us through the Village Church story. The script for the evening was written by several people, including Rev. Tom Are, Jr. Several members of the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee also contributed. The committee included

Charlotte Davis and Ethan Harrington, co-chairs; Barb Brown, Kathy Collins, Nancy Gatewood, Carol Gee, Kim Higgins, Annette McLaughlin, Scott Stanley and Elizabeth Zakaryan. Charles Schultz served as program director who prepared storytellers of all ages.

Joy Biard, Dr. Bob Meneilly's daughter, gave the opening prayer. We heard from one of the few remaining Village Church charter members, Jean Francisco. She said in her video, "My husband and I joined the church on Feb. 13, 1949, and I have been a



(L to R) Heidi Siegele (Dr. Bob Meneilly's granddaughter), Carol Meneilly (Dr. Bob's daughter), Kenson Dirga (Dr. Bob's great-grandson) and Joy Biard (Dr. Bob's daughter)

part of this church family ever since... On that Sunday, every one of the memories that we are sharing today were still dreams, dreams of distant tomorrows. I have been here for the whole journey, and these stories give me hope for what can happen among us in the years to come."

We also heard from Village Church Clerk of Session, Henry Sewing. In 1966, Virginia and Don Sewing and their children moved to Fairway, Kansas, becoming the first Black family to make a home in this Johnson County community. Dr. Bob Meneilly knocked on their door and promised they would be welcome at Village Church. The Sewing family joined Village in 1972. Ethan Harrington, co-chair of the 75th Anniversary committee, said, "Let this

celebration be a springboard launching us into the next 75 years, with hearts set on continuing our work of being people of good cheer where all are welcome, singing praises to God, and serving our mission, our local community and world. Let us celebrate the past and look forward to the future, knowing this church has so much to offer."

In case you missed the celebration, you can watch the full program at [villagepres.org/75](http://villagepres.org/75).

## Order Your Village Church 75th Anniversary Merchandise

Long- or short-sleeve Village Church 75th Anniversary t-shirts, as well as a 4-inch round sticker, are available for pre-order. The shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton and available in unisex sizes for adults and youth. Shop at [villagepres.org/75](http://villagepres.org/75). Order cutoff is Friday, March 8. Items will be shipped in mid-March.



## Village Church 75th Anniversary Concerts

### 75th Anniversary Solo Recital: Elisa Bickers, organ 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, Mission Campus Sanctuary

Celebrate our 75th Anniversary with an evening that will include works by Bach, Barber, Weaver and a brand-new piece by Dr. Brenda Portman. Free admission. "Fanfare, Chorale and Exaltation" by Brenda Portman is a 75th anniversary commissioned piece for solo organ. It will be premiered by Dr. Elisa Bickers on her March 1 recital. The work references favorite hymns of Village Church including "How Can I Keep from Singing" and "The Church's One Foundation," the latter of which was sung at the church's very first worship service. Most of the piece is written with 7 or 5 beats in each measure, to reference the church's 75th Anniversary.



## 75th Anniversary Hymn Festival

### Featuring the Village Church Mission & Antioch Campus Choirs 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21, Mission Campus Sanctuary

"God's Promised Day" by Dr. Anthony Maglione and Dr. Ron Witzke is a 75th Anniversary commissioned anthem composed for choir, brass, percussion and organ. It will be premiered by the combined Village Choirs at the Hymn Festival. Dr. Maglione is director of choral activities at William Jewell College and leads the Cardinalis Ensemble. Dr. Witzke is professor emeritus of voice at William Jewell College and sings bass in the Village Choir.

## Announcing the Commissioning of a New Choral Anthem in Celebration of Village's 75th Anniversary

A choral anthem for young voices will be dedicated to Village Voices Youth Choir and premieres in the fall of 2024. The new work will be composed by renowned composer Mark Miller with text by Village Voices alum, Rev. Sarah Are Speed, daughter of Rev. Tom Are. Every Village Choir has sung and loved Mark Miller's anthems for years, and Village is particularly excited that he is partnering with Sarah for this anthem.

## Annual Congregational Meeting — Envisioning the Next 75 Years Sunday, April 14

The Village Church Session has called for the annual congregational meeting to be Sunday, April 14, immediately after the 11 a.m. worship service at the Mission Campus and the 9:30 a.m. service at the Antioch Campus.

All are invited to share a lunch in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus or brunch in Fellowship Hall at the Antioch Campus, to reflect on our ministry in 2023, hear a report about the 2024 budget, and envision how God is calling us to bold and courageous action in our next 75 years.

The Mission Campus meeting will end by 1:30 p.m. If you would like to come to the Mission Campus meeting, RSVP to Laura Hobbs at [laura.hobbs@villagepres.org](mailto:laura.hobbs@villagepres.org). No need to RSVP if attending the Antioch Campus meeting.

### An Easter Lily Honors Your Loved One and Brings Joy

When you make a \$15 donation in memory of a loved one, your gift honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with an Easter lily. Visit [shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling](http://shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling) or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Your loved one's name will appear in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Donations are accepted through noon on Tuesday, March 12.



Becky Anderson



Carole Pugsley



Suzanne Rumold

### Come and Be Inspired by Three Amazing Women

Each year three women are chosen from Village Church's 2,000+ women members to receive the Faithful Women of Outstanding Service award (Presbyterian Women's national Honorary Lifetime Membership). Our 2024 recipients are Becky Anderson, Carole Pugsley and Suzanne Rumold. Join us at the Celebration of Faithful Women, Tuesday, April 23, in Friendship Hall at the Mission Campus. Refreshments are at 5:30 p.m.; the program begins at 6 p.m. There is no cost, but please register at [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw).

# Grateful Hearts for Village's Extraor

Rosemary Marshall has served as director of the Village Church Child & Family Development Center for the past 28 years. She began volunteering in the Village child care department in 1984 and soon came on staff. She has cared for generations of babies and toddlers at Village Church.

Last fall, Rosemary announced her plans to retire on May 31, 2024. She feels called to spend more time with her siblings and her husband, Bob, who is now retired. A churchwide retirement party for Rosemary will be from 5-6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Child & Family Development Center at 9900 Mission Road.

Rosemary graduated from Kansas Newman College in Wichita, Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She met her husband there and they married in 1975.

"I've always had a love for children and an interest in learning," shared Rosemary. "My mother was a teacher, so I decided that's what I was going to do. At the time, early childhood wasn't even on my radar. I worked part-time for an education lab developing education plans for children until November of 1976. Our first daughter, Patty, was born on Dec. 31."

Rosemary has another daughter, Molly, and a son, Michael. She came to Village Church as a stay-at-home mom and was able to bring her little boy with her to work. Her older girls were in school. All three of her children have worked at Village—Patty and Molly in the child care department and then at the Child & Family Development Center, and her son was a weekend custodian at the church. He would later work at the center. When her daughter Patty graduated from college, she became a teacher at the center for about seven years.

"In those early days at Village, I worked around my children's schedule. On Sundays, my husband would watch our kids while I worked in the nursery."

The Village Church Child & Family Development Center at 99th and Mission Road opened in 1995. Rosemary became director in 1996. Former children's ministry



director Judy Cooper said, "Rosemary's love for children is like no one else I know. When the first director of the day care center left unexpectedly, I asked Rosemary if she would help us out for a few weeks until we could hire a new director. She jumped right in and brought a sense of calm and stability to parents, staff, and most of all, the children at the center. After three weeks, the board offered her the position of director of the day care. She realized that our care of parents was important,

too. At her suggestion, we began to speak of a center for children and their families."

"Her goal was to make this day care the best in the area," adds Judy. "Her concern for children was obvious, but she also cares for the families as a whole. Rosemary will be greatly missed when she retires. However, she is leaving the center in the capable hands of people she has hired and trained through her 28 years there."



Rosemary recalls those early days. "The building was in such bad shape and the program was so new, but I saw the promise that I could do it. We had 60 kids at the time. Then it quickly went to 75 and then 95, which was building capacity. When we opened the Center in 2016, capacity jumped to 132."

Rosemary later received her master's in education from Saint Mary's College and an associate's degree in early-

# Ordinary Nurturer, Rosemary Marshall



childhood education from Johnson County Community College. Her dreams for the center have evolved over the years. "My initial dream was to provide care for children in a homelike, safe, fun place while parents worked, and to have nurturing staff. And I had to get the center up to licensing code.

My other goals were being culturally aware; we need to work with diverse people. We need to be accepting and welcoming. Other than a child's parents, we are the first people to be in care of children to assess developmentally appropriate milestones. I connected with infant/toddler services to get the help for parents to assess their children."

Rosemary and Jenny Hull have been preparing parents and children for Rosemary's approaching retirement since the fall. Jenny now has the title of director and Rosemary is associate director. "Jenny and I exchanged offices at the beginning of the school year.

Now they know that, visually, Jenny's in charge. Even though we shared the position, they see change and that I have backed away in little increments, but I haven't left them. It was important to let the children live through the transition, as well as Jenny, Peggy [Tingle, business director] and staff," added Rosemary.

When asked what she has loved most about her job, Rosemary said, "That these children have a love and an ability to trust. I've gotten them before they experience

the hard knocks of life. What I'm hoping to do is build that formation for them in their education and in their emotional intelligence, so they know that they are loved, that they are worthy, and they have something to contribute to society. No matter how little you are, you can give something and do something to help other people."

Village Church member Kathy Collins reflects on the time she entrusted Rosemary with the care of her daughter, Maddie. "Every new mother knows the stress of finding the perfect child care solution when the dreaded return-to-work day becomes a reality. The fear is real—*no one could possibly give my perfect child the appropriate level of love, care and attention!* Enter Rosemary Marshall. From the first moment she took Maddie from my arms, I knew she was different. The way in which she embraced every child, every family—both literally and figuratively—is something I will never forget.

Looking back, it was as if God created this perfect mother with equal parts of patience, love and kindness, and then threw in the smile, hugs and calmness for good measure. I don't know how many children's lives she has touched, but I do know she made all their lives better. We are all blessed to have had Rosemary care for our children, but more importantly, to have felt her love and friendship

for so many years. I am grateful beyond words. Congratulations on your retirement, sweet Rosemary!"

Rosemary brought Peggy Tingle on as the center's business director 20+ years ago. Peggy said, "Rosemary exemplifies love, joy, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. But to me and thousands of other parents in

our community, she exemplifies selfless commitment and wisdom to all children and families."

"I have learned so much from Rosemary," said Jenny Hull. "She has made me a better mom and a better teacher. I am humbled to be following in her footsteps, but I am confident knowing I was taught by the best. Rosemary has cared for generations of children, families and staff over the years—she leaves behind an incredible legacy of love."



Jenny Hull, Rosemary Marshall & Peggy Tingle

## Village Lent Experience: Journey to Easter

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 3 – Mission Campus

Join us for this immersive, contemplative Lent experience for all ages. Lent marks the 40 days leading up to Easter when Jesus journeyed through the wilderness. We all have our “wilderness” seasons when life feels brutal and the light feels dim. After those seasons of suffering, we often need time to rest and reboot. During Lent, some practice this by “letting go” of (or giving up) something—a time of refocusing and reclaiming those things which are most important. The Lenten journey ends with Easter—a time of remembering the incredible cosmic exchange of pain for hope.

This Lenten season, may we remember the end of the story that Jesus created for every single one of us—a season of ultimate HOPE. We invite you to explore the journey. Come and go as you please. We’ll have yard games, crafts and passports with stickers for kids. The journey begins in Room 232 and goes through several rooms before ending in the Chapel. Child care is available.

## Lenten Sermon Series: Practicing Lent

Lent is a time of contemplation and preparation for the days of Holy Week leading up to the arrest, torture, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time, we are invited to engage in practices that will help shape our lives as we journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.

**Sunday, March 3** – The Practice of Letting Go

**Sunday, March 10** – 9 & 11 a.m. worship with Meneilly Visiting Scholar Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, senior pastor at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

**Sunday, March 17** – The Practice of Holding On

**Palm Sunday, March 24** – The Practice of Welcoming

**Children’s Palm Parade:** 9 a.m. service at Mission. Parents of Preschoolers: If your child would like to participate, accompany them to the 2nd Floor Bridge outside Pastor Rodger's office at 8:45 a.m. Parents of Elementary Kids: Arrive by 8:40 a.m. to Room 307 so children can line up for the parade.

9:30 a.m. Service at Antioch. Children wishing to participate in the Antioch Palm Parade should arrive by 9:20 a.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the south playground, Mission Campus. We’ll have live music with Dino O’Dell.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:30 a.m. on the north lawn, Antioch Campus

**Maundy Thursday, March 28** – The Practice of Foot Washing

7 p.m. in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus; 7 p.m. A Service of Tenebrae and Communion, Antioch Campus

**Good Friday, March 29** – The Practice of Dying

Noon-3 p.m. Good Friday Vigil, Antioch Campus. Join us for a drop-in service of prayer, scripture and silence.

7 p.m. Traditional worship service, Mission Campus Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, March 31** – The Practice of Living

Mission Campus Easter Worship: 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Antioch Campus Easter Worship: 9:30 a.m.

**Sign Up for Lenten Video Devotionals** – Journey with us through Lent with a series of short video devotionals offered by our pastors and church leaders. Sign up to receive these devotionals in your email inbox each morning at [villagepres.org/subscribe](https://villagepres.org/subscribe) or subscribe to our YouTube channel @villagepresbyterianchurch where they will be added daily. And at 8 a.m. Wednesday mornings, Rev. Alice Whitson will offer real-time devotionals on Facebook Live.

**Shawnee Indian Mission Tour  
Sponsored by the  
Building Beloved Community Committee**

1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27

The Shawnee Indian Mission is widely considered to be the most significant historic site in the State of Kansas. Did you know the first vote for Statehood happened in the Mission's East Building? Human migration—the coming together of cultures, human rights, slavery, Manifest Destiny, land use and more were all a part of the Mission's past. The history and plight of this country's indigenous peoples have been at the forefront of news in recent times. Twenty-two tribes attended the Mission after the Methodist Church established it on the existing site in 1839 as the first trade school in the new Louisiana Purchase territory.



Come learn more about the day-to-day life of the indigenous children who were educated at this Kansas State Historic Site. We invite you to join us on this pilgrimage in Village Church's own backyard—an opportunity to pray with our feet, deepening our understanding and faith with the hope of gaining new spiritual insights on how to live what we believe. André's dessert, coffee and discussion will be offered at the Mission immediately following the tour.

There is no cost to attend. A free-will donation to the Shawnee Indian Mission is encouraged. Contact Kim Lorenzen by April 24 if you would like to attend at [lorenzenandsons@yahoo.com](mailto:lorenzenandsons@yahoo.com).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

**New Advocacy Focus Formed within Social Justice Ministry**

For many years, our Social Justice ministry has supported gun responsibility via organizations such as Moms Demand Action and Grandparents for Gun Safety. A recent social justice survey revealed gun safety as our number-one issue of interest for 2024, followed by climate change and voting rights. This survey reinforced the importance of our newly formed Village for Gun Sense. This group seeks to respond to expressed concerns and inquiries from Social Justice Ministry Committee members and congregants of Village asking the question, "What can we do about gun violence?"

At the 2022 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our denomination committed to a 10-year campaign to end gun violence, the Decade to End Gun Violence (2022-2032), and issued recommendations regarding our advocacy on gun-related legislation. Taking up the call, our new Village for Gun Sense group will seek:

- To participate in the Village Church Social Justice ministry's commitment of "Shaping our mission and ministry by 'defining moments' that embody our vision and demonstrate our faith."
- To respond to the PCUSA's call to end gun violence.
- To provide Village members who wish to act the opportunity to do so.

You will be hearing more in 2024 about Village for Gun Sense, but if you wish to learn more and become active with this group, contact Carol Gee at [carolgee419@gmail.com](mailto:carolgee419@gmail.com).

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### VILLAGE GIVING

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It is pledges and gifts given each year by you that make so many good things happen. Because of your financial investment, there is growth, energy and excitement allowing us to do for each other and for our city and world.

Thank you for your willingness to put your time and money where your faith is.

—Village Presbyterian Church Giving Committee

### IN MEMORY

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Carolyn Stiles  
Maxine Tarson

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### MISSION CAMPUS

6641 Mission Rd.

Traditional - 9 & 11 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

The Gathering - 5 p.m.

In Friendship Hall

#### ANTIOCH CAMPUS

14895 Antioch Rd.

Overland Park, Kansas

Traditional - 9:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

Call in to hear the previous Sunday's 9 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our phone line **913-203-1301**.

# SPRING 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

March 1 – 7 p.m. **75th Anniversary Recital with Elisa Bickers**, Mission Campus Sanctuary.

March 3 – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Village Lent Experience: Journey to Easter**, Mission Campus. The experience begins in Room 232, Mission Campus and goes through several rooms before ending in the Chapel. Child care is available.

March 5 – **Tuesday Afternoon Yoga at the Antioch Campus**, 1 p.m. Tuesdays, March 5 & 26, April 2-23, Fellowship Hall. Instructor Mandy Dolan will lead guests through a gentle yoga session. Just bring \$5 and a mat.

March 6 – 10 a.m. **First Wednesdays Coffee & Convo led by Ginger Rothhaas**, Room 306, Mission Campus

March 8 & 9 – **Visiting Scholar events with Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston**, senior pastor at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Details at [villagepres.org/visiting-scholar](http://villagepres.org/visiting-scholar)

March 8 – **Last day to order Village Church 75th Anniversary t-shirts and stickers** at [villagepres.org/75](http://villagepres.org/75). Orders ship mid-March.

7:30 p.m. **Kansas City Chorale**, Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Grammy award-winning KC Chorale will present Maurice Duruflé's powerful "Requiem." Tickets are available at [kcchorale.org](http://kcchorale.org).

March 8-16 – **Village Youth High School Spring Mission Trip in the Dominican Republic**

March 10 - 12:15-1:30 p.m. **Good Faith Network Committee**, Rooms 126-127. This Johnson County interfaith group is composed of 25+ congregations across three faith traditions with a mission of pursuing justice in the local community. This year, the Good Faith Network is focusing its effort on mental health, housing and homelessness. On May 7 over 1,500 justice-seeking people of faith will gather to seek commitments from our local officials on real change in Johnson County. Email [jane.nana.goss@gmail.com](mailto:jane.nana.goss@gmail.com) for more information.

March 14 – 12:15 p.m. **2nd Thursday Recital with the Liberty North High School Choir**, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

March 15 – 7:30 p.m. **"Our Voices Rise", UMKC Choirs and Village Chamber Choir** in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Works by Pergolesi, Howells and Hagenberg. Free admission.

March 24 – Palm Sunday; **Children's Palm Parade; Easter Egg Hunt** at 10:15 a.m. on the south lawn at the Mission Campus and at 10:30 a.m. at the Antioch Campus. Children wishing to participate in the Palm Parade should arrive 10 minutes before worship; 3 p.m. **Audissey: A Musical Journey** in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Kansas City Wind Symphony takes you on a tour of music from around the world. Free admission.

March 28 – **Maudy Thursday Services**: 7 p.m. "The Practice of Foot Washing." Friendship Hall-Mission Campus; 7 p.m. A Service of Tenebrae and Communion at the Antioch Campus

March 29 – noon-3 p.m. **Good Friday Vigil**, Antioch Campus. Join us for a drop-in service of prayer, scripture and silence;

7 p.m. **Traditional Good Friday Worship**, Mission Campus Sanctuary

March 31 – **Easter Sunday Worship**: Mission Campus - 8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Antioch Campus - 9:30 a.m.



## APRIL

April 2 – **Village U: "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" Book Study Groups**

Group One - Led by Rev. Chad Herring, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 2-30, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus

Group Two – Led by Jim Gibson, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, April 4- May 2, Room 127, Mission Campus

April 3 – 6:30-8 p.m. **Village U: "Big Theological Words Explained" by Rev. Chad Herring**, Wednesdays, April 3-24, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus

10-11 a.m. **Village U: First Wednesdays Coffee & Convo led by Ginger Rothhaas**, April 3 & May 1, Room 306, Mission Campus

April 5 – 5-6:30 p.m. **Retirement Gathering for Rosemary Marshall**, co-director of the Village Church Child & Family Development Center. We will gather at the Center at 9900 Mission Road.

April 7, May 5, June 2 – 10:10-10:50 a.m. **Be the Church Sunday Class Series**, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus. Learn about the impact of our Mission Partner organizations and what you can do to make a difference in our community.

Email [sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org) with questions.

April 11 – 12:15 p.m. **2nd Thursday Recital with Jessica Koebbe, piano and Kyle Jones, saxophone**, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

April 14 – **Annual Congregational Meeting; Envisioning the Next 75 Years.** The Village Church Session called the annual meeting immediately after the 11 a.m. worship service at the Mission Campus and the 9:30 a.m. service at the Antioch Campus. Lunch will be served at the Mission Campus and enjoy brunch at the Antioch Campus.

April 21 – noon-1:30 p.m. **New Member Luncheon,** Rooms 232/233, Mission Campus Interested in becoming a member of the church? Join us for celebration and conversation with other new members. Email [dionne.boyce@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyce@villagepres.org) to sign up.

3 p.m. **75th Anniversary Hymn Festival,** Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join the Mission Campus and Antioch Campus choirs, directors and organists in an afternoon of singing our faith. Free admission.

April 22 – Earth Day

April 23 – 1-6 p.m. **Blood Drive.** Stop by Room 132 at the Mission Campus to donate blood through the Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City. Email [sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org) with questions;

1-2:30 p.m. **Village U: Basic Apple Computer Led by Dee Couch,** or 10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 27, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Rd.

5:30-7:30 p.m. **Village U: Parents' Night Out Led by Village Child Care.** Drop off at the nursery, Mission Campus.  
6 pm. Celebration of Faithful Women, Mission Campus

April 27 – 1-2:30 p.m. **Building Beloved Community Committee Shawnee Indian Mission Tour**

## MAY

May 1 – 6:30-8 p.m. **Village U: Miracles in the Bible: Signs of God's Presence and Power led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka,** Wednesdays, May 1-15, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus

6-7:30 p.m. **Village U: Celebrate Mental Wellness Led by Prairies Sky Counseling Center Staff,** Wednesdays, May 1 & 8, Room 230, Mission Campus

May 3 – 5-7 p.m. **Art & Hors d'oeuvres,** Mission Campus Welcome Center & Friendship Hall. Come stroll through displays by artists of all ages and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres. Email [dionne.boyce@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyce@villagepres.org) for more info.

May 5 – 7 p.m. **Bravo Broadway with the Kansas City Wind Symphony,** Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

May 9 – 12:15 p.m. **2nd Thursday Recital with organist Michael Bauer,** Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

May 10 – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Volunteer at Cross-Lines Community Kitchen.** Serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Sign up at [villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen](http://villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen) or email [sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org).

May 12 – Mother's Day; Baptism Sunday

May 19 – **Pentecost Sunday;** Last Lighthouse of the school year for Village Kids, Mission Campus

## JUNE

June 1 – 7:30 p.m. **Te Deum Chamber Choir presents "Sacred Banquet,"** Mission Campus Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org).

Get more event information at [villagepres.org/upcoming-events](http://villagepres.org/upcoming-events).



### Pickleball is Coming to the Antioch Campus

This spring, be on the lookout for a new pickleball court in our south parking lot. It's Blake Jackson's Eagle Scout project, which includes making a court, a wooden bench and container to hold the net and supplies.