



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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It is with joyful and deeply grateful hearts that Kim and I pass the gavel to our new co-moderators for the 2018-2019 year. Ann Flanders and Niki Krenzel have done an exemplary job in preparation for their year ahead. The opportunity to lead this incredible PW organization of faith filled women leaves an indelible impression of love and friendship on our hearts!

Patty



Message from the Moderators

May 2018

Dear Friends,

Our humble hearts are overflowing with gratitude as we reflect on this past year as your co-moderators. What a privilege it has been to serve you, walking beside you as we learned more about the gospel of John, supporting the mission of Village Church and the greater church worldwide, and working to build an inclusive caring community of women as we witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

We said goodbye to our dear pastor, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, forever remembering her passion, wisdom and creative energy she brought as our staff advisor. We say goodbye with deep appreciation to the following women who are cycling off the PW board this year: Carlene Anderson, Treasurer; Jane Emley, Communications; Elaine Franz, Messenger Editor; Lucy Tidwell, Spiritual Growth Coordinator; Dee Gound & Samantha Sturgeon, Co-Nominating Coordinators. Their dedication and constant support of our mission was tremendous!

Every woman member of Village Church is automatically part of our organization. There are so many opportunities to become involved and ALL are welcome to participate in ways that fulfill you. We leave you with this simple phrase... "I'm a member of PW...and so are YOU!"

We are an ever-widening circle of women...striving to embrace a spirit of gentleness and humility in all we say and do.

Love,

Patty and Kim



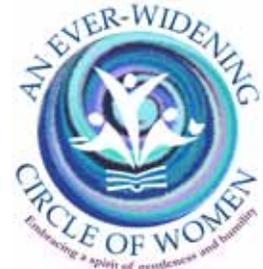
**BE COMPLETELY HUMBLE AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT;
BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE**

EPHESIANS 4:2

Presbyterian Women Purpose

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- ◆ To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study
- ◆ To support the mission of the church worldwide
- ◆ To work for justice and peace
- ◆ To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



Women Of Wisdom

We expect the second time to be the charm as Women of Wisdom (WOW) reschedules a lunch at Cheesecake Factory that had to be cancelled in February due to icy weather. All women are warmly invited to join us at 6675 West 119th St. in Overland Park at 11:30 on Wednesday, May 23rd. Please note the earlier start time which is required to reserve a table.



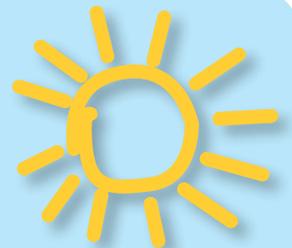
The extensive menu at Cheesecake Factory features many lunch options, as well as over 30 choices of tempting cheesecakes. So, bring your appetite as we look forward to a pleasant spring afternoon, warm fellowship, and good food. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net by Tuesday, May 22. Hope you'll join us!



Women With Spirit



POOLSIDE Happy Hour



at the home of Joy Beth Scammahorn-Orr

Friday, June 22nd from 5:30-8:30 pm

Bring a drink of your choice and an appetizer to share with the group.

Childcare will not be provided for this event.

For additional information and to rsvp, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com



OPERATION Breakthrough

Making a Difference, One Child at a Time

The Operation Breakthrough reading committee would like to thank the moderators and the board for the generous \$1000 Opportunity Giving gift designated for Operation Breakthrough. After the reading committee did some brainstorming about the best use for this money, we focused on how it could be used not just by the 36 children who currently come to the church for reading, but by hundreds of children at Operation Breakthrough.

One area within their facility that fits this description is the MakerSpace, which is used by 300 children. Since Village Church was a major donor in the creation of this area, we thought it would be an appropriate match. Ann Colston talked to Kathy Fuller-Ramirez, the MakerSpace Education Coordinator, and learned that they had a need for a Gravity Wall - an early childhood tool for investigation and discovery. With the donation of the \$1000 they will be able to purchase the components for a Kodokids wall system with movable ramps and rings so the children can explore concepts in physics and engineering through play.

The Operation Breakthrough Reading program resumes in the fall. We have a need for donated preschool level books all year long. The donation bins are located near the south desk at church and also near the children's library. Also, monetary donations for books would also be appreciated. Note: *Operation Breakthrough Reading* in the memo.

With gratitude,

The OB reading committee: Marilyn Borel, Ann Colston, Cathy Hess, Lori Huber, Anellen Neill, Marilyn Pattison and Cindy Whitham

To learn more information about OB and the MakerSpace: Operation Breakthrough video made by two brothers who talk about "The Wonders of OB" and describe the MakerSpace as "PARADISE" ...a world of imagination. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQY77ybhzeM>

For more information about Kodokids: Exploring STEM concepts such as force and motion, discovering the physics of inclined planes, and tinkering with design and problem solving. <https://kodokids.com/magnet-wall-fundamentals-pack>





Spotlight on *Bev Freberg*

by Carol Solenberger

Isn't it interesting how you see someone "around" – the neighborhood, the church, the gym, etc. and you really don't know much about them? I've seen Bev Freberg "around" and thankfully I had the opportunity to learn more about her. Actually, I went to college with both of her sons and daughter-in-law.

Bev is from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Bev has fond memories of playing hockey at school or in the streets as ice skating was a big part of her growing up years during the long winter months. We discussed the recent unfortunate bus accident close to Saskatoon of the Humboldt Hockey Team and she knew the tragedy deeply affected her hometown and all of Canada. Bev was a preacher's kid; her father was a minister. He passed away when Bev was only 3 years old. Her mother remarried a man she'd met from Kansas at a ministry conference. Bev and her family moved to Kansas when she was 11 years old.

Bev remembers what a shock it was moving to Kansas and becoming "Americanized" with denim jeans and Elvis Presley. It was an adjustment from her "tea every afternoon" Canadian lifestyle. After high school, Bev attended the University of Kansas where she earned a bachelors and masters degree in Nursing. She taught labor and delivery at the KU School of Nursing until she had children of her own.

She and her husband, Don have two sons, Eric and Christian, and now two daughter-in-laws and six grandchildren. The Frebergs have been members of Village since 1973. Bev left teaching to stay home with her sons and the family became actively involved at Village Church. She appreciated the childcare and the opportunity to get to know other mothers and families. She said without childcare, she and Don would not have been able to sing in the choir when their children were young (they have sung in the choir since joining Village, Don retired from choir last year). Bev believes Village's focus on families and giving them opportunities to be involved helps lay a strong foundation to live, learn and grow in their faith – which in turn, builds strong families.

Bev eventually returned to the working world but wanted to find something that would coincide with her sons' school schedule. Bev became a school nurse with the Shawnee Mission School District at Tomahawk and Briarwood Elementary schools where she worked for 34 years, retiring in 2011. She loved working with kids in the school setting.

One of the great joys in Bev's life has been her love of singing and participating in music activities throughout her life; singing for 20 years in the KC Symphony Chorus and the choirs of Village Church for the past 44 years ... and she loves ringing handbells with the Village Ringers.

After retirement Bev joined Circle 1 (7:00 am) where she is the treasurer, and she appreciates the lively lesson discussions with her Circle friends.

When we talked about Village Church, Bev lit up! She has so many memories, met many forever friends, and has enjoyed all the opportunities she and her family have experienced. She believes all the small groups (Circle, choir, children/youth activities, Art Ministry, adult education, etc.) helps build the bigger church. She said it was like when you throw a pebble into a pond and the ripple effect casts a wider net of meeting others at church in sincere, honest, searching and trusting learning experiences that build important relationships.



Least Coin Dedication

Presbyterian Women at Village Church participate in three special offerings each year. Two of them, the Thank Offering and the Birthday Offering, are specific to Presbyterian Women. The third, the Fellowship of the Least Coin, is an ecumenical, global prayer movement. This offering links prayer and "least coins" in a very significant way, as least coins of participants from around the world and from women of many different faiths signal our oneness in a common quest for peace, justice, and reconciliation. The offering of least coins is used for grants to special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief, and awareness-building among women throughout the world. In the USA, this offering is administered by Church Women United. You can read about the history of the Fellowship of the Least Coin in your PW Directory.



We have a wonderful tradition of collecting this offering at the end of our meetings, and dedicating the offering in May. It has always been our practice, as we collect our least coins, to bless the person on either side of us, and when all the coins have been collected we join hands and say, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me." You might be interested in knowing that there is actually a much longer "official" prayer for this offering!

Fellowship of the Least Coin Prayer:

O Loving Creator, we present ourselves in your divine presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for The Fellowship of the Least Coin, which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe.

Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind, that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.

Dear God, accept this least coin "symbol of love."
Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins.
Let us honor your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Spotlight on Bev Freberg (continued from pg. 5)

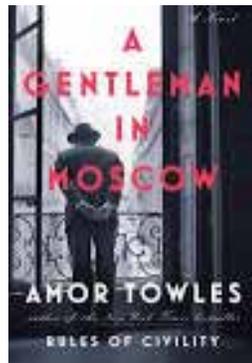
These experiences and connections help us to evolve in our faith and be of service as when she was a member of the Visiting Scholar Committee for several years.

When asked what makes Village Village? Bev said Village is a welcoming place filled with wonderful people and ministers who show loving care and support for each of us. Our church provides many opportunities to learn and grow in our faith, learning to be the person God wants us to be so that others can see Christ's love in us in how we treat one another and in service to our community.

If you don't see Bev "around", she's probably with her family, undoubtedly sitting on bleacher seats cheering for her grandkids in their sports activities or traveling to Dallas to be with her grandkids there doing the same and cherishing every minute of family time.

Page Turners

At the May 22nd meeting Page Turners will discuss Amor Towels's book "A Gentleman in Moscow." Not a novel of thrilling conflicts so much as charming encounters, more high tea than high adventure. The story stars a Russian aristocrat sentenced by the Soviets to permanent house arrest in the luxurious Hotel Metropol, adjacent to Theatre Square, and the epitome of Old World charm. The author observes that the Russians are the first to master the notion of sending a man into exile at home! Set some years after the Russian Revolution it is a frothy romp that tends to overlook the reality of life under Stalin. It is designed to make you relax and to appreciate your surroundings.



Page Turners meet always on the fourth Tuesday of the month, held in room 127 at 9:30 a.m.. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Contact Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at judyloket5@gmail.com for more information..



PW Alive Now

Alive Now is a Bible Study for women who are early risers. We meet each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the Heritage Dining Room. In addition to studying a passage of scripture, we are a support group for one another and often spend as much time sharing and caring for each other's needs. For more information, please contact Judy Cooper at judycooperjc@gmail.com.

Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Classes

Mondays and/or Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Gentle yoga for joint health.

8 classes for \$96
New students: first class is free.
Please bring your own yoga mat.



Class location: The Youth Loft on 3rd Floor.

Class Description: Must be able to get up and down off the floor relatively easy. Knee, wrist, and hip issues welcome. This is Very gentle yoga that leans towards the therapeutic and functional side of things.

Instructor: Katie Hurcomb has been teaching therapeutic methods for the last 20 years and loves to help illuminate the pathway of awareness so her students can heal and strengthen themselves.

Please call her or text with any questions.
913-244-5623



Box Tops, Coupons and More

Proceeds from the collection of these coupons benefit the children of Menaul School.

Menaul School is proud of its tradition of educating students in New Mexico. In 1932, the school became co-educational. Today, Menaul accepts students from all cultural, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds. Fifty percent of the students receive financial assistance, and more than 60% are self-identified as individuals of racial or ethnic minorities.

The children at Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, thank you for your support.

Note: Please be sure that the box tops and labels you save have not expired.



Amazing Graces Book Club

If you like to read and enjoy good conversation, you will fit right in to this interesting group! The AG Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month in homes at 6 p.m. For meeting locations, reading lists and general information, email Sara Wallace at swallace01@gmail.com.

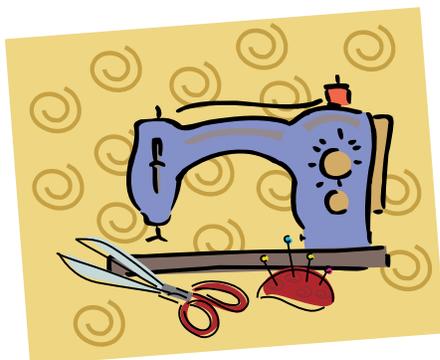
Amazing Graces Dinner Groups

The AG dinner groups were created so women could gather in smaller groups and enjoy one another. There are several Amazing Graces dinner groups for you to choose from. Each group chooses their own dates and times to meet for dinner, dependent on the needs of their group, always at a different restaurant. We welcome new members. For more information, call Deb Spaulding, 913-219-5503 or deborah.spaulding@hok.com.



Mission Sewing

Mission sewing needs new members. If you are free on Tues. afternoons, come join in the fun. You can machine sew, hand sew, stuff pillows, iron, sort items, pick your job. Come in and take a look at what we do and see if you think you would like to be a part of a great group. Call Edie Hultman for more information @ 913 432 3515.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Circle Day - May 8

WOW Lunch at
Cheesecake Factory - May 23

Page Turners - May 22

WWS Poolside Happy Hour - June 22

PW Horizons Bible Study
Workshop - July 21



Mission Sewing Monthly Totals—2017

	<u>Items Sent</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>
January	794	780.00
February	694	768.50
March	680	752.00
April	664	967.25
May	981	907.00
June	988	1084.50
July	749	530.50
August	1278	1013.75
Sept	658	1235.25
Oct	1995	1020.75
Nov.	1193	709.75
Totals 2017	10,743	9758.75

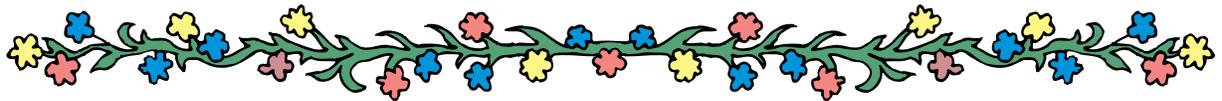
Amazing Graces

held their Spring Event on March 8th at the Kemper Museum of Modern Art. 50 women enjoyed small plates and docent led tours of the Gallery.





Amazing Graces

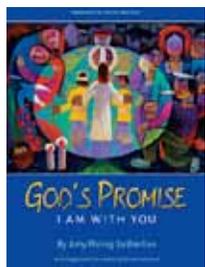


WOW at Tatsu's April 17



WWS
Flower Power
Event at
Gregory's
Fine Floral





2018–2019
PW Horizons Bible Study
God's Promise: I Am with You
By Amy Poling Sutherland

Presbyterian Women of Village Presbyterian Church invite you to the
2018-2019 PW Horizons Bible Study Workshop

- Date:** Saturday, July 21, 2018
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost: \$19.00 per person, includes continental breakfast and light lunch buffet; **(does not include study book)**
Location: Village Presbyterian Church, Friendship Hall
 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS



The 2018–2019 PW/Horizons Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*, by Amy Poling Sutherland, takes readers on a nine-lesson journey through scripture to consider how God's promise ("I will be with you"/"I am with you") speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and a community. We will also consider Jesus' own promise of presence to his followers as he sends us into this world. As we explore the many facets of this most profound gift, we will ask, how does God's promise of presence change us and the way we live?

Amy Poling Sutherland grew up in Texas and New Mexico, the middle child of a 6th-generation pastor. Ordained pastoral ministry led her first to Huntington, West Virginia and then to San Marcos, Texas, where she currently co-pastors the First Presbyterian Church. Her passion in ministry is exploring and witnessing the intersection between people's stories and the unfolding story of God's work in the world. Amy has shared the last 15 years of life with her husband, Joshua, and they are thrilled (frazzled/daunted/amused) to be the parents of Serena (11), Asher (9), Josiah (7), and Micah (5). Amy's life is filled with laughter, liturgy, and laundry; and she loves writing and traveling.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY ONLY

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Church _____
 Dietary Needs _____

Please return this form with payment no later than Monday, July 9, 2018 to:

Marianne Weber
6641 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Questions? Call Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email
marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

Checks made payable to PW of Village Church.