



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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Crepes and Conversation

A wonderful celebration of old and new friends reconnecting through fellowship, learning what PW has to offer, and enjoying Chef Emily's marvelous crepes.



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Message from the Moderators

Ah... Fall!

Don't you just love fall and how it has presented itself in so many beautiful ways... from the cooler weather, colorful foliage, and scents of cinnamon, cardamon, apples & pumpkin that fill the air! The excitement of our fall PW activities that are in full swing, we are so grateful for the many opportunities to gather together...

Our fall event, Crepes and Conversation, was a wonderful celebration of old and new friends reconnecting through fellowship, learning what PW has to offer, and enjoying Chef Emily's marvelous crepes. We were especially grateful for connecting with the lovely group of women from the Village Church on Antioch who joined us!



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EPHESIANS 4:2

We are so pleased to announce this year's recipients of our Opportunity Giving. The support of these gifts is determined by your moderators, presented to the PW Leadership Committee and approved by the PW Board. Our vision this year focuses on children and how our outreach can impact needs in our church community, the greater Kansas City community and those of the world.

We have chosen the following opportunities with a \$1,000 donation to each:

- 1] The Operation Breakthrough Reading Program continues to provide exceptional early literacy activities by "Making a Difference, One Child at a Time". Funds given will enhance the multicultural books given to each child throughout their time with the Village Church volunteers.
- 2] Scholarship money given to the Heartland Presbytery Camp for the summer camp programs for children. Children who could not otherwise attend this wonderful camp will be awarded the funds to help make it possible.
- 3] Scholarship funds for the Thwake Village Children's Home in Kenya to provide support for physical and educational needs. Young girls will have clothing, shoes, linens, educational supplies, and other essential items necessary for their daily living as a result of these scholarship funds.



Each of these deserving programs will benefit from the generosity of the Presbyterian women of Village Church. We give in faith, love, gentleness and humility, knowing that these funds will truly make a difference in children's lives.

With grateful hearts,

Kim Stratton and Patty Zender

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.



More Crepes and Conversation



Operation Breakthrough Reading Program

Continues on Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. -11, through October 25

Questions, please contact: Cindy Whitham cjwhitham@aol.com (913.262.3062).

Child care will be available beginning Sept. 20 by calling Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation a week ahead.

Donations: Donate a pre-school (3,4 or 5 year old) level book. Donation boxes can be found at the south desk and in the hallway near the children's library. Donations by check payable to Presbyterian Women with the notation "Operation Breakthrough Books" are also appreciated.



OPERATION Breakthrough

PW Honorary Life Member

Presbyterian Women of Village Church will honor and celebrate the gifts and talents of women at the **Celebration of Faithful Women** on March 24, 2018 in Friendship Hall.

Please take a moment to nominate a woman you know who:

- Supports the mission of the church
- Nurtures your faith
- Works for peace and justice
- Works to build an inclusive and caring community

Please contact: Samantha Sturgeon slsturge@kc.rr.com or Dee Gound dkgound@kc.rr.com

Names will be accepted through October 28, 2017.



SAVE THE DATE
for our annual
Presbyterian Women's Advent Dinner
on **Tuesday, December 5**.
The Rev. Jenny McDevitt will speak
on what it means to be
"Home for Christmas".
Tickets go fast, so please get yours
in Friendship Hall
November 12 & 19.
Those willing to set tables or serve
please contact Julie Foster at
foster.julie@icloud.com or
H: 913.221.7778.

Spotlight on Operation Breakthrough Reading Program Committee

Making a Difference One Child at a Time

The Operation Breakthrough committee is celebrating our 4th year working together to benefit our young neighbors...the children of Operation Breakthrough. The team includes: Marilyn Borel, Ann Colston, Cathy Hess, Lori Huber, Anellen Neill, Marilyn Pattison, and Cindy Whitham. It is a fun and effective group because everyone works well together and contributes their varied talents.

In addition the committee relies on Marilyn Weininger, Marion Dowden, Ed Dexter, Jane Davis and Mike Dowdy to work before and after the session to keep things running smoothly. We are grateful to be working with a volunteer pool of WONDERFUL women and men who are the engine of this long running program. Everyone involved does their part to make a personal connection with a child through reading and conversation. It is a time to model what friendship, love and respect looks and feels like. We have all chosen the opportunity to do what we can do today to make our beautiful world a little less broken.

When the committee was asked why they volunteer, three words stood out: JOY, FUN, and LOVE.

It is pure JOY to participate in this reading program. We admire the work of Operation Breakthrough and it is an honor to work with their fine teachers as they lead their students through the year. We share the excitement of the four-year-olds who look forward to their field trip to Village Church. Even though many of the children have experienced trauma, when we read, sing and laugh together what we see is JOY!

We don't know who has more FUN; the children or volunteers! The time spent together is FUN for all ages. The children are so inquisitive, spontaneous and energetic. We love to watch their faces as they listen to the stories and they say the funniest things!

We LOVE being with these children and helping them learn and feel valued. As with many things in life, we have received much more than we have given. We have been blessed to experience the joy and love that these children so freely share. There's no doubt that the LOVE of God is shared when we are all together.



OPERATION
Breakthrough



(Above)
Cindy Whitham

(Above Right)
Lori Huber

(Left)
Marion Dowden
Marilyn Wineinger

(Right)
Ed Dexter



WOW Welcomes Will



Women of Wisdom, (WOW), is excited about our upcoming luncheon, WOW WELCOMES WILL, at noon on Thursday, October 26. We'll enjoy Chef Emily's delicious food in the Heritage Dining Room at Village. With your reservation, \$10.00 for lunch is payable at the door.

Will Breytspraak will be our enthusiastic speaker. Will was a childhood member in the music department at Village, then moved away for many exciting music ventures. The search committee, after a year, chose Will to return to Village as our Director of Music Ministries. It will be interesting to hear where his career took him, and why he decided to return home to Village. We're sure glad he did, and WOW wants to WELCOME WILL.

To make a reservation, please RSVP to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608, no later than NOON on Friday, October 20. All women are cordially invited, and we look forward to sharing food and fellowship with our PW friends and giving a warm welcome to Will.

Women With Spirit

Nothing says autumn quite like crisp air, colorful foliage & Women with Spirit's Oktoberfest! We hope you can join us on Friday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Berent & Shelby Krumm (3208 W. 92nd St., Leawood). Come alone, with a friend, date or spouse. Bring your favorite six pack of beer - three bottles to share and three to swap. You will go home with three new bottles to try. Appetizers will be served.

If childcare is needed, reservations must be made by October 20th. Email Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org. Childcare is provided from 6:15 - 9:00 p.m.



Church Women United

Church Women United's mission is to be a racially, culturally, theologically, ecumenically movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. It was founded in 1941.

Church Women United at Grace Covenant Presbyterian

World Community Day

November 3, 2017, 9:30 am

For more information contact

Betty Harrison at 913-642-3892 or bettymharrison@aol.com

or Ann Kindred at 816-509-5963 or LaKindred@aol.com





**Friday March 2 &
Saturday March 3, 2018**

Village Church on Mission

**What is True:
*Theology and the American Story***

Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

*The 16th President and first woman to head the 180-year-old
Union Theological Seminary in New York City*

7 p.m. Friday, March 2

Session 1: *Sin*

9 a.m. Saturday, March 3

Session 2: *Grace*

Session 3: *Redemption*

Online ticket sales begin November 1. Go to villagepres.org/visiting-scholar to purchase your ticket or for more information.



2018 PW Women's Retreat

We are so excited about the 2018 PW Women's Retreat! This semi-annual event will take place, once again, at the beautiful Heartland Presbytery Center in Parkville, Missouri on **April 27-28, 2018**. Heartland is just an easy 30-45 minute drive away from Johnson County.

This semi-annual retreat is always such a great time to be with the wonderful women of Village Church in a beautiful, natural setting. The meals provided are delicious. There are great walking trails and other outdoor activities available. Don't miss this chance to be "around the campfire" with such a great group! The overnight facilities offer motel-like rooms with bathrooms. Some women choose to attend as a "commuter"...just driving up for the Saturday program and meals.

Our retreat leader will be Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers. Melissa Anne is Pastor of Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, MI and also a dear friend of our own Jenny McDevitt. Jenny has described her as "the person who taught her much of what she knows"! We know that this weekend will be a fabulous and inspirational experience. We hope that you'll join us!



Mission Sewing

The Story of the Purple Boxers

Mission Sewing gets many requests but I thought this one was a bit unusual and special. We do a number of things for the City Union Mission. Our contact called and asked if we could alter 1000 pairs of mens' boxer shorts. They had a donation of size 42 and needed them in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40. The story behind this order is what is special. He had just finished a meeting with his supervisor and they were wondering where they could possibly

find someone who would donate about 1000 pairs of boxer shorts. He returned to his office, not knowing where to start with this problem. About 15 minutes later, his phone rang, someone asking if he could possibly use 1000 pairs of purple boxer shorts. Now, if that doesn't make a believer out of you? He told us that God presents himself to them often in many ways. We have finished about half of them and will be finished in another week or two.

We continue to fill our other needs. If you would like to join this fun group, call Edie Hultman @ 913 432 3515. Our hours are 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. every Tuesday for information.



Lakeview Circle

Meets: 1-2 p.m.
Gardenview Room
4th floor at Lakeview Village

Lead by: Diane Quaintance
(913-856-8744)
hqdqfarm@gmail.com

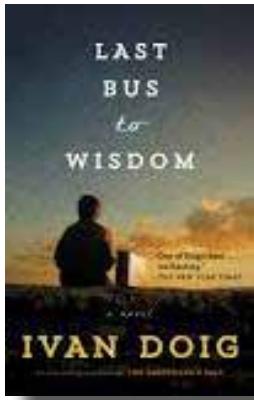
Just for fun we added up our years of PW membership for the group -- Would you like to guess? Remember this is only 8 women --- but 392 years of sharing fellowship and fun, laughter and sometimes tears, but always joy and love.



Page Turners

Page Turners chose *The Last Bus To Wisdom*, by Ivan Doig, for discussion in October. This is a lively and poignant coming of age story of an eleven year old boy on a cross-country odyssey. He makes a bus trip from Montana to Wisconsin and back, alone. The story tells of the interesting people and situations he encounters along the way.

Meetings are always on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 in room 127. October's meeting is on the 24th. All are welcome to join the group for discussion or just to listen. Having read the book is not necessary for the enjoyment of the discussion. Contact Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574 or Judy Lockett at judylockett@sbcglobal.net for more information.



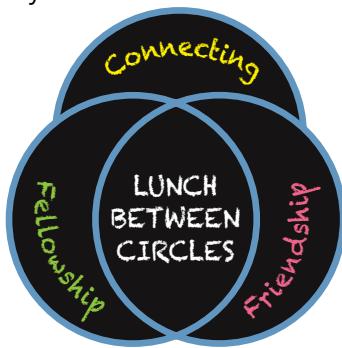
Lunch between Circles

Presbyterian Women's Lunch Between Circles is a casual buffet lunch prepared by our Chef Emily in Friendship Hall at 11:30 a.m. on circle days in October, November, January, February, March and April. For \$6, you are invited to join other women either after a morning circle meeting or before an afternoon meeting for fellowship and a tasty lunch! For further information on the lunches, contact Leslie Conrad at 913-341-2734 or conradleslie@aol.com.

There are three easy ways to make your reservation:

- Sign up at your circle meeting the month before the lunch
- Contact your circle leader by the 1st of the month
- Contact Leslie Conrad (conradleslie@aol.com or 913.341.2734) by the 1st of the month

We look forward to seeing you there!



Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Classes

Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the youth loft (3rd fl) of Village on Mission.



A regular yoga practice keeps your body young and pain free.

Taught by Katie Hurcomb, a registered yoga instructor with 20 years of teaching experience to populations that are 50+. Katie knows first hand the power yoga has to heal injury and maintain a pain free life. She shares her love of yoga with her students as she guides them through poses that are doable and easily modified to fit each individual in class.

Come try the first class for free!
8 classes for \$96

Call with questions or concerns. Katie Hurcomb 913-244-5623, or hurkate@gmail.com.



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.

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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 6:00 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Operation Breakthrough - Through Oct. 25
Circle Day - Oct. 10
Page Turners - Oct. 24
WOW Lunch - Oct. 26
WWS Oktoberfest - Oct. 27
Honorary Life Member Nomination Deadline - Oct. 28
CWU - Nov. 3
CWU Annual Mtg./Lunch - Dec. 1
Advent Dinner - Dec. 5
PW Visiting Scholar - March 2-3
Celebration of Faithful Women - March 24
PW Spring Retreat - April 27-28



Box Tops, Coupons and More

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

History of Menaul School: In 1896, Rev. James A. Menaul, a Presbyterian minister, sought and received Presbyterian mission funding for a boarding school that would serve Spanish-speaking boys in New Mexico, primarily from the northern portion of the state. In 1882, the site that is now the Menaul School campus was purchased through the efforts of local Presbyterians. 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.



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PW Board Fall Brunch Meeting

