

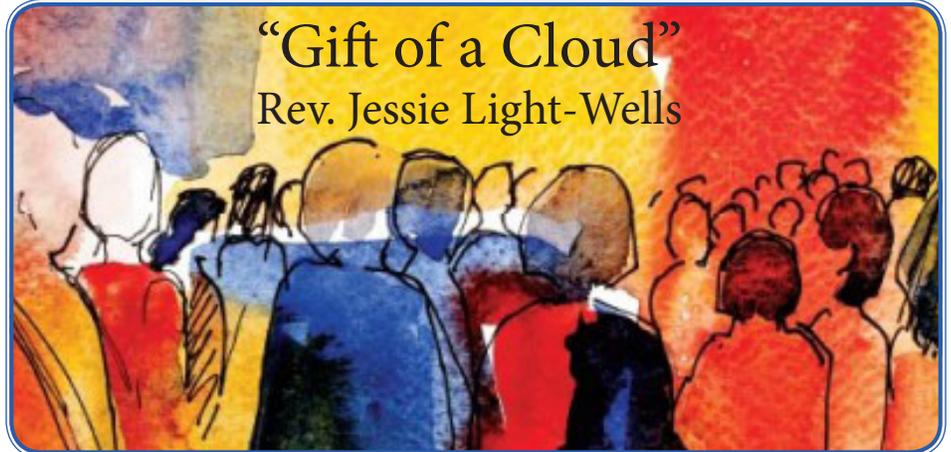


# The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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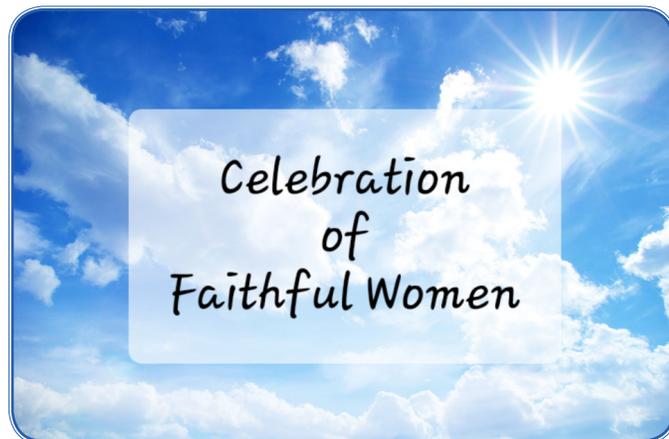
Saturday, March 23, 2019

10:00 am

Friendship Hall

Village on Mission

Reservations (\$16) will be sold on  
Sundays, February 24 and March 3 in Friendship Hall  
at Village on Mission between Worship Services  
or online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) beginning in mid-February.



*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a  
great cloud of witnesses...*

*Hebrews 12: 1-2*



Niki Krenzel and Ann Flanders

## Message from the Moderators

What a crazy winter it has been already, one storm after another! We hope that this note finds you all warm and with lots of light.

At our January board meeting we were encouraged with a blessed quote from Anne Lamott, “The thing about light is that it really isn’t yours; it’s what you gather and shine back. And it gets more power from reflectiveness; if you sit still and take it in, it fills your cup, and then you can give it off yourself.”

In December the PW Board spent the day at Thelma’s Kitchen. We went through the brief training and then served, chopped, bused tables, and greeted. All of us walked away changed and blessed by our experiences.

Thelma’s Kitchen is Village’s 2018 Signature Mission and is always looking for volunteers; a brief training briefing is required. Here is the link to get started [thelmaskitchen.org/volunteer](http://thelmaskitchen.org/volunteer).

We challenge you all to find that signature mission in your own lives and serve. Be the light that goes out, make something or someone brighter.

Don’t forget to save the date for our Celebration of Faithful Women brunch on March 23, 2019. We will celebrate our PW Honorary Life Members recipients and all the women of Village Church.

Sharing God’s love,  
Niki Krenzel,  
[susannkrenzel@aol.com](mailto:susannkrenzel@aol.com)  
Ann Flanders,  
[annflanders1@gmail.com](mailto:annflanders1@gmail.com)

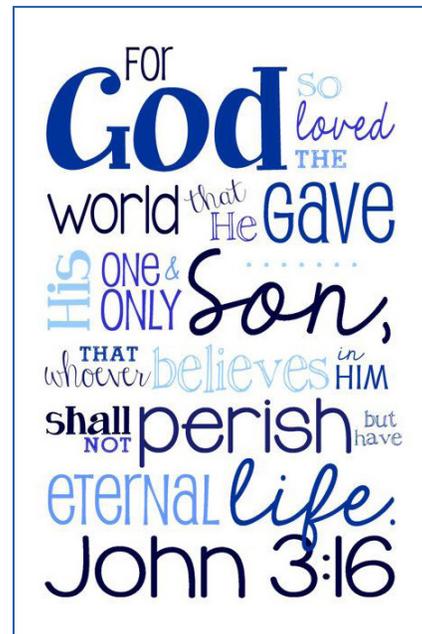
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yourself.”

Anne Lamott



Shine



## 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 promises of God’s Kingdom



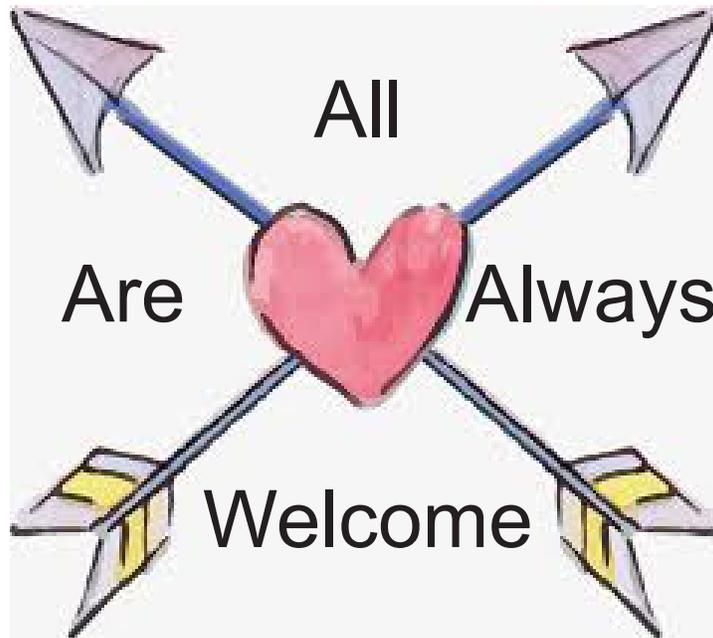
## PW Circles

2nd Tuesday  
each month

Village  
on  
Mission

7:00 & 9:30 am  
12:15 & 7:00 pm

Questions?  
[conradleslie@aol.com](mailto:conradleslie@aol.com)



## PW Circle

2nd Monday  
each month

Village  
on  
Antioch

6:00 pm

Questions?  
[joycebardeen@gmail.com](mailto:joycebardeen@gmail.com)



We hope you'll mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 19, at 12:00 pm to join Women of Wisdom (WOW) at Sullivan's Steakhouse, 4501 West 119th, in Leawood. Located on the southeast corner of 119th & Roe, the restaurant shares the same parking lot with Crate & Barrel and the Apple Store.

Sullivan's is a popular steakhouse that has only recently been open for lunch. It has earned high customer ratings not only for its top-notch cuisine, but also for its attentive service and its friendly, comfortable ambiance. The lunch menu features salads, soups, sandwiches, as well as lunch entrees.

We look forward to seeing longtime WOW friends and extend a special invitation to new friends as we enjoy warm fellowship and good food. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net), by Monday, February 18. It would be so nice to have you join us!

**SULLIVAN'S**  
STEAKHOUSE

**WOW**  
WOMEN OF WISDOM

# Mission Sewing News

Mission Sewing is catching up with our projects after refreshing time off in December. Join us during the hours of 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. every Tuesday, everyone is welcome.



Our “peanut” pillows (for comfort following surgery), eye glass cases, and walker bags are in high demand, being distributed as quickly as we can make them!

We accept donations of cotton and cotton blend fabric in a minimum of 1-yard lengths.

Contact Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information.



Please join us for an evening of board games, spirits and lots of fun! We'll gather on Friday, February 8, 7:00 pm, at PAWN & PINT, 613 Walnut, KCMO.

Come solo or bring a friend or spouse.

Questions and RSVP to [shelbykrumm@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbykrumm@yahoo.com).

## Women With Spirit

There is no child care for this event.

### Being Faithful

*Be faithful  
in small things  
because  
it is  
in them  
that your  
strength lies.*

Mother Teresa

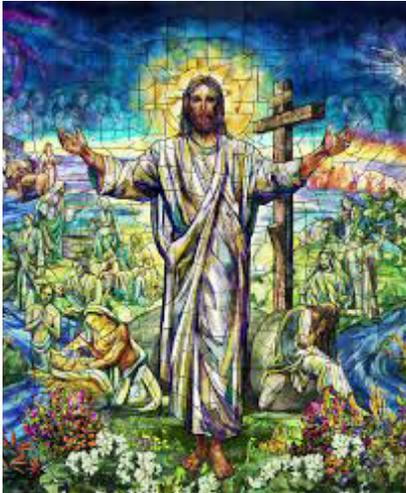
From time to time, our Pastoral Care department receives requests from individuals who would be grateful for a meal or two while they recover from an illness or loss, or a health challenge.



If you are able to provide a meal, please contact Linda Alley, Pastoral Care Coordinator, 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).



-  The Messenger is online at [Villagepres.org](http://Villagepres.org).
-  Thelma's Kitchen needs volunteers. Sign up at [thelmaskitchen.org](http://thelmaskitchen.org).
-  Please use black or dark blue ink for all checks payable to Village Church.
-  WWS uses user-friendly Venmo app for payments. Visit [Venmo.com](http://Venmo.com) for info.

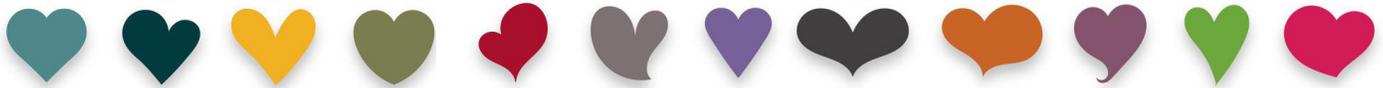


# Amazing Graces

All are invited to the Church of the Resurrection Sacred Window Tour sponsored by Amazing Graces. On Wednesday, February 6, plan to meet at 5:45 pm at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Avenue, Leawood, KS.

Following the tour, we will gather at the home of Martha Tatman for fellowship and conversation. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

For reservations, please contact Dee Gound at [dkgound@kc.rr.com](mailto:dkgound@kc.rr.com).



## Treasure in Our Hearts “... and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.” Luke 2:51

“For the mother of our Lord, treasuring is not some passive, Presbyterian, pew potato proposition. It is active. When Mary treasured, those around her knew it. When we treasure, it is less about partisanship and more about leadership. When we treasure, it is less about ego and more about how we go forward together. When we treasure, it is less about a shutdown and more about building one another up. When we treasure, it is less about division and more about communion. When we treasure, it changes lives.”

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, sermon from January 13, 2019

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# Operation Breakthrough Reading Program

Spring Session, Operation Breakthrough Reading Program - No experience necessary!



Partner with a pre-K reading buddy at VOM, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Wednesdays, March 20 - April 24. Contact Cindy Whitham at 913-262-3062 or [ciwhitham@aol.com](mailto:ciwhitham@aol.com) or for information.

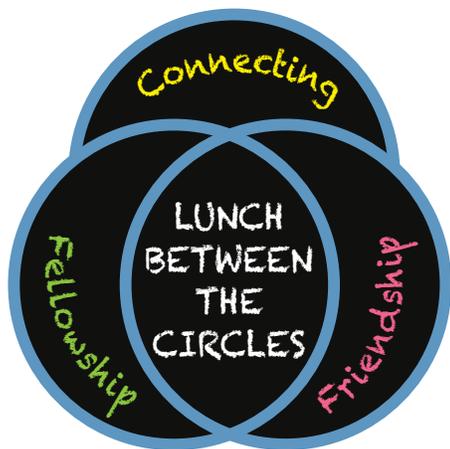
Need child care? Contact Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 or [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org) to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.



# The Community Table

connecting ♥ fellowship ♥ friendship

## Lunch Between the Circles



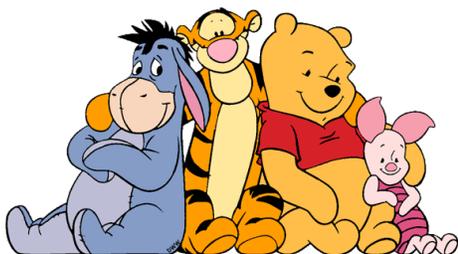
Come join the fun at the Lunch Between Circles on February 12 from 11:30-12:30 pm, Village on Mission. Chef Emily prepares a wonderful lunch and you will have plenty of time to catch up with friends, old and new.

Please make a reservation (\$6) by contacting your circle leader or Leslie Conrad at [conradleslie@aol.com](mailto:conradleslie@aol.com) or 913-341-2734. Deadline for February lunch reservations is February 1. Note: Vegetarian meals must be requested when you make your reservation.

Child care is available if requested at the time you make your reservation.

A little  
consideration,  
a little thought  
for others,  
makes  
all the  
difference.

A.A. Milne's Eeyore  
Winnie-the-Pooh



## VOA Fellowship Dinner

Monday, February 25, 6:00 pm  
(4th Monday each month)

### Panera Bread



6800 W. 135th, Overland Park, KS

Questions? Kelly at [kellythomason61@att.net](mailto:kellythomason61@att.net)

## Lucy Tidwell

2019 PW Honorary Life Member

Lucy was born in St. Louis and grew up in Kirkwood, MO, the youngest of six kids. She grew up attending the First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood, where both of her parents were elders. Her dad grew up in a Presbyterian orphanage in Farmington, MO, so Lucy had strong ties to the Presbyterian Church throughout her life.

After high school, Lucy went to the University of Kansas, where she met her husband, Brant Tidwell. They met at a leadership event, although Brant didn't recall meeting Lucy at that time. However, they had a lot of mutual friends and kept running into each other, so as they say, the rest is history.



After graduation, Lucy and Brant married and decided to settle in the Kansas City area. Brant grew up in Prairie Village and they loved the community feeling and wanted to be close to family. They visited Village Church and felt so welcomed. They were involved in the Young Marrieds group where they made fabulous life-long friends.

Lucy and Brant were married 30 years and have two sons, Foster and Calvin. Foster and his wife, Alli, live in Chicago with Lucy's first grandchild, Theodore Brant "Teddy." Calvin and his wife, Nicole, live in Kansas City. Lucy's husband, Brant passed away after a valiant battle with brain cancer. She is still very close to Brant's family. She said they are and always will be part

of her life. Her two sons, their wonderful wives, and little Teddy are Lucy's greatest joy.

Lucy worked for Kansas City Life Insurance Company for 17 years then left to help Brant in his commercial real estate business. Lucy currently works for Care Haven Homes. She also volunteered for many activities while raising her family, where she found meaningful friendships.

Lucy also shares her time and talents with Village. She's been Clerk of the Session, a board member of the Village Endowment Trust, served on a pastor search committee, the 2017 Village Strategic Planning Committee, Adult Ministry Committee and taught Sunday School. She has been a care receiver of Stephen Ministry, and her experience represents the type of care and support she experienced over the last 35 years. Lucy continues to be awed by the amazing people at Village Church. Lucy recently served on the Presbyterian Women Board and was chair of the Women's Retreat this past spring. She continues to be involved with a small group of women who have provided her great support over the years.

She enjoys new experiences and places, reading and history, she recently traveled to Kenya with Village Church members and had a very memorable and meaningful experience.

Lucy also loves dogs and currently has little Ruby and two granddogs too!



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## Susie Dixon

### 2019 PW Honorary Life Member

Susie was an Altoona, Pennsylvania girl and has always had a love of learning. After high school and during World War II, she worked at the Sylvania Defense Plant welding vacuum tubes while attending business school working to save money for college. Susie and her father couldn't agree on where she should attend college but through a friend, whose father was her minister, she found DePauw University. Susie was the first woman in her family to attend college. At DePauw, Susie met Al Dixon, her husband for over 50 years. Susie graduated with a degree in Dietetics. She and Al moved to Indianapolis where Susie held management roles in food service.



Susie and Al have two children, Darci and David, both born in Indianapolis. The family moved to Kansas City in 1965 when Al relocated with Aero Drapery to start up a regional factory. Susie continued her love of learning and earned her teaching degree at Avila University. She taught first grade special education and later substituted across the Johnson County school districts. Susie really enjoyed substitute teaching because she was able to continue teaching, and she had flexibility with her young family.

Susie, previously a staunch Methodist, visited many local churches and discovered Village Church due to an invitation from Bill Dakin, a member and neighbor. Susie wasn't interested in going to a big church but Dr. Bob's leadership and ministry convinced them that Village would be their home for the rest of their lives. At her beloved Al's service in 2010, Susie remembers Rev. Tom Are saying, "I know Susie didn't want to attend a big church, but the Dixons made Village seem small".

Susie and Al joined Village's choir and were active members for the next 50+ years. They volunteered their time working in the kitchen, taught Sunday School, studied with Lindsay Pherigo, prepared and distributed flowers weekly, supported Troop 91 and visited the Holy Land with many Village members. They were also a part of the Marriage Enrichment program for over 25 years. Susie became a Deacon in the 1990's, was a Stephen Minister for over ten years and has been active in Presbyterian Women for decades. She currently attends the Lakeview Village Circle, where she resides and remains active.

Over the years, Susie has devoted much time and energy to international cultures, hosting students from India, Taiwan, Japan, Germany and Mexico, and maintaining those friendships.

Susie always loved to bicycle. She enjoyed traveling and one particularly interesting trip was a two-week bicycle ride across Denmark. She is a devoted dog lover, having fond memories of Rags and Dixie.



## Ann Colston

2019 PW Honorary Life Member

Ann is a Kansan, born and bred, and has always been active in her community. She was born in Lawrence, KS, the daughter of Marge and Don Fairhurst. Ann's father was a professor at the University of Kansas in the School of Architecture. Her family moved to the Prairie Village area in 1953 so she's always been "close" to Village – she attended Belinder Elementary, Indian Hills Middle School and graduated from Shawnee Mission East. After high school graduation, Ann went to Kansas State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. Her brother, Tom Fairhurst, also lives in Prairie Village. She enjoys spending time with her family, her son Kevin lives in Chicago, and daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Stefan, and two adorable grandchildren, who live nearby.



Ann was involved with a variety of service and community projects in high school. During the summer between her junior and senior year, Ann was an American Field Service Exchange Student to the Philippines. She also tutored at Crosslines on Saturday mornings and she was part of the group that took girls from Wayne Minor Housing Project camping.

After leaving Manhattan, Ann's first job was at Adventure World Preschool in Grandview, MO as a preschool teacher. She stayed at Adventure World for a few years but needed more income to live on her own, so she went to work for the State of Kansas, where she stayed until she retired. Ann and her husband, Greg Colston, knew each other from their days at Indian Hills and SM East, but they didn't date until after college. They reconnected "on the streets of Wyandotte County" when Greg was working a summer internship for the District Attorney's office and Ann was working for the Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services. They married in 1976 and Ann formally joined Village church in 1977. Ann visited with Greg prior to joining; Greg and his family had been lifelong members.

Ann and Greg's first involvement with the church was through choir and their involvement expanded from there into a variety of areas and continued throughout their lives. Ann remembers the Friday night dinners for young marrieds that Dr. Bob had started – she and Greg met so many other young couples. Unfortunately, Greg lost his battle with cancer in 2011.

Ann has been involved with an assortment of programs and activities at Village. With Ann having been a preschool teacher, she shared her gifts with Village's children when she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She's been a Deacon and Elder. Ann served on the Youth Committee, Adult Ministry Committee and Pastoral Care and Counseling Committee. She continues to coordinate the Star Families program and volunteer with Village Blood Drives.

Ann has also served on a variety of committees and programs throughout Presbyterian Women. She was part of the Advent Dinner Committee and Celebration of Faithful Women Committee. She continues to be a part of the Operation Breakthrough Reading Program.

When Ann's not at Village, she enjoys reading, traveling, CrossFit, golf and volunteering.



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## YOGA

### Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga is taught by Katie Hurcomb, a registered yoga instructor with 20 years of teaching experience.

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the Youth Loft.

Cost: 1 class/week for 8 weeks = \$96 or walk in price of \$15/class. Please bring a yoga mat!

Email Katie at [hurkate@gmail.com](mailto:hurkate@gmail.com) or text at 913-244-5623 for questions. Come watch or try the first class free at Village on Mission.

### Circle 4: Lending a Helping Hand



Circle 4 hosts a Holiday Party with 3rd graders at Gordon Park Elementary School.

### Box Tops for Education

For coupons and participating brands check out the website [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).



**Please check the expiration date on the Box Top!**

Drop off your coupons at the north or south entrance of Village on Mission. Contact [imnotsandrad@gmail.com](mailto:imnotsandrad@gmail.com) for questions.

## Page Turners

opening books opening minds

All are welcome to join this lively book discussion, selected by consensus from a variety of sources. Page Turners meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 am in room 127.

At our January meeting Page Turners selected books for discussion for the next several months.



NEWS OF THE WORLD, by Paulette Jiles, is the book for February, a story is set in the wake of the Civil War. Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas giving readings from news papers to paying audiences hungry for "news of the world." He is an elderly widower who has lived through three wars and fought in two. He finds this rootless solitude enjoyable until offered a fifty dollar gold piece to deliver a ten year old orphan girl to relatives in Austin, Texas. And so the story grows...

Come enjoy the discussion with this welcoming group!



### PW Alive Now

Alive Now is a Bible Study for women who are early risers. We meet each Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:30 am in the Heritage Dining Room.

We study a passage of scripture and we are a support group for one another, often spending as much time sharing and caring for each other's needs.

If you would like more information, please contact Judy at [judycooperjc@gmail.com](mailto:judycooperjc@gmail.com).

