



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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Celebration of Faithful Women

Welcome Rev. Jessie Light-Wells



Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

“The Gift of a Cloud”

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

Saturday, March 23

Village on Mission

Friendship Hall

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

Hebrews 12: 1-2

*Celebrating all women!
2019 PW Honorary Life Members:*

*Ann Colston
Susie Dixon
Lucy Tidwell*

10:00 - Registration and Coffee
10:30 - Doors open in Friendship Hall

Reservations (\$16/person) available online at Villagepres.org or
Reservation Cards are located at the south entrance of Village on Mission.

Lettuce & strawberry salad with poppyseed dressing
Scrambled eggs with green onions
Chicken Breast Divan
Dessert



Niki Krenznel and Ann Flanders

Message from the Moderators

This winter, it seems, has brought us endless icy, cold, often gray or snowy days. The occasional peek of sun or a warm day never seems to last long. So, what lifts us up during these days? I've found myself reading more, tackling some projects previously avoided, and yes, watching TV more, but, also thinking more. I find myself more thoughtful, of my own life, of course, but also of others.

I've found I feel a sense of gratitude for the gifts of those I encounter. I think it's like anything else, when you pay attention to something, it takes on more meaning. I find myself noticing more good in others. Through this, I find my faith grows as I embrace the kindness and goodness I see around me.

I have found that to be true in my various involvements at Village. Last week at the Stephen Minister meeting I found myself inspired by the suggestions from my group to a fellow Stephen Minister trying to help her care receiver. Among the ideas for inspiration for another for peace and soothing were: reading Psalms to someone ailing; play meaningful music that might prompt a happy memory; read scriptures; sing or read words of hymns that might be familiar.

I find so many ways at church to be inspired but often it's with the connections I find there. There are wonderful people to know, knowledge to be gained and unlimited paths to faith through connection to guide us. Look for it, it's there, you won't be sorry.

How wonderful to celebrate 70 years of our Church this past month! May we be inspired by the history, faith and love from all who have been a part of this wonderful place.

To note this month:

- 3/1 & 3/2 Visiting Scholar, Dr. Warren Carter
- 3/19 12 pm, Women of Wisdom luncheon
- 3/20-4/24 Operation Breakthrough Reading program, Wednesday mornings
- 3/23 10 am Friendship Hall, Celebration of Faithful Women



Sharing God's love,

Ann Flanders, annflanders1@gmail.com and Niki Krenznel, susannkrenznel@aol.com

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

PW Circle

2nd Monday
each month

Village
on
Antioch

6:00 pm

Questions?
joycebardeen@gmail.com



All are
welcome.
Always.



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Women
of
Wisdom

Women of Wisdom, (WOW) is delighted to invite all ladies to a noon lunch on Tuesday, March 19. We are very excited that we will be dining in a beautiful private room at the new south location of Plaza III Steakhouse.

In late 2018, Plaza III relocated from its famous Plaza location to 12631 Metcalf in Overland Park. Although not comparable to the beautiful, long-standing Plaza restaurant, this new location is exciting, fresh and contemporary, with beautiful wood in a comfortable, large interior. The menu has been tweaked somewhat, but you will still have many choices of the same great American food. Lunch together there will be fine dining in a stunning atmosphere. Parking is conveniently right in front of the building.

We would love for you to join us, whether you attend regularly or are new to the group. Be invitation- al and bring a friend. All women are invited and we would love to have you join us for fabulous food and warm hospitality. Please RSVP by March 18 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608. We look forward to seeing you there!

*“Be invitational and
bring a friend!”*



PLAZA III
Steakhouse®

Mission Sewing News

For more information, contact Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.

Please join us! We need non-sewers who would like to stuff pillows and do a little hand sewing. Our regular sewing days are Tuesdays, 8 am till 3 pm.

Mission Sewing is running low on fleece, consider making a donation. We ask that your pieces be at least one yard in length. You may bring it to the Sewing Room (112) on Tuesdays, or drop off your donation at the switchboard, marked "Mission Sewing."

Tax Forms are available, simply include your name and address.



THANK YOU

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Sacred Window Tour Rescheduled!

Due to inclement weather, our docent-led tour of the Sacred Window at the Church of the Resurrection will be on Wednesday, March 13. Plan to arrive by 5:45 for a one-hour tour, then we'll gather at the home of Martha Tatman for fellowship. Contact Dee Gound at dkgound@kc.rr.com for questions.

Amazing Graces

Make A Meal... Make a Difference!

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 at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.



Women With Spirit

“Lost... and Found”



Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Home of Kenyon Vrooman

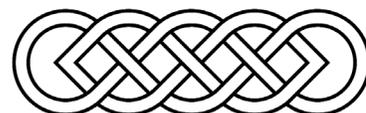
Rodger will discuss how to navigate the labyrinth at 99th & Mission and lead us through several activities. We ask that you bring something to share for our potluck brunch.

Child care is available with a reservation, contact Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org. For questions and to RSVP, contact shelbykrumm@yahoo.com.



I rise this day.
Through Heaven's strength.
Lit by the sun.
Bathed by the moon.
Gloried by fire.
I have the speed of lightening.
I am swift as the wind.
I am deep as the sea.
I am stable as the earth.
I am firm as stone.
God's power will support me.
God's wisdom will advise me.
God's eyes will look out for me.
God's ear will listen for me.
God's hand will guard me.
God's shield will protect me.

adapted from St. Patrick's
Breastplate Prayer



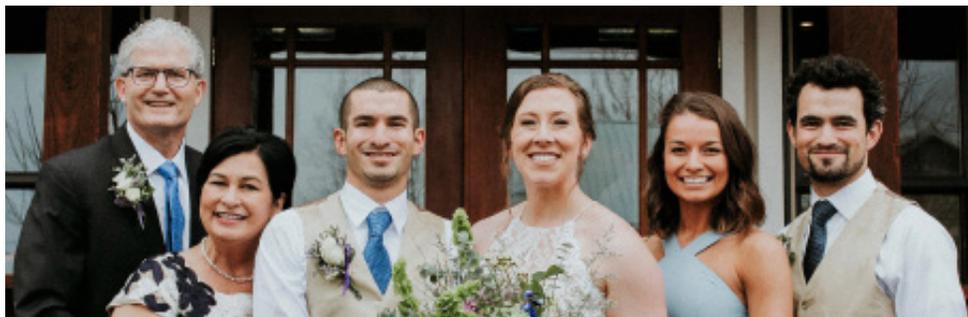
In the Spotlight

About Nancy Cantril... written by Carrie Craig

Nancy grew up going to Village Church with her parents, Monroe and Helen Taliaferro, and her twin sisters Jan Roach and Jo Taliaferro. Marc and Nancy are so involved in the life of Village Church, most people know them. It was a challenge to find questions to ask!

Which person in your family do you look like the most?

“I look most like my mother...” as a matter of fact, when I showed up to Village Church with our new baby, Grace, in her infant seat, I remember the first comment from an older adult friend was, “oh she looks exactly like Helen!”



Marc and Nancy Cantril, Scott, Emma, Grace and Taylor

If you had an extra hour every evening, what would you do with it?

I would read, I love being carried away into a great story... While recovering from Brachial Neuritis, last summer and this fall, I went on a huge book binge! In just a few months, I read *All the Light We Cannot See*, *Little Fires Everywhere*, *The Charm School*, *The Fall of Giants*, *Circling the Sun*, *Expecting Adam*, *Small Great Things*, and *The Goldfinch*.

When was the last time you cried?

I have cried many times this past year! In 2016, I had a startling encounter with a virus that attacked a nerve bundle, which caused severe nerve damage in my back, neck and shoulder. I have been working hard to rehabilitate the muscles that became completely incapacitated. The nerve damage brought pain and the tears came due to the physical pain. It also changed my life, working in more than 80 therapy sessions and visiting Mayo Clinic twice. I went through a period of feeling isolated and lonely. I had to resign from several committees that I cherished, and eventually, I asked for a Stephen Minister to help me through the lengthy, painful healing process. I'm so very grateful to my husband and my family, my church and friends for standing with me during my continuing recovery. I'm very hopeful now, looking forward to new adventures.

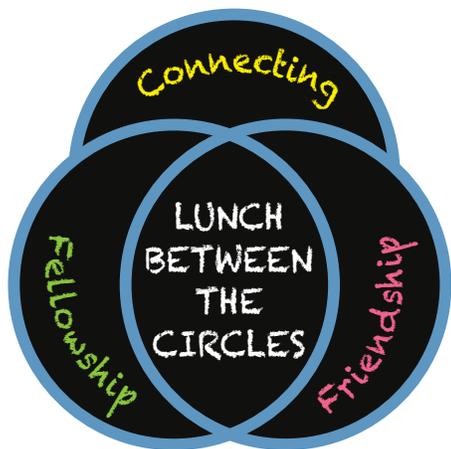
Can you tell me about the new Mission Sewing group?

“I don't think God always calls us to do miraculous things that are completely out of our comfort zone.” Our church is suggesting that we be invitational, incarnational, and formational, and I just felt called to sew. I have always been comfortable sewing. In fact, I started my own embroidery business in 2014. My mom has been an active part of Mission Sewing actively sewing for more than 30 years, so I decided to follow in her footsteps. I am very hopeful that creating a new community of women, allowing others to share their talents, and praying over the comfort creations we make will allow rich fellowship to emerge and will create new friendships. With the blessing of the Tuesday Mission Sewing group, we are getting the ball rolling for Thursday mornings...stay tuned for details down the line. It is a gift, to pay forward, the many kindnesses and prayers I received as I continue my recovery from brachial neuritis.

The Community Table

connecting ♥ fellowship ♥ friendship

Lunch Between the Circles



Come join the fun at the Lunch Between Circles on March 12 from 11:30-12:30. 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 or 913-341-2734. Deadline for March lunch reservations is March 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.



**VOA
Fellowship
Dinner**

Monday, March 26
Panera Bread
6800 W. 135th
6:00 pm
Questions?
kellythomason61@att.net

**MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE
ENOUGH HAPPINESS TO KEEP
YOU SWEET; ENOUGH TRIALS
TO KEEP YOU STRONG; ENOUGH
SUCCESS TO KEEP YOU EAGER;
ENOUGH FAITH TO GIVE YOU
COURAGE, AND ENOUGH
DETERMINATION TO MAKE
EACH DAY A GOOD DAY!**

-BLESSING

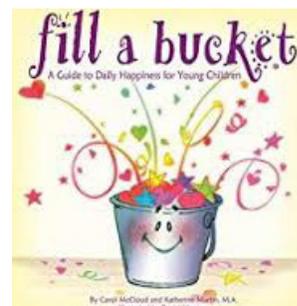
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Operation Breakthrough Reading

Spring Session

March 20 - April 24

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am



This winter has certainly made us thankful that spring is on its way! We are looking forward to seeing our volunteers, and we are grateful for the blessings you give our little buddies.

The preschoolers are full of joy as they step on the big yellow bus at 31st and Troost, and head towards Village Church for group activities, a story, snacks, and an art project. On their bus ride, the children will see the changing landscape as spring brings green grass and leaves on the trees! Joining hands with a warm, caring adult who listens to them and talks to them is an added treat!

The Operation Breakthrough spring reading session will be on Wednesday mornings March 20 - April 24. This is a volunteer experience where the only requirement is a love of children and a big, friendly smile. Plan to arrive by 9:30 am at the south entrance of VOM, on March 20th, as we begin our spring session with preschoolers aged 3, 4 and 5. Both men and women volunteers are needed.

We will begin our spring session with Marilyn Pattison presenting "Fill a Bucket"- A wonderful story with reminders of our blessings and how we can bless others by filling their buckets. Later in the spring, Cathy Hess plans to read "Flower Garden" and then we will build our own gardens! So nice to think of spring and new growth.

If you have any questions about the Operation Breakthrough Reading Program or want to learn more, please call Marilyn Borel at 913-708-1917.



March 2nd

National Read Across America Day



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

-Dr. Seuss

Save the Date!

Village on Antioch
Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 27

Kelly Sisney
Featured Speaker
11:00 am
\$12/person

For reservations, please contact Laura Patton at
laura.patton@villagepres.org
or at 913-681-8180.

Mary Beveridge
PW Honorary Life Member from VOA

Mary Beveridge is a wonderful, bright, joyful Presbyterian woman! She enjoyed a long career as a teacher in public schools, and still teaches, whenever someone takes the time to listen. She has one son and one grandson, and takes pleasure in learning about and taking care of others.

Mary is wise academically, politically and socially. She taught Sunday School for many years, coordinated many Presbyterian Women activities, including Lenten breakfasts, has been a member of Mariners couples groups in her churches, and is a member of many Bible studies. She is a life-long learner, with theology being one of her passions.

She is gracious, kind-hearted, giving and joyful. In her many leadership roles, she is always there to challenge us, as well as encourage us.

As you know, the last few years have been a difficult test of our faith for many members of Stanley Presbyterian Church. We have transitioned from the loss of leaders and friends, to the welcoming arms of Village Church. Mary was a dynamic supporter of the alliance, and used her voice to maintain a “socially-just stand.” We are in awe of this small in stature woman, who stood side-by-side with fellow PC(USA) members, working for justice and peace, and supporting the mission of the church worldwide.

We hope to see you there!



VOA
Celebration



YOGA

Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga is taught by Katie Hurcomb, a registered yoga instructor with 20 years of teaching experience, to populations that are 50 years and older.

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

Classes are held on Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 pm in the Youth Loft, 3rd floor. 8 week session of 1 class/week = \$96
Walk in price = \$15/class
Please bring your own yoga mat!

Box Tops for Education

For coupons and participating brands check out the website boxtops4education.com.



Please check the Box Top expiration date!

Drop off your coupons at the north or south entrance of Village on Mission. Contact imnotsandrad@gmail.com for questions.

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.

Page Turners

opening books opening minds

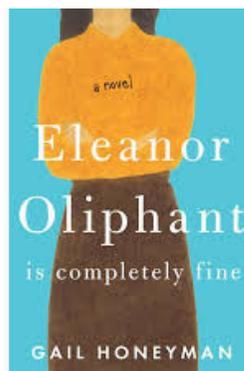
Calling all Bookworms, Bibliophiles and Readers of all interests! All are welcome to join this group for lively discussion of books selected by consensus from a variety of sources. We encourage you to come!

Page Turners meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in room 127 at 10 am.



Page Turners will meet on March 26 to discuss the novel, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman. A warm, smart, and completely uplifting story, it soon will be a major motion picture produced by Reece Witherspoon.

Eleanor is a quirky character who is completely alone in the world, an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan, weirdness, and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey. To survive, Eleanor learns she must let go of old hurts, make room for self-acceptance and friends --- to open her heart.



All are welcome to join in the Page Turners' discussion on Tuesday, March 26. For more information contact either Judy Lockett at judylocket5@gmail.com or Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574.

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