



The Messenger

For Presbyterian Women of Village Church

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Advent Celebration

Reservations will be sold between worship services on November 11 & 18 at VOM, VOA and villagepres.org.

PW Advent Celebration

“Using all our voices to become one voice in Christ”



The Rev. Clare Lozano

In worship we are called to be One voice saying the prayer Our Father taught us to pray. As women of Village Church, we are a unified voice sharing our faith and love with each other ~ “building an inclusive, caring community of women...”

This Advent, let’s do just that; it is a season of change for so many promised reasons, and so it was that the air of change came to our event. The Advent Celebration invites ALL to come, to inspire us to share God’s love as we move through the season, and to place limits on our faith, trusting in our traditions, but moving forward in new practices. Come. Share your light!

The Rev. Clare Lozano, pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Olathe, KS, will honor us with our meditation this year. Originally from Topeka, KS, she spent twelve years in Texas for her undergraduate work, later attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Before seminary, she served a small, inner-city Hispanic congregation in San Antonio, where she helped found and direct a full time faith-based youth leadership development program, which still thrives today. Clare is grateful to be called home to work at Heritage Presbyterian.

This past September, Heritage launched a new evening service, The Harvest Table, inspired by Village’s own Gathering Service. Her family of two daughters, Maya (11) and Brynn (5), and husband, George, a SMPD officer, enjoys life on a 10-acre hobby farm, Luna Acres, in Spring Hill while enjoying life with their 4 pigs, 13 chickens, 2 livestock guardian puppies and 1 house dog, Daisy.

Dr. Elisa Bickers will lead us in song with her amazing musical knowledge and talent, and we all will share in our practice of Holy Communion. It is a promise of a holy evening. (continued on page 3)



Advent Celebration, Tuesday evening, December 11, 2018



Niki Krenzel and Ann Flanders

Once again Fall has come to Village and so much has happened already. Many have participated in Circles with a new study, including a new Circle for Village on Antioch. Operation Breakthrough's reading program has served many children and the people of Village have been so generous in donating books to the program. Mission Sewing is busy each Tuesday creating items for those in need. Our Stage Groups have all enjoyed fall events.

We are grateful for all that is offered here at Village. We feel, in this season of Thanksgiving, it's the people who make the difference, not just our members and volunteers, but also our very committed staff. Here are excerpts and words of appreciation:

"I am grateful that Village is a place where all can find hope and friendship, even and especially while the world seems so devoid of such things. The thoughtfulness of this church and the warmth of her people provide me with strength to keep calm and stay positive in these days." ~ Elisa Bickers

"It's a special gift and honor to get to help people in the work I do at Village. Being there for others is something that has always resonated in my soul. I am incredibly grateful to partner with a caring, gifted staff and hundreds of volunteers who reach out to our members, our community and across the world. Having the opportunity to travel and do mission work 7 years ago in Thwake, Kenya, impacted and changed my life in unimaginable ways for which I will be forever thankful." ~ Linda Alley

"I am blessed by and grateful for my wonderful family who bless me with their sense of humor, thoughtfulness and love. I am grateful to be a part of such a supportive staff at Village Church, a group of special people who work hard to make Village a growing, caring place. I give thanks for the members of Village Church who never fail to share a smile or a greeting. I am eternally grateful for my faith that never fails to bring me comfort and strength. To love another person... is to see the face of God." ~ Marianne Weber

"This March marks my second year of "working" for the Village Church and I can honestly say that it does not feel like work. It feels like an enormous honor. Each day I am inspired by the love, dedication and passion for helping others that I see in our congregation and the devoted people who drop their lives to spend a week serving our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world." ~ Lora Manka Garrison

"I am grateful for the kindness & creativity children bring to our lives at Village Church and the wider community."
~Will Breytspraak

"I am so thankful for my position here at Village. I am grateful to work with a wonderful, caring staff and how lucky am I to be able to work with children and their families every day! God has blessed me here and I hope I convey that blessing to others every day." ~ Marjean Lindquist

These words inspire us to continue our work with Village PW and to continue to share God's love with all. Our hardworking staff and dedicated volunteers are huge gifts that all work together to make this church so great. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and know how much we appreciate each of you.

Sharing God's love,
Ann Flanders, annflanders1@gmail.com and Niki Krenzel, susannkrenzel@aol.com

(Advent Celebration, continued)

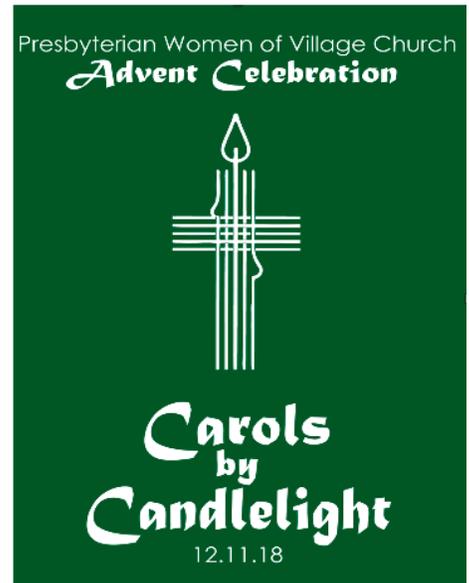
We also will be honoring our tradition of collecting for Extra Mile Giving. Baskets will be available in the Narthex before and after our Advent worship service.

Please come join in the glow of this special evening. We will see you Tuesday evening, December 11th at 5:30 pm for fellowship and heavy hors d'oeuvres in Friendship Hall followed by a beautiful and meaningful worship service in our sanctuary. We welcome all voices!

Event reservations for VOM and VOA will take place November 11 and 18 following worship services as well as online registration on the Village Church website.

Child care is available by reservation only by contacting Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org by December 4.

Questions? Please contact Samantha Sturgeon, 913-707-1755 or slsturge@kc.rr.com or Lucy Tidwell, 913-486-7129 or lucytidwellco@gmail.com.



All are welcome to join in the glow of this special evening!

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.

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



"There is a deeper gratitude that comes not because the circumstances of our lives are all positive.

There is a gratitude that is a spiritual practice; a choice of gratitude because no matter the circumstances, I am not alone... You belong to God and nothing will change that.

The word of God is a claiming word. When you know that to be true, even from the bottom, gratitude can flow."

Rev. Tom Are
sermon on 9/16/18



#BeTheHelper!

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.

"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40





“Grateful for each hand we hold, gathered round this table.
 From far and near we travel home, blessed that we are able.
 Grateful for this sheltered place with light in every window.
 Saying, “Welcome, welcome, share this feast...
 Come in away from sorrow.”
 Father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, friend and friendless;
 All together everyone in the gift of loving-kindness.
 We try so hard to be good, to lead a life worth living.
 Father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, friend and friendless;
 All together everyone,
 let grateful days be endless.
 Grateful for each hand we hold,
 gathered round this table”
Mary Chapin Carpenter
 Lyrics from “Thanksgiving Song”



Save the date!
Celebration of Faithful Women
 Saturday, March 23, 2019
 Look for details in coming months!

Women With Spirit

Show your strength at
Blade & Timber
 with Women with Spirit!

Please join us for a unique
 and fun axe throwing
 experience!

Thursday, November 8
 6:30 pm

Blade & Timber
 5208 W. 117th St.
 Leawood, KS 66211

Questions and RSVP to
shelbykrumm@yahoo.com.

No child care for this event.



Mission Sewing News

Mission Sewing will be closed the month of December for annual machine maintenance and general housekeeping.

If you are a knitter, we send our Christmas baby caps out the last week in November. For more information about Mission Sewing, contact Edie Hultman @ 913 432 3515.



In the Spotlight

About Jenny Hull... written by Leslie Conrad

Chances are pretty good that even if you don't know her by name, you have seen Jenny Hull around Village Church! Her parents, Steve and Carolyn Holtman, began attending Village when Jenny was only 2 years old. She grew up participating in the children's choirs, youth group, youth hand bell ensemble, youth orchestra, and the New Spirit Singers; and she also served as a youth elder. When Jenny was around the age of five her mother, knowing how much Jenny loved music, was excited to bring her into the Sanctuary to hear the organ. When the organ started playing, Jenny covered her ears and ducked her head!



After receiving a BS in music from Illinois State University, Jenny returned to this area and worked for the Kansas City Symphony for eleven years, first as their operations coordinator and eventually as their education manager. Her schedule at the Symphony was very demanding, so she worked for Sprint for about a year while she earned her Masters degree in Education from KU, but she then returned to her former job as education manager for the Symphony. After the birth of her children Jenny wanted to spend more time with her family, so she decided to embark on a different career path.

Jenny started teaching at the Village Preschool, which soon included teaching music, and she became a certified Kindermusik instructor. This led to a position as the Assistant Director at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center at 99th and Mission Road. Several years ago she also became the Coordinator of Children's Music at Village Church. She created and oversees the entire Morning Stars program and is the director of the Angel Choir, which is for ages 3 – 5. She works four days a week at VCCFDC and one day in the music office at Village.

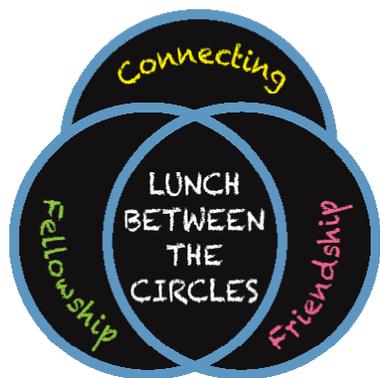
As you might guess, Jenny has a passion for sharing her love of music, especially with children! She is a member of the Kansas City Alumnae Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and is a board member of the Kansas City Chapter of Chorister's Guild. Jenny is an accomplished cellist and occasionally plays in worship services. She is also in the Village Ringers bell choir. For the past 12 summers, she has directed the Music and Drama Camp at Village Church for elementary aged students. Out of all of her many musical endeavors, she says that this is her very favorite week of the year!

During one of the KC Symphony's performances at Yardley Hall Jenny met her future husband, Brad, who was working as stage manager, and they married in 2000. Jenny and Brad have two children, 13 year old Brady and 11 year old Katie. Being involved with all their kids' activities keeps this family very busy! A few years ago the family decided to travel to as many National Parks as possible. So far they have visited 23, with Arches and Zion in Utah being among their favorites.

Look for Jenny's smiling face around Village Church!

The Community Table

connecting ♥ fellowship ♥ friendship



the
fondest
memories
are
made when
gathered
around
the table

Lunch Between the Circles

Come join the fun at the Lunch Between Circles on November 13 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 November lunch reservations is November 3. Note: Vegetarian meals must be requested when you make your reservation. Child care is available if requested at the time you make your reservation.

Remember that there is no Lunch Between Circles in December, but please plan to join us for lunch in January! Make your reservation at your November or December circle meetings.



VOA Fellowship Dinner

Monday, November 26, 6:00 pm
(4th Monday each month)

Panera Bread



6800 W. 135th, Overland Park, KS

Questions? Kelly at kellythomason61@att.net



Star Families Operation Breakthrough

*"Star light, star bright, the first star I see tonight
I wish I may, I wish I might
Have the wish I wish tonight..."*

*spread
joy*



"Star Families" from Operation Breakthrough will be available for adoption in Friendship Hall on Sundays, November 4 and 11. Each child receives at least 3 new, unwrapped gifts, and the parent receives a gift cart to Target or Walmart. Monetary donations will also be collected for holiday meals.

The Operation Breakthrough truck will be in our parking lot on Sunday, December 9, to receive the donations.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Borel at rmborel@sbcglobal.net or 913-708-1917.



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You are invited to learn more about
Presbyterian Women!



Welcome Event for New Members

Sunday, November 18

2:00 - 3:30 pm

(home of Patty Zender)

RSVP to Carol Solenberger at carolsolenberger@gmail.com

or 816-550-9546 by November 14. We hope to see you!



Thank Offering 2018

Diverse, yet one in Christ

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us . . .” (Romans 12:4-6a NRSV) is the theme of the 2018 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women.

The Thank Offering is received annually in the fall. This offering gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. At least 40 percent of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world, and the remainder funds new creative ideas for mission.

In 2018, thanks to your generous giving to the 2017 Thank Offering, 16 projects-12 national and four international, will receive grants. Thank Offering grants have been awarded to organizations that will provide opportunities for the people they serve to grow in self-esteem, hope, freedom, and economic stability. These grants will help build peace, provide rehabilitation services, and promote self-empowerment in the areas of health, shelter, nutrition, and education. Demonstrating love for others, Thank Offering grant recipients will lend a hand to the displaced, establish gardens to eliminate hunger, provide showers to the homeless, transport food to food banks, provide nutritious food to students over the weekend when school is not in session, and help people with low incomes obtain hearing aids.

Dedication Prayer:

Gracious God, With love and gratitude we dedicate our Thank Offering. We thank you for these organizations that design, develop, and implement programs that make a positive impact on the lives of others, and we pray for continuing success for their efforts. We celebrate their work as diverse individuals who are one body through Christ. Amen



Gratitude





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.

She shares her love of yoga with her students as she guides them through poses that are doable and easily modified for individuals.

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

Proceeds from the collection of these coupons benefit the children of Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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

Drop off your coupons at the north or south entrance of Village on Mission. Contact Sandra at imnotsandr@gmail.com



Please check the Box Top expiration date!

Page Turners

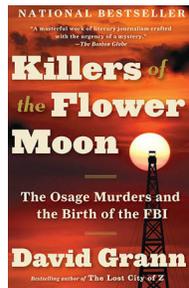
opening books opening minds

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 have chosen *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann, as their book for discussion in November. After vast oil deposits were discovered on Osage lands and the land owners became very wealthy, there was a series of murders of many wealthy native Americans, members the Osage people, in Osage county, Oklahoma. This occurred in the early 1920s.



The book club has changed their meeting time to 10:AM, but Tuesday remains the meeting day. November's meeting will be on the 27th in room 127, as usual, and all are welcome.

Please join us for an interesting discussion. For more information contact either Judy Lockett at judylocket5@gmail.com or Rosella Hoglund at 913-642-3574.



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. For more information, please contact Judy Cooper at judycooperjc@gmail.com.