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Advent Celebration... the time is near.

Advent, a time of waiting, watching, listening
Advent, a time of remembering, anticipating
Advent, a time of renewal and wonder

Save the date- more information coming soon!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Seyferth at rkseyferth@gmail.com,
or Carol Solenberger at carolsolenberger@gmail.com.
“Open my eyes that I may see …
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit Divine.”

This portion of the hymn, Open My Eyes That I May See, taken from Psalm 119:18, always seems to touch deeply into one’s soul. Illumine me! And if we are asking Him to open our eyes to His light, just imagine what we can share with others!

Speaking of sharing, as Co-Moderators we are privileged to be able to designate monies that are from the PW year-end balance toward local, national, or international missions. This year we have chosen to give to the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth House, a mission within Avenue of Life, and also to Multiplying Light, a program of the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP). The Youth House in KCK, which is the first of its kind in the city, is scheduled to open in October to serve designated youth for transformational support and guidance to carry them through graduation, college, and career choices via coordinated mentorship from licensed practitioners. They are making a difference in lessening the number of homeless youth in Wyandotte County. Multiplying Light is a collaboration between the DRMP and the Light a Candle Foundation that offers 8-week sessions of leadership and educational training to young folks in 11 different bateys near La Romana, Dominican Republic. They learn and focus on health topics and prevention of disease, heart health, and sexually transmitted diseases. They are Dominicans serving and educating Dominicans.

Both of these deserving programs will benefit from not only the money given but also the enlightening of others to respond and to serve. We look forward to practicing each. In doing so, we feel we are sharing God’s light in a more meaningful way to serve others…yes, the least of these.

As you move through this autumnal season, reflect on the ways you can make a difference in another. Where can you provide help to those in need? How can you illumine another soul?

Grace be with you,

Lexa and Becky

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Women of Wisdom

PW Circle at Village on Antioch
Monday, October 14
6:00 pm
Bring a sack supper!
Enjoy fellowship before the meeting and Bible Study.

“Love Carved in Stone” Lesson Two, a fresh look at familiar scripture, the Ten Commandments.

PW Circles
2nd Tuesday
Village on Mission
7:00, 9:30 am
12:00, 7:00 pm

2nd Monday
Village on Antioch
6:00 pm

WOW Lunch on October 22!
Women of Wisdom (WOW) extends a warm welcome for you to join us for lunch at noon on Tuesday, October 22, at Charleston’s Ward Parkway. Charleston’s, located at 8817 State Line, KCMO, is at the south end of the Ward Parkway Shopping Center. Access is easy via State Line, turning east on 89th Street, where there is ample parking.

Charleston’s is an upscale, casual restaurant featuring traditional American classics. The atmosphere is warm, cozy and inviting. We’ll be dining in a semi-private room with fireplace, and we encourage you to join us in friendly conversation and fellowship with new and familiar friends. All women are most welcome!

RSVP by Monday, October 21, to Marvie Sneegas at sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608.

All are welcome. Always.

Questions for VOM?
conradleslie@aol.com

Questions for VOA?
joycebardeen@gmail.com
Operation Breakthrough welcomed another fun fall reading session that will continue to meet each Wednesday morning at 9:30, through October 23 at VOM.

We listened to the story of the magic cap with our reading buddies. When the children were asked what they would wish for if they could make one wish, some of the answers were a puppy, a special bear, a pink birthday cake and Christmas presents. Now that is planning ahead!

It does tell us that special occasions and holidays are important. That is why we will be collecting Halloween costumes each week and sending them on the bus to Operation Breakthrough for use during their classroom parties. Sizes 4-7 are needed, and non-violent characters are requested.

Consider donating Halloween Costumes, child sizes 4 - 7. Drop off on Wednesday mornings.

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Making a difference, one child at a time.

Star Family Information

Each child adopted receives at least 3 new, unwrapped gifts and the parent receives a gift card to Target or Walmart. Monetary donations to Village Church will also be accepted for holiday meals. Please note “Star Families” in the memo section of your check.

Gifts will also be collected for an Operation Breakthrough Holiday Store at the OB Warehouse. The Operation Breakthrough Truck will be in the parking lot on the morning of Sunday, December 8th at VOM to receive your donations.

For questions, contact Marilyn Borel at rmborel@sbcglobal.net or 913-708-1917.
Amazing Graces Fall Event

Amazing Graces met Thursday, September 19th at the lovely home of Patty Zender. A lively group of sixty women shared appetizers, conversation and fellowship. The Rev. Sally Wright inspired us with her words of wisdom. Those attending were generous to donate two overflowing large baskets of personal products, which have been donated to the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth House, part of Avenue of Life in Kansas City, KS. Look for the Amazing Graces spring event information in January.

Be sure to check the November issue of the Messenger for inviting Women With Spirit events.
We are inviting you to consider and submit candidates for the 2019-20 Honorary Life Member award to be given at the Celebration of Faithful Women event March 21, 2020.

In honoring the gifts and talents of women in our church, we are asking you to please nominate a Village Church woman who strives to “promote the mission of the church, nurtures your faith, works for peace and justice and promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership to the church.”

Please submit nominations by October 15th to:

VPCPWHLM@gmail.com

Ann Flanders (co-chair) and Niki Krenzel (co-chair)
**Lunch Between Circles**

Be sure to make a reservation at your October circle meeting for the Lunch Between Circles on November 12! Lunch is served from 11:30 to 12:30 and the cost is $6. Vegetarian and gluten-free meals are available if requested when you make your reservation. Deadline to sign up is November 1.

Child care is available with advance reservation by contacting Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org or 913-671-2352.

Contact Leslie Conrad, conradleslie@aol.com or 913-341-2734 for any questions. Hope to see you at Lunch Between Circles!

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**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
Mission Sewing Opportunities

A message for machine and hand sewers as well as pressers and finishers! We welcome you to join us on Tuesday or Thursday mornings in Room 115 as we make and distribute comfort items for health and social service agencies. Knitters, please pick up yarn from the yarn closet for child and adult hats so we can be ready for distribution prior to cold weather.

Tuesdays: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Cheryl Brady, 816-589-5013 or cba50@mindspring.com or Anna Staton 913-669-6743 or staton.anna@yahoo.com.

Thursdays: 10:00 am to noon, Nancy Cantril, 913-638-8049 or nancy.cantril@gmail.com or Dee Gound, 913-961-7473 or dkgound@kc.rr.com.

...delivering Meals on Wheels to help elderly people in our community live a better quality of life. ~ Leslie Conrad

... volunteering in the Meneilly Center Clothes Closet with a team of five women. It’s heartwarming to witness Leona Therou, a retired pediatrician, connecting with the clients by listening to their stories as they shop for their families. ~ Janet Bates

... reading with the children from Operation Breakthrough on Wednesday mornings at VOM. Those precious children and their incredible teachers are so important, and every bit of support and love we can provide is more than worth the time and energy and resources Village can contribute. ~ Laura Langdon

For the fruit of the SPIRIT is in all goodness, righteousness and truth. Ephesians 5:9

Gleaning... sharing insights of Presbyterian Women

We feel called to serve...
Spotlight on the Rev. Sally Wright

Written by Lexa Carr

She came when called to Village to serve us as our Interim Pastor of Pastoral Care, and, lo and behold, the Presbyterian Women get to call her ours as well! As our Staff Advisor she brings her gifts of always ready to listen, to creatively work through any and all conversations, and careful to consider all of us for resolution. In addition, she brings the light! That is, the joy and laughter, which is infectious.

Most importantly, Sally and her wife of seven years, Rev. Karen Wright, are the proud parents of twins, Lucas and Sarah. Read between the lines – two dedicated pastors, two toddlers, one dog, and a bevy of requests to be present lead to one very busy household. As she said recently, her vehicle is “toddler-tastic”. Gotta love that!

Sally comes to us via Heartland Presbytery, serving as Interim Acting Executive Presbyter, and also brings passionate gifts in hospital chaplaincy from her experience in this setting. Thinking some day she might be called to a parish church, she left her heart open to the possibility of this role. As she has stepped into our lives at Village, we now look to her for inspiration, wisdom, and spiritual guidance. We are happy that she has chosen to be in our midst.

It is with grateful hearts that we claim Sally.

“She brings the light!”

Welcome New Members

We invite women who are new to Village Church to a Welcome event on Sunday, November 10th from 2:00 until 3:30 pm, hosted at the home of Rebecca Seyferth.

It’s a great opportunity to meet other new members while learning more about all Village Church and Presbyterian Women offer.

New church members may look for an Evite and postcard to arrive in your mail soon. Contact Ann DeFeo, at adwagers@att.net for questions. Hope to see you there!
Gentle Therapeutic Yoga

This is small group training that resembles physical therapy mixed with yoga. This class is wonderful for keeping you strong and pain free. Must be able to get up and down off the floor with ease. Try a free class before you commit. Must reserve your free class by TEXTING Katie Hurcomb at 913-244-5623.

Mondays and Wednesdays
Youth Loft
1:30-2:30 pm
$50 = 4 classes per month
$96 = 8 classes per month

Yamuna Body Rolling

This class focuses on self-administering deep tissue massage to work out the adhesions in fascia. This is an amazing system of healing. Come see what it's all about! TEXT Katie Hurcomb at 913-244-5623 to reserve your visit.

Mondays and Wednesdays
Youth Loft
12:30-1:30pm
$50 = 4 classes per month
$96 = 8 classes per month

Page Turners Book Club

Calling all Bookworms, Bibliophiles, and Readers of all interests! All are welcome to join the group for lively discussions of books selected by consensus from a variety of sources. We encourage you to come! Page Turners meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in room 127.

Local author, Barbara Stuber, will be PAGE TURNERS’s guest on October 22nd to lead the discussion of her latest book, GIRL IN REVERSE. The story is set in Kansas City during the time of McCarthyism and the “Red Scare.” Its’ main character is an adopted girl of Chinese heritage searching for her identity. Barbara’s first novel is CROSSING THE TRACKS, an entertaining book and discussion we enjoyed a few years ago.

Our November discussion will be THE BAD-ASS LIBRARIANS OF TIMBUKTU, a true story of librarians in Timbuktu who saved important manuscripts from being destroyed by the Al-Qaida. Page Turners does not meet in December.

Join us on October 22 when local author Barbara Stuber will be our guest, to discuss GIRL IN REVERSE.

For more information contact Judy Lockett at judylockett5@gmail.com or Barbara Lee at 217-891-3557 or lhlee@att.net.