

# Faithful Times

*Continuing Christ's Work in the World*



## From the Pastor's Window

### A Window on Biblical Stewardship

Here, one-quarter into the year, I am going to talk stewardship, rather than waiting until the "Summer Slump" or until the Autumn drive.

***"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*** 2 Corinthians 9:7

There are at least seven principles of Christian financial stewardship taught in the New Testament.

Principle 1: Every Christian should give money to the Lord's Work. Giving to the Lord's work must be *universal* among Christians, young or old, rich or poor.

Principle 2: Giving money to the Lord's work is to be determined individually, personally, and responsibly between the Christian and the Lord. The New Testament does not teach tithing. How much one gives; where it is given; to whom it is given; and when it is given is a private matter to be decided prayerfully between the Christian and the Lord. (But, should we do less under grace than we did under the Old Testament standards of law?)

Principle 3: Giving money must be for the right reasons and with the right attitude.

[I am grateful to Jim Tuckett and Gene Bronski for sharing this story]

**BEST LAWYER STORY EVER...**

*The United Way realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer. So, an United Way volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office.*

*The volunteer opened the meeting by saying, "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over two million dollars, you don't give a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?"*

*The lawyer thinks for a minute and says, "First, did your research also show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness and she has huge medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?"*

*Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, "Uh...no, I didn't know about that." "Secondly," says the lawyer, "did it show that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is unable to support his wife and six children?"*

*The stricken United Way rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.*

*"Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident,*

*leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of whom is disabled and another who has learning disabilities requiring an array of private tutors?"*

*The humiliated United Way rep, completely beaten, says, "I'm sorry, I had no idea." And the lawyer says, "So...if I didn't give any money to them, what makes you think I'd give any to you?"*

The attitude and the motivation in giving are always more important to God than the gift. The New Testament mentions 5 attitudes which are acceptable to God.

1. **Cheerfulness**. (2 Corinthians 8:2, 9:7)
2. **Privilege, honor**. (Acts 20:32-35, 2 Corinthians 8:4)
3. **Personal involvement**. (2 Corinthians 8:5)
4. **Love**. (2 Corinthians 8:8c, 9)
5. **Worship**. (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Principle 4: Giving money to the Lord's work is a matter of personal choice. Giving money—or withholding money—for the Lord's work when motivated by pressure, coercion, manipulation, entertainment, anger, the promise of returns and rewards, harangues, embarrassment, assessments, lists of donors, etc., is not *Christian stewardship*. These motivations are legalistic and/or carnal.

Principle 5: Giving should be proportionate. Tithing is not proportionate to giving. There is a big difference between stewardship which mandates a fixed proportion for all and that which is individually determined by each Christian, as s/he is guided by the Holy Spirit. (If the Law required 10%, dare we do less now that we are under grace? Maybe the more appropriate question for Christians is not "How much should I give?," but "How much do I need to keep?")

Principle 6: Giving money to the Lord's work should be liberal, sacrificial. Christian giving is never a matter of convenience; it is meant to be *sacrificial*. Only then does our stewardship give glory to our Lord.

Principle 7: Giving money to the Lord's work should be purposeful, thoughtful, and systematic. Everyone who knows anything about his own heart and nature will recognize the wisdom of purposeful, thoughtful, systematic giving. Money is Christ's biggest competitor in our lives. Managing money God's way enables us to keep our priorities straight and nurture our relationship with Christ. Sound Christian financial stewardship enables us to make a real difference for Jesus Christ. The Foundation ministry team is working on several ways to help you develop in your

understanding of Biblical Stewardship. Watch for developments.

*Pastor Jim*

## **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

We want to thank all the people of Village Church for their contributions of clothing, shoes, household items, and hygiene bags which you have provided. You have blessed us richly! Each Wednesday morning at our downtown Clothes Closet building, we see an average of 45 people in need of your donations which are given out free of any charge. If you want a tour of the facility or more information, please contact Betty Brady at 961-4070. There is a bin in Anderson Hall for you to put your donations in; the only items NOT accepted are furniture. Tax receipts are available.

## **STAFF ANNIVERSARIES**

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10

Our staff has blessed us with their many gifts. Please take a minute to say "thank you" to our Music Director, Brittany Bozeman, who is celebrating her third anniversary here at Village on March 13th!

## **FAITHFUL TIMES BY EMAIL**

Our newsletter will now be distributed by email, so please make sure that we have an updated email address on file. There will be physical copies in the Narthex for those without email access.

# Kingdom Care

## The Faithful Times

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

**Women's Circle** (formerly Presbyterian Women) Our study this year is entitled "Discovering God's Will for Your Life." Our meetings will be the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in room 7 of the sanctuary for Bible study and fellowship. So, bring a friend and discover what God wills for your life!

### Et Ceteras

Our Et Ceteras group, which makes crafts for Meals on Wheels, started back up at 12:30 p.m. in Room 7 on Mondays. For more information, please call Marge Anke at 813-374-4357.

### Connecting Threads

This small group of women who sew, crochet, or knit is active all year and meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2. If you would like to learn free-motion quilting, please bring a sewing machine. If you enjoy sewing, knitting, or crocheting - beginners and experts alike, join us. Bring your project, start a new one, or learn to sew. Contact Betty Brady at 813-961-4070 for more information.

### COFFEE WITH JIM AT PANERA

Coffee and great conversation can be found each Thursday morning at Panera Bread. Jim will be there from 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. each Thursday. Relax, enjoy a cup of coffee and great fellowship around the table.

### VILLAGE GUYS

Village Guys will meet on Wednesday, March 9th for their March meeting. The guys are sponsoring an hour of entertainment for vets at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (13000 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612) at 1:30 p.m. The entertainer is Ms. Diana Hoffman, who will be singing and playing the keyboard. The place where the guys will have lunch prior to this event will be announced the first week of March. They will meet in the church parking lot to carpool over at 11:45 a.m. All men of the church are invited! Please contact Lyle Sutherland for more information at joyly150@msn.com.

### GOT TIME TO SPARE?

If you have some time to spare, we are always looking for volunteers to assemble the worship guides, mailings, and the Faithful Times bimonthly newsletter. Usually, it takes about one hour to one and a half hours. It is a great way to meet new people.

We are also looking for some volunteers to take the bulk mail to the post office at 5433 West Sligh Avenue, Suite B, Tampa, FL 33634. All you have to do is take the bulk mail to the post office. If you would like to help out, please give the church office a call (813-961-4115).

We could also use a volunteer to straighten up and organize our library in Room 8. Please contact the church office if you are interested at 813-961-4115.

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CUSTODIAN

As you know, Aurelio retired at the end of last year. Jeanne has been working two days a week in the interim to keep things straightened up and clean. We are now accepting applications for the custodian position. If you know someone who is interested, please have them send their resume to [suegoldstein.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:suegoldstein.vpc@gmail.com).

### Custodian (Part-time 16 hours a week)

Perform general labor and cleaning duties so as to keep the facility buildings (church sanctuary & administrative buildings) as well as surrounding grounds in clean and safe condition. Successful applicant must pass Level 2 Background Screening prior to hire, possess a valid Florida driver's license, and have reliable transportation (with proof of insurance).

### A BIG THANK YOU!

Dear Village Family:

Alice and I both want to thank you all for the very sweet and unexpected celebration of our tenth anniversary of ministry here among you. We know that we are truly blessed to have been called here and that God has been guiding this journey.

Again, our thanks and good wishes to all of you as well.

*Pastor Jim*

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

### Avoiding Medication Mishaps

The more you know about your medications, the less likely you'll suffer preventable side effects and the more likely you'll be able to recognize them. Here are basic strategies for avoiding side effects and adverse drug reactions.

- When you're prescribed a new drug, ask your doctor or pharmacist to describe the most likely side effects and to distinguish between the most common side effects and the rare but more dangerous ones.
- Ask for specific instructions on the best way to take the drug — with or without food, for example. Also, ask whether the prescription drug could interact harmfully with any over-the-counter medications or dietary supplements you are taking or any alcoholic beverages.
- Read the package insert.
- Take your medications only as directed.
- Always keep follow-up appointments. If you're supposed to return to the doctor regularly for physical exams or blood tests to check your response to the drug, make sure you go. Don't forget to discuss your test results.
- Know which drugs you can't stop taking all at once. Some drugs must be tapered off gradually to prevent withdrawal or "rebound" effects. For example, you may experience a sharp rise in blood pressure if you suddenly stop taking an antihypertensive medication or you could become dangerously depressed if you go several days without your usual antidepressant.

If you suspect you're having a bad reaction to a drug, contact your doctor or provider immediately. (If the symptoms are potentially life threatening, call 911).

### Four drugs that put older adults in the hospital most often.

The following drugs are responsible for seven in 10 emergency hospitalizations among adults 65 and older:

- Anticoagulants: Coumadin, Eliquis, Pradaxa, Xarelto
- Insulin
- Oral antiplatelet agents, such as aspirin or clopidogrel (Plavix)
- Oral hypoglycemic drugs for diabetes

These can be life-saving medications, but they do require extra monitoring by doctors and the patients themselves to prevent side effects and interactions. Warfarin alone accounts for one-third of the emergency visits.

*From the Johns Hopkins Newsletter*

## WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Christine Berry's niece, Angela (health concerns)
- Michelle Blume's friend, Vivian Corvo (breast cancer)
- Roger and Linda Cantor's grandson-in-law (stationed in US Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey)
- Beth Dhondt's mother, Bonnie Beyer (recovering from surgery—rehab)
- Marilyn Elzinga (hospice care)
- David King (health concerns)
- Neil MacInnes (recovering from ACL surgery)
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Karen Morelli's niece, Gina (brain tumors—treatment),
- Carolyn Perry (health concerns)
- Pegi Seibert (recovering at home)
- Joyce Sutherland (health concerns)
- Reggie Wilson's sister, Cherrie (health concerns)
- Alice Yearsley's sister-in-law, Ginny McKeen (lung cancer)
- Service Personnel
- Our Missionaries
- The Jobless—The Hungry —The Homeless

### NURSING HOME/REHAB

- Ruth Albright—Carrollwood Care Center
- Margie McCall—Spring Arbor of Salisbury
- Don Manguson—Cloverdale in Lutz
- Dalia Parker—Emeritus at Carrollwood

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

- The family of Vivian Solak on her death. Vivian was a member of Village before moving to Texas to be near her family.
- The family of Jose Gonzalez on his death. Jose was the custodian here at Village prior to Aurelio Laurino.
- Karen Morelli and family on the death of her mother, Winifred Kreitzer.

# Sending

## The Faithful Times

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

*"When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'" John 6:12*

The Community Food Pantry continues to support the hungry in North Tampa, Lutz and Odessa by providing supplemental groceries. We continue to serve clients twice a week and feel privileged to be able to serve our friends in our community. Contact us anytime through the church office or:

[villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com](mailto:villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com)  
or visit [www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry](http://www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry)

### THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU

#### USF Stampede of Service—January 16th, 2016

The University of South Florida sent 20 students out for **Stampede of Service** to serve in the pantry.

These amazing philanthropists cleaned the pantry from top to bottom and Rooms 4 and 8. Some of the hardest work in the pantry happens behind the scenes.

#### Academy of the Holy Names Day of Service—February 3rd, 2016

Thank you to the 20 students and two teachers who came out to serve all of the clients on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016. They served all of the clients after being trained by our faithful volunteers and then stayed to clean and restock the pantry. The support of the youth in our community is greatly appreciated.

#### Academy of the Holy Names Key Club—February 14th, 2016

This service club came with 10 energetic young ladies to serve our clients on Valentine's Day. They were a delight, serving with gracious hearts.

#### Community Food Pantry Annual Training—February 15th, 2016

A great day of training, worship, and fellowship occurred at the first annual training for the Community Food Pantry. A training video, manual, and lunch were provided for all attendees. If you need a training manual, please stop by the church office or contact the Pantry Director.

#### Grace Lutheran Church Youth and Families—February 21st, 2016

Grace joined Village to serve clients on Sunday, February 21st, 2016. The youth and their families supported the mission of feeding the hungry.

#### Carrollwood Elementary

Thank you for your continued support and recent can food donations to support the pantry. The support from the local Carrollwood area is greatly appreciated.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Jesuit High School Key Club—ongoing through May 2016

The Key Club of Jesuit High School will be joining the pantry the last Sunday of each month to serve the clients of the pantry. Thank you for your help in staffing volunteers to serve the hungry.

#### Tampa Catholic High School Women's Lacrosse—Sunday, March 6th, 2016

The 44 young ladies of the Tampa Catholic High School Women's Lacrosse team will serve in the pantry on Sunday, March 6th. In addition to their service in the pantry, they will be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the **PB&J Ministry of Tampa** and making hygiene bags for the homeless.

#### GIVE DAY 2016—May 3rd, 2016

Planning has begun for a great **GIVE DAY 2016** and we would love for you to join our team. Give Day 2016 will be Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 and the planning team will be meeting every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room in Anderson Hall beginning February 29th, 2016.

### PANTRY CLOSED

The pantry will be closed on Easter Sunday and open the day before to serve clients on **Saturday, March 26th, 2016**. We will need volunteers to serve on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

### FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

The Faith Community Nurses of Village Presbyterian Church continue to see client every Wednesday morning during the pantry hours. They provide counseling, advice, blood pressure checks, and helpful resources to clients in need.

### VETERAN ASSISTANCE TO PANTRY CLIENTS

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist & Career Source Tampa Bay is joining the pantry for the next few months offering services such as resume writing, job training, and veteran benefits for veterans and their dependents.

### SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

The Spring Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This will be a community event - full of games, crafts, a bounce house, cookie decoration, Easter Egg Hunts, and more! Please tell your friends and family! It will be a wonderful event!

### SPRING FLING AT A KID'S PLACE

On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., we will be throwing a wonderful spring party for the children of A Kid's Place. We will carpool from the church at 8:15 a.m., and should return by 1:00 p.m. Come and join our feet on the ground service to children in foster care.



### MISSION TRIP

VPC is hitting the road to wild, wonderful West Virginia! On June 19<sup>th</sup>-June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, VPC will be taking a mission trip to Fairmont, West Virginia, and serving those in Appalachia. This trip is OPEN TO ALL! Families and individuals of all ages are welcome and encouraged to come. There are activities for all people. The cost of the trip is \$750/person, and we are asking each participant to contribute \$500 for the trip. The remaining costs will be fundraised, and each participant is expected to assist with the fundraisers. We do not want costs to be a factor for families. If you need a partial or full scholarship, please speak with Rev. Michelle. Please submit your \$500 by March 13<sup>th</sup>. The payments are refundable until **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact Michelle. ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)).

### DINNER THEATRE

Our second annual "Dinner Theatre" will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The Drama Team will be presenting a full-length play, and dinner will be served! Buy your tickets early—adult tickets are \$20, and tickets for children under ten are \$10. Nursery care is provided. There will also be a silent auction. Donations for auction baskets are greatly appreciated. Please talk to Rev. Michelle ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)) for more information or to donate.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

#### March Birthdays:

04	Marge McNaught	13	Ruth Albright
09	Tracy McKeithan	16	Linda Schuyler
10	Wyatt Hunter	18	Shelly Bryan
11	Nathan Mayer	24	Dahlia Turner
11	Bob Royal	30	Dorothy Delisle

#### April Birthdays:

01	Irene DeSafey	14	Marjorie Turner
02	Jean Kerns	15	Linda Hitchcock
03	Phil Sheesley	19	Betsy Isaac
04	Alisa MacInnes	19	Kara Toledo
05	Alex De Nadai	24	Joyce Sutherland
07	Margaret Higgins	25	Pam Thompson
08	Nick Baksh	25	Emily McIntosh
09	Andrew MacInnes	26	Lynn Lemon
09	Marilyn Elzinga	26	Denny Antram
12	Stephanie Campbell-Brady	30	Lily Berg
13	Alena McGlone	30	Jon McMurtry
14	Jack Pruden		



# Equipping

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### WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

#### Sunday School for Adults (9:00 a.m.)

- **Present Word** ~ *Tests of Faith* (the first unit of *The Gift of Faith*)—March; *Restorative Faith* (the second unit of *The Gift of Faith*)—April. Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel:** An overview of the New Testament. For more information, please contact Michelle. ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com))

#### Sunday School for Children & Youth

On Sunday nights, kids will make a SPLASH  
Singing \* Playing \* Learning \* And \* Serving \* Him!

- Children's Sunday School—3 years—5th grade (Rm 3):  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Room 3)  
10:10 a.m. SPLASH Junior Church, meeting upstairs in the balcony.



- Youth Sunday School—Middle School and High School—Discussion and doughnuts Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

**SPLASH Support**—We are always in need of more volunteers to assist with our kids at SPLASH. The lessons are prepared for the volunteer and all the supplies are provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Michelle Blume ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)).

### DRAMA TEAM

The Drama Team is open to the entire congregation, regardless of experience or skill. Come enjoy some fellowship with great people, and serve and worship God through the arts! Practices will be every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. For more information, please see Rev. Michelle.



### BOOK CLUB

The VPC book club meets every second Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of Anderson Hall. Our March book will be *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks, and our April book will be *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Please come and enjoy this great time of discussion and friendship. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and is a great way to invite new people to Church! The book club is open to anyone who would like to attend. If you have any ideas or would like to participate, please let Michelle know. ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com))

## I ❤️ Book Club

### MOM'S GROUP

Is in full swing and meets in Room 7 on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. They are studying *Daniel* by Beth Moore. All moms of VPC are welcome to join! Please contact Michelle for more information at [michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We are walking through Lent together with our Lenten Devotional. Check out the website at [villagepresbyterian.com/lent](http://villagepresbyterian.com/lent) to see the daily message from Anne Weems' book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, and Scripture reflection.

### GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING

We are so privileged to welcome Guardian ad Litem to Village Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 5th and 12th for GAL volunteer training. The training will be held from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. This training will allow you to be a guardian ad litem for a vulnerable child in need who has been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected. In order to host the GAL training, we need at least ten (10) volunteers to sign up for this life-changing opportunity. Please contact Rev. Michelle at [michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

# Worshipping

## The Faithful Times

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** ~ Village Presbyterian Church lives its faith in the world by giving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. Those acts of mercy and justice rise out of our worship experience. Become a regular part of that experience. Join us each Sunday. Our worship service is as follows: 10:10 a.m.—Welcome and Announcements and Worship at 10:15 a.m.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### **Maundy Thursday Passover Seder**

Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday will be a Passover Seder facilitated by Rabbi Dr. John Fischer of Menorah Ministries. The Seder is a wonderful opportunity for people to better understand their own faith by learning its Jewish roots and connections.

#### **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**

Friday, March 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
During these last hours Jesus spent on the cross, we will keep watch with a prayer vigil. The sanctuary will be open for a time of private meditation.

#### **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for “darkness.” Experience a small portion of Christ’s pain and suffering on the day of His crucifixion. As it gets darker and darker, we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Join us as the “Light of the World” is extinguished for a while!

#### **Easter Morning, Sunday, March 27**

Easter Sunrise Service on the Lawn—7:00 a.m.  
Easter Worship Service—10:15 a.m.

*“I know that my Redeemer lives! Alleluia!”  
Celebrate His Resurrection with His People!*



### MUSIC AT VILLAGE

There are lots of exciting things happening in the music department at Village, so get ready to mark your calendars!

On March 20th (Palm Sunday) our Chancel Choir will once again be joined by Tampa First’s Choir. They will be presenting several wonderful Easter-themed pieces throughout the service, so be sure to attend! Our Chancel Choir will also be sharing their ministry through music by taking part in Tampa First’s Easter Concert on March 19th.

On April 24th, the Trinity Singers from Trinity College will be sharing their wonderful music with us throughout our Sunday service. This will be the third year that they join us; we are so blessed that they continue to bring their ministry to Village!

The Chancel Choir is in need of more members. Due to a variety of factors, we have lost some of our long-standing members. Would you prayerfully consider stepping up and helping us lead in worship? We would love for you to join us! We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. No auditions are required, just bring your singing voice!

The Praise Team is another way to get involved. If you enjoy the more contemporary side of worship, we would love to have you sing and play with us. We are in need of a guitarist. If you play or know someone who plays guitar, please let me know! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Come join us as we continue learning how to lead the church in worship through music.

The Village Brass is always welcoming new members, and with Easter around the corner, they are getting busy! So, if you play or used to play a brass instrument, let us know! We would love to get you started!

If you play a string instrument, the Village Strings would also love to have you join their group. Let us know, and we will get you set up with music and practice times.

We are always looking for ways to grow the worship experience at Village, so if you play an instrument or are interested in providing some special music in our services, please let me know! There is room for everyone in the music ministry!

# Foundation

## The Faithful Times

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### *Continuing Christ's Work in the World*

#### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Village is a community of Christians who by the authority and power of Jesus Christ will meet the needs of all who come here. It's a place where anyone can find the gifts of God's grace, including love, acceptance, help, hope, forgiveness, and guidance.

#### OUR STAFF

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#### OUR CHURCH LEADERS

##### Session

Moderator, Jim Yearsley      Clerk of Session, Kathy Sandy  
Treasurer, Cheryl Blume

##### Elders

Class of 2016:	Cheryl Blume, Mark Brandley, Elaine Richard
Class of 2017:	Marge Anke, Terri Balzer, Joyce Short
Class of 2018:	Tina Antram, Mike Schuyler, Tim Wright

##### Deacons

Class of 2016:	Lindsay Blume, Peggy Bryan, Robert Pettit, Monica Wilson
Class of 2017:	Jeri Lopez, Marcia Shemo, Pam Thompson, vacancy
Class of 2018:	Linda Cantor, Don Hitchcock, Linda Schuyler