



## From the Pastor's Window

***“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.”*** Matt. 5: 38-42

I think every once in a while, all of us give in to our base instincts and wish for vengeance on one who has offended us. I see this carried to a macro degree in many of the demonstrations following the tragic deaths in several cities this past autumn. While people were chanting for justice, what they really wanted was vengeance. The two things are not synonymous.

Jesus taught that retaliation (vengeance) is self-destructive. He illustrated His point with three examples.

***“... whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. . .***

Most people are right-handed. In order for a right-handed person to slap someone on the right cheek, he would have to do it with the back of his hand. To a Jew, this is doubly insulting to being slapped with the palm side of the hand. Jesus' point is this: *No matter how insulting someone is toward you, don't come down to his level.* Look at all the insults hurled at Jesus. He rose above each of them.

Jesus is teaching His disciples to be like Him. Do not even react to every insult. Do not hang on to every resentment. Never seek retaliation.

***“If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.”***

The *tunic* was a long, sack-like inner garment, usually made from cotton; even the poorest people would own more than one tunic, but cloaks were different. The cloak was the blanket-like outer garment which people wore as robes by day, and as covers at night. Most people had only one. Under Jewish law, a tunic could be used as collateral for a loan, but not the *cloak*.

The right to do something does not automatically presume that doing it is the right thing to do. Too often people let their rights become barriers to their relationships. Jesus is teaching His disciples that it is better to give away the only thing which will keep you warm at night than to erect an obstacle which would separate us from another.

When our rights have a higher priority than our relationships, we aren't acting like Jesus.

***“...whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.”***

Israel was a conquered and occupied country. At any time, a Roman could compel a Jew to carry his  
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baggage, or anything else. Remember Simon of Cyrene? A Roman soldier compelled him to carry Jesus' cross.

Jesus is teaching here to the disciples and us to do what is required without resentment. Go the extra mile. There is a world of difference between looking upon today's agenda with an *I want to* rather than an *I have to* attitude. Christ is glorified when His disciples do even the most unreasonable jobs with joy. So what does Jesus want? He wants us to resist the temptation to retaliate when offended; to put relationships ahead of rights; and to approach even the worst of jobs willingly, not begrudgingly.

I know what you are thinking: "But, that's just not natural; that's not the way normal people act!"

And, THAT'S the point! No one ruled by his old, sinful nature would ever behave like this. People who are seeking their own glory would never behave this way. Only those born-again to a New Life in Christ would ever, could ever, act this way. Only those seeking to glorify Jesus by acting like Him would behave like this.

***Happy New Year beloved!***  
***Pastor Jim***

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH  
Presbyterian Women  
Annual Fashion Show/Auction/  
Fundraiser/Luncheon**



The annual Fashion Show Fundraiser will be held on February 28, 2015 at the Carrollwood Country Club. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for a preview of the auction items. The fashion show will begin at 11:15 a.m.

A trio salad lunch including a fruit bowl and dessert with coffee, tea, and water will be served at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$30.00. Tickets will be sold before and after each church service starting January 25, 2015 through February 22, 2015. The theme this year is "On the Go for Fashions." Dillard's is once again providing the beautiful fashions for this event.

We are at this time accepting auction items to be used for fundraising for missions. Any items in good condition or made-up baskets can be left at the church office or brought to anyone on the committee on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jane McMurtry at 813-264-0207 for auction item questions or Marge Anke at 813-374-4357 for any other questions.

Please bring your friends and neighbors to the luncheon, auction, and fashion show. Pastor Jim has graciously accepted our request to be the auctioneer again. This event and our craft market are our fundraisers for missions. Please be a part of this fun day with us.

**Et Ceteras**

Our Et Ceteras group, which makes crafts for Meals on Wheels, has started back up. They meet every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Room 7 until December. Everyone who enjoys making crafts is invited! Please contact Marge Anke for more information at 813-374-4357.

**Connecting Threads**

This small group of women who sew, crochet, or knit is active all year and meet on the 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.

**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 during 2014. 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.

**PASTORAL CARE**

Reverend Yearsley is available for shut-in or hospital visitation, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and private counseling. Counseling is available by appointment. If you need assistance, please contact the church office at 813-961-4115 or Jim by email at [jyearsley.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:jyearsley.vpc@gmail.com).



# Kingdom Care

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Stop by the Resource Center after worship on the third Sunday of the month to have your blood pressure checked by the Faith Community Nurses.

### JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT...

Just when you thought you had all your vaccines up to date and figured out, the Advisory Commission of Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control, comes out with new recommendations, this time for the pneumonia vaccine or pneumovax. In the past, people (especially those over 65 years of age) received PCV13 which contained protection against 12 common serotypes of viruses. Now PPCV23 comes along which adds 11 additional serotypes which broadens viral protection against more types of pneumonia.

### Here are the recommendations:

Both PCV13 and PPSV23 should be administered routinely in series to all adults aged  $\geq 65$  years.

**Pneumococcal vaccine-naïve persons.** Adults aged  $\geq 65$  years who have not previously received pneumococcal vaccine, or whose previous vaccination history is unknown, should receive a dose of PCV13 first, followed by a dose of PPSV23. The dose of PPSV23 should be given 6-12 months after a dose of PCV13. If PPSV23 cannot be given during this time window, the dose of PPSV23 should be given during the next visit. The two vaccines should not be coadministered, and the minimum acceptable interval between PCV13 and PPSV23 is 8 weeks.

**Previous vaccination with PPSV23.** Adults aged  $\geq 65$  years who have previously received  $\geq 1$  doses of PPSV23 also should receive a dose of PCV13 if they have not yet received it. A dose of PCV13 should be given  $\geq 1$  year after receipt of the most recent PPSV23 dose. For those for whom an additional dose of PPSV23 is

indicated, this subsequent PPSV23 dose should be given 6-12 months after PCV13 and  $\geq 5$  years after the most recent dose of PPSV23 (15).

It is important to ask your health care provider which vaccine you should have and the time sequence. If you have had the PCV13, you may need the newer PPCV23, and then perhaps a year later get a booster of PCV13 again. Keep personal records of all vaccines you receive especially if you get them at local pharmacies. Make a copy and give it to your primary physician for your medical record. And don't forget to get a booster for tetanus!

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, January 19, 2015, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held after worship on Sunday, February 1st. The agenda for the meeting is to receive the budget for 2015 and the annual reports. We will also have the second reading and a vote for approval of the by-laws revisions. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report prior to the meeting, copies will be in the church office on Thursday, January 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



### THE VILLAGE GUYS

The Village Guys meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. This month on Wednesday, Jan. 28, the men will meet at Bob Evans (16314 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL ) at 12:00 noon. For more information about events or to donate bikes to God's Pedal Power, please contact Lyle at 813-971-1750 (h), 813-244-4493 (cell), or joylyl50@msn.com.

## WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Nancy Bardin's nephew, Bill Kinard III (surgery)
- Marie Caraway (health concerns)
- Irene DeSafey (health concerns)
- Irene DeSafey's sister-in-law and Cheryl Blume's aunt, Lavera Coster (broken shoulder)
- Margaret Higgins' friend, Kris Keppel (cancer) and family
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Marge McNaught (health concerns)
- John & Karen Morelli's niece, Gina (recurrence of brain tumors), and their sister-in-law, Julie (recurrence of breast cancer)
- BeBe Nastasy (health concerns)
- Donna Quarles' friends Chido, Michelle, and Jose (family issues)
- Linda Schuyler's father, Steve Mowry (recurrence of cancer)
- Pam Thompson's friend, Corrie Eavenson (in need of liver transplant)
- Reggie Wilson's sister, Cherrie (health concerns)
- Reggie and Monica Wilson's friends, Honey Bauer (recovering from surgery), Mariah Waldron (blood clot in lung), and their friend's son, Brandon Walker (recovering from serious fall)
- 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:

Fritz and Winola Brotherton on the death of their sister-in-law, Delceta.

Elaine Richard on the death of her sister, Martha Cox.

Peggy Bryan and family on the death of her father.

The family of the Reverend Dr. Fred Terry, who passed away on January 12, 2015. Fred served as pulpit supply many times here at Village.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

### January Birthdays:

02 Alena McGlone	19 Harriet Dunaway
08 Betty Yarborough	19 Paul Secord
10 Rebecca Edinger	27 Neil MacInnes
11 Malik Vazquez	28 Lori Cusick
13 Monica Wilson	29 Jackie Ramsey
15 Kathleen Bramwell	30 Bryan Baksh
17 Suzanne Edinger	30 Caroline McGlone
17 Marcia Shemo	31 June Confare

### February Birthdays:

03 Chuck Edinger	17 Heather Clark
03 Maddie Dhondt	18 Ronda Rozelle
08 Maynard Lemke	20 Danny Gutowski
12 Peggy Bryan	21 David King
12 Cynthia DeBoer	21 Lindsay Blume
14 Joyce Short	21 Vickie Winsett
14 Barbara Ebanks	24 Caleb Mayer
15 Mark Brandley	26 Annabelle Gutowski
15 Ryan Adams	27 Bill Best
15 BeBe Nastasy	27 Margot Wilkinson
16 Ruth Thorne	28 Linda Cantor



### 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 staff members who are celebrating anniversaries in February. Sue Goldstein, Office Administrator (Feb. 7—19 years of service), Gary Wirsz, Organist (Feb. 8—28 years of service), and Jim Yearsley, Pastor (Feb. 15—9 years of service). With thanksgiving for you—Sue, Gary, and Jim.





**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.*  
Matthew 25:35

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 blessed and privileged to be able to serve our friends in our community.

**CONTINUING CHRIST’S WORK IN THE WORLD...**

**• COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE TOTALS  
WHOLE FOODS MARKET**

- Carrollwood - 900 pounds (from customers)
- Learning Gate Community School -753 pounds
- Carrollwood Elementary School -702 pounds
- Terry Learning Center -105 pounds
- Playtime Learning Academy -271 pounds
- Girl Scout Troops 360 and 409 -200 pounds

**• ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

Sickles High School -CAUSE Service group-  
November/ December volunteers  
(Kayla Cusick, coordinator)

Steinbrenner High School Key Club Service  
Group--November/ December volunteers  
(Sophia Arias, coordinator)

**• We always need more volunteers!**

How can you help? Or who can you send our way? Do you know a business that would volunteer for teambuilding or that will place a collection box in their break room? Do you have a relationship with a local elementary, middle, or high school? What about a sports team? Do you have free time to enter past records in our new computer system? Feel free to log into our sign-up system we now have online. You can see where we have the greatest need!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fa9a62da64-community>

**• Fresh Market/Publix Volunteer**—We need a THURSDAY volunteer for PUBLIX AND FRESH MARKET! Please prayerfully consider this task. We are still in need of one volunteer willing to act as a substitute and pick up from Fresh Market when one of our six faithful volunteers needs a break or takes a vacation. This task takes about an hour and you will be asked to pick up food between 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**• THANK YOU!** We cannot thank the congregation at Village Presbyterian Church and the Carrollwood/North Tampa community enough for the outpouring of support during the end of the year. We could never list everyone, but the food donations, monetary support, and time to orchestrate it all is greatly appreciated. It took a Village to make it all happen and we succeeded, thank you!!

**• FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES** Elaine Richard is providing blood pressure checks and offering assistance in understanding the changes to Medicare on Wednesday mornings in the pantry. Another way we are “Continuing Christ’s work in the World.”

**• DECEMBER HOLIDAY SIDE BAGS** We gave out 330 holiday side bags to clients who visited the pantry between November 30th and the end of the year. These bags provided side ideas and donated treats to sustain families through the holiday season.

**• Friday Deliveries!** We are in great need of NEW help! You do not have to commit to weekly deliveries, but we would love to add you to the Friday “reminder” in case you are available. Our regular hard working crew has had work schedule changes and we need additional help to properly work the delivery that usually arrives by noon. We receive thousands of pounds of food every week and these deliveries provide some of the most nutritious choices for our clients.

**• PAY IT FORWARD** We continue to share our excess food, bread, produce, and desserts with the Christian Social Services (CSS), Joshua House (foster care), other local food programs, the sick and shut in, McClain Inc., and to a local gardener for compost when we are able.

- Do you have a laptop and availability to come in during office hours or pantry hours to input old records? We are still inputting past years in the new computer program so that we can rid ourselves of paper and be more efficient.

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS!

It was exciting to be personally invited to apply for a grant through the *Fred B. Sieber Foundation*. The Fred B. Sieber Foundation is a non-profit foundation that provides other non-profit organizations with grants to support the needy, the poor, hungry, homeless, and medically afflicted. The grant is offered to those who show great philanthropic and volunteer needs while helping the less fortunate. The Community Food Pantry is pleased to have been awarded \$9,000 (\$750 per month), for the purchase of nutritional food for the clients of the food pantry. This blessing will allow us to serve our clients and many of those we now turn away. God is good.

### WHOLE FOODS

The Community Food Pantry was chosen as the recipient of the FEED 4 MORE program benefits from WHOLE FOODS MARKET Carrollwood. In addition to the 900 pounds of food donated by the patrons of WHOLE FOODS we will be receiving a monetary donation for those patrons who graciously gave at the register during the months of November and December 2014. Please kindly thank WHOLE FOODS if you stop in and shop.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Monica Wilson*  
 Deacon class of 2016  
 Community Food Pantry Director  
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### SECOND SATURDAY SERVE

In January 2015, Village participated in its **fourth** Second Saturday Serve with a Church work-day! Thank you very much to the volunteers who came and served. Our church looks so much better thanks to your service! In October 2014, the church participated in a work day; in November 2014, the church stuffed duffel bags for children in foster care; and in December 2014, the church caroled at, and brought cookies to, the Carrollwood Care Center. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our next Second Saturday Serve will occur on February 14, 2015. We will be going to A Kid's Place, a foster group home in Brandon, FL. We will throw a Valentine's party for the children. As with all Second Saturday Serves, this is a congregational event. All are welcome. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool over. Thank you for volunteering to serve each month. We truly continue to live out the Acts 1:8 mission. For more information, please see Reverend Michelle.



### OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

Did you have fun at the Fall Festival? Enjoy the beautiful Nativity? Come and join the outreach team for planning our next event for the community! We will be meeting after the service Sunday, January 18th, at 11:15 a.m., in Room 7.

### 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.





# Equipping

## WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

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

- **Present Word** ~ *Learning to Pray* (the second unit of *Acts of Worship*)—January;
- *Stewardship for Life* (the third unit of *Acts of Worship*)—February.  
Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel Series** ~ Complete overview of the Bible (Room 7). Also meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### 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.
- Youth Fellowship—Meet at 11:15 a.m.

## PRESENT WORD

For January's study, "Learning to Pray" is a four-session unit that looks at prayer as found in Luke, John, Hebrews, and James.

February's study will be "Stewardship for Life," which is a four-session study that examines aspects of stewardship. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in Anderson Hall.

## BETHEL SERIES

The world renowned Bethel Series began in **January 2015**. We have a Sunday morning class at 9:00 a.m. in Room 7, and a Tuesday

evening class at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Anderson Hall. The Bethel Series provides a complete overview of the Bible, giving the student an amazing knowledge of Scripture upon completion. This series has been taught for over 50 years, and yet remains completely relevant to today. Over 6,000 congregations are enrolled, and more than 1,000,000 lay people have graduated from the Bethel Series course. It is not too late to join! For more information, please see Rev. Michelle, Cheryl Blume, or Joyce Short.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group middle schoolers meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, and have youth group until 6:00 p.m. Then they are joined by the high schoolers for dinner at 6:00 p.m., and then the high schoolers have youth group from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at 813-362-5384 or michelleb.vpc@gmail.com.

## DRAMA TEAM

Our drama team is off to a wonderful start. Our team of thespians meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and practices scripts for upcoming skits in church. We debuted in October with the courtroom drama of *Giving v. Getting*. We then performed *The Innkeeper's Story* in December. We re-created what the Nativity heroes may have experienced in those final days before Christ's birth. We will next be performing in church during Lent, and with a mystery dinner theatre on March 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The Drama Team is a fun and interactive way to serve and worship God. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed! You can start any time! For more information, please see Rev. Michelle.

**FELLOWSHIP TEAM** We will be kicking off our NEW fellowship team this year. On Sunday, February 8, 2015, at 11:15 a.m., we will meet to discuss how Village can continue to welcome and serve new visitors and our church body. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

**ADVENT** Thank you to all who participated in our Advent Devotional! It was wonderful to read your traditions throughout the Advent season! Thank you also to everyone who participated and served at Hanging of the Greens. The church looked beautiful, the stations engaged the community, and the food was delicious!

### **LIVE NATIVITY**

Our 34th Annual Live Nativity was held on December 19th and December 20th. We began with beautiful caroling led by Brittany and the Praise Team. This year we added song books and carolers' lights which looked spectacular. The youth greatly enjoyed leading the Nativity and being a part of VPC history. Thank you to everyone who came and participated. We had approximately 500 people in attendance over the two nights. A special thanks goes out to all who helped construct the manger and stable, served at the Nativity, and helped with the setup. It could not have been done without each and every one of you!

### **MOMS' GROUP**

Our Moms' Small Group has just begun! We are studying Liz Curtis Higgs' Study, "Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible." We meet on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. We would love to see you. If you are interested in this Bible Study or in starting a new one, please see Rev. Michelle.

### **YOUTH**

The youth group continues to be a wonderful team of junior and senior high students committed to each other and to growing in their faith! Last semester, we started our exploration of the book of John on Sunday nights. The youth also served at A Kid's Place with a fall festival that the children so enjoyed. They love when Village comes! The holidays were incredibly busy for our youth. We had our Second Annual Thanksgiving meal and a game of Taboo. The youth won for the second year in a row! They also enjoyed a road rally and a lock-in, caroled at the Carrollwood Care Center, and worked tirelessly in preparation for the Nativity! The youth continue to meet for Sunday School on Sunday mornings, youth group on Sunday nights, and help lead worship with the entrance of the Word and Light, Children's Chat, and assisting in S.P.L.A.S.H. I am so very proud of these teens. They are kind, compassionate, and always willing to serve when needed. If you are

interested in joining the youth group, or assisting with the youth, please see Reverend Michelle.

### **SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH V. ADULTS SOFTBALL GAME**

On November 2, 2014, we had our second annual youth v. adults softball game. It was an absolute blast and the parents won for the second year in a row! Thank you to all who participated and attended. It meant so much to have members of the VPC congregation come out and cheer on the teams!

### **CAR WASH**

On Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the youth will be hosting a car wash to raise funds for the summer trip. Please stop by and have your car cleaned by some great kids!

### **MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE**

On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 5:00 p.m., the youth will be hosting a church-wide dinner to raise funds for the summer trip. The Drama Team will be performing a mystery theatre performance. Everyone can guess "who did it." Dinner will be provided, which the youth will serve. We also will have baskets full of goodies for families to bid on. If you would like to donate items for a basket, please let Rev. Michelle know. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends. It will be a wonderful evening!!



### **WEBSITE**

We are currently updating the VPC website. Stay tuned for our launch date! A special thanks goes out to Ryan Goldstein who has volunteered for an incredible amount of hours working on this project. Thank you, Ryan, for your vision and dedication!





**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.

**PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD**

Please take a few minutes each week to prepare your heart and your mind for worship. Listed below are the Scriptures or subject matter that will be used in worship for January and February.

**January 11**  
Mark 1:4-11  
Acts 19:1-7  
“Remembories...”

**January 18**  
Reverend Blume preaching

**January 25**  
Psalm 62:5-12  
Mark 1:14-20  
“A Fish Story”

**February 1**  
Psalm 111,  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
“It’s not about the food...”

**February 8**  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Mark 1:29-39  
“Well, THERE’S your problem!”

**February 15**—Transfiguration Sunday  
Reverend Blume preaching

**Lent**  
**February 22**  
Psalm 32:1-11  
“Guilty Conscience?”

**Happy New Year!** As we enter a new year, I want to invite you to get involved with the music ministry here at Village. Being part of the music ministry team is so much more than just leading music on Sundays. All of our volunteers become a music family, and we would love for you to join that family!

We are always looking for volunteers to sing or play in the praise team, sing in the choir, play with the Village Brass, or play any other instruments. Last year, we were so blessed to begin the Village Strings, and we hope to continue growing our instrumental groups: all instruments are welcome!

As always, feel free to contact me throughout the year with feedback and ideas. If you want more information on how you can get involved with our music family, you can reach me at [brittanybozeman25@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybozeman25@gmail.com) or after any service.

Singing music for our Savior,  
*Brittany Bozeman*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Gen. 3:19). This first step of our Lenten journey invites us to acknowledge our mortality and our sinfulness by the imposition of ashes. It also reminds us that a new life with Christ involves a daily surrendering of the old life.

Join your Village family Wednesday, February 18th, to celebrate Ash Wednesday with a potluck chili dinner at 6:00 p.m. and worship service at 7:00 p.m. A Youth service will be held in Anderson Hall. Please bring a chili dish or a dessert to share. You can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex starting February 1st. All sides and drinks will be provided.



# Foundation

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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.

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### OUR CHURCH LEADERS

#### Session

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Treasurer, Cheryl Blume

#### Elders

Class of 2015:	Bill Cusick, Mike Schuyler, Tina Antram
Class of 2016:	Cheryl Blume, Mark Brandley, Elaine Richard
Class of 2017:	Marge Anke, Terri Balzer, Joyce Short

#### Deacons

Class of 2015:	Linda Cantor, Lori Cusick, Linda Schuyler, Marge McNaught
Class of 2016:	Lindsay Blume, Peggy Bryan, Robert Pettit, Monica Wilson
Class of 2017:	Lisa Coates, Jeri Lopez, Marcia Shemo, Pam Thompson