

Faithful Times

Continuing Christ's Work in the World



From the Pastor's Window

At the Worship Listening Session on August 2, 2015, one of the thoughts offered was that the church should hear more about the larger church's and denomination's perspectives and views on cultural issues. What **does** the Presbyterian Church (USA) say about such things as homosexuality, abortion, same-sex marriage, salvation in Christ alone, et al. While I am glad that members are interested in these things, I do not use the pulpit for such purposes. I do, however, frequently try to keep you all up-to-date through this medium.

Over the past decade, the slide of our denomination into apostasy and the theology of accommodation has been accelerating at a disturbing rate. Finally, at the last General Assembly, the denomination surrendered completely to culture. The PCUSA changed its position on marriage in order to accommodate culture.

Here is the problem: truth does not have a time limit. It is not conditioned by circumstances. Scripture is inerrant and does not change. When the denomination changes to accommodate culture (or market forces), it is practicing the theology of accommodation and is therefore apostate.

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:4

It is ludicrous to think Christ's Church can do His work while accommodating the world in which He has placed us. Truth does not have a time limit. It is not conditioned by circumstances.

Since 1993, this denomination has abandoned one standard after another in a headlong rush to be politically and culturally correct.

- It began by declaring that all of a sudden there were no mandated essential tenets to which one had to subscribe (in spite of the vows of ordination of deacons, elders, and ministers).
- It then began to deny millennia old standards of orthodox belief such as the unique and exclusive salvific authority of Jesus Christ (there are PCUSA congregations in Kentucky and Texas which include Unitarians and atheists on their rolls).
- The denomination refuses to condemn late-term abortion, abortion on demand, or any other reasonable restrictions on legal abortion.
- Pastors and candidates for ordination are no longer required to declare that Christ is the only path to salvation, that justification is by faith alone through grace alone, or that the Scripture is the inerrant Word of God.
- The areas of gender have been the most recent and obvious battlegrounds. In the past ten years, the devolution has included the ordination of unrepentant sinners who choose lifestyles that the scriptures clearly call sin. Then, this year, the PC USA redefined marriage to include "any two loving adults." Also, the Book of Order has been changed to permit same-sex marriage ceremonies in the church.

There is not one iota of Scriptural support for these positions.

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The theology of accommodation is a fairy tale. It appears to be tolerant and welcoming, but in reality it denies the sinner constructive care. The theology of accommodation manifests itself in two forms:

1. Accommodation condones sin.
2. Accommodation creates a perverted form of ecumenism.

In an effort to affirm the sinner and include him or her in the Church, accommodation condones sin by telling the sinner what he wants to hear, rather than the truth of God's Word. In this, we negate spiritual transformation and people are denied help at their point of need.

All are born with a sinful nature, and sinful desires which stay with us all our days. The good news of the Gospel is that all Christians are being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the very likeness of Christ. God does not leave us as we were. We must never undermine this divine transformation by accommodating sin in ourselves or in others.

Accordingly, there is room in Christ's Church for *all* repentant sinners, no matter how vile or mundane the sin. The goal should be to offer constructive, practical help in a loving and supportive atmosphere. All of us are born with weaknesses and ungodly desires; all of us are struggling with temptations and urges. All of us are totally depraved and in need of redemption.

The Church ought to be the one place where we can go and confront our sinfulness and find compassion, encouragement, and healing. How will that happen if the Church accommodates our self-deception by making excuses for our sinfulness?

So where am I and where are we? I utterly condemn and reject these decisions and actions of the denomination. We neither endorse them, nor will we participate in actions and behaviors that offend Christ and His Gospel. Here at Village we acknowledge "*one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all...*" Ephesians 4:5. We will continue to be Faithful, Orthodox, and Reformed.

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14

Pastor Jim

SOUND SYSTEM

Anyone who has been in worship lately is probably aware of the ongoing challenges of our sound system. I regret that my level of frustration with it has been so obvious.

I need to address some concerns and questions that have come up.

- Why are we still experiencing problems?
- Haven't we replaced the whole system?
- What is the issue?
- Where did the special offering money go?
- Why not scrap the whole thing and start fresh?

We looked at the possibility of a complete new system at the time we refurbished the whole church several years ago. We had an audio design firm come in and do a study. The bottom line on that report was that a whole new purpose designed system would have run a minimum \$32,000. The decision was that we could not justify the cost.

What we have done over the years is to address each issue as it came up. Over the past year and a half, almost every component of the system has been replaced. Much of this was done by anonymous donation of components (power amps, etc.). The final straw was the death of the 30+ year old Bose speakers mounted at ceiling height. Two had been dead for some time and the other two were on their last legs. We confirmed these problems with a professional sound man who came and audited the system. The fix for this was to have a special offering to replace those speakers with state of the art powered speakers. This effort is where the special offering money went and cost a total of \$5,100.00.

We really thought we were done. We are, however, still experiencing some distortion (popping, hissing, and fading in and out). We are working on that at present. The only component that hasn't been replaced is the sound mixing board. We are in the process of working on that.

Please be patient, we are doing everything we can within the bounds of time and finances.

Pastor Jim

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.

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Women's Circle (formerly Presbyterian Women)

The women of the church invite all women to a pot luck luncheon on Monday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m. for our annual salad luncheon and Bible study kickoff. Bring a favorite salad dish to share and beverages and dessert will be provided. 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 a dish to share to start your fall off and discover what God wills for your life!

Et Ceteras

Our Et Ceteras group, which makes crafts for Meals on Wheels, starts back up Monday, September 21st at 12:30 p.m. in Room 7. 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.

2nd Annual Craft Fair

The Women's Circle is already working on the 2nd Annual Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Yes, the jam and jelly lady will be there! Again this year we are looking for:

- Crafters and people who have a service, such as Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc.
- Plant people whether they have a business or just love to work in the garden.
- Anyone who would like to help make crafts for the PW table (sew, knit/crochet, papercraft, etc.).
- Big, strong men who would like to help set up tables the day of the fair.

Spaces are \$25 and \$30 if you need a table.

Contact Kathy Feicke for more information (gfeicke1@verizon.net or 813-962-4063). Pass along the word to your friends and family. Who

knows, you may have a crafter or Tupperware lady living right around the corner.

VILLAGE GUYS

Village Guys meet the fourth Wednesday of each month for fellowship. The location varies, and updates will be given in the worship guide. Typically, they meet at Bob Evans on North Dale Mabry (16314 N. Dale Mabry) at noon. All men of the church are invited! Please contact Lyle Sutherland for more information at joylyl50@msn.com.

OFFICE NEWS

Reserving a Room—If you want to reserve a room for your group to meet at the church, contact the church office (813-961-4115) so we can check availability. If the room you want to use is already booked, you can pick a different room or a different day. We work on a first come, first served basis. We must keep track of who is meeting and when for insurance purposes. Also, please note that Gary Wirsz has the Sanctuary booked every Saturday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for organ rehearsal. Thanks for your cooperation.

Reimbursements—To be reimbursed for a purchase that you have made, you must fill out a reimbursement form (available in the far left bottom mailbox) and attach the receipt. The purchase must first be approved by the appropriate committee chair. Checks are done on Wednesday, so keep that in mind if you need a check for supplies or an event. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the church (813-961-4115). *Sue Goldstein*
Repairs—If something needs to be repaired on the church premises, please call the church office (813-961-4115). We can then get the appropriate repair company out to take care of the problem.

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 Church Secretary, June De Nadai, who is celebrating her second anniversary here at Village on September 3rd, and our Minister of Discipleship and Mission, Michelle Blume, who is celebrating her one-year anniversary at Village on September 15th!

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).

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER!

The Session is pleased to announce that Monica Wilson has been hired as Director of the Community Food Pantry! We are all aware of the tremendous job Monica has done for several years as the volunteer director and how the program and the development of the pantry has blossomed. We are excited about the future of this core ministry of Village Presbyterian Church. Take a moment to congratulate her when you can.

MEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS

We love to recognize the many talented people we have here at Village! John Chaplick has two new books out—*Forbidden Chronicles of a Roman Centurion* and *Bridge of the Paper Tiger*. One of his recent books, *The Rivergrass Legacy*, is a finalist in the Florida Writers' Association book award for 2015. If you are interested in any of these books, you can get them directly from John to save on shipping and handling (his email address is jchaplick@gmail.com) or through his website, EngagingBooksBlog.com. The publisher is offering a \$3.00 pre-launch discount on *Forbidden Chronicles of a Roman Centurion*. They are all available in book form, Kindle, Nook, and other electronic versions.

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.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Founded in 1941, Church Women United is an ecumenical women's movement of all Christian women across the United States and Puerto Rico. It is inclusive and diverse, bringing together women

of all races, cultures, and traditions for fellowship, prayer, and advocacy. Over 26 Christian denominations are represented and are active participants. CWU is a non-governmental agency (NGO) recognized by the United Nations.

Under the national umbrella, CWU is further divided into regions (we are the Southeast), states, areas (there are 9 in Florida) and then the local unit (ours in Tampa). Each local unit decides what its local mission will be. Our Tampa unit is unique in that we own a building in downtown Tampa (old Salvation Army dormitory) at 1551 N. Franklin Street. Each Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m.– 12:20 p.m., we serve the homeless and those in need by giving out clothing, household items, and hygiene items FREE of charge to all who enter in the front door. We have a core group of volunteers who are there each Wednesday and women from numerous local churches come to help us on their assigned day. Our clients range from newborns to the elderly and all can be accommodated thanks to the donations we receive from churches and individuals throughout the year. Any Wednesday morning we serve from 30–60 people/families. Clients can return once every five weeks.

Several times a year we have Ecumenical Worship Celebrations to bring our local community together for prayer, fellowship, and action. May Friendship Day is always the first Friday of May. We meet at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church for a program, followed by a pot luck luncheon. Our annual meeting and Human Rights Celebration will be held on September 18th at St. James House of Prayer (one of the oldest churches in Tampa). This year the award will go to the people of Faith Café who serve those in need in the downtown area. Last year, the award went to Trinity Café, and in 2013 Don Hitchcock received it for all the volunteer work he does in our community. World Community Day is held on the first Friday in November. It celebrates the gathering of the interfaith community coming together in commitment for peace and justice among all people and nations. More about this will be upcoming in the Faithful Times and worship guides as the year progresses.

There is so much to learn about Church Women United and all the wonderful good it does throughout our local communities across our nation. If you would like more information, would like to help, or just tour our facility, please feel free to call me at 961-4070.

Betty Brady
Florida State President

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Frances Barksdale (health concerns)
- Roger and Linda Cantor's grandson-in-law (stationed in US Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey), and dog, Katie (health concerns)
- Avis Chaplick (health concerns)
- Marilyn Elzinga (hospice care)
- Linda Farrell's brother, Benny (pancreatic cancer)
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Donna Quarles (sleeping disorder)
- Donna Quarles' son-in-law, Chido, and family (immigration issues)
- Mike and Linda Schuyler's niece, Kristi (health concerns)
- Suanne Wesselhoff's father-in-law, Ken Wesselhoff (recuperating from a stroke)
- 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:

- Sara Bechtelheimer and her family on the death of her friend, David Steen.
- John Fulgrum's family (friend of Lori and Bill Cusick) on his death.
- Jane Lindquist and family on the death of her mother, Helen Alderson.
- Priscilla Reynolds' family on her death. Priscilla was a charter member here at Village. There will be a memorial service here on Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.

A BIG THANK-YOU!

I would like to thank the many friends and members of our Village church family for their "shower of cards" which I have received over the course of my illness. It has been so comforting to hear from so many dear friends and Village family over this long illness and recovery. The prayers have meant so much and I thank all of you from my heart. Love,
Avis Chaplick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

September Birthdays:

01	Debbie Ramsey	12	Sue Goldstein
04	Paul Berg	14	Torrie Winsett
05	Ginger King	19	Amanda Smith
07	Shirley Bryan	23	Chris Clark
07	Austin Ransdell	23	Carl Canestrano
10	Elda Moyer	23	Kayla Cusick
11	Austin Marks	30	Tina Antram
11	Rachel Marks	30	Ty Jimison

October Birthdays:

02	Emma Berg	16	Lauren Ransdell
04	Tim Wright	17	Laverne Hawken
06	Shari Lewis	21	Reggie Wilson II
07	Jane Lindquist	25	Nadia Ashman
08	Ida Stewart	29	Kathy Sandy
09	Brian McGlone	29	Richard Bryan
12	Michael Turner	29	Nancy Scarborough
13	Richard Bryan, Jr.	30	Barbara Jackson



PHOTO DIRECTORY

Life Touch Photography (formerly Olan Mills) will be coming to Village to take individual and family pictures for a new photo directory. Pictures will be taken: Friday, Sept. 25—1:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26th—10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30—1:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1—10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Each family or individual who has their picture taken will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free directory. All are welcome to attend, including family members who are not Village congregants and *family pets!* An online link will be forthcoming.

Additionally, we will have laptops with people ready to assist with online signup every Sunday (started August 30th), before and after church. Each person who signs up will receive a \$10 coupon for any prints they may choose to order. Each family or individual who brings in at least two cans for the Community Food Pantry will also receive a \$5 coupon for any prints. For more information, please contact Michelle (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

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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...

YOUTH TAKE OVER THE PANTRY

Youth take over the pantry came to an end with an amazing summer of success. We officially had 78 youth participate in a great summer of giving back to those in need right here in Carrollwood. The youth worked hard and diligently serving, cleaning, stocking, packing backpacks, making hygiene bags for Church Women United, helping with the administrative work of the pantry and enjoying fellowship with each other.

On Wednesday, August 5th, the youth had a Celebration of Service where the kids had a pizza lunch and received their community service hours. On that same day, after serving in the pantry, we were blessed with a presentation by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

GIRL SCOUTS

Taylor Davis is a volunteer of the Community Food Pantry. She has chosen her Gold Service award project to continue beautifying our outside area behind Anderson Hall. The youth cleared this area of weeds and volunteers have spread mulch. Taylor will now beautify the area with plants, flowers, and a sitting area. We are blessed that Taylor chose Village as her place for service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

If you know a high school student wanting a safe environment to complete community service hours, Boy or Girl Scout projects, or just give back, please have them visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fa9a62da64-community> or contact Monica Wilson at (813) 961-4115 or

villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com. Sunday hours are also available for all, and we especially need adult or family help on Sundays.

BACKPACKS FOR CLIENTS

The clients of the pantry with school-aged children were offered backpacks and supplies all stuffed by the *Youth Take Over the Pantry* program. Thank you to the congregation, the Sending committee, and the Youth who all made donations to make this happen. We expect to have distributed 150 backpacks by the end of August.

TAMPA YANKEE TICKETS

A big thank you to Christian Social Services of Pasco for providing the clients of the pantry FREE tickets to the Tampa Yankees game on August 22nd, 2015, for their entire families.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY TOTALS

July 2015: 326 families

August (thru 8/9/15): 110 families

Our numbers continue to grow. The summer months have been very busy in the pantry with an increased number of new clients. Please keep the Community Food Pantry in your daily prayers.

CAN YOU SERVE IN THE PANTRY?! Even if you sign up on Sunday mornings with Margaret during the service, if you are able to sign up on the WEBSITE designated for the pantry, it is very helpful for planning.

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

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How can you help? Or who can you send? Do you know a business that would volunteer for teambuilding or that will place a collection box in their breakroom? Do you have a relationship with a local elementary, middle or high school? What about a sports team? We want you!

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

Elaine Richard, lead pantry nurse, and Deacon Pam Thompson are providing blood pressure checks and offering assistance to those with healthcare needs on Wednesday mornings in the pantry. If you have any desire to join this growing mission, please contact Elaine or Monica. Another way we are 'Continuing Christ's Work in the World.'

PAY IT FORWARD

We continue to share our excess food, bread, produce and desserts with Christian Social Services (CSS), Joshua House (foster care), Hope Children's Home, and other local food programs, the sick and shut in, McClain Inc. and compost to a local gardener when we are able.

We oftentimes need help getting food to these locations. Contact us if you have time to help through the church office or visit www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry

THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING!!

The next blood drive will be Sunday, August 30th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Donors ages 16 or 17 will need a signature from a parent.



COLLECTION OF USED COMPUTERS

We have begun to solicit and collect used computers from both individuals and organizations. We've been fortunate to make contact with Joyland International School, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. It is a Christian school that educates approximately 400 children in need or at risk by a staff of 56 teachers. Their first and foremost core value is Worship and the Word of God.

Joyland needs computers to help the children gain the knowledge and skills demanded in today's world. They can be desktop or laptop models, and we have access to a computer/tech professional, if you request, who can "sanitize" your old computer, remove all old files and programs, and restore the hard drives to a safe, like-new condition containing no confidential information. If you've been thinking about upgrading to a new computer (which many have now that the new Windows 10 is out), or if you know of any schools, businesses or organizations that are soon to replace older equipment, now is the time to ask them. You would be surprised how many don't know what to do with their older models!

COLLECTION OF HYGIENE ITEMS

In September, we turn our hearts to collecting much needed hygiene items, which will be distributed by both The Clothes Closet of Tampa and also our Community Food Pantry. While we do collect them throughout the year, September is the month for the push to revitalize our supply which helps to carry us through the leaner months. Items to donate may include, but are not limited to: hand sanitizer, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, shampoo/bodywash, shaving cream, disposable razors, bar soap, and lip balm.

SOLES FOR SOULS

In October, we will have our annual collection of gently used men's and women's shoes. These shoes are designated for the Clothes Closet of Tampa, an outreach of Church Women United. The demand is great, so we ask everyone to dig into their closets and pull out those one or two pairs of shoes that are never really worn but are still in good condition. They're the ones that are now a little dusty, or the ones you look at and say "Oh, I'd forgotten all about these!"

FALL FESTIVAL

The fall festival will be held on Saturday, October 24th, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This was a great outreach event last year, and numerous community members shared their gratitude for VPC. We will once again be decorating cars for Trunk or Treat, pumpkin painting, and have a variety of games and arts and crafts.

Please consider volunteering for this event. We will need people to serve by leading the different stations, and also to meet and greet with the visitors. Let us share the love of Christ with our community this fall! If you are interested in volunteering to plan the event and/or serve on the 24th, please let Michelle know (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).



Equipping

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WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

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

- **Present Word** ~ *Seeds of New Growth (the first unit of The Christian Community Comes Alive)*—September; *Giving Bold Testimony (the second unit of The Christian Community Comes Alive)*—October. Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel Series** ~ will start back up on September 13th (Sunday class) and September 15th (Tuesday class). There is still room to join, even if you missed the first session! If you are interested, please talk to Cheryl Blume or Joyce Short. The second \$25 payment for the 2-year study is also due. Please make the check out to Village Presbyterian Church with “Bethel” in the memo line. Scholarships and alternative payment plans are available!

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).

YOUTH GROUP

Summer Trip—The Youth summer trip was amazing. God blessed the youth mightily on this life-changing trip. The youth experienced powerful worship, messages, Bible studies, and fellowship. Many youth committed or recommitted their lives to Christ during this week. This week will be a foundational moment for many of their testimonies

throughout their lives. The youth group would like to thank the congregation for their support. This week changed youths lives forever, and this would not have happened without your support. A special thanks to Jeri Lopez, Jackie Ramsey, and Larry Ramsey for chaperoning this trip. They were wonderful mentors, family group leaders, and support systems for the youth.

DRAMA TEAM

The drama team meets weekly Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We are working on a play for stewardship season and collaborating with the choir for Christmas. Come and join—no experience is necessary! All are welcome for a great time of worship through the arts and fellowship!

BOOK CLUB

VPC will be starting a new book club in October. We will meet monthly and will enjoy a variety of different books. It will be 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. More information will be coming soon. If you have any ideas or would like to participate, please let Michelle know (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

SOFTBALL GAME

The third annual parents v. youth softball game will occur on Sunday, October 11th, beginning at noon at Roy Haynes Park (1902 South Village Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612). Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for all! Everyone is welcome to come and play, or cheer on the teams! We would love to fill the stands for a great day of fellowship and healthy competition. More details will be coming!

VILLAGE VIEW

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Are you interested in becoming a full member of Village Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in understanding who we are and what we believe? If so, the View is for you. Over five weeks (starting September 20th) we will be meeting in Room 1 at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays to discover those things together. Feel free to join us even if you have to miss some sessions. Sessions will be facilitated by Pastor Jim. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office at (813) 961-4115.

Worshipping

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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 September and October.

September 6

Psalm 125
James 2:1-13

September 13

Psalm 19
James 3:1-12

September 20

Rev. Blume preaching

September 27

Psalm 124
James 3:13-4:3 and 7-8a

October 4 (World-Wide Communion)

Psalm 26
Mark 10:13-16

October 11

Job 23:1-9
Psalm 22:1-15
Mark 10:17-31

October 18

Rev. Blume preaching

October 25 (Reformation Sunday)

Psalm 34:1-8 & 22
Mark 10:35-45

MUSIC AT VILLAGE

It's always a great time to make music here at Village! Here are some ways you can get involved:

Music Lessons- Have you even wanted to learn how to play the piano or just sing a little better? Music lessons are now being offered at the church. All ages are welcome; it's never too late to learn! We are also reaching out to the homeschool community and offering group classes. You can read more about this at bozemanmusicstudio.com.

Village Voices- If you have children or grandchildren who like to sing, let's get them singing with the Village Voices! The Village Voices will be taking center stage once each month to bring us a beautiful choral anthem in our morning service, so now is the time to get involved!

Village Brass- If you play a brass instrument, let us know, and we will get you set up with music and rehearsal times.

Chancel Choir- If you would like to sing with us please join us at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 9:40 a.m. Sundays for rehearsal.

Concert! On Sunday, September 27, at 4:00 p.m., we will be hosting a piano concert featuring Eunni Ko. Ms. Ko holds a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music and is a piano professor at the University of South Florida. She has an international performing career and has kindly offered to present a free concert for Village and the community. This will be a top-notch event, so mark your calendars, and tell your friends!

As always, you can find me at church or email me at brittanybozeman.vpc@gmail.com if you have questions or suggestions about the music at Village.

Singing for our Saviour,
Brittany Bozeman



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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

Moderator, Jim Yearsley Clerk of Session, Kathy Sandy
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