



Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Window

A Window on The Essentials

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.”

Matt. 5: 1-11 (NKJV)

I thought for the New Year I would spend a few minutes on Jesus and his early teaching to his disciples. That was the setting of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus was introducing the men to whom He would entrust His Church – you could perhaps think of them as the Session and Deacons today -- to what He came to teach us all.

In essence, here we find Jesus saying to His inner circle: *Before we get started, you must understand.*

One of my default TV channels is TCM because I love old movies (particularly Film Noir). They have an original series called “The Essentials” where the host and an accomplished actor or director talk about the real core of a particular body of work.

Well, for many, the Sermon on the Mount comprises ‘the essentials’ of what the whole Church needs to understand.

Here’s the best starting point: “Blessed”. Many modern versions and paraphrases of scripture translate this “happy.” But the term means much more than that.

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Almost all versions translate the Greek Markarios as “blessed/happy are.” But that is also too weak. Jesus didn't use a “to be” verb. The most accurate way to translate the Greek is that it describes a believer in an enviable (fortunate) position in receiving God's favor. The ‘to be’ verb (*are*) was added for clarity in English.

Does this matter? Yep. Here's why:

The Beatitudes are not simply pious platitudes of what will one day be (in the sweet bye and bye). They are authoritative statements concerning what is the state of being for citizens of the Kingdom – right now, right here! Christian blessedness is a here-and-now reality for all who are in Christ. The form Jesus used, as recorded by Matthew originally in the Greek, taught His disciples that they had embarked upon a joyous New Life. That is reality for you and me as well.

Jesus is teaching His disciples and us that this New Life is completely different. His joy comes from within and is not dependent on external circumstances. For this reason, no one can take His joy from us.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus shows us that this Christian joy transcends the earthly and helps us to understand the urgent reality that indeed, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Earthly circumstances are a distant concern in this framework.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Jim

FASHION SHOW

This year's fashion show theme is “Style is in the Air”. The show will be held at Carrollwood Country Club and tickets will be on sale beginning January 17th before and after the service. We are asking for donations for auction items (including baskets). If you have items to donate, please contact Suanne Wesselhoff (suannew@verizon.net).



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 2015. 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.

CEDARKIRK

Creative Writing as a Spiritual Practice

January 25-27th

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

Come away from the busyness of daily life to experience creative writing as a spiritual practice. When we write creatively, we open ourselves to grow in spiritual practices such as attentiveness, intentionality, empathy, and gratitude. This event will be lead by Rev. Dr. Debra Bronkema, who earned her Doctorate of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary, studying under Dr. Rodger Nishioka and Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor. Currently, she serves as Pastor of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church in Pleasantville, New York. For registration, lodging, and airport information, please visit: www.cedarkirk.org.

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—20 years of service), Gary Wirsz, Organist (Feb. 8—29 years of service), and Jim Yearsley, Pastor (Feb. 15—10 years of service). With thanksgiving for you—Sue, Gary, and Jim.



Kingdom Care

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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.

2nd Annual Craft Fair

The 2nd Annual Fall Craft Fair was a huge success! The Fair made \$1,860 total. We sold \$775 in crafts and \$1085 in space rental. Many thanks to all who spent hours crafting, planning, and working the event and all the congregation who attended.

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 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.

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.

NEXT STEPS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the strategic planning sessions, praying, and time of envisioning for Village Presbyterian in 2015. After thoughtful consideration of the congregation's responses, the leadership has woven together the next steps for our church. These steps are a collaboration of God's prompting and your ideas, and it will take our entire Village. Whether your passion is for worship, equipping, sending, foundations, or engaging, we need you on a team that will take us to the next level. All are welcome and encouraged to join. All teams will meet the fourth Monday of every other month, starting on January 25th, time to be announced. This is an incredibly exciting time for VPC, and we are all excited to see how God transforms lives through our church. For more information on the next steps or how you can plug in, please contact Pastor Jim or Rev. Michelle.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid Arthritis? How to Tell the Difference

Joint pain and stiffness are the primary symptoms of both osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, and many people confuse the two. But different processes are at work in each disease. Here's how to tell the difference, in brief.

Osteoarthritis is a local degenerative condition resulting from the breakdown of cartilage and bone in a joint. Rheumatoid arthritis is a generalized inflammatory disease that causes swelling around the joints and can damage other organs such as the heart and lungs. The list below outlines the main differences between the two conditions.

Age of onset:

Osteoarthritis -- Usually begins after age 40
Rheumatoid arthritis -- May begin at any age, but usually before age 50

Location of joint pain:

Osteoarthritis -- Usually affects weight-bearing joints, such as the knees and hips, but also affects the finger joints. Pain is often on one side of the body only.

Rheumatoid arthritis -- Usually affects small joints, such as the hand, foot, wrist, elbow, shoulder, or ankle, usually on both sides of the body

Joint appearance:

Osteoarthritis -- Usually cool, not red or swollen
Rheumatoid arthritis -- Inflammation causes joints to be warm, red, and swollen

Morning joint stiffness:

Osteoarthritis -- Lasts only a few minutes
Rheumatoid arthritis -- Lasts for at least 30 minutes and can persist for hours

Symptoms besides joint pain and stiffness:

Osteoarthritis -- Usually does not affect overall health
Rheumatoid arthritis -- May be accompanied by fatigue, weight loss, and fever

Disease progression:

Osteoarthritis -- Symptoms gradually worsen over a period of years
Rheumatoid arthritis -- Symptoms worsen over a period of weeks or months

What eases pain or stiffness:

Osteoarthritis -- Pain subsides with rest and worsens with activity

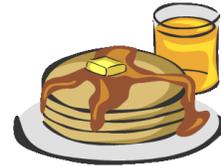
Rheumatoid arthritis -- Stiffness decreases with activity

If you think you may have either type of arthritis, contact your doctor. She or he will ask about your medical history, perform a physical examination, and carry out tests to identify the cause of your joint pain. (From Johns Hopkins Newsletter)

STRATEGIC PLANNING BRUNCH

On Sunday, January 17, we will be rolling out the new Strategic Plan - "A TIME TO GROW" - for VPC. This plan is our road map for the next five years. It is important that all of us are engaged in the effort.

We will begin the roll-out with a community brunch that day. Our menu will include incredible "PLANCAKES", sausage, applesauce, and syrups. Please plan to be here and get engaged! This will also fulfill the requirement for the Annual Congregational Meeting. 2015 reports and the 2016 budget will be available that day.



WORSHIPPING (CONT.)

If you play a stringed 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!

Brittany Bozeman



WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Christine Berry's niece, Angela (health concerns)
- Michelle Blume's friend, Vivian Corvo (breast cancer)
- Fritz Brotherton (health concerns)
- Peggy Bryan's friend's daughter, Brianna Borello (kidney dialysis & mass on heart—recuperating from surgery)
- Roger and Linda Cantor's grandson-in-law (stationed in US Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey), and dog, Katie (health concerns)
- Beth Dhondt's mother, Bonnie Beyer (recuperating from surgery—rehab)
- Marilyn Elzinga (hospice care)
- David King (health concerns-rehab at NuVista)
- Neil MacInnes (recuperating from ACL surgery)
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Karen Morelli's mother, Winifred (health concerns) and Karen's niece, Gina (brain tumors—treatment), and husband, John (upcoming surgery in February)
- Carolyn Perry (health concerns)
- Mike and Linda Schuyler's niece, Kristi (health concerns)
- Joyce Sutherland (recent hospitalization—recuperating at home)
- 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:

Linda Farrell and family on the death of her brother, Benny.

Lynn Lemon and family on the death of her father, Tom Weatherman, on January 11th in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Elaine Richard and Don Manguson's daughter-in-law's family on the death of her father, Carlos Giraldo.

Linda Schuyler and family on the death of her father, Steve Mowry.

Jim and Alice Yearsley and Jim's sister, Skippy, and family on the death of Skippy's husband, JB (Jim). JB entered the church triumphant on December 2nd. May he rest in peace.

A BIG THANK-YOU!

Dear Village Presbyterian,
Thank you for the jackets! We really appreciate getting to pick out a jacket. There were so many to choose from. We appreciate your kindness!
Sullivan Partnership

I want to thank my church family for the prayers, visits, and cards during my illness. All your kindness was very much appreciated.
Joyce Sutherland

Thank you to all who have been praying for my son, Scott Wittorodt, and my family during his untimely illness and death. Knowing he is at peace now makes missing him easier. Your thoughts, prayers, and friendship are very special to me. Sincerely,
Carol Majors

Special thanks to the Narthex Project Committee for making a well-guarded secret happen. Thanks also to Lyle Sutherland for the beautiful signage and to Bob Kerns, Betty Brady, Bob Pettit, and the Village Guys for their support. Together, you all helped to make a special celebration even more special.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

January Birthdays:

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

February Birthdays:

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

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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 or visit www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry

THANK YOU * THANK YOU

"Everything but the Turkey" Day of Service was a Huge Success!



Thank you to everyone who helped fill and provide bags to over 300 families. In addition, thank you to David Weekly Homes and Feeding Tampa Bay for the additional donation of 200 turkeys to complete the meal. 100+ volunteers with gracious hearts made this day rewarding for the givers and the receivers. Our clients also received Holiday Side bags for their Christmas meals. 325 families were blessed.

KINDNESS DAY 2015

The CFP was blessed to be the recipient of the WFLA NBC Channel 8 Kindness Day donations on Friday, December 11th, 2015. 3 ½ tons of non-perishable donations were given by the Tampa Bay community in one day of "kindness" at the local news station. We received all of this food for our own pantry and then, graciously, volunteers quickly and diligently sorted it all. Thank you Village for your AMAZING support!

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

A thank you to the combined ecumenical worship service hosted by Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church for Thanksgiving where nearly \$600 was raised through an offering benefitting the pantry. This worship service included Village Presbyterian Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, Forest Hills United Methodist Church, Forest Hills Presbyterian, Congregation Beth Am, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Tampa Covenant Church, Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church, St. Marks Episcopal Church and Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

GIVING TUESDAY—DECEMBER 2ND, 2015

Thank you for your support! We were able to raise almost \$4,000 in one day from this special event. After Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday was a blessing to our pantry!



SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Gaither High School, Tampa Catholic High School, Learning Gate Community School, Carrollwood Elementary and Playtime Learning Academy – These schools, students, teachers, and parents brought in over 3000 pounds of food for the pantry in the months of November and December.

Happy New Year from the Community Food Pantry!

We are busy planning for the new year and will be hosting a few events over the next few months.

January 16th, we welcome The University of South Florida and 20 students for Bull Stamped!

February 3rd ~ We welcome Academy of the Holy Names students for a day of service

Also in February, we welcome Capitol One for a team building event where they will serve all our clients in the pantry.

In March we welcome Tampa Catholic Women's Lacrosse Team and families for a day of service.

If you know of a group, sports team, family, or company that would like to reserve a group spot for serving, please contact Monica in the office.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

If you know a high school student wanting a safe environment to complete service hours, Boy Scout or Girl Scout projects, family volunteer opportunities, please visit the website at www.villagepresbyterianchurch.com. Please contact Monica Wilson at (813)961-4115 or villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com if you have specific questions or would like to schedule a team building event.

How can you help?

Or who can you send? Wednesday volunteers are greatly needed. Do you have a relationship with a local elementary, middle, or high school? What about a sports team that needs team bonding or community service hours? Does your office or business support a local cause? Can you do a can food drive? See Monica for exciting ideas and easy ways to support this mission!

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

Elaine Richard, lead pantry nurse, along with Deacon Pam Thompson, are providing blood pressure checks and offering assistance in understanding medication, nutrition, and other healthcare needs. This ministry has grown immensely and supports the clients of the food pantry. Some have serious healthcare needs and solicit advice, guidance, and prayer, whereas others are utilizing the Parish nurses for counseling and a listening ear. The numbers are staggering, as many as 1/3 of the clients visit the parish nurses corner on some Wednesdays. Another way we are *'Continuing Christ's Work in the World.'*

Nursing Corner Facts 2015:

239 clients seen
463 visits to nurses

THE REAL FACTS:

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY TOTALS

November: 372 families

December: 367 families

Year to Date 2015: 3931 families

MISSION TRIP

VPC is hitting the road to wild, wonderful West Virginia! On June 19th-June 25th, 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. The deadline to register is **January 31st**. Please submit the first \$250 by 1/31, and the second \$250 by 3/13. The payments are refundable until **March 20th**. For more information, please contact Michelle. (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).



SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

The Spring Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 19th, 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!

NATIVITY

The 35th Annual Nativity was a wonderful success. On December 18th and December 19th, the Birth Story of Jesus was reenacted for the Carrollwood community, visitors, etc. Thank you to the Praise Team, youth parents, construction crew, and so many more!!

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WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

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

- **Present Word** ~*Four Weddings and a Funeral* (the second unit of *Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings*)—January; *Holy Days* (the third unit of *Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings*)—February. Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel:** On Sunday, January 17th and 25th, John Chaplick will be leading the study with a discussion of his book, *Forbidden Chronicles of a Roman Centurion*. Just a reminder that the third payment of \$25 is due for the New Testament Bethel books. Please make the check out to Village Presbyterian Church with “Bethel” in the memo line. Scholarships and alternative payment plans are available! For more information, please contact Michelle. (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)

Sunday School for Children & Youth

On Sunday nights, kids will make a SPLASH
Singing * **P**laying * **L**earning * **A**nd * **S**erving * **H**im!

- 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).

BOOK CLUB:

The VPC book club meets every second Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of Anderson Hall. Our February book will be *Forbidden Chronicles of a Roman Centurion*, by our own John Chaplick. Our March book will be *People of the*

Book, by Geraldine Brooks. 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)

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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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Thank you to all who contributed to the Advent Devotional. Your stories added so much to the season, and provided a daily reminder of the amazing family in Christ that we have here at VPC.

DRAMA TEAM

The drama team is starting practices for our all new mystery dinner on January 20th. 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 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m. For more information, please see Rev. Michelle.



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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 January and February.

January 10

Psalm 29
Luke 3:15-17, 21 & 22
I know that voice...

January 17

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
It's about time.

January 24

Luke 4:14-21
Psalm 96:1-10
Worship

January 31

Colossians 3:15-17
Romans 12:1-2
Equip the Saints

February 7

Ephesians 4:11-16
Romans 1:11-12
Engaging Together

February 14

James 2:20-23
Micah 6:6-8
What the Lord requires...

February 21

Psalm 127:1-2
1 Corinthians 3:10-14
Oil for the engine...

February 28

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
The pop quiz

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 10th, 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 January 24th. All sides and drinks will be provided.



MUSIC AT VILLAGE

Happy New Year! It's a new year for the music ministry at Village, and we have many exciting opportunities coming up! If you resolved to be more involved at Village this year, we have a place for you.

Last year our Chancel Choir had many firsts—our first joint choir performances, first invitation to perform at another church, first music ministry retreat, and first Christmas musical. This year, we will continue doing exciting things as we continue to worship God through singing. We would love for you to join us! We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.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. Rehearsals are Sunday morning 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, so if you play or used to play a brass instrument, let us know! We would love to get you started! (*cont. on page 4*)

Foundation

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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 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