

Faithful Times

Continuing Christ's Work in the World



From the Pastor's Window

My hero, John Calvin, taught that prayer is based in the wonderful exchange of Christ's blessing for our curse. He also taught that faith precedes prayer, that the content of prayer is really asking for what God has already given us and that the purpose of prayer is not for God's benefit-- but for ours. To that I always add that prayer is primarily an answer to God who first spoke to us.

Calvin set down his four rules for prayer (apologies for the 16th century phrasing):

"Now **the first rule** to establish prayer well and appropriately is that we have the attitude and understanding of heart which is suitable for those who enter into conversation with God. This is the case when our mind, being disentangled from all carnal cares and reflections by which it can be turned away or hindered from looking rightly and purely to God, not only completely applies itself to the intention of praying, but also as much as possible is lifted above itself...Likewise, the heart must aspire with all its effort to the same goal and follow the same way. As the mind ought to be completely directed to God, so also the affection should wholly delight in Him." *

Think transcendence...

"Next there is a **second rule**: that we put from us all thought of our own glory, that we strip ourselves of all opinion of our own dignity, that we leave off all confidence in ourselves, giving glory to God in our humility and abasement-- lest if we want to ascribe something to ourselves, even the least thing in the world, with our mad arrogance we would be crushed before His face." *

The Greek word is Kenosis (emptying yourself)...

"**The third rule** ought to be that, whenever we ask something which is beneficial for us, we may feel our poverty without pretense and that, considering without pretense what we need, we may ask it with true affection for obtaining our request." *

Honest humility....

"**The fourth rule** of praying well is that we be moved to pray with certain hope of obtaining our request." *

God answers every prayer of the righteous person...

O, yes, now that Calvin has mentioned hope, let us turn to see his definition of **hope**:

"Hope is nothing else than an expectation of the good things which faith has believed are truthfully promised by God. Thus, faith believes that God is truthful; hope expects that He will reveal His truth in time. Faith believes that He is our Father; hope expects that He will reveal Himself as such toward us. Faith believes that eternal life is given to us; hope expects that we will one day obtain it. Faith is the foundation on which hope rests; hope nourishes and supports faith." (p. 269) *

* John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion: 1541 French Edition, translated by Elsie Anne McKee (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2009), pp. 460-461, 463.

That is to say, hope is basically faith directed toward the future. As faith is the knowledge of God's current goodness toward us, so hope is the confident expectation of God's continuing goodness in the future.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Jim

My Commitment as A Christian

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed.

I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure.

I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on his presence, walk by patience, live by prayer, and labor by power. My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my guide reliable, my mission is clear.

I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut up, or let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am disciple of Jesus. I must go til He comes, give til I drop, preach til all know, and work til He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no trouble recognizing me ~~~ my banner will be clear.

(This was originally found written in pencil and tacked to the wall of young African pastor's home. It has hung on my wall since the day I was ordained. I decided it was time to share it again --- because nothing in it has changed. PJ)

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 a dish to share 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 will be Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be crafts, plants, bake sale, food by the Village Guys, and more! New this year is a Kids Make It, Take It craft area. Vendors are still being accepted with spaces for \$25 for no table and \$30 for a table provided. Call Kathy Feicke for more information at 813-962-4063.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Kathy Andry joined VPC by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, October 25th! She has three children and 12 grandchildren living in New York, California, and Florida, and enjoys baking and cooking for family and friends. Please take a moment to say hello.

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.

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

Please take a moment to say "thank you" to our long-time custodian, Aurelio Laurino!! He will be celebrating 20 years at Village on December 6th.

MEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS

At the Florida Writers Association annual conference in Orlando, John Chaplick's book *The Rivergrass Legacy* won first place in its genre. The award is called The Royal Palm Literary Award. Now we can claim John as "an award-winning author".

TIPS FOR A SAFE HOSPITAL STAY

Going to the hospital can be nerve-wracking, but knowing what to do before, during, and after your hospital stay can give you peace of mind and help you stay safe while getting the best care.

These tips will better prepare you for a planned or unplanned stay in the hospital and may help you avoid returning to the hospital unnecessarily.

Prepare an Information Kit.

You should prepare a kit even if you don't plan to go to the hospital anytime soon. The kit can be similar to the suitcase that pregnant women are encouraged to have ready when they are close to their delivery date. But instead of clothes and toiletries, you should fill it with important medical and personal information. This kit should include a list of your medications and dosages, diseases and medical conditions, allergies to medications or food, and the name and contact information of your physicians and health care providers.

Choose your decision-maker.

You should identify a person you trust to make decisions on your behalf in case you are too sick to make them yourself. This person can be your spouse, an adult child, or in the case of a minor, a parent.

Any supporting or legal documents, such as a living will or power of attorney, should name your decision-maker and should be included in the kit, too. Make several copies of the kit because once you are in the hospital, you will give it to your doctors and caregivers. Be sure to leave the original documents at home.

Bring an advocate or helper.

Make sure you have an advocate or helper that can be with you during your stay at the hospital. This can be the same person who will be your decision-maker. The advocate's role is to be present when you are interacting with your medical care team so the advocate can ensure your needs as a patient are met.

Always ask questions.

One of the most important things you and your advocate need to do during your stay at the hospital is to ask questions. These questions should address what medicines you will have to take, which tests or procedures will be done, and the reason for doing them, and which appointments you will have with doctors during your stay.

Keep moving for a speedy recovery.

One of the major complications of being in the hospital is becoming weak and losing strength because of lack of movement, especially for older adult patients. Keep moving unless there is a medical reason you are unable to do so. If you are used to walking around, take a stroll in the hallways or get out of bed and sit on a chair. For every day you spend in bed, it may require four to five days of movement recovery after you leave the hospital, so continue moving to avoid needing that extra recovery time.

Watch out for infections.

Preventing infections is another way to stay safe while in the hospital, and hand-washing is key. Anyone who comes to visit you should wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Also, ask every day if catheters or IVs are still necessary and if they can be removed. They can become a risk for infection, since they are in places where bacteria can enter the body.

Get on board with your discharge plan.

You or your advocate should ask about your discharge plan when you are getting ready to be released from the hospital. This plan will tell you which follow-up appointments you need, how soon you need to see your primary care doctor or specialist, and if you need any other tests done. It will also tell you who your point of contact is for arranging additional appointments and tests. Be sure to ask for a discharge summary to give to your primary care provider. The summary will include instructions for what to do when you get home, what to do if you develop new symptoms, what symptoms to look for, and who to call if any problems develop.

Following these simple steps can have a huge impact on the outcome of your hospital stay.

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Marge Anke (recuperating from surgery)
- Tina Antram (health concerns)
- Nancy Bardin (recuperating from surgery)
- Frances Barksdale (health concerns)
- Michelle Blume's friend, Vivian Corvo (breast cancer)
- Shirley Bryan (health concerns)
- Roger and Linda Cantor's grandson-in-law (stationed in US Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey), and dog, Katie (health concerns)
- Marilyn Elzinga (hospice care)
- Linda Farrell's brother, Benny (pancreatic cancer)
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Carolyn Perry (recuperating from surgery)
- Mike and Linda Schuyler's niece, Kristi (health concerns)
- Diane Smith's friend, Patty Alten (health concerns)
- Reggie Wilson's sister, Cherrie (health concerns)
- Alice Yearsley's sister-in-law, Ginny McKeen (lung cancer)
- Service Personnel
- Our Missionaries
- The Jobless—The Hungry —The Homeless

NURSING HOME/REHAB

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

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Debbie and Larry Ramsey and family on the sudden death of Larry's sister, Ellen.

Bryan Payne and family on the death of his mother, Marjorie W. Payne, who passed away on October 23, 2015. Pastor Jim will be doing the service at Curlew Hills Memory Garden (1750 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor) on Saturday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m.

A BIG THANK-YOU!

Thank you to all who have brought in hygiene items for our Church Women United Clothes Closet! Last week we saw over 60 clients/families and the shampoo, lotion, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc go out as quickly as they come in. We are always in need of these items and truly appreciate your continued generosity.

Betty Brady

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

November Birthdays:

03 Shirley Head	15 John Morelli
06 Devon Bozeman	16 Alex Wilson
07 Gary Feicke	17 Bill Head
09 Jackie Ramnauth	19 Andrew McIntosh
10 Hanna Hawken	22 Petrine Bilicki
10 Bill Cusick	22 June De Nadai
12 Carol Knop	23 Enid McIntosh
14 Joyce Royal	25 Betty Brady
14 Ray Lewis	26 Megan Caudle
15 Laurie Bowman	29 Don Hitchcock

December Birthdays:

01 Don Manguson	22 Michael Short
01 Mary Howard	22 Carolyn Perry
01 Marge Anke	23 Kenn Ramnauth
04 Carol Glenn	24 Jane McMurtry
04 Desiree Baksh	25 Becca Hawken
05 Karen Butler	25 Ann Best
07 Drew Canestrano	26 Herb Webster
11 Chris Ramsey	27 Carol Odachowski
14 Alice Yearsley	28 Al Odachowski
16 Norma Diedrich	29 Charles Rozelle
16 Terri Balzer	29 Craig Little
20 Tiffany Winsett	30 Reggie Wilson



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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.

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CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

What is "Everything but the Turkey" Day of Service?

On Saturday, November 14, the Community Food Pantry at Village Presbyterian Church will be celebrating a day of service. We, along with high school service groups, local churches, and regular volunteers, will provide "everything but the turkey" for at least 500 families in need in our community.

How Can You Help?

Filling bags: We are providing empty brown grocery bags to those who are willing to fill them with Thanksgiving side dishes for the Day of Service. Please stop by the church office to pick up your bags. If your organization, business, or church is interested in filling bags, please contact Monica Wilson at 813-961-4115 or villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com to arrange a bag delivery AND pick up.

Volunteering on the day of the event: Lots of volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 14, from 8:00-11:30 a.m. to help with the distribution of bags. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the website at www.villagepresbyterian.com. Please park in the west parking lot near the church office (accessible from S. Village Drive) to be sure our clients have easy access to drive through on the Carrollwood Village Run side of the church.

Do you know someone in need of help?

If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving meal with "everything but the turkey," please visit the Community Food Pantry (lineup in the circle on the east side of the church, accessible from Carrollwood Village Run) on Saturday, November 14th, between 9:00-11:00 a.m. One bag will be provided per family and will be distributed in the drive-thru. There will be traffic control and cars will be ticketed if they lineup before 9:00 a.m. or park on the lawn.

BEYOND THE DAY OF SERVICE...

We will provide turkeys to our clients and will need volunteers for giving them out on the morning of Tuesday, November 24th, 2015. We will also provide Christmas bags with supplemental food for the holidays to our pantry clients as well.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

If you know a high school student wanting a safe environment to complete service hours, Boy Scout or Girl Scout projects, or just give back, please have them visit the attached sign up online at <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. The sign up link is also available on the website at www.villagepresbyterianchurch.com

THE FACTS:

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY TOTALS

August: 338 families

September: 361 families

Year to Date 2015: 3039 families

How can you help?

Or who can you send? Wednesday volunteers are greatly needed. 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? We want you!

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.'*

PAY IT FORWARD

We continue to share our excess food, bread, produce, and desserts with Christian Social Services (CSS), Joshua House (foster care), and other local food programs, the sick and shut in, to a local gardener for compost when we are able. We oftentimes need help getting food to these locations. There are office support jobs available, too!

Contact us anytime through the church office, email: villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com or visit www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR

Beginning in mid-November, we will again provide gifts to seniors who have no one else to receive gifts from. We will provide them to 48 seniors in Manhattan Place (a Presbyterian residence) and Home Instead (which cares for those attempting to stay in their homes rather than going to assisted living facilities). Their Christmas gift lists are very simple and basic, and we are blessed to be able to provide the simple items that can truly be used.

Ornaments with each individual list will be hanging on the small Christmas tree to the side of the main sanctuary doors, and we will be set up at our small table to notate which are taken and to inform how to wrap and return them.

Thank you very much!
Mark Brandley

THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING!!

The next blood drive will be Sunday, November 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Donors ages 16 or 17 will need a signature from a parent.

MISSION TRIP

VPC is hitting the road to wild, wonderful, West Virginia! On June 19-June 25, 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. Please come to the informational meeting on **November 14th**, right after church in Room 7. For more information, please contact Michelle. (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)

3rd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The third annual youth family Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, November 15, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Each year, every family brings a side and the church provides the turkey. This year Pastor Jim, Reggie, and George will be cooking the turkeys and they guarantee deliciousness. All youth and family members are encouraged to attend!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Our annual tradition of Hanging of the Greens will occur on Sunday, November 29, 2015. We will begin decorating the church for Christmas at 5:00 p.m., and then eat dinner right after. The church will provide the ham, and we are requesting for each family to bring a side for the potluck. After the dinner, churchgoers are encouraged to go through different stations of the Nativity and complete a craft in room 7.

NATIVITY

The **35th Annual Nativity** is coming soon! On Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19, the Birth Story of Jesus will be reenacted for the Carrollwood community, visitors, etc. Please arrive at 6:15 p.m. to get a good spot. The Praise Team will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Nativity will start at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the VPC's greatest traditions and a beautiful time of community and celebration. Please come and invite your friends and family!



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WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

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

- **Present Word** ~ *Seeds of New Growth (the third unit of The Christian Community Comes Alive)*—November; *What We Bring to God (the first unit of Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings)*—December. Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel:** Just a reminder that the second payment of \$25 is due for the Old 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 * 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.
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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).

SPLASH – For the last 6 months the children have been learning the Old Testament stories. From October-December, we will be taking a little break from the OT narratives and focusing on Christ meeting people’s needs in the New Testament. During this time, the kids are carrying out their own mission project, which they have named, “Saving Syria”. The children have learned an overview of the

refugee needs from Syria and have brainstormed on how they can help. They will be selling crafts at the upcoming craft fair (Nov. 7th), and have an upcoming fundraiser. On Sunday, December 20, the kids will be wrapping presents during church in the SPLASH room. If you would like to bring your Christmas presents that need to be wrapped, they will be able to assist for donations only. All proceeds that the children earn over the next two months will go to World Vision’s fund to serve the Syrians in crisis (michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

BOOK CLUB

The VPC Book Club began in October, and it is going to be awesome! Our book for November is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The book for December is *Silent Night* by Mary Higgins Clark. We will meet every second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and will enjoy a variety of different books. 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).

KICKBALL GAME

The third annual parents v. youth game occurred on October 10th. It was a great time of fellowship, fun, and healthy competition. The youth (finally) won. Thank you to our faithful fans who came and cheered us on.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

The Advent Devotional this year will be focusing on JOY! We would love for all families to partake in the creation of the devotional by answering “What brings you joy during the holidays?” Please send your submissions to Michelle at michelleb.vpc@gmail.com, by November 16th at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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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 November and December.

November 1 (All Saints' Day)

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15

Rev. Blume preaching

November 22 (Christ the King)

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, 18
John 18:33-37

November 29

Rev. Blume preaching

December 6

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79

December 13

Christmas Musical

December 20

Cantata
Rev. Blume preaching
Joy

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Luke 1:68-79

December 27

Cookies and Carols

MUSIC AT VILLAGE

With Advent around the corner, the music ministry department is in full swing! Here are all the dates you need on your calendar:

On Sunday, Dec. 6, our Chancel Choir will be joined by the choir from Tampa First. Throughout the service they will present beautiful Advent music as a joint choir.

Come back on that evening, Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m., and join us for our third annual Christmas concert featuring Brittany and Tory Bozeman, Charissa Denham, and Cliff Longcoy. It will be an evening of wonderful piano and vocal music and is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

The Chancel Choir is joining forces with the drama team to present a Christmas musical, "Why the Chimes Rang," during our morning service on December 13. Be sure to bring a friend, and get ready for some great singing and acting!

Our annual Christmas cantata will take place during the Sunday morning service on December 20. It will feature all elements of our music ministry here at Village including Village Brass, Village Strings, Chancel Choir, Praise Team, and Village Voices.

With all these exciting events coming up, don't be left out! We are looking for more volunteers to join our music community. So, if you have ever played an instrument and would like to dust it off, let us know! We will find you a place in one of our groups. If you play guitar, the praise team is looking for you! Please come talk to anyone in the Praise Team and we will get you set up to play.

Sometimes making a year-long commitment to the choir might not be possible for you. However, if you would like to sing with the Chancel Choir during the Advent season, you can now join us on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. During that time, we will be practicing the music for our upcoming joint choir, Christmas musical, and Christmas cantata. We would love to have you sing with us! No auditions are necessary, just come on by on Wednesday night, and we will get you set up! 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:	Jeri Lopez, Marcia Shemo, Pam Thompson, vacancy