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Ministry Fund

As we enter the last quarter of the year, our greatest need is for gifts to our Ministry Fund. Formerly named the "General Fund", the money is still used the same way it was before the name change: salaries for our amazing staff, mortgage and utilities for our facility, youth ministry, adult ministries, missionaries, and everything listed in the budget which was approved by the congregation in January. The new name simply reflects the reality that your gifts to that Fund support the majority of ministries at Village. Unless a gift is marked for one of our preferenced accounts, like Grace Fund which provides assistance for local people who are struggling with basic needs like rent or food, we put gifts into the Ministry Fund. Thank you for considering this request since we know there are many worthy nonprofits and other ministries!

40 Days of Prayer

There's a unique power in a concerted and united prayer. Responding to requests from our congregation, we decided to extend prayer days in the Sanctuary to Monday-Saturday 7-11am, Friday 7-9am. There is no programmed schedule, just come and pray consistently, on your way to work, or even just for 5-10 minutes. There will be a list of prayer items that you can pray for the church. If you are unable to come to the church to pray, please find the prayer items linked in the last Village Weekly email.

Village Celebration 101: Beauty of Diversity

This online course will take you through 8 weeks of learning about the beauty in cultural differences within our own Village community. Taught by Villagers, this 90 minute time together will give you a taste of how the image of God is so wonderfully complex. We will begin the first two weeks with a foundation in cultural values, then the following four weeks you will be taught by fellow Villagers and friends in Korean, Indian, Chinese, and North American cultural values. As we culminate with a meal in person, our aim is that we celebrate the greater understanding of how cultural values impact our community, and new cross-cultural friendships.

The first class begins on Thursday, October 1, and continues for 8 weeks, Thursdays, 6-7:30pm. We encourage you to join us! Please register for the class even if you are unable to attend, as the teachings will be recorded and can be shared with you. Questions? info@villagebeaverton.com

Correction - Youth Ministry Update!

Parents and students we have new meeting times for this upcoming Fall year! Our first High School gathering will be Sunday, September 27th at 6:00pm in the Chapel and Middle School will be Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00pm in the Gym.

Middle School:

Wednesday Evenings | 7:00 - 8:30pm | Gym
Group Gatherings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday
Life Groups: 2nd & 4th Wednesday

High School:

Sunday Evenings | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Chapel
Group Gatherings: 1st & 3rd Sunday
Life Groups: 2nd & 4th Sunday

If you have not been receiving our emails and would like to opt in, please email youth@villagebeaverton.com

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Support Your Village Cafe!

Our Café is now open with extended hours! Visit Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, and join us as we extravagantly love our community with the ample space God has given us. The entire lobby space and Columbia Rooms have been opened up and transformed for people to relax, do online school, work, socialize... all with physical distancing. Our surfaces are being cleaned and disinfected throughout the day. See you soon!

The Well

The letters of the Apostle Peter were written in the early days of the Christian church to people confronted by difficulties and troubles. Peter writes to encourage and strengthen them in the Lord Jesus. Our world too is a place of difficulty, and Peter's words also ring true for our faith. Peter exhorts believers to be absolutely certain of that which we believe, continuing to deepen our faith as we look to the Lord. Grace and peace can be ours through our hope in Christ. The Apostle himself has much to teach us. It is one of the miracles of the Gospel that the Holy Spirit empowers this impulsive headstrong man to become an eloquent defender of faith in Jesus Christ. Such change is possible for us as well!

The Well has been a wonderful place to deepen our understanding of God's Word, and to fellowship with one another. If we abide by firm COVID-19 safeguards, The Well can continue. Our interaction with one another will be in small groups, no more than 6-8 women in each group. We will watch the taped lecture together in our small groups, then discuss our lesson. We would like to meet in October/November, then break for the winter months, resuming in early spring. We will also offer a Zoom group for our high-risk health or hearing-impaired sisters. Of necessity, registration will be limited. We will meet on Tuesday mornings, from 9:00-11:00, beginning October 6th. Groups will have staggered start times for safety.

Online payment is now up and running! We encourage you to register and pay online by clicking the link in the last Village Weekly email. Questions? Please email info@villagebeaverton.com.

Senior's Live Lessons

By now, most of you have become accustomed to hearing us say, "Hello everyone this is Tom and Bud here in the Columbia room." We hope you have been enjoying these virtual lessons on the book of Colossians. We are reaching the end of that series and we are ready to begin a new topic! Beginning Friday October 2nd at 11:00am, we plan to begin looking at a seldom discussed topic, "Spiritual Warfare." But that's not all. Our class will meet live in the main auditorium of Village!

COVID-19 requirements in Oregon will allow only 50 people at a time to meet live, and if you're willing to bring your face mask, and sit in the designated areas, we can do it. You'll see the PowerPoint on the big screen, follow along with your own class notes, and actually ask questions live during the lesson. We're excited about the opportunity to return to Village with a SENIORS LIVE class presentation! Below, you'll see a link to sign up for the class. If more than 50 people sign up, we will open another class time that day for another 50 people.

We want to thank Pastor Paul Choi and the admin staff for making this live class possible. Click on the link in the last Village Weekly email and follow the directions to register. We hope to see you soon.

PushPay Giving

You can access PushPay from our church app, the church website, or from your phone by texting VILLAGEGIVE to 77977. Thank you for your generosity towards Village! Questions? patty@villagebeaverton.com

Giving Updates

Looking for updates on giving? Want to give? Please visit our giving page, villagebeaverton.com/give2

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Dig Deeper — September 27, 2020

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Prayer Points

- Pray for our missionaries who continue to navigate ministry during the pandemic with shutdowns, travel restrictions, and health concerns. Pray for God to bless them with creativity, increased faith, and opportunities to reach people with the gospel despite the challenges.
- Pray for David Castaneda who is coming to Portland the first end of September and first of October. Pray for safe travel, good health and successful meetings.
- Thank God for his provision through Village and our community for all the supplies donated to help fire victims and the fire fighters this past week. Village was able to provide food and water to the front lines of fires for the fire fighters as well as provide blankets, hats, gloves, socks, and food supplies to multiple evacuation sites in Oregon.

Sharing and Listening Guide

Take a moment to invite the Holy Spirit to minister to you through this time.

- Ken discussed that seeing God more clearly is deeply connected to seeing ourselves more clearly. What are some spiritual disciplines you have engaged in that have brought you closer to God and where you have also seen a resulting growth in your peace, joy, and love?
- Justification by Christ alone means that our goodness derives from God's grace in Jesus and that we approach this gospel by faith and not by the law. When have you seen grace operative in community and when have you seen legalism. From your experience, what defines the difference when we live into grace and what fruit does it bear in the community?
- C.S. Lewis added a type of love, "Appreciation Love," to the more basic forms of gift and need love. How do you see this concept of appreciation love connecting to our understanding of grace and our worship of God?
- What are ways that gratitude and thanksgiving could be built more deeply into your life? What are ways they could be build more deeply into the life of Village?
- Self reflective prayer: On a scale of 1-10, how worthy of love do you feel? Take some time to pray and thank God the father for his love, God the son for the grace given through his blood, and God the Spirit for animating and applying grace in your life that you may grow more fully into the image of God. Ask God to help you as you try to see yourself in the loving way he sees you.

Connect with Others

We want to help connect you with other members of the church in your walk with the Lord. Please email info@villagebeaverton.com for more information or to sign up for weekly newsletters for any of our ministries.

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