

VILLAGE ONLINE

Announcements — December 6, 2020

John 1:14

Pastor Mauricio Rivas - El Verbo Se Hizo Carne (The Word Became Flesh)



Because Of You!

Each week we share an encouraging example of the impact we're making together. "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" (Revelation 7:9-10.)

Because of you, we held our first Village Celebration 101 class this fall and plan to repeat it yearly. Over 100 Villagers registered for this 8-week online training and fellowship opportunity. Taught by our own community members, every week Villagers met to learn from one another, to expand our knowledge of cultural differences, and to celebrate our unity. We covered practical things like how to best greet one another at church, considering our diverse cultural backgrounds.

The fellowship that grew out of this course was a true gift. One Villager, who has been homebound since COVID began, said it was a major source of relationship for her while home alone. She expressed sadness at the end of each class. Non-Villagers from across the globe asked if they could join, as they heard about it from their Village friends. So many Villagers expressed their gratitude at the opportunity to learn more about each other as well as experience the caring teaching from fellow Villagers.

Your gifts to the Ministry Fund enabled this class to be a witness to the truth and love of the multicultural body of Christ! Because of you, Village continues to grow in our call to love Jesus and one another extravagantly.

Hispanic Fellowship's Goals and Visions for 2021

Watch the short video below for a glimpse of what is envisioned for ministry in 2021. To make this possible, we invite you to give generously between now and Dec. 31. We have [two goals](#). If we end the year with \$2.7M in giving, we'll be in a position to pursue these opportunities. Any amount helps! And if 400 households participate, we believe our giving goal will be achieved. [Click here](#) to hear about Hispanic Fellowship's Vision for 2021. Looking for updates on giving? Want to give? Please visit our [giving page](#).

North Korea Special Update - Live Webinar

Today, December 6, 5:00pm

Dr. Stephen Yoon with IGNIS Community will give a live online update in December to a limited audience. To ensure your access to the webinar, request your invitation this week by contacting us below. Your email contact information will be forwarded to IGNIS who will send you the invitation to join the webinar. Invitations are not to be shared outside your immediate family so if others would like to join, have them contact us to request a separate invitation. You will not want to miss this rare opportunity to hear what is happening in North Korea and how you can be praying and supporting the humanitarian work there. [Reserve your spot now.](#)

Mosaic Fellowship Group

Beginning today, December 6

Mosaic will be starting a 13-week study of the book of Ecclesiastes. We will meet via Zoom, Sundays 11:15am-12:15pm, using a study guide by Justin Holcomb. The first week will be an introduction with the study guide starting the following week. Each gathering will end with a time of prayer.

Find the study guide on [Christian Book](#) or [Amazon](#).

Leader: [Craig Watkins](#)

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 810 2350 8424 Password: mosaic

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Village Cafe & Workspace

Village Cafe remains closed for now, and will reopen when restaurants in Washington County are allowed to offer indoor dining. All current updates can be found on [our website](#).

Village Flu Clinic

December 9, 2020

Come get vaccinated and stay healthy this flu season! [English Flyer](#). [Spanish Flyer](#). [Sign Up Now](#).

Hispanic Fellowship and Village Kids Partnership

December 13, 2020

Village Kids is partnering with our Village Hispanic Fellowship in a neighborhood outreach this Christmas and we'd love for you to partner with us, too! Please consider contributing one or more of the items listed and drop them off to us on December 13th. [More Information](#).

Gifts for Village Families

We know this year has been challenging for families and while COVID-19 may have been a surprise to us, it was not a surprise to God who chose you to be a parent during this global pandemic. We love you and care about what you are going through. To assist you in facilitating spiritual conversations in your home, please accept one of these devotional books as a gift from your Village Family. Please [review the choices](#) and complete the [order form](#) to receive your gift. Your selection will be sent directly to your home in the coming weeks.

Distribution Center Making a Difference

Over the past 6 months, Village has distributed food and supplies through our Distribution Center to support community organizations like HomePlate Youth who recently sent us a thank you letter: "On behalf of the HomePlate youth drop-in program, I thank you for your generous support. Your continued support helps us to provide vital services and resources to youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Because of supporters like you, we are continuing to explore ways to serve a population that often goes unnoticed. We appreciate knowing that neighbors like you care about youth and young adults who are in special need. Thank you for being a great partner! -Bridget Calfee, HomePlate Executive Director

Donation Needs: Canned fruit, fruit cups, rice, pasta, hygiene supplies, diapers (sizes 2, 3, 4, 6, and pull-ups)

And Thank You Again!

Thank you for your generous and extravagant love in donations to Bridge Town families for Thanksgiving meals. We exceeded our goal of providing 30 meals! Your donations made it possible for 159 baskets to be distributed to families—more than Bridge Town has ever given out before.

Village Neighborhood Market

December 11 and 18, 3:00-5:00pm

Our Village Distribution Center is coordinating with local grocery stores to provide a free Neighborhood Market for two Fridays in December! We are providing our neighborhood free food on December 11 and 18 between 3:00-5:00pm in the upper parking lot. We will provide perishable foods, staple foods, as well as toiletry items that may help people during the holidays. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact [Michelle Jordan](#).

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The Village Yule Log

It's the moment we've all been waiting for! The first [Village Yule Log](#) is live now. Come enjoy over three hours of instrumental music played by our very own Villagers! Next week, we'll present our Songs and Stories Yule Log, featuring Villager voices telling Christmas stories, reading scripture, sharing testimonies, and singing a variety of songs. There's still time to contribute! Please email [Charlotte Bryan](#) with questions or content before December 6th.

Lead Pastor Search Committee Update

The Lead Pastor Search Committee has been meeting and working on our search process next steps. Please take a minute to fill out this survey for the Lead Pastor Search Committee. Your input matters as we prayerfully seek our next Lead Pastor.

[Chinese Language Survey](#)

[Korean Language Survey](#)

[English Language Survey](#)

*Spanish translation soon to come!

[Questions?](#)

Dental Assistants Needed

Our Village Dental Clinic needs licensed dental assistants who can volunteer with our dental clinic team. Our clinics serve uninsured and vulnerable communities in Washington County. [Contact us](#) for more information.

Tapestry

Beginning January 12, 2021.

A weaving together of English speaking women from various cultures and life stages. Meeting every other Tuesday evening 7-8:30 pm via Zoom, we discuss Scripture and focus on how God is speaking into our lives through it. Our mission outreach varies as we become aware of opportunities to bless others both locally and overseas. Leader: Poppy Smith, assisted by various women in the group. Study: Exodus—Learning to Trust God. [Questions?](#)

Village App

Have you downloaded the Village App? It's a one stop spot for all Village updates, right on your phone! We share weekly prayer requests, announcements, event details, and sermons through our app. Available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) users.

PushPay Giving

You can access [PushPay](#) anytime from our church app, the church website, or from your phone by texting VILLAGEGIVE to 77977. Thank you for your generosity towards Village! Questions? Email [Patty](#).

Giving Updates

Looking for updates on giving? Want to give? Please visit our [giving page](#).

Connect with Us

We want to stay connected with you throughout the week! Click below to follow our social medias.

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[YouTube](#)

[Instagram](#)

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Prayer Points

- Please pray for Joe and Karen Adams as they return to Lesotho. Joe will resume flying for MAF after COVID restrictions prolonged their return. Pray for their family to readjust to work and school schedules.
- Pray for upcoming Village Dental Clinic on December 11. Pray for caring interactions with patients and for all patients to be able to make their appointments.
- Our final Red Cross Blood Drive is December 10. Thank God for faithful Village volunteers who warmly welcome patients, some of whom are neighbors to our church.

Sharing and Listening Guide

In Christianity, the word “incarnation” is used to express the idea that Jesus Christ has come to earth in human form. The word is a Latin term that literally means “the act of being incarnated.” This Latin term was used in John 1:14, which speaks of Jesus, who “became flesh and dwelt among us.”

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke, narrate the bodily birth of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, but the Gospel of John begins by narrating His Eternity. In the book of John we see the joy of the birth of Jesus, his eternal state, we see the incarnation of Immanuel (God with us) we see God as the creator of all things and as the light of the world to all that exists.

- Jesus is the incarnation of the Father. What does the term Immanuel mean to you? Is God with us or is Today God in us.
- Do you agree when we say that Jesus is the creator of everything that exists? See John 1: 3
- Jesus is the light of the world John 8:12 When was the last time you shared this light with someone who walks in darkness?

Connect with Others

We want to help connect you with other members of the church in your walk with the Lord. Click below for more information on any of our fellowships or ministries.

[Asian American Fellowship](#)

[Kids Ministry](#)

[Chinese Fellowship](#)

[Middle School Ministry](#)

[Hispanic Fellowship](#)

[High School Ministry](#)

[Korean Fellowship](#)

[Seniors Ministry](#)