

VILLAGE ONLINE

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Congregational Vote

Each January at our Annual Meeting, we conduct a congregational vote on our next year's budget, new Elder Board members, and the next nominating committee. This year we are voting on those items as well as our internal Lead Pastor candidate, Pastor Paul Choi. Because we are worship remotely, you should have already received paper ballots with instructions for an online voting option.

1. Please look for the ballot(s) in the mail hopefully by the end of this week. If you don't receive a ballot by mail for some reason by next Tuesday, January 26, please call the church office at (503) 643-6511 or email info@villagebeaverton.com. Note that all ballots must be returned on/before Wednesday, February 3 at 5:00pm.
2. If you plan to vote electronically, make sure you use the Unique ID provided on your ballot. Deadline to vote is February 3 at 5:00pm.
3. For all other questions regarding voting, please reach out to [Elder Vice Chair Kamal Polumaru](#).

Elder Board Candidates

We have two new candidates to join our Elder Board. You, the congregation, will have opportunity to vote on them at our Annual Meeting at the end of this month. Please take a look at their bios and get to know them! [Justin Jullian \(testimony here\)](#) and [Wonjae Kang \(testimony here\)](#)

Village Care

A family of Christ-followers who care for one another as Christ loves the church. We want to share some of the ways we express that care here at Village. [Please click here](#) to see all of the ways we can connect with each other! We are constantly discovering more ways to share the love of Christ with those at Village and those around us. If we missed your ministry or you have an idea for us, please contact our Co-Directors of Pastoral Care, Jim Clementson and Nancy Anderson. They are here to support and encourage you as you live out what John says in I John 3:11 – "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning that we should love one another." "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us." (I John 3:23)

Welcome Baby Box

In partnership, Village Distribution Center and Village Kids desire to support mothers who welcomed a new baby into their family in 2020 and/or are expecting in 2021. We hope to bless mothers in our Village family, local friends of Villagers, and mother's connected to neighboring churches without children's ministry resources.

Please consider partnering with us in one of two ways:

[Request a Baby Box](#)

[Donate items for Baby Boxes](#)

We will be collecting Baby Box items on Sunday, February 7 from 12:00pm -1:30pm in the upper parking lot. Mother's receiving Baby Boxes will be notified directly and invited to pick up their gifts on Sunday, February 14 from 12:00pm -1:30pm in the upper lot. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry.

[Questions?](#)

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2021 Budget

The Board of Elders and Stewardship Commission recommend a \$2.6M budget for this year which they are asking you to approve. Here is [The Financial Report](#) that was shared in the last two Wednesday emails. A more detailed 2021 budget version is available and can be picked up in the church lobby. Due to the nature of information in the budget such as salaries for missionaries who serve in sensitive places, we made hardcopies available beginning January 20, but will not distribute it digitally. The lobby is open Monday -Saturday from 8a-8p and Sunday from 8a-5p. If you missed the two information meetings last Sunday and have questions, please contact [Ben Spotts](#), Senior Director of Operations, or [Dave Lewis](#), Board Treasurer.

Goodbye Gift for Pastor Renjy

As Pastor Renjy Abraham let us know, he is stepping down from Village staff at the end of the month, solely focusing on his work as Dean of Spiritual Life and Cultural Integration at Multnomah University. Pastor Renjy has served Village for over 16 years, and leaves an indelible mark on our community. So many of us have personal stories and experiences with Pastor Renjy, so we ask you to actually write one or two down on a card to give to him as a compilation of the impact of his ministry to us. You can mail or drop off cards to our Front Office until the end of the month, or to send a digital memory, you can do so here: [Favorite Renjy Memory](#). To stay in contact with Pastor Renjy, please know his [Village email](#) will be available through the end of the month, and after that he has his professional [Multnomah email](#).

Red Cross Blood Drive - Volunteers Needed!

Welcome/Check-In volunteers are needed for monthly Village Red Cross Blood Drives. You can be the face of Village as you greet donors, some of whom are Village neighbors! [More Information](#)

Food Donations Needed

Help stock the Village Free Food Market! In partnership with the Oregon Food Bank, Village is offering a free food market to our neighbors on February 12. Your donations are needed! [More Information](#).

Vaccine Clinic Volunteers Needed

Four hospital organizations in Portland are conducting a massive COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Oregon Convention Center and they need help!

At this time, they are seeking community volunteers who are available at least once a week for a 4-hour shift at the Oregon Convention Center in Northeast Portland for both weekdays and weekends. This is an unpaid, non-clinical volunteer role and duties may include: escorting and directing patients through the process, pushing wheelchairs, disinfecting high-use areas, checking in patients as they arrive, and cheerleading. Your support allows staff to do the important task of getting the vaccine into people's arms! If you have a desire to volunteer in that capacity, [please find specific info](#).

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](#).

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Prayer Requests

Take a moment to mediate with this prayer that was spoken in our service today: [Listen here](#).

Our Holy Father, We have endured a wave of endless change. Here flowed tears of sorrow, shouts of praise, moments of stillness, and wild rage. Here we have stood in protest. Here we have sung in thanksgiving. Here we have cried in loneliness. Here we have bowed in surrender. And it is “here” that you have always been.

In those days, our minds were left scattered, hearts hurting, battered, our souls searching... God do we still matter? With every passing hour our deepest desire was to feel your Love's raging fire, God please lift us higher! In those days, our hands trembled in fear, strength failing to persevere, soft whispers of wonder... Lord are you near? As the months turned into a year Your people longed to feel a touch that would heal, Jesus please be revealed. In those days, we cried tears of joy, sighed breaths of peace, such gentle release, on our knees... Praise be to the King of Kings, for now, we see!

We remember oh Holy Father... You are the God of the weary, for when we were weak you were holding us. You are the God of the wounded, for when we were mourning You kissed us with healing. You are the God of the thirsty, for when we were parched you provided of Your living water. You are the God of the joyful, for when we rejoiced you smiled alongside us. You, Father, are the God of all that you have created... We remember and we give you praise.

(Psalm 52: 8-9) Let us be like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God. For we can trust in His unfailing love forever and ever. Let us praise Him for what He has done in the presence of His faithful servants. And let us hope in His name, for His name is good.

Sharing and Listening Guide

- Try to recollect the five essential principles of spiritual discernment, which were shared a few Sundays ago (1/10). What were they? How have you engaged with intentional spiritual discerning in your life these past few weeks? Please share your experience with others.
- In humility and reverence, please try to discern what God might be saying to you through today's service/message. What do you discern?
- What does the vision of the new temple, given to Ezekiel and the exiled community, tell you about your/our identity and vocation as a Christian/church in this era of pandemic?
- How do you plan to worship in the days/weeks/months ahead?

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](#)