



# Village Online Bulletin

February 7, 2021

*Stay in the know as you go about your week!*

## Announcements

---

### **2021 Village Vote**

Thank you, Village, for voting on our 2021 budget of \$2.6 million, new Elder Board members Wonjae Kang and Justin Jullian, returning Elder Board Members: Brad Greenwood, Dave Lewis and Kamal Polumaru, returning Nomination Committee members: Brain Kim, Joo Ri Kim, Tom Grey, Cristina Schmitt, and Katie Yates, and Lead Pastor Candidate Paul Kyu-Jin Choi.

**Every item on the ballot was approved with overwhelming majority!** We thank our Elders, staff, and dedicated volunteers for ensuring a thorough voting process.

### **Lead Pastor Paul Kyu-Jin Choi**

We are pleased to announce our new Lead Pastor, **Paul Kyu-Jin Choi!** Pastor Paul has been a Village member for 10 years and officially joined our staff in 2014. Throughout his time serving as our Interim Lead Pastor, he has encouraged and pastored us to Love Extravagantly and seek God's will for our lives and church. We thank God for our community and our pastor!

### **Staff Recognition**

We have the honor of recognizing Tim Brewer who has served at Village for five years. Tim worked in our Facilities Department up until recently when he joined our office staff as Administrative Specialist. We thank him for his faithful service and dedication to Village.



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?**

### **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-



## specific info.

### Condolences

- Please join us in prayer for Wonjae Kang and family in the passing of his father, Kyung Ku Kang, on January 23. A funeral was held for his Dad on January 28 in Arizona.
- Join Dolly Wyttenberg and family in praise to God for taking her brother, Vernon, safely to Heaven. Vernon died in Huntington Beach, CA on January 17. Of six kids in the family, he was fifth and Dolly was the youngest. She is now the lone survivor of her birth family. Pray for God's peace and comfort for her, Gene, and the extended family.
- We wish to express our condolence to Dale and Martha Himes in the homegoing of his brother, Ken, in Corvallis January 27. Dale would appreciate prayer for the family – Ken's wife, Mary, and daughters, Deborah and Erin and their families.
- We extend our love and prayer for the Friesen family in the homegoing of Helen on February 2. She was surrounded by her family as they sang and prayed her into heaven. Helen was predeceased by her husband, Walt, last March. Both have been long-time members of Village and were the founders/owners of the two Hearthstone communities. Memorial plans are pending.

### Oregon Fire Report

**Watch a video report** from Church Venture Northwest on how Village funds given to fire survivors impacted churches in Southern Oregon!

## Dig Deeper

*1 Timothy 4:6-16*

*Lead Pastor Paul Choi – What Can You Expect From a New Pastor?*

---

### Prayer Requests

*Please keep these prayer requests in mind this week.*

- Pray for our upcoming clinics next week. Pray for volunteer's health and for good interactions and relationships between Village volunteers and participants. Pray people will receive the relief and healing they need from pain and illness: February 10 Dental Clinic, February 11 Red Cross Blood Drive, February 13 Immigration Medical Clinic, February 15 Vision Clinic.



- Pray for upcoming meetings with Washington County as they plan for future COVID vaccine clinics to be held at Village. Pray for wisdom in the organizing, patience for participants and for equity among cultural groups as the vaccine is distributed.

### **Sharing and Listening Guide**

Take some time with a small group to discuss the following questions based on today's sermon:

- Please share your hopes and dreams for Village as we enter into a new chapter. How do you feel about this?
- What has been your portrait of a pastor? What does a pastor mean to you? What have been your expectation, and how did you come to have such a portrait/experience?
- What is your prayer for Village for 2021?
- How would you pray for the pastoral staff at Village in the days ahead?
- Please take a moment to pray for Village and the staff.

## Responsive Worship

---

Worship is often described as 'response to the Word.' We have inquired how we as a community can best worship in this time of COVID, where we, instead of watching, can participate in our services, with as much engagement as possible. Our worship response is both personal and corporate—communal. Our online services have aimed to share the hearts of our Villagers, especially while we are physically distanced.

*These are responses to last week's sermon:* **Called to Worship from Paul Choi**

"Lord, thank you for the reassurance that wherever I am is where I can worship. In my present exile of COVID, masks, and social distancing, I can choose to worship You right where I am. Thank you for renewing and reshaping our worship and the church as we experience this exile. Lord, use me, use us, use our church to restore and bring life to the world. Amen."



of God's presence pouring out and bringing renewal wherever it goes. We are called as "portable temples of God" in the midst of this time of separation and danger to bring hope, restoration and joy wherever we go. "

" 'Where you stand is where you worship.' I'd like to think I live this out, but why was this phrase from the sermon so striking to me? What does that mean to how I actually think about worship and places of worship? Yes, I miss worshipping with my church and in my church building—the sound of others' voices and the music from the band covering me as I join in song, the sense of presence of other Villagers around me praying at the same time, the audible, group, "Amen." But I worship God all day, all the time, in all situations, right? So why is this phrase sticking with me so much? Maybe I haven't thought about how much I need worship outside of my church building experience, maybe I'm like the Israelites in exile, waiting until they can get back to the temple one day. God was gracious and saw they needed to be encouraged, to have hope, to worship. God told Ezekiel not to wait, that the temple is all around as His presence is all around. I do believe God's "life giving presence" is all around me, in the beauty of my daily life. He is so worthy of my praise. So I must worship from where I stand."

Please take a moment to share your response from **this Sunday's sermon**; it can be a few thoughts of reflection addressed to God, a paragraph, a prayer inspired by the teaching. Please consider this as an act of worship, in response to His Word. We will share your reflections anonymously by adding them to our following week's service, as our community grows together in Responsive Worship. \*Due to service time limitations, we may not be able to share all submissions.

**Participate in Responsive Worship now.**

[Questions?](#)[Giving](#)[Newsletter](#)[Connect](#)

Need to look back at a past bulletin? **[View the archive here.](#)**