



Village Online Bulletin

March 7, 2021

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Announcements

Reopening Survey

If you haven't already, please take this short, 6-question survey to help our church leadership as we make decisions about reopening. As mentioned on our **COVID Response webpage**, we are eager to meet together as soon as possible and are balancing "meeting together" (Heb. 10:25), caring for "the least of these" in our faith community (Mt. 25:40), and respect for government authorities (Rom. 13:1). We will use the survey results as well as the County "risk level" rating, advice from our COVID Task Force, and other input to make a final decision. **Take the Survey**

Spring 2021 Special Giving Opportunities

Are you an Ebay or Craig's List master? Do you enjoy video, sound, or graphic design? Have extra paint brushes sitting in your garage? Bought too many allergen approved snacks and need to donate some? Feel led to help chip away at our building mortgage? Want to give specifically to local needs? Then join us in our special **Spring 2021 giving campaign!** There's opportunities for everyone to get involved. Whether you give finances, time, or items, we look forward to connecting with you! Please consider partnering with us this spring above and beyond your normal giving to meet these goals. **Questions? All Details Here!**

Join Our Facilities Teams!

We have two facilities shifts that we are looking to hire to fill as soon as possible! **Questions?**



Great news! The Village Café and Workspace is open. Come visit us Monday-Friday, from 8:00am-2:00pm. This is a safe, cozy indoor space for students, families, and small groups to gather. See you soon!

Village Community Garden is Open!

Watch this fun video to see and hear all about our Garden! Our Village Community Garden is ready for you! \$20 for your own garden bed to plant whatever fruit, vegetable or flowers you'd like this Spring and Summer season! Our garden is all organic and open to all Villagers and our community members. Villagers Dan and Susanna Ballard are our trusted garden coordinators this year and are available to encourage you no matter your expertise level! To rent a garden bed with us, please bring your \$20 to the Front Office by Friday, March 19. You'll be able to sign up for the exact bed location then.

Questions? Register [here](#).

This Summer – Lebanon Medical Teams

This summer Village plans to send a medical and dental team to the country of Lebanon at the request of our Lebanese ministry partners. As you know, this past year Lebanon has not only endured the COVID crisis, but a humanitarian disaster as a result of the massive port explosion, and an economic collapse in which the Lebanese lira lost 80% of its value. Our medical and dental professionals are going to help provide care for the most vulnerable as Lebanon's strained medical system continues to focus mainly on COVID issues. Our team plans to travel June 23 – July 11. If you have a professional medical or dental background, we need your help. Please consider joining this special team! **Questions?**

Distribution Center Needs

We have the opportunity to help Pacific Islanders throughout Marion County who were the hardest hit with the power outages. Please consider helping us collect these items this week:

Cases of water, Spam, Canned tuna, Soy Sauce, Coconut Milk, Canned Pineapple or Mangoes, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Dish Detergent.

Worship Pastor Search Update

Our Worship Pastor Search Committee, chaired by Elder Adam Christian, and made up of Villagers Charlene Du, Kwang Kim, Insil Kang, Tori Rask and Omar Valdez, has been reviewing applicants since Fall of 2020. After the committee was formed, a job description and application form has been made public to our networks. We know that our community



As announced this past Sunday, Dan Crawford and Jim Smith are joining our Village staff leadership as Ministry Associates, in their roles of Director of Life Group Ministry and Associate Director of Life Group Ministry, respectively. We are so grateful for our own Villagers who are stepping in as volunteers, but taking on the responsibility and leadership to partner with the rest of our pastors and directors. We encourage all Villagers to experience being in a Life Group. To find out more about Life Groups ready to welcome you, please email dan.crawford@villagebeaverton.com.

Missionary Housing Needed

Some of our Village missionary families are coming home this summer and need housing. If you have options, please contact the **missions office**.

- Brian and Melissa Leak are looking for a private environment July 5 – August 31.
- Matt and Esther Doyle and their two children are looking for a place for a couple of months beginning July 1 as they resettle in the area.

Easter Candy Needed!

Village Kids needs candy donations for our all new EASTER JAM! Easter Jam is our reimagined Eggspllosion and this year it will be a live online event for the whole family on Sunday, March 28. Easter Jam will be filled with fun games, eggs, laughter, and of course, the Gospel. Each registered family will receive their own party bag with all the items they'll need for our Easter Jam celebration. Please join us in preparing the party bags by donating individually wrapped candy. Candy that fits inside plastic eggs and without nuts preferred. Please drop off all candy donations in the front office by Friday, March 5.

Families, be sure to sign up here to have a party bag ready for you on pick up day, March 14! **Questions?**

Condolences

We express our love and prayers for Dale and Martha Himes in the homegoing of her uncle, Glen Lamb, for whom she was the primary caregiver. Glen lived in an adult care home in Beaverton the last couple of years and was on hospice care when he peacefully made the journey home to be with the Lord Wednesday morning, March 3.



Lead Pastor Paul Choi and Pastor John Jordan – Missional Community in Christ

Prayer Requests

Please keep these prayer requests in mind this week.

- Pray for medical professionals to join the Lebanon team for this summer's outreach. COVID, the port disaster and the economic collapse has left many in need of even basic health care.
- Pray for the preparation of training for the Lebanon team as we move to a hybrid of online and in-person training. Pray for technical adjustments to go smoothly.
- Pray for our long termers coming home this summer who are in need of housing. The Matt and Esther Doyle and family need housing for 3 months and Brian and Melissa Leak need housing for 2 months.

Sharing and Listening Guide

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

- Think back to two weeks ago when Pastor Paul first introduced the new ministry directives with his sermon on being a "Community in Christ." Read John 13:34-35 again and discuss what authentic relationships in a community in Christ means to you, how it challenges you.
- Today's sermon takes us to a second ministry directive, to be a "Missional Community in Christ." How have you defined living missionally, being "on mission?" How was that the same or different from Pastor John Jordan's explanation?
- Jesus was first sent to us so that we might be sent out to all nations, to participate in his missions. Discuss with your life group/friends/family how your specific situation and skills are used by God for missions.
- For some of us, being on mission, living missionally, is confusing and difficult. Discuss or journal why this might be the case for you and turn that into a prayer of open dialogue with God. Everyone, please pray that we all step into this invitation in faith

Responsive Worship



Villagers, especially while we are physically distanced.

*These are responses to last week's sermon: **Celebrating the Black Church from Dr Jessica Taylor***

"Wow. Village. God's people have done it again: Truth. Sincerity. Community. The Gospel. Love."

"I never knew about the Negro Bible, so heavily redacted and "selected for the use of the Negro Slaves", highlighting portions that would instill obedience, and taking out parts like the story of Moses telling the Pharaoh to "Let my people go." What an eye opener. It is so good to learn more black history, to listen to the experiences of our black brothers and sisters, and how the black church was the center of community life. We learn so much at Village. The more personal stories we hear from others, the more understanding we have. The more understanding we have, the more we can enter into deeper relationships with our brothers and sisters from various cultures, ultimately building a stronger, more united Body of Christ! ."

"We at Village are blessed with the black community black brothers and sisters. Your worship engaged us. Our emotions fully charged to worship our God and Lord Jesus Christ in a unique way that no other culture can compare to. Oh, my heart is filled with joy and liberated, in unity with the hopes and dreams of our black community in Christ today. I encourage the black brother and sister to do this more often, to lead us into worship!"

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.

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Mon-Sat 8am-8pm

Sun 8am-5pm

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Mon-Fri 8am-2pm

Distribution Center

Tues-Fri 9:30am-4pm

