



## GATHERING

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### WORSHIP

[Holy, Holy, Holy](#)  
[Santo, Santo, Santo](#)

[Praise Will Be My Song](#)

[Build My Life](#)  
[Construir Mi Vida](#)

### THANK YOU, JEN SPICKELMIER!

[Jen Spickelmier](#), our Director of Hospitality, has been a dedicated leader at Village for the past 6 years. A graduate of Bethel Seminary and invaluable member of our Village team, Jen has blessed and led our community through her ministry. It is bittersweet as we wish her, and her family, well in their next chapter in Minnesota. Jen's last day with us at Village is April 30, 2020. She will be sorely missed. We are excited to have her preach to us this Sunday and will inform you on our plans to say farewell.

### SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series will continue in the Psalms through May 10. Our new sermon series after that will focus on Exodus for 8 weeks. Follow along as we journey with the stories of the Israelites as they faced major change, challenges, all while led by a faithful Father.



## **PRAYER GROUPS**

“To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees.” – Billy Graham

An online prayer group will meet via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 11am for 30 minutes, led by Mikel & Karen Neumann.

To join click on link below, fill out a short form and instructions on how to connect online will be sent to you. [Sign Up](#)

## **SHARING LOVE AND HOPE THROUGH SPECIAL GIFTS**

We set a goal two weeks ago to collect special gifts totaling \$8,000 for COVID disaster relief in Lebanon and India. Thanks to your generosity we achieved that initial goal! We will update you on the impact of those gifts in the days ahead and, in the meantime, we've set a new goal of an additional \$9,000 to give to our partners in both countries who are assisting migrant workers and refugees. Please also continue to give as you are able to our Grace Fund which allows us to assist those in our local community. Thank you for almost \$15,000 given to that fund in the last two weeks! When you give, please note Disaster Relief or Grace Fund on your checks, or select the appropriate option when using [Pushpay](#).

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS**

Due to the critical need for blood and plasma donations, Village is exploring the opportunity to partner with the Red Cross by making our facility available for community blood drives. To do this, we need a small team of Village volunteers that would be willing to help host the Red Cross one Thursday a month 11:30am-6:30pm. [Questions?](#)



## **CORONA CONVERSATIONS**

Join mental health professionals for a live Zoom conversation to discuss current mental health challenges and what you can do to help yourself or others navigate them successfully. Conversations are every Sunday at 1:00pm. [Zoom](#)

## **IN LOVING MEMORY**

On March 31, long-time Village member Walter Friesen was called home to the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Helen, five adult children, their spouses, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service for Walt is planned for early this summer. Cards to Helen should be sent to her daughter, Bev Ecker, 13540 SW Hiteon Lane, Beaverton, OR 97008.

On April 5, our beloved usher and church member, Dick Bech, graduated to be with the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, daughters Janice and Kim, and other family members. A service in Dick's memory is planned for later this summer.

We express our condolences to the family of Doug Russell who died Friday morning, April 24, of double pneumonia. Doug was a regular attender at the Seniors' Koinonia Class and an active Life Group member. Cards may be sent to the son, Douglas and Paula Russell, at 26700 SW Glendora Lane, Newberg, OR 97132. Plans with a funeral home are pending.



## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Serving local senior citizens, Meals on Wheels People have added 700 new clients in recent weeks. To help support this need, Village in partnership with MOW will be collecting food donations at Village this Sunday, from 1-3pm, at the Worship Center doors.

Meals on Wheels is asking for the following food items:

Applesauce cups, Fruit cups, Fresh Fruit, Cereal Bars, Non-medical gloves for food prep, Hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes

\*Please do not drop off additional items as Village is not currently distributing food. [Questions?](#)

## **DONATE DIAPERS AND FEMALE HEALTH PRODUCTS**

Village has been partnering with Washington County's Emergency Operations Center as we all mobilize to meet the growing needs in our community in light of COVID 19. One special request to us was for diapers. This necessary item is now in great need for our families facing income insecurity. If you are able, please add this to your shopping list and drop off at Village on Sunday, from 1-3pm.

We are also taking donations of female health products to support our community in this time. Please drop off unopened boxes of product on Sunday, from 1-3pm.

As Village coordinates with larger Food Banks just around the corner from our campus, we will now focus on providing for community member needs through essential items that not food related.

## **STAY CONNECTED**

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## CONFESSION

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### GREETING TIME

We miss being and worshipping together. Please take this time to text, call, facetime, skype, beep, send a pigeon to your friends, family, and Villagers during this time. And please enjoy the greetings submitted by our Villagers!

### OFFERING

We practice worship through giving. Please continue to partner with us to meet our monthly budgeted needs, to zero out our deficit every quarter and to increase our Cash Reserve Fund. As we grapple with increasing effects of the COVID-19 virus on our Sunday worship service attendance, we humbly ask that you continue to give as though you attend Sunday worship services. 70% of our congregation currently gives in person in a Sunday service. You are welcome to mail in your offering, drop it off at the locked box outside our Front Office, or utilize [Pushpay](#).

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for our essential workers--teacher, store employees, delivery workers, postal service workers, health care workers, parents
- Pray for people who do not have access to the stimulus assistance.
- Pray for the "Phone Care Ministry" team -- made up of elders, staff and key volunteers -- that is in the process of calling 1000+ households in our database. Ask God to give them discernment in how to encourage people and pray for their needs. Pray that we'll quickly discover people who are not listed in the database, so they aren't neglected.
- Pray for favor with our bank and the Small Business Administration as we have applied for payroll assistance through the federal stimulus package created by the CARES Act passed by Congress.



## LEBANON

- Prior to the protests that started on October 17th, the World Bank had estimated that around 40% of the population in Lebanon is living below the poverty line. Since then – and because of the banks' liquidity crunch, many businesses have shut down and employees laid off. With the lockdown things became even worse and more and more families are suffering. To the extent that it is projected that in Lebanon today more than 50% of the population are poor. Huge challenge all round.
- Pray for our partner organization in Lebanon, which is one of the few groups allowed to interact with vulnerable people from Syria and Iraq in refugee camps. Pray Villagers would be generous in giving toward the "Disaster Relief" fund.

## INDIA

- Ahmedabad situation has been deteriorating the last few weeks. It is one of the most affected areas in the country. Gujarat has over 2000 positive cases now and out of this 60% are from Ahmedabad city only and is rapidly increasing.
- Many of the Christian workers (pastors, missionaries and evangelists) whose main income was from the Sunday offerings and some gifts they receive when visiting families has stopped. They are struggling very much. Pray for God's provision in advancing God's kingdom.

## LISTENING

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Director of Hospitality – Jen Spickelmier  
*Where Does Your Help Come From?*  
Psalm 121



## COMMUNION

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As you feel comfortable, we encourage you to partake in communion with your family, friends, neighbors as we remember the sacrifice Christ made on the cross.

## SENDING

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where have you seen beauty in creation this week? Stop and thank the Lord for His creation. Brainstorm how you can intentionally connect with the Creator this week through nature.
2. How has the Lord been your Keeper this week? What verse(s) comes to mind when thinking about how God is always with us? Read through Psalm 3:3, Psalm 18:2, Psalm 32:7, Psalm 119:114.
3. Have you seen the Holy Spirit be your Help? Share about a time when you acted on the prompting of the Spirit.
4. Jen mentioned a chorus of a song, “I Lift My Eyes” by Central Live. Take some time to meditate on these lyrics and consider writing them on your wall or mirror as a reminder of how the Lord is our Help!

