

# Village Online

## July 19, 2020



In this Sunday's service, we welcome Pauline Fong to take us into Exodus 31:1-24 with a sermon titled Who Will Lead Us?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Family Campish**

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Village Family, please consider joining us for our new, church-wide summer event! We are so excited to be offering campish activities at our beautiful Village campus. Registration helps us plan for purchasing kids activities. If you are a family without children or aren't planning on participating in those activities, you are free to join us for community events without registering. Stop by for one or all, we'd love to see you there!

And what's camp without a camp shirt! We've designed #familycampish shirts for the whole family. Our \$15 design comes on a black shirt in Men's, Women's, and Children's cuts, sizes XS-2XL. [More information on Family Campish](#)

### **Distribution Center**

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Thank you for your donations! Watch this [video](#) to hear the difference you're making throughout Washington County. Your supplies are going to people identified as high-risk communities for COVID infection. Here are this week's needs: toilet paper, paper towels, Lysol wipes, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, masks, feminine hygiene pads



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

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Volunteers needed to host blood drive for the following dates:

Monday July 20th (12:30-4pm & 4pm-7:30pm)

Thursday, Aug 13 (12:30-4pm & 4pm-7:30pm)

At our July 1st blood drive, a person living in our Village neighborhood came to donate. They had been driving all the way to Portland to donate so they were happy to be able to donate closer to home. The person shared how they have lived in the neighborhood for many years but have never stepped foot on our campus. We were able to welcome him to Village and describe the different ways Village is serving the community. Pray we continue to be a positive witness to our neighbors. [Questions?](#)

## **COVID-19 Testing Event**

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In partnership with OHSU, OSU, and IRCO, Village will be the site of a COVID testing and food distribution on July 25. Pray for the details to come together and for a good turnout. Refugee communities are at-risk groups for COVID as many hold essential jobs in food and supply industries. Our partners have indicated this will be first come, first served so no registration is necessary. [Questions?](#)

## **Village Kids Neighborhood Visit Openings**

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We have just a couple openings left for Neighborhood Visits on July 29th . Sign up now for games, music, and popsicles! Contact [JoAnna Flynn](#) for details.



# CONFESSION

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## Greeting Time

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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.

## Offering

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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

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- Pray for this week's distributions with Washington County's Emergency Services serving those working in migrant camps in Hillsboro. Pray our witness among county and city officials continues to model Christ's compassion for the marginalized.
- Pray for the Red Cross Blood drive on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. We need more volunteers to help host the drive by welcoming donors and assisting with providing juice and snacks after donations.
- Pray for Villagers to be people known for reconciliation during this divisive time in our communities and in some cases our families. Ask God to make us people determined to seek peace and value relationships over political ideals.
- Pray for God to grant us a heart for evangelism knowing that transformation of attitudes and behaviors comes from the work of the Holy Spirit. Pray Villagers become passionate about reaching people around them with the hope and peace only Jesus can provide.
- Pray for our workers internationally whose lives and ministries have been impacted. Ask God to give us eyes to see where he is working and grant us the courage to join him. Pray we will not be distracted by the inconveniences of the virus that we miss opportunities to reach people with the lifesaving gospel.



# LISTENING

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Pauline Fong

Exodus 31:1-24

*Who Will Lead Us?*

In times of uncertainty, challenges, disappointment, hardships, in the context of the reality of a dual pandemic of racism and COVID-19, like the Israelites, we are looking for someone/something to go before us and lead us, whether consciously or subconsciously. As we feel overwhelmed by being stuck in the unknown, as we face physical, emotional, mental, and economic challenges, many of us have turned to our "golden calves" for help, to lead us.

As we are pressed by our circumstances and challenges to have answers, we, like Aaron, can have a "failure of nerve" and lead ourselves/those around us to follow and worship the "modern" golden calves in our lives. These golden calves of tradition, of government/political identities and loyalties, of money, of individualism, of comfort/coping are mirages. Golden calves give us a "mirage" of help and strength, temporarily feel a little better, a teaser of perhaps this will be the answer, the solution to our problems. But in the desert, following a mirage leads to death. Likewise, if we continue to follow golden calves - it will lead to death, like it did for the Israelites.

Instead of a failure of nerve, let us have courage, take courage, to break down our golden calves, ask for forgiveness for our part in contributing to the pandemic of racism and in turning to golden calves for help, pray and intercede, lament the reality the faces us, and instead dare to engage God, wait, and ask God for help.



# COMMUNION

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

# SENDING

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## Resources

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In light of our efforts to self-educate and act as Christ followers against racism, here is a [resource list](#).

