

# Village Online

## August 2, 2020



This Sunday, Pastor Ken Wytsma finishes off our Exodus series with a sermon titled "Don't Go Back to Egypt".



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### New Single by Village Worship

We are so excited about Village Worship's second single that went out this weekend, called "Hollow Praise". This song was written, performed, and produced by the Worship Institute and collaboration with Hayden Hobby, a friend of Dago Flores and fellow Urban Doxology intern. [Click here](#) to listen to Hollow Praise on our YouTube. [Click here](#) to stream it on Spotify. Also available on all streaming platforms!

### Facilities Position(s) Open!

We have three facilities shifts that we are looking to hire to fill starting near the end of the summer. These shifts could be taken by multiple people or just one person:

Shift 1 - Wednesdays, 2pm-close (normally 10-10:30pm)

Shift 2 - Saturday, 2pm-close (normally 10-10:30pm)

Shift 3 - Sunday, 2pm-close (normally 10-10:30pm)

Send resumes and questions to [Mike Fraser](#). We'd love to have you join our team!



## Village Distribution Center

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Thank you for your donations! On July 24, we provided food and supplies for 70 Iraqi and Afghani refugee families! This week, Washington County Developmental Disability Services has requested Village's help with providing diapers and wipes to families with young children. Their current funding has been discontinued and alternate sources are not open due to COVID. This week, your donations of diapers and wipes will go directly to help families with disabled children.

- Center needs this week:
  - Pasta Sauce
  - Peanut Butter
  - 1-2lb bags of rice
  - Cereal
  - Spaghetti, 12 oz packages
  - Feminine Hygiene
  - Diapers (Sizes 1, 4, 5, 6, Pull-Ups)
  - Baby Wipes

## Family Campish Schedule

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Family Campish 2020 is one week away on August 7 and 8! Check out [this segment](#) from last weekend's service to hear about the fun events we have planned for all ages. All Family Campish information is available on [our website](#).

**Village Kids:** If you are planning on participating in our Kids activity, we ask that you please register so our Village Kids team can get a head count. [Register Here](#).

**No Kids?** Simply email [familycamp@villagebeaverton.com](mailto:familycamp@villagebeaverton.com) to RSVP.



## **Village Read Cross Blood Drive – August 13**

Donate and receive free COVID-19 anti-body testing! To sign up contact [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org).  
Volunteers Needed: To join our volunteer host team, contact [vbcm@villagebeaverton.com](mailto:vbcm@villagebeaverton.com)  
Two shifts available (12:30-4pm and 4pm-7:30pm)

## **Car Needed for Missionary**

Scot Keranen needs use of a car from August 24 – September 1. If you are able to provide a vehicle in good working condition, contact the missions office at [vbcm@villagebeaverton.com](mailto:vbcm@villagebeaverton.com).

## **Lebanon Refugee Family Sponsorships Available!**

Current conditions in Lebanon have deteriorated with COVID conditions and an economic collapse. Youth for Christ is seeking monthly food voucher sponsorships for refugee and Lebanese families. Your funds will go to families with whom YFC has relationships with and are working among. [Read More Here](#). Click [here](#) for information on how to donate or sponsor a family.



## **We Asked, You Shared!**

We requested your participation in two all-church surveys in the last few weeks. The first dealt with the use of online programs and ministry and about 200 people replied. The second gathered opinions about safely returning to our campus in a healthy way and almost 300 replied.

We're grateful for the input and hope to share some things we learned in the weeks ahead. There were a wide variety of responses, and our staff leadership team are carefully considering the results.

## **When NOT to Give Cash or Checks**

Since we're all trying to stretch dollars to do more in this uncertain economy, here's two reasons why giving stocks, bonds, or mutual funds can be better than giving by cash or check. Contact our Finance Manager if you have questions or would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

## **Mid-Year IRA Contributions**

A few people told us they like to take distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts several times during the year. As you ponder this creative way to support Village's mission, please remember that, due to COVID, there is a waiver of required minimum distributions this year. If you are 70.5 years old (or more), please consider this opportunity!



# 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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- Thank God for the successful IRCO Community Testing Event at Village last Saturday, July 25th. We had positive networking outcomes between Oregon Health and Sciences University, Oregon State University, the City of Beaverton, and Immigration and Refugee Community Organization. 362 people were tested from several at-risk cultural communities and the foundation was laid for future networking opportunities such as the provision of a dental clinic in partnership with Medical Teams International, Village, and the Pacific Islander Community in Aloha.
- Continue praying for Lebanon and Youth for Christ who is requesting believers to sponsor Syrian refugee families and low-to-no income Lebanese families by supplying monthly food vouchers through YFC. Pray for believers to provide for those in Lebanon who are experiencing great food insecurity.
- Continue to pray for the impact of our Distribution Center. Last Friday we provided food packets for 70 Iraqi and Afghani families. Opportunities to share our reason for giving are increasing. Pray for more of these opportunities for Villagers to make Jesus known in our community.
- Pray for Villagers to people of peace and not division. Pray we will keep our focus on Christ so we can be the witness for Christ at home and abroad for which God has called us.
- Pray for Villagers to be full of mercy and able to forgive when we are wronged so the love of God will be apparent in our lives.



## LISTENING

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Pastor Ken Wytsma

*Don't Go Back to Egypt*

God had a message for the leaders of Israel—that when he'd brought them to rest in the Promised Land, they weren't supposed to go back to Egypt. They weren't supposed to go back to their past life, be seduced by old or comfortable ways, or seek answers born out of unbelief in God's promises or provision. The theme is carried throughout scripture. We aren't supposed to become slaves to sin again. We aren't supposed to turn back in unbelief, but rather journey through the deserts of life by faith in God's promises and provision. God gives us hope, that even in the simple things, we can make the choice for the Living Water instead of trusting our own ways and broken cisterns.

## 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](#).

## Discussion Questions

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- 1) Why do you think God didn't want his people having to go back to Egypt? What would be some parallels of those reasons in returning to our former lives?
- 2) Ken talked about "unbelief" and how it is underneath sin or disobedience. How would you describe the difference between sinful unbelief and honest doubt? How might we encourage others who are doubting in such a way that it encourages them to stay strong in their conviction of God's goodness?
- 3) The Walter Brueggemann book was called, "A Way Other Than Our Own." How do you think this kingdom phrase would apply to how Christians engage politics, money, and worry? What does the posture of trust in the midst of desert times look like in your mind?
- 4) Think about one area of your life where you are being tempted to "Go back to Egypt" and say a prayer that God would increase your faith in this area. If comfortable, share with someone who can encourage you over the next few weeks.

