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***The Communal Blessing
of a Rich History***

WE GATHER

“The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called “Lenapehoking.” The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenni-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, “as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine.”

WELCOME

LOVERS, REBELS, & PROPHETS

In the steps of: *Rev. A. Finley Schaef*

The Rev. A. Finley Schaef, served as minister in the United Methodist Church for four decades at four congregations: First Methodist Church of Astoria (now Good Shepherd UMC Queens), Grace Methodist Church of St. Albans (Queens), Washington Square Methodist Church (Manhattan) and Park Slope United Methodist Church in Brooklyn. He received his postgraduate biblical and theological training at Union Theological Seminary in New York and graduated in 1957. He was an early activist in a broad spectrum of social protest movements through the 1960's and 1970's. He marched with The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama and later, participated in the movement to end the Vietnam War.

After arriving at the Washington Square Methodist Church in 1966, Rev. Schaef co-convened the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion with The Rev. Howard Moody of Judson Memorial Church in 1966. On May 22, 1967, *The New York Times* carried an announcement of the Service, including the names of Rev. Schaef, Rev. Moody, 17 other ministers and two rabbis. The clergy committed themselves to “referral to the best medical advice and aid to women in need.” By the time of the U. S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision, more than 1,400 clergy joined the Service, having referred 100,000 women for abortion without a single fatality.

During the height of the Vietnam War, the Washington Square Church, known as the Peace Church provided draft counseling to hundreds of young men seeking an alternative route to the draft into the Vietnam War. In 1969 Rev. Schaef joined several U.S. Peace activists to meet with leaders of the National Liberation Front of North Vietnam in Budapest, Hungary in attempts to negotiate peace talks. The Arts community was also vital to the worship and workings of Washington Square Church with Bread and Puppet Theater, The Living Theater, The Open Theater and The Polish Laboratory Theater performing at the Church.

Rev. Schaef served at the Park Slope United Methodist Church in Brooklyn for 25 years. It was a church known “for dedicating itself to fight all forms of oppression based on race, gender, sexual orientation and social class.” Park Slope United Methodist Church was a central meeting place for community activists such as “Gay Friends and Neighbors”, CISPES (Committee in Solidarity for El Salvador), Brooklyn Sister City Project with the people of Nicaragua, BEC / Brooklyn Energy Cooperative - a faith-based community organizing project that developed affordable housing for neighbors. Rev. Schaef joined the Pastors for Peace Convoy to Nicaragua and made trips to Panama, Nicaragua, Haiti and Cuba. In 1989, documentary television producer Bill Moyers, included Rev. Schaef in his PBS series “God and Politics” which focused on the struggle within the United Methodist Church over placement of missionaries to Sandinista held Nicaragua.

Park Slope Church as a community also focused on its spiritual relationship to the earth. A garden was created where the congregation reflected on the relationship of the earth, spirituality and religion, core to their beliefs. Rev. Schaefer was President of the North American Conference for Christianity and Ecology (NACCE) and welcomed the Rev. Thomas Berry, world renowned theologian and teacher of earth spirituality, to the pulpit. Upon his retirement, the church garden was named “The Schaefer Earth Garden.”

In 1997, Rev. Schaefer was quoted in a New York Times article marking his retirement, (*“Religious Left Draws Strength From Grass Roots”*, *New York Times*, June 21, 1997), “... Very, very few other institutions have communities. We can go out and take risks because we have each other.”

Rev. Schaefer’s commitment to social justice and his struggle with the authorities that oppress the poor resulted in over 13 arrests in his lifetime.

Upon retirement the Rev. A. Finley Schaefer moved to Saugerties, NY with his wife, Nancy E.K Schaefer where they currently reside near children, grandchildren and family.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

When the Spirit in Me

**When the spirit in me sees the spirit in you (2x)
It’s so easy, so easy, so easy, so easy to love**

CENTERING AND OPENING PRAYER

Over My Head

**Over my head
I see music in the air (3x)
There must be a God somewhere**

**I see justice...
I see changes...**

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 5:1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)

One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”

Simon answered, “Rabbi, we’ve been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I’ll lower the nets.”

Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank.

After Simon saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, “Leave me, Rabbi, for I’m a sinner.” For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, as were James and John, Zebedee’s sons, who were Simon’s partners.

Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you’ll fish among humankind.” And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

John 21:1-14 (The Inclusive Bible)

Later Jesus again was manifested to the disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how the appearance took place.

Assembled were Simon Peter, Thomas “the Twin,” Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s children, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going out to fish.”

“We’ll join you,” they replied, and went off to get into their boat.

All through the night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus was standing on the shore, though none of the disciples knew it was Jesus. He said to them, “Have you caught anything, friends?”

“Not a thing,” they answered.

“Cast your net off to the starboard side,” Jesus suggested, “and you’ll find something.”

So they made a cast and caught so many fish that they couldn’t haul the net in. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved cried out to Peter, “It’s the Teacher!”

Upon hearing this, Simon Peter threw on his cloak – he was naked – and jumped into the water.

Meanwhile the other disciples brought the boat to shore, towing the net full of fish. They were not far from land—no more than a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw that a charcoal fire had been prepared, with fish and some bread already being grilled. “Bring some of the fish you just caught,” Jesus told them. Simon Peter went aboard and hauled ashore the net, which was loaded with huge fish – one hundred fifty-three of them. In spite of the great number, the net was not torn.

“Come and eat your meal,” Jesus told them.

None of the disciples dared to ask, “Who are you?” – they knew it was the savior.

Jesus came over, took the bread, and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This marked the third time that Jesus had appeared to the disciples after being raised from the dead.

The Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Communal Blessing of a Rich History

Pastor Jeff Wells
Lead Pastor, Church of the Village

WE RESPOND

In the Midst of New Dimensions

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

**Many genders, many colors, many ways to love and live,
gather on this day together in the path that makes us free.**

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect us all again.**

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**Providing God, we yearn for an abundant feast.
And at times we are too tired to cast our nets;
Have mercy on us, when we resist the call to dive in and take a risk.
Grant us grace, that we may proclaim your love, and trust your promises.
Amen.**

God's love has been poured into our hearts. Believe this good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

At this Table

COTV Choir & Sacred Dancers

At this table, all are welcome,
all approach the feast as guest.
None sit in the seat of honor:
at this table, none are best.

At this table, none go hungry,
none must steal or beg for bread;
all receive from God's abundance:
at this table, all are fed.

At this table, all are cherished,
all are sought at any cost,
none abandoned or forsaken,
at this table, none are lost.

At this table, none are finished,
none sit selfishly content;
all are called to love in service:
from this table all are sent.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
Our hearts are lifted!

Let us give thanks to God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

Friends, this is the bread of life, given for you and for all.
And this is the cup of salvation, poured out for you and for all.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful and gracious God
Hear our prayer.

A TIME OF OFFERING

4 WAYS TO GIVE:

- The Vanco giving app, using the link on our website <https://www.churchofthevillage.org> or the Vanco mobile app
- Setting up a direct bank transfer from your bank to COTV's bank
- Mailing a check to COTV's address: 201 West 13th St., NY, NY, 10011
- For those in the church building: Placing your gift in the offering basket in the sanctuary

For help with any of these, send an email to giving@churchofthevillage.org

OR call the church office: 212-243-5470

OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require of You?
COTV Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
God has told you, O mortal, what is good.
What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know.
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

God Is Building a New Way

**God is building a new way, (3x)
sending love and pow'r our way;
God is building a new way.**

**We are building a new way, (3x)
feeling stronger ev'ry day;
we are building a new way.**

**Love and justice is our cry, (3x)
holy wisdom, holy fire;
love and justice is our cry.**

*Stay online after service for five-minute breakout rooms.
Afterwards, you may continue fellowship in the main Zoom room,
or join breakouts for a discussion with the Preacher or to speak with a Minister of Care.*

To join conversation with Pastor Jeff Wells
type the word "**PREACHER**" in capital letters into the chat.
For those on-site, please go to the Chapel of the Beloved Community,
one floor down by the stairs or elevator.

To talk or pray one-on-one with a Minister of Care, if you are on-site,
you can go to the area by the stairs next to the lobby/narthex at the back of the sanctuary.
If you are online, you can connect with a Minister of Care
by typing "**CARE**" in capital letters in the Zoom chat.

WORSHIP HOSTS

Worship Design Team: Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Katie Reimer

Worship Leader: Alfida Figueroa

Call to Offering: Sam Winfrey

Dance Ministry: Aliyah Miller & Elizabeth Levanah

Ministers of Care: Virginia Riker, Sam Winfrey

Altar Design: Suzie Wilder

Vocalists: Katie Braden, Alfida Figueroa, Reyno Francisco, Riot Mueller, Paul Pillitteri, Katie Reimer, Suzie Wilder, Natasha Wright

Saxophone & Flute: Matthew Willis

Keyboard: Jorge Lockward

Drums & Percussion: Juan Felipe Mayorga

Ushers: Maurice White & Sam Winfrey

Zoom Host: Gabriel Borges

Visuals Host: Emilee Davis

Sound Engineer: Inti Maldonado

CREDITS

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Scripture Lessons:

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible*. Sheed & Ward.

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When the Spirit in Me (The Jesus in Me)

W & M: Anonymous.

Lyric adaptation by Jorge Lockward

In the Midst Of New Dimensions

W: Stz. 1, 3 & Refrain by Julian Rush. Additional stanzas by Jeff Wells, Katie Reimer & Jorge Lockward

M: Julian Rush

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At the Table

W & M: David Bjorlin

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What Does the Lord Require of You?

W: Micah 6:6-8

M: Mark Miller

Music © *Choristers Guild*

Building a New Way

W & M: Martha Sandefer

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WE ARE THE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE

The Church of the Village is a progressive and radically inclusive community that is committed to dismantling racism, sexism, and all forms of oppression. The foundation for all of our theology and practice is Jesus’ instruction to “love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.”

We seek to build a world overflowing with justice, mercy, kindness, and compassion.

Our church building stands on ancestral lands of the Lenape people. The colonizers who stripped Indigenous peoples of their lands used Christianity to justify their actions. We are beneficiaries of a history of appropriation, slavery, and forced migration. We repent and commit to being a community that seeks to repair the harm done to Indigenous peoples and build new pathways to love and justice.

We celebrate human diversity – welcoming people of every color, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. We strongly support environmental justice and stewardship of the Earth. We believe many roads lead to God and are respectful of a diversity of spiritual paths. We believe our community flourishes with many points of view, opportunities for creative expression, and participatory worship.

To learn more about The Church of the Village, please complete our [Virtual Welcome Card](#).

You can also submit a prayer request on the Welcome Card form.

We will gladly send you our weekly email newsletter and Daily Inspiration emails.

If you have questions, please contact PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org.

Please follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage)), Twitter (@umcofthevillage), and Instagram (churchofthevillage). Check out our YouTube channel for videos of music, worship, Finding Center, and more.

You can also learn more on our website at churchofthevillage.org.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

May 1 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:30pm 1:30pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) Ministers of Care (via Zoom) MET District Conference (via Zoom)
May 3 – Tuesday	10:30am 3:30pm – 5:30pm	COTV Online Fitness (via Zoom) TRDP: Food Pantry
May 4 – Wednesday	6:00pm	Bible Study (via Zoom)
May 5 – Thursday	6:30pm – 7:45pm 8:30pm	Choir rehearsal L.O.V.E. (via Zoom)
May 6 – Friday	9:00am – 10:00am	Together in Prayer (via Zoom)
May 7 – Saturday	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
May 8 – Sunday	10:10am 10:30am 12:15pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) United Methodist Women

WE ARE FAMILY

Together in Commitment, Strength, and Mission
Stewardship Campaign

Families give support, and families need support. Here at The Church of the Village, we choose to be family for one another, and we each strive to do our part. Every member of The Church of the Village family has gifts to bring.

The practice of regular giving in any amount recognizes God's abundance and strengthens our family. It builds our relationships with one another and expresses our trust in God's love. It does not matter how large or small the contribution, each donation adds to the flourishing of the family! What's important is that we do this together, with each family member doing their part as they are able. As we hear in 2 Corinthians 8:12:

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has,
not according to what one does not have.*

We all work together as members and supporters of our spiritual community to foster the ministries and mission of the Church of the Village. Here are ways you can offer your gifts:

- **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER/DIRECT PAYMENT** from your bank account to COTV. This option includes no fees for the giver or the church. You can set this up directly through your bank for one-time gifts/payments or recurring gifts/payments to COTV. For assistance with this process, please contact giving@churchofthevillage.org.
- **VANCO:** [Vanco](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app make it easy to give when and where you want.
- **CHECK:** you can send a check payable to "The Church of the Village," and mail it to:
Church of the Village
PO Box 167
New York, NY 10113

For assistance with using any of these methods or to talk about remembering Church of the Village in your will, email giving@churchofthevillage.org. *Please note - emails to this address should be about how we can help you set up your giving process but should NOT include any specific information about pledge amounts, gift amounts, or any other confidential information from the individual sending the message.*

*Thank you for being a part of the family of The Church of the Village
and supporting the work and ministry of this community!*

LOVERS, REBELS, & PROPHETS

A New Worship Series

April 24 – June 5



The Church of the Village has a rich history of loving radically, pushing against oppressive structures, and speaking the truth people need to hear. This series will explore the living history of COTV in the form of stories, reflections, sermons, and other opportunities to hear and share about where we've been. We will dive into the beliefs that have rooted and grown with us as a community, and we reflect on how the past influences the present, as we continually create new "history" to pass on.

UMCOR: UKRAINE



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Visit <https://umcmission.org/umcor/ukraine/> for more information.

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Friday mornings; 9:00am

Our weekly prayer group includes an inspirational reading, time to support one another, and prayers for ourselves, others, and events in the world. We gather via Zoom conference call Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00am (**Meeting ID: 850 0514 7319** **Passcode: 594909**). For more information, contact Deaconess Sarah Capers at smcapers99@gmail.com.

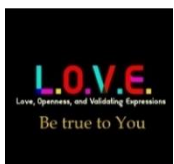
COTV CHOIR

Join us Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm onsite: 201 West 13th St, NY, NY 10011)

and online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86979925984> as we prepare to lead worship in song on Sunday. All voices welcome!

L.O.V.E. (LGBTQA+ group)

1st & 3rd Thursdays; 8:30pm ET



Our LGBTQIA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions!) will meet every Thursday via this [link](#) to discuss a variety of topics, grow friendships, and gather support from one another.

All are welcome as we create a safe space to bring our whole selves, learn from each other, and walk our journeys together. For more information, please email PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org.

Join Us via [Zoom](#).

COTV ONLINE FITNESS

Tuesdays, 10:30 am ET



COTV Online Fitness with Lina returns Tuesdays at 10:30 am ET.

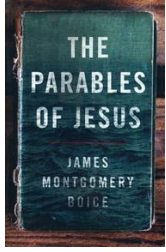
Join us via [Zoom!](#)

Meeting ID: 878 7016 4212

Passcode: fitness

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *THE PARABLES OF JESUS*

Wednesdays; 6:00pm



A new Bible Study, *The Parables of Jesus* by James Montgomery Boice, begins Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

"Some sections of the Bible give us grand theology. Some move us to grateful responses to God. But the parables break through mere words and make us ask whether there has indeed been any real difference in our lives." - James Montgomery Boice

Boice brings Jesus' words to bear on life today. Through his careful study and clear explanation of each parable he helps us understand just what Jesus meant, and how our hearts and lives ought to respond.

This author shares the meaning that is in scripture and adds some historical facts of the culture and other background information that will help everyone understand the meaning of each parable. He also shares different viewpoints and shares the viewpoints of Bible commentators of the past. If you enjoy the parables and want to understand them better, this is the Bible Study to help you. Jesus' parables are memorable for a reason. Discover their power for yourself.

We would be delighted to have you join us. *Everyone is Welcome.*

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Facilitated by Sarah Capers, Deaconess. Join us via Zoom!

<http://zoom.us/j/713063594> or by phone: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: **713 063 594** Passcode: **10011**

THE RED DOOR PLACE



Donations, in person, to the program can be made Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 9am to 3pm. Ring the bell on the red door on 13th street or call the number posted at the door.

Food Pantry: Tuesdays; 2pm - 5pm - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Appointments are available via the [Plentiful App](#) (download from the play/app store). You can search for us, in the app, by name "The Red Door Place" or scroll through the list (towards the bottom) and our pantry will show. After registering on the app you will receive a QR code - **BRING the QR code with you to your appointment.** Arrive within 5 minutes of your scheduled appointment and present your QR code for scanning.

If you do not have a QR code you will not receive pantry. Note: Missed appointments can be rescheduled to a later open slot or the following Tuesday. If you have any questions call 347-497-9718 and ask for Teresa.

Community Meal:

We will continue to hand out bags of food on Saturdays beginning around 11:30am. Guests may arrive earlier to get a place in line; we have chalk marks on the sidewalk at 6-foot intervals to indicate where people should stand at a safe distance.

THE RED DOOR PLACE – NEEDS MONEY FOR FOOD!

The huge increase in unemployment and homelessness means that The Red Door Place has gone from providing food for 1,700 persons before the pandemic, to 2,500 in April, to now more than *4,000 persons every week*. TRDP has plenty of volunteers. **What we need is money.** We are desperately trying to keep enough food coming in to give out to every guest. TRDP is one of only a few emergency food programs in Manhattan still giving out a significant amount of food to each guest at the pantry on Tuesdays and still offering a hot meal on Saturdays.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP, ask your employer, your family, your friends to GIVE! Put out an appeal on your Facebook page. Email people you think would be able to donate.

TO MAKE A DONATION, you can donate online using [VANCO](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app. Or send checks made payable to Church of the Village and write The Red Door Place (TRDP) in the memo line. Mail to: Church of the Village, PO Box 167, New York, NY 10113.

GIVE TO THE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE ON VANCO

The Church of the Village is now accessible via Vanco. [VANCO](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app make it easy to give when and where you want. Visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQX3>.

BECOME A CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE PRAYER PARTNER

Each week, we receive many prayers through our website, the Hope for Our Neighbors in Need food ministry, on prayer cards during worship, and from our Ministers of Care team. These prayers are distributed via email to our large team of **Prayer Partners** who lift them up to God. If you would like to pray for others, please email Deaconess Sarah Capers (smcapers99@gmail.com) with your interest. You can submit a prayer online at ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer.

COTV WORSHIP VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK

It is always a deeper experience to be present with the worshipping community, but when you can't join us for Sunday worship, you can view the worship recording anytime at Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage/videos.

SERMON ARCHIVE

If you missed worship or want to read the sermon again, we post many of our past Sunday sermon manuscripts and worship bulletins on our website at ChurchoftheVillage.org/sermons. We encourage you to read and share them with others.

OUR ADVENTURE IN ONLINE-ONSITE COMMUNITY



The Church of the Village never “closed” during the Covid-19 pandemic because we shifted our entire ministry to be online in March 2020. Then, as the world began slowly to emerge in the summer of 2021 from the worst of the pandemic, there was no thought among the Church of the Village leadership of “going back” to the way of “doing church” before the pandemic.

Our reality and our reach have changed dramatically in a year. We continue to attract worshippers and receive new members from across the U.S. and beyond its borders, as well as from the New York City area. As a faith community, the Church of the Village is no longer tied to a building. We opened to all of our vaccinated members in September 2021 and to the public in December 2021. Currently, we are still practicing masking and social distancing but not requiring proof of vaccination to enter the building.

People are attracted to the Church of the Village because of our progressive theology, radical inclusivity, extravagant welcome, and focus on social, economic, and climate justice. Many who worship with us or decide to join cannot find this sort of faith community where they live.

We believe it is God’s desire that each of us have the chance to have as full a life as possible by seeking the common good in healthy community together. We are committed to building an online and onsite community to reach as widely as possible. With this dream becoming reality, we can re-imagine John Wesley’s vision and say that the whole world, literally, can be our parish.

We encourage you to participate in as many online and onsite opportunities in the Church of the Village community as possible. Consider how you can contribute to the thriving of our lives together. If you want more information on how to connect with Church of the Village, contact [Pastor Jeff Wells](#) or [Pastor Alexis Lillie](#).



How to Contact Key COTV Leaders

During the Coronavirus outbreak and beyond, we want to make sure our members and supporters know how to reach key staff and leaders in the Church of the Village.

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**TURN
IT UP!**

*Join us at COTV to attend
virtually, together!*



United Methodist Women

Assembly 2022

May 20-22, 2022