

2024
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

\$337,949

Contributions received.
Thank you for your generosity!

\$1,270,172

Dollars available in grants to support
Village Church Operations/Missions

\$30,321,136

Value of Endowment Trust
as of Dec. 31, 2024



Your gift ensures our church for
today *and* tomorrow.

Many people assume they need to be wealthy to make a bequest or legacy gift. While large gifts certainly help, they are the exception, rather than the rule. The widow's offering in Luke 21 reminds us that it's not the size of the gift, but the measure of faith it represents.



A gift to the Endowment Trust is appreciated in any amount, at any time.
Please contact **Bob Sperry, director of Giving and Endowment.**

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The Village Church Endowment Trust is grateful
for our Meneilly Society members

The Meneilly Society (named for our founding pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly) recognizes an individual or couple who have named the Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust as a beneficiary in their will, trust, life insurance policy or through another estate-related gift plan. Their generous gifts ensure a bright future for Village Presbyterian Church as we continue to serve our congregation, community and the world well into the future. **If you have or wish to include Village Presbyterian Church in your estate plan, call Bob Sperry, director of Giving and Endowment, at 913-671-2325.**

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*We thank those who have come before. We thank them because their faith was lovingly passed on to us. Through the Endowment Trust, this cloud of saints thought of our future, allowing us to thrive in faith, mission and ministry. We take this opportunity to remember them.

We have made every effort to accurately list the members of the Village Church Endowment Trust Meneilly Society, and we apologize for any errors and omissions. To report a correction or omission, contact Bob Sperry at 913-671-2325.



Cultivating
the Future

2024
Endowment
Trust
Annual
Report





The Endowment Trust is a pool of assets that develop into long-term financial support for Village Presbyterian Church. The Trust's principal funds are preserved over time while, annually, five percent (5%) of the asset's earnings support Village Presbyterian Church operations, programs, scholarships and missions. The Endowment Trust is a model for sustainable, ongoing funding.

Dear Village Family,

There is a proverb that is often quoted.

"Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit."

Through your generous participation in the Village Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust, you are planting seeds for trees that will grow and thrive and provide shade for generations to come.

Your contributions to the Endowment Trust are a true blessing—not only to future generations but also to our ministries today. The interest earned from the funds in the endowment helps sustain and grow our mission of serving Christ in the heart of our community and beyond.

Whether it's supporting educational programs for children, youth, and young adults to funding outreach efforts to feed the hungry and care for the vulnerable or enabling the moving worship and music that fill our sanctuaries, your generosity is helping to make it all possible.

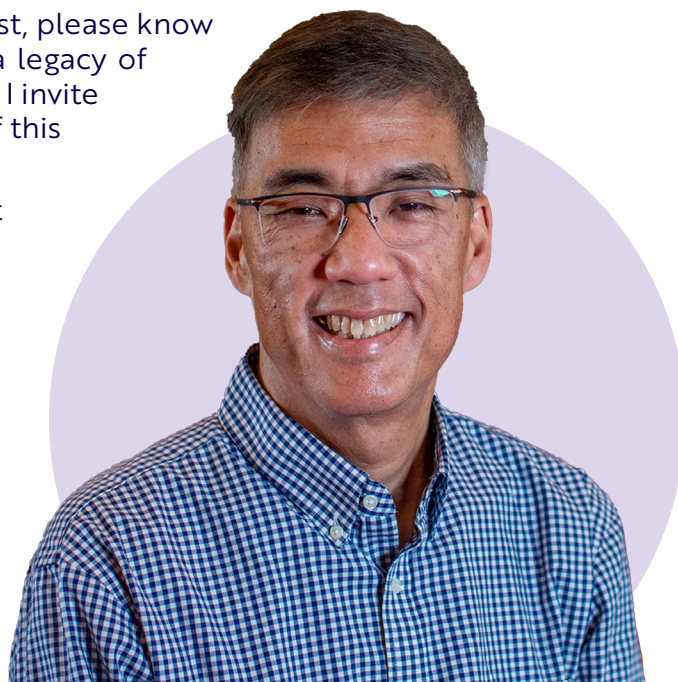
The Endowment Trust ensures that we can plan with confidence and hope. It allows us to dream bigger, reach further, and respond to God's call with courage and creativity. For all of this, we are truly thankful.

To those who have already given to the Endowment Trust, please know how much your commitment means. You are leaving a legacy of faith, hope, and love. To those who are considering a gift, I invite you to prayerfully reflect on how you might be a part of this enduring ministry.

The proverb makes a bold claim—that those who plant trees for the future will be blessed now. I pray that the almighty God will continue to bless and uphold you!

Gratefully,

Rev. Rodger Nishioka, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor



This Year's

Major Grant Recipients

Our 2024 Signature Mission, Jerusalem Farm, is a unique community initiative that combines urban farming, sustainable living, and social justice located in Kansas City's historic Northeast.

Jerusalem Farm is a community practicing hospitality, nonviolence and solidarity. They welcome all individuals to serve with them in unity towards the common good and serve all people without distinction.

The Endowment Trust provided funds to help build an affordable home in the Northeast neighborhood on a lot purchased from the KC Community Land Trust. The proceeds from the sale of the home will be used to build another home on land Jerusalem Farm has already acquired.

Jerusalem Farm stands as a beacon of hope and possibility in an urban setting, demonstrating how agricultural initiatives can contribute to the well-being of individuals and communities alike. Through its dedication to sustainability, education, and community involvement, Jerusalem Farm not only grows food but also cultivates relationships and fosters a more connected and resilient community.

jerusalemfarm.org



Prairie Sky Counseling Center is dedicated to providing compassionate, trauma-informed therapy for individuals, couples, and families. The center offers services across multiple locations in Kansas City and its suburbs.

Prairie Sky Counseling Center originated as a community-driven initiative to address the growing demand for accessible mental health services. Because of funding from the Endowment Trust, Prairie Sky was able to hire a full-time clinician in 2024.

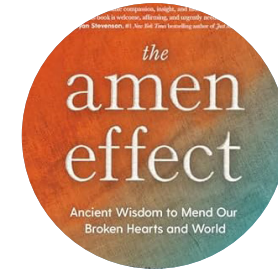
The center's mission is to enhance the availability of high-quality counseling services that equip individuals to navigate life's changes and challenges. Prairie Sky Counseling Center embraces a holistic approach to healing, recognizing the deep connection between mind, body, spirit, and community. In addition to individualized counseling, the Center provides community workshops.

prairieskycc.org

From the Director

I'm pleased to share the exciting news about grants awarded by the Endowment Trust in 2024. We made significant strides in supporting various projects and initiatives that align with our mission to foster community development, education, and sustainability.

We provided funding for multiple **Village U classes**. Many classes are taught by members of the community who wish to share their knowledge and abilities for the benefit of our church family and neighbors.



Funds were provided for the **Meneilly Visiting Scholar** program that brings biblical scholars and theologians to Village Church for a community-focused weekend of presentations and conversation about modern topics that matter.



Endowment Trust grants were also used to purchase furnishings and equipment for children's ministry spaces at the Mission Campus, including the **Sensory Room**.

We believe these investments will not only address immediate needs but also pave the way for long-term growth and improvement in the communities we serve. The Endowment Trust remains committed to partnering with organizations that share our vision for a bright future.

We appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration in making a difference.



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