



# The Good News Letter

## Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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**Lenten Soup Supper** - We had 70+ participants when we hosted the Ecumenical Soup Supper on March 8th. Our great "soup servers" pictured above.



**Anniversary  
Pot Luck Lunch**  
*Sunday, April 2nd - after worship*  
**Pastor Debbie's 10-year  
anniversary with our  
congregation!**

**Church Rummage Sale!**

**Sale Days**  
April 28 - 9am-5pm  
April 29 - 9am-1pm




**Drop-Off Days** April 23, 24, 25

**Helping Days**  
Saturday, April 22, 9:30-10:30am  
Sunday, April 23, 1-5pm  
Monday - Thursday, 9am-5pm  
Monday & Tuesday also 7-9pm

**Cleanup Help Really Needed**  
Saturday - 1-4pm


**Babysitting Available**  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings

**Easter Happenings**



**Worship** - 10am "Hallelujah!" **Invite a friend!**

**Craft Making** - 11am  
While the teenagers hide the eggs, the younger ones will have a time of making Easter crafts. Fun!



**Easter Egg Hunt** - 11:30am  
For toddlers thru grade 5, bring a basket and a dozen eggs filled with goodies.

### Party to Celebrate Diversity - April 30th

To gather with the Latino immigrant community in and around Pleasantville and to celebrate National Children's Day in Mexico, we're having a lunch party, a program for adults, and crafts and games for children on Sunday, April 30th at 1pm. We invite you to come for good food

and fellowship. (We'd also love your help: see below.)

The party will begin with lunch in Fellowship Hall. After lunch, children will peel off to other rooms for crafts and games. Meanwhile, a program for adults will include a counselor to discuss

how to talk to children about immigration issues. Lawyers will answer any questions attendees may have. Notary publics will also be on hand to notarize documents. Most of the program will be conducted in Spanish.

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## Pastor Debbie on Prayer

O God, we pray this day:  
 for all who have a song they cannot sing,  
 for all who have a burden they cannot bear,  
 for all who live in chains they cannot break,  
 for all who wander homeless and cannot return,  
 for those who are sick and for those who tend them,  
 for those who wait for loved ones  
     and wait in vain,  
 for those who live in hunger  
     and for those who will not share their bread,  
 for those who are misunderstood  
     and for those who misunderstand,  
 for those who are captives and for those who are captors,  
 for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts  
     and for those who yearn to hear those words.

Have mercy upon these, O God.  
 Have mercy on us all.

— Ann Weems



## Save the Dates

<i>Jazz Vespers</i>	April 1
<i>Pot Luck for Pastor</i>	April 2
<i>ASP Meeting</i>	April 2
<i>Lenten Soup Supper</i>	April 5
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 9
<i>Lenten Study</i>	April 9
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 13
<i>Good Friday</i>	April 14
<i>Easter</i>	April 16
<i>Transitions</i>	April 27
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	April 28
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	April 29
<i>Lunch</i>	April 30

### Lunch - April 30th

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We'll be making big batches of ziti and salad for lunch. If you can bring finger foods for dessert, or help with set up, clean up, or provide transportation to those who may not have a ride, we'd be grateful.

Please invite your friends and neighbors! Victor and Susana Corona are fielding questions from the immigrant community, at 914-741-6458. If you can help with the event, contact Kim Lewis. We look forward to seeing you!

### Dedicate an Easter Lily

On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary will be adorned with lilies which have been ordered by members of our church family. Please place your order by Friday, **April 7th** by completing this form and sending it to the church office.

Please reserve \_\_\_ Easter Lily(ies) for me at the cost of \$16 each.

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ To the glory of God

- Amount attached \_\_\_\_\_
- Please pick up your plant after worship.

*(Please write your check to Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, with "Easter Lily" written on the memo line.)*

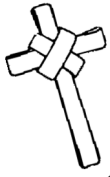


Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Want to Know More About Church Membership?

If you have questions about becoming a member of the church or are ready to join, please contact Pastor Debbie for more information at 769-0458 or Pastor@PvillePresby.org.

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## Come Make Palm Crosses

*Palm Sunday  
April 9th - After worship*

Come learn the art of making crosses from palm leaves with Marleni Ruano and family. It has become a tradition for our church to hand out palm crosses on Palm Sunday (made by the Ruanos) and they would like to teach us how to make them.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

*April 9th*  
**Palm Sunday Passion Play**  
*by Elementary Students*  
During worship

*April 13th*  
**Maundy Thursday Service**  
At our church - 7:30pm

*April 14th*  
**Good Friday Service**  
St. John's Episcopal - 12-3pm

*April 15th*  
**Easter Service - 10am**  
**Craft making - 11am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt - 11:30am**

## From the Scholarship Committee

High school seniors interested in scholarship money to help offset college tuition are encouraged to apply to the church's Scholarship Committee. Applications are posted on the church website and are due by the end of June. Any questions, please see Scott Mosenthal.



## JAZZ VESPERS

Saturday, April 1st  
5pm

## Lenten Study

Our Lenten study John Ortberg's "Who is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus" continues after worship on April 9th (11:30 - 12:30pm in the Campbell Room). This video-based series has helped us explore the profound impact Jesus made on human history and on our understanding of the obligations of one human to one another. No class on April 2nd - enjoy the potluck lunch!

## Navigating Transitions

This month's meeting will be Thursday April 27th 7:30 - 9pm in the Campbell Room. All are welcome to our monthly discussions on navigating life transitions. The group is an open forum to share our experiences and provide support, encouragement, and inspiration to each other. For more information, please speak with Linda Berg or Jane Wong.

## Save the Date

### Leaders' Retreat

Saturday, May 13th - 9am

## ASP Update!

*Next Meeting is*

**Sunday, April 2nd at 1:30pm**

The 2017 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) volunteer team is getting started to prepare for the annual home repair mission trip to West Virginia this July. Our team has a mix of new and returning volunteers, and we're excited to see that a number of high school graduates are coming back to volunteer with us again!

Meanwhile, one of our former youth volunteers, Megan Shaub, is now working for ASP, which is based in Tennessee. Her focus is on helping to rebuild the town of Rainelle, West Virginia, which suffered dreadfully in last year's flooding. Megan directed and produced a short film about Rainelle. Please take a couple of minutes to watch it. It is powerful! To watch it, go to YouTube and search for "Rebuild Rainelle". Nice work, Megan!!



## Midnight Run

Our congregation participates in the Midnight Run which is a ministry to those who are currently homeless in NYC. The dates of the next Runs are April 22nd and June 3rd. Donations of **gently used clothing** are always appreciated and may be dropped off in the large bin in the CE hallway. Items needed for spring are: jeans, sneakers & casual shoes, light jackets, hoodies, knit shirts, t-shirts, backpacks, sleeping bags, caps and belts. Please contact Dave Smutzler for more information.

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## Rummage Sale Opportunities

Rummage creates the...

- **OPPORTUNITY** for you to **recycle** your gently used, but no longer needed, possessions.
- **OPPORTUNITY** for people to **purchase** needed personal and household items.
- **OPPORTUNITY** for you to **serve** to make this happen. Whether it's sorting, pricing, arranging, selling, cleaning up, or setting out food for the workers there is something for everyone.
- **OPPORTUNITY** to **meet people** in the church and community.

Previous experience is not necessary. New faces are always welcome and babysitting is provided for the little ones. Come for the fellowship and enjoy the fun and the rewards of seeing people finding needed "treasures". Be a part of this great mission **OPPORTUNITY**.

## Tips on What to Donate to Rummage

Please be selective about what you donate. Please don't bring tires, bathroom/kitchen components, exercise equipment, ski equipment, really big household items/furniture, computers, TVs, infant equipment such as cribs, car seats, swings and play yards.

Look for the sign up board in the lobby or the inserts in the Sunday Bulletin. Please prayerfully consider if you can help out somewhere.

## Sign Up for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)



Pleasantville Presbyterian Church has the opportunity to participate in "community supported agriculture" (CSA) once again this summer. The CSA program is an excellent and delicious way to support local farmers, to know you're feeding your family healthful, locally grown food, and become part of a community of people who feel the same way. This year, we'll be working with the organic Hilltop Hanover Farm in Yorktown Heights ([hilltophanoverfarm.org](http://hilltophanoverfarm.org)).

Here's how it works: At the beginning of the growing season, you purchase a share of the crops the farm will harvest. The cost of a full share is \$400 for 20 weeks of produce, or \$300 for 15 weeks. Hesitant to buy a whole share? Find a friend to partner with and split the share, or to donate part of your share. (Hilltop says each full share is intended to fulfill the average weekly vegetable needs of two non-vegetarians, or one vegetarian.) When the harvest begins, we'll designate a pickup day each week at the church. All you have to do is stop by church to collect your share.

This program is only a go if collectively we purchase 15 shares. If you're interested, please let Harry Lewis or Pastor Debbie ([pastor@pvillepresby.org](mailto:pastor@pvillepresby.org)) know **by Sunday, April 9th.**

## Pleasantville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School



August 7 - 11, 2017  
9am-12pm

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

For ages K-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Adult and high school volunteers  
needed!

<http://www.pvillevbs.org>

## One Great Hour of Sharing

*Collected on Palm Sunday*

We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the globe by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Together we can be builders of bridges and repairers of the breach with our kindnesses and love. Please give generously on Palm Sunday to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please give generously!



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Faith, fun, fellowship and friends, with a bit of mission mixed in.

## Saturday Apr 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Jazz Vespers — 5:00 pm**

Join us for a unique worship experience with jazz music. All are welcome – bring a friend!

## Sunday Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Spring and Easter Creative Fun**

Create goodness and fun for ourselves and to share with others. Dinner will be provided.

**Middle School — 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**High School — 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

## Sunday Apr 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Palm Sunday**

**No PYC — enjoy school break!**

## Sunday Apr 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Easter — 10:00 am service**

Egg Hunt after church for the younger kids – help hide eggs!

**No PYC — Enjoy family time!**

## Sunday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Progressive Dinner**

A PYC favorite! A three course meal – with walking required! Start (and end) at church.

**All — 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

## Sunday Apr 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Children's Day Event — 1:00 pm**

Join us as we host a community event; see article for details. Lunch will be provided.



*Chili-making ☺*

*All-ages rock-climbing at The Cliffs*

## Lent and Spring underway, Easter coming!

The snow is disappearing, the crocuses are reappearing; spring is here! A big thank you to our fabulous Youth Group cooks for the chili enjoyed at the Lenten Supper. And congrats to all involved in the HS musicals!! Get ready for April - packed full of celebrations, jazz music, creative crafts, food, games, the list goes on. Find what you like and join us! On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate Pastor Debbie's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our church with a potluck lunch. And after Easter comes Rummage – youth are welcome to participate! See the full newsletter for details.

## April 30<sup>th</sup> Latino Community Event

Join us on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> as we help host an important community event. First, we'll enjoy lunch in celebration of Children's Day in Mexico. After lunch, the Youth Group will lead games and crafts for the kids in attendance, while the adults are learning more about resources available to support Latino immigrants in our community. Bring your ideas for games and crafts - and for outdoor fun if the weather's nice! Event is at church, starting at 1:00 pm and end by 4:00 pm. For more info, speak with Maria or e-mail [youth@pville.presby.org](mailto:youth@pville.presby.org)

## Save the Date - May 7<sup>th</sup> "Sharing Stories"

Stay tuned for more info on a fun, interactive cross-generational event!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5pm Jazz Vespers 6pm Set-up for Pot luck
2 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship 10am Childcare in the Nursery 10am Anniversary Pot Luck 11:15am Mission Meeting 2pm ASP Business Meeting 5pm Jr High Youth Grp. -spring & Easter Fun 6pm Sr. High Youth Grp.	3	4 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7pm Confirmation Class	5 6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper/Worship Holy Innocents 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible	6 6pm Spanish Lessons - Campbell Rm	7 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm.	8
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23 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10am Childcare in the Nursery 5pm - Youth Grp. - Progressive Dinner	24	25 7pm Confirmation Class	26 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible	27 7:30pm Navigating Transitions	28 29 RUMMAGE SALE Fri. 9am-5pm Sat. 9am-1pm	
30 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10am Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Deacon's Mtg. 1pm Party to Celebrate Diversity 1pm Youth Grp. - Children's Day Event						



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## Brunch and Bells in March



### Women's Brunch

On March 25th many women and girls gathered to have fellowship, food and fun. It was a great time with the spiritual practice of mandala.



### Bell Choir Rings

Our wonderful bell choir provided beautiful music on March 26th.

