



# The Good News Letter

## Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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### All Ages Come to Eat & Learn



Some pictures from our February 28th Intergenerational Learning Event & Pot Luck Dinner

#### Topics included....

- Writing as a Spiritual Practice
- Vegan Cooking
- Sustainability



Next one is May 16th

(see pg. 5 for more info)

### Great News About our Associates!

We want to celebrate each of the Associates as they continue on their journeys.

- In September Hannah Scanlon will enter a PhD in Theological Studies program. She will continue to pursue ordination with us and Hudson River Presbytery.
- Skyler Mosenthal is making great progress to teacher certification in New York and will be student teaching this fall. We are happy to report he will still be in the area and will remain an active member of our congregation!
- We are very pleased that Katelyn Westervelt has accepted our offer to extend her internship for another year! We are excited about all the opportunities we have to grow together with her.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

*April 14th*  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**

*April 18th*  
**Maundy Thursday Service**  
At our church - 7:30pm

*April 19th*  
**Good Friday Service**  
Emanuel Lutheran- 12-3pm

*April 21st*  
**Easter Service - 10am**  
**Craft making - 11am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt - 11:30am**

### Spiritual Journey Class

*April 7 & 14*

*11:30am in the Campbell Room*  
Come explore with Pastor Debbie practices that spiritual seekers have used throughout history to grow closer to God. Everyone is invited!

### Children's Day Fiesta!

**Sunday, May 5th at 1pm**  
Fellowship Hall

Celebrating with our local immigrant community with pizza, crafts, games, piñatas. All are welcome!



## Pastor Debbie on “What good shall I do this day?”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I’ve been reading a little about Benjamin Franklin lately, and have been fascinated. I knew the stories of his great intellect, the difference he made with his science, his service to the country, and his less than appropriate behavior. What I did not know about what was the daily practice that was his process throughout life.

As a young man, he decided to aim for moral perfection - a goal he knew he would not achieve. But - he came to believe that the journey toward this goal would make for the kind of life he wanted to live.

The key to his practice? *Beginning every day with the question “What good shall I do this day?” And ending each day by reflecting on the question “What good did I do this day?”*

How would it change our lives to engage in this kind of reflective practice? The Ignatian Examen is a spiritual practice that has stood the test of centuries.

*Ask God for light: I want to look at my day with God’s eyes, not merely my own.*

*Give thanks: The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.*

*Review the day: I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.*

*Face your shortcomings: I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.*

*Look toward the day to come: I ask where I need God in the day to come.*

May we learn and grow in our lives, through taking the time to reflect on who and whose we are - and how we are living the life we’ve been given.

*Pastor Debbie*

### 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 Sunday, **April 7th** by completing this form and sending it to the church office.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ Easter lily(ies) for me at the cost of \$18 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Save the Dates

<b>Soup Supper</b>	April 3
<b>Midnight Run</b>	April 6
<b>Spiritual Journey Class</b>	April 7
<b>ASP Meeting</b>	April 7
<b>Soup Supper (here)</b>	April 10
<b>Men’s Breakfast</b>	April 13
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	April 18
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 19
<b>Easter</b>	April 21
<b>Social Justice Film</b>	April 25
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	May 3 & 4
<b>Children’s Fiesta</b>	May 5

## Announcing New Newsletter Editor

We are happy to announce that beginning with the May edition of our church newsletter, Amy Rossnagel Williams will be our editor. Please join us in thanking Amy for taking over!

## Pizza with the Pastor!

*Sunday, April 7th  
5pm*

**Want to learn more about  
our congregation or the  
Presbyterian Church?**

Here’s your opportunity to ask questions and get information while having some delicious pizza with Pastor Debbie.

This is a great opportunity if you are new to the congregation, new to worshipping at a Presbyterian church or want to find out more about becoming a member of the congregation. Child care will be available. Let Pastor Debbie know if you are interesting in attending.

# Church News



*Collected on Palm Sunday  
April 14th*

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world 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. Your gifts are appreciated by many all over the globe, please

## Church Rummage Sale!

### Sale Days

May 3 - 9am-5pm  
May 4 - 9am-1pm



**Drop-Off Days** April 28, 29 & 30

### Helping Days

Saturday, April 27, 9-10:30am  
Sunday, April 28, 1-5pm  
Monday - Thursday, 9am-5pm  
Monday & Tuesday also 7-9pm

### Cleanup Help Really Needed

Saturday - 1-4pm

### **Babysitting Available**

With advance request

See [back page](#) for more info!

## Men's Breakfast

**April will Feature  
Dave Macdonald**

*Saturday, April 13th  
7:30am Campbell Room*

This month's presenter will be Dave MacDonald! Dave has been the church's Director of Music for 18 years. Please come to hear him speak on music, and break bread with us! RSVP to Mark Zarick, [men@pvillepresby.org](mailto:men@pvillepresby.org)

**June will Feature  
Gary Dieckman**

Our March breakfast was snowed out so we are rescheduling Gary Dieckman's talk about the USS Slater to our June breakfast. For those interested, we are considering carpooling to Albany after breakfast for a Men's Day Trip to visit the Slater and get the below deck tour from Gary!

## 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 (see "Scholarships" under "Transformational Mission") and are **due May 15th**. Any questions, please see Scott Mosenthal.



## Midnight Run

*Ministry to people who are  
currently homeless in NYC*

**April 6th &  
June 1st**

*Interested in learning more or  
going on the Run?*

*Contact Dave Smutzler  
747-3331*

## Men's Bible Study

*Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the  
Campbell Room*

We are continuing our study of 1 Corinthians. All men are invited to join us as they are available.

## Loaves and Fishes

*Looking for  
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste*

A big shout out to those of you who contributed dish soap and laundry detergent (no it's no too late if you didn't).

The next request is for toothbrushes and toothpaste. Our Assembly of God parishioners are very grateful for the generosity of this congregation. Thanks in advance!

## Our Church Receives a new Grant!

Our Church has just received notice that we have been chosen for a seed grant by the PCUSA, for the ministry outreach we are doing through our digital communications program. We are excited about the possibilities we will explore going forward to meet people where they are, helping all of us to grow in our faith by connecting with one another to seek and serve God. Thank you to all those who have worked to make this program happen!

# Church News

## Pot Luck Supper & Intergenerational Learning

*Next on May 16th*

If you were in the church on February 28th, (see pictures on pg. 1) you would have noticed a buzz of conversation and a flurry of activity. About 40 people gathered to share community and a pot luck supper. After eating, the crowd dispersed in three different directions; some to Writing as a Spiritual Practice, others to learn vegan cooking from Chef Hannah and the rest gathered in The Hub to watch the film: The Story of Stuff and have a lively discussion about it.

Because this evening was so successful, we are going to do it again. Save the date: May 16th. We will gather for the pot luck supper and then split up again to go to class. We are doing versions of the original classes because many people remarked; "I wish I could attend all of them." So Debbie will have some different prompts for Writing as a Spiritual Practice, Hannah will create some new goodness for you vegan wannabes and Skyler will present another short film and have a discussion on sustainability.

## Social Justice: Documentary & Dialogue

*Marijuana: Is it a drug? Is it a medicine? Should it be legalized?*

Our next documentary follows award-winning British journalist Helen Kapalos as she explores the topic of medical marijuana, uncovering life changing treatments and cutting-edge research. This screening and discussion is designed to provide a greater context to the current legalization debate in our town and state as part of the April being Alcohol and Drug Awareness Month. Join us on **Thursday, April 8th at 7pm** in The Hub (formerly the "rug room") for a viewing of "A Life of Its Own: the Truth About Medical Marijuana" with discussion to follow. Please RSVP to [skyler@pvillepresby.org](mailto:skyler@pvillepresby.org) by Tuesday, 4/23 if you can attend. Thanks!



Thanks also to Susana and Alma Corona for putting on such a delicious brunch!

Easter Worship  
10am

*Alleluia!*

## The Easter Egg-Stravaganza After Worship

- Kids should bring an Easter basket and a dozen eggs filled with goodies
- Please drop off before worship
- No nuts please
- Craft-making will take place before the egg hunt



## Women's Brunch

*What a Wonderful Get Together!*

On Saturday, March 16th, the ladies of our church and some friends got together for our annual Women's Brunch.

About 40 women and young ladies came to enjoy great food, great fellowship and a few laughs. Our guest speaker this year was Barb Loizeaux who shared her faith journey and experiences in being part of the congregation for the past 30 years. We even learned a few new things about her life so far and about the move that she and Steve are making.

Many thanks to Kim Kleman Lewis for being the interviewer and doing it with such grace, love and

# Youth Group News



We're so excited about how much youth group has grown in the last seven months and how many kids it is reaching. Our hope has and always will be that youth group is an environment for any and all kids to feel like they can be themselves and grow more into who they want to be. Thank you for allowing the three of us to get to know these awesome kids and encourage them to be themselves :)

## Junior/Senior High Calendar:

7th:  
Fun & Games!

14th:  
Movie Night!

21st:  
No youth group - have a great Easter with your family!

28th:  
Fun & Games!



## Your Youth Group Leaders:

Junior High:

Hannah Scanlon — [hannah@pvillepresby.org](mailto:hannah@pvillepresby.org)  
Skyler Mosenthal — [skyler@pvillepresby.org](mailto:skyler@pvillepresby.org)

Senior High:

Katelyn Westervelt —  
[katelyn@pvillepresby.org](mailto:katelyn@pvillepresby.org)

# april

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Lenten Soup supper/Worship Holy Innocents	<b>4</b> 6pm Community Dinner	<b>5</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Fifth Sunday in <i>Lent</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Mission Meeting 11:30am Adult Ed. - Spiritual Journey 2pm ASP informational Mtg. 5pm Youth Group 5pm Pizza with the Pastor	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Session Mtg. 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Lenten Soup supper/Worship PPC	<b>11</b> 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	<b>12</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>13</b> 7:30am Men's Bkfst
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<b>21</b> <i>Easter's BLESSINGS</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Childcare in the Nursery 5pm Youth Grp	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>24</b> 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	<b>25</b> 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	<b>26</b> 6pm English Class - Campbell Rm	<b>27</b> Pre - Rummage Set-up
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Pre-Rummage Set-Up - Camp. Rm., Library, FH, K, 103, 104, 105, 106					<b>RUMMAGE SALE</b> Fri. 9am-5pm Sat. 9am-1pm	
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## It's All About RUMMAGE! May 3rd & 4th

### Our Annual Rummage Sale is Coming

Rummage is a great melding of sustainability and mission. Rummage has been doing "the green thing" long before the world recognized the importance of intelligent use of resources. So if your passion is for the earth (sustainability) or for its people (mission) Rummage is the place to be. Join the close to 100 volunteers by sorting, testing, displaying, pricing, setting out food for the workers, or doing one of the other myriad, but necessary jobs. Both large and small commitments of time are welcome.

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

Come for the fellowship and enjoy the fun and the rewards of seeing people finding needed "treasures".

### Start Collecting your Rummage Now

#### What to donate...

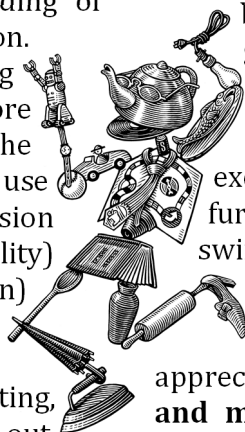
Please be selective about what you donate as many people count on Rummage to provide basic needed items or to enjoy items beyond their budgets. You can show compassion by sharing (donating) your gently used, but no longer needed possessions.

#### Please don't bring....

However 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, play yards, and non-working, incomplete, or broken items.

#### Most helpful donors...

If you have ever dropped off items for Rummage you can appreciate the monumental job faced by our sorters. **Please pre-sort and mark your donated items.** Group items in the categories: linens, household, holiday, books, toys, sports equipment and separately place the groups in labelled boxes. **Especially important: separate clothes into men's, women's, boys, girls, babies and clearly label each bag.** This extra step on your part will save our volunteers hours of work.



### Wanted! Rummage Sale Bags

- Grocery bags - plastic or paper
- Department store bags
- Gift bags with handles

*Please put them in the box in the foyer. Thanks!*

### Spread the Word About Rummage

Please invite friends and neighbors to come work or shop. It's a great way to introduce people to our church. If you'd like to put a flyer up near you, please let Ruth Fischer know.