



# The Good News Letter

## Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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### Photo Exhibit was a Great Success!

Our first annual photography exhibit, which was open during two weekends in June, was well received by church members and the Pleasantville community. It was the brain child of Eileen Walton with the assistance of Jane Wong. It was a leap of faith as we had no idea how many people would be interested in submitting photos.



With a bit of leg work, assistance from Photo Works and a generous donation of a beautiful brochure, we were able to get the word out. The theme for the exhibit was "Radical Beauty in Everyday Life" and the

variety of pieces certainly displayed the theme. We collected 46 photos to display in the library and over 90 people had visited by the end of the first weekend!



### Pleasantville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

*"Shipwrecked...  
Rescued by Jesus"*

**August 6-10**

*9am-12pm*

*Emanuel Lutheran Church*

Adult & Teen Volunteers  
Needed!

Go to [PvilleVBS.org](http://PvilleVBS.org)

Questions? Email, Nicole Browand  
[info@pvillepresby.org](mailto:info@pvillepresby.org).

All are welcome! Invite a friend!

### Thank You Choir!

On June 10th, we heard beautiful music from our choir and had a chance to thank them for all of their musical contributions.



**Still Time to Register!**  
**The most fun you will  
have all year!**

## Pastor Debbie on The Gift of Summer

Dear Friends in Christ,

Ah – the start of summer! We’ve been waiting! One of my favorite lines of poetry comes from Mary Oliver’s poem *The Summer Day*.

Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?



We live in a world of distractions – and in the slowing down of summer, we have an opportunity to notice – to pay attention – to live our lives intentionally. We have this gift from God. Life in this creation, seasons that remind us that life on earth has beginnings and endings. Each day matters in creating our life story – the one that spreads God’s love and light in the world in our own particular way.

May we enjoy the gifts that summer has to give – and pay attention to the Spirit’s invitations as they come to us.

In Christ’s Peace,

*Pastor Debbie*



- **Worship - 10am**
- **Choir Rehearsal - 8:45am**
- **Nursery care available**
- **Sunday School - 10:15am**
- **Special music**

### Get Connected!

There are lots of ways to be connected to our congregation.

**Digital Connections Weekly** - get a weekly update including the latest sermon.

**YouTube** - subscribe to our YouTube channel - lots to see!

**Facebook** - join our FB page for up to the minute happenings.

**Newsletter** - do you get our church newsletter by paper or digitally?

*Go to [PvillePresby.org](http://PvillePresby.org), then to the Digital Connections link.*

### Planning for the Year

*All are Welcome*

*Wednesday, August 8th*

**Attention church leaders, committee chairs and anyone interested in giving input...come put your 2 cents in!** We will map out the coming program year (September 2018 - August 2019).

It’s a great time to put programs and events on the calendar and to determine how to put our ministry goals into action. We’ll meet at 7:30pm in the Campbell Room. If you have questions or input, talk with Pastor Debbie or Jo Anna Tivnan.



### Got an Extra Smart Phone?

One of the students in the English class has a phone that isn’t working very well and it needs to be replaced. If you are upgrading your phone, and your old one is still in good working order, would you consider giving it to our student? If so, please let Barb Loizeaux know.

### Picture/Info Use Policy

One of the ways that we communicate what’s happening in the life of our congregation is by putting pictures in the newsletter (print and online) and also on our website.

As part of our efforts to increase our digital outreach, Session has adopted guidelines for publishing photos. We have created an opt-out policy for those who would rather not have their photo or name appear in our paper and/or online publications. We will not publish young children’s names or adults’ personal phone numbers or email addresses online. If you want to opt out, let Jo Anna know by [info@pvillepresby.org](mailto:info@pvillepresby.org) or call the office at 769-0458.

# Church News

## Welcome New Member - Dennis Hagenbuch



Dennis Hagenbuch grew up outside of Philadelphia in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Our church has many current and former IBM employees and Dennis is one them, having worked there for 30 years in accounting. He attended Syracuse University as an undergrad and received his MBA from Lehigh University. When he was younger, Dennis attended the United Church of Christ in Spinnerstown, Pennsylvania where he was involved in Vacation Bible School, sleep away camp and Youth Group. We were happy to have

him help out with the Rummage Sale this year and he has also attended several of the fellowship events at our church.

In his spare time, Dennis likes to golf, garden and travel and he and his wife Mary live in Valhalla. You may know that Mary is an active member of our Hearts and Hands group. When we asked him why he decided to join our church, Dennis said "I found the people of this congregation to be very warm and friendly. I liked seeing the energy they put into all church activities." **We welcome you Dennis!**

## Cooking Classes to Continue in the Fall

We held our first cooking class this spring and it was so much fun we have decided to offer more. The first class was Cooking 101. Several of you have requested some more advanced classes. Therefore Cooking 201 will happen in the fall.

*What we need to know is...*

**What would you like to learn more about?**

Please see Harry Lewis or Jane Wong to share your ideas. And, since the class was originally geared toward our college students we have decided to offer Cooking 101 during the next Christmas recess.

## Creating the Future: Associate Program

We are seeking three people with a variety of gifts and skills for a 10-month position with the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Associate Program.

Are you a seminarian, educator, or artist? Are you looking for a chance to grow in a nurturing and collaborative environment?

Here is an opportunity to make a difference and help us create the future church—and explore what comes next for you.

If you are interested, please read more on our church web site or reach out to Pastor Debbie at [Pastor@pvillepresby.org](mailto:Pastor@pvillepresby.org).

## Want to Sing this Summer?



In our summer worship services, we will have special music and Summer Choir will sing on several Sundays. The summer is a great time to sing with the choir. The repertoire comprises hymns and easy anthems. The rehearsals are relaxed and fun. Feel free to just show up at 8:45am on Sundays July 8, August 5 or August 12.

## Transitions Group Will Focus on Spiritual Growth

Our Transitions small group is transitioning! Beginning this fall we are going to begin a monthly group with a focus on spiritual growth. We will be using books, poetry and articles to prompt our discussions. Please be on the lookout for the announcement of our first meeting. All are welcome.

## English and Spanish Classes

### Summer Schedule

English Class with Charlie Titterton and Barb Loizeaux will meet Wednesdays (*Note new day!*) 6-8pm during July & August

Spanish Class with Susana Corona will meet Thursdays - 6-8pm until July 12th and then resume in September

**All are welcome!**

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## Summer Sunday School

For ages 8 and under

We are using a fun curriculum that focuses on compassion called Illustrated Children's Ministry.

## Looking Ahead to the Fall

### Homecoming

September 9th

Hear about our summer missions and ministries.

### Sunday School Kickoff

September 16th

Come meet your teachers.

## Honoring our Graduates



On Sunday June 17th, we honored our graduating high school seniors. Congratulations to all those who are graduating this year from high school and college on reaching this milestone.

Here are a few additions to the list of graduates that we included in the June newsletter...

**Gabe Finehout** - Pleasantville HS

**Evelyn Tocco** - King's College  
B.S., Athletic Training

**Maria Murerwa** - CUNY School of  
Professional Studies  
B.A., Urban & Community Studies

## Women's Bible Fellowship

Our Evening Women's Bible Fellowship will continue through the summer on Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm in the Campbell Room. (except for July 4 and August 8th).

The daytime Women's Bible Fellowship will take the summer off and resume September 11th.

## ASP Mission Trip Volunteers

Please pray for the volunteers of the Appalachia Service Project as they travel to Cross Lanes, West Virginia - in July to help make houses "warmer, safer and drier", grow in their faith and discover some of the gifts that God has given them. Here is the current list of Pleasantville ASP volunteers...

### Team Leaders



Bill Brown  
Kathy Brown  
Martha Clizbe  
Susana Corona  
Chris Dieckman  
Gary Dieckman  
Jo Anne Gullotta  
Rich Gullotta  
Patrick Kelly  
Kim Lewis  
Neil Marchi  
Jeannine Tocco  
Rich Tocco  
Jackson Wong  
Gail Zarick

### Youth Volunteers

Jake Albalate  
Katie Albaum  
Charlie Allen  
Daniel Ammirati  
Hannah Collins  
Michael Collins  
Brendan Cooper  
Manny Corona  
Joseph D'Angelo  
Ryan Dirgins  
Meaghan Ennis  
Gabriel Finehout  
Lisa Gullotta  
Ciara Hickey  
Garrick Hoadley  
Thomas Holmes  
Eric Hughes  
Kyle Largey  
Angelina Laurino  
Sarah Laurino  
Samuel Lord  
Anna Grace Mockler  
Carl Mueller  
Eric Mueller  
Victor Parada  
Cate Puglia  
Sophie Rapley  
Brendan Roney  
Erick Roye  
Jack Roye  
Katelin Schaub  
Sydney Shulman-Arno  
Owen Stone  
Faith Summers  
Ben Trombetta  
Shane Willard

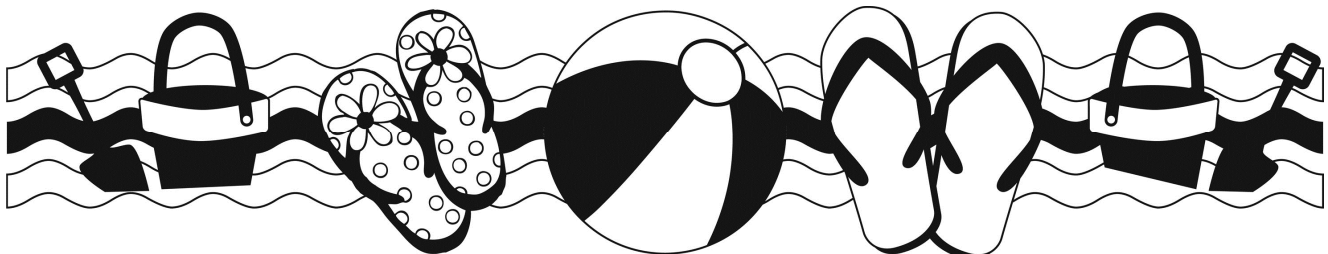


# July

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## Fire Department Parade & Church BBQ

Each year our church BBQ gets bigger as more people attend and also invite their friends. It's a great outreach opportunity to our church and wider community. Over 100 people gathered on the front lawn of the church this year to eat delicious hotdogs and hamburgers and wonderful dishes that people brought to share. Thanks to our organizers and chefs! Would you like to help out next year? Please let Pastor Debbie know if this is something you would like to help with.

