



July/August 2017

# The Good News Letter

## Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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### Confirmation Class 2017



Dan Fourie, Ariana Alvarado and Katrina Kelly

We welcome our new confirmands with this prayer...

*O Lord, uphold our Confirmands by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*

*Amen*

### Welcome Heather Shank!



### Recognizing our High School Graduates



L to R: Jason Flores, Dylan Bronkema, Manuel Corona, Wilmer Miguel and Arianna Altman  
*(more on pg. 5)*

On June 18th, we welcomed Heather Shank as a member of our congregation. We'd like to tell you a little about her. Heather grew up in Lutherville, MD (outside of Baltimore) and she studied Hotel, Restaurant, Institutional Management with a minor in Women's Studies at the University of Delaware. Previously she was affiliated with First United Methodist Church of Greenwich, CT. She currently works as the Director of Special Events for the Westchester Community College Foundation.

Heather and her husband Michael, and their son Lucas, live in Hawthorne. When we asked Heather why she decided to join

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### Homecoming

September 10th

Hear about our summer missions and ministries.



### Sunday School

#### Kickoff

September 17th

Come meet your teachers.

## Pastor Debbie on What's on Your Nightstand?

Dear Friends in Christ,

What journey will you be taking this summer? For many of us summer has space in it. Space to travel, to spend time with family and friends-old and new. And hopefully space to read.

There are several books waiting on my night table...

- Grounded by Diana Butler Bass
- Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott
- David Whyte's Consolations.

All of these have the potential to challenge and sustain faith-and I'm looking forward to going on this journey.

What are you looking forward to reading this summer?

May the peace of Christ take root in you this summer!

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Debbie*



## Save the Dates

<b>Transitions</b>	July 27
<b>EVBS</b>	Aug 7-11
<b>EVBS Worship</b>	Aug 10
<b>Homecoming</b>	Sept 10
<b>S.S. Kickoff</b>	Sept 17



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

## Heather Shank

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the congregation she said, "I felt welcomed from my first visit and I knew it would be a great place for Lucas to thrive and grow." You may have seen her teaching Sunday School and she looks forward to being involved in Ecumenical Vacation Bible School this summer. In the future she would like to help with children's activities and get involved in mission-related events. In her spare time Heather enjoys spending time with Lucas and Michael and she also likes to read, garden, cook, ski and ride horses.

You might be surprised to know that Heather broke her nose four times (quite a record!) including three times riding her horse as a kid.

## Planning for the Year

*All are Welcome*

*July 12th*

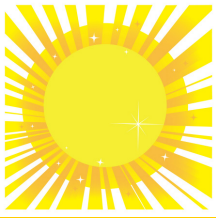
**Attention church leaders, committee chairs and anyone interested in giving input...**come put your 2 cents in! We will map out the coming program year (September 2017 - August 2018).

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.



# Church News

## Lots of Summer Opportunities



### Summer Sunday School

Sunday School will continue during July and August. It's a little different than our normal Sunday School program. We meet all together, in a one-room-school-house-esque atmosphere. We hope to see you there! Teen helpers welcome

### Want to Help Garden?

It isn't too late to sign-up to be a summer gardener. Gardeners will weed and water our flower beds for one week. Look for the sign up sheet in the foyer.

### Come Sing This Summer with the Choir

We sing hymns and easy anthems. Rehearsals are fun and relaxed. All are welcome. For specific dates or more info, contact Dave Macdonald or just show up on Sundays at 8:45am.

### Teach Sunday School ?

Think about helping out in Sunday School - over the summer or...in the fall. It's fun!  
Talk with  
Maria Murerwa or Kathy Brown



**PRESERVE OUR PROPERTY**  
Pleasantville Presbyterian Church  
Capital Campaign!

### Preserve Our Property

Last month we enjoyed a comprehensive presentation from the Preserve Our Property Committee including the unveiling of our four year fundraising goal of \$500,000. If you missed it in worship you can hear Pastor Debbie's sermon, see the presentation, and learn more on our website: [pvillepresby.org](http://pvillepresby.org).

We thank each of you for the commitment you will make to help us preserve the essential tools of our ministry now and into the future. Only with everyone's heart joining in, will we be successful. When each of us who finds a spiritual and community home within our walls or through our digital presence shares in the raising of these funds, we will achieve our goal. With gratitude and excitement for the work ahead, we thank you.

### English and Spanish Classes will Meet this Summer

Spanish Class with  
Susana Corona will meet  
Thursdays - 6-8pm

English Class with  
Charlie Titterton and  
Barb Loizeaux will meet  
Fridays - 6-8pm

**All are welcome!**

### Navigating Transitions

July 27th

Our Navigating Transitions group will be meeting on Thursday July 27th 7:30-9pm in the Library. The group is an open forum to share our experiences and provide support, encouragement, and inspiration to each other as we navigate life transitions. All are welcome.

Please join us on July 27th as we discuss and plan our approach for the fall. For more information, please speak with Linda Berg or Jane Wong.

### Great Beginnings Mini-Camp

School's out but the fun still continues as many of our students will attend Great Beginnings Mini-Camp this summer. This program will reinforce friendships made during the year and will encourage the children to look forward to being together again in September.



Over the summer, think about who you might invite to church - in the summer or starting in the fall. Do you have a new neighbor? Is there someone who seems interested in our church? It might be as easy as giving them one of our welcome cards (found in the back of the sanctuary).

# Church News

## ASP Mission Trip Volunteers

Please pray for the volunteers as they travel to Kentucky in July and discover good works that God has prepared in advance for us to do. Here is the current list of Pleasantville ASP volunteers...

### Adults

Bill Brown  
Kathy Brown  
Martha Clizbe  
Chris Dieckman  
Gary Dieckman  
Rich Gullotta  
Theo Jannetty  
Patrick Kelly  
Kim Lewis  
Neil Marchi  
Tom Puglia  
Jeannine Tocco  
Rich Tocco  
Agostinho Tome  
Pono Wong  
Diana Zarick  
Gail Zarick  
Mark Zarick

### Youth

Jake Albalate  
Kellie Allen  
Daniel Ammirati  
Hannah Collins  
Manny Corona  
Lauren Duggan  
Lisa Gullotta  
Ciara Hickey  
Kyra Hickey  
Garrick Hoadley  
Thomas Holmes  
Eric Hughes  
Cordelia Jannetty  
Kyle Largey  
Sarah Laurino  
Rebecca Lord  
Samuel Lord  
Anna Grace Mockler  
Carl Mueller

Eric Mueller  
Megha Patel  
Cate Puglia  
Sophie Rapley  
Arthur Rogers  
Aedan Roney  
Brendan Roney  
Katie Schaub  
Sydney Shulman  
Dan Stangarone  
Owen Stone  
Audrey Tocco  
Evelyn Tocco  
Sofia Tome  
Ben Trombetta  
Joey Trudo  
Shane Willard  
JC Yahia

## Honoring our Graduates



On Sunday June 18th, 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.

Arianna Altman	WCC & Home School
Dylan Bronkema	Pleasantville High School
Manuel Corona	Westlake High School
Jason Flores	White Plains High School
Emily Giuseffi	Westlake High School
Wilmer Miguel	Westlake High School
Dean Perkins	Westlake High School
Julia Ware	Pleasantville High School

**It's not too late to sign up!**

## Pleasantville's Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

### Hero Central

Discover Your Strength in God

August 7-11, 2017 ☀ 9am – Noon

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

For children entering Kindergarten - 8th grade  
Nursery & Pre-K available for children of volunteers

The most fun  
you'll have  
all year!

Volunteers welcome!



Registration forms  
available in the  
church office or  
online at  
[www.pvillevbs.org](http://www.pvillevbs.org)





	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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## Church BBQ & Choir Sunday

