



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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Jazz Vespers: A New Kind of Worship Service

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 4th, at 5pm for a worship service featuring soft and spiritual live jazz, candle lighting to foster contemplation, fellowship, readings and a short but powerful reflection on Scriptures: our new Jazz Vespers service.

At the inaugural Jazz Vespers service on Saturday evening, May 7th, more than 50 people gathered in the sanctuary to experience worship in a different way and to listen to Christian music featuring bassist and composer Ike Sturm and his band. The vibe was upbeat and welcoming and the service attracted many guests. Several shared the same sentiment: Something great is happening here!

Pastor Debbie introduced the idea for the service as a way to connect in a new way with the community, especially to those in need of a time of reflection, or to jazz lovers, or to those whose Sunday schedules conflict with Sunday morning worship, and more. Whatever makes you want to come, we'd love to see you, too!

Celebrate our Choir

June 5th

Our Chancel Choir will sing anthems by Felix Mendelssohn. Following the service there will be a brief ceremony in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our hardworking choir.



ASP Pancake Breakfast - May 14th



Church Fireman's Parade BBQ



Friday

June 3rd

Come at 6:45pm (around back)

Bring a dish to share
Drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs provided

Pastor Debbie on "What's Happening?"

Dear Friends in Christ,

So what's happening now? This spring has seen so much activity - and excitement around our church that this question has become a familiar refrain.

One fun fact you may or may not know is that Kiernan McCarthy has been our Senior Intern. Pleasantville High School has been encouraging graduating seniors to complete a Senior internship for the last few weeks of school. We've had a great time having Kiernan around. She's been helping plan worship, working with Great Beginnings, and has taken a leadership role in preparing for and interpreting our trip to the United Nations with the PCUSA office there. We're grateful for her presence, and the experiences we're getting to share with her about what church is like, on the other side of Sundays.

Our library has needed a serious facelift for a while, and we're excited to report that it is indeed in process. Many of the books are now relocated to places where they are more likely to be seen and read - children's books in the school rooms, and Adult Books in the Campbell Room. You are welcome to borrow and read and return. We're an honor system library - no paperwork required. The books that weren't relocated were donated to the Salvation Army - we're grateful that they found a good new place to live. Gary Dieckman has been shepherding the library process with help from Jane Wong. Our vision in the long run is under development but it does include a sense that we want a warmer, brighter, small group space.



And then there was the back room/Bryan's office project. It started with a plan for washing floors, and ended with a refreshed/repainted space for Bryan, and a refreshed/repainted back room big enough for classes or small groups to meet. Bryan Bardin and JoAnna Tivnan were the brains and the brawn behind this one - Great job!

Just in case all this change is making you a little antsy - the Transitions group has room for you! We will be meeting Friday June 10th at 7:30. This group has been a wonderful chance to share and learn from one another about the changes we go through in life. Location to come - let Linda Berg or me know if you are interested

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Debbie



Save the Dates

<i>Fireman's Parade BBQ</i>	June 3
<i>Jazz Vespers</i>	June 4
<i>Midnight Run</i>	June 4
<i>Choir Sunday</i>	June 5
<i>Adult Ed @ UN Trip</i>	June 5
<i>Youth Group BBQ</i>	June 5
<i>Transitions Group</i>	June 10
<i>Graduate Sunday</i>	June 19
<i>ASP Commissioning</i>	June 26
<i>Scholarship Deadline</i>	June 30
<i>EVBS Registration</i>	Ongoing

Request for Mentor

Rev. Co Holby is looking for a mentor for a Chinese young resident at Children's Village. Call at the Chapel 914 693--0600 Ext. 1273. Thanks for consideration. The volunteer must go through an application process.

College Scholarships Giving and Receiving Application Deadline

June 30th

Attention all high school seniors! Now that you have figured out which college you'll be attending next year, you might want to think about submitting a Scholarship Application to help offset all those costs your parents will be facing next year. Scholarship information and applications may be found on the church website under "Missions and Programs", and they must be turned in by the end of June.

**Please consider giving to the
Scholarship Fund.**

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Midnight Run

Saturday, June 4th

Mission to those currently homeless in NYC

Talk with Dave Smutzler if you are interested in going on the Run.

Items needed for spring are: jeans, sneakers & casual shoes, light jackets, hoodies, knit shirts, t-shirts, backpacks, sleeping bags, caps and belts.

Rummage Sale...a Success!



Ruth Fisher and Young Ran Shin

Rummage Sale 2016 has come and gone-and once again it was a success. More than 95 people of all ages and varied faith backgrounds enjoyed fellowship with each other as they worked together. A Success! Many people contributed their surplus goods thus giving the stuff new life and helping to save the environment. A Success! Many shoppers were able

to purchase these items, often providing otherwise unaffordable necessities. A Success! **\$13,591** was raised to be used for further mission work in both church at home and in the wider world. A Success! Ministry and mission can take many forms and Rummage is one way we show Jesus' love for ourselves, the environment, the shoppers, and the beneficiaries of our proceeds. **Many thanks** to all the workers who responded to this mission call and made Rummage a success.



Thank you for your Pentecost Offering!

Last month at Pentecost we collectively gave \$425 to provide opportunities for young people to grow in faith development. 40% or \$170 stays in our congregation to support programs for youth, young adults and children at risk.

- 25% each, or 106.25 supports Ministries with Youth and Young Adult Volunteers, who perform transformative Christian service around the world.
- 10% or 42.50 supports vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe.

Thank you all for your generous support.

*We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much.
1 Thessalonians 2:8*

Mission Program Update

We are happy to report that we are making some progress on the Hunger Mission Project. Here are some highlights:

- We have connected with the Westchester Food Bank and are now able to purchase food at a deep discount or get it for free. They have also been approved to provide as well as serve cooked food.
- We have met with Assistant Principal Mr. Fonde who was the catalyst for the program. He is getting the word out to district staff about the program. There is also a public service announcement which featured Carter Tanis and was edited by Olivia Nemec. You can see it on YouTube! Go to Daily Panther - May 3rd.
- We have connected with the new director of The Pleasantville Interfaith Food Pantry, David Doyle, to see if we can collaborate.
- You will see flyers in English and Spanish and a banner which we put on the front lawn in the mornings.

Our work has confirmed that there are many children, youth and adults in our community who are hungry. At the same time, we've confirmed that there are strong barriers present - particularly in regard to breakfast. We've got lots of ideas of how to address these barriers and are hopeful that each step we take leads us closer to connecting with people in a meaningful way.

Incidentally - a name change for the project is on the way - stay tuned! And keep the prayers coming.

Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to volunteer for this mission.

by Jane Wong

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Come Hear About the Social Justice Interns' Trip to the U.N.



On **Sunday, June 5th** after worship, there will be a presentation in the Campbell Room about the Social Justice Internship's trip to the UN. Everyone is welcome!

Come hear some interesting stories about the UN and learn more about world hunger. The Social Justice Interns and adults who went to the UN on May 13th were able to learn about what happens at the UN and what happens at the PCUSA's Presbyterian Ministry Office at the UN. While at the Presbyterian office we learned about what world hunger is, why it is happening, and what can be done to fight it. If this sounds interesting to you come by and listen!

Sing this Summer?

The summer is a great time to sing with the choir. The rehearsals are relaxed and fun. Try it you'll like it. Either talk to Dave Macdonald or just show up at 8:45am on Sunday.



Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Deep Sea Discovery

"God is with me wherever I go."

August 8-12

9am - Noon

St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Adult and high school volunteers are needed to teach, supervise, run outdoor games, prepare daily snacks, set-up, clean-up.

Talk to Anel Fourie or Bryan Bardin for more information. Registration forms available in the church office or

**register online @
pvillevbs.org**

Women's Bible Fellowship to Meet This Summer

The Tuesday morning Bible Fellowship group will meet this summer and would love to have you join, us if you can.

We will meet July 12 - August 16, 10-11:30am in the Campbell Room. Our fascinating study is on the book of Nehemiah. Babysitting is provided.

Summer Sunday School Mission



Just because school is out for the summer doesn't mean that Sunday School has to end! Our theme for this year's Summer Sunday School is **"Helping Hands!"**. Beginning June 29th, we will spend our Sunday School class time learning about helpers in the Bible and doing something to help someone else.

Helpers Needed! But to have a great summer, we need YOU! This is a great time for our teachers, both experienced and new, to bring your inspiration, to lend a hand and help us craft a fun mission experience in our one-room school house. Is it gardening?, travel?, exercise?, baking?, reading?, Midnight Run?, or other mission work? Please help us to actively engage our students through fun activities that help them feel the joy of serving His people. Talk to Bryan or Kathy Brown for more information.

Holmes Summer Camp

Looking for something different to do this summer? Spend a week at Camp Holmes. Holmes offers sleep-away camp for 2nd graders and up. If you are under 2nd grade, you can bring your parents or grandparents to family camp! If you are in high school, consider attending S.A.L.T. (Service and Leadership Training) where you will learn and experience Christian leadership in a camp setting.

For more information visit Holmes Camp on the web at www.holmescamp.org.

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Great Beginnings

Pre-School Celebrates

It has been a wonderful year! We joyfully celebrate our children's achievements and as the year draws to a close we have planned two very special culminating recognition events. At 11am on Thursday, June 9th, our 3's will put on a short program in Fellowship Hall and receive their certificates. At 9:30am on Friday, June 10th, our 4's will participate in a graduation ceremony complete with sharing some songs and receiving their "diplomas". Both programs will include a reception in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to share their joy by attending these programs.

End of Year

Youth Group BBQ

All youth are invited to join us for an end of the year barbecue on the front lawn on Sunday, June 5th at 5pm for food, fun, friends, and games!

We especially want to invite next years 5th graders to join the youth group! See you there!



Honoring our Graduates

On Sunday June 19th we will honor our graduating seniors. Congratulations to all those who are graduating this year from high school and college on reaching this milestone. Always come back to us when you are visiting from college!

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| Philip Garbarini | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| William Giuseffi | <i>Westlake High School</i> |
| Madelaine Lupica | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| Kiernan McCarthy | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| Sophia Maldonado | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| Sabrina Middlestadt | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| Olivia Nemic | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| Christopher Quimby | <i>Pines Bridge School in Yorktown</i> |
| Karina Roye | <i>Pleasantville High School</i> |
| <i>Also graduated...</i> | |
| Brian Belvin | <i>B.S., Sports Management, Ithaca College</i> |



Let us know if you know a graduate and we'll put it in the Summer newsletter!

2016 ASP Theme
"Handiwork: Created to Serve"

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."
Ephesians 2:10

ASP States Served

Kentucky
 North Carolina
 Tennessee
 Virginia
 West Virginia

Learn more about

Appalachia Service Project

www.asphome.org

50 Area Youth & Adults Travel to West Virginia

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia. Its goal is to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need, while offering transformational experiences for families, volunteers and staff alike. ASP relies on volunteers from around the country to repair and rebuild homes for some of Appalachia's neediest families.

This summer, the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church will help sponsor 50 local youth and adult volunteers who will travel to Huff Creek, West Virginia to repair and rebuild homes for families who are in urgent need of help. The Community Pancake Breakfast is one way our volunteers raise funds for this project.

Please consider helping in this mission by making a contribution.

You can do this by clicking here on our website
<http://pvillepresby.org/pvilleASP.shtml>

Check out the Church's YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com

(then search for Pleasantville Presbyterian Church)





<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	2	3 6pm Spanish Lessons – 104 English Lessons – Campbell Rm. 6:45 Fireman's BBQ	4 9am ASP Skillbuilding 5pm Jazz Vespers
5 <i>Choir Sunday</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Intergenerational Worship 10am Childcare 11:15am Mission Meeting 3pm ASP Business Meeting 6pm Sr. High Youth Group	6 6pm English Lessons Library – call ahead 914-426- 0886	7 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp	8 7:30pm Session Meeting	9 11am GBPS Moving Up	10 9:30am GBPS Graduation 1pm E&M Mtg. 6pm Spanish Lessons – 104 English Lessons – Campbell Rm. 7:30pm Transitions – Off- site	11
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19 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Recognition of Graduations</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10am Childcare/Sunday School 11:15am Youth Council Mtg. 6pm Sr. High Youth Group	20 6pm English Lessons Library – call ahead 914-426- 0886	21 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp	22 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	23	24 6pm Spanish Lessons – 104 English Lessons – Campbell Rm.	25
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This Summer

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