



# The Good News Letter

## Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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### Children's Sunday - Being Stewards of God's Earth



We were blessed to have our children lead us in worship on Sunday, February 10th as they explored what it means to care for the gift of God's earth. Thanks to all who helped and participated, as well as to Skyler Mosenthal for preaching that day! His sermon is available on our website.



### "Remembering our Past Through Christian Theology"

*Adult Ed  
Sunday, March 3rd*

Come and learn about Christian history, our Creeds, and why we should care about them. For more information, reach out to Hannah at [hannah@pvillepresby.org](mailto:hannah@pvillepresby.org)

### Women's Brunch

**Saturday, March 16th  
9 - 11am**

**Welcome Spring!!**

*Come for the delicious food and wonderful fellowship*

**Invite a friend!**



## Pastor Debbie on 3 Lenten Opportunities

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Christian season of Lent is about to be upon us – later than usual this year, with Easter not arriving until April 21st! You are invited to make the time, and take the time to consider your faith – what it means to you to follow Jesus on the Way.

We have lots of opportunities for you to do that. First, we are part of the yearly **ecumenical traveling Soup Suppers and worship services**. This year we will be exploring the theme – Convicted – looking at Biblical characters through today’s eyes – and considering the ways in which we all fall short of the glory of God.

Here at Pleasantville Presbyterian, we are beginning a **spiritual journey class/group on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**, exploring practices that spiritual seekers have used throughout history to grow closer to God. Everyone is invited!

And we will be providing an **email devotional**, entitled **Seeking God’s Way – a Lenten Study**. If you are interested, you will be able to sign up online, or send us your email, so that we can send you a devotion each day.

May God’s peace and light be revealed to you as you open yourself to what it means to you to live as a disciple of Christ.



In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Debbie*

### Loaves & Fishes

*Contribute to the Program*



As many of you know, the Loaves and Fishes program, our local food ministry, has been funded by a grant from the Hudson River Presbytery. We are approaching the end of the third year of this grant and are re-evaluating how to continue to meet local needs.

We have determined that we will ask the congregation for some of the items we will need going forward. This month we are sending out a **request for laundry detergent and dish detergent**. We have asked for some of these nonfood items in the past and the congregation responded in a most generous fashion. Please don’t feel the need to contribute massive quantities; one item per family will adequately meet this need. Thank you all for being so supportive of the Loaves and Fishes program.



### Save the Dates

<b>Men’s Breakfast</b>	March 2
<b>Adult Ed</b>	March 3
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	March 6
<b>Documentary Film</b>	March 7
<b>Rummage Meeting</b>	March 13
<b>Soup Supper/Worship</b>	March 13
<b>Women’s Brunch</b>	March 16
<b>Soup Supper/Worship</b>	March 20
<b>Social Justice Film</b>	March 21
<b>Scout Sunday</b>	March 24



### Scout Sunday

*March 24th*

Calling All Scouts!  
Scout Sunday to be held March 24th. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Scout volunteers are invited to wear their uniforms as we honor the connection between these programs and our faith. For more info, talk with Michelle Torosian.

### The Hub!

*A New Venue in our Church*

Our congregation finds creative ways to engage with each other and our wider community. Large, planned events such as Radical Beauty. More intimate gatherings such as documentary screenings. We started dreaming about ways we could transform the “the rug room” into a community space. This is why you might hear rumblings of cleaning and painting projects taking place in “The Hub.” If you do, be sure to thank your Associates and Manny Corona for the work they’ve been doing in recent weeks!

# Church Events

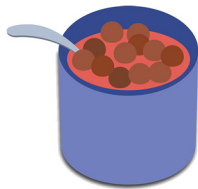
## Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30pm  
Campbell Room

We have begun a new book, 1 Corinthians. Paul started the Church in Corinth, Greece in 51 AD. After a year-and-a-half, Paul moved on. Not unlike other early churches, the Corinth church struggled and later wrote to Paul with questions. 1 Corinthians is one of the letters Paul wrote in answer to them. Join us any Tuesday as we explore Paul's teachings about how to live for Christ in a broken society. Do his words have any application to us today? Come and find out!

## Come Plan for Rummage!

To be a part of the Rummage Planning Committee, come to a meeting on **March 13th at 1pm** in the Campbell room. If you can't make it, please let Ruth Fischer know that you're interested in being part of the team as a "Chair of the Day" or a "Room Chair".



## Can You Make Soup? Two Opportunities!

We're looking for about 7 or 8 soups to share with our guests when we host the Lenten Soup Supper on both March 20th and April 3rd. If you are interested in helping out, please talk with Barb Loizeaux.

## Men's Breakfast

### Gary Dieckman on the USS Slater

Saturday, March 2nd at 7:30am in the Campbell Room

Our February Men's Breakfast had a great turnout to listen to Gary Dieckman's presentation on the WWII Naval War of the Atlantic. We learned so much about the boats, the operations that were conducted and the human sacrifice made by so many.

For our March Breakfast Gary will return to talk specifically about the USS Slater, the only remaining Destroyer Escort afloat in the United States today. Gary will talk about the boat and his organization's continuing efforts restore it. If you missed last month, don't miss out again! RSVP to Mark Zarick, [men@pvillepresby.org](mailto:men@pvillepresby.org)

## Women's Brunch

### "Faith, Friends and Starting Anew"

Saturday, March 16th

Please come to the Women's Brunch on Saturday, March 16th, 9 to 11am. This annual event will again feature a delicious hot brunch, warm friendship and, of course, a program that we hope you'll enjoy.

This year's program will be a conversation. Kim Kleman Lewis will interview Barb Loizeaux on her "faith, friends and starting anew". No matter your age, all are welcome! You don't need a "reservation", but we'd like to know if you are planning to join us, so please let Chris Campriello know.

Invite a friend!

## Pizza with the Pastor!

Sunday, March 10th  
After worship

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.

*Lent*  
B E G I N S

## Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers

Supper - 6:30pm

Worship - 7:15pm

Come share soup, bread, fellowship and worship with people from other Pleasantville churches.

March 6*	Emanuel Lutheran
March 13	St. John's Episcopal
March 20	Presbyterian
March 27	Holy Innocents
April 3	Presbyterian
April 10	St. John's Episcopal

\*Ash Wednesday

# Mission Events & Opportunities

*Films on Purpose & Neighbor's Link Present*

## **From Beacon to the Border**

Thursday, March 7th

6pm reception - 7pm screening - 7:40pm panel discussion

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A 35-minute documentary film by Pleasantville resident, church member and Films On Purpose co-founder Andrea Garbarini following a national movement of grannies as they journey to McAllen, Texas protesting the separation of migrant children from their families. Jacob Nemeck and Dylan Franks also participated as the film crew. After the film, there will be a panel discussion about the family separation crisis and what we can all do to address these issues in our own community.

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## **Social Justice: Documentary & Dialogue**

*Thursday, March 21st*

How can we think differently, respond locally, and live more fully amidst the mounting pressures at work and the seemingly shrinking amount of time we have for friends and family? "[The Economics of Happiness](#)" examines economic globalization's impact society: "fundamentalism and ethnic conflict; climate chaos and species extinction; financial instability and unemployment . . . (and) personal costs." Notably, the film addresses the reality that "for the majority of people on the planet life is becoming increasingly stressful."

Join us on Thursday, March 21st at 7pm in The Hub (formerly the "Rug Room") for a viewing of "The Economics of Happiness" with discussion to follow. Please RSVP to [skylar@pvillepresby.org](mailto:skylar@pvillepresby.org) by Thursday, March 14th if you can attend. Thanks!

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## **Rummage Sale & Our Sustainability Initiative**

The longstanding Rummage mission dovetails nicely with the church's current sustainability initiative. The sale is a little later (and hopefully warmer) this year. The sale dates are May 3rd and 4th. Over 100 hundred people are needed to make it happen, and we hope that one of them will be you. Consider assisting sometime during the week of April 28th. Look for details in the next newsletter.

Start saving, and sorting/labeling your contributions now. It will save our workers time if you sort, pre-bag and separately label men's, women's and children's clothes, and household goods boxed separately by category (housewares, electrical, holiday, books, toys, linens, crafts, etc.). We also collect small furniture and gardening supplies. Rummage will be accepted on April 28th, 29th, and 30th.



**Appalachia**  
SERVICE PROJECT<sup>SM</sup>

## **Thinking about going on the Appalachia Service Project?**

Volunteers who participated in the Appalachia Service Project this past year said a big thank you to local supporters at the annual Shareholders Dinner on January 27th. (The dinner is so named because we raise money by asking donors to buy "stock" in the project.)

Last year was Pleasantville's 20th year participating in the program, where teams from all over the country spend a week in Appalachia meeting families and fixing homes. This year's trip is from **July 20 - 28**. To download the application, go to [pvillepresby.org](http://pvillepresby.org), hover over the "Transformational Mission" tab at the top of the page, and click on Appalachia Service Project.



**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*

# Youth Group News



## Camp Johnsonburg Announcement:

The youth leaders have been looking into bringing the kids to Camp Johnsonburg in New Jersey for a middle school retreat from March 29-30! If you have any questions regarding what is involved, price, etc, feel free to email Hannah (email below). We are trying to get an idea of how much youth interest we have before our decision is made - any and all kids grades 5-8 are welcome to join us :)

## Junior/Senior High Calendar

3rd:  
Fun & Games

10th:  
Sportime USA outing!

17th:  
Saint Patrick's day fun!

24th:  
Fun & Games

31st:  
TBD — look for youth group email updates



## 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)

# march

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>2</b> 7:30am Men's Bkfst
<b>3</b> 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Mission Meeting 11:30am Adult Ed. 5pm Youth Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>6</b> <i>Ash            Wednesday</i> 6:30pm Lenten Soup supper/Worship Emanuel Lutheran 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible	<b>7</b> 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm 7pm Documentary Showing	<b>8</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> First Sunday in <i>Lent</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Childcare in the Nursery 5pm Youth Group 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm <b>Session Mtg.</b> 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>13</b> 1pm Rummage Plan. Mtg. 6:30pm Lenten Soup supper/Worship St. John's	<b>14</b> 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	<b>15</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>16</b> 9am PWL Brunch
<b>17</b> Second Sunday in <i>Lent</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11:30am Adult Ed. - Spiritual Journey 5pm Youth Grp	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Lenten Soup supper/Worship PPC 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	<b>21</b> 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	<b>22</b> 6pm English Class - Campbell Rm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Third Sunday in <i>Lent</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11:30am Adult Ed. - Spiritual Journey 5pm Youth Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Lenten Soup supper/Worship Holy Innocents 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	<b>28</b> 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm.	<b>29</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Fourth Sunday in <i>Lent</i> 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Deacon's Meeting 11:30am Adult Ed. - Spiritual Journey 5pm Youth Grp						

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### Because I Said Yes ... The Banner Story



Twenty years ago, I was busy with little boys. We had only been attending this church for a short time. I knew that some interesting people were members but I did not know much more about it. I knew it hosted the Boy Scout troop that our oldest had just joined, and that I could sing in the choir. I wasn't looking for any big

commitment - small children keep you pretty busy, right?

Around that time, some inspired folks here welcomed everyone to help create new banners for the church. They accepted any type of help, and any level of skill. I had a very old sewing machine, capable of stitching forward and back, so I joined in. My contribution was to stitch down the lead - the black strips - between the panes of the stained glass window banner (aka the Cup and Cross). That project produced the nine spectacular banners that grace the walls of our sanctuary. Little did I know all that it produced for me. I did not anticipate nor could I have imagined the

richness of my life, that grew from the fellowship of that project.

Since then ... I joined the church, and became an Elder; this will be my 12th year helping with the ASP trip, and my 9th year actually going; our sons both earned their Eagle Scout award at this church, and our granddaughter was baptized here; I sew costumes for the high school play, I've learned to play bells, and just last month I got to sing a solo! Now I serve on the Property and Worship committees. For everything on this list - ok, not the Eagle awards, but everything else - the banner project opened the door for me.

So I ask you -

- **would you like to help us make another banner?** We won't be sewing anytime soon. Right now we hope you will provide ideas for a design.
- As the spirit moves you, **please turn in your sketches or concepts to my church mailbox** - it is in Jo Anna's office. I am looking forward to the next chapter...

*by Kathy Brown*

