



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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What's Youth Group without some food???

Right: Andrea and Alma decorate cookies.
Left: Justin displays the **amazing** taste testing table.



Knitters Produce New Tables, Sort of

Tables in Fellowship Hall get hard use. Everybody uses them. That's what they are for. Of course the tables develop damages – broken corners, dragging edge trims, melted spots in the tops, and other interesting marks of age. (We all know about interesting marks of age.)

Some of the people using these tables are the Hearts and Hands people, who spread out their handwork on them. These are sewing tables and lunch tables and sorting tables and Boutique tables. Knitters are glad to have them and try to take care of them.

However, a few of the tables are too weary to continue. In an effort to partly alleviate this problem, the ladies in Hearts and Hands chose to use part of the money from their last Boutique to buy two new tables for general use. It takes many stitches to make that much money, and the tables are gladly given.

This is not a giant gift, but a small one. It's just a recognition of need and an effort to fill that need.

That's what the group does.

Easter Worship

April 12th, 10am

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



Pastor Debbie

*Lent is a time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events
get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify
our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over
the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder . . .*

*From Ann Weems
Kneeling in Jerusalem*



Save the Dates

Adult Ed-Gun Violence	March 1
20-30's Brunch	March 8
Rummage Meeting	March 11
Men's Breakfast	March 14
Soup Supper/ Worship-St. John's	March 18
Children's Sunday	March 22
Confirmation Retreat	April 3-4
Men's Breakfast	April 11
Easter Sunday	April 12
Women's Brunch	April 18
Photo Exhibit	April 18-19
Adult Ed-Gun Violence	April 19

Confirmation Retreat April 3-4th at Camp Holmes

Register at: <https://www.holmescamp.org/holmes-2020-confirmation-retreats/>
Group hold code: PPC20C

"Clean & Unclean: Understanding the Biblical Purity Codes"

March 15th

Have you ever been thrown by the biblical phrase "clean & unclean"? The Gospels use it all the time, as does the Old Testament. What did they mean and why was it important? Bringing it to the present, purity codes are not simply a thing of the past, but part of every culture. They can be good, like, "Wash your hands before you eat." They can be bad, "We don't eat with those people," and everything else in between. Join us for a discussion of biblical purity codes and how they can help us examine our own perspectives.

"7 Deadly Sins: Tutorial Not Included"

March 29th & April 5th

Lent has historically been a time of spiritual self examination. The whole "giving up something for Lent" is a spiritual practice of giving up something to help us focus better on God. Though, as one of my former pastors said, "Don't give up something bad for Lent...just give that up, period." This Adult Ed series will examine the Medieval 7 Deadly Sins through a contemporary perspective. Hopefully, it will help us better recognize these in ourselves and begin the process of "just giving that up, period".

Church News

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

From February 26 to April 12, the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. will be focusing on One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four special offerings the Church sponsors during the year.



For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Amidst sorrow, hunger and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We will be collecting for this worthy effort during the Palm Sunday service on April 5—the Hour of Sharing. Needless to say, if you would like to contribute during the February 26 to April 12 period, or, for that matter, at any time of the year, please do so. You can find more information on this offering and the other endeavors by googling "PCUSA special offerings."

Rummage Planning!

To be a part of the Rummage Planning Committee, come to a meeting on **March 11th at 1pm** in the Campbell room and join the team. New faces are always welcome!



Save the Date: Women's Brunch

**Saturday, April 18th
9 - 11am**

Come for delicious food and wonderful fellowship

More details to follow next month!

Hope

*In the cold of early Lent
I pick forsythia
each slender branch, each gentle curve
holds tight buds
in my bouquet of sticks.*

*Now in a vase on the dinner table
day after day buds swell
hints of color appear
with promise
of bursting Easter blooms.*

Doris Kersten

20s-30'Something Brunch!

If you are in your 20s-30s & looking for a way to connect, we're looking for you too! Be sure to put the 2nd Sunday of the month in your calendar on repeat. After church (11:15ish) we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall to take on the Pleasantville Sunday Brunch scene. We look forward to fellowshiping, talking, and getting to know each other better. For more info, contact Justin or Katelyn.

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 completing this form and sending it to the church office by Sunday, **April 1st**.

Please reserve ___ Easter lily(ies) for me at the cost of \$20 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.)



Upcoming Events

Time To Start Thinking "Rummage"!

The longstanding Rummage mission dovetails nicely with the church's current sustainability initiative. The sale is later this year. The sale dates are May 1st and 2nd. 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 26th. 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 26th, 27th, and 28th.

New Church Leaders Announced

Deacons

Through January 2021

John Leslie
Marion Leslie
David Smutzler

Through January 2022

Esther Kim
Karen Kim

Through January 2023

Susana Corona
JoAnne Gullotta

**Congregational
Representatives to 2020
Nominating Committee:**

Justin Hylden and Gail Zarick

Elders

Through January 2021

Steve Berg
Charles Titterton
Mark Zarick

Through January 2022

Christine Alvis
Linda Berg
Cathy Fellows

Kim Porter

Through January 2023

Nicole Browand
Kathy Brown
Skyler Mosenthal
Amy Williams

From the Scholarship Committee

The Pleasantville Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer tuition scholarships to active church participants who are pursuing higher education. Scholarships are awarded on an individual basis. Interested students must fill out an application and a financial worksheet (look for "Scholarships" under "Transformational Mission" on the church website).

The deadline for fall admissions is May 15; for winter admissions, it is November 30. Scholarship applications and worksheets must be typed and returned to either the church office or e-mailed to our Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Scott Mosenthal. Once a student's application has been submitted, the candidate will be contacted for an interview by the scholarship committee.

***Children's Sunday is
March 22nd! Keep an
eye out for more info!***

REMINDER!! PHOTO EXHIBIT



New Dates!! April 18th and 19th

PLEASE contribute one photo or many for our second community wide photography exhibit. Although the stated theme is "New Beginnings," we welcome any and all prints.

Last time we showed 75 prints in the library. This time the exhibit will take place in The Hub... just think about those long blank walls! All the particulars can be found on the church website www.pvillepresby.org or please see Katelyn or Jane with questions.

Midnight Run

*Ministry to people who are
currently homeless in NYC*

***March 28th &
June 13th***

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

Contact Dave Smutzler

Youth Group News



General Info:

- We meet on Sundays from 5pm-7pm
- Junior High welcomes all 6th-8th graders to join!
- Senior High welcomes all

Calendar:

March 1 — Karaoke Night
March 8 — Craft Night
March 15 — Saint Patrick's Activities
(wear green!)
March 22 — Fun & Games
March 29 — Taste Test Games



Staff:

Junior High Youth Group

Justin Hylden — justin@pvillepresby.org

Senior High Youth Group

Katelyn Westervelt — katelyn@pvillepresby.org



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship Childcare in the Nursery 5pm Jr. High Youth Grp. 5pm Sr. High Youth Grp.	2	3	4 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	5 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	6 6pm English Class - Campbell Rm	7
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Ask and You Shall Receive

Ask and you shall receive... I never thought of it as a bible passage...I just grew up with my mom saying it as she served us dessert. My mom, Rose Mary lives with us now. One of the reasons she chose Pleasantville (with me) over Hastings (with my brother) was because she loves this church. It is very much like the warm and giving church we went to growing up. My mom ran the crafts with kids, worked rummage, and taught Sunday school... the apple does not far from the tree, it becomes the tree. Mom is loving her new church family, the only problem was hearing the sermons, even with her hearing aids and sitting in the front row, she was not able to hear much. Appreciating the choir and reading the Bible and bulletin during the service only goes so far, she wanted to hear the sermon. After trying different solutions she spoke with Debbie and Evan... and Evan delivered. Mom now can hear Debbie's wonderful sermons and gets the extra treat of hearing Debbie sing. Perfection. We all need to be willing to ask, we might just get what we are looking for. Thanks for being so welcoming and accommodating. I adore my church community.

—Kat Nemeč



Do you have a story about someone at church going above and beyond? Send it in so we can share it with all and see more examples about just how warm and caring this congregation truly can be!