



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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October was a busy month!

From 3rd graders receiving their bibles to recognizing our 30 year members, apple picking and launching connect.faith, our congregation was quite busy this October!



Celebrate Thanksgiving at Church

Thursday, November 28th, 5pm

What? A delicious Thanksgiving meal and great fellowship.

Who? For those who have family far away or who want to spend a special evening with their church family.

How? Pot luck—sign up in the foyer or call the church office.

Food? Please bring a side dish or dessert for 8-10. Write down on the foyer poster what you plan to bring, please.

Questions?



Ask Jane Wong or Pastor Debbie
RSVP by November 24th (by either signing up on sheet in foyer or by calling the church office.)



Stewardship "Stew" Lunch

Sunday, November 10th

Come enjoy delicious homemade stews and wonderful fellowship right after worship. We will live out our theme, "We Love to Tell the Story" as together we enjoy the bounty we create. If you would like to contribute a stew, bread or dessert, talk with Charlie Titterton.

Mission Statement

We are a people of God seeking to proclaim and live out the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are called by God through the Holy Spirit to serve as a spiritual presence in our community:

- ◆ Nurturing spiritual growth and renewal;
- ◆ Providing sanctuary in a fast-paced world;
- ◆ Reaching out and sharing Christ with all;
- ◆ Passing on our faith to the next generation;
- ◆ Serving God through mission outreach.

Our love and prayers go out to.....

Joseph Makosky

Alex, Sally & Pete Demeropolous

Heather Gilson

Betty deLaive

Taek-Sang Shin (Young Ran Shin's father)

Eileen Edwards

Christine Alvis' Mom, Marjorie Deutschmann

Eileen Edward's daughter, Jennifer

Don Bevill, Nicole Browand's step-father

Frank Gortsema

Rose Kantenwein

Dave Johnson

Co Holby

Baek Hap Kim (T.S. Kim's mother)

Bill Schmitz

Tim Scanlon

Tom Levine

Liza Peterson & Family upon the death of her mother

Peter Krautle & Family upon the death of his mother, Hedwig Elisabeth Krautle

December deadline: November 15, 2019

Staff The Rev. Dr. Debra J. K. Bronkema, *Pastor*

Ruth Fischer, *Director of Great Beginnings Pre-School*

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Pastor Debbie on Telling Stories

Dear Friends,

Our theme for Stewardship this year really brings me joy, as I remember this song as part of my faith journey from childhood. We have some wonderful stories to tell here – stories that point toward the God who loves us, and the Christ who is with us through the times of sorrow and the times of joy we all experience.

Nowadays, we are surrounded by stories. It's never been more important to live out and speak the story of the love of Christ that is greater than we can imagine, and present with us throughout whatever comes our way. We live in a world hungry for that good news.

Please consider coming to the November 9th gathering where we learn to share our stories and sow seeds of our faith. Everyone is welcome. We will be meeting from 4-6, and we hope you can make the time to be together for this event. (If you need childcare – please let us know) If you have any questions - or you can't be there, but you want to know more – please talk with me!

In Christ's Love

Pastor Debbie



Save the Dates

<i>Men's Breakfast</i>	<i>Nov. 2</i>
<i>Stewardship Kickoff</i>	<i>Nov 3</i>
<i>Leader Dinner</i>	<i>Nov 3</i>
<i>ASP Meeting</i>	<i>Nov. 5</i>
<i>Leaders Retreat</i>	<i>Nov. 9</i>
<i>Stewardship Lunch</i>	<i>Nov 10</i>
<i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	<i>Nov 17</i>
<i>Photography Exhibit</i>	<i>Nov. 23</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Dinner</i>	<i>Nov 28</i>



What is connect.faith?

In October we had an amazing time, connecting with people who are working together to make a place not bound by location that meets people where they are and helps them grow in their faith. This program is a part of our digital outreach, as well as being a new worshipping community of the Presbyterian Church. We had the opportunity to experience some rich conversations, music and art, meet new friends, and acquaint ourselves with some old friends too! Our team is excited that we will be sharing the finished project in December.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for our next breakfast on Saturday, November 2nd. Breakfast begins at 7:30am with a discussion to follow.

Men's Bible Study

Our new Men's Bible Study is off to a great start. Please join the fun any Tuesday, from 7:30 - 8:30pm in the Campbell Room.

Thanksgiving Offering

We welcome your donations to our Thanksgiving Offering. If you have giving envelopes, you will find a special one in your box for this donation. You do not need a special envelope, however; simply write "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo section of your check conventionally or electronically. The monies collected are contributed to the Food Pantry to help out at Thanksgiving time. Thank you for opening your heart for those who will appreciate the gift of nutrition.

Peace and Global Witness Offering 2019

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering last month. We raised \$480.00 and 25% will be retained by our congregation in connection with the global witness of Christ's peace. What a gift it is to those who have been hurt, in both their spirit and their community, to find a lasting peace, resolution of conflict and reconciliation.

What's Next: Learning To Share Our Stories And Sowing Seeds Of Our Faith

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 9 from 4PM to 6PM and plan to join us as we explore how our church can share our stories and sow seeds of faith in our current times. This event is our annual **Leaders Retreat and Congregational Summit**.

Open to all! Questions? Reach out to Cathy Fellows. Please RSVP to Cathy or Jo Anna in the office.

Church News

Benefit Concert

Sunday, November 24th at 3PM

Peter Seidenberg and Hui-Mei Lin will perform a recital in the Pleasantville Presbyterian sanctuary. Proceeds will be used to repair the swell shades on our organ. Come hear some great performances while supporting the music program at our church!



What Are You Thankful For? Photography Exhibit

November 23rd, 2019 2pm-5pm, The Hub (Room 202/204)

All are welcome to partake in or come experience this exhibit!

Pictures can be sent to Photoworks by email, phone, a disc, flash drive, or brought in. Photoworks will print either a 8x10 for \$15 or 8x12 for \$18 for you. Please have them put it onto a 11x14 matte (8x10 is \$5.95; 8x12 is \$6.95). Please deliver the photos to Pleasantville Presbyterian Church's office by November 15th with a note attached that says "for photography exhibit"! If you are participating from a distance, include in the email that it is for PPC's photography exhibit, and we will pick it up for you!

"Collateral Damage - Changing the Conversation about Firearms and Faith"

This groundbreaking new book by James E. Atwood, pastor emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Virginia, comes out in bookstores nationwide on November 5th. In his third book on gun violence, Atwood takes us beyond the headlines into the rippling impact of gun violence on survivors, families, children, our economy, and the long-term collateral damage of gun violence for all of us, with excellent documentation and new sources of information.

A 6-week study guide by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship will be available to help church groups reflect on the book and on our calling to help save lives. If anyone is interested, please let Pastor Debbie or me know.

~ Melanie Tripp

Calling all Appalachia Service Project volunteers for our 2020 mission experience!

If you are interested in volunteering with the Pleasantville ASP mission in 2020, please come to a community information meeting at the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 5, at 7:30 PM. Please tell your friends who are interested, and invite them to come, too!



At the ASP information meeting you can meet others who wish to volunteer, have your questions answered, and pick up an application, schedule, and information for the Pleasantville ASP 2020 mission.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sharing God's Bounty, Spreading Hope



Every year our congregation generously donates food to the Children's Village, a residential school in Dobbs Ferry for at-risk boys ages 6 to 20. At Thanksgiving the boys go home to visit their families or foster families. Our donations help to fill 200 baskets of food so that each of the boys can take home the gift of food for Thanksgiving. Any overflow goes to the Pleasantville Interfaith Food Pantry. The need is great, and our gifts make a huge difference!

Please fill your bag and return to church by **Sunday, November 10th.**

▲ **If you are sending gifts for Christmas in Appalachia, make sure to get your gifts sent by mid-November! See Kim Kleman-Lewis for more information.**
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Church News

"I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His Glory, of Jesus and His love."

The first verse of a hymn beloved by many in our congregation, yields the theme our Stewardship Committee has chosen for this year's campaign. These "unseen things above" are the foundation of all we do as Christians, but the story we tell this fall is a celebration of the seen—of the works of the congregation—our works—that are manifestations of the unseen.

Let's look at some of them:

- The Sunday services, of course, are the core of what we do. We're inspired by Pastor Debbie's sermons and the children's sermons. The chancel choir under the leadership of Dave Macdonald and the instrumentalism of Evan Closser offers a range of great anthems ranging from African-American spirituals through jazz and pop to Bach, Beethoven and Mozart. The handbell choir provides wonderful regular and frequent music. We in the congregation enthusiastically join in hymn singing.
- Sunday school has educated our children in Christianity for years.
- Grownups and young people journey to West Virginia and eastern Kentucky to put hammer, saw and nail to houses there to make them warmer, sturdier and safer as part of the Appalachia Service Project, a twenty-year endeavor for our church. The Christmas in Appalachia program augments ASP with gifts to needy families in the region.
- Great Beginnings Pre-School has taught kids starting out in life for years.
- Men's and Women's Bible study is a source of education and fellowship.
- English classes every Friday night teach ESL students in the area; and a dedicated group of congregants has found education and fellowship in the Spanish classes held every Thursday night. More students are encouraged for both classes!
- The annual rummage sale has long been an important source of revenue and cooperative companionship.
- The community dinners, started early this year, are joyful and well attended.
- Four young people have wonderfully served our fellowship under our Associates program, begun last year.

We know there are still more stories to tell. And to be able to tell them and the ones above in the future as proudly as we have told them in the past, we need the continued generous financial support of all of us. Shortly we will be receiving communications with more information of what we have all been doing, and affording us all the opportunity to provide that support. We look forward to another year when, once again, we will be happy to say, *"we love to tell the story."*



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 9th-12th graders to join!

Calendar:

November 3 — Fun & Games
November 10 — Fun & Games
November 17 — Fun & Games
November 24 — Thanksgiving Themed Night



Staff:

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November 2019

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1 6pm English Lessons – Campbell Rm	2 7:30am Men's Bkfst
3 Stewardship Kickoff	4 12pm Midday Meditation	5 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	6 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	7 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class – Campbell Rm	8 6pm English Lessons – Campbell Rm	9 4pm Leader Retreat 5pm Stewardship Lunch set-up
10 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11am Stewardship Lunch 5pm Jr. High Youth Grp. 5pm Sr. High Youth Grp.	11	12 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	13 7:30pm Session Mtg.	14 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class – Campbell Rm	15 6pm English Lessons – Campbell Rm	16
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Looking Ahead

Hearts & Hands Boutique

Sunday, December 8th

After worship
Fellowship Hall

Come buy handcrafted
gifts!



Karaoke Night

December 13th 7pm-9pm
The Hub (Room 202/204)

**All welcome to join in the
fun!**

Baked goods, coffee & tea
for sale (profits to the
church)

Christmas Pageant

December 8th



We will be sharing the story of Jesus' birth during worship on December 8th. **All children** are invited to help us tell the tale of Jesus' birth by playing the roles of shepherds, animals, angels, and of course, Mary, David and baby Jesus.

If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Pageant, talk to Nicole Browand.

Donate a Christmas Poinsettia

Please complete and mail to the church office if you wish to donate a poinsettia for the sanctuary. Deadline for orders is December 1st.

Please reserve ___ poinsettias for me. Attached is \$24 for each plant order.

___ In Memory of _____

___ In Honor of _____

___ To the Glory of God

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount enclosed _____

Please pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas services are over.



Advent Fair

Sunday, December 8th

Right after worship

Craft making & fun.

Bring a friend!

