



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to our new Ministry Associate!



Justin Hylden

Justin Hylden grew up on a 5th generation family farm in rural North Dakota. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in May and will be joining us starting this September.

“As a boy I was blessed in the pastoral work of laboring the land with my father, grandfather, and two older brothers. Little did we know that we’d each be called from one type of pastoral work to another. Jordan, the oldest, serves an Episcopalian church with his wife, the Rev. Emily Hylden in Dallas, Texas. Jarrod, the middle brother, has the Lutheran branch of the Reformation covered pastoring Skrefsrud Lutheran Church in Beresford, SD. Our parents, Mark and Esther Hylden, still live on our family farm and enjoy... *(cont. on page 2)*.”



ASP 2019 was fabulous! Our Pleasantville group of 45 (7 teams) journeyed to Craigsville, West Virginia for a weeklong home repair mission as volunteers for the Appalachia Service Project. Joining us at the ASP center, the St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, was another volunteer group from Lee, MA.

The ASP staff was wonderful, as were the families and other folks (like the owner of the local hardware who came by our early morning coffee at 6:30am to thank us and pray for us). As we were doing home repair during the last week of the 7 week ASP summer work season, we were glad to finish the roofing, siding, underpinning, wheelchair ramp, and interior projects ASP had hoped to complete in their goal to improve and eliminate substandard housing in Appalachia.

As we often do, we stayed in dorms at James Madison University on the trip down. On our return trip, we stayed overnight at Messiah College, in Mechanicsburg, PA. At our traditional 'award ceremony' on the second Saturday night, we shared highlights of the week. We also honored eight volunteers with the "Golden Hammer Award," for completing five ASP mission trips! Congratulations to Bill Brown, Lisa Gullotta, Anna Grace Mockler, Carl Mueller, Eric Mueller, Cate Puglia, Katie Schaub, and Ben Trombetta for five years of service with the Pleasantville ASP mission!

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

The Wellansky family on the death of Mark's mother, Hilda Wellansky

The Family of Sue Snell upon her death

October deadline: September 15, 2019

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Pastor Debbie on

Dear Friends,

What does fall make you think of? Is it the leaves changing? That's what I missed the most when we lived in Florida – the unbelievable beauty of the colors changing. Maybe it's the memories of school starting – or the current experience of finding the school supplies, and labelling them to be ready for the new beginning of fall.

As we begin things anew around here – I am excited to experience the feeling of cleaning out cupboards, organizing supplies and making space figuratively and literally for new people and new experiences coming with the fall season.

I encourage us all to find someone to get to know this September. Someone who could use a friend. Someone who could be a friend. Someone who is opening themselves up to a new beginning here – in this place.

May the good news of God's welcoming loving community of faith come to life in us!

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Debbie



Save the Dates

Women's Bible Study	Sept 4
Homecoming	Sept 8
Midnight Run	Sept 14
Sunday School Kick-Off	Sept 15
Youth Group BBQ	Sept 15
Bell Choir Rehearsals	Sept 17
Men's Bible Study	Sept 17
Community Dinners	Sept 19
Men's Breakfast	Oct. 5
International Pot Luck	Oct 6
40 Year Member Recognition	Oct 6

Our Christian Education program is always in need of Sunday School teachers and assistant teachers. You will enjoy connecting with our amazing youth and exploring Bible stories, lessons, and crafts with them.

If you are interested in learning more about our program, please email Nicole Browand at nbrowand@gmail.com for more information.



Meet Justin Hylden

(continued from first page) teaching people about the health benefits of our family's fax seed (www.goldenvalleyflax.com) and grandparenting. God placed a call to ministry on my life at a young age, and I have been blessed to be a part of many church denominations before finding my home in the Presbyterian church at seminary. At Wheaton College I earned my B.A. in Biblical and Theological studies where I learned to love Jesus not only with my heart, but also with my mind. Post-college life found me farming back home in North Dakota, nurturing a love for the land and this good creation. Then for a year, I was the interim program director at Park River Lutheran Bible Camp. The fall of 2016 found me at Princeton Theological Seminary where God placed a confirming hand on my call and I learned that the life of a pastor is where the Holy Spirit has led me to be. In my free time, I love reading, classic films, running, board games, baking and cooking. Once I combined my love of film and food by re-creating the seven course meal from *Babette's Feast*. My friends said it wasn't half bad! I'm super excited to get to know the church community that is Pleasantville Presbyterian Church and explore all the surrounding hiking trails."

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International Potluck Lunch



Sunday, October 6th
After Worship

A wonderful way to celebrate our heritages through food and fellowship

Youth Group BBQ

September 15th

All 6th-12th graders and friends are welcome to this start-of-the-year event! Front lawn of the church.



See more details on the Youth page.

Midnight Run

Saturday, September 14th

Mission to those currently homeless in NYC

Talk with Dave Smutzler if you are interested in going on the Run —747-3331.

Save the Date!

40-Year Member Celebration



Sunday, October 6th

Men's Ministries

Our Men's Bible Study will continue this fall on Tuesdays at 7:30 in the Campbell Room. We will begin on September 17th with a study of "Faith", using verses, parables and stories to discuss what faith is and what it means to us. Rather than selecting specific books from the Bible, we will select different topics that interest participants as we go forward. Guys—please join us! Email us at men@pvillepresby.org or contact Mark Zarick or Perry Wootten for more information.

Our first Men's Breakfast will take place on October 5th at 7:30 am in the Campbell Room. Join us for good food, fellowship and a talk from Mark & Gail Zarick about their recent trip to Normandy and the D-Day beaches. Mark and Gail will share some photos and discuss what took place 75 years ago this summer. Email us at men@pvillepresby.org to register.

Community Dinners are Back!



Starting September 19th, we will be resuming our weekly dinners.

Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!



Welcome to New Member: Sarah Sisbot

Sarah Sisbot and her husband Akin, and son George moved to Pleasantville last year from White Plains. She is an IT project manager at an agribusiness company and in her spare time enjoys writing restaurant reviews on Yelp.

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POP News and Pledge Reminder

This summer the Carriage House received a new roof and new windows. Our Associates continue to share common living space there (without the banging overhead!) and each has a private bedroom. Welcome Justin and welcome back Katelyn!

Additional work is on the horizon. We are grateful for the 2019 pledge fulfillment we have received so far. We encourage everyone to fulfill your 2019 POP pledge so we can plan winter projects that will continue to improve our properties. You can still be involved even if you haven't made your pledge yet. No pledge or gift is too big or too small. Together our efforts have made (and will continue to make) a big impact on our community today and in the years to come.

Calling all Prospective Bell Ringers

Have you thought it might be fun to learn how to ring hand bells? Or have you rung in the past and thought it would be nice to ring again? The bell choir is open to anyone high school age or older who can read basic music and likes to have fun!



If you decide to join the choir, it is a short commitment. We will ring one Sunday in November and then you can decide if you want to continue with us for the winter. Rehearsals are from 7:30 - 9 PM in the choir room on Tuesdays. Our rehearsals will begin September 17th. To jump on board or for more information, contact Cathy Fellows at 741 - 2734.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study News

In September, the Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will begin reading The Screwtape Letters, the well-known classic by C.S. Lewis, along with an accompanying Bible study guide. Perhaps you've always meant to read this provocative little book. Perhaps you've read it in the past but want to enjoy it again. Perhaps you've been thinking about joining a Bible study group. All are good reasons to join us on Wednesday evenings (except on session meeting nights), at 7:30 pm, in the Campbell Room.

We'll need to order books in advance, so if you are interested in joining us or want to know more, please speak with Chris Campriello, Leslie Quimby or Doris Kersten. We hope you'll join us!



Homecoming and Sunday School Kick Off

Be sure to join us on September 8th as we celebrate our Homecoming. You will hear first-hand experiences from people who participated in ASP, EVBS, summer camp and more.

Then, the next week, on September 15th, we will kick off another amazing Sunday School season. Come ready for Bible stories, activities, and crafts exploring God's word.



Young Adult Volunteers Commissioned this August: Caitlin Camper, Tristan Wall, Nate Williams

Youth Group News

Welcome back! We are so excited for our new youth group year to start, and for all of your smiling and energetic selves to return for a great year! You can find our rough schedule for the first half of the year, as well as contact and staff information on this page. See you soon!

September 15th will be our kick-off BBQ for the year! All kids joining youth group and their families are welcome to come. It will be held on the front lawn of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church from 5pm-7pm.

Calendar:

September 15 — Kick-Off
BBQ
September 22 — Fun &
Games
September 29 — Fun &
Games

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!


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 11:15am Mission Meeting 5pm Youth Group BBQ	2  HAPPY LABOR DAY!	3 10am Hearts & Hands 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	4 7pm Stewardship Mtg 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	5 9am GBPS Open Classroom 6pm Spanish Class – Campbell Rm	6 9:30am GBPS Meet the Teacher 6pm English Lessons – Campbell Rm	7 7:30am Men's Bkfst
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EVBS Week - Fun, Faith and Some Great Music!

Pleasantville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School was held the week of August 12th-16th at St. John's Episcopal Church and was co-sponsored by Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Holy Innocents Parish, and Holy Rosary Parish.

This year's theme was God's Miraculous Mission, and over 100 kids were in attendance for an energetic and fun week! As usual, the highlight of the week was a rousing Thursday evening performance, with the always inspiring Mr. Chris leading the kids in worship (including some fun new renditions of 1980s pop music).



If you would like to be a part of EVBS next year, ask Nicole Browand for more information.
