



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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Children's Day Fiesta was Fun for All!

More than 80 people attended our second annual Children's Day Fiesta on April 29th, which we hosted to commemorate National Children's Day in Mexico and to reach out to our immigrant neighbors.

The afternoon included a pizza lunch, face painting, music, crafts, games (including, of course, piñata bashing) and prizes. Attorney W. Paul Alvarez joined us again this year to update attendees on immigration law and trends. Daisy Flores, a longtime friend of our church who attends Lehman College, told us about her recent trip to Cuba with fellow students. And County Executive George Latimer made a surprise appearance to learn more about immigration issues, he said.



Mission Team members organized the event. They reached out to the local immigrant community, festooned Fellowship Hall with banners and streamers, organized lunch, provided supplies for crafts and games, collected new and nearly new goodies from Rummage to use for prizes—and so much more. Members of Indivisible Pleasantville were a huge help supervising craft tables and games and bringing desserts. Thanks, too, to Pleasantville Pizza for donating a few extra pies and also soda.

"Thank you so, so very much for being who you are and sharing that greatness with people that needed to feel that love," Susana Corona, our fiesta ambassador along with her husband, Victor, wrote in an email to volunteers. "This year new people came to this celebration, and they were so impressed to see how friendly and welcoming we are. And that says everything!"



Church Photography Exhibit

"Radical Beauty in Everyday Life"
Come share the experience of local photographers exploring the beauty that hides in plain sight. The photography exhibit, featuring over 40 photographs, is being held at our church...

**June 9 & 10 &
June 16 & 17
Noon - 4pm.**

Admission is free. Come to be delighted, surprised, inspired.

Fire Department Parade & Church BBQ

Friday, June 1st - 6:45pm

What could be more fun than a parade, marching bands and a BBQ? We will gather on the front lawn of the church and watch the Pleasantville Fire Department Parade! We supply the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks... you can bring a side dish. The parade begins at 7pm, so get there early before Bedford Road is closed.

Great bands...
Great food...
Great fun!!

All are welcome!
Invite a friend!



Pastor Debbie on

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we are finally into the sunny days of late Spring and Summer – I find myself celebrating reasons to hope.

If we keep our eyes open – there are some amazing things happening in the present that tell us the future can be different than the past. As followers of Jesus, we know that there is reason to hope – that God’s light is shining in more ways than we can imagine. Oh – we can’t always see it on the surface – the Apostle Paul tells us to expect that.

“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience.” Romans 8:24-25

I was remembering some lines from an Emily Dickinson poem I learned in school:

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

May the love and peace of the Spirit of God sing the tune without words in your soul,

In Christ’s Peace,

Pastor Debbie



Save the Dates

Fire Dept. Parade & BBQ	June 1
Teacher Appreciation	June 3
Photography Exhibit	June 9
Men’s Breakfast	June 9
Choir Sunday	June 10
Photography Exhibit	June 10
Photography Exhibit	June 16
Graduates’ Sunday	June 17
Photography Exhibit	June 17
ASP Commissioning	June 24

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering was collected on May 20th. Our gifts help the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering \$152 was retained by us to make an impact in the lives of young people in our own community. The remaining 60% \$230 was used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth and Ministries for Children-at-Risk. Thank you!

Boy Scout Eagle Project

Mike Santander, Troop 12’s newest Eagle Scout, sent the church a letter of thanks for their financial donation which enabled him to complete his project: rebuilding the wall in our basement storage room damaged in last year’s flood.

We also thank the troop for spending a (rainy) Saturday cleaning up the church grounds and an evening working on the rubber safety mulch in the playgrounds.

“Chef” Harry’s Cooking Class

The idea of having a cooking class was the brainchild of Harry Lewis. He is an enthusiastic cook who felt he wanted to help young people going off to college who have little idea how to navigate the kitchen. We also made it available to other individuals who were interested in becoming better in the kitchen.

Our first cooking class was held on Sunday, May 20th. It was slated to be a beginner class and, as it happened, there were complete beginners, some novices and a few experts. We had a wonderful time teaching basic recipe-reading and knife skills. One participant who stated he “is not a cook”, said that he had smell memories from childhood which made him more interested in recreating that experience. We made several dishes, shared the meal together and discussed what we might want to cook next time since this went so well. Please contact Harry Lewis at info@pvillepresby.com, if you decide to participate next time!

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Men's Breakfast... Great Food & Great Discussion

Please come to our final Men's breakfast before our summer break on Saturday, June 9th at 7:30am. We will continue our discussion about the different Christian religions.

In April we focused on Presbyterianism. In May we discussed other Protestant religions. In June we'll continue that, then discuss Orthodoxy and other Christian branches (Quakers, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc).

Even if you've missed the previous discussions, you'll fit right in! To sign up please let the Church Office know at info@pvillepresby.org, or notify Mark Zarick, Pono Wong or Harry Lewis. We hope you'll join this growing ministry. Please come!

Celebrating Baptism & Welcoming a New Member

On May 13th, we officially welcomed Jennifer Lewis as a new member of our congregation. We also were blessed to baptize her daughters Gabriele, who is in high school and Hazel who attends Great Beginnings Pre-School.



Congratulations Graduates

On Sunday June 17th, we will honor our graduating high school seniors. Congratulations to all those who are graduating this year from high school, programs and college on reaching this milestone.



Dubem Anyichie	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>
Amanda Bedus	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>
Logan Bronkema	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>
Arisa Fourie	<i>Valhalla High School</i>
Cheyenne Gonzalez	<i>Oakland High School (California)</i>
Cordelia Jannetty	<i>Westlake High School</i>
Julius Marchi	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>
Kamelle Ruano	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>
Carter Tanis	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>
Benjamin Trombetta	<i>Pleasantville High School</i>

Alicia Alvis	<i>Associates Degree, Specialized Business Special Make Up Effects Douglas Education Center</i>
Eric Berg	<i>Westchester County Policy Academy</i>
Britny Dawkins	<i>B.S., Health Sciences & Management Howard University</i>
Dylan Garbarini	<i>B.S., Biology St. Michaels College</i>
Paula Graham	<i>Doctor of Nursing Practice Chatham University</i>
Timothy Graham	<i>M.S., Real Estate Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Anna Loizeaux	<i>M.P.A., Environmental Science & Policy Columbia University</i>
Justin Maldonado	<i>B.S., Computer Science University of Rochester</i>
Meg McCarthy	<i>B.S., Integrated Neuroscience Binghamton University</i>
Sarah Meisel	<i>B.S., Biology University of Redlands</i>
Jacob Nemec	<i>B.F.A., Interactive Arts Maryland Institute Creative Arts</i>

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POP Update

It's hard to believe that just one year ago we kicked off our Preserve Our Property (POP) campaign. Check out our website to see what have accomplished in our first year!

This spring we share in the excitement about the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Associate Program that will bring us three young people who will be housed in the upstairs apartment of the Carriage House. The building requires ongoing repairs and restoration which will proceed as we receive funds to support the projects.

We encourage you to fulfill your 2018 pledges, if you are able, as we look forward to this energizing time in the life of our church. All donations are welcomed, whether you have pledged before or not. Just put "POP" in the memo section of your online donation or your check. Thank you!

PPC Goes Green!

Last month, Session approved a proposal to install solar energy capturing panels on the roofs of the Christian Education Building and the Manse which will offset 90%+ of the electricity costs for the Sanctuary, the CE building and the Manse. POP funds will pay for the upgrade of the roofs prior to installation.

We will save money and care for the earth by taking advantage of a unique group buying and financing opportunity through the *Restoring Creation* loan from the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program. This loan provides a no down payment low interest loan for 20 years. The annual loan payments will be lower than our current annual electric costs! This initiative was brought to us by the Hudson River Presbytery HRP Green Committee.

Sunrise Solar was vetted and competitively selected for the Presbytery's Solarize Our Congregation Program. Sunrise Solar Solutions, LLC is the official residential and commercial contractor for Solarize Our Congregation in Westchester and Rockland counties. Since its founding in 2009 they have installed over 600 systems for residential, commercial, and not-for-profit customers and are the largest locally owned and operated solar firm in Westchester.



Pleasantville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

*"Shipwrecked...
Rescued by Jesus"*

August 6-10

9am-12pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Adult & Teen Volunteers
Needed!

Go to PvilleVBS.org

If you can help with the EVBS
planning committee, or
have questions, email
Nicole Browand
info@pvillepresby.org

All are welcome! Invite a friend!

Great Beginnings Pre-School Celebrations & Thanks

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. On Thursday, June 7th, our 3's will put on a short program and receive their certificates. On Friday, June 8th, 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.

We end the year with brightly painted classrooms thanks to the 4 students at the EF Academy, who chose to do their community service at Great Beginnings, and to Jon and Louise Bookman for helping supervise the project.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Faith, fun, fellowship and friends, with a bit of mission mixed in.

PYC end of year Barbeque

Where: JoAnne Gullotta's House

When: June 3, 2018

Time: 5:00-8:00 PM

Inviting all kids grades 5-12 and parents





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm. 6:45 Fireman's Parade & BBQ	2
3 Teacher Appreciation 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship Childcare in the Nursery 5pm Youth Grp. - End of the BBQ 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp	6 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	7 10am GBPS Moving Up Ceremony 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	8 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm.	9 Photo Exhibit 7:30am Men's Breakfast
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24 8:45am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10am Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Deacon's Meeting	25	26 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp	27 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	28 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	29 6pm English Class - Campbell Rm.	30 GBPS Summer Camp

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Pleasantville ASP is Busy in its 20th Year!



Over 50 volunteers are preparing for Pleasantville's 20th Appalachia Service Project (ASP) home repair mission trip! This year, the volunteers will travel to Cross Lanes, West Virginia in July to spend a week repairing and rebuilding homes of needy people.

In preparation for the mission trip, our volunteers are actively teaming together to practice home repair skills and do local community service.

Our local repair project this year was to repaint the church manse, the Pleasantville house where the Bronkema family lives. The exterior of this house was in great need of a new paint job, especially after its windows were replaced last fall and some rotted wall panels were replaced. On Saturday, May 12th, about 30 volunteers spent much of the day preparing the house to be painted. Despite rainy weather, youths and adult team leaders scraped away old paint. They power-washed the exterior of the house, the gutters, and the roof! They also removed many overgrown bushes. Parents brought food, drinks and snacks and kept spirits and energy levels high!

On Saturday, May 19th, the ASP volunteers also served up a great Pancake Breakfast as a fundraiser for the Pleasantville ASP mission during Pleasantville Day.

