



# The Good News Letter

## Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

SEEKING • CONNECTING • SERVING

### Celebrating Pastor Debbie's 10 Years with Us!



To celebrate Pastor Debbie's 10-year anniversary leading our church, we feted her on Sunday, April 2nd with a potluck lunch. The party featured songs in English and Spanish in her honor, fond memories from kids and adults, gifts including a custom stole—and the best food on the planet. Hats off to everyone who made this celebration happen! Most of all, thank you,

Pastor Debbie, for your vision and leadership in helping our church become what God and our community need us to be.

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
to an  
**Evening of Intergenerational Storytelling**

The youth group invites people of all ages to come to Fellowship Hall on May 7th from 5-7pm to have dinner and share life stories.

Please RSVP to [youth@pvillepresby.org](mailto:youth@pvillepresby.org) or leave a message on voicemail 769-0458 option 3

### Easter Celebrations



## Pastor Debbie on

Dear Friends in Christ,

About a year ago David Fourie, one of our church elders led a ministry forum conversation on how we might reach out using a variety of digital methods. We wanted to find ways to spread the love of Christ beyond our walls.

Over the last year, we've started outreaches through facebook, our website, YouTube and the digital connections emails we've been sending. We've found ways to connect with people that have really broadened our ministry. Bryan Bardin is our digital connections consultant, and we are grateful for his continuing work and help as we grow this ministry. Evan Closser and JoAnna Tivnan also pay pivotal roles in creating the content we need through the technology we now have in our sanctuary.

We've been able to reach people who can't be in worship on a particular Sunday because of illness, travel or Sunday morning work conflicts. We've also been able to reach out to people who've moved from this community, but still want to stay connected. These are people like college students, retirees, and people who've been in our area for a short time before they moved on their journey across the country, and across the world. And - we've become connected with new people, through our members and friends sharing and forwarding to folks who are looking to establish connections with a worshipping community, and haven't found one in their area. This past month at session we looked at some analytical reports and learned that this ministry has grown far beyond what we even imagined. For example in the months of February and March, people watched over 1,300 minutes of content on our YouTube channel. Facebook tells us we've connected with 1,400 people over the course of that same time period, and our website pages have been viewed almost 1,900 times. What's more, we are connecting with people in 26 different countries!

As we continue to consider how to reach out in this new world, please pray for all those who receive the seeds of faith we are planting. May God's blessings be upon them on their journey, as they grow in their faith!

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Debbie*

## Scholarship Fund Needs Donors and Recipients

Our church Scholarship Fund has two important needs. The first is always an ongoing need for donations to increase our ability to give out scholarships to students who apply for them. The second is applications from students who need financial assistance to pay their college tuition.

Please send your donations to the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund. For an application for a college scholarship, please contact Scott Mosenthal at [scholarship@pvillepresby.org](mailto:scholarship@pvillepresby.org).

# JAZZ

## VESPERS

Saturday, May 6th  
5pm



## Save the Dates

<i>Jazz Vespers</i>	May 6
<i>Intergenerational Story Telling &amp; Dinner</i>	May 7
<i>Films on Purpose</i>	May 9
<i>Leaders' Retreat</i>	May 13
<i>ASP Pancake Breakfast</i>	May 20
<i>Transitions Group</i>	May 25
<i>Church BBQ &amp; Parade</i>	June 2
<i>Midnight Run</i>	June 3

## Are You Graduating?



Our graduates will be honored in June. While we know the names of our church's high school graduates, we do not want to overlook graduates of other schools or programs.

If you or someone you know is graduating this spring, please contact the church office at 769-0458 and let Jo Anna know who we should recognize. Thanks!

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**Pleasantville Presbyterian's  
Appalachia Service Project**

## **Community Pancake Breakfast**



**Saturday, May 20th**  
Pleasantville Day  
7am ~ 11:30am

## **Church Barbecue & Fire Department Parade**

*Friday, June 2nd - 6:45pm*

It's that time of the year again to gather on the church lawn and watch the Fire Department Parade! The parade begins at 7pm and we'll gather before Bedford Road is closed.

Be sure to put this on your calendar. Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

This is a very fun and popular event - so come join the fun and bring a friend!



## **Student Production**

Come out to see Sam Alvis in a student-directed "One Act Plays Festival" including an adaptation of Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery" at Byram Hills High School on May 19th at 7pm and May 20th at 2pm and 7pm.

## **Navigating Transitions**

This month's meeting will be Thursday, May 25th 7:30 - 9pm in the Campbell Room. All are welcome to our monthly discussions on navigating life transitions. The group is an open forum to share our experiences and provide support, encouragement, and inspiration to each other. For more information, please speak with Linda Berg or Jane Wong.

## **Midnight Run**

*Ministry to people who are currently homeless in NYC*

**Saturday, June 3rd**

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

*Contact Dave Smutzler*

## **FILMS ON PURPOSE & NEIGHBORS LINK PROUDLY PRESENT:**

THE PEABODY AWARD WINNING FILM  
**DON'T TELL ANYONE**  
NO LE DIGAS A NADIE  
A FILM BY MIKAELA SHWER

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

**7:00 pm reception**

on the porch of Marmaduke Forster House

**8:00 pm film**

across the street at the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

**panel discussion to follow**

with Angy Rivera, subject of "Don't Tell Anyone"  
and Carola Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbors Link

Marmaduke Forster House  
415 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville, New York

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church  
400 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville, New York

Fleeing the growing violence and unrest of Colombia, Angy's mother brought her to the US when she was just 4. She is promised the American dream if she keeps her undocumented status a secret. That all ends when she graduates from high school and realizes there is no opportunity for her. Despite her fear of deportation, Angy "comes out" as undocumented.

**This film is free and open to the public.**

# Church News

## Social Justice Interns

### Help with Loaves and Fishes and Visit NYC

The Social Justice Interns are now an integral part of making our Loaves and Fishes program a success. Every other Sunday you will find them packing bags of food for pick up by Pastor Enrique Leon and parishioners of The Assembly of God Church.

On Sunday, April 9th, the Social Justice Interns went on a field trip to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Manhattan. St. Peter's has a long history of commitment to social justice issues and providing sanctuary to the "least, the last and the lost." In the early 1980's St. Peter's was one of the first places to welcome people suffering from the mysterious illness known as HIV. They continue serving this group as well as immigrants and the homeless by providing breakfast once a week. St. Peter's also became a sanctuary for jazz musicians who, by the nature of their work were unable to attend traditional Sunday morning worship. The jazz ministry is now thriving and packs the sanctuary every Sunday evening.

St. Peter's latest endeavor is to partner with and eventually merge with Zion, a Latino church which, along with worship, serves to advocate for immigrant rights. In addition to social justice issues, St. Peter's provides a creative environment for the arts and music. Art galleries, dance programs and classical music celebrate cultural diversity.

## Results of One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to all who gave generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday. A total of \$480 was donated! Here are some examples from PCUSA of the impact of your gifts: providing clean water projects to help eradicate disease and transform communities in over 20 countries, providing hunger relief to families through distributions of seeds for farming and nutrition instruction, and empowering volunteers who work across the globe to serve the needs of and empower impoverished communities. Thank you for your support.

## Victor Corona Recognized for His Work with Disabled Students



Victor Corona is a 22-year Southern Westchester BOCES Teacher Assistant and he recently received an

award at the Westchester Foundation for Autism's recent Gala of Hope event for his positive influence on students with autism and other disabilities.

Victor, a native of Mexico City, opened a bakery after immigrating to the United States. When someone suggested that he would be good working with children, he accepted a job at SWBOCES and spent a year as a substitute before being hired as a Teacher Assistant in 1995. Congratulations Victor!

## Pleasantville's Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

# Hero Central

## Discover Your Strength in God

### August 7-11, 2017

9am - Noon

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

For children entering Kindergarten - 8th grade  
Nursery & Pre-K available for children of volunteers

Adult and high school volunteers are needed to teach, supervise, run outdoor games, prepare daily snacks, set-up, clean-up and more.



For more info...  
talk with  
Anel Fourie  
Registration forms  
available in the  
church office or  
online at  
[www.pvillevbs.org](http://www.pvillevbs.org)



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

## Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Jazz Vespers — 5:00 pm**

Join us for a unique worship experience with jazz music. All are welcome – bring a friend!

## Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Intergenerational Sharing Stories**

Bring friends and family for a fun “stories across the generations” event. Dinner will be provided.

**All ages — 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

## Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Mother's Day**

**No PYC — spend time with Mom!**

## Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>

**P'ville Day Pancake Breakfast**

Come eat and support our ASP volunteers. Bring your family!

**All welcome - 7 am to 11:30 am**

## Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>

**Making Breakfast Burritos**

Let's turn those breakfast leftovers into Breakfast Burritos for donation to Neighbor's Link.

**All ages — 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

## Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**No PYC — Enjoy the holiday!**



*Youth Group Progressive Dinner – we're all about the food*

## It's May – Let's get together and get outside!

Such a lovely evening for our Progressive Dinner, food and friends outside – thank you to our hosts, the Bergs and the Largeys! We're looking forward to being outdoors for games, barbecues, parades. Can't you just feel the summer coming!

Join us on **May 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 pm** for an evening of “Sharing Stories” across the generations. Do you know who has traveled the world? Who follows the race car circuit? Who is a published author? Come and find out! Family and friends of all ages are welcome! Dinner and dessert will be provided. RSVP to Maria or to [youth@pvillepresby.org](mailto:youth@pvillepresby.org).

## Looking ahead to June – Lots going on!

And if May isn't busy enough for you, find your events in June!


Starting with the Firemen's Parade on **Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - join us for BBQ and a front row seat on the church front lawn. Parade starts at 7 pm, so be there by 6:45 before the roads close! Followed by an end of the year PYC tradition – Senior High Graffiti Night on **Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm**. Graduate recognition Sunday is **Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>** during worship. Come congratulate and cheer our youth!

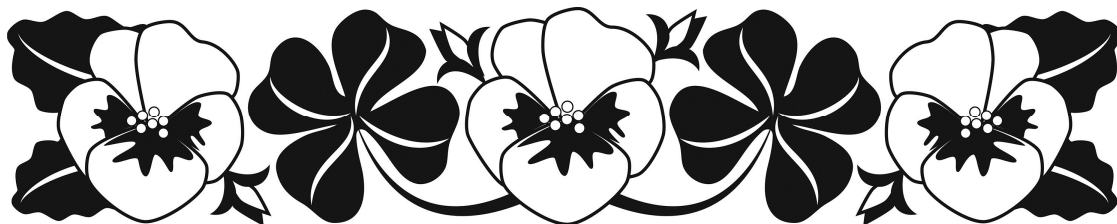
## Save the Date – June 11<sup>th</sup> End of Year BBQ

Celebrate end of the school year, saying good byes and welcoming next year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents are welcome to join us! Details to come!



# MAY

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7pm Confirmation Class	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6pm Spanish Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>5</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm.	<b>6</b> 5pm Jazz Vespers
<b>7</b> 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship 10am Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Mission Meeting 2pm ASP Business Meeting 5pm Youth Group - Intergenerational Sharing Stories	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7pm Confirmation Class	<b>10</b> 7:30pm Session Mtg.	<b>11</b> 6pm Spanish Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>12</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm.	<b>13</b> 9am Leader's Retreat
<b>14</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7pm Confirmation Class	<b>17</b> 9am GBPS - FH	<b>18</b> 9:30am EVBS Mtg. 6pm Spanish Lessons - Campbell Rm	<b>19</b> 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm. 6pm ASP Pancake Brkfst setup	<b>20</b> 7am ASP Pancake Breakfast
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## Palm Sunday Play

We were treated to a re-enactment of the story of Easter week by the Sunday School!!



## The Church Goes Climbing!

The Youth Group and friends go rock climbing.

