



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

SEEKING • CONNECTING • SERVING

Join Us @ Adult Ed

New Adult Ed Class on Psalms

*Psalms: Songs of Worship & Prayers
of our Life*

Join our new Pastoral Associate, Justin Hylden, this November 3rd, 17th, and 24th as he leads us into a deeper encounter with the Psalms. In this three part series, we will go deeper into this treasure of Scripture. We'll learn more about HOW these Psalms have been used in Israelite and Christian worship. We'll SING (hopefully) various settings from different traditions. We'll JOURNAL our personal experience through 21 selected Psalms. In this class we will learn how different Christians have appropriated the Psalms, and share about how we personally have experienced the Psalms in our own 21 Day Psalm Experience. Looking forward to seeing you there and learning together from this special book and our journey together.



Shots from our Kick Off Sunday and Barb Thomas' send-off before the Thomases leave for Morocco.





International Potluck Lunch

*Sunday October 6th
Right after worship in Fellowship Hall*

Please bring a dish from your family heritage or country to serve about 8-10 people



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

The Bookman family upon the death of Louise's mother

The Miller Family upon the death of Steve's father, David

November deadline: October 15, 2019

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

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

Jane Wong, *Project Mission Coordinator*

Dr. David Macdonald, *Music Director*

Evan Closser, *Organist*

Wendy Zaros, *Soloist*

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Katelyn Westervelt, *Ministry Associate*

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Pastor Debbie on



Dear Friends,

As many of you know – over the last few years we’ve been expanding the way we meet people online by producing worship emails and creating digital connections. We’ve been very excited with the number of connections we’ve made – here, across the country, and even across the world.

Now – we are taking the next step – creating a NEW digital worshipping community called "connect.faith". The project is being funded by a grant from the PC(USA) called "1001 Worshipping Communities" designed to help an organization discern the scope of the new worshipping community. Over the past 4 months, we have put together a steering committee, made the first of several Facebook groups (creative writing as a spiritual practice), begun community conversations on a book we chose to read together, and are working to design, gather and create a digital first worship service.

Our steering committee worked together to develop a logo that highlights the connecting points for the project. (You’ll see it at the top of the page.) We are excited about producing the first "season" of our digitally native worship service, which will be filmed on October 18 – 19. We are also in the process of developing a website for connect.faith, which will be a homebase of all the connections we are making.

The steering committee is made up of Bryan Bardin(distance member), Steve and Linda Berg, Jane Bullard (distance member), Evan Closser, David Fourie, Jacob Nemec (distance member), Kat Nemec, Mark Orendorf (distance member), Katelyn Westervelt, Jane Wong, and Debbie Bronkema. Please pray for the work of this team – as they work to meet people where they are and help them find their way to be community to one another in faith.

I’m very excited that our congregation can be part of such an exciting way of reaching out and meeting people where they are! We are a congregation that is truly open to change, and cares deeply about people both inside and outside of our walls. What a privilege it is to serve together with you in ministry!

In Christ’s Love, *Pastor Debbie*



Save the Dates

- 40 year Celebration** Oct. 6
- Int’l Potluck** Oct. 6
- 3rd graders Bibles** Oct. 6
- Intergenerational Apple Picking** Oct. 6
- Men’s Breakfast** Oct. 12
- Adult Ed Begins** Nov. 3
- Stewardship Kick Off** Nov. 3
- Midnight Run** Nov. 9
- Stew Lunch** Nov. 10
- Stewardship Sunday** Nov. 17

Property Committee Update

The Property Committee has completed repairs and upgrades to our parking lot.

In addition to one major and a few minor patches, two asphalt swales were built alongside the concrete steps to the upper parking lot. This will prevent rainwater from cascading down those stairs as it has in the past. Since melting snow will no longer be flowing down these stairs, ice formation will be greatly reduced if not eliminated. Finally, along the carriage house, seven concrete car stops were installed to provide a safer path for Great Beginnings children to access the playground area.

Money for this project came from the ongoing Preserve Our Property fund.

All Church Apple & Pumpkin Picking



October 6th-
After Worship
All ages welcome!



Join us for 40-Year Member Celebration Sunday October 6th



Church News



Midnight Run

Saturday, November 9th
Mission to those currently
homeless in NYC

Contact Dave Smutzler
dave.smutzler@gmail.com
if you are interested in going on
the Run.

3rd Graders to Receive Bibles

Sunday, October 6th
Attention all 3rd graders! On
Sunday, October 6th you will
receive your Bible. This is an
important event in the life of our
church and the faith development
of our young people.

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? Contact
Cathy Fellows 741-2734. Please
RSVP to Cathy or Jo Anna in the
office.

Men's Ministries

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Campbell Room

The Bible Study has restarted and our new approach is getting great reviews. We are continuing our study of "Faith", using verses, parables, and stories to discuss what faith is and what it means to us. Please join us! Please email us at men@pvillepresby.org or contact Mark Zarick or Perry Wootten for more information.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 12th in the Campbell Room at 7:30 am

(NOTE THE DATE CHANGE) The Men's Breakfast for the fall will take place on October 12th (not the 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 World War I sites and the WWII Normandy and the D-Day beaches. This summer marked 75 years since D-Day. Mark & Gail will share some photos and lead a discussion. Please email us at men@pvillepresby.org to pre-register.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

The first Sunday in October, October 6th this year, is World Communion Sunday, when, celebrating our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world, we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. Half of the receipts are used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to promote peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Mid councils retain 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. Our congregation will devote up to 25% of its Offering to connect locally with the global witness of Christ's peace.

We hope you will consider a making a generous gift on October 6 to support these worldwide works and those of our fellowship here in Pleasantville.

New bereavement support group meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you, or anyone you know would like more information, please contact Jane Wong at missionco@pvillepresby.org.

Church News



We love to
tell the story

† STEWARDSHIP 2019

Stewardship 2019 - Save the Dates! Building a Community of Stewards

November 3	Stewardship Kickoff
November 3	Leader's Dinner
November 10	Stewardship "Stew" Lunch
November 17	Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Thoughts to Ponder

- "I have held many things in my hand, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands I still possess." *Martin Luther*
- "What I spent is gone. What I kept I lost. But what I gave will be mine forever." *Tombstone epitaph*
- "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." -*Winston Churchill*
- "There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there." *Colonel Sanders*
- "The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose." *Hada Bejar*

Drinking from the Saucer

I've never made a fortune, and I'll
never make one now,
But it really doesn't matter 'cause
I'm happy anyhow.
As I go along my journey
I'm reaping better than I've sowed;
I'm drinking from the saucer
'cause my cup has overflowed.

We don't have a lot of riches
And sometimes the going's tough.
But while we've got our kids and
friends to love us
I think we're rich enough.
I'll just thank God for the blessings
That His mercy has bestowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'cause my cup has overflowed.

If He gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and
rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm
already blessed enough.
May we never be too busy to help
bear another's load.
Then we will all be drinking from
the saucer.
All our cups will overflow.

Anonymous

Submitted by Guido Poet

Save the Date: November 24

On Sunday, November 24 at 3PM
cellist Peter Seidenberg and
pianist Hui Mei Lin will perform a
recital at Pleasantville
Presbyterian Church to benefit
our Music Fund. Please come and
hear beautiful music performed
by fabulous performers while
supporting our church's music
program.

Food Drive for Children's Village

At Thanksgiving, the need for food is especially great and our church has an opportunity to help those in need.



We'll kick off this mission project in church in October. Special bags will be distributed, with lists of foods to consider buying. (You don't need to purchase everything on the list.) Bring your filled bags to church. We'll take them to CV on November 17th. Fill a bag and help feed families!

Youth Group News

Calendar:

October 6 — Apple/Pumpkin Picking @ Wilkens Farm

October 13 — Fun & Games

October 20 — Fun & Games

October 27 — 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	2 7pm Stewardship Mtg 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	3 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	4 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	5
6 40+ Year Member Recognition 3rd Grade Bibles International Put Luck Lunch Intergenerational Apple Picking 8:45am Chancel Choir Practice 10am Intergenerational Worship Childcare in the Nursery 11:15am Mission Meeting 5pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Grp. 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 12pm Midday Meditation	8 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	9 7:30pm Session Mtg.	10 6pm Community Dinner 6pm Spanish Class - Campbell Rm	11 6pm English Lessons - Campbell Rm	12 7:30am Men's Bkfst
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What's YOUR Superpower?

Many of us grew up with comic books of our favorite superhero displaying their amazing superpowers. Some could fly or had super strength. X-Ray vision was a favorite idea for many a kid growing up. We called them "superpowers" as shorthand for "superhuman powers" as they were powers beyond what a normal human would have.

Well, as a child of God, you too have superpowers! Powers beyond normal human powers. They are your spiritual gifts. Many of us within our church have the gift of service, others for leadership, still others for hospitality, there are quite a number of them. One listing had 28 different spiritual gifts described in the Bible. What makes them special is that when you use your spiritual gift you have an effectiveness beyond what one would expect from a normal human effort because you are empowered by the Holy Spirit. So, what's YOUR superpower? If you don't know, then you should certainly find out! You can go online today and look for "spiritual gifts" and you will find several different inventories you can use.

You may never have your own comic book, it is true, but you can live your life knowing you have superpowers. When you use your spiritual gifts, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, you too can be a superhero for Christ. - - *Gordon Quimby*

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