



The Good News Letter

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School Starts Up!

On Homecoming Sunday, September 9th, we heard stories from summer adventures which included the Appalachia Service Project, Ecumenical Vacation Bible School and summer camp. The kids got to meet their Sunday School teachers on Kickoff Sunday, September 16th. Also, our new Ministry Associates, Hannah Scanlon and Katelyn Westervelt, dove into their new roles with our youth and digital media and got to meet the congregation.

The new Sunday School year brings excitement, learning and faith development and we invite all kids, pre-K thru 12th grade to join in.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, please let Nicole Browand know.

Join Us @ Adult Ed

Reading and Interpreting Scripture in Today's World

October 21 & November 4, 11, 28

In this class, we will be looking at the authority of Holy Scripture in the church today. We'll do this by looking at what some of the foremost – and not so foremost - 20th/21st century theologians have said about the Word of God in the contemporary world.

As we delve into the questions asked by these thinkers, in their particular time and place, we may be inspired by a similar curiosity.

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International Potluck Lunch

Sunday
October 28nd
Right after worship in Fellowship Hall



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

Pastor Debbie on Savoring the Journey



Dear Friends in Christ,

Lately I've been reading a book about Spiritual Leadership by Ruth Haley Barton that is based on the life and ministry of Moses. There are lots of wonderful things about this book - but I think the thing that has made the biggest impact is that I've been reading it very slowly - one chapter at a time - savoring the journey. Often for me reading involves not putting a book down until it's done, but this time I decided to live in it for a while, to embrace the spiritual practices she lifts up one by one. Some are new to me - some are old friends. They all point beyond the present moment to life with Jesus.

In this hurry up world - what would help you to slow down and notice what is eternally important - rather than what is just making the most noise? What would help you make sure you are open to God trying to break through your own plans?

I'm so excited about where we are in our life together as a church. Please pray for our church, for our ministry, our leaders, our staff. May we be ready to embrace the opportunities to share God's love that are put in front of us this day, this week, this year!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Debbie

If you are interested in learning about membership in Pleasantville Presbyterian Church - please talk with me, or email me at pastor@pvillepresby.org.



Save the Dates

World Communion	Oct 7
Peace Offering Collected	Oct 7
Men's Bible Study Begins	Oct 9
Men's Breakfast	Oct 13
Apple & Pumpkin Picking for all ages	Oct 14
Cooking Class	Oct 14
Adult Ed - Scriptures	Oct 21
40 Year Member Recognition	Oct 28
3rd Grader Bibles	Oct 28
Int'l Pot Luck Lunch	Oct 28



Midnight Run

Saturday, November 10th
Mission to those currently homeless in NYC

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



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

October 7th is World Communion Sunday when we honor Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation with Christians all over the globe. On that day we also celebrate the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Your gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the Church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

We will use up to 25% of this offering to sustain our local peacemaking ministry. Your generous gifts will help us create and sustain a world of peace together. Mark your calendars to remember the Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 7th and thank you!

40 Year Member Celebration

During Worship on October 28th we will be recognizing those that have been members of our church for 40 years. We are blessed to have over 30 people in this special group! After worship, we'll celebrate with cake in Fellowship Hall and the International Pot Luck Lunch.

Please RSVP to Jo Anna Tivnan in the Church Office - 914-769-0458.

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Cooking Class 102

Sunday, October 21st
2-5pm

Come learn more about cooking with Jane Wong and Harry Lewis.

Interested?

missionco@pvillepresby.org

All Church

Apple & Pumpkin Picking

October 14th - After Worship

All ages welcome! 

Fun time with fun people!

Join us for 40-Year Member Celebration

 Sunday
October 28th

Women's Bible Fellowship News

Daytime Group - We are doing a study on the "Holy Spirit" and invite you to join us on Tuesdays, 10-11:30am in the Campbell Room. This is a subject that we've had many questions about, so we'll read scripture and follow the study guide to help us learn more.

Evening Group - If you're looking for an evening Bible study group, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Campbell Room. Small and friendly, this group uses a study guide to direct its discussion. We keep in touch by email. No previous experience necessary! If you are interested, please contact Chris Campriello.

20s/30s Crew

This group was born out of the hope for connection between working folks and students without children in our Pleasantville congregation! In short, your new Ministry Associates simply wanted to make new friends, having just moved to Pleasantville.

We've only just started, so our plans are week by week. If you would like to join our email list, please contact Hannah or Katelyn at hannah@pvillepresby.org or katelyn@pvillepresby.org

Men's Ministries at PCC

A recent survey of the congregation identified a strong interest for men's fellowship and learning opportunities. We are excited to offer the following men's ministry opportunities this fall. Please come! For more information please contact Mark Zarick

Men's Bible Fellowship

Tuesdays @ 7:30pm -
Beginning October 9th

We are starting a new Bible Study for men on October 9th, led by Perry Wooten. For those of you who don't know him, Perry is a Presbyterian minister who has been worshipping with us since last year. Perry was a great resource to us during our spring Men's Breakfast series on religions, offering his knowledge and special perspective on questions and concepts that came up during our discussions.

We will begin our fellowship with Ephesians 1. Our discussions will be open and informal. We'll read together. We'll talk about the history of the

books we study and who wrote them. What do they say to us today? Come one week, some weeks or all weeks. Please join us for this opportunity for fellowship and study! To prepare, we suggest you begin reading Ephesians 1 in advance.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 13th @ 7:30

Our fall monthly Men's Breakfast series begins in October. The spring series was great, and we were excited to see attendance growing. The food is always great, the coffee is hot, and the discussions are engaging. Breakfast begins at 7:30am and we are always done no later than 9am.

Our topic for October will be "Current Events". Mark will bring some topics and please bring your own.

Later in the fall we expect to have a recent immigrant join us to discuss his experience, and to have a talk about baseball memories.

3rd Graders to Receive Bibles

Sunday, October 28th

Attention all 3rd graders! On Sunday, October 28th you will receive your Bible. This is an important event in the life of our church and the faith development of our young people.

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Building a Community of Stewards

STEWARDSHIP 2018

Stewardship 2018 - Save the Dates! Building a Community of Stewards

November 4	Stewardship Kickoff
November 4	Leader's Dinner
November 11	Stewardship "Stew" Lunch
November 18	Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Thoughts to Ponder

- "Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get." - *Unknown*
- "What I spent is gone. What I kept I lost. But what I gave will be mine forever." *Tombstone epitaph*
- "The happiest people on earth are the people who have discovered the joy of giving." - *Unknown*
- "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." - *Winston Churchill*
- "All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. And once received, those gifts are not to be used solely for our own good. They must also be used for the benefit of others, and ultimately for the glory of God the giver. The steward needs an open hand to receive from God and then an active hand to give to God and to others." - *Murray J. Harris (Professor of New Testament Exegesis)*



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 11th. Fill a bag and help feed families!

New Adult Ed Class on Scriptures

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We will be asking questions such as:

- What is the importance in calling Jesus the Word of God?
- What is meant in saying that Scripture has "authority" or that it's "inspired"?
- What are modern critical methods of Scriptural interpretation and what are their limitations and possibilities?
- To what degree are "historical" and "metaphorical" readings of Scripture simultaneously important and incomplete?
- How is the Jesus of the Gospels the same or different from the Jesus of history or the Jesus of modern criticism?

My prayer for this class is that the questions, analysis, problems, and discoveries raised by these thinkers may deepen our understanding of the Word of God and therefore strengthen love for the living Word, freely given for us. Each week, we will spend our time discussing an article that I will send out prior to class. Come as you are or come having read the material, I have no doubt we will all benefit from learning together!

We will gather in the Campbell Room at 11:30am and after the lunch on November 11th.

Email hannah@pvillepresby.org if you are interested or have questions.

by Hannah Scanlon
Ministry Associate

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

WELCOME FALL!



Everyone is welcome to our Apple
& Pumpkin Picking Day.
October 14th – after Worship
All ages are welcome!

Youth Group Kickoff BBQ was a success! Thank you to everyone that came out to support the beginning of a new year of Youth Group. We are excited to begin the year with our 2 new Associates, Hannah and Katelyn. Look out for all the exciting things that will be happening with Youth Group this year.





OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am Hearts & Hands 10am Women's Bible Fwshp 7:30pm Bell Choir	3 7pm Stewardship Mtg. 7:30pm Evening Women's Bible Fellowship	4	5	6
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Youth Group BBQ

