



Pleasantville News

PLEASANTVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Celebrating the Adventure
Continuing the Journey

February 2012

Join us for Worship this month. . .

Sunday, February 5 - *SOUPer Bowl Sunday - Special Sunday in Church School*

- 8:00 a.m. Meditative Chapel Service
- 8:30 a.m. Prophets Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Main Service and Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 5:00 p.m. Family Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 12 - *Cookie Sale for FISH*

- 8:00 a.m. Meditative Chapel Service
- 8:30 a.m. Prophets Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Main Service and Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 11:00 a.m. New Member Meeting

Sunday, February 19- *Transfiguration Sunday*

- 8:00 a.m. Meditative Chapel Service
- 8:30 a.m. Prophets Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Main Service and Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 6:00 p.m. AfterGlow and Club 345
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 22 - *Ash Wednesday*

- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, February 26 - *1st Sunday in Lent - Communion*

- 8:00 a.m. Meditative Chapel Service
- 8:30 a.m. Prophets Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Main Service and Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 11:00 a.m. New Member Meeting

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COMING EVENTS AND NEWS!

Super Bowl Party - Join us on Sunday, February 5 at 5 p.m. in Lentz Fellowship Hall for a Family Super Bowl Party. See page 5 for more information.

Pleasantville Adult Day Fellowship will hold its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 14. Something new is happening. Come join us and find out! See page 11.

A Chocolate and Cookie Sale will be held on Sunday, February 12. All proceeds will be donated to Doylestown Area FISH. See page 14 for details on how you can help.

Something new at Pleasantville! We will be holding a Men's Retreat on February 17 to 19 at the New Windsor Conference Center in New Windsor, Maryland. See page 10 for details and sign up form.

Visit our website at www.pleasantvilleucc.org for Pleasantville events, calendar, and the newsletter. Check the website for inclement weather cancellations.



FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR . . .

“For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.”
Dag Hammarskjold, Swedish diplomat (1905-1961)

Five days before Christmas, Pleasantville received a remarkable gift. On Tuesday, December 20th, a white van pulled up to the side door of the Sanctuary and out poured a cadre of people of various ages in jeans and coveralls – one with a paint brush in her hand. Within minutes, scaffolding was set up inside the new sanctuary and the most agile among the group were scaling it like monkeys. It was a scene I had come to recognize over the previous year: our final stained glass window had arrived! It would be installed and ready to glorify God in our worship services on Christmas Eve.



That same afternoon, Shirley Anderson – our able congregational bookkeeper – came into the office with a photocopy of a check. The memo line bore the words: “Final Payment.” It took a minute to register what these words meant. Finally it dawned on me: on the 20th day of December in the year of our Lord, 2011 -- just 387 days since the Consecration of the new Sanctuary, the people of Pleasantville United Church of Christ had retired the debt.

I am – without a doubt – in awe of what has been accomplished in this place over the course of one year and the resulting awe leaves me speechless.

This past year we have seen the culmination of a great vision. I believe with my whole heart that this vision was given to us by God. We have been called to extend ourselves in ways far beyond our imagining so that the blessing of life in the Beloved Community could extend to those who were not here yet.

It is a great and holy calling to be the Church; to be a people *sent out* in ministry in the name of Jesus.

“For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.”

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory!

Blessings, Pastor Hilary

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR. . .

“Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken” Psalm 62:5-6.

I write this in the midst of the week in which Pastor Hilary and I are working with our Confirmation class to prepare for the Youth Sunday Worship Service. This service is for me one of the highlights of the church year. I am always impressed with how sincere and conscientious our young people are as they craft the worship service. As a pastor, it delights me to discover that our younger members are intently paying attention during our worship services—the Confirmands often mention things they have noticed during worship services that I failed to see. The enthusiasm the young people have about leading worship overcomes all of their nervousness and anxiety about public speaking and baring their souls to the other members of our congregation. It is a blessing for me to work with our Confirmands to prepare for this worship service and it is a blessing for our Congregation to worship God with our Confirmands at the helm of our service.

Speaking of our youth, please remember that our younger members are like sunflower seeds....they need a lot of watering, good soil, and room to grow. When the youth get the nutrients and space they need, they will become the most amazingly bright and beautiful flowers around. Please remember that we cannot do enough to encourage and to support our youngest members. By supporting our youth, we instill in them the truth that God’s love will never diminish, but will surround us and support us our whole lives long.

Pastor Amelie

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

Albert Schweitzer

Christian Education News . . .

Church School News . . .

It is hard to believe we've hit the halfway mark in Church School. Children in Kindergarten through eighth grade spent the first half of the year learning about *How the Bible Came to Be*, *Jeremiah*, *Stewardship*, and *In the Manger*. During our faith journey the children learned a variety of important messages. First, the kids learned how the Bible was passed down as spoken word, written, and then translated. They discovered the importance of knowing God's laws and trying to show God's love to others through their actions. Second, the children learned that the story of Jeremiah teaches us that people of all ages are called to serve God. It also teaches us that there are consequences to our actions. Yet, we can learn from our mistakes, and God will continue to love us and to offer us hope. Additionally, the children learned the meaning of stewardship and how each of us is called to be a caretaker of God's gifts. Children were given an opportunity to make pledges to God. Finally, the children prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus. They learned that Jesus was born in a humble place and Jesus is the Messiah.



Our Cherubs (ages 2-3 years) explored a variety of Bible stories and messages including *God Made Me – Creation*, *God is With Me – Noah & the Ark*, *I'm Special to God – Joseph's Special Coat*, and *Jesus is Born – Christmas*.

Our Seraphs (ages 4-5 years) explored how *God Made Everything – Creation*, *God is With Us – Walls of Jericho Fall*, *God Takes Care of Us – Ruth Helps Naomi*, and *Jesus is God's Gift to Us – Jesus is Born*.

The children also spent time learning about, and taking an active role in, various missions. These "Special Sundays" included Operation Christmas Child, Blanket Sunday (CWS + Program), and Heifer International. The children will be given additional opportunities to put their faith into action when they learn about the New Britain Food Larder, Church World Service, and Wyncote Church Home.

Souper Bowl Sunday is Almost Here!!

Please support this wonderful cause and help our Church School children collect necessary items for hungry and needy families in the Bucks/Mont area. We will collect items on Sunday, February 5. We will accept donations all week. Donations will be sent to the New Britain Food Larder. They are currently in need of the following items: *hot chocolate*, *2 lb. boxes of sugar*, *coffee*, *shampoo*, *bottled juices* and *toilet paper*. Donations of non-perishable food items are also welcome. Our Church School kids will also collect monetary donations, in soup pots, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Please be generous. With your help, we CAN make a difference.



AfterGlow . . . *(a faith-based fellowship and service program for kids in grades 6-12)*



This month, please join AfterGlow for our church Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5, at 5 pm. If you are able, please bring a snack to share and a lawn chair and/or a beach blanket.

On the weekend of February 10-12, we will have the Michael Ness Memorial Winter Retreat at Mensch Mill for our 8th through 12th graders. We will have a Sunday evening supper and gathering on February 19 from 6 to 8 pm. This month, we will have a pizza dinner in lieu of a potluck as part of our time together will be spent watching a movie.

Our annual Old First Mission trip will be on March 9-11. Permission slips for the Old First trip will be available on February 19 at 8 a.m. Our Old First weekend is an opportunity to visit Center City, learn about homelessness, serve others at the Old First Clothing Cupboard and Old First's Homeless Shelter, and experience new ways of living out our faith. The Old First Trip is for 7th through 12th graders.

Club 345 . . . *(a faith-based fellowship and service program for kids in grades 3-5)*

Club 345 is Pleasantville's youth group for third, fourth and fifth graders. This month, please join Club 345 for our church Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5, at 5 pm. If you are able, please bring the rest of your family, a snack to share, and a lawn chair and/or a beach blanket. We will have a Sunday evening supper and gathering on February 19 from 6 to 8 pm. We will have a pizza dinner in lieu of a potluck this month. After supper, we will spend our time focusing on Valentine's Day and what it means to love our neighbors.



Pleasantville Super Bowl Party . . .

If you are looking for a fun place to watch the Super Bowl, please join us on February 5 at 5 p.m. in Pleasantville's Lentz Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lawn chair or beach blanket and an appetizer to share. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Amelie.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY . . .

Please go to www.pleasantvilleucc.org for news indicating worship service cancellations. You may also phone the church at 215-822-2394 for a cancellation message.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS . . .**Stewards of Our Relationship
with One Another**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. – Luke 10:27

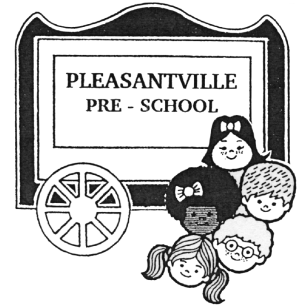
We belong to God; we belong to one another. In his book, *Reaching Out*, Henri Nouwen tells of a reunion with a former student, an experience that revealed to him the meaning of community: "It is the Christ in you, who recognizes the Christ in me... From now on, wherever you go, or wherever I go, all the ground between us will be holy ground."

During February, let us walk on holy ground, practicing the radical hospitality Jesus modeled. Starting with our most personal and intimate relationships and moving through expanding circles – of friends, relations, church family, co-workers, and others with whom we come in contact – we tend to the quality of our interaction in these relationships using spiritual practices of forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, openness, honesty, hospitality, and shaping communities. We widen our circle, reaching out to unknown neighbors through local and ecumenical service organizations and UCC programs and networks. We participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering, typically promoted in churches during February and received the first Sunday in March. As centers of hope and transformation, local churches guide people onto holy ground.

A message from Stewards in the Household of God: a Resource for Holistic Year-round Stewardship available from United Church of Christ Resources. February 2012 God is still speaking, This resource is a free service and is made possible by your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

**NEWS FROM PLEASANTVILLE
PRE-SCHOOL . . .**

It hardly seems possible that we have completed the First Semester of the 2011-2012 school term. So much has



happened since opening day back in September when our school began it's 42nd year in providing early educational opportunities for children ages 3, 4 and 5. Because there has been a shift in the enrollment, we have been able to provide other opportunities in utilizing our educational space on the lower level. Lunch and Learn has been added for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday students and Stay and Play for the Tuesday-Thursday students. Additional class time for the children is also an option in both programs.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year has begun. If you are interested in learning more about our church-sponsored pre-school, contact Janet Lamb, Director, at 215-822-9741.

Arrange to visit our classrooms where children are respected, childhood is protected, and where learning is fun.

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC . . .**It's January. . . but April Is Comin'!**

Yes, as I write this, it is mid-January! And. . .most likely, it is only February as you are reading! BUT. . . here in Pleasantville's music ministry (as in other churches!), we always live just a little bit in the future!

This year – 2012 - Easter is on April 8th; and planning, musically, I'd like to extend an invitation & an opportunity for any singers who wish to be a part of our Easter services! Many of you enjoy singing occasionally as part the Summer and/or Christmas Choirs. This year, we'd like to approach our music for Easter in the same way. Here are our musical plans & how you can be a part of this MOST exciting & blessed day. . .

There will be three services on Easter: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. The 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services will be supported by choirs.

Musically, there are two inspiring, powerful songs that we will be preparing for that morning: One is a song entitled "I've Just Seen Jesus" and the other is Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"! (We'll be ending both services with the "Hallelujah Chorus"!) You are invited to be a part of **EITHER** the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service, **OR** sing with us for both services. As we all know, Christmas & Easter are the two times that so many folks come to worship services, even if they are not "all-the-time worshippers" in a local church. What a ministry & testimony for our Lord you can be a part of, as an "Easter Worship Choir", sharing God's love through music to so many folks in our community!

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE for Easter preparation:

Beginning Thursday, March 1 and all subsequent Thursdays prior to Easter (through Thursday, April 5), we will begin the "regular" Chancel Choir rehearsals with preparation for these two Easter songs. We will rehearse Easter music from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.; at that point, "Easter singers" are welcome to leave (or, as always, welcome to stay & be a part of our weekly choir!!! Yeah, yeah. . . I ALWAYS have to plug that!). As many of you know, this is the same kind of format that we do as we prepare for Christmas music.

I'm SO looking forward to seeing & hearing so many of you singers, as we prepare musically, for Easter 2012!

Blessings in Jesus,
Debbie Mangham

*I've just seen Jesus; I tell you, He's alive! I've just seen Jesus; our precious Lord alive!
And I knew He really saw me too; as if till now, I'd never lived!
All that I'd done before won't matter any more;
I've just seen Jesus, and I'll never be the same again!*

JOIN US FOR THE WEDNESDAYS IN LENT . . .**The Transforming Power of Forgiveness**

At Pleasantville, we observe the Season of Lent by gathering every Wednesday evening for a simple meal and a time of worship and reflection. We have invited The Rev. Scott Hutchinson to be our *Theologian in Residence* to guide us in our Lenten reflections this year. The schedule is the same each week:

6:30 p.m. Simple Supper in Lentz Hall (no reservations required!)

7:30 p.m. Worship and Lenten Reflections in the Chapel

Forgiveness is God's power to remove barriers, to lift burdens, to loosen bonds, and to set people free. It is the expression and experience of God's radical grace. Forgiving is not just something that God does; it is the deep outpouring of who God is, in every part of our lives. This realization shakes the very foundations of the world we live in, unleashing a creative power for life-giving change that is greatest when situations seem most hopeless, and transforming not only our experience of the divine but also of one another and of ourselves. Forgiveness, in all of its forms, breaks cycles of violence and recognizes the image of God in all people. It opens futures that have been closed, heals wounds that we have continued to carry from our past, and engages us with dynamic possibility in the present. Jesus of Nazareth embodies God's forgiveness, sharing with us its liberating power.



Our time together on Wednesday evenings will be interactive and creative. We will immerse ourselves in the gospels, meeting the scriptural narratives with the real stories of our own lives. We will explore the meaning and substance of forgiveness, making concrete applications to our relationships, communities and the needs of the world. In addition to learning the steps to forgiving someone else, you be challenged to allow yourselves to be forgiven. Come prepared for something new to happen!

Scott Hutchinson has been pastor of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Perkasie for the last 16 years. The richness of his life has included more than two decades of local church ministry, thirteen years as a counseling professional, prison chaplaincy, service on the pastoral staff of a cancer hospital, and coordination of a UCC partnership with churches in El Salvador. He and his wife, Debra, live in Perkasie and have three grown children, Kara, Alex, and Corinne. Scott first taught *The Transforming Power of Forgiveness* in a seminary setting. Since then he has shared it in communities, local churches, and liberation schools. He has worked with CPE students, consulted with congregations experiencing deep brokenness, worked with wounded pastors, and listened carefully with war veterans. Scott has a website: www.powerofforgiveness.net.

A Pleasantville Women’s Retreat
Led by Pastor Hilary and Rev. Frances Chester
Saturday to Sunday - March 24-25, 2012
“Centering on God’s Presence in Our Lives”

The opening words to M. Scott Peck’s best-selling book The Road Less Traveled are: “Life is hard.” Speak to just about any woman at Pleasantville UCC and she is likely to tell you that “Life is busy.”

The women’s retreat in March is time set aside from the busy to focus on how God is present in our lives. Through group meditations, sharing, and discussion, we will explore how we experience God through the good, the bad, and the ugly. We will consider the unique ways God has shown Godself in the events of our lives, through the chaos and the calm, the ordinary and the extreme. These reflections can help shape our future moments to live intentionally, no matter how busy we get.

Our goal is not to come away with a method for pinning God down, but for appreciating the depths God is willing to plumb to reach us, for our good, and the good of those whose lives we touch. Come willing to reflect, be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and as always, to laugh and deepen relationships – with God, yourself, and other women from Pleasantville.

Rev. Frances Chester is an ordained minister in the UCC. She served as associate pastor of the United Church of Christ at Valley Forge from 2004 until 2011. While not currently serving a church, Frances is a stay-at-home mom (while not staying at home much, of course) to son Sam, 8, and daughter Abby, 4. Frances is a “Buckeye,” hailing from Columbus, Ohio; she received her undergrad degree in English from Mount Holyoke College and her Master’s in Divinity at Andover Newton Theological School. In between degrees she spent eight years in various publishing jobs in New York, Minneapolis, and Boston. She is married to Barry Chester and together with their kids they enjoy being involved in their church family (St. Paul’s UCC in Lionville) and jammin’ in their kitchen to NPR’s “Funky Friday,” Fridays from 5 - 6 p.m.

Join us for 24 hours of rest and play, restoration and re-creation with those you know well and those you are still meeting anew. Once again Terry Goetter will join us for those who want therapeutic massage.

Cost: \$90 per person, double occupancy (includes all meals and bed linens). If you desire a private room, please call the church office to discuss the cost and availability.

All Pleasantville women and their friends are welcome. For more information, contact Pastor Hilary at (215) 822-2394, x107, or at hbarrett@pleasantvilleucc.org.

Please return this form to the office no later than Friday, March 9.



___ Please sign me up for the Women’s Retreat on March 24 and 25 to be held at the Kline Center at Mensch Mill. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$90 made out to *Pleasantville Church*.

___ I would like to sign up for a 30 minute Table Massage. Make check for \$40 payable to *Terry Goetter*.

Name _____ Email _____

MEN'S RETREAT

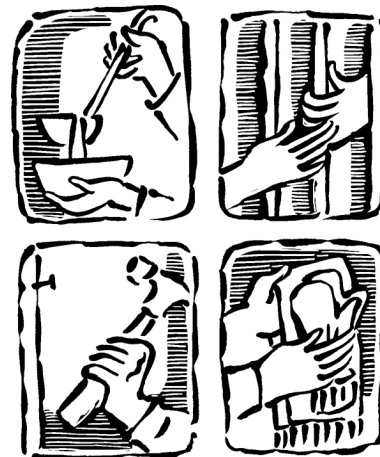
"Doing Good Work"

Sponsored by Pleasantville UCC & St. John – Hill UCC

Friday, February 17 to Sunday, February 19

New Windsor Conference Center - New Windsor, Maryland

We will gather together around a service project that will benefit SERRV, an organization dedicated to helping the poor help themselves. In the course of our time together we will also get the chance to reflect in fellowship, Bible study, and prayer on what makes work good and meaningful.



We will have a chance to talk about what it means to be "successful" in Jesus' eyes and about our own goals and priorities. We will try to be open to what God will teach us in our time together about getting things done, being good providers and taking care of others. Come ready to work and reflect and give thanks for what God is doing in our world and in our life together.

Rev. Daniel Moser is Interim Minister of St. John – Hill UCC and Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett is Senior Pastor of Pleasantville UCC. Pastor Dan and Pastor Hilary are close friends and colleagues. Together, they bring many years of experience both as pastors and retreat leaders.

Cost: \$110 per person, single room with private bath (includes all meals and bed linens).

All Pleasantville men and their friends are welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Hilary at (215) 822-2394 or at hbarrett@pleasantvilleucc.org.

Please return this form to the office no later than Sunday, February 12.



Please sign me up for the Men's Retreat from February 17 to 19 at New Windsor Conference Center . I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$110 made out to *Pleasantville Church*.

Name _____ Email _____

DOYLESTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE – TEAM PLEASANTVILLE IS BACK!

Pleasantville Church is fielding a team for the 24-hour Doylestown Relay for Life at War Memorial Field at CB West on June 16-17. The money raised from this event benefits the programs of the American Cancer Society in Bucks and Montgomery counties (yes the money stays local!). The ACS funds cancer research, patient support programs, and cancer patient advocacy.

It is a powerful event that lifts the spirits and gives hope to everyone whose lives have been affected by cancer. There are many ways to be a part of the event. All forms are available on the ACS table in Lentz Fellowship Hall:

1. Register as a participant either on-line at www.relayforlife.org/padoylestown (choose Pleasantville as the team) or fill out a form at the ACS table. It's only \$10 to join the team and make a difference!
2. Make a donation to the Pleasantville team.
3. Make a donation for luminaria to honor a loved one at the event.
4. Have your company sponsor the relay.
5. Attend as a survivor and walk in the opening Survivors' Lap.
6. Participate in the *Central Bucks Bark For Life* on May 5! Details coming soon.

There is no age limit – children can attend! 7th graders are not allowed to participate in the Central Bucks Middle School Relay this year, so consider joining Pleasantville Church at the community Relay.

If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Lisa Baxter. Pleasantville has been a top fundraiser the last 2 years. We have already raised \$573, mostly from our Alternative Market table. Let's keep the momentum going and make a difference against this terrible disease.

PLEASANTVILLE ADULT DAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in Lentz Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly luncheon. Our



program will begin with something new this month a lunch catered by Village Caterers! Lunch will be followed by a musical program “*When I Fall in Love*” with Debbie Mangham. Our mission will be to give a donation to support our Palestinian child. There is no sign up necessary – just come if you are able. If you need a ride to church, please call Diane Scheller at 215-822-2394.

SUNDAY FAMILY FUN . . .

Our Pleasantville Family Bowling Party is scheduled for Sunday, March 18, at the Earl Bowl Lanes on Allentown and Morwood Roads in Telford, PA. The Board of Christian Educators has reserved lanes for UNLIMITED bowling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. That's two hours for your family and friends (bring your own team -- adults and children) to join the Pleasantville Bowlers for an evening of fun, food, strikes and spares. The cost is \$40/lane (4-5 bowlers) and includes unlimited bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda. Early registration is encouraged. Sign up in Lentz Hall. Five member teams are a plus. Come out and challenge the AARP team and the congregation from St. Andrews UCC. We are looking for two “challenge teams” to roll with the St. Andrews “challenge teams.”

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM PROGRAMS FOR 2012 . . .

Classes are held on Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon in the Rose Room. The Adult Christian Education Committee has been busy planning and scheduling Sunday Forum programs for the Winter and Spring terms. All sessions are open to anyone who is interested...no registration required! Members and friends are welcome to attend any of the programs scheduled throughout the year, as they choose. We will do our best to provide a variety of secular and spiritual programs of interest. Your support and participation will be appreciated.

- Jan. 29 "Internet Scams and Identity Theft" with Sgt. James Matlock, Montgomery Township Police
- Feb. 5 "Native America: Common Spiritual Beliefs and Practices" with Jim Tufano
- Feb. 12 "Indians of the Northwest Coast: History, Culture, and Spirituality" with Jim Tufano
- Feb. 19 "Representations of Jesus, Our Savior, and Early Church Art" with Marcia Cooper
- Feb. 26 "Indian Mound Builders of the Mississippi Valley: History, Culture and Spirituality" with Jim Tufano



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES . . .

The Board of Elders would like to send care packages to our college students during spring midterms, to keep them connected to Pleasantville and to let them know we are thinking of them! If you are interested in having a package sent to your child, please fill out an address form located on the counter in the office.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES . . .

Please join us on Sunday, February 12 and February 26 at 11 a.m. in Room 18. We will begin with a simple meal and children are invited to attend.



New Member Class

Childcare will be available during the meeting. These classes are an informal opportunity for you to learn more about our church and to answer your questions. There is no obligation to join. New members will be joining on Sunday, March 4 at the 9:30 a.m. service. If you are interested in attending, contact the office at 215-822-2394 or email us at churchoffice@pleasantvilleucc.org. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Hilary or Pastor Amelie.

NOTES FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY . . .

To the Members of Pleasantville Church,

The Heifer Project Table at the Alternative Christmas Market took in \$770 for the purchase of animals. Vernon and I thank you for your generosity. Many thanks to Casey Brennan for being our calligrapher on short notice. Casey is small but mighty - you are hired next year Casey! Helen Zartman, our long-time calligrapher had recent hip replacement surgery but we expect her back next year with Casey. Many people around the world will benefit from your generosity.

Bobbi and Vernon Benson

To my Pleasantville Church Family,

Thank you for your cards and prayers while Barbara's back is healing. It is great comfort to know we have such a loving church family. Barbara, Harry, and I are so grateful for the cards, sympathy and support that the Pleasantville Church has given us. A very special thank you to Pastor Hilary and Pastor Amelie and once again I would like to thank Lisa Morvillo, Parish Social Worker for Pleasantville Church. Lisa was a valuable resource to our family throughout my father's illness.

Jim Guenst

Dear Friends of Pleasantville,

Thanks to all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and visits to help me through my recent stay at Doylestown Hospital. They were all very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dave Patterson

Dear Pleasantville friends and family,

Thank you for your prayers and best wishes to help Andy and I cope with our recent accident. Your caring cards have kept our spirits up and our mailman very busy.

With much appreciation,
Jeanne Sypawka

To Pastor Hilary, Pastor Amelie, and the members of Pleasantville Church,

Vernon and I would like to thank the members of Pleasantville Church for their support after the death of his mother. Pastor Hilary and members of the Men of Faith attended the graveside service and their support was greatly appreciated. It is a wonderful thing to be a member of Pleasantville where you receive so much support in your time of need.

Vernon and Bobbi Benson

Thank you letters were received from:

Habitat for Humanity for our donation of \$1,146. Habitat was the Mission of the Month for September.

Bethany Children's Home for our donation of \$1,689.73. Bethany was the Mission of the Month for August.

A Woman's Place for our donation of \$870 in gift cards to be used by the women at the shelter to buy Christmas presents for their children.

New Britain Food Larder for our donation of \$725.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY . . .

Elder Lisa Baxter
 Deacon Maureen Frederick
 Trustee Mel Gensamer

Greeters

Feb. 5 Debbie Merrill
 Feb. 12 Jim and Jean Clark
 Feb. 19 Norma Cummings
 Feb. 26 . . Sharyn Gatter and Joan Beard

Counters

Feb. 5 Tom Callum
 Feb. 12 Jim Clark
 Feb. 19 Brian Bannach
 Feb. 26 Dave Patterson

Pulpit Assistants

Feb. 5 Maureen Frederick
 Feb. 12 Lorraine Lachman
 Feb. 19 Stephanie Clayton
 Feb. 26 Dave Tindall

Acolytes

Feb. 5 Connor Allen
 Feb. 12 Julian McNaull
 Feb. 19 Alex Vickery
 Feb. 22 (Ash Wed.) Tyler Wilkinson
 Feb. 26 Emma Vickery

Hospitality Table

Feb. 5 Julie Bovasso
 Feb. 12 Debbie Freedman
 Feb. 19 Joan McCarthy,
 Laura Hunsberger, Betty Hejna
 Feb. 26 Patty Lengel

Flower Captain Kathy Vitantonio

Kitchen Helper Dianne Clayton

FOOD LARDER. . .

The Food Larder accepts all non-perishable food items. However, this month we are asking for donations of Cereal and Breakfast Bars.



They also need cleaning and laundry supplies, health and beauty aids, and paper products. Place items on the shelf in the Narthex. You may also write a check payable to *Pleasantville Church* and mark it "Food Larder."

CHOCOLATES & COOKIE SALE FOR FISH. . .

We will have our annual "Cookie Sale" on Sunday, February 12. Last year,



we donated about \$600 to FISH from this sale. FISH is a Christian organization whose purpose is to provide emergency help for persons in need of shelter, food, or transportation. Its funds come from local churches, individuals, and 20% of the Doylestown CROP Walk proceeds. FISH serves many who have no church affiliation to which they can turn for support. Cookies & Chocolates are \$10 a box and you select your own assortment from an array of home made goodies. Please have your chocolate & cookie donations to the church kitchen the week of February 7 - 11. Mark the box if your donation contains nuts or peanut butter. If you do not wish to purchase cookies but wish to give a donation, a basket for your donations will be on the sale table. Please make checks payable to *Pleasantville Church* and mark the memo line FISH.