



PAL PRES

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

PALISADES
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



— REFLECTIONS —

*“I have found that among its other benefits,
giving liberates the soul of the giver.”*

-Maya Angelou

Stewardship is how we use our God-given gifts; it is how we use our talents, our time, and our treasure. These are very familiar words, yet they carry a ring of truth. Stewardship is the way we use all our resources to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world. Financial health speaks to our whole attitude about money, including how our understanding of God’s goodness influences all of our financial decisions. In an article I read about stewardship in churches I was not surprised to learn how thriving congregations understand that all giving, of ourselves as well as our financial resources, is in response to God’s goodness and generosity. God gives, then we respond, and we spend our lives learning and growing in our responses.

This is why giving is an integral part of our worship. Just as we bring our gifts of wine and bread to God’s table, we present ourselves as an offering through our financial gifts. Our pledges enable us to engage in mission beyond our own doors, it enables us to do God’s work in the world.

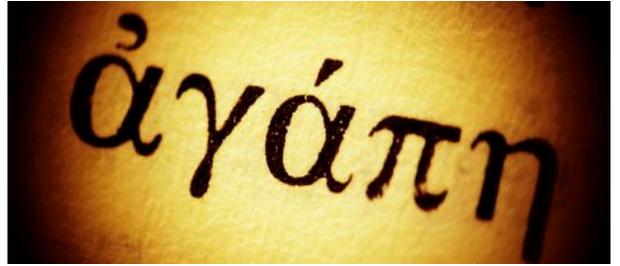
Stewardship is how we live out our calling as followers of Christ. Stewardship is what we do after we say that we believe. Our pledge, whether it is of our money or of the giving of our time, is the way we say yes to pastoral care, to worship, to mission, to music, to our children’s ministries such as Sunday School and confirmation class, to our beautiful building that allows us to share our space with CST, AA, Palisagers, Strawberry Festivals, Memorial Day Pancake Breakfasts. Our ministry allows us to be available to people who are grieving. I can’t tell you how many people who have had memorial services at our church are amazed at the dedication of our deacons and members who have been there in times of greatest need.

On Sunday, November 20 we will once again celebrate the liberating generosity of our congregation through an Agape Meal and worship. Agape is the Greek word meaning a selfless kind of love. This was love that you had for all people: family members, friends or distant strangers. It is no wonder that the early Christian communities used this word to describe the meal-sharing that took place among them.

An Agape meal, a love feast of the early Christians, was a time for sharing nourishment of food for the body, a time for thanking God, a time for prayers, songs and scripture for the soul and a time for an offering of money for God’s mission in the world.

I hope you will consider the many ways your financial pledge as well as your pledge of time and talents shapes the ministry of the Palisades Church and I hope you will join us as we celebrate our ministry at our Agape Worship and Meal.

Blessings,
Angela



Agape Feast

ALL ARE WELCOME to this year’s “Agape” Sunday Breakfast Service which will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday November 20, in the Parish House.

Once again we will assemble to share a “Love Feast” breakfast and service giving thanks for our church and our community. A delicious breakfast will be served, hymns will be sung, prayers and readings will be shared.

Please let us know if you’re coming as we will be counting heads to make sure we have enough food and places set at the tables. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish House, or you can RSVP by emailing nvoneckard@aol.com or calling Nina at 201-799-1410 and leaving a message.

Thank you!

Annual Collection for Thanksgiving in Harlem

We have the opportunity to be a part of “Youth for Seniors Thanksgiving in Harlem.” With a contribution of \$25, Howie Friedman and his youth volunteers will shop, assemble, prepare and deliver a festive turkey dinner with all the trimmings to needy shut-in seniors in their Harlem community. To provide a dinner, please make out a check to the Palisades Presbyterian Church and mark it with “Turkey” or “Youth for Seniors” in the memo section. We will be collecting funds through the month of November.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

- 5 Clean-up, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 6 Communion, 10:00 am
Pageant rehearsal begins during Sunday School
Panel Discussion on Belhar Confession
- 8 Session, 7:30 pm
- 20 Agape service, 10:00 am
- 27 Advent wreath-making supper, 5:00 pm

Deacons' Corner

The Deacons continue to be busy with many behind-the-scenes duties for the church. We especially thank Johanna Albin, Richard Hansen, and Nina Von Eckardt for their help on receptions for memorial services. Much appreciated!

If you need or know of someone who needs meals contact Margaret Allen. We also continue to organize prayers for those in need. Please contact Stephen Van Dyk if you would like to be on the prayer chain or would like prayers for someone in need. We keep fellow deacon Suzanne Shaw in our thoughts and prayers as she is the caregiver for Henry.

Advent Wreath-Making & Potluck Supper



November 27, 5:00 pm

Bring your own form and candles.
Share a meal, caroling and fellowship as we celebrate the Advent season.

Panel Discussion on Belhar Confession

On November 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 at Germonds Presbyterian Church, a discussion of the Belhar Confession will be held. The Belhar Confession, adopted in 1982 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa, directly challenged the Apartheid system. Do Christians in America, in Rockland County also have courage to address their own contemporary societal ills as a spiritual matter? Featured Panelists: The Rev. Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse (White Privilege), Rick Ufford-Chase (Immigration Rights), Dr. Robert Trawick (Palestinian - Israeli Issues), and the Rev. Dr. Susan de George (LGBTAAQ Rights).



Fall Clean-Up

Our annual fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday November 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There's something for everyone, depending on your preference and expertise. We'll have outdoor work, kitchen work, sanctuary and parish house clean-up. There will be refreshments, and it's a great opportunity for fellowship and fun while helping with the important work of cleaning and maintenance of our church.

Call Sue Webb at 646-319-1518
or swebbstah@aol.com with any questions.

Welcome new Members

Kris Haberman and Ernest De La Torre joined the church as new members on October 23. Their son Parker also received the sacrament of Baptism during the service.



Parking Reminder

During the snow season, everyone must park on the church side of the street so that traffic can pass when the snow piles up.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

On Sunday, November 6, set your clocks back one hour.

Pastor Reverend Angela Maddalone * pastorajm@gmail.com * 845-359-3147

* www.palpresny.org * ppc10964@gmail.com

Mailing address: Palisades Presbyterian Church, PO Box 687, Palisades, NY 10964

Articles due by the 20th day of the preceding month * Editor Maria Gagliardi * palpresny10964@gmail.com