

YOU OPENED YOUR DOORS TO US!

During the weekend of the People's Climate March, 40 college students from Kingston, Ontario arrived by bus and spent the night in our Fellowship Hall. Their host was Kara Neal of our Green Team. The student who organized the trip sent the following letter of appreciation.

For those of you that don't know, I got Pastor Jeff's contact information from a *friend of a friend of a friend of my mom*. So emailing Jeff was a complete shot in the dark for me, as someone who had never organized for an event on the scale of the People's Climate March and who had never been to New York. I was anxious and uncertain—and you opened your doors. For Jeff, the council and everyone at White Plains Presbyterian Church, I want to express my most sincere thanks. Thank you not just for your shelter and hospitality the night of the march, but for your willingness to support us in our journey and your affirmation of the goodness of those that follow Christ. Jesus calls us to a bigger story than inward-focused communities of worship; to live God's word, we need to be reaching out and making positive change in the world around us, and that's what you did last week. Our participation in the march would not have been possible had it not been for your kindness and generosity, and for me personally (as a fellow Christian), it was moving to encounter another group of people so close to what I believed and what I am learning, so far from home.

Thank you again, and to conclude here is a quote from a message I received from a fellow Kingston marcher: "The experience I had in NYC was life changing. It was profoundly spiritually, mentally and emotionally revitalizing to be a part of that community. I think those of us who work to raise awareness and shift our neighbors, friends, and communities into action on climate need these moments to recharge our reserves."

You helped make that happen.

Sincerely,

Jonathon



On Wednesday, October 22, the Central Westchester Audubon Society will present Walt & Jane Daniels, authors of *Walkable Westchester*, at the White Plains Presbyterian Church.

If you are a hiker, just out for a stroll, or bird watching, Westchester is a great place to be. Join Jane and Walt Daniels, Westchester residents who are avid hikers, as they take you on a tour of selected parks around the county. While you view great photographs, listen to stories and tales of some of the 200 parks in the county. Learn who donated land and how parks got their names. The book has a county-wide locator map and GPS coordinates. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. Refreshments served at 7:15. Program at 7:30.

"A Curious Faith" Hudson River Presbytery's New Blog has Launched

"A Curious Faith," features contributions from members and friends in our Presbytery and is edited by Paul Alcorn. Posts began on Monday, September 15th and occur weekly and sometimes semi-weekly. Now's your chance to follow the blog so you don't miss a post! Please like and SHARE the blog widely. Find it at hudrivpres.org.

Just Eating Food Justice Conference, Oct. 18

Food choices matter. They matter to the workers in the field, to the sustainability of our environment, and to the health of our communities. Join Hudson River Presbytery at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center for a full day of workshops aimed at making connections between food, faith and the environment. The workshops will build knowledge, explore best practices, and leave you with concrete strategies for engaging in community building ministries that address issues of hunger, equity, and the environment.



Conference Registration is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch. Keynote address from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). CIW is a worker-based human rights organization and a partner of the PC(USA) that is internationally recognized for its achievements in the fields of corporate social responsibility, community organizing, and sustainable food. For more information please visit hudrivpres.org.



Farm to Table GALA Sunday, Oct. 26th

Come feast for the future of Stony Point Center! Stony Point Center is moving food justice forward with our beautiful farm - and we want you to be part of it. Please join us on Sunday, October 26th, for our first annual "Farm to Table Gala". Nothing fancy; just good folks - and GREAT food!

Our evening will include:

- ~ 4-6pm: a "campus fair" with music, hors d'oeuvres, tours of the farm and campus, a raffle, information and updates from the community, and a chance to mix and mingle with old and new friends.
- ~ 6-8pm: a home-cooked meal made with produce picked straight from our thriving farm, along with words of welcome from our hosts, and updates from the co-directors and our multifaith intentional community.
- ~ The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of our first ever Living

Tradition Award, to be given to an individual or organization whose work exemplifies the values of the Community of Living Traditions: justice, peace, nonviolence, earth-consciousness and radical hospitality.

Visit stonypointcenter.org to register.

**Recipe
from
the
Stony
Point
Center
kitchen**



This is a lovely egg dish that is great when you're overwhelmed by the fruits of your labor (in this case our tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, and onions from the garden). It is good for any meal, but we just had it for breakfast this week.

Ingredients: olive oil, 4 eggs, 1 large onion, 1 large red pepper, 4 large ripe tomatoes, 2 cloves garlic, parsley, basil, coriander, black pepper, and salt. This is a "free-style" dish. You can add eggplant, hot peppers, cheese, capers, olives or whatever else you'd like.

Directions: Chop the onion, garlic and pepper. Fry the onions until lightly golden. Add pepper and continue cooking for another 5 minutes over medium heat. Add tomatoes (peeled and chopped), garlic and cook another 10 minutes over low heat, stirring occasionally. Add black pepper and salt to taste. Make room for the eggs in the sauce and break them gently into the pan. Cover and cook until the eggs are done the way you like them.

Holmes Annual Benefit Dinner

"It's High Time"

Thursday, Oct. 23rd, 2014
6:30pm to 9:30pm
at
"The Park" Restaurant, NYC
118 10th Avenue,
New York, NY 10011

Explore the High Line
at sunset

and hear from
Kate Stone Lombardi
former NYTimes Contributor
and author of
"The Mama's Boy Myth"



2014 Benefits Dinner Invite Holmes Benefit Dinner

October 23, 2014

Hurry, it is not too late to register today either by mail or online so you don't miss out on a very interesting conversation by Kate Stone Lombardi.

For information and to register visit the Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center website at holmescamp.org.

While you are on our site you may want to check out the Silent Auction items.



Stewardship has to do with how we use our time, talents, money and influence in the service of God. We share our time in worship, in service with others, in leadership and in visitation. We share our talents as artists and teachers, in the kitchen and garden, and in study. The stewardship of money has to do with life choices we make - the kind of home we live in, what we purchase and how much we consume, the priorities we set in spending (or not spending) and in what we share and give away. We use our influence when we advocate, speak up and speak out, write a letter, encourage another or accompany someone in need.

This month your Church Council is preparing a budget for ministry and mission in 2015. They look to you particularly to determine the financial resources you can give the church. In the coming weeks pledge cards will be made available and collected on Commitment Sunday, November 2.

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline when it is intentional. Being intentional in your giving means to develop a plan for your giving and then follow through with the plan. If you find yourself looking into your wallet or purse as you get out of the car on Sunday morning to discover what may be available for the morning offering, then you probably have some work to do on being intentional in your giving. If your giving to the church changes from week to week depending on how your checkbook balance is doing, you likely have some work to do on being intentional in your giving. In our congregation we supply annual financial commitment cards to help each member or family make a plan they can turn into action.

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline when it is regular. Now I know that as members of this congregation we all receive our income in different ways. Some of us get paid weekly, twice a month, or only once month. Others receive a Social Security check at the beginning of the month, and a pension check at some other time. Some of us get unemployment at one point and SNAP benefits at another point in the month. Still others may receive income from investments at various points in the year.

And so there are different ways to give regularly. Some older members of this congregation are used to having a weekly envelope to put in the plate. At least as many others make a monthly contribution. To be intentional means that you develop a plan for *your* giving. To be regular, means that you follow that plan according to your own specific way of receiving and disbursing income.

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline when it is both generous and proportional. The Bible always calls us to percentage giving. Nowhere is scripture will you find anything like "give fifty dollars." The language is always "give in proportion to what you have received." Those who have much, and those who have little, are expected to give in proportion what they have. The tithe is perhaps the best known example, giving ten percent of one's wealth or income to the faith community. Several members of this congregation including our pastors, tithe. The point is to know your income, and give an intentional, regular, and generous proportion to promote and enhance God's work among us.