



# The Bell

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNT KISCO



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NEWSLETTER

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## On The Journey Together!

At our November meeting the session brainstormed on Points of Entry into our church. Points of Entry are those opportunities for new people to encounter our church in ways other than walking in the door for Sunday services. We came up with an impressive list of things we are already doing and things we could do in the future. Certainly we need to get on the social media bandwagon to promote all PCMK has to offer (I wish I had bought Twitter stock this week).

As we look back over the busy fall months at PCMK we had many wonderful Points of Entry events. We had the Fall Festival where families from the neighborhood came to see what all the fun was about. In October we had our three-week parenting class and The Trunk or Treat event was another spooktacular evening.

Earlier this month we had the first concert in our PCMK Musicales series with the Amphion Quartet. We had many new faces in our Sanctuary to listen to the excellent music.

All these events and programs create opportunities for us to invite friends and neighbors to come and check us out before attending a worship service. Advent presents four more inviting Points of Entry. The first is our Annual Christmas Fair on Dec. 7, then our Christmas pageant on Dec. 15th. If you know people who love the Christmas story told in a creative way by children, then you need to invite them to church. Arrive early because we have a full house that day.

Lessons and Carols bring the Christmas story alive with Scripture and music in a beautiful and elegant service. One member commented

## PCMK Special Events

*December 7*  
**9:00am – 2:00pm**  
Christmas Fair

*4:00pm ~*  
Charis Voices Concert  
in the Sanctuary

*December 15*  
**10:00am**  
Christmas Pageant  
“The Christmas Quiz Show”

*December 21*  
**8:00pm**  
Lessons and Carols  
with reception

*December 24*  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**  
5pm with  
Children’s Choirs  
10pm with  
Adult Choir

*December 29*  
**10:00am**  
Worship –  
no Sunday school

*December 31*  
**4:00pm**  
New Baroque  
Soloists Concert with  
reception

last year after this service, “That was Christmas for our family this year!” Plan now to bring a friend to this PCMK tradition on Saturday evening, December 21st. Christmas Eve is another time when people who don’t normally attend church may respond to a personal invitation.

As I write this article I am starting to think about Thanksgiving. I truly have so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for my family, for my health, and for the opportunity to serve as pastor to this amazing church. I am thankful for the staff, the lay leadership and all of you. Elisabeth and I are settling into a very happy life with you here in New York. What are you thankful for this year? I’m sure all God is doing at PCMK is high on your list too.

So why not start thinking now about whom you would like to invite to one of the upcoming Point of Entry events during Advent? Then before you know it 2014 will be here with many more opportunities to learn, grow and serve on the journey together.

**See you in church!** Pastor Dale





## *A Note from the Music Director*

Our church year is off to a strong and busy start. I am very happy to have Kathy Anderson with us as our Christian Education Director and have enjoyed getting to know more about her these past few months. Kathy is a wonderful person with many talents and qualities that will be put to good use at PCMK. Lucky for me, she also loves music! We're glad you are here Kathy!

As I write this letter I am still on a high from the previous evening, having participated in an event on the Symbolism found in Bach's works. The event was presented by the Westchester Chapter AGO and was held at Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pleasantville. It was led by Robert Chase, who is the Music Director at The Church in the Highlands, White Plains, where our former Interim Pastor Jack Lohr is now serving. Four members (my self included) played pieces; we also listened to recordings and talked about some very fascinating "hidden" stuff in the music. It is wonderful that a composer who passed over 250 years ago is still so very relevant. By the way, Jack was present and we had a moment to chat and catch up. He is well and misses us (sends his wishes) and is thrilled with and enjoying his granddaughter.

It was mentioned from the pulpit recently, but I would like to remind everyone that our tower bells are being worked on. In the past month the chains that pull the bells were replaced with new stainless steel ones. The chains that had been in place from the original installation had deteriorated to the point that one bell would not play. A new clapper is being made for the largest bell and should be in place soon. In the meantime, it is nice to hear at least two of our bells ringing again.

By the time you are reading this, our new concert series will have begun with the Amphion String Quartet. The next event in our PCMK Musicales series will be held on December 31 at 4 PM with the New Baroque Soloists returning to present a New Year's Eve concert. Do mark the date down and plan to attend as you will hear some very talented musicians bringing some exceptional music to our beautiful Sanctuary. There will be a festive reception



following in our Great Hall. Partnering with social justice, part of the proceeds will benefit ESP (Emergency Shelter Partnership). We are also asking for donations of warm gloves, hats and wool socks. On December 7, at 4 PM, Charis Chamber Voices will return to our Sanctuary presenting a Christmas program. (You may know one of the sopranos – our own Lisa Flanagan!) This is a chorus of very refined voices that offers varied and interesting music.

Don't forget our Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday morning, December 15. Many of our children participate in this and they are already hard at work preparing for this day.

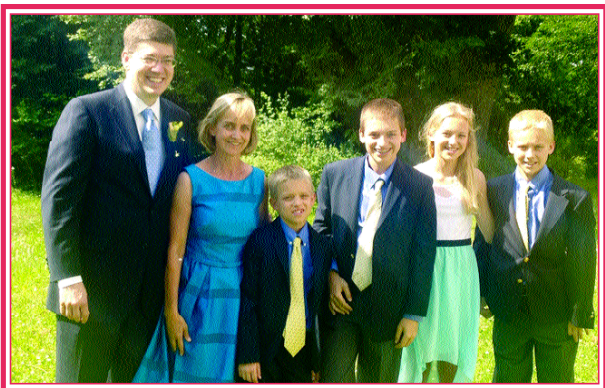
I would like to invite any of you who are interested, later that day, to join me in New York City as I will play a recital at Saint Mary the Virgin, Times Square (145 West 46th Street) at 4:40 PM. I have spent the first half of this year working on Pierre Cochereau's Variations sur un Noël – an interesting and exciting Christmas piece which should work well on their pipe organ.

Our Lessons and Carols Service will take place the following weekend, Saturday, December 21 at 8 PM. Finally, we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve at our 5 PM and at 10 PM services. As we approach the Holidays we enter a very meaningful time, especially in the church year. There will be many events taking place. It is my hope that what we offer will be something that you will not find elsewhere which will add to the joy and magic already present.

As always, I am looking forward,

*Terry*

## *Meet New Member: Lotte Potter*



Lotte, her husband Ray and their kids have been living in Chappaqua for 14 years. She moved from NYC when their oldest, Dillon (14), was born. They also have a daughter Nikki (13) and two more sons Jake (11) and Luke (9). When they first moved here they joined the Congregational Church of Chappaqua because they loved the Minister Tim Ives. All four children were baptized there. But after Tim left they never felt quite at home again. Then their neighbors the Blairs encouraged them to come to the Presbyterian Church and they started to attend last fall. Both Dillon and Nikki were confirmed last year by Pastor Dale. They really enjoyed being at PCMK and Lotte decided to join this fall.

Ray works in Manhattan in commercial real estate finance and Lotte is a stay at home mom. The three boys play travel hockey and travel lacrosse, while Nikki plays field hockey and travel lacrosse. They also have a one year old puppy named Rebel (a totally new experience for them).





## PCMK 2013 FALL FESTIVAL

*The 2nd Annual  
Fall Family Festival  
occurred on September 8th  
this year and was not only  
a smashing success,  
but a spectacular kick-off  
to the  
Sunday School year!*



## Meet New Member: Suzanne Katz

Suzanne is a native New Yorker who grew up in Greenwich Village. She was an undergraduate at Princeton University, and went on to get her MBA at NYU. She has spent most of her career in Publishing, and is currently working at the New York Times. Her husband Mark was raised in the Jewish faith. He is currently CIO at ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers), and his true passion is music... he is an

awesome piano player! Mark & Suzanne's son Mark Jr. is a high school freshman at the Storm King School, where he runs x-country and fences, and enjoys art and history classes the most. The Katz family lives in Katonah with their two dogs. Fun fact: the Katzes vacationed in Wyoming last year, where they toured Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons.



*2013 Trunk or Treat party and the youth bonfire at the Lucases' was a huge success!!!*

## Adult Education: Raising Good Kids

The newly reorganized Adult Education Committee, under the auspices of The Session, presented its first series in October. Titled "Raising Good Kids," the goal was to look at and discuss some of the challenges parenting brings with it. We met on October 6, 20, and 27. Edna Venterola, a guest and an expert in early childhood, joined us for all three sessions and was a real leader in helping us organize the program. The first session, "The Language of Love" was led by Edna. Dr. Meg Sussman, a Mount Kisco psychologist, led the second session on teenage years called "This Too Shall Pass." The third session was facilitated by Diane Hobbs from Connecticut who provided a "Toolbox for Parents." Each session provided a chance for participants to ask questions, discuss concerns and share experiences. Over 20 people attended each session.

The Adult Ed. Committee includes Kate Stone Lombardi, Love Wootten, Wayne TeBrake, Nancy Osborne and Dale Southorn. DCE Kathy Anderson provided good support. The committee is planning another series for the winter.

## Meet New Member: Kathy Ma

I recently moved to Mt. Kisco from Riverdale with my husband and our 1 year old daughter, Charlotte. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church. The reason I started attending PCMK is because it is the congregation my mother grew up in. I actually had attended this church a few times as a young child. What made me want to join is the strong children's programs. I am looking forward to getting more involved with the church.







*Gerard, Linda and Marcello Carelli, music and dance is a family affair.*

## *Meet The Entertaining Carelli Family*

When she was just 19, Linda was approached by her tap partner and friend, the late Gregory Hines, who asked her to audition for the brand new Broadway musical, 42nd Street. Linda won the role and went on to become one of 42nd Street's original cast members. During that same time, the up-and-coming young trombonist, Gerard Carelli, began playing with the 42nd Street Orchestra. "That's actually how I met Gerard. He was subbing in the pit of the show – playing his trombone with the orchestra," Linda explained. The rest is history.

Since then, Linda and Gerard performed with some of the biggest names in the dance and music entertainment industries before settling here in Westchester and at PCMK to raise Marcello. And at just 14 years old, Marcello appears to be following in his very talented parents' footsteps.

The Carellis sat down to talk about their accomplishments in the entertainment industry and what's next.

*Most of us have no idea just how accomplished you are. Can you share your background?*

**Marcello:** I started playing the drum set when I was 4 or 5 years old, and started studying percussion when I was in 3rd grade.

Now I'm in a pre-college program at the Manhattan School of Music. It's every Saturday from 8:30 to 3:40. For example, I do percussion, ensemble, a private lesson with one of the percussion teachers, and then I can be in one of four different orchestras.

**Linda:** After 42nd Street, I went on to do a lot of TV and film. When I started in the business, Bob Hope would do a lot of variety specials, so I was a dancer in all of those specials. I also did the Academy Awards; I was the assistant choreographer and performer for one of those big opening productions. I did the Tony Awards. I did a film with Woody Allen. In the 1980s and 90s, I was the principal dancer on camera for just about every soft drink and fast food restaurant ad that featured dancing. I probably did 30 commercials of every kind.

Then I segued to become a choreographer.

Gerard has toured with Ray Charles, and has played with Frank Sinatra, Rosemary Clooney, Johnny Mathis, Mel Torme— some of the greatest crooners of our time.

He was also the band leader at the Rainbow Room when it re-opened in the late 80s.

Then in the early 90s, Gerard decided he wanted to go off on his own, so he started his own production company which he's had for over 20 years.

*Tell us some of your favorite ways you serve the church and share your talents at PCMK?*

**Linda:** We try to contribute our gifts anyway we can.

**Marcello:** I play percussion instruments with the choir whenever Terry [Flanagan] asks, and of course with the Christmas pageant I play with the band. For the past three years I play for the Easter service, I've played the timpani [a kettle drum which is a pitched percussion instrument that can be tuned].

**Linda:** I do the choreography for the Christmas Pageant and I also put together pieces for some of our young dancers who perform at church at Christmas, Easter and throughout the year.

**Gerard:** I sing in the choir and my orchestra performs at the Fall Festival. About ten years ago, Linda and I also collaborated to put on a Spring Fling for the church. It was a fund raiser with Broadway-themed performances. It was just a fun night of music and dance!

*What's next? Can we expect any family collaborations in the future?*

**Gerard:** It could happen. Linda and I are always collaborating. If we got another opportunity, Marcello could be a part of it very easily.

**Linda:** I've always had this fantasy that, because I'm a tapper and Marcello is a drummer that I would teach a master class and he would accompany me on percussion.

**Marcello:** I thought she was going to tell me she wanted me to learn to tap. Some day, I'd like to be in the New York Philharmonic – that's my dream.

## *Welcome to Paige!!!*

Baptized on Sept. 15 2013, Paige Kathleen Crawford shown with her parents Karen and Robert Crawford and grandparents, Louise and Bob Crawford.

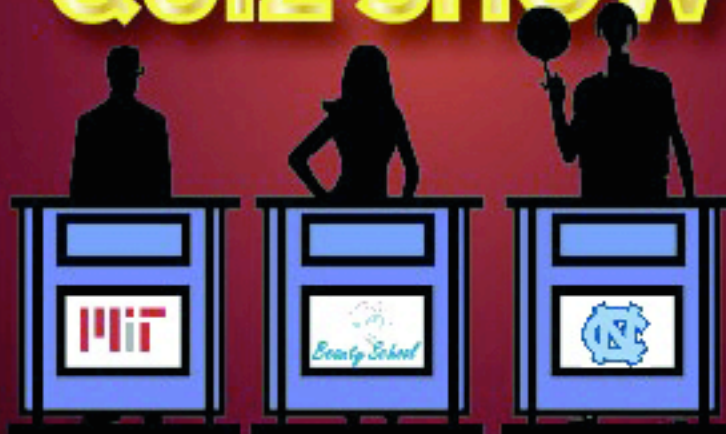


## **ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER**

Stewardship Sunday was celebrated on Nov. 17th with the dedication of our 2014 pledges and our annual luncheon in the Great Hall. So far the pledges received show an 11% increase over last year. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please bring it or mail it to church ASAP. You may even email your 2014 pledge to Linda Mones at [finance@pcmk.org](mailto:finance@pcmk.org).



# The CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHOW



Do you think you know everything there is to know about the Christmas Story? Well...join us on December 15th at 10am for "THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHOW" where you and your family can test your "KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATIVITY!"

***Please plan  
on attending!***

*This play is  
guaranteed to  
put a smile  
on your face and  
leave you  
with a heart filled  
with joy!*

***SAVE THE  
DATE!***

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