

THE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2014

FROM THE PASTOR

The Children of Uganda are coming back to Leonia -- 24 of them plus 3 volunteers! They arrive on Tuesday, January 21, and are staying for five nights while they perform in our area. Unfortunately they won't be with us for a Sunday worship service this time, but you can see them perform on Friday night, January 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Hackensack, or at Broadway Presbyterian Church on West 114th Street in Manhattan on Saturday.

Our church's relationship with Children of Uganda began when I traveled to Uganda in 2006 with my daughter Cassia. Since then our church has raised thousands of dollars for COU through our spring yard sale. But the organization's main vehicle for both fundraising and awareness is the bi-annual Tour of Light, a U.S. tour performed by a talented

group of children and teens ranging in age from 7 to 20 - all of whom are orphans or from vulnerable backgrounds. The exuberant and athletic shows preserve and display the rich culture of Uganda and East Africa using traditional instruments, songs, stories and dance.

When our church hosted COU two years ago, one of our people said it was the best thing we ever did. Not only was it an education for us to provide hospitality to these children and get to know them, they also are raising money for a worthy cause. COU supports two children's homes in Uganda, where orphans and vulnerable children aged 5-13 years live and receive their primary education. They also work with families affected by HIV/AIDS to improve their socioeconomic status and access HIV/AIDS services, and care for AIDS infected children with medical treatment, food supplements and



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access to secondary education and vocational training, and care for children with disabilities at their Philip's House facility. COU currently serves over 600 children in Uganda.

We hope you will find a way to be part of our welcome. The children will be staying

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HEADLINERS

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 9 in the Fireplace Room—A luncheon will precede the business meeting. Annual Reports will be available February 2.

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with DA Droser, and the Peters, Salvati, Shanno, Voreacos, Weimer and Wilson families. Some of these hosts may need help with transportation, meals, or entertainment on the children's open days with no performances (probably Wednesday or Thursday or both). Let us know if you want to help.

But most important, go to the performance. Our church has 50 tickets for the Hackensack concert on Friday the 24th. Tickets cost \$20, and all the money goes to support the work of Children of Uganda. Our church also purchased 10 tickets to give to people who would like to attend the concert but can't afford it (especially young people). We want everyone to be able to attend. It's an inspiring show that you will want to share with your family and friends.

The *Boston Globe* wrote: "**Given sorrow, they have made beauty. With nothing more than sticks and drums and their own bare feet, they have made art.**" Come and see for yourself.

Blessings, Debra Given

Can't find your church calendar, can't remember when the potluck dinner is?

Well fret no more, you can always log onto the website at www.leoniapres.org and find all the information at your fingertips. The website has all the latest information about our church, i.e. events, worship schedule, newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more. If there is anything you would like to see on our website please let us know. Happy browsing. (And a great big thank you to our webmaster Hyung Kune Shim for keeping it up-to-date and filled with ready-to-use information.)



Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day will include Ordination and Installation of new officers

Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day will include a Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 26

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day will include the reception of new members.

Sunday, February 2

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Lunar New Year Celebration

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$141,668 toward our 2014 budget. The committee thanks all who have pledged. If you have not yet sent in a pledge commitment, you may still do so. Pledge cards are available from the church office or on the radiator in the back of the sanctuary. You can mail it to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. (There may not be a shortfall, if all expected pledges come through!)

What is Per Capita?

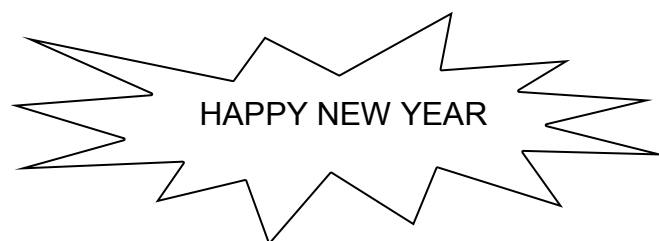
Each year Presbyterian churches pay a certain amount of money to the higher governing bodies, calculated by the previous year's membership statistics. We are charged per member on our active member roll. This is a way of establishing a minimum level of support from the local churches for the salaries and administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, and allows these governing bodies to plan their budget from year to year. This year we are being charged \$36.25 per member which comes out to a total of \$ 4,214.25 for 2014.

Please use the blue envelope in the front of your 2014 envelope box or mark your check per capita. You can put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who assisted in this year's Holiday Fair. It takes many hands to make this event a success, and this year there were many, many busy hands. At one point, I looked around the Social Hall and briefly considered that I hadn't seen many members of our congregation there shopping during the day; then, I quickly realized that was because so many of them were there working all day! Before some minimal expenses that still need to be included, we made approximately \$3200. A big, big Thank You again, for everyone's contributions.

Sincerely, Karen Peters
Holiday Fair Committee



*If you have not signed up for **Chancel Flowers** for a specific Sunday, please do so by signing up on the Flower Calendar in the Entry Room. If you live out of town and would like to donate flowers for a loved one, anniversary, birthday or any other special occasion, please call Jane Wilson (201-947-1688) or the church office (201-944-1358)*

A COPY OF THE DIRECTORY WILL BE TAPED ON THE 'ARK' IN THE ENTRY ROOM. WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL, AND MAKE CORRECTIONS, IF NEEDED. THANK YOU.

THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND DIRECTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP February 2. THEY WILL BE LOCATED IN THE ENTRY ROOM. PLEASE TAKE ONE COPY PER FAMILY. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL COPIES, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 201-944-1358.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 2 Walter Klingner
 January 3 Beverly Boyle
 January 6 Maurice Lovell
 January 10 Abbie Lee
 January 14 Molly Callahan
 January 15 Fumio Ito
 January 17 Hiroshi Muto
 January 18 Tom Phillips
 January 22 Ron Sahai
 Chris Choe
 January 23 Rocky Ito
 January 25 Rayna Marie Addabbo
 Darlayne Ann Addabbo
 Jeannie Choe
 Linda McGarry
 January 26 Maryellen Neu
 January 31 Leah Puzzo



OFFERING COUNTERS: January 12 Anne Stebbins & Olivia Taylor
 January 19 Hyung Kune Shim & Pete Shanno
 January 26 Anne Stebbins & Ginny Brown

USHERS: January 12 Rae Giannuzzi, Kristen Richter & Irene Ziganto
 January 19 Jeannie Choe, Hwan Hee Kang & Ammal Varky
 January 26 Suzzane Broffman, Susan Dindial & Karen Peters

CHILD CARE: January 12
 January 19
 January 26

We need volunteers to help with childcare during the service. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Entry Room. Please consider helping.

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS A HELPING HAND!

Loaves & fishes is a mission of Palisades Presbytery and of the Cluster Churches of Englewood, Leonia & Teaneck. Two volunteer teams from these churches prepare a weekly soup kitchen, lunch time on Mondays at the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Englewood. We are now preparing food for 50 people per week. We'd love your support! You can bring food donations to our church and put them in the basket in the front of the sanctuary.

We need:

Canned chicken and beef broth (low salt), whole tomatoes in juice, diced tomatoes, whole canned potatoes, kidney beans, Cannellini beans, chick peas, whole kernel corn, peas, cut green beans, pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple cubes, tuna, pasta: ziti, elbow, rotini & spaghetti.

This year three wonderful young women joined our church. They are Bonnie Callahan, Laura Collins and Mialy Rakotoselson. Meet Bonnie and Laura below. Information about Mialy will come later when she returns from Madagascar.



BONNIE CALLAHAN

Bonnie Callahan goes to Weehawken High School where she plays trumpet in a marching and jazz band. Like her mother Cynthia, she loves theater and acts with a group called Bayonne Bridgemen in the summer. She was the student director of her school productions of "Annie" and "Anything Goes." When she gets to college she will most likely major in music.

Bonnie was baptized as an infant in our church and was confirmed this year and joined the church. When asked what she might change about us, she said, "It's pretty good the way it is."

LAURA COLLINS

Born in Paterson and raised in Dumont, Laura Collins attended Bergen Technical School in Paramus and majored in horticulture. Throughout her life Laura has dealt with a learning disability. Her sensitivity to this has led her to be passionate about working with physically and mentally disabled children. At 25, she is now a teacher's assistant at the All About Me school in Cliffside Park and loves her work.

Laura also loves music and was in the Glee Class in school. And now she is a dedicated member of our choir.



January 10th (Friday) 8 P.M.

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Cerebrate the New Year!

Audience or Player, everyone is welcome!

*** To Player: Bring instruments and play with pro**

Any level of player is welcome!

Please bring tunes from "The Real Book".

*** No fee but small donation is accepted to cover utility cost.**

WHEN: January 10, 2014 (Friday)
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Open: 7:30 pm
Next Session: February 14, 2014 (Fri), same time.
Program will continue once a month,
Every second Friday night.

WHERE: The Presbyterian Church in Leonia
181 Fort Lee Rd. Leonia, NJ 07605
(Between Broad Ave. & Grand Ave.)

Led by: Foreign Exchange
Michael Hinton (Piano)
Yoshi Koyama (Sax)
Yoshi Hosuke (Bass)
Ethan Johnson (Drums)
April Johnson (Keyboard)
Mike Ito (Guitar)

Please contact the following for any questions
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CHRISTMAS GIVING REPORT

As of December 26, the receipts of the Christmas Gift List totaled and were distributed as follows:

Center for Food Action	\$ 1,040.00
Community of Friends in Action	\$ 275.00
Oelhaf House Shelter	\$ 595.00
Loaves and Fishes	\$ 655.00
Camp Johnsonburg	<u>\$ 385.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,950.00

The Christmas Offering amounted to an additional \$ 1,625.00 which was divided equally between the Englewood Hospital Chaplaincy Program and the General Assembly Christmas Offering.

Thank you again for your generous gifts to others in celebrating Christ's birth.