

# THE NEWSLETTER

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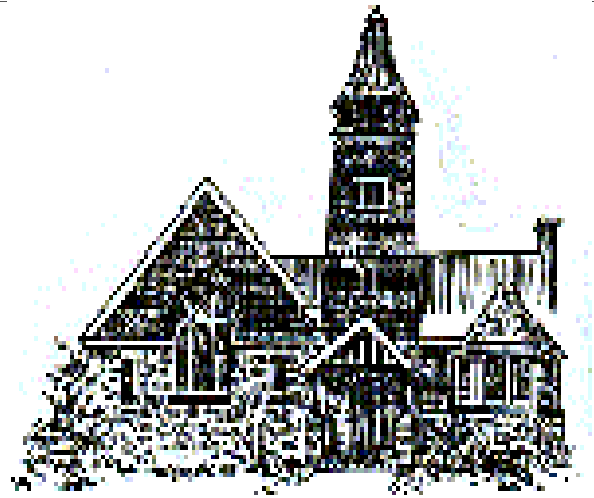
## FROM THE PASTOR

Starting June 14, thousands of Presbyterians from all over the United States will convene in Detroit for the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The General Assembly meets for one week every two years, and this is where the policies for our denomination are decided by hundreds of representatives from the 172 local Presbyteries, aided by advocates, youth advisory delegates, and staff.

I attended as a representative in 2012, and was impressed. We worshipped every day with inspiring preachers and lively music. Our national leaders encouraged us to think creatively about mission, and to focus our identity on what we value and love, rather than what we are against. We debated many

issues with passion. Our denomination is deeply divided over biblical, theological, social and sexual issues and I didn't always agree with the majority of voters. At times I felt frustrated and angry. But I was also challenged and inspired, and came away with a deep respect for this church as part of the body of Christ.

The theme of this year's Assembly is "Abounding in Hope." It's based on a passage from Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." And I have hope for our denomination, not that we will always do the right thing, because we are flawed human beings, even together. But we do have what it takes to change and thrive in this world by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRI.**  
**9 A.M. -12:30 P.M. & 1-2:30 P.M.**

This year there are 68 motions (called "overtures") for commissioners to study, debate and vote on. And we can expect more passionate debates. We will return to the question of whether pastors should be allowed to preside over same-sex marriages. We will take up questions about gun violence, drones,

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sexual exploitation, the death penalty, the environment, sustainable development, Israel, Egypt, Cuba, and the Congo. And we will decide on financial, organizational and theological issues for the church, as well as celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John Knox. You can read about it all on the General Assembly's web page devoted to the upcoming meeting <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221>. Click on PC Biz in the upper right corner for information and updates on the different committees and overtures they will be dealing with. And the Assembly will also be live-streamed if you want to watch part or all of it in process once it starts.

At our last Assembly I was impressed to see our church's commitment to make sure that competing opinions are heard, and everyone has a voice, especially those who might not normally speak up. And even though we may disagree with each other, our work is truly open and fair.

So please pray for the Presbyterian Church, USA, that God's spirit will work through us as we seek to be faithful to Christ.

Blessings and Peace,  
Debra Given



Congratulations to Eric Hwang and Angie Chung and big sister Sofie on the birth of their daughter/sister Marisol Seri Hwang who was born March 30th, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz.

## PLEASE JOIN US AT WORSHIP

**Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.** Service for the Lord's Day will include the baptism of Jackson Daniel Neu

**Sunday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. Pentecost**  
Service for the Lord's Day—Wear fiery colors and help us celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.** Service for the Lord's Day, will include a Celebration of the Lord's Supper and prayers for fathers.

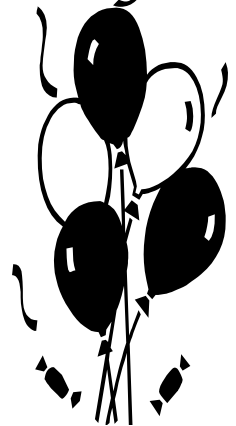
**Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.** Service for the Lord's Day, Church School Recognition followed by the Church Picnic

**Sunday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.** Summer Services begin in the Fireplace Room

**SUNDAY June 29 BEGINS OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES. WORSHIP WILL START AT 10:30 A.M. AND WILL MEET IN THE AIR-CONDITIONED FIREPLACE ROOM THROUGH AUGUST 31. WE WILL BE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY SEPTEMBER 7.**

## Happy Birthday

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| June 1  | Bob Baur<br>Philip Wilson |
| June 2  | Grace Ceragno             |
| June 5  | Leslie Boyle              |
| June 8  | Jung Uk Han<br>(Sarah)    |
| June 11 | Karen Peters              |
| June 14 | Donna Hunt                |
| June 20 | Lucy Iraldo               |



Happy Birthday to all our members and visitors whose birthdays we have not mentioned. If you are a friend of the church and would like us to list your birthday, please call the church office.  
201-944-1358

## HELP WANTED

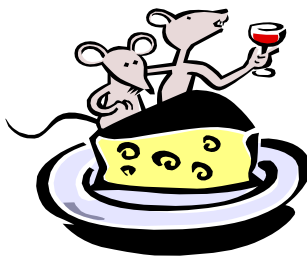
It takes a lot of people to prepare for Sunday services. Debra writes a sermon, the choir practices the songs, the lay leader prepares the readings...and **three people are needed each week** to be sure the doors are unlocked (and locked after the service), the candles are lit, bulletins are handed out, and the chimes are rung. We would love to have some new faces added to our usher schedule for the fall. This is a wonderful opportunity to greet old and new friends and to lend a helping hand. If you would like to be an usher, please speak with Michael Sofia or Jane Wilson. You do not need to be a member of the church to be an usher. Thank You.

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual "All Church" Bar-B-Que will be held after worship on June 22, rain or shine.

The Christian Education Committee will supply the hot dogs and hamburgers.

Attendees are invited to bring salads, deserts, beverages, and condiments. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fireplace Room. So start getting out your summer recipes, break out the sun screen, and join us in our back yard.



 **CONGRATULATIONS**  
TO

*Molly Callahan*  
Graduating from  
Weehawken High and  
going to Marymount  
Manhattan College

*Molly Voreacos*  
Graduating from the  
University of North Carolina  
to begin working in  
Louisiana with "Teach for  
America."

*Leo Voreacos*  
Graduating from  
Teaneck High and going to  
Rutgers University

Keep in your thoughts and prayers  
our "home-bound friends"

Harriette Coleman  
Bill Toolen

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### **USHERS FOR THE MONTH**

June 1	Jeff Im, Elin Park & Anne Stebbins
June 8	Rae Giannuzzi, Kristen Richter & Irene Ziganto
June 15	Jeannie Choe, Hwan Hee Kang & Ammal Varky
June 22	Suzanne Broffman, Susan Dindial & Karen Peters
June 29	Vicky Li, Fara Razafy & Lisa VanDeWeert

### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

June 1	Hyung Kune Shim & Olivia Taylor
June 8	Anne Stebbins & Pete Shanno
June 15	Jonathan Phillips & Ginny Brown
June 22	Fumio Ito & Olivia Taylor
June 29	Hyung Kune Shim & Pete Shanno

### **CHILD CARE**

June 1	Linda McGarry
June 8	Kazuko Abe
June 15	Kristen Richter
June 22	Lisa VanDeWeert
June 29	Sarah Han

### **PERSONELL COMMITTEE**

We are happy to report that along with our Pastor, Debra, the current employees are remaining with us for another year. Renee continues as music director and organist. Michele continues as our secretary and coordinator of the newsletter. Our sexton will continue with the same duties as the past, keeping the building tidy. Soon Hee, our parish associate will continue focusing on helping to integrate visitors and new members into the life and leadership of the church, as appropriate. She also assists with worship, attends committee/Session meetings as needed and meets with the pastor periodically for planning and review. Thank you all for your dedication to our church.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 7	9-12 Noon	Outside Clean-up
June 8	3-5 p.m.	SMJ Japanese Language Worship Service
June 13	8 p.m.	Jazz Jam Session
June 17	7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
June 22	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School recognition and church picnic
July 11	8 p.m.	Jazz Jam Session
July 13	3-5 p.m.	SMJ Japanese Language Worship Service
July 21-23		Volunteer with Family Promise
August 8	8 p.m.	Jazz Jam Session
August 14-20		Mission trip to Guatemala—help to build a Bottle School

## **Family Promise: Keeping Homeless Families Together**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> summer our congregation will be working at the temporary shelter housed at First Presbyterian Church in Englewood. Our service dates are **July 21, 22 and 23**. The job is to provide dinner for 15 people each of these nights. Two people also stay on site over night, until the guests are picked up at 6AM each morning.

We recommend that 2 people work together to plan, purchase and prepare the meal. Food can either be cooked at home or on site. Cooks will be told a week in advance about food preferences, allergies, etc. Dinner is served at 7:00PM.

Overnight staffers are welcome to arrive in time to eat dinner with the cooks and guests. You will have an air mattress to sleep on but should bring your own pillow and bedding. In the morning you will put out "bag and go" breakfast foods that have been provided in advance. Once the guests depart, you will close up the kitchen before you leave by 6:30AM.

Depending on the ages of the children, activities can be provided. For instance, past summers we have put out sprinklers on the lawn, had movies on the DVD player, and have played games. Extra volunteers, including children, can participate in planning fun things to do.

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Linda McGarry.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Can you help one day at **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** in Paterson? Our church is volunteering on July 16 & 17 (Monday and Tuesday) at Habitat for Humanity and we need your loving hearts and hands. Please speak with Karen Klingner or Pete Shanno if you would like to volunteer to help build a home. No skills are required, but you must be over 16 and in good health.

*Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.*

**Palisades Presbyter  
has a new address  
340 Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662**

Our sympathies to the family of  
**Natalie Allen**  
who passed away Saturday, April 26 at age 86.

The Allen family were long-time members of this church.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP** - Outside clean-up day **Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Bring your outside tools, rakes, clippers, brooms, whatever you think will be needed to spruce up the outside area of the church. There will be a sign-up sheet in entry room. If you have any questions please speak to Jack Peters 201-739-6385.

**SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US!**

**June 9th, 5-7 P.M.**

For our Grand Opening/Open House  
At Shelter Our Sisters  
Community Program Center  
12 Overlook Ave.

Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

For the first time in their 38 year history all of our non-emergency programs and services are gathered together under one roof. . . truly

***Building for the Future***

R.S.V.P. By June 6 To Jean Kirch 201-498-9247

The Presbyterian Church of Teaneck  
1 Church Street, Teaneck  
**Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**Vendors Wanted**

Come to shop and experience  
“Lucky Finds” all!!!!

Don't Miss It, there will be fun for everyone.



**Wage Theft**

Did you know that many day laborers have problems collecting their pay from people who “hire” them? Even though wage theft is a crime, it is a difficult task to recover stolen wages. Presently the penalties are so minor that bad employers often consider them “just the cost of doing business.”

So on **June 6, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Palisades Park Public Library**, CoFiA is sponsoring a seminar about wage theft. The speaker is internationally known professor and author Dr. Hung-en Sung, who is a member of CoFiA and teaches at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. He and his graduate students conducted a major study of day workers in Palisades Park in which they found that almost all reported having experienced wage theft. This seminar will give us an opportunity to learn more about the topic, talk with each other about how we might be able to do something about the problems, and also learn about pending New Jersey legislation that would strengthen penalties.

**Please join us on June 6!**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 8:00 PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!**

**Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia**

**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:** June 13, 2014 (Friday)  
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
Open: 7:30 pm  
Next Session: July 11, 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)  
Shai Rodriguez (Drums)  
April Johnson (Keyboard)  
Mike Ito (Guitar)

**Please contact the following for any question.**

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Coordinator, Mike Ito: [mike.ito@verizon.net](mailto:mike.ito@verizon.net) or 201-679-6616

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## CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**Can you help?** The Center for Food Action is low on pantry items. You may bring items on Sunday and place them in the food basket. The following items are needed: **canned meat, canned beef stew, canned pasta in sauce, baked beans or pork & beans, canned or instant potatoes, soups, powdered milk or Parmalat, Bisquick or pancake mix, pancake syrup, coffee and tea, cleaning supplies, large size disposable diapers or pull-ups (unisex), toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, lotions), paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues) and sugar.**

If you would like to send a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Center for Food Action, 192 Demarest Ave., Englewood, NJ 07631.