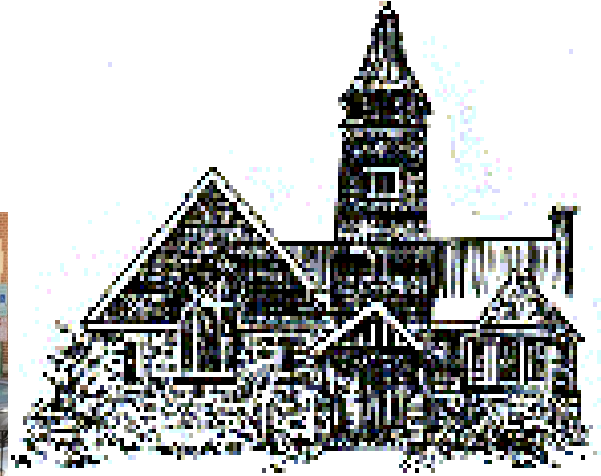


The Newsletter

APRIL 2016

The Interim Pastor Search Committee has selected Rev. Leah Fowler as our Interim minister. Rev. Fowler will start on May 1st and will have a one year contract while we search for a permanent pastor. Please help us to welcome Rev. Fowler and her family on Sunday May 1st. Please see her bio below.



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9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. & 1–2:30 P.M.

Rev. Leah Fowler comes to The Presbyterian Church in Leonia after 10 years of experience in ordained parish ministry, and another 10 years in various forms of church work. At her most recent church, First United Church of Oak Park, IL, Rev. Leah worked with a youth group of over 50 teenagers and supported a mission outreach that included housing justice issues, education and mentoring, advocacy for the hungry and homeless in the community, and an ongoing connection to the *Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia*, which she led 2 delegations from her church to visit. Rev. Leah is finishing her 2nd of 3 years working on her Doctorate of Ministry degree at Chicago Theological Seminary, with a focus on pastoral care; she attended seminary for her Master of Divinity at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Rev. Leah worked between college and seminary at the Presbyterian United Nations Office in New

York. She holds ordained standing in both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ. Rev. Leah is very excited to start work with the people of Leonia. She is glad to take part in a community so open to being shaped by the Holy Spirit. Having lived and studied in China, and being married to a Filipina, she

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HEADLINERS

WELCOME REV. LEAH FOWLER ON MAY 1 AT 10:30 A.M., COFFEE HOUR TO FOLLOW

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START SAVING ITEMS FOR THE GARAGE SALE ON MAY 21, 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

Worship Schedule

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has learned to be guest, friend and family in different cultures and wonders what sorts of relationships might emerge from the diverse voices at The Presbyterian Church in Leonia.

She looks forward to being co-conspirators with you and with God as we live into the promises and challenges Jesus set for us.

Rev. Leah moves to New Jersey with her family: her wife, Chris Gajilan, who is a documentary producer at CNN, her daughter Kai, who is 4 years old and likes super-heroes and princesses, and their dog Lucy, a mutt who enjoys investigating each blade of grass. Rev. Leah and her family are returning to New Jersey after 7 years in the Chicago area; she served a previous congregation in Montclair for 4 years, and Chris' family lives in Manhattan and Queens. For fun, Rev. Leah likes finding adventure in New York City, reading, running and spending time with family and friends. She also looks forward to being closer to mountains, hills and ocean and can't wait to share some Jersey beauty with her daughter.

On May 1, Rev. Leah will officially begin her ministry with The Presbyterian Church in Leonia. She looks forward to meeting with you and hearing how your life has intersected with the church's calling. Please pray for her as she ends her relationship with her church in Oak Park and moves her family to their new home.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3— 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 a.m. Church School & Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day and
 Rev. Mary Marcus will preach
 After Worship: Choir Practice & Bible Study
 3-5 p.m. Japanese Language Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 –3rd Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 a.m. Church School & Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day, the
 Rev. Marianne Rhebergen will preach.
 After Worship: Bible Study

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - 4th Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 a.m. Church School & Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day, will
 include Rev. a Celebration of the Lord's
 Supper, Rev. Anna Taylor Sweringen will
 preach.
 After Worship: Choir Practice & Bible Study i
 3-5 p.m. Japanese Language Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - 5th Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 a.m. Church School & Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day, Rev.
 Anna Taylor Sweringen will preach.

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, PLEASE MEET AND WELCOME
 REV. LEAH FOWLER
 AT THE WORSHIP SERVICE AND COFFEE HOUR.**

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Ushers:	April 3	Linda McGarry, Jack Peters & Tom Topousis
	April 10	Jeff Im, Elin Park & Roberta Toolen
	April 17	Christine Banas, Kristin Richter & Lisa VanDeWeert
	April 24	Hwan Hee Kang, Judith Nyirongo
Offering Counters:	April 3	Olivia Taylor & David Voreacos
	April 10	Hyung Shim & Jonaathan Phillips
	April 17	Ginny Brown & Olivia Taylor
	April 24	Hyung Shim & Pete Shanno
Childcare:	April 3	Hwan Hee Kang
	April 10	Judith Nyirongo
	April 17	Yukiko Aoki
	April 24	Kristen Richter

RAYMOND & EMMA BINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP & STENKEN SCHOLARSHIP

The **Bingham & Stenken Scholarships** are awarded by the session to a person or persons 25 years of age or younger, who have been active in the worship and work of the Leonia Presbyterian church and who have been accepted for study towards an associate or bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Applications for this year's Bingham Scholarship are due at the church **no later than Sunday, April 24**. Anyone who wishes to apply may obtain an application from the church office (201-944-1358).

SESSION NOTES

The meeting opened with prayer and the Rev. Mary Marcus was welcome as acting Moderator and led a discussion on Holy Week. Elder Susan Shanno reported for Worship that a calendar of events for Holy Week was available in the entry room. Our pulpit supply people have done a wonderful job, as have the elders who have helped them understand exactly how our service is run. Elder Broffman reported for Christian Ed that they are planning several activities for the upcoming months, including bowling in Bowler City. The annual Garage Sale is scheduled for May 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Elder Banas reported for Mission & Stewardship that the Easter offering would be divided between Loaves & Fishes and Center for Food Action and the Pentecost offering will be divided 75% to Youth at Risk and 25% for Parity. They were both voted and approved by Session. Elder Ito reported that ESL classes started with 44 students. The Lunar New Year service on 2/21 featured Japanese drums played by the group Manhattan Taiko, who returned again this year. They were excellent. 75 people attended the luncheon afterwards.

Old Business: Session voted and approved the use of the fireplace room on June 11 from 1-4 p.m. by the 50th reunion committee of Leonia High School. Session also discussed, voted and approved the wedding on April 30th and voted and approved Elders Broffman and Lisa VanDeWeert as primary representatives to presbytery and Elder Cabrera as alternate. The meeting was closed at 10:15 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Marcus.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12.

See who has moved: Suzanne Broffman
206 Moore Ave., Leonia

CAMP JOHNSONBURG SUMMER 2016 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Camp Johnsonburg, a ministry of the seven New Jersey Presbyteries, is now accepting registrations for our 2016 summer programs ranging from one night to two weeks for campers from K-12th grade. Don't miss out on the sessions you want for you and your family. For a full look at all of our offerings for this summer please visit: <http://www.campjburg.org>. You can register on-line, or pick up a brochure in the entry room of our church.

When your children attend one of the camp sessions they will meet new friends, work under the guidance of a select and well-trained staff, get closer to God's creation in nature, and learn ways to make good choices and live a Christian life in a complicated and changing world.

Open House—SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to meet the staff and see what's new around camp.

Please don't let finances prevent you from considering camp. Our church and our Presbytery have scholarships for those who need financial assistance to attend. Contact the church office or Rev. Leah if you have any questions about this.

Spruce Up Day at Camp Johnsonburg

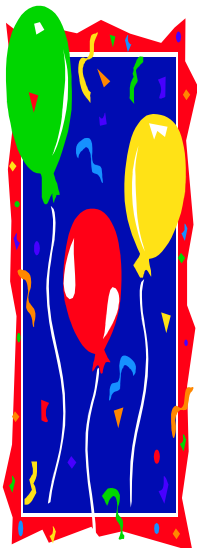
822 Route 519, Johnsonburg, NJ 07846

Saturday, April 23

Be part of the crew to help get the camp ready for Summer!

908-852-2349 or email: office@campjburg.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- April 1 A. J. Puzzo
Jennifer Carriel
- April 4 Cindy Klingner
- April 10 PJ VanDeWeert
- April 15 Karen Klingner
Mialy Rakotoselson
- April 23 Olivia Taylor
- April 25 Ruth Dickinson
- April 28 Cynthia Callahan
Kevin Jonson
- April 30 Debby Sahai

Garage Sale to benefit Ugandan Children in Africa

Japanese, Korean & American Vendors

Uganda has suffered severe trouble due to war and AIDS. Many children have lost parents and cannot afford school, and many do not have things we consider basic in the United States.

The Presbyterian Church in Leonia is sponsoring a Japanese, Korean & American Garage Sale to raise funds for the Children of Uganda. The funds raised will be used for school materials, clothing, mosquito nets for the children, medicines, and much more. Representatives from our church have traveled to Uganda in summers past. They have had the joy of seeing how much a donation of ten or twenty dollars can do for orphans in Africa who don't have parents to buy things like shoes, socks and sweaters. You can visit the website www.childrenofuganda.org for pictures and more information about the organization. Last year we raised over \$2,300 for this worthy cause. Please join us on Saturday, May 21st.

Date: May 21st (Sat) 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (rain or shine)

**Place: Presbyterian Church in Leonia
181 Fort Lee Rd., Leonia, NJ 07605**

Beverages will be available for sale all day.

Sellers Wanted!

1. The Presbyterian Church members will set up the tables; sellers will bring their tagged merchandise for sale by 9:30 a.m.
2. All merchandise should be unused or slightly used. Any left over merchandise should be removed by the seller.
3. Sellers will donate all or a portion of their sales towards our fundraiser.
4. **If interested in being a seller please contact Michele at secretaryleonia@gmail.com 201-944-1358 or Mike Ito at mike.ito@verizon.net 201-679-6616.**
You must register in advance. There is no fee to attend.

Mike Ito
Presbyterian Church in Leonia
Asian Ministry Committee



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JAZZ JAM SESSION

Musicians or audience, everyone is welcome! Every second Friday of the month at the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, 181 Fort Lee Road.

The next date is Friday, April 8. Doors open at 7:30, we begin playing at 8 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Please contact the Presbyterian Church 201-944-1358 or Mike Ito 201-679-6616 if you have any questions or concerns.

NO fee. A small donation is requested to help cover utility costs.