

THE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2016

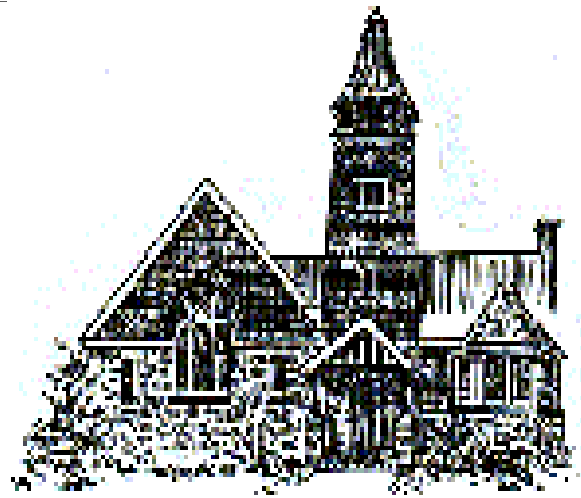
FROM THE PASTOR

In some of his last words to his followers before he died, Jesus told them, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." We may ask, when did we do these things for you, Jesus? His response to his followers was, "I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me" (excerpted from Matthew 25).

This summer, there are many opportunities to find Jesus. He may show up in a church member who needs your care and support—or in the face of a stranger who comes to worship with us for the first

time! Jesus may show up in the encounter of Muslims and Christians sharing a meal and making neighbors out of strangers; did you know that Muslims also believe in Jesus, and honor him as a prophet? We may find Jesus and discover "he" is in the body of a single, homeless mother who is trying to keep her family together as she seeks shelter with her children at Family Promise. As we celebrate Pride Sunday, we may also find Jesus as a modern prodigal son, who as a queer youth has been kicked out of his home instead of welcomed with a feast. Maybe we will be the ones to open our arms and welcome him.

We also will find Jesus in the weekly act of worship as we sing, pray, and hear scripture read and proclaimed together. May our worship be a rehearsal for



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9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. & 1-2:30 P.M.

the ordering of our lives outside this church. May we welcome Jesus wherever he may show up.

Warmly,
Leah

Rev. Leah Fowler
Interim Pastor

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INTERFAITH IFTAR



We have been invited by the Peace Islands Institute and the Turkish Cultural Center to attend an Interfaith Iftar.

An Iftar is **the meal Muslims share to break the fast during the month of Ramadan**. We will host the meal at our church, but our Turkish neighbors will bring the feast! There will be time during the night for us to observe their evening prayer and to learn from them a little about their faith and discover what social justice concerns we hold in common. In this climate when Muslims face hostility in America, our response can be to offer a place of hospitality and welcome where strangers can become friends as we learn more about one another.

The meal will take place on **Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 pm**. Please make your reservations with the church office at 201-944-1358, or with Rev. Leah at pastorleonia@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

It takes a lot of people to prepare for Sunday services. Rev. Leah 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 Jane Wilson. You do not need to be a member of the church to be an usher. Thank You.

PLEASE JOIN US AT WORSHIP

Sunday, June 5

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day
 Ordination of Betsy Voreacos as Ruling Elder.
 Introduction of new church office administrator, Pat Major

3-5 p.m. Japanese Worship Service

Sunday, June 12

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day, will include a Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Reception honoring Michele Ring for her many years of service as secretary of our church.

Sunday, June 19

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m.

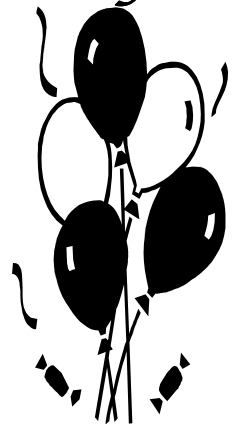
Service for the Lord's Day with Sunday School children leading worship.
 Church School Recognition Sunday, followed by the Church Picnic/Potluck.

Sunday, June 26 No morning Sunday School classes

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day (moves to Fireplace Room) Pride Sunday

Happy Birthday

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



Happy Birthday to our members and friends whose birthdays we have not mentioned.

If you would like to be on our birthday list, please call the church office at 201-944-1358 or email secretaryleonia@gmail.com

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| Ushers: | June 5 | Christine Banas, Maryellen Neu & Kristin Richter |
| | June 12 | Hwan Hee Kang & Ammal Varky |
| | June 19 | Susan Dindial, Judith Nyirongo & Lisa VanDeWeert |
| | June 26 | Vicky Li & Fara Razafy |
| Offering Counters: | June 5 | Jonathan Phillips & David Voreacos |
| | June 12 | Hyung Shim & Fumio Ito |
| | June 19 | Ginny Brown & Olivia Taylor |
| | June 23 | Pete Shanno & David Voreacos |
| Childcare: | June 5 | Judith Nyirongo |
| | June 12 | Yukiko Aoki |
| | June 19 | Hwan Hee Kang |

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| June 4 | 9-12 noon | Church Outdoor Clean Up |
| June 5 | | Ordination of Betsy Voreacos as Ruling Elder. Introduction of new church office administrator, Pat Major 3-5 Japanese Worship |
| June 12 | | Reception honoring Michele Ring for her many years of service as secretary. |
| June 14 | | 4-6 Presbyterian Meeting 7:30 Session Meeting |
| June 18 | | Interfaith Iftar |
| June 19 | | Sunday School Children leading worship Church Picnic |
| June 26 | | 7:00 Family Promise-Leonia Methodist Church SERVICE MOVES TO FIREPLACE ROOM No Morning Sunday School class Pride Sunday |

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual "All Church" Bar-B-Que will be held after worship on June 19, 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.

Family Promise: Keeping Homeless Families Together

Family Promise will be at the United Methodist Church in Leonia because of the fire at First Presbyterian. We are scheduled for June 19, Father's Day. I have one cook and could use another. 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 (we have 1 but need a second person) 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 can help as a volunteer, please speak to Linda McGarry.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Can you help one day at **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** in Paterson? Our church is volunteering on Saturday, July 23 and we need up to 7 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 16 or older and in good health.

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

Garage Sale Report – We raised \$1,900 at our May 21 garage sale and bake sale. All the proceeds will go to support an orphanage through Children of Uganda. Thank you to all who worked to make this happen!

Pentecost Offering – It is not too late to give towards the Pentecost offering which will be split between the PCUSA Pentecost Offering for children and youth at risk and Parity's youth program. Please mark it "Pentecost offering."

June 10th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Audience or Musicians, everyone is welcome!

*** To Musicians: Bring instruments and play with other professionals.**

Any level of musician is welcome!

Please bring tunes from "The Real Book".

*** No fee, but a small donation is accepted to cover utility costs.**

WHEN: June 10, 2016 (Friday)
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Open: 7:30 pm
Next Session: July 8, 2016 (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)
April Johnson (Keyboard)
Yoshi Hosuke (Bass)
Max Wang & Nick Iannantuano (Drums/
Percussion)
Mike Ito (Guitar)

Please contact the following for any question.
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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.



OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP
CAN YOU HELP?

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON
BRING YOUR RAKES AND WORKGLOVES

Questions, Calling, Community, and Campfire!



Presbyterian Church in Leonia Fall Retreat
September 10th & 11th 2016

Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center
Johnsonburg, NJ

Come and worship in a different place, in a different way, with the same church family! Our program begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at Camp Johnsonburg. The day includes intergenerational time together for spiritual and playful reflection about transitions in our church and our lives, as well as time on your own. There will be a planned program with children's activities, lunch, free time, dinner, and a campfire. Those coming for only the day can choose to stay for the campfire or head home earlier as needed-- or your family can stay the night in shared lodges and join in worship and communion under the trees Sunday morning. During free time there will be hiking, boating, archery, napping, games, etc.

**Please register as soon as possible we need registrations by July 31st!
A deposit of \$35 is needed to hold your spot!**

