

# THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

## FROM THE PASTOR

An American poet, e.e. cummings, wrote the following words:

*I thank You God for most  
this amazing day:  
for the leaping greenly  
spirits of trees and a blue  
true dream of sky;  
and for everything which  
is natural which is infinite  
which is yes  
(I who have died am alive  
again today,  
and this is the sun's  
birthday; this is the  
birth day of life and of  
love and wings: and of  
the gay great happening  
illimitably earth)*

For those of you new to this poet, his funny use (or lack) of punctuation isn't a typo- it's on purpose. As we move toward Stewardship Sunday on November 13, we consider our faith as stemming from gratitude to God: for God's love, for our lives and the people God puts in our

paths, and even for the simple blessing of the sun's new birth each and every day.

Thank you for your stewardship of the church; it is certainly helpful for the church to do Christ's ministry here in and beyond Leonia. May your stewardship pledge also bless you and your family; for by making a financial commitment in gratitude, we orient our bodies towards resurrection and get to live that each day God blesses us with the sun's rising.

Thanks can be said in any language. I am thankful today for you, and for the ways I see God at work in your lives.

Leah  
Pastor Leah Fowler



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**FRIDAY 8-12 A.M.**



*"We celebrated the baptism of Daphne Becker, daughter of Darcy and Roger on October 16. God is good!"*

## HEADLINERS

**HOLIDAY FAIR: November 19. see page 3,5,6.**

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY-November 13, see page 3.**

## COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD. . .

### **Sunday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. Discipleship**

Service for the Lord's Day.

Jonathan Phillips and Leo Noah Shim will give a Stewardship Testimony about how this church invests in the love, nurture, and formation of disciples. We will also see the film premiere of our Sunday School classes' interpretation of what God calls them to "Go, Do!"



### **Sunday, November 13, 10:30 a.m.**

Service for the Lord's Day.

Elder Betsy Voreacos gives our Stewardship Testimony on how we Go from worship, and Do the things we rehearse in our sanctuary as we live our faith. Please plan to bring your Stewardship Pledge cards to worship! We will celebrate the Eucharist together as we celebrate our church.

### **Sunday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.**

Service for the Lord's Day

"Going Forward" we share in the scriptures, songs and prayers of our faith, then the congregation provides the sermon as we meet in small groups to explore what God's vision for this church is going forward.

### **Monday, November 21, 8:00 p.m.**

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Congregation Adas Emuno, 254 Broad Avenue in Leonia. Rev Leah Fowler preaches and we share music from each congregation, including our members Fumio and Hoshiko Ito sharing music from our congregation.

### **Sunday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Advent**

Service for the Lord's Day

## *Happy Birthday*

November 8 Hannah Chen  
November 18 Irene Ziganto  
November 19 Laura McGarry  
November 21 Phyllis Sharpe  
November 27 Stephanie Laboy





## JAZZ JAM SESSION

Player or audience, everyone is welcome! Bring your instruments and play with pros. Don't worry, any level of player is welcome! If you don't know Jazz, or you don't have any plans on **Friday, November 11, 8-10 p.m.**—you are welcome to play or just listen. A small donation will be accepted to cover utility costs. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Led by:

Michael Hinton (Piano)

Yoshi Koyama (Sax)

April Johnson (Keyboard)

Yoshi Hosuke (Base)

Max Wang & Nick Iannantuano (Drums/Percussion)

Mike Ito (Guitar)

## PLEDGE SUNDAY

Don't forget to put **Stewardship Sunday, November 13th** on your worship schedule! Please bring your annual pledge to church that day and join us for light refreshments after worship as we await the total amount pledged. If you can't be there on the 13th or if you live at a distance, you may mail your pledge information to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Fowler



## HOLIDAY FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 9:30 to 3:00

Our Annual Holiday Fair will be held Saturday, November 19 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Do you need baked goods for your Thanksgiving holiday or thinking of picking up a special something for those on your gift list? The Fair is the place to fill those needs. We'll have delicious breads, pies, and special treats available for purchase and our craft table offers handmade items to decorate your home or give as gifts. Non-holiday items such as used books and gently used items will also be for sale. As always, we will have many wonderful Tricky Tray baskets for you to take a chance on winning and very special raffle prizes. While shopping, don't forget to stop and enjoy some lunch, which will be served between 11:30 and 1:00, and be sure to purchase some soup or chili to take home.

Much help is needed in order to make this annual event a success. Sign up forms are available in your weekly bulletin, on the Arc, and included here in your newsletter; please consider helping by working at a table the day of the Fair, assisting with lunch preparation, providing baked goods, etc.

Please mark your calendars and come support the Holiday Fair and be sure to tell your friends and neighbors, too!.



**Where is the Pastoral Search Process?  
How we "Go Forward..."**

**November 20** we will have a special worship service, and church members will be in charge of the sermon! In small groups, after hearing the scripture you will be asked to talk to each other about God's vision for this church into the future. We will discuss how our church can best serve our Lord and our community, and also who should lead us on that journey. The conversation will continue beyond worship with another meeting in homes; everyone is invited to participate. Church members and regular attendees are assigned to a small group that will meet in the three weeks following our Nov. 20 service for a time of hospitality and visioning, with more specific conversations about our church's mission direction and process of choosing the next installed pastor. Although the groups are assigned and scheduled, there is flexibility to change into a group if your schedule requires a shift. Stay tuned for more info and to find out what group you will be in. For more info see Joe VanDeWeert or a member of Session.

**November 13 Baby Shower for Jeff Im and Elin Park**

Jeff and Elin are expecting a baby next year! We will shower them with love, food, and gifts following worship. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby (registry number 543913479) if you choose to bring a gift—and they want the church to know they are just thrilled to have the love of their church family.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**November 20 Godspell!**

Children from Sunday School classes will be going to a performance of Godspell! at Caldwell High School, where Suzanne Broffman teaches. Please RSVP with Suzanne if you would like to join the 2 p.m. performance, Sunday, Nov. 20. Tickets are \$5.

**November 27 Advent Workshop**

On November 27, there will be an Advent Workshop from noon-1pm to create our own Advent Calendars! These will be pieces of art that will also lead you into a daily spiritual practice in the home to prepare the way for the Christ Child. This is an all-ages event and will be fun no matter what art skill you bring. In addition to Advent art, there will be a story and reflection. Please bring \$10 per household for materials and \$3 per person eating pizza. Make a reservation with Leah at [pastorleoniam@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleoniam@gmail.com) by Nov. 20 so



we are sure to have all the materials we need.

**Monthly Schedule for Ushers**

November 6	Jeff Im, Elin Park, Roberta Toolen, Christine Banas
November 13	Fara Razavy, Vicky Li, Linda McGarry
November 20	Susan Dindial, Maryellen Neu, Jihyun (Julia) Kim
November 27	Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo

**Monthly Schedule for Offering Counters**

November 6	David Voreacos
November 13	Jonathan Phillips & Pete Shanno
November 20	Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito
November 27	Ginny Brown, Jonathan Phillips

**Monthly Schedule for Nursery Volunteers**

November 6	Sarah Han
November 13	Keyla Garcia
November 20	Kristen Richter
November 27	Angie Chung

**HOLIDAY FAIR LUNCHEON**

One of the highlights of the Holiday Fair on November 19 will be the luncheon, where people can take a break from shopping and enjoy a delicious meal. Please come to the fair for lunch and join us between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The menu is: soups, sandwiches, chili, hot dogs and California rolls, You can finish your lunch with some delicious desserts—all homemade by our fabulous cooks, and at a very reasonable price.

Please let us know if you are willing to make a pot of soup or chili, a dessert, or help out in the kitchen. If you are able to help defray the cost of the luncheon, we would appreciate any donation you can make. A sign-up sheet is included in your weekly bulletin, on the Arc and here in your newsletter. Please consider helping in any way you can.



# HOLIDAY FAIR

*SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016*

*9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.*

*SOUP, CHILI, SANDWICH LUNCH - SERVED 11:30 - 1 P.M.*

Your generosity, support and time is needed to help us make this  
annual major fundraiser a success!

## **Please sign up to assist in one of the following ways:**

I am willing to:

- 1. Help set up Friday night (11/21) at 7 p.m.
- 2. Help clean up Saturday beginning at 3 p.m.
- 3. Help in the kitchen with the Lunch on Saturday ( Karen Peters)
- 4. Help serve lunch
- 5. Help clean up after lunch on Saturday
- 6. Help sell at any table on Saturday - \_\_\_\_\_ (hours I can work)
- 7. Bake for Baked Goods table - can be dropped off Friday from 7-9 p.m. or Saturday morning
- 8. Make soup, chili or California Rolls for lunch (please circle which you will make)
- 9. Post fliers around town (in stores, etc.)
- 10. Loan a card table for lunch seating

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Please consider donating some of these needed items:**

BAKED GOODS: Popular items are breads, muffins, pies, jellies, jams, cookies and brownies

BOOKS/CDS/DVDS: Please **NO** text or professional books

BOTTLE TABLE: New **unopened** bottles containing anything - *from shampoo to champagne!*

KIDS CORNER: New or **very** gently used toys, books and games. Any toys not sold at the Fair will be given to a charity or daycare facility

TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE BASKETS: New or unopened, gently used gifts/items to be used in theme baskets (i.e. Thanksgiving, baking, photo) which will be raffled off ~ **please provide these items by Nov. 18.**

We already have a few wonderful raffle prizes, but if you have a business or work for one that will generously donate something to raffle, please let us know!

Please contact Karen Peters (201-592-8413 or [jkmk142@aol.com](mailto:jkmk142@aol.com)) with any questions.



ESTIMATE OF GIVING/COMMITMENT 2017

We thank you for your generosity and pray you may find the level of giving that is right for you in your journey of faith and commitment. Your pledges and contributions will make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

Please complete this estimate of giving, and return it in the offering plate or to the church office. You may change your commitment at any time by notifying Rev. Fowler.

If you have questions regarding this form, please call Christine Banas at 201-944-6939 or Rev. Fowler at 201-944-1358.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes! I/We will support the Presbyterian Church in Leonia in the year 2017.**

**Choose One:**

- \$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly for 52 weeks
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ semi-monthly for 24 periods
- \$-\_\_\_\_\_ monthly for 12 months
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Per Capita Contribution (\$40 per active member) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like information on how to provide for the Presbyterian Church in Leonia in my/our will.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to give through electronic funds transfer from my/our bank.



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**CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION**

**NEEDS YOUR HELP TO GET THANKSGIVING DINNER ON THE TABLE**

Your support is urgently needed now so that thousands of local families will be able to put food on their tables this Thanksgiving.

**Giving Locally = Helping Locally**

“A Thanksgiving dinner would not have happened at our house without the wonderful food package you provided. I can’t begin to tell you what it meant to me to put that turkey and all the fixings on the table for my family to enjoy. The leftovers lasted us three days-that too was a blessing. Thank you from the depths of my heart.” - past recipient of a CFA Thanksgiving Food Package.

Here’s what they need:

Supermarket Certificates—\$20, frozen turkeys, hearty soups, canned vegetables & canned yams, gravy, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, pasta & pasta sauce, 100% juice and canned fruit.

CFA is planning to distribute over 3,000 thanksgiving meal packages this year!