

THE NEWSLETTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

FEBRUARY 2019

February is the month when we expect our church renovation to be completed. There has been much anticipation to this moment: years of dreaming, dozens and dozens of meetings for discernment of what scope of work we could do, and great commitment from households who chose to take part in the financial support of this dream. Pretty soon, we will be eating (and washing up) from the comforts of our new Kitchen and Bathroom facilities!

Even though this has been an ENORMOUS project, the work of the church continues. On Feb. 4, our English Conversation Classes will begin, and will include 3 new volunteers who have joined us to teach! Feb. 10 is our annual Lunar New Year Celebration. We have been so shaped by the Asian and Asian American members and friends of our church, and neighbors around us. So on this day we will honor this joyful holiday by having traditional Japanese drumming in worship, as well as special music from our Lunar New Year Choir singing Japanese music! And then the world's best church potluck follows as we begin the Year of the Pig.

Feb. 17 will be our Annual Meeting, when you can hear all our church has accomplished as well as our challenges over 2018. There will be food, and the church will then vote on the annual budget. Please plan to fill out the Time and Talents Form (enclosed) so our new Committee Chairs know who can serve on their committees; this is also the place to sign up for worship leadership and side jobs around the church, so even if committees don't ignite your passion, there is surely some way for you to serve.

Finally do not forget to sign up for the Mission Trip to Atlantic City. Dates are August 18-23, and cost is low. Registrations forms are on the ark or you can email me for one.

With blessing and care,
Leah

-The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



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Friday 8-12 a.m.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, New Jersey will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019, after the Worship Service in conjunction with a hearty snacks.

The meeting is for the purpose of:

Receiving of the Annual Reports.

Transacting other business as is appropriate

By order of the Session

Cynthia Callahan, Clerk of Session



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 3: Deacon Sunday with Deacon Maryellen Neu giving a Minute for Mission; Deacons will be offering prayer and anointing with oil during worship; Deacon Meet and Greet after worship

February 10: Lunar New Year Celebration! We will have special, traditional Japanese drumming and our Lunar New Year Choir will share some Japanese music! After worship we celebrate with a huge pot-luck feast!

February 17: Communion Sunday with Annual Meeting after church; hearty snacks will be shared.

February 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship

March 1: We welcome back The Rev. Sarah Segal McCaslin as Guest Preacher while Pastor Leah is away on vacation.

GREETER

Linda McGarry

SECOND READERS

February 10: Jane Wilson

February 17: Rena Shim

February 24: Leo Shim

USHERS

February 10: Roberta Toolen, Linda McGarry , Maryellen Neu

February 17: Kristen Richter, Gretchen Harders

February 24: Lisa VanDeWeert, Keyla Garcia, Cory Lehnbeuter

March 3: Fara Razavy, Anne Stebbins, Susan Dindial

COUNTERS

February 10: Anne Stebbins, Hyung Shim

February 17: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

February 24: Jonathan Phillips, Fumio Ito

March 3: Pete Shanno, David Voreacos

NURSERY

February 10: Keyla Garcia

February 17: Laura Gonzalez

February 24: Nicole Lehnbeuter

March 3: Linda McGarry

FLOWERS

February 10: Chris Gajilan & Leah Fowler

February 17: Nancy Salvati

February 24: Karen Klingner

March 3: Keyla Garcia

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Janet Baur
8	Ryan McGarry
9	Betsy Voreacos
12	Kai Gajilan Fowler
14	Gretchen Harders
19	Nancy Salvati
20	Maribel Santana
21	Anne Stebbins
	Jane Wilson
23	Molly Voreacos
28	Kevin Dolce





We give thanks for our newest deacons!





We give thanks for our newest elders!

If you would like to sign up for flowers for a specific Sunday, please do so by signing up on the Flower Calendar which is on the wall behind the Ark Room. You will be contacted before your chosen date about what you would like printed in the weekly bulletin. If you live out of town and would like to donate flowers for a loved one, anniversary, birthday or an other special occasion, please contact Linda McGarry or call the church office (201-944-1358). The cost is \$40 and we ask that you pay the Presbyterian Church in Leonia when you sign up. You may take your flowers home after the service, or if you choose, the deacons will distribute the flowers to members and friends of the congregation who are sick or unable to come to the worship service.

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Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Newsletter Update for February 2019

The Congregation continues to give the Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Committee very positive feedback as to how this project is moving along. The Renovations are clean and very near to being on schedule, although it may take an additional week beyond what we had reported last month. If you took a look at the renovation on Sunday, February 3, you know that our ceramic tile flooring is in place and we are ready to begin painting this week. At this point we are hopeful that inspections will be done either by the last week of February for the first week of March.

The good news about this project continues to surprise us. Not only will the renovations address all the issues which required remediation, but the project is coming in under budget by around \$20,000. We have had some additional expenses beyond those reported last month, such as replacing the vinyl tile in the entire hallway from the Entry Room and Robing Room to the side door leading to the outside playground. Our contract manager, Rick Pumo, has done an outstanding job.

It may take an extra week or so to totally finish up, but we congratulate Rick Pumo for keeping up a good work pace.

The Committee continues to seek financial support specifically for the renovations. Please speak to either Susan Shanno or Philip Wilson regarding making a donation or pledge. Thank you.

Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Committee members are as follows: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Peter Shanno, Susan Shanno, Linda McGarry, Olivia Taylor, Lisa VanDeWeert, MB Koo and Philip Wilson.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

This church has been a long standing supporter of Family Promise, with our money , our time and talents. Family Promise is a temporary sheltering system that helps to keep working families together during a homeless crisis. Every week a different church houses up to 15 people, providing them with food and shelter. Our church works together with a cluster of other congregations to man the family shelter 3 weeks every year. This venture has been fruitful for both the recipients of our labors and to the volunteers who feel they are following in the footsteps of Christ.

Family Promise is far from an ideal situation, but it works. Each morning at 6:30AM, the guests are picked up by van at whatever church in the county they are being sheltered in. They are driven to Ridgewood, the Bergen County hub for Family Promise. From there they go off to schools, jobs, summer camp and the like until they reunite back in Ridgewood. Once regathered, they are returned by van to the shelter for dinner at 7PM , some conversation, and an early lights out. This is every day. On weekends, they are permitted to hang out at the Ridgewood Center if they have no where else to go.

There are a few paid workers in the Ridgewood center. Volunteers are needed during the day on Saturdays and Sundays in order to keep the doors open.

I urge you to visit the Family Promise web site to learn more about this important work and how you might get involved. In 2019 we are again sheltering families from July 7-21, and December 15-22. If you have any questions, talk to Linda McGarry.



Sunday school- learning the faith and having fun doing it!



February 8th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!

Sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Happy Valentine's Day!

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 donation is accepted to cover refreshments & utility cost.

WHEN: February 8th, 2019 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: March 8th, 2019 (Fri), same time.

Program will continue once a month,

Every second Friday night.

WHERE: 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)

Barbara Sabella (Vocal)

Kirk Woodward (Vocal/Melodia/Piano)

Yoshie Tanigawara (Bass)

Daniel Ovadia (Drums/Percussion)

Mike Ito (Guitar)

Please contact the following for any question.

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Coordinator, Mike Ito: mike.ito@verizon.net or 201-679-6616

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DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER



Share a memory. Hold a Hand. Lend an Ear. Touch a Heart.

Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life.



*Bring a supportive presence
and companionship through
home visitation*



*Comfort and bereavement
calls in our office*



*Provide Administrative
support on a variety of
projects that enhance our
patients' care*

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Contact: Ruth Sorbanelli at 201-510-6426 or
ruth.sorbanelli@vnahg.org



Visiting Nurse Association
of Englewood

A partnership with VNA Health Group

We encourage volunteers to wait one year following the death of a loved one.

TIME & TALENTS FORM

NAME, TELEPHONE AND EMAIL:

MY COMMITMENT FOR 2019

As a good steward of all of God's gifts, I commit or recommit myself to serve in the following area(s) of the church's life and mission (please indicate areas in which you wish to continue to serve, or would like to begin serving):

Worship

- ☐ Chancel Choir
- ☐ Special Music (what instrument?) _____
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Read Scripture
- ☐ Pray for prayer requests after worship

Church School and Child Care

- ☐ Children's Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Adult Sunday School Leadership
- ☐ Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteer
- ☐ Elementary childcare during Sunday service
- ☐ Child care for special events
- ☐ Camp Johnsonburg events

Mission Outreach

- ☐ Teach English Conversation Classes
- ☐ Help at Family Promise Shelter
- ☐ Loaves & Fishes-Prepare meals every other Monday
- ☐ Oelhaf House Interfaith Committee
- ☐ Habitat for Humanity summer building project
- ☐ Immigration Justice through CoFIA, First Friends, or other immigrant right group
- ☐ Drive members to hospital or doctor appointments
- ☐ Transportation to church
- ☐ Mission Trip to Atlantic City (summer 2019)
- ☐ Other _____

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Digital Media (specify if you wish)
- ☐ Operate Sound Equipment in Sanctuary
- ☐ Retreat Planning
- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Minor Building Repairs
- ☐ Yard Work
- ☐ Other _____

TIME & TALENTS FORM

NAME, TELEPHONE, EMAIL _____

Committee Membership

Committee members are not only welcome, but needed to do the vital work of the church. Please indicate which of these committees you would be willing to serve on. Experience is NOT required, merely an interest and a willing spirit.

- ___ **Asian Ministry**– Develops outreach to our Asian neighbors and plans programs to foster appreciation and understanding between people of different cultures.
- ___ **Budget & Finance** - Recommends the annual church budget and, along with the Treasurer monitors income and disbursements throughout the year. Also responsible for long-range financial planning.
- ___ **Christian Education** - Oversees the Sunday Church School and nursery; recruits and trains Church School teachers; recommends curriculum; helps provide for adult education.
- ___ **Fellowship** - Plans social events, fellowship hours, and maintains the Sunday beverage cart.
- ___ **Mission & Stewardship** - Plans and conducts programs for the financial stewardship (including special offerings) of the congregation, and interprets and promotes our mission locally and worldwide.
- ___ **Membership & Outreach** - Evaluates our church's communication, both within the congregation and to the wider community. Proposes, plans and executes various efforts to welcome and incorporate new members.
- ___ **Personnel** - Oversees the work of church employees, conducts annual performance reviews, and makes compensation recommendations to the session.
- ___ **Property** - Oversees the regular maintenance of the church building and grounds; proposes and implements improvement projects.
- ___ **Retreat** - Plans and implements one-day or overnight retreats of the congregation.
- ___ **Worship** - Conceives and plans special services of worship, providing for services in the Pastor's absence and for routine tasks, such as communion preparation, reading of Scripture, ushering, and preparation of the sanctuary for worship and special services.
- ___ **Adult Ed Advisory Group (not an official committee)**- Determines the congregation's needs for bible study, discussion groups, mission education, and spiritual discernment. Advises Pastor on class formats, speakers, and/or curriculum for these opportunities.

Please either put in the collection plate or send to the church office.

Thank you.



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