

# THE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

## Update on The Interim Pastor Search

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

-Jeremiah 3:15

Dear fellow parishioners,

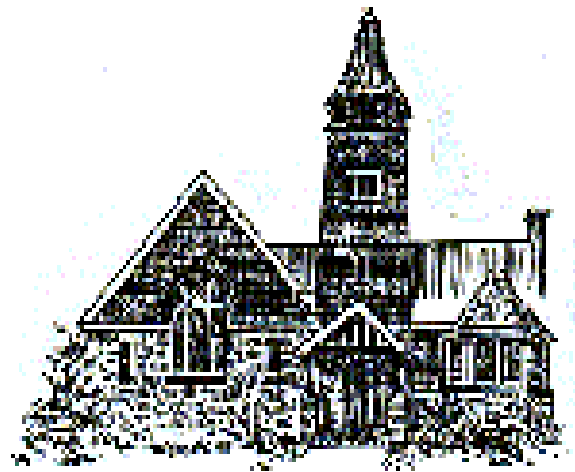
The Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC), comprised of the members of the Session, has been working hard with help and guidance from Sharon Kroll of the Committee on Ministry.

We originally received fifteen matches through the Church Leadership Connection (CLC). After checking to see whether all fifteen matches were still available (not yet hired elsewhere or in negotiations with another Church), we have seven candidates who have confirmed interest and are awaiting responses from another four as of this writing.

The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 26 to review the applications and begin the process of determining which of the candidates we wish to consider further. After the IPSC has selected a group of candidates, members of the IPSC will listen to sermons done by these candidates on audio, YouTube or other media. A small group of IPSC members will then conduct telephone interviews of final candidates by conference call asking the same questions to each candidate. By traveling to their church or by arrangement through a neutral area pulpit, a final candidate will be observed preaching and hopefully leading a service. Finally, an offer of an Interim Call will be made with the approval of the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of the Palisades.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: TUES. -FRI.**  
9:00 A.M. -12:30 P.M. & 1-2:30 P.M.



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**DEACON'S RE-ORGANIZATION—See Page 3**

**WHAT COMMITTEE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON?—Pages 4 & 5**

**MANHATTEN TAIKO WILL JOIN US FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR FEBRUARY 21**

**JAZZ JAM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12—See Flier Insert**

We have received an incredible amount of help and guidance from Sharon Kroll of the Committee on Ministry and are excited about our progress thus far and confident that we will find an excellent Interim Pastor. It is difficult to give a timeline of this process but we hope to have an Interim sometime in the spring. Please continue to pray for God's will to be done in the search process.

Blessings,  
Suzanne Broffman  
Co-Chair IPSC

#### USHERS

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| February 7  | Karen Peters, Roberta Toolen & Ammal Varky       |
| February 14 | Mwai Makoko, Linda McGarry & Wanangwa Nyirongo   |
| February 21 | Jeff Im, Elin Park & Anne Stebbins               |
| February 28 | Christine Banas, Maryellen Neu & Kristen Richter |

#### OFFERING COUNTERS

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| February 7  | Anne Stebbins & Jonathan Phillips |
| February 14 | Diane Borer & Pete Shanno         |
| February 21 | Hyung Shim & Fumio Ito            |
| February 28 | Ginny Brown & Pete Shanno         |

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

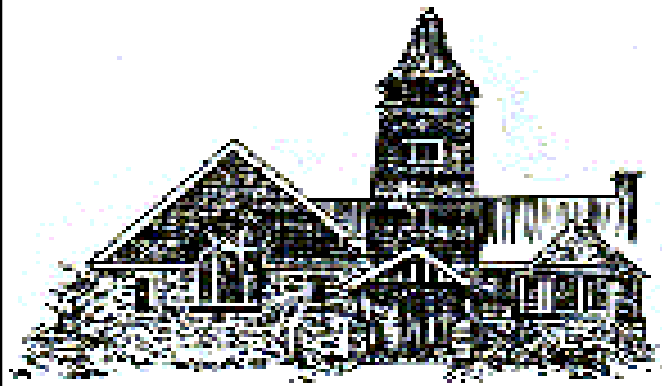
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| February 7  | Yukiko Aoki     |
| February 14 | Kristen Richter |
| February 21 | Vicky Li        |
| February 28 | Sarah Han       |

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 2  | Janet Baur       |
| 9  | Betsy Voreacos   |
| 14 | Gretchen Harders |
| 20 | Maribel Santana  |
| 21 | Anne Stebbins    |
|    | Jane Wilson      |
| 23 | Molly Voreacos   |

**Did I forget your birthday, please let me know 201-944-1358.**

**Sunday, February 7 10:30 a.m. ]**  
Transfiguration of the Lord—Service for the



Lord's Day Rev. Anna Sweringen Taylor will preach

After worship: Luncheon & Annual Meeting

**Ash Wednesday, February 10, 7 p.m.**

Teaneck Presbyterian Church, 1 Church St.

**Sunday, February 14 10:30 a.m.** Take Up the Cross—Service for the Lord's Day. The Rev. Anna Sweringen Taylor will preach

**Sunday, February 21 10:30 a.m.**

**Celebration of Lunar New Year** Service for the Lord's Day, will include a celebration of the Lord's. The Rev. Grace Kim will preach.

**Sunday, February 28 10:30 a.m.** Service for the Lord's day, The Rev. Caroline Unzaga will preach.

**Per Capita Apportionment for 2016 is**

**\$38.15 per church member** and is distributed as follows: A – Presbytery Per Capita (\$27.03 per member) B – Synod Per Capita (\$4 per member) C – General Assembly Per Capita (\$7.12 per member). Our church has 115 members, so we will pay a total of \$4,387 for the year 2016 to support the work of our denomination. If you are a member of our church, please contribute to our per capita payment if you are able.

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**NAME, TELEPHONE AND EMAIL**

**MY COMMITMENT FOR 2016**

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  
Usher  
Read Scripture

Church School and Child Care

Christian Education (Teach Church School/Adult Education)  
Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteer  
Elementary childcare during Sunday service  
Child care for special 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  
Community of Friends in Action (CoFiA) outreach to Day Laborers  
Drive members to hospital or doctor appointments  
Transportation to church  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Odd Jobs

Newsletter Collating  
Painting  
Minor Building Repairs  
Yard Work  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

Retreat Planning  
Cluster Event Planning  
Serve as a "Prayer Partner" for one of our committees

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**Asian Ministry – *Fumio Ito*** – Develops outreach to our Asian neighbors and plans programs to foster appreciation and understanding between people of different cultures. Asian Ministry runs our English Conversation program and oversees the Jazz Jam.

**Budget & Finance – *Joe VanDeWeert*** - Recommends the annual church budget and, along with the Treasurer monitors income and disbursements throughout the year. They are also responsible for long-range financial planning.

**Christian Education – *Suzanne Broffman*** - Oversees the Sunday Church School and nursery; recruits and trains Church School teachers; recommends curriculum; helps provide for adult education and any special events for families.

**Fellowship – *Jane Wilson***- Plans social events, fellowship hours, and maintains the Sunday beverage cart.

**Membership & Outreach – *Eulalia Cabrea*** - 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.

**Mission & Stewardship – *Christine Banas & Pete Shanno*** - Plans and conducts programs for the financial stewardship (including special offerings of the congregation, and interprets and promotes our mission locally and worldwide.

**Personnel – *Philip Wilson*** - Oversees the work of church employees, conducts annual performance reviews, and makes compensation recommendations to the session.

**Property – *Jack Peters*** - 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 – *Michael Sofia*** - Conceives and plans special services of worship, provides 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.

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

## DEACON'S RE-ORGANIZATION FOR 2016

The **Board of Deacons** held its reorganization meeting on January 5. They elected Vicky Li to serve as **Moderator** for the year 2016, Laura Collins to serve as Secretary, Susan Dindial/Venge Nyirongo as the Representative to the Nominating Committee, Linda McGarry as the Memorial Service Coordinator and Maryellen Neu to serve as Food Coordinator. They also reviewed Deacon's policies and procedures and made new "Flock" assignments.

## REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**To all committee chairs**, please call or email (201-944-1358 or secretaryleonia@gmail.com) the church office with the names of the people on your committee as soon as possible. It is also important that you call or email the church office with meeting dates, and any planned activities or special events. We would like to keep the church calendar as current as possible.

To those who have not signed up for a committee and would like to, please speak to the chair of the committee or call the church office and we will let the chair know. Thank you, Michele

## LET'S GET INVOLVED! HAVE YOU JOINED A COMMITTEE?

The committees and chairs are listed below. If you would like to be on a committee, and have not signed up, (see page 5 & 6 of the Newsletter) please contact the chair, I'm sure they will be pleased to hear from you:

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Asian Ministry          | Fumio Ito                     |
| Budget & Finance        | Joe VanDeWeert                |
| Christian Education     | Susanne Broffman              |
| Endowment               | Philip Wilson                 |
| Fellowship/Holiday Fair | Jane Wilson                   |
| Membership & Outreach   | Eulalla Cabrera               |
| Mission & Stewardship   | Christine Banas & Pete Shanno |
| Oelhaf House            | Pete Shanno                   |
| Personnel               | Philip Wilson                 |
| Property                | Jack Peters                   |
| Retreat                 |                               |
| Worship                 | Michael Sofia                 |

## NEED HELP?

### Can't find your church calendar, can't remember when the potluck dinner is?

Well fret no more, you can always log onto the website at [www.leoniapres.org](http://www.leoniapres.org) and find all the information at your fingertips. The website has all the latest information about our church, i.e. events, worship schedule, newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more. We also post audio and print versions of the Sunday sermons. If there is anything you would like to see on our website please let us know. Happy browsing. (And a great big thank you to Hyung Kune Shim for keeping it up-to-date and filled with ready-to-use information.)

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 8:00 PM**

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

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**by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia**

**Spring is on the way!**

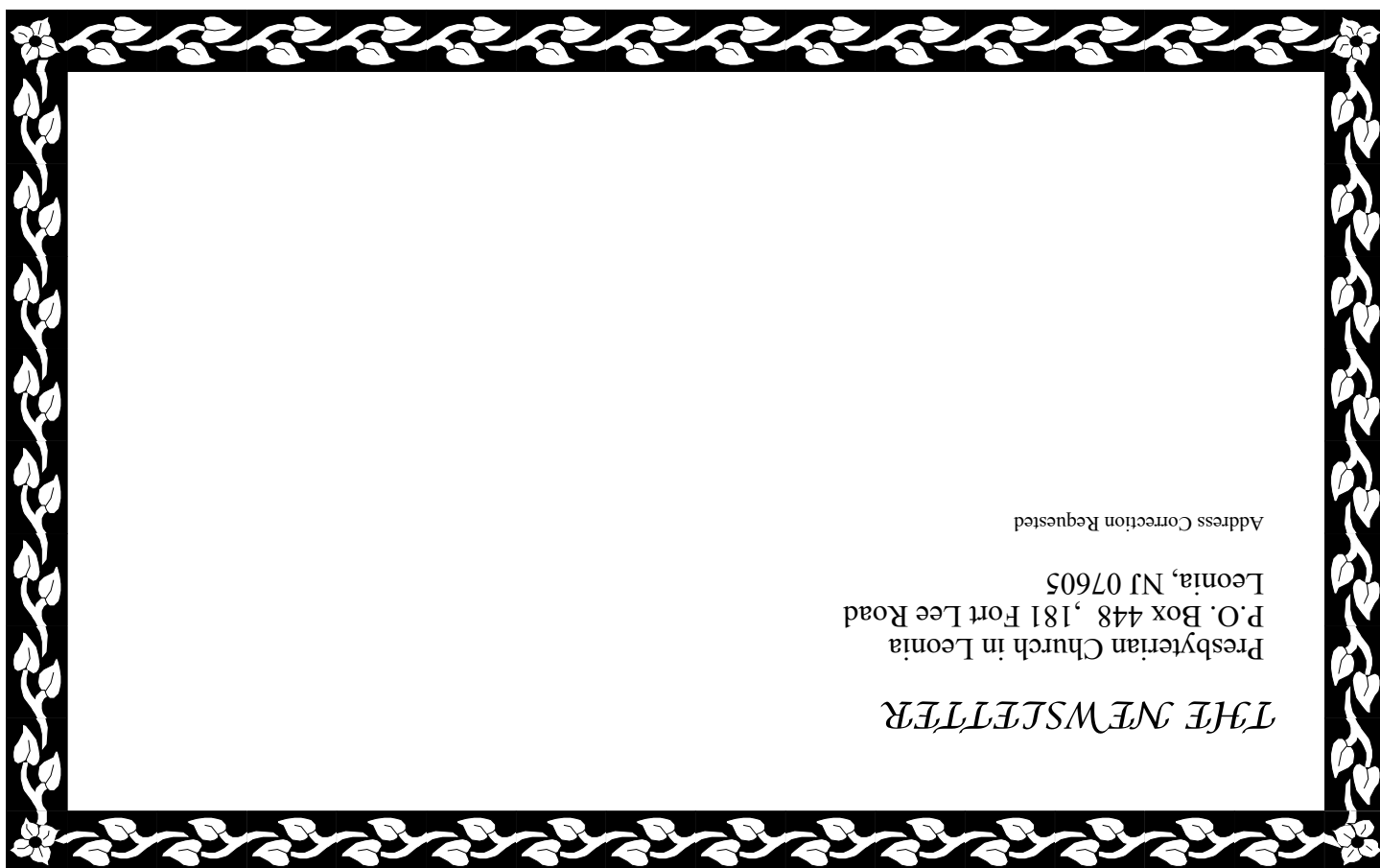
**Audience or Player, everyone is welcome!**

**\* 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.**



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*If you have not signed up for **CHANCEL FLOWERS** for a specific Sunday, please do so by signing up on the Flower Calendar which is on the wall above the coffee cart in the Entry 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 call Jane Wilson (201-947-1688) or the church office (201-944-1358). The cost is \$40 and we ask that you pay the Leonia Presbyterian Church when you sign up. The church will send a check to the florist at the end of each month. 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.*



**LUNAR NEW YEAR**, the Year of the Fire Monkey, will be celebrated on Sunday, February 21 with a Japanese drum group known as Manhattan Taiko. The group blends ancient traditional Japanese drums with modern movement and spirit. After the service we will have a potluck luncheon. More information will be announced and posted in the bulletin.