

The Newsletter

MARCH 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 in the search for our Interim Pastor.

Over the past several weeks the Committee has met weekly to evaluate and discuss each applicant. During the process the Committee made a unanimous decision that the Interim Pastor would be required to have his or her sermon in manuscript form prior to each Sunday service so that it could be copied and made available, as has been our practice for the past 15 years.

Recently we were able to narrow the list of candidates to a group of three finalists. We have listened to several sermons given by each of these three candidates and have conducted interviews with them as well. As of this writing the Committee is in the process of discerning between these three finalists.

The Committee will be meeting again on March 1. We hope to come to a decision in the near future. Once we do so, an Offer of an Interim Call will be made with the approval of the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of the Palisades.

We have received an incredible amount of help and guidance from Sharon Kroll of the Committee on Ministry and



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are excited about our progress thus far and confident that we will soon find an excellent Interim Pastor. Please continue to pray for God's will to be done in the search process.

Blessings,
Suzanne Broffman
Co-Chair IPSC

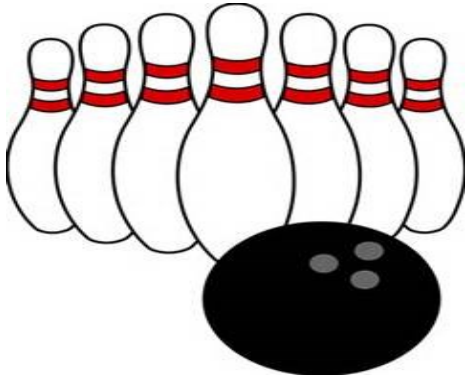
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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE NEW OVERPECK PARK Information on page 3

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IT IS TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS—See page 4

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Worship Schedule

We are going bowling! All are invited to attend Sunday, March 13th from 1 to 3 at Bowler City in Hackensack. Since we would like to reserve lanes, please let Susanne or Jonathan know, as soon as possible, if you are coming.

More things are happening in April, so watch for more announcements.

Sunday, March 6, 4th Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day, Mr. Paul Talarico will preach.

Sunday, March 13, 5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
The Rev. Fran Thiessen will preach.

Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday, The Rev Fran Thiessen will preach.

10:20 a.m. Assemble for Procession

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunrise Service

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service at Overpeck Park

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day and celebration of the Lord's Supper,
The Rev. Fran Thiessen will preach

After Worship: Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship Hour

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH



- 4 Kenneth Dindial
- 10 Lily Grace VanDeWeert
- 12 Maesyn Neu
- 14 Daphne Carriel
- 16 Bonnie Callahan
- 27 Darla Addabbo
- Susan Dindial
- Jackson Neu
- 29 Jonathan Lee
- 30 Virginia Brown

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 an associate or bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Application for this year's Bingham Scholarship are due at the church **no later than Sunday, April**. Anyone who wishes to apply may obtain an application from the church office (201-944-1358).

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March 6	Hwan Hee Kang, Ammal Varky
March 13	Susan Dindial, Judith Nyironge & Lisa VanDeWeert
March 20 (Palm Sunday)	Vicky Li, Fara Razafy,
March 24 (Maundy Thurs.)	Mwai Makoko, Wanangwa Nyirongo & Roberta Toolen
March 27 (Easter)	Susan Dindial, Rae Giannuzzi & Karen Peters

OFFERING COUNTERS

February 28	Ginny Brown & Pete Shanno
March 6	Fumio Ito & David Voreacos
March 13	Ginny Brown & Jonathan Phillips
March 20	Anne Stebbins & Fumio Ito
March 27	Hyung Shim & Pete Shanno

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

February 28	Sarah Han
March 6	Joe or Lisa VanDeWeert
March 13	Keyla Garcia
March 20	Liz Even-Ezra
March 27	Linda McGarry

Easter Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday, there will be a Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. We will gather at the octagon overhang in the new Overpeck Park. Immediately after the service there will be a breakfast at the I Hop, Cedar Lane, Teaneck for those who would like to join us. Seeing the sun rise is always a special "happening". When the sun rises on Easter Sunday it is an overwhelming JOY!

All necessary directions both the site of the service and breakfast at the I Hop will be on the Ark in the entry room. Also, don't forget there will be a worship service at the church at 10:30 a.m.

For any questions please call Michael Sofia 201-343-6206 or email at sfmchl@aol.com. If you need a ride, please let us know.

HELP DECORATE WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER!

You may come out on Saturday morning, March 26 at 10 a.m. to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Everyone is welcome to help.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR YOUR CONGREGATION FROM PSE&G

Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills. Applications will be accepted only until April 30th, 2016. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill who are not eligible for low income programs, moderate income programs, such as the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs, may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102, visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish).

Our Deepest Sympathy to

Grace Ceragno for the loss of her nephew John Barbieri, son of Beatrice Barbieri, who has attended a number of events at our church.

and Kenneth Dindial whose aunt Anne Marie, had been very ill, passed February 11th.

THANK YOU

Dear friends at the Leonia Presbyterian Church,

I am short of words to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you at this time of deepest sorrow of losing my son, Suresh, at the age of 47, on January 17, 2016. My Christian faith, hope and trust in God kept me going forward. The great team at the church did a fabulous job at the funeral service and at the reception after the service. I wish I could thank everyone individually, but I am afraid I might leave out someone. Please accept our heartfelt, sincere thanks. We will never forget your love, compassion, sympathy and prayers that we need at this time of deepest sorrow. May God bless you all abundantly.

With the Best Regards, Love and Prayers
Ammal Varky and family

EASTER FLOWERS



Help us decorate the church sanctuary for Easter by ordering **FLOWERS**. The cost is \$20 for lilies and \$12 for bulb plants, which could be hyacinths, tulips or daffodils depending on what is available at the time of purchase. Please call the church office (201-944-1358) no later than Friday, March 18. Checks should be made out to the Presbyterian Church in Leonia and designated for "Easter Flowers." Please let me know to whom you would like them dedicated and if you wish to pick up your plants or distribute to homebound friends.

Holy Week at the Presbyterian Church in Leonia 2013

Palm Sunday March 20

10:20 am Procession, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Join us as we wave Palm leaves to reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem during his last week of life. The crowds hailed him as King, but he rode a donkey, a sign of peace.

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 8 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday we commemorate Jesus' last meal with his disciples, his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his trial before the religious authorities.

Service with Communion and Tenebrae

at the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, with the Leonia United Methodist Church.

Annual Good Friday Walk

March 25 – Noon to 3 p.m.

On Good Friday we remember Jesus' trial before the Roman governor, and his death by crucifixion.

We start at noon at the Mount Zion Baptist Church on Schor Avenue and proceed in solemn procession to the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist in town, stopping at each for a brief time of worship, and ending at St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

People of all ages are welcome to participate for all or part of the walk.

Those who have trouble walking can drive between churches. Strollers are welcome.

Easter Sunday, March 27

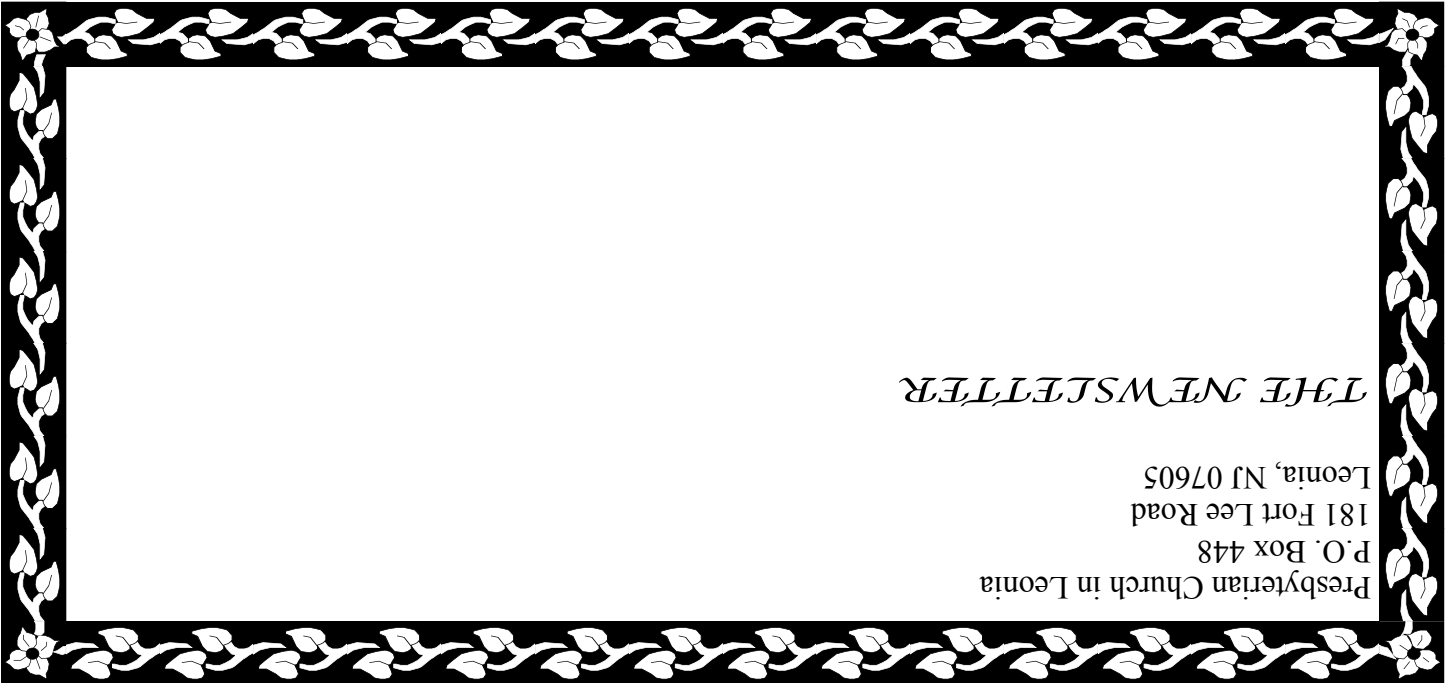
On Easter Sunday Christians celebrate the resurrection of our Lord from the dead.

6:15 a.m. Outdoor Sunrise Service at Overpeck Park

**10:30 a.m. Special Music and Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Fellowship & Easter Egg Hunt will follow.**

(Nursery Care provided)

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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 10. 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.