

# *The Newsletter*

APRIL 2019

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**MONDAY-8-10 A.M.**  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 1:00 –5:30 P.M.**  
**FRIDAY 8:00-12 NOON**



## **A Foretaste of Easter**

As I write this newsletter cover, it is the end of March. The air is still a bit chilly. We are in the thick of Lent—the 40 day spiritual journey towards Easter, when we explore the contours of Jesus’ experience on the road that would lead toward the cross.

And yet, due to newsletter deadlines, I am posting pictures and calendar info about Easter! What a strange thing to imagine Easter when your mind, body and spirit are still in the season of Lent. But so often, this is what Christians are called to do. In the midst of the shadows of death, in times of trial and despair, and even in the confines of injustice, we are called to conjure up the new life to which Christ calls us. I like to call this “resurrection imagination,” and it is the source of my resilience.

There are still 20 days in April before Easter dawns, so you will also likely read this newsletter before Easter arrives. What are the shadows of your life that need the hope of what God can do? Where do you see yourself or others bound by the chains of injustice that require subversion? How might you be an agent of the new life Christ dawns into the world? Through you and through me, God can—and will—make Christ live again!

With blessing and care,

Leah

-Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



**Month of April**

**GREETER**

Month of April: Venge Nyirongo

**SECOND READERS**

April 7: Suzanne Broffman

April 14: Pete Shanno

April 21: Vicky Li

April 28: Lily VanDeWeert

May 5: Trish Thams

**USHERS**

April 7: Karen Peters, Gretchen Harders, Chris Gajilan

April 14: Lisa VanDeWeert, Keyla Garcia, Cory Lehnbeuter

April 21: Fara Razafy, Susan Dindial, Anne Stebbins

April 28: Hyung Shim, Karen Peters, Vicky Li

May 5: Linda McGarry, Wanangua Nyirongo, Jeff Im

**COUNTERS**

April 7: Anne Stebbins, Pete Shanno

April 14: Fumio Ito, Jonathan Phillips

April 21: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

April 28: Jonathan Phillips, Pete Shanno

May 5: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito

**NURSERY**

April 7: Maryellen Neu

April 14: Melissa Maldonado

April 28: Kristen Richter

May 5: Joe VanDeWeert

**FLOWERS**

April 7: Lisa & Joe VanDeWeert

**THE STENKEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Stenken Family Scholarship was established for those seeking further education after high school. Initiated by John Stenken and presently endowed by Richard Stenken, the Stenken Family Scholarship is a testament to the Stenken's commitment as members and leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia. This scholarship is open to persons under the age of 25 who are members and active in the church. There is also a separate scholarship for young people to attend the Johnsonburg Presbyterian Summer Camp, if they or their parents are members of the church. Those who qualify and wish to apply for college scholarship assistance should apply now. Contact Pat in the Church Office for further information or call 201 944-1358.



**April 2019 Worship Schedule**

*Services are 10:30 am Sundays unless otherwise noted.*

**April 7: The Woman Who Anointed Jesus** with One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

**April 14: Palm Sunday!** Worship will begin with a palm processional around the parking lot. Our Sunday School Children will sing in worship. **We will share the Sacrament of Communion to begin Holy Week, and the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received.**

**April 18: Maundy Thursday worship at 8 p.m.** This meditative service of shadows and song leads us through the steps of Jesus' Last Supper, his betrayal, and his crucifixion.

**April 19: Ecumenical Good Friday Walk, 12-3 pm**

**beginning at Mount Zion Baptist Church (124 Schor Ave.)** Join Christian neighbors as we travel to the different church buildings in Leonia, offering prayer, song and meditation at each stop along the way. We will be at our own church at 1:20 pm, and our final stop is at St. John's Catholic Church.



**April 21: Easter Sunday!**

**Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. at the "New" Overpeck Park**

(if you're coming from the church, turn right onto Fort Lee Road. When you get to the Overpeck Park intersection, turn left into the park. Follow the drive to the right of the roundabout. Pass the boat launch parking lot, then park at the next parking lot on the left. Follow the path by foot to the dock on the lake).

**Sanctuary Service at 10:30 a.m. with joyful worship and communion.** There is no Sunday School this day but we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after worship- bring an Easter basket.



**April 28: Earth Day themed Worship Service,** with Children's Garden Planting after worship

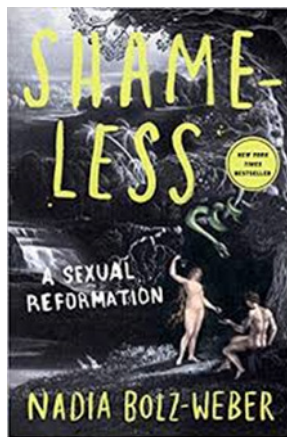
### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	A.J. Puzzo
April 4	Cindy Klingner
April 8	Phyllis Puzzo
April 10	PJ VanDeWeert
April 13	Sofie Hwang
April 15	Karen Klingner
	Mialy Rakotoselson
April 19	Tony Puzzo
April 23	Olivia Taylor
April 26	Gavin Maldonado
April 28	Cynthia Callahan
	Cory Lehnbeuter
April 29	Angie Chung
April 30	Debby Sahai



### Lenten Book Discussion

Have you been reading *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* by Nadia Bolz-Weber this Lent? Then you are invited to a discussion gathering on Sunday, April 14 at 3 pm at the home of MinBum Koo and Diane Lee. They live in Fort Lee; please email Diane at [duhyoung@gmail.com](mailto:duhyoung@gmail.com) to RSVP and she will give you directions.







The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Sunday, April 14. This is an offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a crucial support to the mission programs of our denomination, both in this country and globally. Your donation will help:

- PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
- PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

**\$25** can provide up to 10 jerry cans to help families more easily transport clean water to their homes.

One Great Hour of Sharing

**\$40** can buy a piglet for an economic development and food security project.

One Great Hour of Sharing

**\$50** can buy a water filter to reduce contaminants in drinking water and keeps 300 bottles out of landfills.

One Great Hour of Sharing

## **Presbyterian Church in Leonia** **Kitchen & Bathrooms Reservations Update for April 2019**

So what's taking so long? Why is the Women's Bathroom not available yet? It does seem as though our renovations have gotten a little bogged down. The *work* itself – building what needed to be built – has gone very well, but there are certain parts of the renovation still not finished.

We received the Women's Bathroom sink on the last Friday in March, about one month late. Rick Pumo, our construction manager, has had many explanations given to him, but the truth is that somehow that particular order got screwed up!

We all need to understand that particularly the kitchen will not be usable until we receive a certificate of occupancy (CO). We are using the all gender bathroom informally as it is not yet been inspected. Code officials for electrical, plumbing, fire safety, and health department will do inspections sequentially after each of those trades has completed all work for the trade, i.e all electrical, etc.

All appliances except the refrigerator have been purchased and installed. The committee is in the process now of identifying and purchasing the best refrigerator for the church. We are *nearly there!*

Keep faith in your Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovation Committee: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Peter Shanno, Susan Shanno, Linda McGarry, Olivia Taylor, Lisa VanDeWeert, MB Koo, and Philip Wilson with the Rev Dr. Leah Fowler.



**April 12th (Fri) 8:00 PM**

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

**by Presbyterian Church in Leonia**

**Happy Easter!**

**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: April 12th, 2019 (Friday)**

**8:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Next Session: May 10th, 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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