

# THE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

Be the Church!

On Sunday, February 4, we will have a special moment in the worship service where we will install and ordain our newest elders and deacons. In the Presbyterian tradition, we elect church officers to help with the ministry of the church: elders offer administrative leadership, and deacons offer a ministry of service and care; both elders and deacons are spiritual leaders of the church.

And all of our church community can also take part in the ministry and leadership of our church. Please count on attending the Annual Meeting, February 11 after worship. We will share lunch. Childcare will be provided. And then we will do a sort of a churchy State of the Union, so you can see what we have accomplished from our different committees, and how we use the budget you so faithfully provide. We will vote on the 2018 budget, and pray God's guidance in our coming year together. We will also show our gratitude for the good work our leaders enact.

At our last Officers' Retreat, we had some important discussions about our mission focus, and about our growing numbers of children and families and how we can best support their welcome and spiritual nurture. Stay tuned for more communication about what comes out of these discussions!

We also have some new committee leadership, and it is not too late to volunteer to take a role, whether your gifts are to set the table for communion, work on a budget, keep our building in good shape for ministry, or bring a meal to someone in need.

Our church takes some work to lead. But we also know when to feast and have fun! Mark your calendars for Feb. 25, which is our church's Lunar New Year Celebration and is not to be missed! Think of a dish to share from your family after worship, which will include a special expression of dance from Chinese artists.

Together, we are the body of Christ. Thanks for your role you offer in making the shape of it. We would not be the same without you.

-Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor

## **EPIPHANY SUNDAY-PROCESSION OF THE THREE KINGS**





### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

February 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
10:30 a.m. Worship

- COMMUNION
- Installation & Ordination of new Elders and Deacons

February 11: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
10:30 a.m. Worship

- Deacons offer Prayer and Anointing
- Annual Meeting after worship with lunch

February 14: 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday

- Service at Bethany Presbyterian Church  
62 West Palisades Avenue Englewood, NJ

February 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
10:30 a.m. Worship

- First Sunday in Lent

February 25: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
10:30 a.m. Worship

- Second Sunday in Lent
- Lunar New Year Celebration

### **USHERS**

February 11: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Hyung Shim

February 18: Jeff Im, Kristen Richter, Jihyun Ki

February 25:

Lisa VanDeWeert, Roberta Toolen, Keyla Garcia

### **COUNTERS**

February 11: Hyung Shim, Jonathan Phillips

February 18: Anne Stebbins, Pete Shanno

February 25: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

### **FLOWERS**

February 11: Leah Puzzo

February 18: Nancy Salvati

February 25: Karen Klinger

### **NURSERY**

February 11: Lisa or Joe VanDeWeert

February 18: Sarah Han



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 call Jane Wilson (201-947-1688) or 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.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

A Happy and Healthy Birthday to Everyone!

### **BIBLE STUDYS**

Our Wednesday Bible Study meets at 10:45 am and our ESL Bible Study meets every Sunday from noon-1pm, and includes lunch. New members are always welcome to any of these classes. Come and explore faith together and make closer relationships in the process.

### **2018 PLEDGES**

Everyone who has asked for 2018 weekly envelopes should have received your box. If you should have any concerns or questions about the system or with pledges, please contact Pat Major or Rev Leah.

### **Per Capita Apportionment for 2018**

The amount for the year 2018 is \$40.23 per church member and is distributed as follows:

- A Presbytery Per Capita  
(\$28.40 per member)
- B Synod Per Capita  
(\$4.10 per member)
- C General Assembly Per Capita  
(\$7.73 per member).

If you are a member of our church, please contribute to our per capita payment if you are able.



Elin Park, Jeff Im and Baby Sia



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, New Jersey will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018, after the Worship Service in conjunction with a luncheon.

The meeting is for the purpose of:

Receiving of the Annual Reports.

Transacting other business as is appropriate

BY order of the Session

NEWS FROM SESSION

New elders were welcomed to Session as those finishing their terms attended their final meeting. Session continues to work on a viable plan for the much-needed renovations of our kitchen and bathrooms. The bathrooms, especially, desperately need work, but we must also come up with a way to finance this major undertaking. Rev. Leah will discuss further with the architect to look for ways to reduce costs while meeting our needs and building code requirements.

We await the end of a 45 day waiting period to allow objections to be raised with Leonia's Planning Board regarding our proposed new LED sign. If no problems arise we hope to begin work in mid-February.

Our next Session meeting will be February 13 at 7:30.

Session meets on the second Tuesday of each month, and any interested member of the congregation may attend.

Cynthia Callahan, Clerk of Session

# Let's celebrate the Lunar New Year Together!

February 25, 2018 (Sunday)

**ESL Students and Family are invited!**

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***Worship Service starts 10:30 AM***

*Guest Performers:*

***Chinese-American Family Coalition***  
*(Playing Chinese instruments, Dancing & Singing)*

***Potluck Lunch starts 11:50 AM***

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**Date & Time:** February 25, 2018 (Sunday)

- \* Worship Service including performance: 10:30 AM – 11:40 AM
- \* Potluck Lunch: 11:50 AM – 1:00 PM

**Place:** The Presbyterian Church in Leonia

(Address: 181 Fort Lee Rd., Leonia, NJ 07605 Phone: 201-944-1358)

**Please bring** (If you wish to join the Potluck Lunch): A favorite dish (appetizer, main dish, dessert, or salad) to share with others. If you cannot bring dishes, do not worry, suggested donation is \$5.00 per person.

**Please sign up by Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we know how many people are coming and what food (dish) you are bringing.**

Sponsored by Asian Ministry Program  
The Presbyterian Church in Leonia

**February 9th (Fri) 8:00 PM**

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

**Sponsored by the 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 9th, 2018 (Friday)**

**8:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Next Session: March 9th, 2018 (Fri), same time.**

**Program will continue once a month,**

**Every second Friday night.**

**WHERE: The 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)**

**Yoshie Tanigawara (Bass)**

**Max Wang (Drums/Percussion)**

**Mike Ito (Guitar)**

**Please contact the following for any question.**

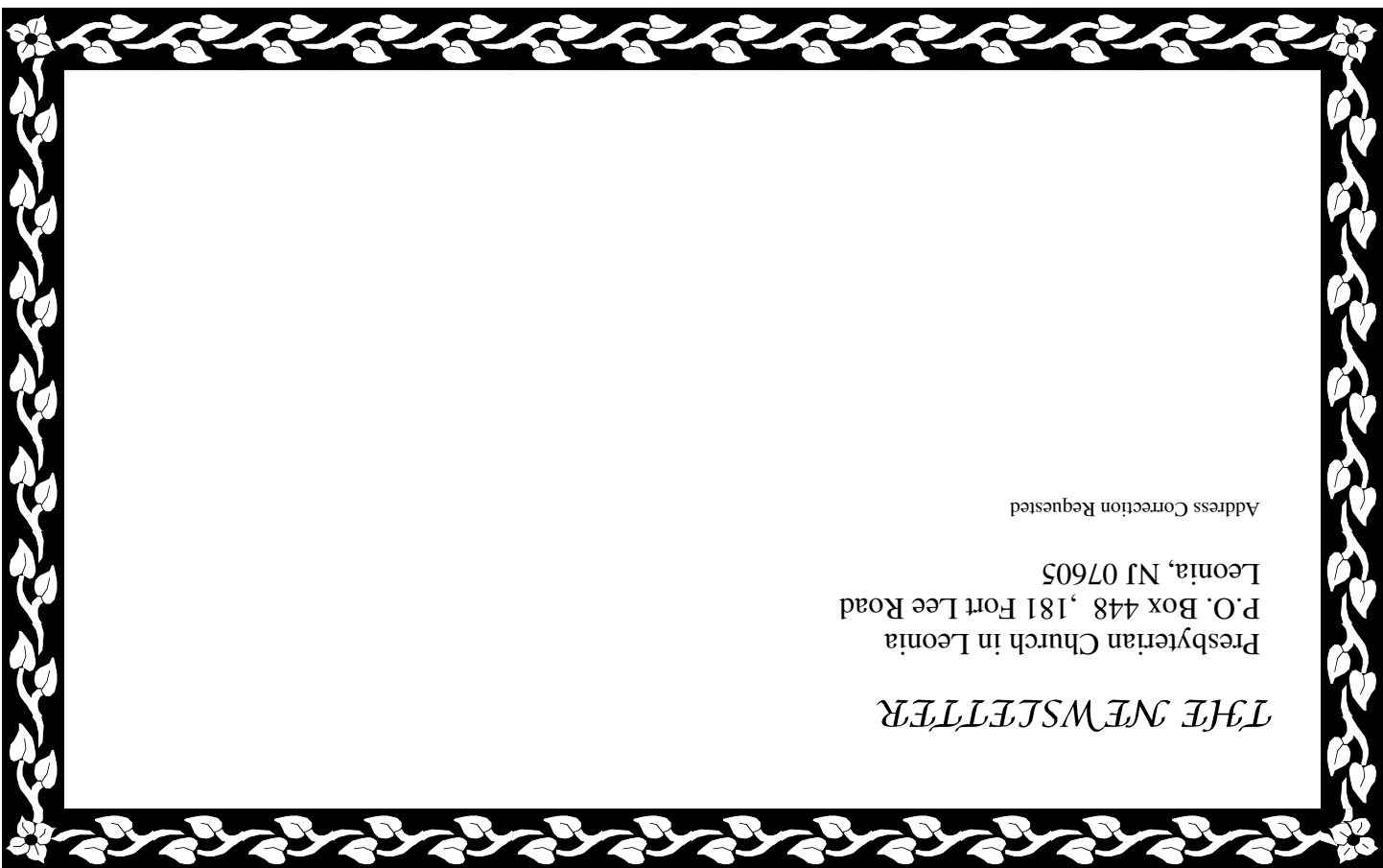
**Church: [secretaryleonia@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryleonia@gmail.com) or 201-944-1358**

**Coordinator, Mike Ito: [mike.ito@verizon.net](mailto:mike.ito@verizon.net) or 201-679-6616**

**Church website: [www.leoniapres.org](http://www.leoniapres.org)**

February 2018 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
				7:30 pm CoFIA meeting		
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
9:30 am Sunday School	9:30 a.m. ESL Family Class	10:00 a.m. ESL Class(2)	9:00 a.m. ESL Class	10:00 a.m. ESL Class(2)	8:00 pm Jazz Jam	
10:30 am Worship	10:00 a.m. ESL Class		10:45 am Bible Study	4:30 pm Daisy Troop Meeting		
11:45 am ESL Bible	7:30 pm Asian Ministry		7:30 pm AI-Anon	1:00 p.m. ESL Class		
COMMUNION Installation & Ordination of New Elders & Deacons 3:00 pm Japanese Language Service	7:00 p.m. ESL Class			7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
9:30 am Sunday School	9:30 a.m. ESL Family Class	10:00 a.m. ESL Class(2)	9:00 a.m. ESL Class	10:00 a.m. ESL Class(2)		
10:30 am Worship Deacons offer Prayer & Anointing	10:00 a.m. ESL Class	7:30 pm Session Meeting	10:45 am Bible Study	1:00 p.m. ESL Class		
Annual Meeting with Lunch	7:00 p.m. ESL Class		7:30 pm ASH Wednesday service at Bethany Presby- terian (Englewood)	3:00 pm Japanese Christian Church Children's Workshop		
				7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
<b>18</b>	<b>Presidents Day19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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10:30 am Worship FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	10:00 a.m. ESL Class		10:45 am Bible Study	1:00 p.m. ESL Class		
11:45 am ESL Bible	7:00 p.m. ESL Class		7:30 pm AI-Anon	4:30 pm Daisy Troop Meeting		
3:00 pm Japanese Language Service				7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			
9:30 am Sunday School	9:30 a.m. ESL Family Class	10:00 a.m. ESL Class(2)	9:00 a.m. ESL Class			
10:30 am Worship SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	10:00 a.m. ESL Class		10:45 am Bible Study			
LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRA- TION	7:00 p.m. ESL Class		7:30 pm AI-Anon			



Address Correction Requested

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#### SEEKING A KEYBOARD!

Our Music Director, Renee Guerrero-Harris, is hoping to find a full-size electric keyboard tucked away in someone's basement or attic! A keyboard would allow the choir to rehearse outside the sanctuary, making scheduling easier at busy times for our church such as tree-trimming and decorating, pageant rehearsals, etc. Please speak with Renee or call the church office, if you have a keyboard you no longer need, or know someone who does!

