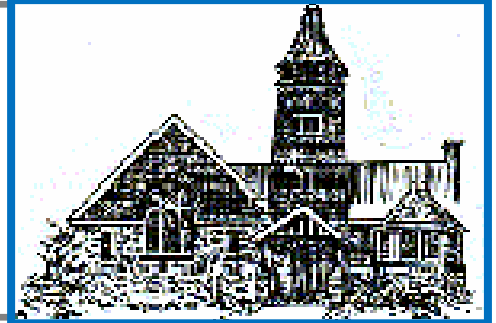


THE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

**181 FORT LEE ROAD, P.O. BOX 448
LEONIA, NJ 07605
TEL. 201 944-1358
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY 8-10 A.M.
TUESDAY & THURSDAY 1:00-5:30 P.M.
FRIDAY 8-12 NOON**



Calling All Disciples!

We are in a new year, and our theme of worship revolves around the idea of "calling." First, on January 7, we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday, when through the star, the Magi are called to travel from the East to greet and honor the Christ child. The next week, we celebrate the Baptism of Christ, when a voice from heaven announces to Jesus, "You are my Son, the Beloved; in you I am well pleased." From there, we follow Jesus' ministry in Mark's gospel, where he calls disciples and casts out demons in God's name.

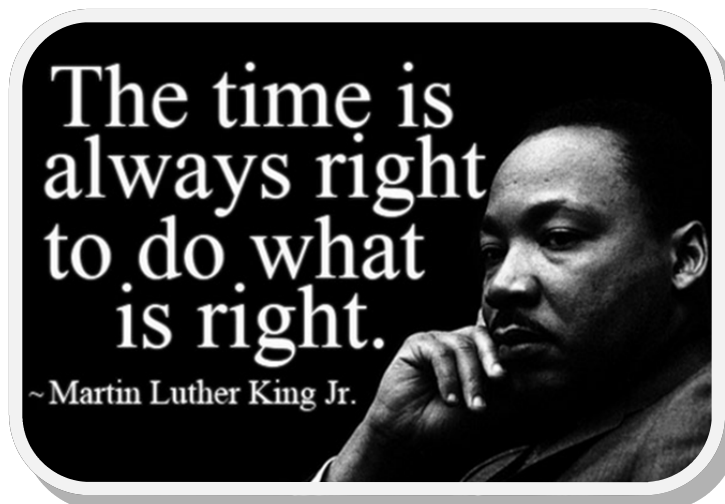
Mark was the first of our four gospels written. Matthew and Luke borrow heavily from Mark. Mark was written around 70 CE, during the time of the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by Rome, following 4 years of Jewish uprising against Roman oppressive rule. So, Mark's recording of Jesus' ministry is written with a revolutionary's zeal. It is a good time as well to listen to the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.-- who, though coming two thousand years later, also had a revolutionary zeal that called us towards difficult and important change.

With the new year, our church officers will also listen to how God and the church are calling us. At our officers' retreat on Jan. 27, we will listen to ideas of our congregation and clarify goals for the year and beyond. We hope to make movement on remodeling plans for our church restrooms and kitchen, and also to consider a proposal to form a position for Christian Educator as we are attracting more and more families with children to our church and want to be thoughtful as to how we form our youngest disciples.

May God bless each of you individually, and us as a whole church, as we tune in to where God calls us next.

Warmly,

Leah
Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



January 2018

Sunday, January 7

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany Sunday
Procession of the Three Kings
Communion

Congregational Meeting:
(Meeting to elect new church officers)

Sunday, January 14

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Baptismal of the Lord/Remembering The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
We celebrate after worship the first birthday of Sia Im, daughter of Jeff & Elin.
It is a Korean tradition to offer blessings for the child at the
Cheot-bol or first birthday celebration

Sunday, January 21

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
"Whale-Tales and Other Stories Worth Telling": Jonah 3:1-10 and Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 28

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
"When the Devil Speaks the Truth": Mark 1:21-28



Time and Talents Sheet

Every parishioner has a special gift to share with the congregation and we would like to capture your commitment. Please consider your commitment time and talents and fill out the Time & Talents Sheet attached. Completed sheets can be left in the collection plate or sent to the church office.



If you would like to sign up for Chancel Flowers for a specific Sunday, please do so by signing up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board in the Entry Room. If you live out of town and would like to donate flowers for a loved one, anniversary, birthday or any other special occasion, please contact Jane Wilson or the church office (201-944-1358).

2018 Membership Envelopes

Please pick up your 2018 Membership card boxes which will be on the Ark. If you should have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Rev. Fowler or Pat Major in the church office.

Presbyterian Church in Leonia on Facebook

You can check out our most recent pictures on the church's FACEBOOK page. Just type in "Presbyterian Church in Leonia" on the "Search Facebook" strip at the top of the page, and click. Pictures!

USHERS

January 14: Lisa VanDeWeert, Roberta Toolen, Keyla Garcia

January 21: Fara Razavy, Vicky Li, Linda McGarry

January 28: Susan Dindial, MaryEllen Neu, Virginia Cora

February 4: Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo

COUNTERS

January 14: Hyung Shim, Jonathan Philips

January 21: Anne Stebbins, Pete Shanno

January 28: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

February 4: Olivia Taylor, Fumio Ito

FLOWERS

January 14: Jane Wilson

NURSERY

January 14: Angie Chung

January 21: Judy Nyirongo

January 28: Yukiko Aoki

February 4: Vicky Li

Officers' Retreat

There will be an Officers' Retreat on Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. At this meeting, the Deacons and Elders, who are the ordained officers of the church, will gather to discuss the spiritual leadership, the business, and the pastoral needs of the church. We will define goals for the coming year and beyond. If you have ideas or considerations you would like discussed, please contact an Elder, Deacon or the Pastor. The Elder who is Clerk of Session is Cynthia Callahan (cynthiagranville@verizon.net), and the Lead Deacon is Vicky Li (vlnamnyak@gmail.com).

COFFEE CART ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to set up/clean up coffee cart each week. It only takes a few minutes to prepare. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the coffee cart. If you can do one week or more, it would be greatly appreciated.



ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Reports Are Due January 12! Committee Chairs, please submit your report on key actions by your committee in 2017, for our Annual Meeting which will be Feb. 11. Please be prompt in your submissions. If you need further information or have any questions, please contact Pat Major or Rev. Leah.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Leonia will be held Sunday February 11, 2018. Please mark your calendars

NOTES FROM SESSION

- This month the Session is pleased that we will be recognized by the Girl Scouts for being Styrofoam-free. We've been so for a while, but we're happy to make it official.
- There was general agreement that reaction was positive to our Community Christmas Carol Sing. It's too soon to decide whether this event will permanently replace our Holiday Fair, which took a break this year, but a good time was had by all who attended.
- Work has also continued on our Child Protection Policy, which will outline various procedures designed to safeguard our children and youth including background checks for those working with them.
- The 2018 budget was approved, and we're preparing to welcome new Session members after the Congregational Meeting on January 7.
- Among the business the new Session will address in 2018 will be exploring the possibility of hiring a Christian Education director as our number of young people continues to grow, and overseeing the installation of a new sign for our church upon final approval from the town.
- Our next meeting will be January 9 at 7:30pm and, as always, any interested member of the congregation may attend. If you can't attend this month, note that meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month.

January 12th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION! Sponsored

by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

A Happy New Year!

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: January 12th, 2018 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: February 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 & Nick Iannantuano (Drums/

Percussion)

Mike Ito (Guitar)

Please contact the following for any question.

Church: secretaryleonia@gmail.com or 201-944-1358

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

Church website: www.leoniapres.org



ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Beginning the Week of February 5th.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Leonia

**Everyone is welcome,
From Beginner to Intermediate/Advanced!**

- Learn English vocabulary and idioms
- Practice speaking English
- Find out about American culture
- Make new friends!

Registration for Spring Semester

WHEN: Thursday January 25, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Tuesday January 30, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**WHERE: The Presbyterian Church in Leonia
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Please contact the following for any questions or assistance.

In English; Mark Roger: englishinleonia@gmail.com 201-641-0067

Korean; Hyung Shim: hkshim@gmail.com 917-952-2559

Japanese; Mike Ito: mike.ito@verizon.net 201-679-6616

Spanish; Susan Shanno: susannpete@aol.com 201-944-4603/201-615-7966

Church Office; secretaryleonia@gmail.com 201-944-1358

MATERIALS/ADMINISTRATION FEE:

Classes meeting once a week: \$25.00/semester

Visit our website: www.learnenglishinleonia.org



ESL FAMILY

Music, Story and play class

February-May 2018

The English Conversation in Leonia is sponsoring a class for parents and young children together, walkers-age 5, for a class that will help teach English as we sing and play together. The class will meet Monday mornings from 9:30-10:30 and is \$25 per child; children must come with a parent or caregiver.

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Learn English!

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Share Music!

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Make Friends!

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Play!

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**Learn together
with your child!**

NAME, TELEPHONE AND EMAIL

MY COMMITMENT FOR 2018

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): (**Check boxes** where you would like to serve)

Worship

Chancel Choir

Special Music

Usher

Read Scripture

Pray for prayer requests after worship

Church School and Child Care

Christian Education (Teach Church School/Adult Education)

Youth Chaperone

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

Serve as a "Prayer Partner" for one of our committees

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. **Check boxes** where you would like to serve.

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. Help lay groundwork for a new youth group for teens and tweens at our church.

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, ush-

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Year's		10:45 am Bible Study	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:30 pm Asian Ministry		
				7:30 pm CoFIA meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am Sunday School				4:30 pm Daisy Troop Meeting	8:00 pm Jazz Jam	
10:30 am Worship		7:30 pm Session Meeting	10:45 am Bible Study	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
11:45 am ESL Bible			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Community Chest Meeting		
COMMUNION Congregational Meeting 3:00 pm Japanese Language Service						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 am Sunday School						
10:30 am Worship	M L King Day	6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	10:45 am Bible Study	3:00 pm Japanese Christian Church Children's Workshop		
11:45 am ESL Bible			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
				7:30 pm Oelhaf Advisory Meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 am Sunday School				10:00 am ESL Class Registration		9:00am Officers' Retreat
10:30 am Worship			10:45 am Bible Study	4:30 pm Daisy Troop Meeting		
11:45 am ESL Bible			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
3:00 pm Japanese Language Service				7:00 pm ESL Class Registration		
28	29	30	31			
			10:45 am Bible Study			
9:30 am Sunday School		10:00 am ESL Class Registration	7:30 pm AI-Anon			
10:30 am Worship		7:00 pm ESL Class Registration				
11:45 am ESL Bible						



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January Birthdays

January 3 Beverly Boyle
January 6 Maurice Lovell
January 10 Abbie Lee
January 14 Molly Callahan
January 15 Fumio Ito
January 17 Hiroshi Muto
January 25 Rayna Marie Addabbo
January 25 Darlayne Ann Addabbo
January 25 Linda McGarry
January 26 Maryellen Neu
January 31 Leah Puzzo
January 31 Leah Fowler

