

# *The Newsletter*

JULY AND AUGUST 2019

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### A Spirited Summer!

In many churches, summer is the time when things slow down and people take a break from their ordinary rhythms, including church. My hope is that you do take the chance this summer to slow down, and allow God to change your ordinary rhythm—but consider church as a place to help you do that! We have worship every Sunday, and my hope is that each service offers something life-giving to you, so that you may then offer that life to others.

This summer, we have some especially meaningful opportunities. We will worship a couple times outside of our normal rhythms, with leaders including Rabbi Barry Schwartz, and a special missionary guest, Dr. Cesar Carhuachin, who will tell us all about what the Presbyterian Church in Colombia is doing. We will also worship in a way that celebrates God's creation—by blessing the animals on August 25!

Some of us will be going on the August Mission Trip to Atlantic City. Even though it is in New Jersey, life is different there, and we will be shaped by that difference in impactful ways, as we try to live the gospel by seeing Christ in the face of those we serve, who face hunger, homelessness and poverty.

Finally, summer is a time that allows us to connect in new ways! We have some fun social activities—to the beach, making dumplings, and kayaking—that will strengthen our bonds as the body of Christ and build relationships across ages and cultures.

Enjoy the summer, and find the Holy Spirit offering to you a different, and holy, rhythm.

With Blessing and Care,

Leah

-Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



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**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*We will worship during the summer in the Community Room, which is cool, since the Sanctuary is not air-conditioned.*

*Worship remains at 10:30 am*

July 14:	Just A Great Sunday to Worship God!
July 21:	Guest Preacher Rabbi Barry Schwartz
July 28:	Missionary Sunday: Mission Co-Worker Dr. Cesar Carhuachin
August 4:	Communion Sunday
August 11:	Deacons offer Ritual of Anointing and Prayer
August 18:	Commissioning Atlantic City Mission Volunteers
August 25:	9:45 am Blessing of the Animals Ceremony; 10:30 worship
September 1:	Blessing of the Backpacks



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## **USHERS**

July 14: Matthew Watson

July 21: Hyung Shim, Anne Stebbins

July 28: Chris Gajilan, Kai Gajilan Fowler

August 4: Matthew Watson

August 11: Susan Dindial

August 25: Tara Coleman

## **SECOND READERS**

July 14: Diane Lee

July 21: Susan Shanno

July 28: Cory Woodhead

August 4: Eulalia Cabrera

August 11: Vicky Li

August 18: Diane Lee

## **COUNTERS**

July 14: Hyung Shi, Jonathan Phillips

July 21: Anne Stebbins, Peter Shanno

July 28: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

August 4: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito

August 11: Hyung Shim

August 18: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

August 25: Jonathan Phillips, Fumio Ito

## **GREETER**

July and August: Laura Collins



We honor how the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of our recent graduates: Cory Woodhead, Reeve Olivia Harden, Sibonike Mwenifumbo, Eric Hwang, and (not pictured) Nick Topousis.

**Summer Worship!**



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The Center for Food Action loves getting donations during the summer months, when we are far from holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas when the generosity floods in. Consider a shopping trip—and if you have a child in your life, this is a good chance to teach them about food insecurity and about sharing with others. You can bring them to the church and a volunteer will then bring it to the CFA. Here are the items most needed right now: Supermarket gift cards, canned tuna and chicken, hearty soups, canned corn and beans, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce and pasta, low-sugar cereals, boxed milk (such as Parmalat), instant potatoes, rice, 100% juice, baby formula and diapers. Lastly, pet food to be distributed to families with pets is also being accepted.



Taking Action to End  
Hunger & Homelessness



### **Blessing of the Animals—Presbyterian Church in Leonia Lawn**

Sunday, August 25 at 9:45 am, Church Lawn

Whether your favorite animal is feathered or furry, scaly, slithering, swimming or scampering, all creatures are welcome. Please have your pets caged or leashed for their own protection. Bring a blanket so you can sit with your pet; there will also be a few chairs. Water and dog treats too! The blessing will last about 15 minutes and then you are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:30.



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## Our Summer Worship Guests

### **July 21: Rabbi Barry Schwartz**

Rabbi Barry Schwartz leads Congregation Adas Emuno, a Reform Jewish synagogue in Leonia, and also, as Director of the Jewish Publication Society, the rabbi is a leading author of Jewish texts. He has been a friend to the congregation for many years, and has collaborated with us on things like the Passover for Justice Seder. Rabbi Schwartz lives in Leonia with his wife Deborah, and they have 3 grown children. For fun, he likes to be active and outdoors, and you may have seen him around town riding his bike or playing tennis. He will be preaching on Psalm 8 and is excited to be with the church.



### **July 28: Dr. Cesar Carhuachind**

Dr. Carhuachind is a Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Co-Worker serving the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia. Dr. Carhuachind is from Peru and has degrees from Drew University in NJ and from seminary in Argentina; he has done several years of ministry in the US in addition to his work in South America. Dr. Carhuachind is currently on a Mission Interpretation tour of the US to tell churches about the good work of the Colombian Presbyterians, especially in areas of human rights, empowerment of women, peacemaking after years of political violence, education, and strengthening of the church. You are invited to a lunch afterwards to hear more; there is much to learn from the IPC's ministry, and there may be ways to partner with them in the future.



## Get Social this Summer!



**Overpeck Kayak Day: Saturday, July 20** Kayaks cost \$15.00 for 2 hours, 10:00 am-noon. Children 5 and up can canoe with a parent; 9 and up can kayak with an adult. Bring a lunch or gather with the group and go out to lunch! RSVP with Jihyun Kim at [mulmint@gmail.com](mailto:mulmint@gmail.com) or Nancy Salvati at [nancys@nj.rr.com](mailto:nancys@nj.rr.com).



**Beach Trip!** Tuesday, July 30 we will meet at the church at 8:30 am and ride together to the Jersey Shore. Please bring sunscreen, money for admission (\$5-\$9 depending on which beach we choose), towel and/or chair, and a bag lunch or money to eat on the boardwalk. To sign up, please contact Nancy Salvati at [nancys@nj.rr.com](mailto:nancys@nj.rr.com).



**Dumpling Delight!** Friday, August 30 from 6-8:30 pm. Koreans call them "Mandoo." In Japan, they are "Gyoza." In China, there are wontons, jiaozi, and the list goes on of what tastiness can be made with a little bit of juicy shrimp, meat, and/or vegetables wrapped and steamed in a thin pastry. Some of our local cooks will lead you in learning how to wrap a couple different varieties of Asian dumplings. Please bring \$8, clean hands for wrapping, and an appetite! RSVP to Jihyun Kim at [mulmint@gmail.com](mailto:mulmint@gmail.com) or Diane Lee at [duhyoung@gmail.com](mailto:duhyoung@gmail.com).



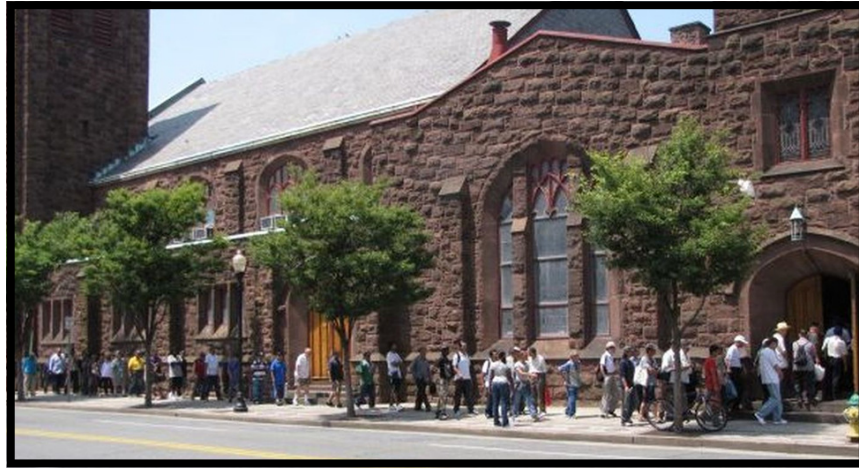
## Mission Trip 2019: Atlantic City

August 18-23, 2019 Presbyterian Church in Leonia

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" -Jesus

**Seeking:** Volunteers to spend a week to feed hundreds daily and provide home repairs in Atlantic City to residents still dealing with the aftermath of 2012 Superstorm Sandy. .

Don't forget to register for this Mission Trip. Teens are welcome on their own with parental permission and release. And unattached adults are welcome too! Please see Keyla Garcia or Leah Fowler for details. Cost is \$50 per person plus shared food expenses, to be determined. Registration forms are on the Ark.



Trish, Ollie, Suzanne, Unzu, Tara, Chris, Leah, and Kai attend the Pride March in NYC.

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### Presbyterian Church in Leonia Kitchen & Bathrooms Update for July 2019

It's done! It looks great! Thanks go to everyone!  
We have the certificate from the Municipal Code Officials!

## Special Thanks To Donors

Last month I wrote the two lines above. I was particularly delighted to wrap this project up. It caused me some anxiety as we hit unexpected amounts of wood rot and when we ran afoul of local code enforcement personnel. Thankfully everything worked out. But in last month's email ***The group I did not adequately thank are the donors!***

When we did the original "Silent Campaign," the time we surveyed 10 likely donors and got early feedback about the idea of the Renovations Campaign, we learned that many people in the church thought the best answer was, "just take it from reserves." But a number of members thought that our reserves have a special place and that certainly we need to take part from reserves, but we could also expect that part would be paid by the congregation through special pledges.

Whichever group you are part of, we hope that you love the revitalization of both bathrooms and the kitchen. We thank every member of the congregation for voting unanimously to take the cost of renovations upfront from our reserves and we especially want to say: **Thank You to those church members who are enabling us to put back a little bit less than one third of the total amount we used from reserves.** Thank you for helping to keep our reserves strong.

The total amount pledged so far is \$72,095. We are grateful for every dollar. They add up! Thank you for your caring about our church!

The Campaign Committee: Susan Shanno and Philip Wilson



Look at all these helpers in our new kitchen!





## **Heaven on Earth at the annual church retreat**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 7 - Sunday, September 8** and get ready for good times with good people! Our theme this year is *Heaven on Earth* with lots of good discussions and fun activities for all.

The annual retreat at Camp Johnsonburg is fun for every one – no matter how old or young, holy or unholy, searching or sure you are. So, please join us! Come for the day or come for the night! Just come ready to have some fun!

Please fill out the registration form on the Ark and give to Lisa VanDeWeert, Leah Fowler or directly to Pat in the office.

Email [betsyvoreacos@aol.com](mailto:betsyvoreacos@aol.com) for more info or if you need help making it happen. We want YOU there! It's fun!

**Annual Fall Retreat  
Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center,  
Johnsonburg, NJ  
September 7-8, 2019**

# CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION

Please return to Betsy Voreacos in person or by mail:

270 Grove Street / Teaneck, NJ 07666

betsyvoreacos@aol.com

Saturday September 7-Sunday September 8, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_ Overnight

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only

(includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

## Overnight Cost:

Adults: \$125

Kids (ages 4-11): \$80

## Saturday Only:

Adults: \$75.00

Kids (4-11)\$50.00

Name of Adult(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Kid(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can donate a little extra to help those who may need financial assistance.

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:

**We want you to come!** So, if cost is an issue, please speak to Betsy Voreacos or Leah Fowler and we'll work something out.

**It will be fun, we promise!**

**July 12th (Fri) AND AUGUST 9th (Fri) 8:00 PM**

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

**Sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Leonia**

Join us for this COOL event in an Air conditioned room! 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:** July 12th, 2019 (Friday)  
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**Next Session: August 9th, 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)  
Ray Jacob (Drums/Percussion)  
Derek Chen (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

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## BIRTHDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST!!

### JULY

- 12 Hoshiko Ito
- 14 Steve Borer
- 15 Ollie Coleman-Thams
- 19 Laurie Johnson
- 21 Victoria Li
- 22 Leo Noah Shim
- 25 Madison Rae Richter
- 28 Timothy Carriel

### AUGUST

- 2 Susan Shanno
- 3 Roberta Toolen
- 5 Venge Nyirongo
- 14 Christian George Klingner
- 25 Rawn Sahai
- 26 Marlon Sahai

