

# The Newsletter

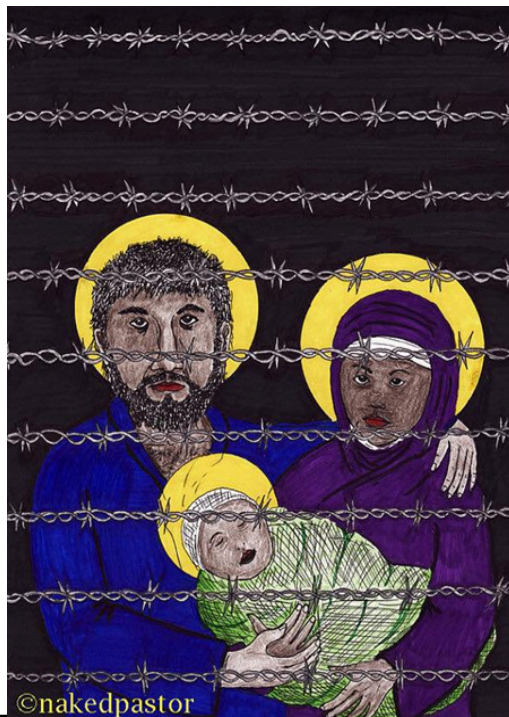
JULY AND AUGUST 2018

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## FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this newsletter cover, the treatment of families crossing the southern US border continues to speak to my religious conscience. I invite you to join Christians from a spectrum of denominations and places in the US in making your voice heard, from a place of faith, for a compassionate response to what is happening. You will find in this newsletter on page 15 a postcard to send to your lawmakers; it is even from a Presbyterian perspective! In making use of your voice, you join other border-crossers from our faith tradition. I share these words from a liturgy written by postcolonial theologian Cláudio Carvalhaes, whom I greatly respect:

Friends,  
Abraham was a border crosser.  
Isaac was a border crosser.  
Jacob was a border crosser.  
Joseph was a border crosser.  
Moses was a border crosser.  
Hagar was a border crosser.  
Ana was a border crosser.  
Esther was a border crosser.  
Lidia was a border crosser.  
Joseph, Mary and Jesus were border crossers in the midst of a genocide.  
The Holy Spirit crossed borders to start the church,  
And is still crossing borders today.  
Churches are border crossing places  
We are border crossing people, all of us with no exception.  
No human being is illegal. None!  
This country and every country are made of border crossers.  
We are heirs of border crossing people.  
We must attend the borders without ceasing.  
At Presbyterian Church in Leonia, we come together across ages, nationalities, genders, and walks of life. At this meeting ground, the Holy Spirit equips us to meet others at the borders with compassion. I look forward to meeting you this summer.  
With care,  
Leah  
Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



## THE NEWSLETTER

### 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*

<b>July 8</b>	Mark 6:1-13
<b>July 15</b>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Mark 6:14-29
<b>July 22</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Ephesians 2:11-22
<b>July 29</b>	2 Samuel 11:1-15, John 6:1-21
<b>August 5</b>	Communion Sunday
<b>August 12</b>	Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula
<b>August 19</b>	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 and Ephesians 5:15-20
<b>August 26</b>	Blessing of the Animals before worship at 9:45

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### USHERS

July 8:	Nancy Salvati, Matthew Watson
July 15:	Diane Lee and MB Koo
July 22:	Pete & Susan Shanno
July 29:	Yukiko Aoki
August 12:	Diane Lee & MB Koo
August 19:	Karen Peters

### COUNTERS:

July 8:	Hyung Shim , Jonathan Phillips
July 15:	Anne Stebbins, Pete Shanno
July 22:	Diane Borer, David Voreacos
July 29:	Olivia Taylor, Fumio Ito
August 5:	Hyung Shim, Jonathan Phillips
August 12:	Anne Stebbins, Hyung Shim
August 19:	Diane Borer, David Voreacos
August 26:	Olivia Taylor, Fumio Ito

### SECOND READERS

July 8:	Nancy Salvati
July 15:	Vicky Li
July 22:	Susan Shanno
July 29:	Lily VanDeWeert
August 5:	Jeff Maldonado
August 12:	Llesli Gonzalez-Chand
August 19:	Trish Thames
August 26:	Karen Peters

## THE NEWSLETTER

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

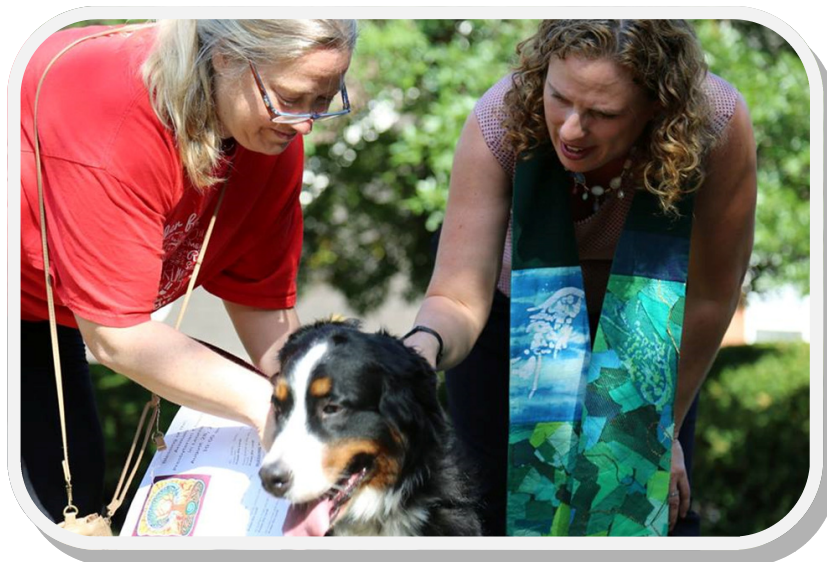


### **Blessing of the Animals—Presbyterian Church in Leonia Lawn**

**Sunday, August 26 9:45 am**

All animals are welcome. There will be water bowls and Scooby snacks available. Please bring your pet in a cage, tank, or on a leash; if your pet cannot make it to church, you may bring a picture or other symbol of your pet. Bring a blanket if you'd like to sit on the lawn with your pet during the service; there will also be a few chairs. There will also be a moment of thanksgiving for the companionship of pets who have died in the past year. This is a wonderful Sunday to invite a neighbor or friend, and their human walkers!

Regular worship follows at 10:30 in the Fireplace Room. Your well-behaved pets are welcome to stick around in the church with us if you do not have time to bring them back home.





**Baptismal Day: June 10, 2018**



**Gavin Rhys Maldonado, son of Melissa and Jeff Maldonado**



**Oliver Charles Coleman Thams, son of Trish Thams and Tara Coleman**



### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY!**

Put your faith into action! Pray for us on **Saturday, July 14** as we head to Paterson and join on a building project that can help provide affordable, quality housing for our neighbors. Please note that we did not get enough sign-ups for the July 7 date, so this date will replace that one. The day will begin at 7:45 am, and finish by 3:30 pm. We will meet at the church at 7:15 to carpool over. Bring basic tools and/or work gloves if you have them, a sack lunch, sunscreen and hat, and a water bottle. Even if you don't have building skills, a willingness to learn and work hard makes you equipped to serve. The slots for participants have quickly filled up; we have 8 people going, so only count on going if you have already

### **FAMILY PROMISE**

Once again, we are sheltering the Family Promise group at Leonia Methodist Church. We will need helpers to set up the space that afternoon as well as cooks and overnighters. Please contact Linda McGarry (201-945-7667) with what time and talent you wish to donate. Thank you.

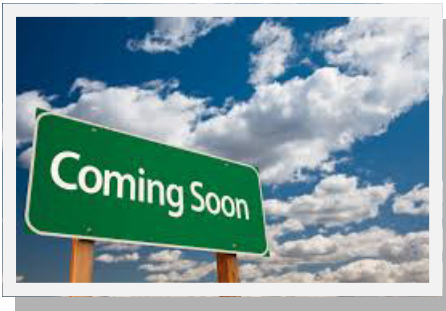
### **Rekindling the Kitchen – Restoring the Restrooms**

Have you used the Church restrooms? Then you know the problem. The women's room is in terrible condition and the men's room is only slightly better. The kitchen is also in dire need of repair. This section of the church has drifted into disrepair.

Major changes are under consideration for both bathrooms and kitchen. As a public organization we do not meet code. Both restrooms are planned to be redone with the men's room to be a handicapped accessible, unisex restroom, allowing easy wheelchair access. Both restrooms have diaper changing tables.

The kitchen is not adequately heated, walls are not well insulated and windows are stiff to open and close and leak air when closed. A roof leak may have damaged rafters and not all kitchen lights are functioning because of the water damage.

Session has authorized architectural drawings and has hired a construction manager. This month project bids will be received and Session will determine if the project is reasonable enough in cost for the church to move ahead. Planning is that half of the expense will come through an *all church renovation campaign* and, with congregational approval, half will come the church's Special Funds.



Announcing: The Church is scheduled to receive its new digital sign on Monday, July 9! It will be a new day in messaging those who pass by our building. We will be very happy to have this upgrade finally happen.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL APPRECIATION SUNDAY



**"It may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar"**



**"I've got joy like a fountain!"**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL APPRECIATION SUNDAY



**Pre-K Class with teachers, Keyla, Judy, Vicky and Sarah.**



**Reena receives her Bible at 3rd Grade Bible Presentation**



## SUMMER DAYS AT CHURCH



**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**



**CHURCH PICNIC-June 17, 2018**

**July 13th (Fri) 8:00 PM**

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

**by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia**

**Join us for this COOL event in Air Conditioned room!**

**Audience or Player, everyone is welcome!**

**\*To Player: Bring instruments and play with pros.**

**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 13th, 2018 (Friday)

**8:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Next Session: August 10th, 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)**

**Barbara Sabella (Vocal)**

**Yoshie Tanigawara (Bass)**

**Daniel Ovadia (Drums/Percussion)**

**Mike Ito (Guitar)**

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

**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)**

## All Fired Up for the Church Retreat!



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 8 - Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** and get ready for good times with good people! Our theme this year is *Fruits of the Spirit* which will celebrate the strengths, cultures and journeys of our diverse congregation.

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 e-mail [betsyvoreacos@aol.com](mailto:betsyvoreacos@aol.com) to let us know you're interested and get your \$50 deposit in NOW ! Registration form attached in this newsletter.

**Annual Fall Retreat**  
**Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, Johnsonburg, NJ**  
**September 8-9, 2018**





# CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION

**Saturday, September 8 - Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Please return to Betsy Voreacos in person or by mail:

270 Grove Street / Teaneck, NJ 07666

betsyvoreacos@aol.com

\_\_\_\_\_ Overnight

**Overnight Cost:**

Adults: \$125

Kids (ages 4-11): \$80

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

(includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**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.

Because we have a contract with Camp Johnsonburg, we need your money ASAP! Final payment is due by **July 31, 2018**. We cannot refund money after this date.

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

# Presbyterian Church in Leonia: July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
				7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
10:30 am Worship			Independence Day			
COMMUNION						
3:00pm Japanese Language Service			7:30 pm AI-Anon			
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges	<b>8:00 pm JAZZ JAM</b>	Habitat for Humanity- Paterson, NJ
10:30 am Worship						Family Promise
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
10:30 am Worship			7:30 pm AI-Anon	3:00 pm Japanese Children's Workshop		Fireplace Room Rental
				7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
Family Promise	Family Promise					
3:00pm Japanese Language Service						
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10:30 am Worship		SESSION MEETING		7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
			7:30 pm AI-Anon			
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
10:30 am Worship						

# Presbyterian Church in Leonia: August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 am Worship			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges	8:00 pm Jazz Jam	
3:00pm Japanese Language Service						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30 am Worship			7:30 pm AI-Anon	3:00 pm Japanese Children's Workshop		
				7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am Worship			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
3:00pm Japanese Language Service	TAKE MY HAND CLOSED	TAKE MY HAND CLOSED	TAKE MY HAND CLOSED	TAKE MY HAND CLOSED	TAKE MY HAND CLOSED	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:45 am Blessing of the Animals			7:30 pm AI-Anon	7:00 pm Bottles & Badges		
10:30 am Worship						





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Dear Congressman:

All human life should be lived in accordance with the principles established by God for the life of people and of nations. This is a basic emphasis in my Presbyterian heritage of faith. I thank you for your service to my community and the nation as a whole. As a resident of your district, I want to ask you to help make this community and nation welcoming and safe for new immigrants by supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform that includes:

- ▶ Opportunities for hard-working immigrants to regularize their status, pursue an option to become permanent residents;
- ▶ Reform in our family-based immigration system to significantly reduce waiting times for separated families;
- ▶ Creation of legal avenues for workers and their families who wish to migrate to the U.S.
- ▶ Humanitarian border protection policies

Sincerely,

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YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

CONGRESSMEMBER'S NAME

ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE



*Please keep America open and safe for immigrants who, like my own family, work hard to help build America's future.*





## BIRTHDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST!!

### **JULY**

- 10 Hwan Hee Kang
- 12 Hoshiko Ito
- 14 Steve Borer
- 19 Laurie Johnson
- 21 Victoria Li
- 22 Leo Noah Shim
- 25 Madison Rae Richter
- 28 Timothy Carriel

### **AUGUST**

- 2 Susan Shanno
- 3 Roberta Toolen
- 9 Robert Leicht
- 14 Christian George Klingner
- 21 Christopher Hunt
- 25 Rawn Sahai
- 26 Marlon Sahai
- Joo Kyung, Sung
- 29 Mercedes Williams
- 30 Sharon Clarke

