

THE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

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Church office hours

Monday-8-10 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 –5:30 p.m.

Friday 8-12noon



Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We are in the Season of Easter for the next 5 weeks now.

This pastor is full of Easter gladness to be done with the hard work of planning the kind of Holy Week and Easter that is worthy of Jesus' name. Now that I can relax, I am enjoying the life which this season ushers forth, echoed so beautifully by the blossoming springtime around us.

Where are you feeling signs of new life? Take some time to consider it, and give thanks for God's continuing act of calling forth resurrection from our tombs.

With blessing and care,

Leah

-The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Calendar for May

May 5: Deacons' Anointing in Worship

May 12: Communion Sunday- Children will bake the bread and help with communion serving

May 19: Guest Preacher, The Rev. Wen-Ling Lai

May 26: Jazz Band Foreign Exchange Leads Music in Worship



FOR MAY 2019

GREETER

Month of May: Nancy Salvati

SECOND READERS

May 5: Trish Thams

May 12: Jane Wilson

May 19: Venge Nyirongo

May 26: Pete Shanno

USHERS

May 5: Linda McGarry, Wanangua Nyirongo, Jeff Im

May 12: Ingrid Brennan, Julia Kim, Jack Peters

May 19: Roberta Toolen, Judy Nyirongo, Kristen Richter

May 26: Maryellen Neu, Gretchen Harders, Melissa Maldonado

COUNTERS

May 5: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito

May 12: Diane Borer, Jonathan Phillips

May 19: Pete Shanno, David Voreacos

May 26: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito

NURSERY

May 5: Joe VanDeWeert

May 12: Chris Gajilan

May 19: Keyla Garcia

May 26: Laura Gonzalez

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EASTER SUNRISE AT OVERPECK PARK And LATER IN THE DAY AT CHURCH



Thank You

- The total collected for **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** was \$2,178.00. This money will support the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Presbyterian Mission Self-Development of People. Included in this total was \$97.29 collected from coins in the children's fish boxes.
- The **Easter** offering was \$185.00.

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Mental Health 101 May 5, 11:45 am.

Have you ever wondered what to say if a friend or relative seems depressed or anxious? What resources can help you out if you or a loved one is thinking about self-harm? Bring your questions to this Mental Health 101 seminar, led by Barbara Kinter. Ms. Kinter is a member at Broadway Presbyterian Church in the city, and also is a Program Manager for Emergency Skills, a New York-based agency that gives workplace training for emergency situations. While Ms. Kinter is not a licensed mental health counselor, she is a volunteer for the Bergen County Mental Health Services and can help open the door to where to find mental health resources, as well as advocate for our care as Christians for anyone suffering with mental illness. A light lunch will be served; please sign up on the Ark if you think you will come so we plan enough food.



Get ready for the Annual Fall Retreat at Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center Johnsonburg, NJ. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7 – Sunday, September 8th.



LEONIA DAY

Leonia Day is Sunday May 19. As usual, we will have a table and hope many of you will come support the event!



Presbyterian Church in Leonia Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Update for May 2019

We made it! On April 25 the last inspection of the fire suppression system for the gas range and the alarm to the outside monitoring company was completed. We passed! As of the writing of this update we have not yet received our new CO, but we understand it will be issued at Borough Hall as soon as the paperwork is completed.

Everything isn't exactly finished up yet as some of you are aware, but we are really close! Yes, the men had noticed that there was no mirror above the sink in the women's restroom. It will be installed soon! The new refrigerator is scheduled to be delivered on May 7. There may be one or two other little things, but basically everything is done.

The Committee is most grateful for all of the positive comments Committee members have received. Everyone seems to really love the changes and upgrades.

Now for the good news: We believe we have come in *under budget*. The Committee will give a final cost breakdown in our June Update as we make sure that all expenses counted and included in the final numbers. We have many people to thank for making it possible to hold down some expenses while making up for other costs that came in significantly higher. A breakdown of all details will be in next month's report.

Top of the list for our thank yous is Rick Pumo our Construction Manager. Next, comes Pete Shanno and then all the members of our Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovation Committee: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Susan Shanno, Linda McGarry, Olivia Taylor, Lisa VanDeWeert, MB Koo, Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler and Philip Wilson.

RECYCLE!

Have you noticed some tall blue and green bins in our Gathering Room and Kitchen? They are our new Recycle Bins, purchased by our Mission and Stewardship Committee. Please use them! Green is for paper, and Blue is for (rinsed) cans, bottles, plastics and glass. Make sure you empty any bottles or cans before putting them in. Thanks for helping us to be a greener church!



Bowling Outing!

On Sunday, May 5, at 2 pm we will have an all-ages bowling fun time at Bowler City, 85 Midtown Bridge St. in Hackensack. \$10 per person gets you 2 hours of bowling with shoes. Bumpers and bowling ball ramps are available for children (or, let's be honest, our less talented adult bowlers). Please reserve with Suzanne Broffman, stbroffman@hotmail.com.



The annual Strawberry Festival will be held after church on June 2nd. Please plan to hang around for some delicious strawberry shortcake!!



BOLLYX Class June 2!

Right after the Strawberry Festival following worship, gather in the Fireplace Room to join Susheela, Ammal Varky's daughter, to try your moves as she teaches a BollyX class! What's BollyX, you ask? Well, imagine the Zumba workout, but done to Bollywood (Indian movie industry) music and moves. Susheela has dance and fitness instructor superpowers in addition to being an amazing civil rights attorney. Donations will be taken at the door, to be donated to the church. Wear something comfortable that you can move in!



Let Us Bake Bread Together” On Saturday, May 11, the 4th-6th graders of our church will gather for a special communion workshop. As you know, our church does not practice First Communion—children are welcome to the table as early as they are interested. However, our Christian Ed Committee wants to offer this workshop as a way to teach our older children about the meanings of the sacrament so that they can experience it more deeply. There will be some bible teaching, a service project to help the hungry in our community, and bread-baking in our new kitchen, led by Karen Peters. The next Sunday, which is also Mothers’ Day, the children will help lead the Communion Liturgy and serve communion alongside our Elders.



Parents' Night Out- May 11. The church's Mother's Day gift to households with children is an evening to dwell in the world of grownups! The church will watch your kids from 5:30-8:30, entertain them with games and attention, share dinner and probably a movie. Volunteers have been approved by our church child protection policy, so relax and have fun! Please RSVP with Betsy Voreacos .



May 10th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!

Sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Happy Mother'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: May10th, 2019 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: June 14th, 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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Address Correction Requested

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Kazuko Abe
May 4	Phyllis Ann Puzzo
May 8	Leo Voreacos
May 14	Tom Topousis
May 15	Jack Peters
May 16	Joe VanDeWeert
May 19	Tony Puzzo
	Rena Marie Shim
May 22	Sonia Solano
May 25	Diane Borer