

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

"Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live." - Ezekiel 37:4-6

The prophet Ezekiel received this word from God, and it was a metaphor for the new life God would breathe into a people that were hurting and in exile. I have a confession to make: my sister and I still have not found a permanent resting place for the ashes of our mother, who died 4 years ago. For the time being, my mom's ashes have been tucked into a corner of my sister's bedroom. To be honest, my mom probably would not have minded her remains being so close to my sister, and near the playful antics of her grandson she loved so very much. Even though Alice and I do want to find a final resting place, the task hasn't taken on an urgency because we know her spirit is no longer with her body; it is with God, and it lives on with us. I have been thinking lately about the history of people who have served our church and gone on to be with God. I will not be visiting their graves. However, I do think of them every time I hear the heat turn on, knowing that our boiler and heating pipes were replaced using money from gifts that were left to the church by these saints. I remember them when I hold an event in the Fireplace Room, which was remodeled using money from the church endowment. On November 5, we will have a luncheon where people can learn more about making gifts through their wills that will help others enjoy the church for generations to come. I see these gifts as one way our spirits can live on in a very physical way, in the church.

And we do not have to die to let our gifts bless the church. Stewardship Sunday is on November 12, and I hope each household will prayerfully consider making a pledge. Your money helps the ordinary yet amazing functions of the church: the unison crinkle of a page turn when newer English speakers and the harder-of-hearing follow a sermon, and the squawk of a baby interrupting a meditative silence reminding us that the church is still becoming and will live on beyond our years are possible because your money helps host these delightful activities.

On November 19, we will light candles and speak the names of loved ones who have died as we remember them. On the same day, we will baptize baby Sebastian Lehnbeuter, whose smile has already made an imprint on the hearts of this congregation. What other place—beyond the extended family—unites the generations from birth to death, and even beyond death? Thank you for what YOU bring to this community of faith. It wouldn't be the same without you!

With blessing and care,

-Pastor Leah



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Monday 8-10 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 1-5:30 pm
Friday 8-12 a.m



COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD

Sunday, November 5, 10:30 a.m.

Communion Sunday

with guest preacher Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly,
Presbyterian Foundation: "God's Legacy of Love"-
Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 1:1-18

Sunday, November 12, 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday!

Your pledge can help tell the story of our faith!

Sunday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday

We will light candles and speak names for loved ones who have died.
We will also look with hope to the new life God grants us as we baptize the baby
Sebastian Lehnbeuter, son of Cory and Nicole.

Monday, November 20, 8:00 p.m.

Leonia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Leonia Methodist Church (396 Broad Avenue)
Reverend Rosemary Perry, Pastor of Mt Zion Baptist Church in Leonia is our preacher.
Music and scriptures in English, Hebrew and Korean. Cash and food donations will be accepted for
the Center for Food Action.

Sunday, November 26, 10:30 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday

With an Intergenerational Advent Craft following worship

USHERS, COUNTERS, FLOWERS AND NURSERY FOR NOVEMBER 2017

USHERS

November 5: Susan Dindial, Maryellen Neu, Virginia Cora
November 12: Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo
November 19: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Hyung Shim
November 26: Jeff Im, Kristin Richter, Jihyun Kim (Julia)

COUNTERS

November 5: Olivia Taylor, David Voreacos
November 12: Jonathan Phillips, Pete Shanno
November 19: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito
November 26: Jonathan Phillips

FLOWERS

November 5: Maryellen Neu
November 12: Joyce Hamlin
November 19: Virginia Cora
November 26: Leah Puzzo

NURSERY

November 5: Judith Nyirongo
November 12: Yukiko Aoki
November 19: Vicky Li
November 26: Kristen Richter



Advent Craft November 26: Origami Advent Calendars!

Following worship there will be a snack and a chance for people of all ages to make an Origami Advent Calendar! Yukiko Aoki will have instructions for simple origami envelopes, or you can design your own more intricate envelopes. The church will give you meditations to put into the envelopes to discover with each day of Advent, as a way of practicing faith in your home. We will have some origami papers, and invite you to bring your own origami papers or scraps of Christmas wrapping paper too, for a beautiful array to help guide you on your Advent journey.



HOLIDAY FAIR IS TAKING A BREAK ~

Sometimes we all need a break! After a lot of thought and discussion, it was decided that this year we will try something new instead of having our Annual Holiday Fair. While many of us enjoy making the Holiday crafts, baked goods and Tricky Tray baskets, seeing the familiar shoppers and having a great homemade lunch, it's always nice to do something different. So for at least one year, The Holiday Fair will take a much needed rest. Since the Fair is a major fundraiser for our Church we, of course, will need to have another event or more in its place to raise the funds that would normally result from that. We hope to have some new fun and exciting ways to raise money for the many projects and missions our Church commits to.

Even though we won't be starting the Christmas season with the Holiday Fair, we look forward to the Community Carol Sing that will be held on December 10th. Be sure to watch for more information about that event!

Planned Giving Luncheon
What's With Wills?

Have you thought about your will? Most of us try to think about it as little as possible, but wills are an important way to plan for our and our families futures. Did you know that you can also include our Church and other charities in your will? On Sunday, November 5th we will have a representative from the Presbyterian Foundation in our service and at a luncheon afterward to talk to us about planned giving through wills and trusts. She will go over giving to the Church but also other aspects of planning for your future such as living wills and health care directives. Let Joe VanDeWeert know if you want to come or if you have any questions.



**Friends in
Teaneck on World
Communion Day
and new friends
in Leonia!**



The Interfaith Gathering of Clergy in Leonia invite you, your neighbors, and friends to join us in a Community Thanksgiving Celebration at 8 pm at the Leonia United Methodist Church, 396 Broad Avenue on Monday, November 20th. We welcome The Reverend Rosemary Perry, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Leonia, to be our preacher. Music will be shared from singers across our congregations. We will share scripture in English, Hebrew, and Korean. Let us join our gratitude for who we are, and who we are called to become. Cash and food donations will be accepted for the Center for Food Action.



Leonia Interfaith Community
Thanksgiving Service

Happy November Birthdays

November 8	Hannah Chen
November 18	Irene Ziganto
November 19	Laura McGarry
November 25	Hollie Dindial
November 27	Stephanie Laboy





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS

You can help to brighten the church sanctuary for Christmas by the gift of a poinsettia plant. Plants cost \$15 and must be ordered no later than Friday, December 15, by filling in the below form or calling the church office at [201-944-1358](tel:201-944-1358). When ordering your poinsettia, please let us know if you would like it to be in memory of someone or in celebration of a special event. Please make your check payable to the Presbyterian Church marked "Poinsettia" and let us know if you wish to take your plant(s) home after Christmas, or for us to give it to homebound friends. If you should have any questions or concerns, please see Jane Wilson or Pat Major in the church office.

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____
(per plant-\$15.00)

MESSAGE: _____

Would you like to pick up the plant: Yes _____ No _____
(on Christmas Eve)

Please leave this order form in the collection plate. Thank You.

November 10th (Fri) 8:00 PM
2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Happy Thanksgiving!

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: November 10th, 2017 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: December 8th, 2017 (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.

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TELL THE STORY!

WHO TELLS YOUR STORY? WHO TELLS OUR STORY? WHO TELLS GOD'S STORY?

ESTIMATE OF GIVING/COMMITMENT 2018

We thank you for your generosity and pray you may find the level of giving that is right for you in your journey of faith and commitment. Your pledges and contributions will make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

Please complete this estimate of giving, and return it in the offering plate on November 12 or to the church office. You may change your commitment at any time by notifying Pastor Fowler or Pat Major in the church office.

If you have questions regarding this form, please call Eulalia Cabrera at 201-869-7872 or Pastor Leah at 201-944-1358, or email Pat Major at secretaryleoniam@gmail.com.

Please see the next page for further information and commitment planner.

Yes! I/We will support the Presbyterian Church in Leonia in the year 2018.

Choose One:

- \$_____ weekly for 52 weeks
- \$_____ semi-monthly for 24 periods
- \$_____ monthly for 12 months

\$_____ as follows _____

Total \$_____ Per Capita Contribution (\$40 per active member) _____

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Phone or email _____

Automated Recurring Donations

Did you know that you can set up automated payments that go directly to the church through your checking account with your bank? Here is what you need to know:

- You should be enrolled in your financial institution's Online Banking services; if not, ask your bank and they should be able to enroll you directly for automated payments.
- You can set up automated payments as a one-time, or recurring donation. Payments can be weekly, monthly, yearly or one-time donation.
- Simply list Presbyterian Church in Leonia, PO Box 448, Leonia, NJ 07605 as recipient. The checks will automatically go to our church.
- You can easily check your receipts for tax purposes etc. through your bank, and our church office will continue to give receipts for donations as well.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Don't forget to put **Stewardship Sunday, November 12th** on your worship schedule! Please bring your annual pledge to church that day and join us for light refreshments after worship as we await the total amount pledged. If you can't be there on the 12th or if you live at a distance, you may mail your pledge information to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Fowler. For your reference please consult below.

Annual Income	APPROXIMATE WEEKLY COMMITMENT						
	PROPORTIONATE TO INCOME						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	115.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00

Personal Commitment Planner

Weekly amounts proportionate to income are shown in the chart, or use the Commitment Planner to determine amount of gift based on percentage of income.

Proportionate giving decision: _____ % (A)

Annual household income: \$ _____ (B)

Amount of annual gift: _____ (A)% x \$ _____ (B) = \$ _____ (C)

Amount of bi-weekly gift: (C)\$ _____ /26 = \$ _____

Amount of monthly gift: (C)\$ _____ /12 = \$ _____

Amount of quarterly gift: (C)\$ _____ /4 = \$ _____



Presbyterian Church in Leonia November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 4:00 pm .Lincoln Center The Psalms Experience 7:30 pm AL-Anon	2 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes 1:00 pm-2:30 ESL Class 7:00 pm Bottles and Badges 7:30 pm CoFIA Meeting	3	4
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am ESL Bible Study Planning Luncheon & Rev Ellie Johnson Kelly to speak on Trusts & Wills 3:00 pm Japanese Language Service	6 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Class 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.-8:30 ESL Class	7 ELECTION DAY---VOTE 10:00 am.-11:30 ESL Classes	8 9:00 am-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 7:30 pm AL-Anon	9 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes 1:00 pm-2:30 ESL Class 7:00 pm Bottles and Badges	10 8:00 pm Jazz Jam	11 
12 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am ESL Bible Study 	13 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Class 7:00 p.m.-8:30 ESL Class 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting	14 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes	15 9:00 am-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 7:30 p.m. SESSION MEETING 7:30 pm AL-Anon	16 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes 1:00 pm-2:30 ESL Class 3:00 pm Japanese Children's Workshop 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Bottles and Badges	17	18
19 REMEMBRANCE DAY 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Baptize: Sebastian Lehnbeuter 11:45 am ESL Bible Study 3:00 pm Japanese Language Service	20 10:00 am.-11:30 ESL Class 7:00 pm-8:30 ESL Class	21 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes	22 9:00 am-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 7:30 pm AL-Anon	23 THANKSGIVING DAY 	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am ESL Bible Study Advent Craft Calendar Workshop 3:00 pm Japanese Language Service	27 10:00am-11:30 ESL Class 7:00 pm-8:30 ESL Class	28 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes	29 9:00 am-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 7:30 pm AL-Anon	30 10:00 am-11:30 ESL Classes 1:00 pm-2:30 ESL Class 7:00 pm Bottles and Badges		



CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

NEEDS YOUR HELP TO GET THANKSGIVING DINNER ON THE TABLE

Your support is urgently needed now so that thousands of local families will be able to put food on their tables this Thanksgiving.

Giving Locally = Helping Locally

“A Thanksgiving dinner would not have happened at our house without the wonderful food package you provided. I can’t begin to tell you what it meant to me to put that turkey and all the fixings on the table for my family to enjoy. The leftovers lasted us three days-that too was a blessing. Thank you from the depths of my heart.” - past recipient of a CFA Thanksgiving Food Package.

Here’s what they need:

Supermarket Certificates—\$20, frozen turkeys, hearty soups, canned vegetables & canned yams, gravy, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, pasta & pasta sauce, 100% juice and canned fruit.

CFA is planning to distribute over 3,000 thanksgiving meal packages this year!