

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

Over the past week, I have had several conversations with people about what makes for a worship experience on Sunday mornings. I have gained some interesting information! Of course, worship is not a "Your Way, Right Away" made-to-order event like a Burger King sandwich. There is some aspect of it being a communal experience, so a little give and take is involved knowing that if it does not speak to you, it may at least in some way speak to someone else—that is the hope! However, I have listened and gathered that many of us have absorbed the anxieties of the culture and politics. Some have said when they come to church, they seek a sanctuary from these things, or a moment of quiet away from the noise. Others have told me that they expect the church and the pastor to engage our faith with the social issues of the day. Know that I am listening to what you are telling me, and am trying very hard to craft a worshipful experience that touches each person who comes to our church seeking God.

One thing I am trying is to offer in the bulletin each week a Prayer Practice for the Home. This is a spiritual practice you can take home with you and try with your family; maybe it will give you strength to face the week and to incorporate the Holy Spirit's presence into your life.

Please know my door is open. I am eager and waiting to hear from you. And please pray for me. It is not easy finding a meaningful word that speaks to the whole congregation each week. I cannot do it alone, and I am also in prayer that God will guide me.



You will see that November 18 is Stewardship Sunday. Our theme for Stewardship this year is "Live Courageously." We will have people from the pews stand to give testimony to ways they have found courage in their lives. It takes courage to be generous, because when we give of ourselves or our resources, we are trusting them to people beyond our household, and to a time beyond this moment. It is an act of faith. It is taking courage for me to ask the congregation what they need in worship. I pray that courage will lead to generosity for how I share God's word with integrity.

With blessing and care,
Leah
Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



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COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD

Sunday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.

November 4: All Saints Day- you will be invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have died, and to testify to God's love which follows through life and beyond the grave. You may bring a picture or treasured item of a loved one who has died to put on the Communion Table during worship. Cory Lehnbeuter will give a Stewardship Testimony



Sunday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.

Communion Sunday; guest musicians from Foreign Exchange Jazz Band will help lead worship. Keyla Garcia will give a Stewardship Testimony.

Sunday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday! Please plan to stay after worship to share in a light lunch as we hear what the promised support for our ministry will be. We will share our gratitude as we prepare our spirits for Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, November 20 8:00 p.m. Leonia Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

This service will bring together some voices of people who have traveled far to make our community in America what it is today. This is a night we can really give thanks for the varied richness of our neighbors. Service is at 8 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church 150 Park Avenue Leonia.



Sunday, November 25 10:30 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday; this Sunday is like a New Year's Eve for the church, since the following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and begins the church year. At 1:30 pm we will celebrate the memorial service for **Michael Nicholas**, who lived on Leonia Ave. for many years and whose family was part of our church during that time.

Sunday, December 2: 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of Advent; All ages Advent Candle-Making Workshop after Worship; adults encouraged to stick around for the Hanging of the Greens!

FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018

GREETER

Month of November: MaryEllen Neu

SECOND READERS

November 4: Karen Klingner November 11: Laura Collins
November 18: Linda McGarry November 25: Nancy Salvati

USHERS

November 4: Vicky Li, Judy Nyirongo, Karen Peters
November 11: Jack Peters, Gretchen Harders, Ingrid Brennan
November 18: Jennifer Watson, Roberta Toolen, Fara Razavy
November 25: Wanangwa Nyirongo, Hyung Shim, Jeff Im

COUNTERS

November 4: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito November 11: Olivia Taylor, Jonathan Phillips
November 18: Pete Shanno, David Voreacos November 25: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito

FLOWERS

November 4: Diane Borer November 18: Donna Hunt November 25: Leah Puzzo

NURSERY

November 4: Sarah Han November 11: Chris Gajilan
November 18: Keyla Garcia November 25: Kristen Richter

COMMUNION SERVERS

November 11: Nancy Salvati, Hyung Shim, Suzanne Broffman,
Betsy Voreacos, Pete Shanno



World Communion Sunday with Bethany & Teaneck Presbyterian Churches

FILM DISCUSSION

Please plan to stay after church on Sunday, November 11 to watch the beautifully heartbreaking film, ***In Memoriam***. The film, written and directed by Cynthia Callahan stars the lovely Molly Callahan and does an amazing job of portraying the collateral damage of war through the eyes of a 13 year old. Afterwards, Cynthia and Molly will take questions from the audience. Don't miss it!

Presbyterian Church in Leonia Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Newsletter Update for November 2018

The Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Committee has meeting regularly with our Contract Manager, Rick Pumo, to initiate the project. The contract between Rick Pumo and the church has been the first order of business. Upon completion he will begin two separate tasks: contracting with his subs and applying for required building permits. Rick estimates it will be 4 to 5 weeks prior to actual work beginning.

In planning the order of things to be done Rick Pumo recognized that the kitchen cabinets will take the longest time to fabricate. The committee made the decision to request that as much work as possible be completed as quickly as possible. This will result in working bathrooms being available weeks ahead of the installation of kitchen cabinets and availability of a working kitchen.

Each month we will keep the congregation updated on progress and stages of construction.

Total renovation costs were estimated at \$280,000.

Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovation Fund Goal: \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Total amount pledged to date toward construction costs is 67,630.

Kitchen & Bathrooms Renovations Committee members are as follows: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Peter Shanno, Susan Shanno, Linda McGarry, Olivia Taylor, Lisa VanDeWeert, MB Koo and Philip Wilson.

Tuesday, November 20 8:00 p.m. 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 All Saints Episcopal Church, 150 Park Avenue, Leonia, NJ Let us join our gratitude for who we are, and who we are called to become.



Leonia Interfaith Community
Thanksgiving Service



Welcoming Angela McCabe from the Freedom From Fistual Foundation



Sorting food for Center for Food Action



Making music and friends in the ESL Family Class

Christmas Poinsettia Plants

You can help to brighten the church sanctuary for Christmas by the gift of a poinsettia plant. Plant cost will be \$18. Please look for the flyers on the Ark later this month or contact Linda McGarry or Pat in the church office.



Community Christmas Holiday Celebration

Mark your calendar for a holiday celebration on Sunday December 9, 2018 at 4:30 pm. Join in singing together seasonal music and enjoying snacks and drinks and welcoming the holiday season. Christmas favorites and holiday sale of jams and other baked goods will be available.





ESTIMATE OF GIVING/COMMITMENT 2019

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 18 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 secretaryleonia@gmail.com.

Yes! I/We will support the Presbyterian Church in Leonia in the year 2019.

Choose One:

\$_____ weekly for 52 weeks

\$_____ semi-monthly for 24 periods

\$-_____ monthly for 12 months

\$_____ as follows _____

Total \$_____ Per Capita Contribution (\$42 per active member) _____

Name_____ Date_____

Signature_____ Phone_____ 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 18th** 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 18th 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 CLOTHING

We now have available three lines of clothing with the church logo. Green T-shirts, gray sweatshirts and white polo shirts are available for order on the Breeze website and through an email to Suzanne Broffman. Sizes and prices are noted on the below link and all orders must be prepaid by November 20th. Please see Suzanne for any concerns. <https://leoniapres.breezechms.com/form/094880>

Happy November Birthdays

November 8 Hannah Chen
November 18 Irene Ziganto
November 19 Laura McGarry
November 23 Pat Major
November 25 Hollie Dindial
November 27 Stephanie Laboy



November 9th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION! Sponsored by

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 9th, 2018 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: December 14th, 2018 (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)

Yoshie Tanigawara (Bass)

Daniel Ovadia (Drums/Percussion)

Mike Ito (Guitar)

Please contact the following for any question.

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Happy
Thanksgiving

