

The Newsletter

OCTOBER 2017

This October ends the 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation, with the symbolic catalyst coming from the nailing of 95 Theses by Martin Luther onto the doors of the Wittenburg church in Germany. However, I learned last month in my travels to Prague about a much earlier reformer, Jan Hus. Jan Hus ushered several important changes from what the Roman Catholic church was doing at the time. He discouraged indulgences, which were papers sold that would promise forgiveness from sin; he encouraged religious instruction to be in Czech, which was the language of his country and better understood than Latin; and he proclaimed that no religious leader had the right to take up the sword in the name of the church; instead, Christians should pray for their enemies. Of course this last thought stood in defiance of the Crusades. Although Jan Hus' teachings convinced most of his home country, the wider European church was pretty much ticked off. Jan Hus was burned at the stake in 1415.

I want to make a really **BIG DEAL** about the Protestant Reformation 500 year anniversary—please note the Adult Education opportunity on Wednesday, October 25. But the truth is, the church has always been changing, ever since the time of Jesus! And while we put a huge spotlight on what was going on in the European

churches, Christians were busy and active during those years in Africa, the Near and Middle East, and India as well. Did you know that Indians believe that Thomas the Apostle journeyed to India after Jesus' death and spread the gospel there? Ask Ammal Varky about it—she will be glad to tell you! India's Christian faith is even older than that of most of Europe—and has also grown and changed over time.

This month our Confirmation youth will begin their year-long journey, along with the mentors they have chosen. Please pray for them, because they might bring with their budding faith—and questions—important changes that the church needs to hear in order to be vital and relevant for a culture—or cultures—in constant innovation. They are: Wanangwa Nyirongo (Mentor Joanne Terrell), Leo Shim (Mentor Jonathan Phillips), Eden Terrell (Mentor Linda McGarry), Noelle Terrell (Mentor Judy Nyirongo), and Lillian Watson (Mentor Suzanne Broffman). Jihyun Kim and Nick Topousis will be their Sunday morning teachers along with me. May God's Spirit move through these emergent Christians! -Leah

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October 2017 Worship Calendar

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1:

11:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday
Teaneck Presbyterian Church
There will be Sunday School for children following the Children's Sermon.
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4: 10: 45 a.m. Bible Study

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8:

Sermon: "**Golden Calves and other Shiny Things**"
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11: 10: 45 a.m. Bible Study

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15:

Sermon: "**Getting Dressed for Church**"
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Japanese Worship

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18: 10: 45 a.m. Bible Study

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22: Worship with service of healing and anointing by our Deacons
Stewardship Testimonies begin
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25 10: 45 a.m. Bible Study
Screening of the Movie: "Luther"-500year anniversary of the Reformation

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29:

Reformation Sunday!

We celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, in Scripture and Song!
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

USHERS

October 1: Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo, October 8: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Hyung Shim
October 15: Jeff Im, Lisa VanDeWeert, Jihyun Kum (Julia), October 22: Kristen Richter, Roberta Toolen, Keyla Garcia
October 29: Fara Razavy, Vicky Li, Linda McGarry

COUNTERS

October 1: Olivia Taylor, David Voreacos, October 8: Hyung Shim, Olivia Taylor
October 15: Jonathan Phillips, October 22: Hyung Shim, Pete Shanno October 29: Fumio Ito

FLOWERS

October 22: Olivia Taylor October 29: Karen Peters

NURSERY

October 1: Sarah Han, October 8: Lisa or Joe VanDeWeert
October 15: Chris Gajilan, October 22: Keyla Garcia
October 29: Linda McGarry

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Christian Education

Our three children's Sunday School classes started in September with great energy! We also have an Adult Sunday School class at 9:30 Sunday mornings, as well as an ESL Bible Study and lunch class after worship with lunch—they are reading Luke—and a Wednesday Bible Study at 10:45 am, reading Exodus. Confirmation started last weekend with an overnight lock-in and will continue with meeting on Sunday mornings. Thanks to all who teach and participate in these learning ministries!

Apple Picking! Christian Ed will sponsor an outing for our church to go Apple Picking on Sunday, October 8, after church. Please bring a sack lunch and some money for your bag of apples and perhaps a cider donut or two! We will carpool from the church to the orchard to Apple Ridge Orchards in Warwick, NY. They have a hayride and petting zoo available, and bee hives that supply fresh honey. It will be a wonderful Fall experience together! Please let us know you're coming by emailing Suzanne Broffman at stbroffman@hotmail.com.



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Celebrate the Reformation!

On this 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we have 2 educational opportunities to remember the values of the reformation, and consider how we are "Once reformed, always reforming." The first event is at 10:45 am on Wednesday, October 25, when at our church we will share a screening of the movie "Luther," the 2003 feature film that explores the ideas that brewed the events of the Protestant Reformation. It is a fast-paced, engaging movie and will give you a better sense of our history. A sandwich lunch will be served. Please RSVP with Dr. Leah at pastorleonia@gmail.com.

The second event, on Wednesday November 1, will be a lecture at The Lincoln Center in New York City, "The Psalms Experience." This free event kicks off a series of 11 concerts that together will perform all 150 Psalms, in settings by different composers of various countries and times. In The Psalms Experience, WNYC's John Schaefer and guests explore the history of the Psalms, their many musical traditions, the challenges of translation, and their contemporary resonance in a more secular world. Panelists include scholar and Psalms translator Robert Alter, musicologist Neil W. Levin, and David Van Biema, Time magazine's former chief religion writer. The Psalms were the preferred texts of singing for John Calvin, who created the Geneva Psalter. Please plan to meet at the church at 4:00 to carpool into the city, have a snack, and be ready to enter the theater by 5:15 for first-come, first-serve seating for their 6 pm show. If you want to meet us after work in the city, we can arrange that too! Please RSVP with Dr. Leah at pastorleonia@gmail.com. Interested in seeing some of the concerts from this series too? Check out the website, <http://www.lincolncenter.org/white-light-festival>.



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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.



ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT: CAMP JOHNSONBURG

A fun and rewarding time was enjoyed by all who attended the annual retreat at Camp Johnsonburg in September.



Membership and Outreach

New Directory

We will have a new paper directory available on October 8 to members and regular friends. Please only take the directory with your name on it, and if you don't see one for you then please ask Susan Shanno for one—this is to protect the privacy of our members. Don't forget you can always go into Breeze (www.leoniapres.breezechms.com) to update your information, upload a picture, email members or ministry groups, and more. For a Breeze tutorial, contact Dr. Leah at pastorleonia@gmail.com.

New Member Class

We will have a new member class on Sundays, October 15 and 22, right after church, with the option to join the church on October 29. We are excited to have some new families visiting and exploring our church! Please feel welcome to drop in and meet our prospective members.

"Back by Popular Demand...PARENTS' NIGHT OUT RETURNS!"

The Membership and Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that our first Parents' Night Out was such a success that we will be having it again on Saturday, October 21. Parents can enjoy a child-free evening while the children are cared for by Church volunteers. From 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. we will play games, watch a movie and have dinner and snacks. Please let Susan Shanno know if you are interested in your children attending. More details will follow during announcements in Church. We look forward to having another enjoyable night with the children!

October 13th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION! Spon-

sored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Happy Harvest! Enjoy Halloween!

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: October 13th, 2017 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: November 10th, 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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Presbyterian Church in Leonia:October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 am-World Communion Sunday-Teaneck Presbyterian 3:00 pm Japanese Language Service	2 10:00 a.m.-11:30 ESL Class 7:00 p.m.-8:30 ESL Class	3 10:00 a.m.-11:30 ESL Classes	4 9:00 a.m.-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 7:30 pm AI-Anon	5 10:00 a.m.-11:30 ESL Classes 1:00 p.m.-2:30 ESL Class 7:00 pm Bottles and Badges 7:00 p m Prayer Group (The Terrells) 7:30 pm CoFIA Meeting	6	7
8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am ESL Bible Study APPLE PICKING-- (Apple Ridge Orchards Warwick NY)	9 COLUMBUS DAY 10:00 a.m.-11:30 ESL Class 7:00 p.m.-8:30 ESL Class	10 10:00 a.m.-11:30 ESL Classes 7:30 pm Session Meeting	11 9:00 a.m.-10:30 ESL Class 10:45 am Bible Study Class 7:30 pm AI-Anon	12 10:00 a.m.-11:30 ESL Classes 1:00 p.m.-2:30 ESL Class 7:00 p m Prayer Group (The Terrells) 7:00 pm Bottles and Badges	13 8:00 pm Jazz Jam	14
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BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

TO ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY BIRTHDAY !!

October 1	Dima Drobikov
October 2	Pete Shanno
	Luis Laboy
October 8	John Koepl
October 9	Ryan Kenshin
October 11	Jae Lee
October 17	Grace Jiang
October 22	Joseph Clinton Green
October 27	Francis Callahan
	Stephanie Laboy

