

The Newsletter

OCTOBER 2018

And the Table Will Be Wide"

In the Presbyterian Church, we call the table at the front of the worship space a "Communion Table"—not an "altar" as it is called in some other denominations. Our emphasis is not on sacrifice so much as on connection—with God, and with one another. When we come together, we become once again the Body of Christ, who is remembered in our midst. In a sense, though it is not an altar—a table of sacrifice—it is a place where we are *altered*—that is, changed. And from there, we can then go on to change the world.

World Communion Sunday is on October 7. The Rev. Dr. Gloria Tate from Teaneck Presbyterian will preach from Amos: "Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:22 and 24).

The change God asks for is big, so it is best not to go it alone! For World Communion Sunday we join with Teaneck and Bethany Presbyterian Churches to celebrate our witness together in Jesus Christ, and to be fed and nourished so we can go out to work for that justice to which God calls us.

Two key practices Jesus gave to us—baptism, which involves washing, and communion, which involves feeding—are reflected in some changes we are making in the church. On September 30, we approved funding for a much-needed renovation of our church's kitchen and bathrooms. We received your pledges of support—and you may still make a pledge to support this project! These changes will help the church meet the immediate needs people may find when they come here—to be washed, and to be fed. But the impact goes so much deeper than that, as people who receive the hospitality of welcome here are also getting a spiritual gift, whether they come here for worship, or to be healed, or to be taught, or to scheme for the changing of the world. Thank you for supporting this effort!

With blessing and care,

Leah

-The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



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**MONDAY 8-10:30 AM
TUESDAY 1:00 PM –5:30 PM
THURSDAY 1:00 PM-5:30 PM
FRIDAY 8-12 NOON**



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October 2018 Worship Calendar

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7: World Communion Sunday with Teaneck & Bethany Presbyterian Churches
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14: Prayer for Healing & Anointing with Deacons
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21: When the Earth Speaks, Listen!
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28: Reformation Sunday!
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4: All Saints Day
Feel free to bring a picture of a loved one who has died to put on the communion table. We will light candles and give prayers of remembrance for those who have died in the past year
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

SECOND READERS

October 14: Susan Shanno
October 21: Pete Shanno
October 28: Keyla Garcia
November 4: Laura Collins

USHERS

October 14: Hyung Shim, Jeff, Im, Susan Dindial
October 21: Jihyun (Julia) Kim, Keyla Garcia, Vicky Li
October 28: Ingrid Brennan, Susan Dindial, Linda McGarry
November 4: Vicky Li, Judy Nyirongo, Karen Peters

COUNTERS

October 14: Fumio Ito, David Voreacos
October 21: Olivia Taylor, David Voreacos
October 28: Jonathan Phillips, Pete Shanno
November 4: Hyung Shim, Fumio Ito

FLOWERS

October 7: Eulalia Cabrera
October 28: Pete Shanno
November 4: Diane Borer
November 25: Leah Puzzo

NURSERY

October 14: Laura Gonzalez
October 21: Yukiko Aoki
October 28: Sarah Han
November 4: Lisa or Joe VanDeWeert

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CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN

If you are eligible, please vote on November 4! We know many of our members are immigrants without citizenship, or are not 18 yet, so if you cannot vote, then please pray for this country! We are made better by your presence. Let us also pray for Kristen Peters Richter and Michael Phelan from our church, both of whom are running for School Board (not against each other—Kristen in Fort Lee, and Michael in Leonia). This is not an endorsement as much as an act of pastoral care—we respect the separation of church and state. However, Christians can and are called to take a stand on social and political issues. If you have ever thought that “churches should not be political,” look back at our Presbyterian history in this country. This excerpt from an article by The Rev. Roger Scott Powers of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship:

“Presbyterians have been involved in civic affairs from the time our country was founded. The Rev. John Witherspoon may have been the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence, but he was not the only Presbyterian. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration, at least 14 of them, or 25%, were Presbyterians. Indeed, Presbyterians were so involved in the American Revolution that many members of the British Parliament, and even King George himself, referred to the Revolution as “The Presbyterian Rebellion.” Presbyterian leaders of the American Revolution were distinguished by their “restless and turbulent antimonarchical spirit.” And the Presbyterian form of government, which offered a living example of an alternative to monarchy (rule by king or queen), became the model upon which American democracy was based.”

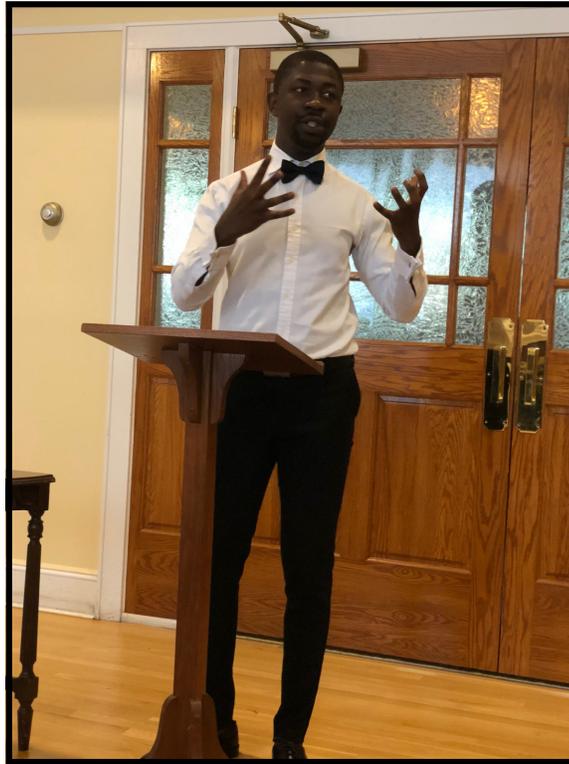


Children Bless our Church's Sunday School Teachers

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SECOND HOUR

This Fall we have tried something new, with a monthly Second Hour (after worship) presentation on a social issue that matters. Last month, we welcomed Efade Okporo to speak about his experience fleeing Nigeria after being persecuted for his activism, only to be detained in the United States for 6 months. He shared a reading from his book *Bed 26: A Memoir of an African Man's Asylum in the United States*.



OCTOBER 14 SECOND HOUR: FREEDOM FROM FISTULA

On October 14, we will welcome Angela McCabe from the Freedom from Fistula Foundation during our Second Hour after worship. Obstetric Fistula is a birth injury that happens to women in labor when emergency care is unavailable. Women affected by obstetric fistula suffer not only the painful physical problems, but also the social isolation that result from these problems. It is like a modern-day leprosy. When Jesus healed the lepers, or the hemorrhaging woman, or the blind man, he not only cured their physical symptoms; he also enabled their full participation back into the life of the community. Our Mission and Stewardship Committee has given \$1,000 to The Freedom from Fistula Foundation to support simple operations to heal fistulas in women, and we look forward to the chance to share back with our community how this money gets used.

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ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT—SEPTEMBER 2018: CAMP JOHNSONBURG



Group Picture from Camp Johnsonburg Retreat



Anne, Betsy, M.B. and Pete prepare to vacuum up Joe



Ingrid and Sebastian make some lakeside music.

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I would like to strengthen our building as a tool for ministry! Count my household's pledge as you budget for the costs of our church's Kitchen and Bathroom Renovation!

My/Our 3-Year Pledge is:

\$ _____

I would like to contribute in other ways:

___ Contribute \$ _____ per year for ___ years.

___ Please contact me. I have other thoughts to share.

Payment:

___ My check is enclosed, made payable to Presbyterian Church in Leonia.

___ I will pay my pledged amount over 3 years along with my general support of our church's ministry.

We will send a letter with your pledged amount and give yearly updates on what you owe. Know that if circumstances change, you may renegotiate your pledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Kitchen and Bathroom Campaign

Every gift is vital, no matter how big or how small!

*\$15,000 Pledge is \$5000 per year, \$417 per month, or \$97 per week.

*\$10,000 is \$3,334 per year, \$278 per month or \$65 per week.

*\$5,000 is \$1667 per year, \$139 per month or \$32 per week.

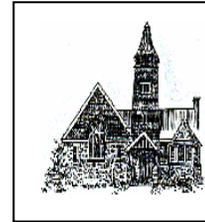
*\$3,000 is \$1,000 per year, \$84 per month or \$20 per week.

*\$1,500 is \$500 per year, \$42 per month or \$10 per week.

*\$750 is \$250 per year, \$21 per month or \$5 per week.

October 12th (Fri) 8:00 PM

**2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION! Sponsored by 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 12th, 2018 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: November 9th, 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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BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

TO ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY BIRTHDAY !!

October 1 Dima Drobikov
October 2 Pete Shanno
October 7 Judy Nyirongo
October 11 Jae Lee
October 27 Francis Callahan

