

The Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

"Blessed to Be a Blessing"

Do you remember your first day of school? For mine, I stepped in a fire-ant pile, and when I erased too hard on my penmanship paper and made a hole, my teacher Mrs. Wood took some scissors and snipped the perfectly pink eraser off my brand new pencil. I was traumatized. Thankfully, I had more teachers who nurtured and inspired me than those who traumatized me: there was Ms. Novy, Ms. Self, Mr. Kolesky, Ms. Jordan, Dr. Pippin, and Dr. Newsome... I could go on and on. I hope my daughter, who will start Kindergarten this month, has at least as many wonderful teachers.

Looking back on faith development, we could say there have perhaps been teachers or preachers who have shut down our wondering about God, or our enthusiasm for the life Jesus has set within us. But hopefully, there have been even more who have inspired and nurtured faith in you. I probably would have had a harder time recovering from my first day of first grade if I did not already know of God's love and care for me, as shown through faithful adults in my life.

The first Sunday of this month we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks. This will be a sign that God accompanies our children (and adult learners and teachers) through all their learning and growing, in and outside of the church. Some of you God will call to be ones who nurture, teach and inspire others in and beyond the church. I hope you will take that opportunity!

We have wonderful teachers in place for our Sunday School and Confirmation programs, and there are other ways as well to teach and show God's love.

In our worship life, we will be traveling through the book of Exodus. God calls Moses in Exodus to be one who will lead God's people—despite Moses' worries that no one will listen to him. Moses risked greatly in taking that bold step to follow God and lead others. God sent others to help him, like the Hebrew midwives, Moses' sister Miriam, and his brother Aaron. God will send a team to help you too, and if you take a look back in your life you may see that that team has already been assembled in action for many years. Name them, become one of them, and give thanks.

-Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

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WWW.LEONIAPRES.ORG**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-8-10 A.M.
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
1:00 -5:30 P.M.
FRIDAY 8:00-12 NOON**



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

All worship services are at 10:30 am on Sundays unless otherwise noted

- September 3:** Communion Sunday and
Blessing of the Backpacks as students young and old
and teachers prepare for a new program year.
2:00 pm Phyllis Sharpe Memorial Service
- September 10:** Our congregation worships in 2 locations:
At the church retreat, Camp Johnsonburg
And in the sanctuary with guest preacher: Rev. Fran Thiessen
- September 17:** Sunday School Kickoff Sunday
- September 24:** Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday
Guest preacher: Rev Dr. Angela Son

USHERS:

- September 3: Jeff Im, Linda McGarry, Jihyun Kim (Julia)
September 10: Roberta Toolen
September 17: Fara Razavy, Vicky Li, Kristen Richter
September 24: Susan Dindial, MaryEllen Neu, Hyung Shim
October 1: Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo

COUNTERS

- September 3: Fumio Ito, David Voreacos
September 10: Ginny Brown, Jonathan Phillips
September 17: Anne Stebbins, Fumio Ito
September 24: Hyung Shim, Olivia Taylor
October 1: Olivia Taylor, David Voreacos

FLOWERS

- September 10: Joyce Hamlin
September 17: Virginia Cora

NURSERY

- September 17: Vicky Li
September 24: Kristen Richter

Christian Education

Sunday School kickoff is September 17! We meet upstairs on the Sunday School wing, where we will sing and pray as a group then split off into classes:

Preschool-Kindergarten: Teachers Vicky Li, Judy Nyirongo, Sarah Han and Keyla Garia

First-Third Grade: Teachers Suzanne Broffman and Lisa VanDeWeert

Fourth-Sixth Grade: Teachers Allen Terrell and Nancy Salvati

Confirmation (7th and older): Jihyun Kim and Nick Topousis. We have 6 youth enrolled in our Confirmation program this year! We will pair each one with an adult mentor who will participate in the year's events with them. The program kicks off with a Confirmation Lunch at 1 pm on September 24, at the home of Joanne and Allen Terrell at 97 Gladwin Ave. in Leonia (with confirmation daughters Noelle and Eden), where the youth will first meet with their mentors. Then, on September 29-30, there will be an overnight lock-in at the church! This will be a chance for the teens to feel truly at home in the church space, get to know one another and their leaders, and begin this journey of faith.

ESL Bible Study will begin again on September 17 with our lunch meeting following worship, from noon-1pm Sundays. We can go at a slow pace so that newer English speakers can understand and ask questions. We will be reading the Gospel of Luke. New members encouraged. For more info, please speak with Vicky Li- victoriali@earthlink.net.

Wednesday Bible Study begins again in September in the Tower Room, from 10:45-12 noon. Anyone is welcome to this class that reads scripture and discusses with humor as we build on friendship and faith. For more info contact Pastor Leah at pastorleoniam@gmail.com. New members welcome!

Weekly Prayer Group meets at the Terrells on Thursdays.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL – FALL 2017 9:30 AM

How Did the Church Begin? Studying the Book of Acts and some of the Epistles

You can just imagine the lonely and bewildering feeling that came up on the 11 disciples after Jesus' ascension. Now they were on their own! Alone and in charge. But alone and in charge of what?

We know what happened: the Christian church was formed and in the following centuries it spread across Western Europe, North Africa and went to places in the East. But how? The Book of Acts tells us the story of how the band of 11 became an international following.

Paul – the only person to meet Jesus after his ascension – became a driving force. He wrote the first books of the New Testament – the Epistles – before the four Gospels were written. Paul was a one-man salesforce who went everywhere and defined even for us today who a Christian is.

The class will meet Sunday morning weekly at 9:30 am beginning on September 17th. We will as a group read the Book of Acts, refer to maps and other material, and on occasion take breaks leaving Acts to read parts of Paul's Epistles, so that we understand to whom and for what purpose these small books of the New Testament were sent.

Did you know that the Book of Acts was written by Luke and is really a continuation or a second part of the Book of Luke?

Plan to join us weekly, if you are able, or occasionally when you are able to be at church at 9:30am. All are welcome.

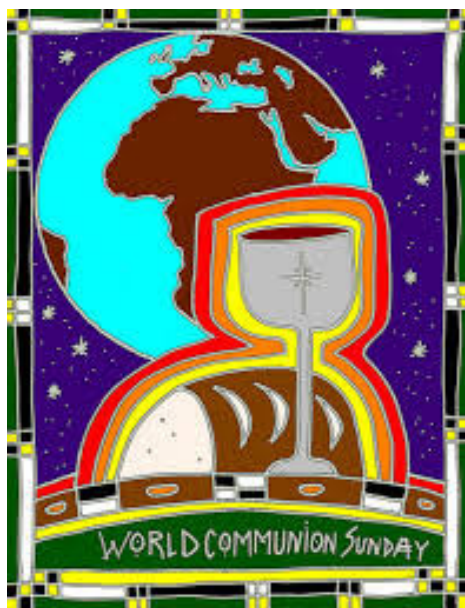
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October 1: World Communion Sunday

This year we will be at the Teaneck Presbyterian Church at 11 am. We will enjoy coming together with Bethany and Teaneck Presbyterian churches and celebrate our unity in Christ. This event is not to be missed! There will be a community time after worship where we will share food and friendship between our churches.

The Presbyterian Peace and Global Witness offering will be received at this service. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



A note from Pastor Leah:

I will be leaving town Sunday evening, September 17 through Saturday, September 23 to help Chris turn 40 while visiting friends in Prague! I won't miss a worship service, but we will have a wonderful guest preacher, Dr. Angela Son, give the sermon on Sept. 24 so I can enjoy my jet-lag with a little less pressure. Should you have a pastoral emergency while I am away, please contact The Rev. Hyo-Jung Kim, pastor at the Morsemere Community Church in Ridgefield, at 201-458-3442, who has agreed to be the pastor on call.

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OUR FAITHFULL MEMBERS

On October 18, 2017, Center for Food Action will be hosting the CFA Harvest Gala at Seasons in Washington Township. This year Pete Shanno will be honored for the Weekend Snack Pack Program Champion. If you would like to attend or would like information on the event, please see Rev Leah.

LUNCH! On August 27, we said goodbye to Ginny Brown (far left), who is moving to a condo in Connecticut. She's been a part of our church for decades, and in addition to singing in the choir and serving in many leadership positions, she has also played a key role in the ministry of Loaves and Fishes. Loaves and Fishes, hosted at Bethany Presbyterian Church, is a program that serves the hungry with a hot lunch each Monday. Our church joins Teaneck Presbyterian on alternating Sundays to cook and serve. They could use more volunteers! It is a rewarding way to start the week and great friendships build between the two churches that serve. Would you like to take Ginny's place at Loaves and Fishes? Email Olivia Taylor, auntliv@aol.com.



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SESSION NOTES

The Session examined its policy regarding hosting (renting space to) other congregations here, and reaffirmed that we want to be multicultural ourselves rather than having different congregations meet in our space with the exception of SMJ (Special Ministry for the Japanese), which meets on Sunday afternoons.

The Minute for Mission campaign will begin by October 22 and will look at ways to clearly communicate to the congregation how pledge moneys are used. Plans are in the works for a planned giving seminar, Composing Your Faith, on November 5. We will be discussing various topics, including not only giving to the church in one's will, but also wills and living wills in general.

Our asbestos removal project is now complete. While it was not possible to also complete the hoped-for kitchen and bathroom renovations this summer, the Property Committee continues to work toward accomplishing these and some necessary church repairs.

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER!!

TO ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY BIRTHDAY !!

September	2	Dane Clarke Esteban Mosquera
	4	Ethan Seojin Han
	6	Luis Laboy
	8	Troy Sahai
	18	Dennis McGarry Jonathan Mark Phillips
	19	Amanda Fernandez Ayoung (Jenny) Han
	22	Ray Addabbo
	23	Linda Green Lillian McNaughton Allyn Joy Ponella
	26	Justin Phillips



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History Happened Here! Have you ever noticed the historical plaque on our lawn facing Fort Lee Road? It's been hard to read for a while thanks to years of grime from the suburban sludge heading to the GWB. However, thanks to Town Archivist, Harriet Burdock, the plaque is getting a little tender loving care. So now you can read all about George Washington leading American troops in the Revolutionary War in their retreat from Fort Lee.

IN MEMORIAM

In 2006 Hyunae Lim came to our church first as a student in our ESL program and then as a regular church participant with her husband, Sung-woo Han.

Born in 1975, Hyunae Lim grew up in Seoul, Korea where she attended So-mang Church and earned undergraduate and master's degrees at the Seoul National University. She was a registered pharmacist and became a senior clinical associate at Eli Lilly, Korea.

Hyunae married Sung-woo Han in 2006 and moved to the United States. She attended the ESL class taught by Phyllis Sharpe here at our Church. We remember Hyunae as a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic accomplishment. She was fun loving, outgoing, wise, beautiful, and articulate, warmhearted and loved life. She was very excited at having been accepted into the PhD program in Pharmaceutical Sciences at SUNY Buffalo for the fall of 2008.

Hyunae Lim died in her apartment from a sudden illness in April 2008.

She was survived by her husband. She was also survived by her parents, one sister and one brother in Seoul, Korea.

Prior to returning to Korea her husband provided money for planting a tree in her memory. The tree was planted after church at a memorial service on April 24, 2016. This week a memorial plaque to Hyunae Lim was placed next to this tree of remembrance. Please visit the tree and memorial plaque on the church lawn.



Presbyterian Church in Leonia Fall Retreat
September 9th & 10th 2017
Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center
Johnsonburg, NJ

Our church retreat to Camp Johnsonburg is September 9-10. We will plan to carpool from the church, meet at church at 7 am on Saturday. There will be breakfast at the camp on Saturday morning, then we will have a day full of activities, learning and fun. To join a carpool, or if you want to find out if there is still space for you at camp, please email Linda McGarry: LmcGarry50@aol.com . For those who cannot join us on the retreat, there will be church worship in our sanctuary Sunday at 10:30, with guest preacher Rev. Fran Thiessen, who is a long friend of our church.



September 8th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Fall for Jazz! & Happy Harvest!

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 small donation is accepted to cover utility cost.**

WHEN: September 8, 2017 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: October 13, 2017 (Friday), 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.

Church: secretaryleonia@gmail.com or 201-944-1358

Coordinator, Mike Ito: mike.ito@verizon.net or 201-679-6616

Church website: www.leoniapres.org

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

**Beginning the Week of October 2nd,
and Ending the week of December 11th.**

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Leonia

Everyone is welcome,

From Beginner to Intermediate/Advanced!

- **Learn English vocabulary and idioms**
- **Practice speaking English**
- **Find out about American culture**
- **Make new friends!**



REGISTRATION FOR THIS SEMESTER

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

10:00 am – 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

AND

Thursday, September 28, 2017

10:00 am – 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

WHERE: The Presbyterian Church in Leonia

181 Fort Lee Rd. Leonia, NJ 07605

(Between Broad Ave. & Grand Ave.)

Please contact the following for any questions or assistance.

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Korean; Hyung Shim: hkshim@gmail.com 917-952-2559

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Church Office; secretaryleoniamark@gmail.com 201-944-1358

MATERIALS/ADMINISTRATION FEE:

Classes meeting once a week: \$25.00/semester

2nd class, if space is available: \$5.00/semester

Visit our website: www.learnenglishinleoniamark.org

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October 2nd - December 11th (2017 Fall Semester)

< Sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Leonia >

Everyone is welcome, From Beginner to Intermediate/Advanced.

- Practice speaking English • Find out about American culture • Make new friends!

英会話クラスのご案内

初心者から中級者、上級者まで、何方でもご参加ください。

- 英会話を話しながら、アメリカの文化に触れ、お友達を作る事も出来ます。

영어 회화 프로그램

이 프로그램은 초급, 중급, 고급반 과정으로 나뉘져 있습니다

- 실용적인 영어회화, 어휘, 숙어 및 미국문화를 배우며 새로운 친구도 만나 보세요.



Clases de conversacion en ingles

Todos son bienvenidos, desde principiantes hasta intermedio/avanzado.

- ♦ Practicar hablando inglés, conocer la cultura americana, hacer nuevos amigos.

Registration Days, 登録日, 등록날짜, Fechas de registraci3n

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10:00 am – 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

WHERE: The Presbyterian Church in Leonia
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MATERIALS/ADMINISTRATION FEE: 費用、수업료, COSTO.

Classes meeting once a week: \$25.00/semester, 1学期に付き, 한 학기, 1 Semestre.

Visit our website for more detail.

www.learnenglishinleonia.org

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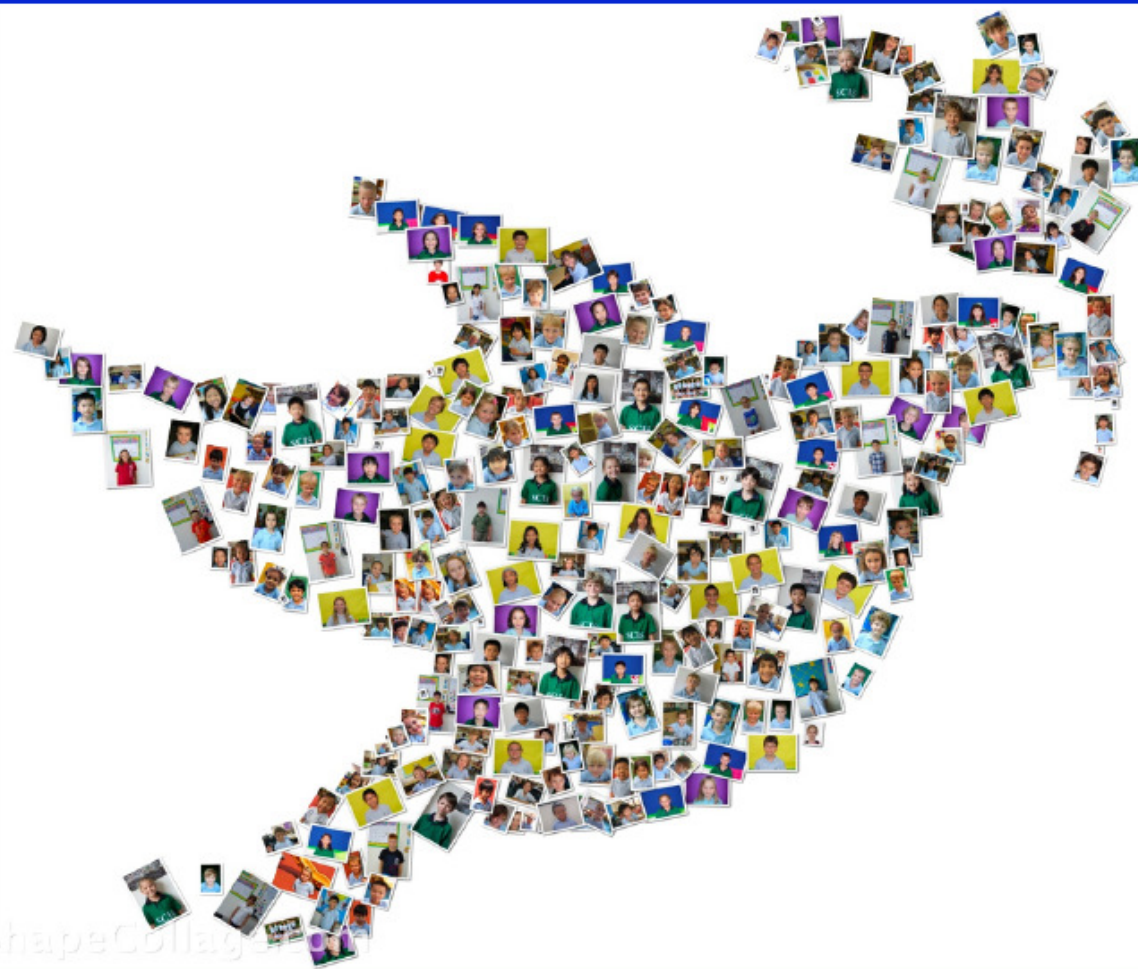
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Children's UN International Day of Peace



Leonia Library
Saturday, September 16 1:00pm

**Origami
Peace
Doves**

**Stories of
Refugees**

**Bracelet
Making**

**Flags of Our
Nations**



U.N. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

#peaceday | un.org/peaceday | together.un.org | #jointogether

Observance will feature music

and readings by Leonians

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

SUNDAY • 5:00 PM

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Opportunity to contribute to the United Nations High Commission for Refugee Relief

For more info call 201-592-6696



Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7

Hurricane Harvey may have been downgraded, but the torrential rains are still pounding parts of Texas and Louisiana. Historic flooding has forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey.

ACT: Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/.

Contact the PDA Call Center to be notified of volunteer opportunities.

Call (866) 732-6121 or email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org.

PRAY: God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

Keep up to date on long-term recovery efforts at presbyterianmission.org/pda or facebook.com/PDACARES

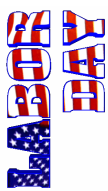
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US Hurricane Response – Harvey – DR000169 _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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