

The Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Gather Round!

September is a time around here where we gather round after our summer journeys that have included camp, visiting family, travelling near and far and maybe out of the country, focusing on work or maybe going lighter on it, taking on a summer job, and more. Whatever has kept you busy this summer, now is the time when we find each other once again, at church!

There is much planned that draws us back together:

Sunday School for all ages begins again. The adult class just couldn't get enough of each other, so they kept meeting over the summer. But the kids and their teachers took a break. On September 15, we will have Sunday School registration and class at 9:30 am, as well as a blessing in worship at 10:30 for all our teachers. There is a class for preschool kindergarten, 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, and 6th grade and older. These classes begin upstairs with singing together, then they break out into age groups. The adult class meets in the Tower Room, and will be reading through the scripture passages for each Sunday's worship service.

Our Church Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg, September 7-8. The theme this year is "Heaven on Earth" and we will talk about how you can create a little slice of heaven for yourself in this life, as well as work together with other Christians to bring forth, as the Lord's Prayer says, God's will "on earth as it is in heaven." In addition to small and large group discussions about this theme and our lives, we will have archery, boating, hiking, and good food you don't have to cook. Plus, we have camp counselors to keep the children of all ages engaged and having fun!

In addition to our regular rhythms for Sunday School and worship, we will also see our service to the community gear up again. If you're interested in volunteering with Loaves and Fishes, which is a feeding program we help to host at Bethany Presbyterian, contact Vicky Lee at vlnamnyak@gmail.com. If you'd like to help with the English Conversation Program, which offers 8 classes to newer English speakers in the community, please let Fumio Ito know, at mike.ito@verizon.net. English Conversation registration will be Sept. 19 and 24.

As you watch all this coming back together and gearing up, and figure out where you might take part, please take a moment to just STOP, and be still, and allow God's presence to be noticeable to you. Remember how beloved you are to God. What a gift that is! How can we help but respond with love and joy?

With blessing and care,

Leah
Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



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

September Worship Schedule

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

September 1 - Guest Preacher, The Rev. Debra Given /Blessing of the Backpacks

Debra Given is no stranger to this church! She served our congregation for 15 years until her retirement in 2015. She will preach while Leah Fowler is on vacation. The church welcomes her with joy, not only in gratitude for her service here, but also in thanksgiving that after a difficult cancer diagnosis and grueling treatment, she has health again and can be among us. Susan and Pete Shanno will lead a Blessing of the Backpacks for all you going back to school, students, teachers and staff together, so bring your laptop or backpack and be blessed.

September 8 - While most of the congregation is on retreat at Johnsonburg, church continues here, but in a special way. The worship service will gather around tables with breakfast served, in the tradition of the Agape Love Feast. This service is series of readings, hymns, and prayers—plus a tasty breakfast served right in the middle of it!

September 15 - We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion, and will have a special blessing for all our Sunday School students and teachers since this is the Registration and Start day for Sunday School. Our choir returns to worship leadership.

September 22 - This weekend we celebrate the International Day of Peace. In addition to recognizing this day in church, we will join Sunday evening at 5 for a community-wide, Interfaith gathering to share our commitments and longing for peace, at the Leonia United Methodist Church lawn.

September 29 - This Sunday is just a regular Sunday: good worship, great music, and a welcoming of the Holy Spirit's presence among us.

October 6— 11:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday at First Presbyterian Church in Teaneck.
(no worship in Leonia sanctuary)

GREETER

Month of September: Ingrid Brennen

USHERS

September 1: Pete & Susan Shanno

September 8: Fumio Ito

SECOND READERS

September 1: Christian Nelson

September 8: Jack Peters

COUNTERS

September 1: Pete Shanno, David Voreacos

September 15: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

September 22: Jonathan Phillips, Fumio Ito

September 29: Hyung Shim, Diane Borer

FLOWERS

September 15: Pete & Susan Shanno

September 22: Leah Fowler & Chris Gajilan

September 29: Peter & Susan Shanno

NURSERY

September 8: Kristen Richter

September 15: Chris Gajilan

September 22: Keyla Garcia

September 29: Linda McGarry

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SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Sunday School for all ages begins on September 15 at 9:30 am. Parents please plan to bring your children to Sunday School, which is on the second floor of the Education Wing, and fill out info so we know more about your child and family.



WEEKLY FLOWERS

Please consider donating for the weekly flowers enjoyed by all on Sundays. To donate simply list your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board above the coffee cart. The cost is \$40 . After Worship, you may either take the flowers home or they can be distributed by the deacons to those in need of cheer. You will be contacted the week you specify for information that you would like to see printed in the weekly bulletin. Any questions or concerns, please contact Linda McGarry or Pat in the church office.

FAMILY PROMISE

I never cease to be amazed by the amount of love and support our church gives to the Family Promise Shelter each year. You have cooked and served delicious meals, entertained the children, and hosted overnight stays. You also volunteered as backup in the event of emergencies and anonymously donated money for purchase of breakfast and lunch foods. The following people helped to make our work in the program a success: Susan Dindial, Gloria Gonzalez, Jae Lee, Victoria Li, Karen Peters and granddaughter, Madison, Nancy Salvati, Pete and Susan Shanno, Lisa VanDeWeert and daughter, Lily, Matthew Watson, and Jane Wilson. Thank you all for making my job as coordinator for our church so easy!

The next Family Promise event will be held December 15-22, 2019. See Linda McGarry for signup or other information.

Submitted,
Linda McGarry



Karen Klingler sang for our summer worship.

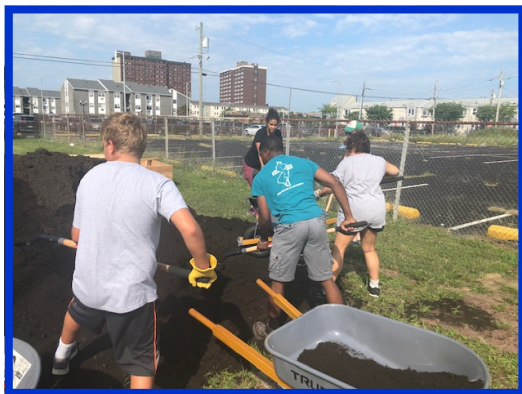


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Blessing of the Animals August 25, 2019



ATLANTIC CITY MISSION TRIP — AUGUST 2019



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It's always fun seeing church members in the community!



Leo Shim
played with his
brass band at
the National
Night Out In
Leonia

Jeremiah and Sibon met Pastor Leah for lunch and a visit to the Garfield Firehouse. The kind officer gave Jeremiah a tour of the fire engine and he was amazed!



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Church members show up and speak out for the Lights for Liberty Vigil





[JOIN US FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL CHURCH RETREAT](#)

Presbyterian Church in Leonia
Fall Retreat
September 7th and 8th
Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center
Johnsonburg, NJ

Our annual church retreat is Saturday September 7-Sunday September 8, 2019. We plan to carpool from the church on Saturday morning. There will be breakfast at the camp on Saturday morning, then we will have a day full of activities, learning and fun and program on Sunday. The theme of this year's retreat is Heaven on Earth. Please see Betsy Voreacos or Rev Leah if you need further information.

September 13th (Fri) 8:00 PM

2nd Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION! Sponsored

by 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 donation is accepted to cover refreshments & utility cost.

WHEN: September 13th, 2019 (Friday)

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Next Session: October 11th, 2019 (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)

Kirk Woodward (Vocal/Melodia/Piano)

Ray Jacob (Drums/Percussion)

Derek Chen (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

2019 Fall Semester: September 30th – December 6th

< 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 나뉘어 있습니다

• 실용적인 영어회화, 어휘, 속어 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

WHEN: September 19th (Thursday) & September 24th (Tuesday)
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.)

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

Please contact the following for any questions or assistance.

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ご質問等ありましたら、下記に連絡ください。

日本語では; Mike Ito: mike.ito@verizon.net 201-679-6616

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**Beginning the Week of September 30th,
and Ending the week of December 2nd.**

**Sponsored by 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: September 19, 2019 (Thursday)

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

September 24, 2019 (Tuesday)

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:

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

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BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER!!

TO ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY BIRTHDAY !!

- 4 Ethan Seojin Han
- 7 Melissa Maldonado
- 18 Dennis McGarry
Jonathan Phillips
- 19 Ayoung (Jenny) Han
- 20 Chris Gajilan
- 22 Ray Addabbo
- 23 Lillian McNaughton
- 26 Sekani Nyirongo

