

# THE NEWSLETTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

FEBRUARY 2020

Each February in our church, we hold an Annual Meeting, to receive reports of our committees and officers, approve our church's budget, and address any other business that may arise. It is kind of like an ecclesiastical State of the Union, which is on my mind right now because tonight the President will deliver the country's State of the Union address.

But what is different between the local church and the country is that the church makes up the Body of Christ, and as Paul says in First Corinthians, we all have a unique and significant role to play in the body. When I came to this church, I was truly amazed at the hustle some of our most loyal members showed. They ran a tight ship!

And, they were the voices of continuity, as the church got used to me, their new pastor. But now, just as in this warmer weather we have seen crocuses tenderly creeping out of the soil, new tendrils of leadership are emerging in our church. We are a people who believe that "a root will spring forth from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1).

Therefore, let us be encouraging, nurturing, and affirming of the gifts coming forth from our newer members and our younger members as we honor the leadership our older and more long-term members gave and continue to give. Last Sunday, after a fantastic Lunar New Year Celebration, I went into the kitchen and saw that the two people who had stuck around the longest to clean up following the meal were Anne Stebbins—our eldest member and long-term supporter of Asian Ministry, and Diane Lee—one of our Elders, but a young one, who has stepped in as Chair of the Asian Ministry Committee. I love this image of young and old, experienced and new, both invested and working side by side to do the work of the church, and building friendship at the same time. I am eager to see more of such partnerships arise!



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**Monday 8-10 a.m.**  
**Tuesday & Thursday 1-5:30 pm**  
**Friday 8-12 a.m.**

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual meeting of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, New Jersey will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020, after the Worship Service in conjunction with a light lunch. The meeting is for the purpose of:

Receiving of the Annual Reports.

Transacting other business as is appropriate

By order of the Session

Cynthia Callahan, Clerk of Session

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

**February 9:** Communion, and welcome guests from Leonia Scout Troop 71 to worship for Scout Sunday

Annual Meeting with lunch follows worship

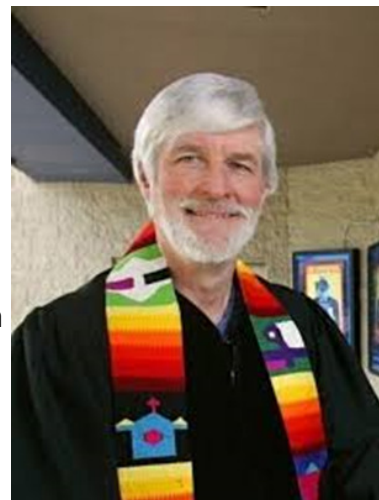


**February 16:** "Better and Worse: A Sermon on Love, Marriage, and Other Messy Relationships"

**February 23:** Frank Broyles, Guest Preacher

### Welcome Rev. Frank Broyles, Guest Preacher February 23

Rev. Broyles has moved to North Jersey for his retirement, with his wife Rhonda, and also to be near their children and grandchildren. He keeps his ministry active by supply preaching and doing ministry and leadership consultation for various congregations. He spent most of his career in Northern Alabama, where he did parish ministry, including time as English Pastor for Korean Community Fellowship, PC(USA). Rev. Broyles also served as the Director for the Huntsville Center for Pastoral Care. He has a passion for interfaith dialogue, and he has led or been part of over 70 mission trips! Rev. Broyles is excited to be part of the Palisades Presbytery, and we are excited to welcome him to our church.



**February 26:** Ash Wednesday Service at Teaneck Presbyterian Church, 8:00 pm

1 Church Street in Teaneck

**March 1:** First Sunday in Lent; Lenten Craft/Workshop follows Worship

## FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

### SECOND READERS

**February 9:** Reeve Harden

**February 16:** Nancy Salvati

**February 23:** Vicky Li

**March 1:** Cory Woodhead

### USHERS

**February 9:** Jack Peters, Trish Thams, Wanangwa Nyirongo

**February 16:** Keyla Garcia, Cory Lehnbeuter, Kristen Richter

Welcome to the world Imani Miracle, born on January 9 to mom Sibonike Mwenifumbo.



If you would like to sign up for flowers for a specific Sunday, please do so by signing up on the Flower Calendar which is on the wall behind the Ark Room. You will be contacted before your chosen date about what you would like printed in the weekly bulletin. If you live out of town and would like to donate flowers for a loved one, anniversary, birthday or an other special occasion, please contact Linda McGarry or call the church office (201-944-1358). The cost is \$40 and we ask that you pay the Presbyterian Church in Leonia when you sign up. You may take your flowers home after the service, or if you choose, the deacons will distribute the flowers to members and friends of the congregation

**New Member Dinner March 1 at 6:30 pm** If you have been visiting our church and are interested in possibly becoming a member, please join us for the New Member Dinner! Betsy and David Voreacos will host in their home, with a couple of other members of the Membership and Outreach Committee. We will spend some time getting to know one another and sharing faith journeys. Then Pastor Leah will share a little bit about the understanding of history, theology and leadership in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in our own church. You'll have the chance to ask questions, and our other members can help you get a sense of where you can find connection in our church. Please RSVP with Betsy at [betsyvoreacos@aol.com](mailto:betsyvoreacos@aol.com) by



**Lunar New Year 2020**

**The Year of The Rat**



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**February 14th (Fri) 8:00 PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday JAZZ JAM SESSION!**

**Sponsored by Presbyterian Church in Leonia**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

**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: February 14th, 2020 (Friday)**

**8:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

**Next Session: March 13th, 2020 (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)**

**Yoshie Tanigawara (Bass)**

**Daniel Ovadia (Drums/Percussion)**

**Mike Ito (Guitar)**

**Please contact the following for any question.**

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## Time and Talent Form 2020

### MY COMMITMENT FOR 2020

As a good steward of all of God's gifts, I commit or recommit myself to serve in the following area(s) of the church's life and mission (please indicate areas in which you wish to continue to serve, or would like to begin serving):

### Worship

Chancel Choir \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Music \_\_\_\_\_  
 Usher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Read Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

### Church School and Child Care

Children's Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Sunday School Leadership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elementary childcare during Sunday service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child care for special events \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camp Johnsonburg events \_\_\_\_\_

### Mission Outreach

Teach English Conversation Classes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Help at Family Promise Shelter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Loaves & Fishes-Prepare meals every other Monday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Oelhaf House Interfaith Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat for Humanity summer building project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Immigration Justice through CoFIA, First Friends, or other immigrant right group \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drive members to hospital or doctor appointments \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation to church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mission Trip to Brownsville, TX at Mexico/US Border Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Miscellaneous

Digital Media (specify if you wish) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Operate Sound Equipment in Sanctuary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Retreat Planning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Painting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minor Building Repairs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yard Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## *(Committee Membership)*

Committee members are not only welcome, but needed to do the vital work of the church. Please indicate which of these committees you would be willing to serve on. Experience is NOT required, merely an interest and a willing spirit.

- ◇ **Asian Ministry**– Develops outreach to our Asian neighbors and plans programs to foster appreciation and understanding between people of different cultures.
- ◇ **Budget & Finance** - Recommends the annual church budget and, along with the Treasurer monitors income and disbursements throughout the year. Also responsible for long-range financial planning.
- ◇ **Christian Education** - Oversees the Sunday Church School and nursery; recruits and trains Church School teachers; recommends curriculum; helps provide for adult education.
- ◇ **Fellowship** - Plans social events, fellowship hours, and maintains the Sunday beverage cart.
- ◇ **Mission & Stewardship** - Plans and conducts programs for the financial stewardship (including special offerings) of the congregation, and interprets and promotes our mission locally and worldwide.
- ◇ **Membership & Outreach** - Evaluates our church's communication, both within the congregation and to the wider community. Proposes, plans and executes various efforts to welcome and incorporate new members.
- ◇ **Personnel** - Oversees the work of church employees, conducts annual performance reviews, and makes compensation recommendations to the session.
- ◇ **Property** - Oversees the regular maintenance of the church building and grounds; proposes and implements improvement projects.
- ◇ **Retreat** - Plans and implements one-day or overnight retreats of the congregation.
- ◇ **Worship** - Conceives and plans special services of worship, providing for services in the Pastor's absence and for routine tasks, such as communion preparation, reading of Scripture, ushering, and preparation of the sanctuary for worship and special services.
- ◇ **Adult Ed Advisory Group (not official committee)**- Determines the congregation's needs for bible study, discussion groups, mission education, and spiritual discernment. Advises Pastor on class formats, speakers, and/or curriculum for these opportunities.

PLEASE LEAVE IN CHURCH COLLECTION PLATE OR SEND TO CHURCH OFFICE.





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**February Birthdays**

- 2 Janet Baur
- 8 Ryan McGarry
- 9 Betsy Voreacos
- 12 Kai Gajilan Fowler
- 14 Gretchen Harders
- 19 Nancy Salvati
- 20 Maribel Santana
- 21 Anne Stebbins  
Jane Wilson
- 23 Molly Voreacos
- 28 Kevin Dolce



A Happy and Healthy Birthday to Everyone!