

August 4 at PCL

This Sunday, August 4, Pastor Leah will still be out of town. Please welcome The Rev. David Shaw as guest preacher.

David Shaw is Associate Director of Church World Service, Jersey City. Before that, he served for 17 years in parish ministry in Colorado and Montclair, NJ. Coincidentally, David and Leah Fowler both served Union Congregational Church in Montclair at different times. He currently oversees multiple teams at CWS that provide resettlement and integration services for a broad range of populations. David has two teenaged children and currently lives in Verona. He is a published author, keen cyclist, and gardener.

It is through CWS that our church co-sponsored the Alizada family from Afghanistan as they resettled in Teaneck, and through CWS that Alice and Martin Mungwa found us and started the Welcome Corps committee in our church.

I return to NJ on the afternoon of August 4 but while I am away, our lead Deacon, Vicky Li, will be available for pastoral care needs, and knows how to contact me in case of an emergency. You may reach Vicky at 201-790-5474 or vlnamnyak@gmail.com. For office concerns, contact our Secretary, Pat

Major, at secretaryleonia@gmail.com.

With blessing and care, Leah -Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor

Art in this email is by Kelly Latimore, "La Sagrada Familia"



Coming Up at PCL

BOLLYX with Susheela is Thursday nights from 7-8 pm. Cost is \$15 per class, which Susheela will split with the church. Reserve your spot before class by emailing susheela@bolly.com.

<u>CHURCH RETREAT</u> at Camp Johnsonburg, September 7-8. Enjoy the great outdoors and get to know one another better, and draw closer to God. It's for all ages, with special activities for kids and discussions for adults. Sign up

here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOweOWbXRUzzGm8G7qim6VZQOwXQnKLpDqfcQ2i2AyhoZt0w/viewform

SUMMER MUSIC Want to consider offering music this summer in worship when we don't have a choir? Email (findapianist@gmail.com) Renée to let her know!



In Our Prayers...

Today we pray for the cares of our community and for our world. Since this email was written and

scheduled to send in advance, we pray for anything happening in our church community or in the world that has newly arisen since the writing of this email! In addition:

Pastor Leah gives thanks for time for renewal on vacation and to see family.

We continue to pray for Diane and Laura, and all having health concerns.

We pray for people struggling with addictions, mental illness, and the people who love them.

We pray with hope for the Cameroonian refugees seeking entry to the US through our church's Welcome Corps sponsorship; we've learned their application is under review.

We pray for Chris who will spend up to 4 weeks reporting from the Amazon in Brazil for an upcoming documentary; she leaves Aug. 5.

We pray for the concerns of the nation and the world, especially for thoughtfulness around the election, peace in the Middle East.