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## **A Celebration of the Global Church!**

This Sunday we host our friends from Teaneck and Bethany Presbyterian Churches for World Communion Sunday. It is a big deal! Especially this year, when we are witnessing so much conflict in the world. Yes, the body of Christ is broken. But from brokenness, there is resurrection. We will receive the Peace and Global Witness offering, to support Presbyterian peace building efforts nationally, internationally, and locally.

The theme for Sunday is "The Pursuit of Peace." We will have a testimony from Rahshon Timothy Dixon, from the Paterson Healing Collective, which is a grassroots program that works to stop violence among the youth in Paterson. This group will receive a portion of our Peace and Global Witness Offering.

We will also hear from many of the global languages of our church, and from some of our youth, and from leaders from Bethany and Teaneck Presbyterian Churches. We'll have special music from a combined choir, as well as from Mineko Yajima and Michael Hinton.

Scriptures will be Psalm 133 and 1 Peter 3:8-18a.

Following worship, there will be a big Fellowship Hour so you can enjoy lunch with our friends from nearby churches. Plan to stay and visit if you can.

We hold Sunday School for children and youth at 9:30 upstairs; Adult Bible Study at 9:30; and Activity Period for grades 4 and younger following the Children's Sermon.

With blessing and prayer and so many prayers for peace,  
Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



## Coming Up at PCL

### **NEWCOMERS' GATHERING**

On Saturday, October 26, Mineko and Michael Hinton will host a dinner in their home for visitors and our newest members at 6 pm. You'll be invited to share a piece of your faith journey and learn about membership in the church. Please RSVP with Pastor Leah at [pastorleonia@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleonia@gmail.com) by October 19. Children are welcome and there will be activities prepared for them.

**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@bollyx.com](mailto:susheela@bollyx.com)

**JAZZ JAM** will be on Friday, October 11 from 8-10 p.m.



## In Our Prayers...

Today we pray fervently for peace in the world: for Haiti, Cameroon, Congo, and Sudan we pray. As we approach the anniversary of the October 7 terrorist attacks, we lament the loss of life and remaining hostages. As Gaza lays in ruins with over 40,000 dead, we who are far removed from such violence must know that God weeps over the bloodshed. As Lebanon, Israel, and Iran dance in an unholy spiral of increasing violence, we pray that it can somehow end. We prayerfully consider our country's role in its diplomacy, its supply of weapons, and its action and inaction. We pray blessing upon leaders to make bold choices in favor of peace.

On a more hopeful note, we give thanks for 4 church youth who helped clear out a jungle of weeds so that children could play on their playset.

We pray for Roberta, who is now at Prospect Heights room 317. We pray for Laura, Diane, and any others who are working on their health and healing. We pray for Chris who is heading for Brazil on Monday.