



## **Stewardship Season Begins!**

This Sunday we will kick off our Stewardship Season for 2025. Our theme is, "Choose This Day!" and is taken from Joshua, asking the Hebrew people who have wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, to recommit to the covenant they have made with God. He says to them, "Choose this day whom you shall serve!"

We are pretty pro-choice around PCL. And we know as much as it is a choice (if you are a US citizen and over 18) who you may vote for in the November elections, it is also a choice whether or not to come to church on Sundays.. It is a choice whether or not to try to follow Jesus. It is a choice whether you will use your life and resources to pursue peace. Making a pledge is a choice, and doing so is helping to choose a church with the kind of resources that can creatively and faithfully live out Christ's call in these specific times. Many things call out, "choose me!" when we consider how we might budget our money. What will your budget say about choosing God?

Our first Stewardship speaker will be Jose Falcon, with his Deacon Linda McGarry bringing his words to you, since he usually does not come to church due to some physical and mental disabilities. Jose, who is on a fixed income, gives \$5 to the church when he can. He wants the congregation to know that "anybody can give!" and his Deacon will share that message on his behalf. Pledge Dedication will be Nov. 17 or anytime before.

Our scriptures for this Sunday are Job 38:1-7, 34-41 and Mark 10:35-45. The sermon will be called "God of Great and Small."

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 care and so many prayers for peace,  
Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



## Coming Up at PCL

**WALK** to stand with survivors of domestic violence! At 10 am Saturday, October 26 at Van Saun Park in Paramus, Center for Hope and Safety will host this fundraising walk. Email me at [pastorleonia@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleonia@gmail.com) if you'd like to be part of a group from our church going; you can also donate even if you cannot walk.

**LGBTQ+ MEET AND GREET** hosted by the Presbytery of Northeast NJ, 4 pm at Nevada Diner in Bloomfield, this Saturday, Oct. 19. Email Dan at [dlmartian1@aol.com](mailto:dlmartian1@aol.com) if you plan to come.

### **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)



## In Our Prayers...

Are you feeling anxious as the November elections are less than 3 weeks away? Make sure you check in with your body and spirit. Remember to pray. Do things that are physically good for your body, like walking or other exercise, each day. Do what is in your power to make good change, and trust in God for what is beyond your power.

Today we pray for Laura, who will be returning home from her program in early November!

We pray for Roberta, who is now home after hospital treatment.

We pray for those who have serious illness, whether physically or mentally.

We pray for Chris, who is in the jungle of the Brazilian Amazon for work.

We pray for Diane as she is in her last weeks (or days!) of pregnancy; may she have a healthy delivery with a joyful outcome.

We pray for the Middle East, that hostages will be released, the hungry and sick receive the aid they need, that conflict will de-escalate, that peace will be envisioned, and that the children of the region will have a future that they can live out together. We pray for Haiti, Ukraine, Sudan, Cameroon, as well as for the forgotten places of the world that don't make headlines.