



Follow that Star!

Epiphany Sunday at PCL

Thank all of you for a beautiful and meaningful season of Christmas. This Sunday, January 5, we celebrate Epiphany- that is, the arrival of the Magi from the East, who followed a star to Bethlehem to worship the Christ Child. We will have a special appearance of these wandering wise people, bearing gifts, as we sing "We Three Kings!" The scriptures will be Matthew 2:1-12 and Isaiah 43:16-21, and the sermon will be called "The Road Isn't Straight." We will share in the Sacrament of Communion, and you will be invited to select a Star Word to guide you into 2025.

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 gratitude for the gift it has been to worship with you and follow together Jesus the Christ,
Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor

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Coming Up at PCL

PASTORAL TRANSITION The Interim Pastor search committee has been formed, is meeting, and will soon nominate a Chair. Their members are Cory Lehnbeuter, Tom Topousis, Ellen Lazzaro, Joe VanDeWeert, Vicky Li, Mineko Yajima, and Tara Coleman. The Worship Committee has secured some wonderful pastors who will serve as supply preachers through Easter Sunday- more details on these guests still to come.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and is studying the book of Matthew.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES return the week of February 3. For more info, contact Sally Ko at englishinleonia@gmail.com.

JOINING THE CHURCH Our next New Member Class will join the church on January 19. Please email pastorleonia@gmail.com if you wish to join.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY You are invited on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 6 pm, to a farewell party for Leah Fowler and her family Chris and Kai, as we celebrate 9 years of ministry together.

ANNUAL MEETING There will be an Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, on Sunday, Jan. 26 immediately following worship, for the purpose of hearing the Annual Reports of each committee and of the church. All committee chairs in 2024, please submit your report to Pat Major (secretaryleonia@gmail.com) by Jan. 12. -Elder David Voreacos, Clerk of Session



In Our Prayers...

Today we pray for Roberta, who is home from the hospital.

We pray for Kai who has a violin audition Saturday and is nervous.

We pray for those who are starting the new year with hopes and fears about work, about their health, or their families. Help them remember that they do not walk alone.

We pray with thanksgiving for the 100 year life of President Jimmy Carter: for his faith, his commitment to affordable housing, to global health, and to peace and justice, which extended long beyond his presidency. May his imprint remain.

We pray with deep lament after a devastating event in New Orleans left 14 dead plus the attacker. In the name of the Prince of Peace, have mercy and show us another way besides violence!

We pray for the people of Gaza, that soon they may see a ceasefire, and that aid can save the lives of those who are dying of starvation.

We pray for the church and its leaders as it prepares for transition.