



The Spirit is Upon Us!

The Holy Spirit is on the move at PCL!

Start your weekend with Jazz Jam Friday night Jan. 10, 8-10 pm. Cost is suggested \$5 donation, and there will be an intermission with snacks and warm drinks.

This Sunday marks the Baptism of Jesus Christ. We will read scriptures Isaiah 43:1-7, and Luke 3:15-17 and 21-22. The sermon will be called "With Questioning Hearts." Baptism is a time of engagement of the Holy Spirit, and this Sunday many people will respond to the Spirit's call.

We are happy to welcome 6 new members to the church: Diana Kohout, Glenda Nicolas, Yebin Jun, Joe Crittenden, Dawn Gonzalez, and Lindsey Austen! If you haven't gotten to know them, please do; these folks are huge blessings to the life of the church.

We will also be installing officers of the church, and ordaining two who are new to church office. Levi VanDeWeert and Lingfei (Faye) Yu will be ordained and installed as Elders. Joining them to be installed as Elders are Joe VanDeWeert, and David Voreacos and Ellen Lazzaro, who will begin their second, three-year term. Joining as an installed Deacon will be Venge Nyirongo. Thanks be to God for the gifts of these Christians!

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 how the Spirit is moving in each of you,
Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



Coming Up at PCL

JAZZ JAM Tomorrow, Friday from 8-10 pm. Bring friends!

PASTORAL TRANSITION The Interim Pastor search committee has chosen Joe VanDeWeert as their chair and is meeting regularly. Other 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.

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. Email Karen Peters at jkmk142@aol.com.

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) ASAP. -Elder David Voreacos, Clerk of Session



In Our Prayers...

We pray for incoming church leaders who will be ordained and installed: Levi VanDeWeert, Faye Yu, David Voreacos, Ellen Lazzaro, and Joe VanDeWeert as Elders and Venge Nyirongo as Deacon. We pray for those who will be joining the church: for Lindsey, Diana, Glenda, Yebin, Joe, and Dawn. May they find joy and meaning in walking the Christian life with PCL.

We pray for those in our congregation who are seeking jobs right now.

We pray for those who are struggling with physical health or trouble in their spirits.

We pray with thanksgiving for the life of President Jimmy Carter. We pray for this country as it prepares for the next presidential term. Holy Spirit, guide us!

We pray for the people in and around Los Angeles, as wildfires cause devastation, and we pray for the firefighters and rescue workers trying to save lives and homes.

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.