



## **MLK Remembrance Sunday**

### **January 19, 2025**

This Sunday, January 19, at the Presbyterian Church in Leonia we will pause to reflect on the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With his words and with the wisdom of scripture and the power of music, we will try to find courage and focus for the changes happening in our world and in this country. Scriptures will be Isaiah 62:1-5 and John 2:1-11, and the sermon will be called "It's Dry January, But My Cup Runneth Over."

Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School for children and youth, as well as an Adult Bible Study, will be at 9:30 a.m.

I am savoring these last weeks and days with you as your Pastor. It has been wonderful to find moments to share (and to grieve) with many of you. I know the coming days will make more time for that. Know that I treasure you and you are loved, and that I am thankful for the time God has brought us together.

With blessing and care,  
-Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



## Coming Up at PCL

**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. In-person registration will be Thursday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m.-noon. For more info, contact Sally Ko at [englishinleonia@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. -Elder David Voreacos, Clerk of Session

**LUNAR NEW YEAR** Please invite neighbors and friends to our church's Lunar New Year celebration on Sunday, February 2. We will have special musical guests playing Japanese Koto (traditional Japanese harp) and cello music. Chris Gajilan will give a reflection "The Serpent Speaks." Following worship there will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share or pay \$5 per person (\$15 max per family) donation if you cannot bring food.



## In Our Prayers...

Today we give thanks for amazing new leadership with PCL's incoming Elders and Deacons. There is a great team and they work hard- show your appreciation (and volunteer/answer calls if they reach out!).

We pray for those who are facing medical tests or procedures. We pray for those whose family concerns weigh heavily on them. We pray for those struggling with addiction. We pray for you who are

mourning.

We pray for holy intervention so that a cease-fire deal can be reached between Israel and Gaza! We pray for thoughtfulness in the stages that follow, to pave the way to a just peace and to restoration of a devastated region.

We pray for the people of LA and surrounding areas still grappling with fire and its power to destroy.

We pray for the United States of America as it prepares for a new administration. God, help your people of faith have courage, to know how to act and respond to injustice when it happens, and how to care for themselves and for one another each step of the journey.

We pray for the church and its leaders as it prepares for transition, and as we celebrate and grieve our changing relationships.