





**Jan. 26 at PCL:
Baptism of Ayuni Lee Tornii
Pastor Leah's Last PCL Sermon
Annual Meeting**

This Sunday, January 26, at the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, Ayuni Lee Tornii (daughter of Diane Lee and Yanni Tornii) will receive the Sacrament of Baptism! Come join for this joyful morning in the body of Christ. Our scriptures are 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:14-21, and the sermon will be called "This Beautiful Body." We will also have special music from Evan Kirby, Carol Crittenden, and Kai Gajilan Fowler. 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.

Immediately following worship, we will move into our Annual Meeting, for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report. The congregation will also consider whether to authorize allowing the treasurer to take up to \$40,000 from the Generosity Fund to cover an operational deficit.

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I've been told there will be a Farewell Celebration this Saturday, to rejoice in the good work of ministry we have done together, and to also share sadness in our changing relationship. But you won't be done with me quite yet! This Sunday Jan. 26 will be my last Sermon, but then you'll have to deal with me for another week as I tie up loose ends and join you for our Lunar New Year celebration on Feb. 2- I won't preach there (but you'll hear from Chris and maybe Kai), but I will join you for our real last supper with me as your pastor, in our Lunar New Year feast. I will cherish every minute of these next days with you.

With blessing and care,

-Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor

PS- invest your faith in the next chapter of the church, and sign up for chances to volunteer or join a church committee! Form is attached.



Coming Up at PCL

PASTORAL TRANSITION The Interim Pastor search committee is at work looking for your next, pastoral leadership for the transition. There are wonderful guest preachers coming to lead worship with you beginning Feb. 9.

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. Please register by January 31- info and registration form at learnenglishinleonia.org.

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. To join on Zoom, go here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7884162344?pwd=9pi4Uu4fSJZDX3XXOgbpN0QFP1blwu.1&omn=84158050508> -Elder David Voreacos, Clerk of Session

LUNAR NEW YEAR (WEAR RED) Invite neighbors and friends to the PCL 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. WE STILL NEED volunteers to bring: Drinks, 2 Desserts, 3 Vegetable Dishes, and we could probably use one or more main protein dishes.. Sign up by Jan. 26- email vlnamnyak@gmail.com to register.

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Join the Lunar New Year Choir! The song will be a Japanese hymn our church has sung before (1 verse in Japanese, the rest in English). We are looking for the choir and singers who aren't in the choir. There will be a rehearsal next Sunday, Feb. 2 at 10:10 a.m. Here is a YouTube of the song- <https://youtu.be/L6YY-sHBWyY>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP FEB. 2 This will be a short meeting, before our Lunar New Year feast, to officially dissolve the pastoral relationship Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler has with the Presbyterian Church in Leonia.

FAMILY PROMISE PCL is providing a meal for 160 people at Family Promise in Hackensack on March 2. Volunteers are needed to do everything from pick up groceries, to cook a batch of the main dish (Mexican chicken), bake brownies, or wrap utensil sets. Consider how you might help and see Vicky Li for a link to the signup.