

This Sunday, February 16 Guest Preacher: Rev. Steve Huston

Steve Huston is a Teaching Elder and Co-Leader of the Northeast NJ Presbytery. As a child and youth, he was nurtured at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was at a Mariners' Family Camp that he learned about the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which he would attend twice as a youth participant and later as an adult leader.

When Steve left Oklahoma to study at Brown University, he worshipped at Providence Presbyterian Church, a multi-ethnic congregation in Providence, Rhode Island. This was a dramatic change from the homogenous congregation he grew up in, and it allowed him to experience the rich diversity of being Presbyterian. That experience would ultimately change the direction of his ministry as he focused on developing both local and international mission partnerships. In his 23 years of community ministry, Steve has helped create a Neighborhood Development Corporation, served with the Boys and Girls Club, Rotary, and the Group Workcamps Foundation. Internationally, he has assisted with developing partnerships in Guatemala, Brazil, and Tajikistan. In addition to these efforts, Steve has also worked as an advocate for human rights and social justice.

Steve believes that his calling has always been to people and not to institutions. For Steve, a Presbytery is about serving people who serve their communities.

Worship is at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with a livestream on Facebook. 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.

Stay safe and warm, Pat Major, PCL Church Administrator



Coming Up at PCL

PASTORAL TRANSITION

The Interim Search committee continues to receive applications for the Interim pastor. We have scheduled Zoom interviews with two promising candidates and hope to have good conversations with them on their experiences in ministry and thoughts for our congregation. We will likely continue to have introductory interviews throughout February and narrow the search down from there.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and is in person and also on Zoom. Join for the study of Matthew at this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86166063706? pwd=y7nbfwjZp1TaYUBC2aU9uXBh69aExa.1

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES have started and meet weekly. For information go to learnenglishinleonia.org.

• FAMILY PROMISE PCL is providing a meal for 160 people at Family Promise in Hackensack on Sunday, March 2. We still need to fill 4 more slots for the Mexican Shredded Chicken dish and 6 more slots to make a batch 10 brownies. And if you have an SUV or a vehicle with a large trunk, we could use 1 more volunteer to deliver the food to Hackensack. You can use this link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAFA92AA6F8CF8-54599053-family. If you have questions, contact Vicky Li at vlnamnyak@gmail.com.

LENTEN PANCAKE BRUNCH Get out your calendars and mark Sunday, March 9 for a Pancake Brunch put together by your Deacons! Details to come, but be sure to save the date! There will be a sign-up sheet in church this Sunday so those planning to attend can let us know how many will be coming.



From Our Deacons...

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u> In this transitional time for our church, the Deacons are prepared to respond to pastoral care needs. You may email <u>Deacons@leoniapres.org</u> or in an emergency, call Deacon Vicky Li at 201-790-5474 or Deacon Linda McGarry at 201-575-1465.

Today We Pray:

- That Betsy had a Happy Birthday!
- With Ingrid for a safe and healthy outcome for Sara who will be receiving an IVF procedure.
- With Lisa for her friend Wiley and her family on the passing of Wiley's father.
- With Susan Dindial on the passing of her brother-in-law.
- With Joe for a friend who is struggling through trauma and substance abuse.
- That Glenn will get good news about graduate school.