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Elder Jerome Lane was born in The Bronx and raised in Harlem. Since 2017, he's been a member at the Elmwood Presbyterian Church in West Orange, and since 2021, he's been the Community Ministry Organizer for the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey. In this position, Elder Lane has organized efforts to tackle food insecurity by garnering support for food pantries and community refrigerators, helping to eliminate the stigma around mental health illness by arranging workshops for church leadership and community partners, providing access to equitable healthcare by coordinating free health screenings for churches and the surrounding community, and assisted in the development of the grant funding process where over \$500k in grants was awarded for congregational mission projects or nonprofit organizations identified as community partners.

Elder Lane also serves as a board member at the East Orange YMCA, an advisory committee member at the Mental Health Association in New Jersey and the executive director of the Transformation Family Inc, a nonprofit organization that raises funding for students at the Biafra

School in Nairobi, Kenya, who are facing poverty and food insecurity.

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 has done preliminary interviews with two excellent candidates and has two more on its schedule. After that we hope to narrow down to one or two for more in depth conversations.

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

FAMILY PROMISE PCL is providing a meal for 160 people at Family Promise in Hackensack on Sunday, March 2. We still need to fill

- Three slots for the Mexican Shredded Chicken dish, so if you are able, this would be a priority to fill!

- Six slots for a batch 10 brownies (this is less critical than providing enough shredded chicken) Kindly sign up by TUESDAY 2/25 so we can plan accordingly. Here's the link to sign up: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAFA92AA6F8CF8-54599053-family</u>. If you have questions, contact Vicky Li at <u>vlnamnyak@gmail.com</u>.

LENTEN PANCAKE BRUNCH Your Deacons are inviting you to a Pancake Brunch on Sunday, March 9 following the worship service. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in church so we know how many will be coming—or email Vicky Li indicating your name and the number of people. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, March 2.

<u>2024 TAX LETTERS</u> If any parishioner needs to have a 2024 tax letter prepared for them, please contact Pat Major, Church Administrator at <u>secretaryleonia@gmail.com</u>.

LEONIA CHAMBER MUSICIANS CONCERT

Sunday February 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in our church. February Romance Concert includes Trios Aquarelles (Three Water Colors) Phillippe Gaubert (1879-1941),D'un Matin de Printemps Lili Boulanger (1893-1918) Quintet Adolf Haas (Johann Adolf Haas) (1699-1783 or 1713-1771) String Quartet in C Minor Op. 51 No. 1 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Admission is free. Suggested



From Our Deacons...

PASTORAL CARE 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.