



This Sunday, May 18, 2025

Welcome Rev Mike Eller

This week we welcome our new interim pastor the Rev Mike Eller, his wife Katie, and daughters Elsa and Lavender. Mike will be leading us for the next period in the life of our church as we ask ourselves who we are and how we can best serve God and all of their creation.

Mike has served a variety of churches over the years and a number of different denominations. We are hopeful that this experience will help us explore all of the many gifts that we as a congregation have and to think outside the box on how to use those gifts.

We will welcome Mike with a reception after the service. We hope everyone can join us to welcome Mike, Katie, Lavender, and Elsa.

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.

Be well!

Pat Major, PCL Church Administrator



Coming Up at PCL

PCL WELCOMES THE ELLER FAMILY

As you know, Rev. Mike Eller started as our Interim Pastor this past Monday. On Sunday, May 18, Pastor Mike will be preaching, and worship service will be followed by a special Fellowship Hour to properly welcome him, his wife Katie, and his twin daughters

Elsa and Lavender to our PCL family. Please join us so you can get to know the Ellers—and they you!

NOTE: PLEASE BRING SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS (baked goods, fruits, cheese plates, finger food) TO SHARE AT THIS SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR!!!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday, May 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 (or later!) PM at the church. Pizza, laughs, and fierce competition—what more could you want? All are welcome! Adults, feel free to BYOB and your family's favorite game. See you there!

FAMILY HIKE We have rescheduled the PCL Congregation Hike for Sunday, June 1 following worship. If you're planning to leave straight from the church, REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU TO CHURCH!

All ages are welcome! Meet at 12:30 at Englewood Picnic Area in Palisades Interstate Park. If you need a ride or wish to carpool (\$2.50/hr parking fee), contact Vicky Li

@ vlnamnyak@gmail.com.

Link for additional details and maps:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kTSAzaCy_MN9EOoQ5lbYmZ38gEnHMs5YD1XB5efypME/edit?usp=](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kTSAzaCy_MN9EOoQ5lbYmZ38gEnHMs5YD1XB5efypME/edit?usp=sharing)

[p=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kTSAzaCy_MN9EOoQ5lbYmZ38gEnHMs5YD1XB5efypME/edit?usp=sharing)

LEONIA PRIDE DAY Will you volunteer to staff PCL's table at the 2025 Leonia Pride Day on Saturday, June 7 from 2:00 – 5:00 at Wood Park? It will be fun-filled event featuring a DJ, dancing, drag performances, live entertainment—a joyous celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. Please sign up for one of the 3 staffing slots and spread the word that PCL welcomes all.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAFA92AA6F8CF8-56859329-leonia>

WATERING PCL TREES The eight young trees we received from Leonia Tree Commission once again need watering to keep them healthy through the hot, dry summer months. Use the link

below to sign up to water them two times a week for a given week.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAF92AA6F8CF8-56545220-watering>

AND SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday 5/17/25 Game Night

5:00-7:00 p.m. (or later) at the church. For details see above.

Sunday 6/1/25 and Every 1st Sunday of each month Hikes (weather permitting) Begin 6/1 with a hike along the Palisades (for details, see above) Other hikes will be at various locations in the area, and will typically be appropriate for families. Bring lunch.

Sat. 6/7/25 Leonia Pride 2025 Volunteers needed to staff our table. Wood Park, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Sun. 6/15/25 Sunday School Appreciation Day & All-Church Picnic Details to come

TBD Beach Day(s) Details to come

September Fall Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg. Stay tuned for details.

Continuing Activities

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



From Our Deacons...

PASTORAL CARE

Now that Pastor Mike is here, you can reach out to him if you are in need of pastoral care. His email is revmike@leoniapres.org.

IN OUR PRAYERS

-DONNA HUNT has been transferred to hospice at HMH John F. Kennedy University Medical in Edison, NJ. Karen Peters, who has been in touch with Donna's daughter Deanna, has learned that although Donna is still allowed visitors, she is not really responsive—but it does appear she is hearing people. If anyone wishes to visit Donna, please coordinate through Karen (jkmk142@aol.com)

Happy Birthday to Joe VanDeWeert!