

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter
"The Spirited Way of Peace"
John 14:23-29
Rev. Mike Eller

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we will take a look at a passage of Jesus's "Farewell Discourse" to his closest friends in John 14. In this goodbye speech, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." What does peace look like in a world full of strife, war, and political tensions? Join us this Sunday in-person or online (Facebook) at 10:30 am. I'm looking forward to this time of worship together.

Peace,

Mike

Rev. Mike Eller (he/him/his)

Interim Minister

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Coming Up at PCL

FAMILY HIKE

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=sharing

LEONIA PRIDE DAY

Will you volunteer to staff PCL's table at the 2025 Leonia Pride Day on Saturday, June 7 from 2–5pm 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/10C0C4EAF92AA6F8CF8-56859329-leonia>

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 15 (also Father's Day) for a church picnic following worship—rain or shine! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided and all Grill Masters are

welcomed to help cook! Please bring a salad/side, dessert, or drinks to share. Sign-up sheet will be in the Fireplace Room—indicate what you will bring and how many will be attending so we can plan.

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>

WOMEN'S RING FOUND...

on the back playground about a month ago. If it's yours, please contact Vicky Li.

Save These Dates

Sunday, June 1st and every 1st Sunday of each month Hikes

Weather permitting, we will take a hike, with our first one on June 1st 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.

TBD Beach Day(s)

More details to come.

September Fall Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg

Stay tuned for more details.

Continuing Activities

Wednesday Bible Study

meets at 10:30 AM, Wednesdays on Zoom. Join us for the study of Matthew using 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 and her family—her children Deanna and Chris and her partner, Kevin. After many years of health issues and the discovery that cancer had metastasized to her brain, Donna entered hospice and passed on Sunday night, May 18. May Donna rest in peace. The Viewing and Funeral will take place at PCL on Tuesday, May 27. Viewing at 10:30 AM followed by Funeral Service at 11:30 AM.

JOYCE HAMLIN, who was readmitted to Englewood Hospital this week after re-experiencing fatigue and loss of appetite. Joyce would welcome emails joycevailhamlin@gmail.com, but no phone calls, please.