



This Week at PCL

Thursday, July 17, 2025

This Sunday



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20

**"Are You Distracted from What
Really Matters?"**

Luke 10:38-42

*Subversive Questions: Learning to Live in the
Upside-Down World of Jesus*

Rev. Mike Eller

SUNDAY'S LEADERS

Elder—David Voreacos

2nd Reader—Emily Haines

Greeter—Mineko Yajima

Ushers—Mineko Yajima, Keyla Garcia

A Word from Pastor Mike

Hello, Friends!

I hope you're staying cool and hydrated. As the Summer sun can sap our energy without us fully realizing it, there is much going on in the world that can drain us, unaware. Take time to rest, re-center yourself, breath deeply, and keep a wider perspective. In the spirit of Martha, there is so much to be done and great things to give ourselves to; yet, we must remember Mary's example to make room for silence and reflection, for realignment and recovery.

I'm extra-thankful for the regular rhythms of being with a community that challenges me and reminds me each week what the kin-dom of God looks like. May we continue to do this for one another. I hope to see you Sunday!

In the refreshing coolness of God's peace,

Pastor Mike

Rev. Mike Eller (he/him/his)

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General Office Hours

Pastor's Office

Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm

Sun: *Schedule with Mike*

Coming Up

**September Fall Retreat @ Camp
Johnsonburg REGISTER SOON!**



September 6-7

*****Register soon as we need to submit
our numbers early in August*****

SIGN-UP FORM

The retreat will begin Saturday around 9am and last until after lunch on Sunday (tentative schedule below).

For information about the camp and directions you can go to the Camp's website: www.campjburg.org.

General (Tentative) Saturday

Schedule:

Morning—Large Group Activity, Small Group, Kids Activities

12 noon—Lunch

Afternoon—Free time, Lake Swim, Hiking, Labyrinth Walk

Evening—Dinner, Campfire, Storytelling, Songs, Night Time Games

General (Tentative) Sunday

Schedule:

Morning—Breakfast, Discussion, Kids' Activity

10:30 am—Worship with Communion

12 noon—Lunch & Dismissal

Tiered Pricing

Prices listed below are per person (adults and children). *Please pay as much as you are able!* The first price has some cushion built in so others who have fewer financial resources can attend. The middle price is the true cost. The last price is the discounted cost. On the registration form, you'll indicate which price to pay.

Overnight—\$190 / \$160 / \$50 per person

Saturday Only—\$95 / \$85 / \$30 per person

Sunday Only, w/ lunch—\$20 per person

If cost is an issue please reach out to Pastor Mike, revmike@leoniapres.org or Rachel Stott, stott.rachel@gmail.com.

Ways to Pay

Check*: Write "*Fall Retreat*" on memo line.

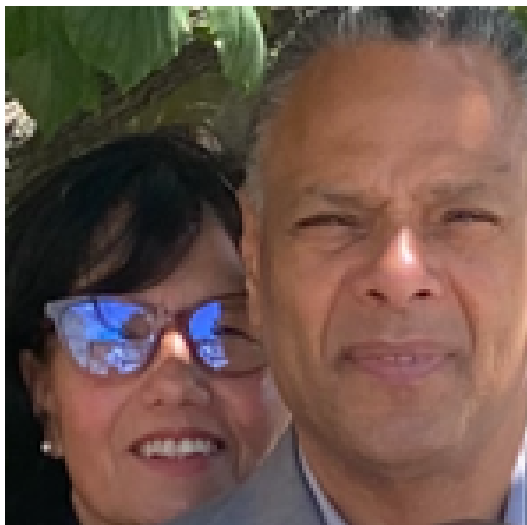
Cash*: Write name and "*Fall Retreat*" on envelope.

Online: Go to [LeoniaPres.org](https://leoniapres.org); Click [GIVE NOW](#); Select "Give to Retreat".

*Place in **offering plate** on Sunday or give to Pastor Mike, Rachel Stott, or Pat Major.

THIS IS US:

Meet those in our church community who make this such a special place



Meet Jimmy Gonzalez

My name is Jimmy Gonzalez. I have lived in Leonia for over twenty years, and it has been truly home to us. I have been married to my loving wife Ruth for over forty years. I am a proud father of three sons and a proud grandfather to two granddaughters. During the day, I work in NYC as a Director of Facilities and Management for schools that support children with special needs from Early childhood to High school. For the past six years, I have had the blessing of working as the church Sexton at the Presbyterian church in Leonia. It is a place that feels like family. Over the years, Ruth and I have had the privilege and pleasure of working and meeting many wonderful members of the church. We are very grateful for both the work I do and the community we live in and serve.

More Announcements

No Sunday School Hour During Summer Months

During these Summer months, Sundays will only include the worship hour at 10:30 am.

Summer Hikes

Do you have a favorite trail that you like to hike? Or is there a trail you've always wanted to try but haven't? How about sharing that experience with others from church? We're looking for folks to organize hikes on the 1st Sunday of each month (weather permitting—and with the 2nd Sunday as a rain date). Ideas of nearby hikes are on the ark. Sign-up sheet is in the Fireplace Room or on the ark. If you have questions, contact Cory Lehnbeuter or Pastor Mike.

Beach Days

More details to come.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for those unspoken requests not mentioned here.