



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
IN LEONIA

Connecting with PCL

Worship this Sunday



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7

"Imago DEI: Prismatic and Fabulous"

Genesis 12:1-9; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

Rev. Mike Eller

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

NO Sunday School

Choir at **9:30am**

Worship Service at **10:30am**

*Activity Period is available for children 4th grade
and younger following the Children's Message*

SUNDAY'S LEADERS

Elder: Rachel Stott

Second Reader: Milo Haines-Walker

Greeter: Mineko Yajima (month of June)

Ushers: Emily Haines, Karen Walker

Coming Up

Congregational Meeting RECAP (PNC)



Last **Sunday, May 31**, we had a **congregational meeting** to nominate the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). This committee will spend the next 12-18 months conducting a nationwide search for the next installed pastor at PCL.

Jonathan Phillips and David Voreacos are happy to report that our search for a permanent pastor is progressing. On May 31, the congregation elected nine members of the church to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee.

They are: Ewan Maclean, Jonathan Phillips, Keyla Garcia, Mineko Hinton, Karen Peters, Eulalia Cabrera, Jeff Im, Vicky Li, and Betsy Voreacos.

This committee will ultimately select a candidate to present to the congregation, which will vote on calling our next full-time pastor. The process begins with the committee creating a Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) based on the Mission Study Report that will be released to the congregation this month. Once the MDP is approved by the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM), the committee will interview candidates for our full-time pastor. Since we are part of the PC(USA) this is a nationwide search. During this process, the PNC cannot discuss particulars of any candidates with the congregation. However, we encourage the congregation to pray regularly for the work of the PNC.

We would like to clarify a point from the congregational meeting on Sunday, based on consulting with Steve Huston of the Presbytery. He advises us that the only time a candidate would normally preach for the congregation is before the congregational meeting when the vote is taken. However, it is appropriate for our top two or three to preach for the PNC when they come for a visit. Often, this is done in a neutral pulpit so that a pastor's congregation doesn't find out they are looking for another job.

Finally, we welcome the Rev. Mike Eller to apply for the post and note that the Session happily gave him a one-year extension on his contract as our interim pastor.

Jazz Jam JUNE 12



Keep It Cool Jazz Jam

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
8:00 TO 10:00 PM

Featuring:
Michael Hinton
Yoshi Koyama
Matthew Weiner
Kirk Woodward
Ray Jacob
Jim Zulaks
Kevin Norton
Kenneth Farrell
and
Friends

\$5.00 Per Person Suggested Donation
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Refreshments Will Be Served

Sunday School Recognition & Church Picnic JUNE 21



Make plans to join us on **Sunday, June 21** (also Father's Day) as we celebrate our **Sunday School teachers** and a year of learning. This will also be the last Sunday of Sunday School before taking a break through the Summer months.

Stay around after the worship service for our **all-church picnic**—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. There is a sign-up sheet in the entry room on the ark.

Sept. Retreat (Johnsonburg) FAMILY INTEREST FORM



The 2026 **Church Retreat** will be the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of September 26-27 at Camp Johnsonburg. For information about the camp, visit their website: <https://www.campjburg.org/>.



For now, we need to know how many children will be attending. Families, please fill out the Family Interest Form to let us know if you plan to attend. This is NOT the official Registration Form. At this time, we just need to submit the number of children who might attend.

VISIT HERE: <https://forms.gle/uaM1CzNNK9EMZ4796>
(or scan QR code)

(The new) Mr. and Mrs. Nyirongo!



Last Saturday, **Wanangwa and Heather** became **Mr. and Mrs. Nyirongo!** The newly married couple are celebrating their honeymoon this week, but I know you'll want to shower them with love and support whenever they are around. We pray God's continual blessings on their new home and family.

Other Announcements

Sunday School this Sunday, June 7 - All classes meet at 9:30 am except for Pre-K/K.

Worship Committee Meeting this Sunday, June 7 following worship.

Session Meeting this Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 pm.

Join us for BollyX on Thursdays. You are invited to attend not just to your soul at PCL but also body. Join us weekly on Thursday nights in the Fireplace Room for lively BollyX sessions, led by our own Susheela Varky. Note the following upcoming Thursdays they will NOT be meeting: 6/11. Please reach out to Susheela if interested in attending (svarky@hotmail.com).

Save the Date: Leonia Pride Day will be Saturday, June 13 from 3-6 PM at Wood Park. With a fun carnival theme, this year's celebration will feature a DJ, dancing, drag performances, live music, carnival games, magic, and more—all centered around uplifting and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community. Come and celebrate with PCL and the community in what will be a joyful, inclusive space where everyone is welcome.

This Week at PCL

June 7 (Sun)

NO Sunday School

9:30 am—Choir

10:30 am—Worship with Communion

After—Worship Committee Meeting

June 9 (Tues)

7:30 pm—Session Meeting

June 12 (Fri)

8:00 pm—Jazz Jam

June 13 (Sat)

Leonia Pride Day

10:00 am—Support Group Meeting

June 14 (Sun)

9:30 am—Sunday School, Choir

10:30 am—Worship

Rev. Mike Eller (he/him/his)

Interim Minister

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General Office Hours

Day off: Friday

Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm

Sun: *Schedule with Mike*