

## Connecting with PCL

### Worship this Sunday



### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21

### "Serpents, Doves, and Swords: Jesus's Middle-Earth"

Matthew 10:24-39

Rev. Mike Eller

#### SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

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

SPECIAL THANKS to all our children for  
writing and leading our liturgy,

as well as offering their talents in music.

Other Readers & Leaders: Levi VanDeWeert,  
Joe VanDeWeert, Kai Gajilan Fowler (music)

Greeter: Mineko Yajima (month of June)

Ushers: Christian Nelson, Eulalia Cabrera

## Coming Up

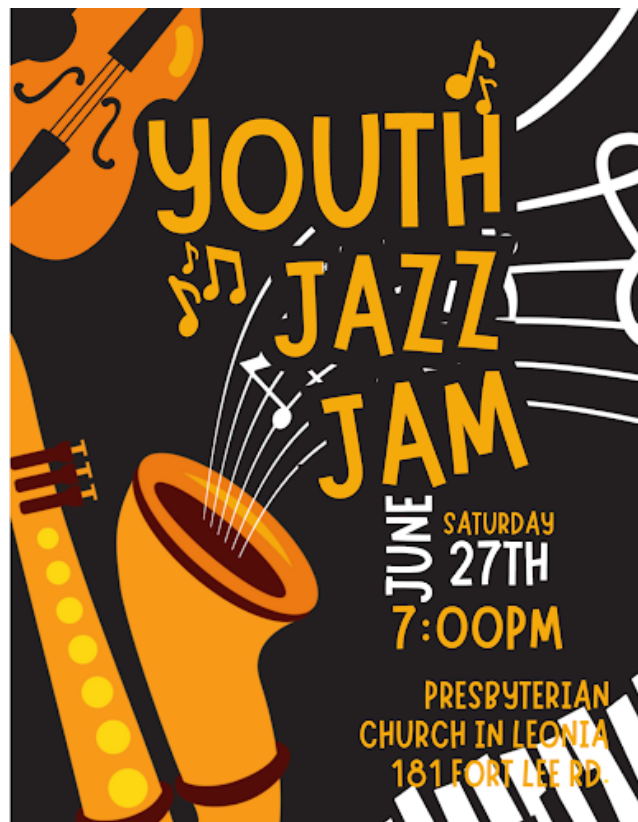
### Sunday School Recognition & Church Picnic TOMORROW



Join us tomorrow, **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!

### Youth Jazz Jam NEXT SATURDAY (JUNE 27)



## Sept. Retreat (Johnsonburg) FAMILY INTEREST FORM



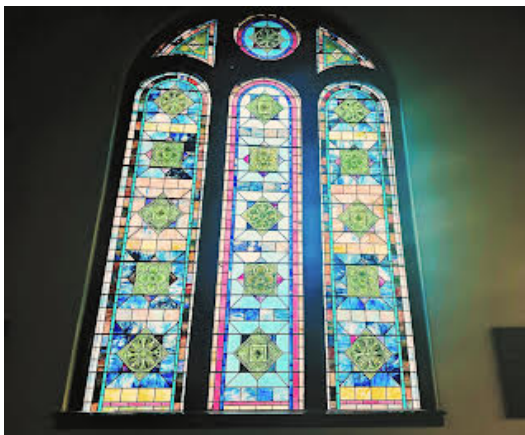
The 2026 **Church Retreat** will be the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of September 26-27 at Camp Johnsonburg. For information about the camp, visit their website: <https://www.campjburg.org/>.



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)

## 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.

## Other Announcements

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

**Stenken/Bingham Scholarship** It is with great joy that we announce this year's recipients of the Stenken/Bingham Scholarship: **Levi Vandeweert and Lyla Bacon**. Levi will be attending WPI and Lyla Bacon will be attending Hunter College. The scholarship supports the education of those who have been faithful participants in Christian Education in particular and the work and worship of the church as a whole. Please join us in congratulating Levi and Lyla, and in keeping them in prayer as they take this next step. We are proud of them and grateful for the legacy of generosity that makes these scholarships possible.

## This Week at PCL

### June 21 (Sun)

9:30 am—Sunday School, Choir

10:30 am—Worship (Sunday School  
Recognition)

*After*—Church Picnic

### June 25 (Thurs)

7:00 pm—BollyX Class

### June 27 (Sat)

10:00 am—Support Group Meeting

7:00 pm—Youth Jazz Jam

### June 28 (Sun)

9:30 am—Choir

10:30 am—Worship

**Rev. Mike Eller** (he/him/his)

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General Office Hours

*Day off: Friday*

Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm

Sun: *Schedule with Mike*