

THE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012

FROM THE PASTOR

We have exciting news for the New Year. At its December meeting, the session of our church voted to invite Rev. Soon Hee Earm to work with our congregation as a Parish Associate. Her call will be to assist in worship, and to help new-comers integrate into the life of our church. She will begin as soon as the way is cleared by Presbytery.

Rev. Earm lives near the church and has been worshipping with us since she left her job with the Crystal Presbyterian Church in Palisades Park in September. She is a member of the Eastern Korean Presbytery, has a Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary, and an MDiv from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea. She also has a BA in Christian Education and for many years wrote the Sunday School curriculum for PCK churches in Korea, as well as several books on Christian Education and discipleship. And for five years she served as pastor of a multi-cultural church in the Bronx. She understands what

we are about as a congregation, and is eager to help us deepen our sense of connection with each other as a diverse community of faith.

As we welcome a new staff person, we have to guard against treating Rev. Earm as “the paid professional who will now do the work for us.” First of all, this is a very part-time job, with only a token salary. But more important, Presbyterians believe in the priesthood of all believers. That means we are all called to serve God and support each other in ministry, members as well as staff. If our ministry as a church is to be successful, we must all take responsibility to make new people feel welcome here, and work together to reflect God’s justice, love and mercy in the world.

Being a multi-cultural church is not easy. There is great potential for misunderstanding and people feeling left out. In a multicultural church there’s more possibility of conflict because people see things differently. When someone says or does something that strikes us as odd or rude, we

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really we don’t understand their intent. And so we have to spend more time and effort trying to understand and be understood. And we always need to be mindful of how we share power and make decisions, making sure that everyone is heard.

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But there are also many rewards. Different people can expand our experience of how to worship. Different views can expand our understanding of God and how God works in the world. And we are challenged to find a deeper connection between us, not based on easy or natural friendships, but based in the spirit. And that gives us a taste of God's Kingdom.

We are still growing as a congregation in our multicultural identity. And so I look forward to having Rev. Earm share her wisdom, skill and presence with us. May we strengthen what is good among us, and be open to new people, new ideas, new experiences and ways to serve God in the coming year.

Peace and Blessings,

Debra Given

Can't find your church calendar, can't remember when the potluck dinner is?

Well fret no more, you can always log onto the website at www.leoniapres.org and find all the information at your fingertips. The website has all the latest information about our church, i.e. events, worship schedule, newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more. If there is anything you would like to see on our website please let us know. Happy browsing. (And a great big thank you to our new webmaster Hyung Kune Shim for keeping it up-to-date and filled with ready-to-use information.)

Sunday, January 1—Epiphany of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, January 8—Baptism of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
After worship, Congregational Meeting to elect officers.

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day will include a Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 22

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day will include ordination and installation of new officers.

Sunday, January 29

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day will include a celebration of the Lunar New Year.

Sunday, February 5

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day—
After worship, Annual Meeting

IT IS JAZZ TIME AGAIN!!

Come join us for a night of Jazz, Friday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7.) If you have an instrument and would like to play, please join us. Otherwise, just come and listen to the great sounds of jazz.

What is Per Capita?

Each year Presbyterian churches pay a certain amount of money to the higher governing bodies, calculated by the previous year's membership statistics. We are charged per member on our active member roll. This is a way of establishing a minimum level of support from the local churches for the salaries and administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, and allows these governing bodies to plan their budget from year to year. This year we are being charged \$29.80 per member which comes out to a total of \$3,278 for 2012.

Please use the blue envelope in the front of your 2012 envelope box or mark your check per capita. You can put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.



*If you have not signed up for **Chancel Flowers** for a specific Sunday, please do so by signing up on the Flower Calendar in the Entry Room. If you live out of town and would like to donate flowers for a loved one, anniversary, birthday or an other special occasion, please call Jane Wilson (201-947-1688) or the church office (201-944-1358)*

Christmas and New Year Greetings From Rev. Yean Chung

My family is in Korea now. In short, we stayed in the Brudernhof community in New York for one year and then moved to Korea for a short period, then to England for one year, and then back to the States. After staying in Penn State for one year, we left the community for Korea in June this year. I am starting a new life in Korea as a spiritual director. Actually I am writing my thesis which was left incomplete as I joined the community. We have many good memories of the Presbyterian Church in Leonia. So my wife and I often think of you and the church. You are in our heart. You gave me good opportunities to serve God and people. I am very thankful that our family had wonderful time there with you. We were very happy. We will never forget the time. We thank God.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!!
We miss you very much.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

It's time once again to celebrate the **Lunar New Year!** On **Sunday, January 29**, we will welcome in the Year of the Dragon with what has become the usual fanfare. Please join us for a special worship service featuring guest instrumentalists, to be followed by a sumptuous lunch of traditional Asian New Year dishes. You are invited to help out by bringing a dish with an Asian flair. If you're not contributing a dish, cost is \$5 per person (family cap of \$15). Sunday, **January 22** is the **LAST day to sign up.**



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LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS A HELPING HAND!

Loaves & fishes is a mission of Palisades Presbytery and of the Cluster Churches of Edgewater, Englewood, Leonia & Teaneck. Two volunteer teams from these churches prepare a weekly soup kitchen, lunch time on Mondays at the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Englewood. We are now preparing food for 50 people per week. We'd love your support! You can bring food donations to our church and put them in the basket in the front of the sanctuary.

We need:

Canned chicken and beef broth (low salt), whole tomatoes in juice, diced tomatoes, whole canned potatoes, kidney beans, Cannellini beans, chick peas, whole kernel corn, peas, cut green beans, pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple cubes, tuna, pasta: ziti, elbow, rotini & spaghetti.

Thank you!

THE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT AND DIRECTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP JANUARY 29. THEY WILL BE LOCATED IN THE ENTRY ROOM. PLEASE TAKE ONE COPY PER FAMILY. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL COPIES, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 201-944-1358.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 5** in the Fireplace Room. A luncheon will precede the business meeting. Annual reports will be available January 29. Please sign up and join us for lunch and **MEET YOUR DEACON**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 2	Walter Klingner
January 3	Beverly Boyle
January 10	Abbie Lee
January 14	Molly Callahan
January 15	Fumio Ito
January 17	Hiroshi Muto
January 18	Tom Phillips
January 22	Ron Sahai
January 23	Rocky Ito
January 25	Rayna Marie Addabbo Darlayne Ann Addabbo Linda McGarry
January 26	Maryellen Neu
January 28	Norma Murphy
January 31	Leah Puzzo



NOTES FROM AFAR

THANK YOU for the Pentecost wishes, it was wonderful to get all your notes... All is well with us. Taylor got her PhD—some of you remember her when she was 5 years old—who knew! We are in Long Beach Island until October and then back to Florida—we are blessed.

Peace, Alleluia and Amen, Linda Heinze-Mitchell

We wish you a Merry and Happy Christmas! With Love, Tani Family (See card and photo on bulletin board.)

Write all my old Leonia friends a happy and sacred holiday. Charlotte Collins Thomas, my sister and a longtime member of Leonia Presbyterian Church died several months ago. Ethel Hofman

CHRISTMAS GIVING REPORT

As of December 27, the receipts of the Christmas Gift List totaled and were distributed as follows:

Center for Food Action	\$ 1,225
Community of Friends in Action	\$ 205
Camp Johnsonburg	\$ 600
Loaves and Fishes	\$ 975
Youth Group	\$ 100
Oelhaf House	\$ 50

The Christmas Offering amounted to an additional \$1,050 which was divided equally between the Englewood Hospital Chaplaincy Program and the General Assembly Christmas Offering.

Thank you again for your generous gifts to others in celebrating Christ's birth.

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$132,296 toward our 2012 budget. The committee thanks all who have pledged. If you have not yet sent in a pledge commitment, you may still do so. Pledge cards are available from the church office or on the radiator in the back of the sanctuary. You can mail it to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Will you help us eliminate our shortfall, and continue the church's mission?

OFFERING COUNTERS:	January 1	Olivia Taylor & Anne Stebbins
	January 8	Sarah Han & Fumio Ito
	January 15	Jonathan Phillips & Hyung Kune Shim
	January 22	Ginny Brown & Francis Callahan
	January 29	Hiroshi Muto & Sarah Han

USHERS:	January 8	Chris Choe, Lillian McNaughton & Richard Stenken
	January 15	Francis Callahan, Phyllis Sharpe & Ammal Varky
	January 22	Kazuko Abe, Kristen Richter & Anne Stebbins
	January 29	Jennifer Carriel, Joyce Hamlin & Linda McGarry

Children of Uganda



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– *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

2012 TOUR *of* LIGHT

Performing at the First Presbyterian Church in Hackensack
64 Passaic Street, Hackensack, New Jersey
Friday, February 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$20. All proceeds will support orphans and vulnerable children, through Children of Uganda, www.uccf.org.

For more information and advance ticket sales: 201-342-7570