

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

I suspect that some people in our church tithe 10% of their money to God's work, but no one has ever told me they do. It seems people don't like to talk about their money and what they do with it, even when they are being generous. However, the more open we are about money, the more it helps us to be responsible with it, and inspire others to do the same.

My parents contributed to the Presbyterian church I grew up in, but they did not teach me to tithe. They gave me an allowance, and encouraged me to save it. I don't remember giving any of it to the church. But somewhere along the line, probably in the Friday night "house church" I attended in high school, or a prayer group in college, I learned the idea of giving 10% of my money to God. I've never been strict about it, but I use 10% as the stan-

dard to measure against. It was not too hard when I didn't have much money, and was not paying any rent! I didn't do as well while raising a family. But I am grateful to have always had something to give.

Lately our country has been engaged in a lively debate over giving and sharing, inspired by our economic hard times and the Occupy Wall Street movement. One of the issues people are questioning is how much should people pay in taxes? Since the 1980s it has been extremely unpopular to suggest that anymore should pay more taxes. People want to pay the least amount they can get away with. But the OWS protesters are complaining that the most wealthy people aren't paying enough. Because of tax law changes over the last 3 decades that have favored the rich, the rich are taking too much for themselves and not giving enough back. And as more

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people talk about this and look at the actual facts and figures, they are realizing that it's true, that more should be required of the wealthy.

In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." Jesus was not talking

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JAM SESSION

Player or audience, everyone is welcome! Bring your instruments and play with pros. Don't worry, any level of player is welcome! If you don't know Jazz, or you don't have any plans on **Friday, November 11, 8-10 p.m.**—you are welcome to play or listen. A small donation will be accepted to cover utility costs. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Led by: Michael Hinton (Piano)
Yoshi Koyama (Sax)
Motoki Mihara (Bass)
Ethan Johnson (Drums)
April Johnson (Keyboard)

Consider doing something different this Christmas.

Our church will be a support congregation for Family Promise on Christmas Day this year (it's a long story...). The families in need will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood starting Christmas day and continuing through New Years. The McGarry family is coordinating Christmas Day, and they could use some help. The more the merrier! If you would like to help cook a Christmas dinner, entertain children, or spend the night that evening, please speak with Linda McGarry.

Spread the joy this Christmas!



HOLIDAY FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 9:30 to 3:00

COME JOIN THE FESTIVITIES. Do you need baked goods for Thanksgiving? The Fair is the perfect spot to pick up pies, breads and all kinds of delicious treats. Are you trying to figure out what gifts you need for Christmas? Check out the Christmas craft table. Do you think it's going to be a long, cold winter? Stock up on some books from the book table. Hungry? Come and enjoy our homemade soup, chili and sandwich luncheon. Feeling lucky? Come see our assortment of themed gifts/baskets for the Tricky Tray event. Be sure to bring the little ones; we will have some fun projects to keep them busy for a time while you shop, shop, shop!

Remember lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00. You will also be able to buy homemade soups or chili to bring home and enjoy.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please fill out a sign up sheet in the bulletin and hand it to Karen Peters or leave in the offering plate. The Holiday Fair is the church's biggest fundraiser that contributes to the church's budget. Please support your church home.

HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19 9:30 AM - 3 PM

COFFEE AND. . . . SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH - SERVED 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

WE ARE COUNTING ON **YOUR** GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES IN THE HOLIDAY FAIR – WE WILL ALSO NEED ITEMS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

BAKED GOODS: POPULAR ITEMS ARE BREADS, MUFFINS, PIES, JELLIES, JAMS, COOKIES, BROWNIES

BOOKS/TAPES/CD'S/VIDEOS: PLEASE **NO** TEXT OR PROFESSIONAL BOOKS

THE BOTTLE TABLE: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! WE NEED NEW, **UNOPENED** BOTTLES CONTAINING ANYTHING -- FROM SHAMPOO TO CHAMPAGNE!

KIDS' CORNER: **NEW TOYS, BOOKS AND GAMES ONLY.** ALL TOYS NOT SOLD AT THE FAIR WILL BE GIVEN TO A CHARITY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN.

TRICKY TRAY: WE ARE IN NEED OF NEWLY PURCHASED ITEMS OR UNOPENED/GENTLY USED GIFTS TO TO PUT IN GIFT PASKETS.

PLEASE NOTE: ITEMS CAN BE LEFT AT THE CHURCH ON:

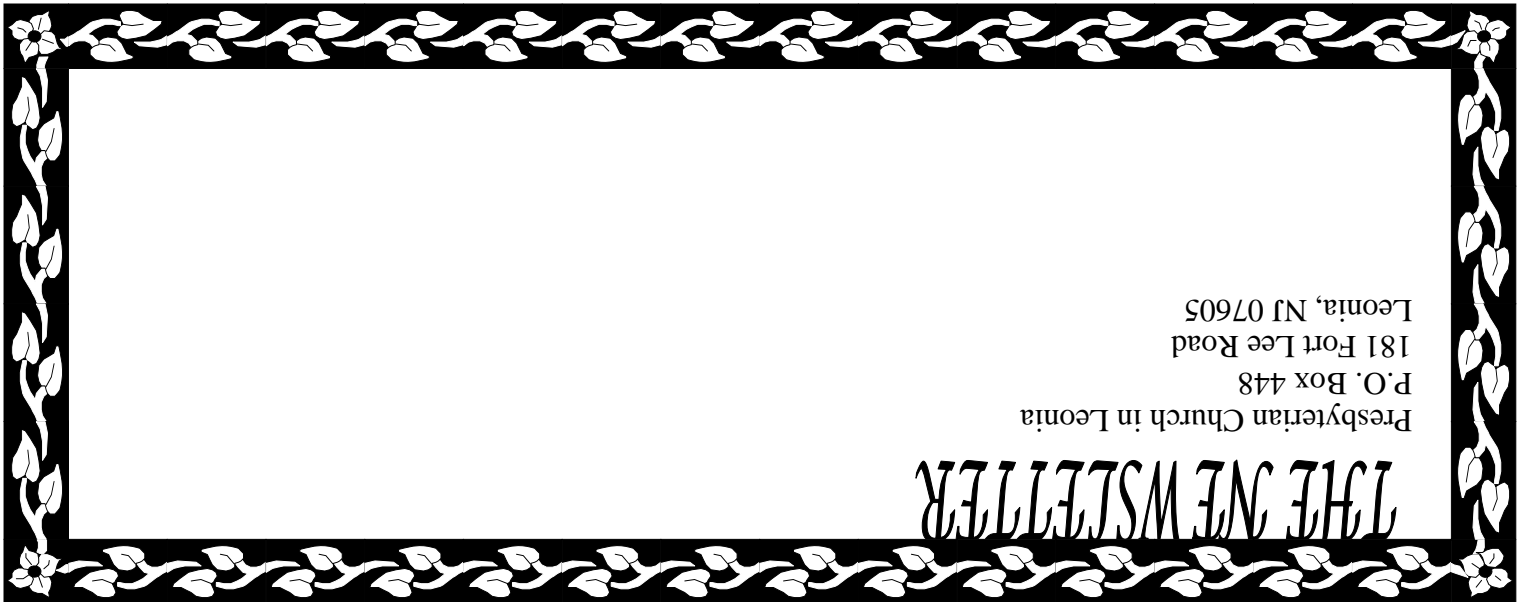
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (BAKED GOODS ONLY)

THE HOLIDAY FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE ON **NOVEMBER 20** AND I AM WILLING TO:

- _____ 1. HELP SET UP FRIDAY 7:00 P.M.
- _____ 2. HELP CLEAN UP SATURDAY 3:00 P.M.
- _____ 3. HELP IN THE KITCHEN WITH THE LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY
- _____ 4. HELP TO CLEAN UP AFTER LUNCH ON SATURDAY
- _____ 5. HELP SELL AT ANY TABLE ON SATURDAY
- _____ 6. BAKE (FOR THE BAKED GOODS TABLE)
- _____ 7. MAKE SOUP (FOR LUNCH)
- _____ 8. MAKE CHILI (FOR LUNCH)
- _____ 9. POST FLIERS IN LOCAL STORES
- _____ 10. LOAN A ROUND OR SQUARE CARD TABLE

SIGNED: _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.
PLEASE CONTACT KAREN PETERS (201-592-8413) IF YOU CAN HELP.**



CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

NEEDS YOUR HELP TO GET THANKSGIVING DINNER ON THE TABLE

Your support is urgently needed now so that thousands of local families will be able to put food on their tables this Thanksgiving.

Giving Locally = Helping Locally

“A Thanksgiving dinner would not have happened at our house without the wonderful food package you provided. I can’t begin to tell you what it meant to me to put that turkey and all the fixings on the table for my family to enjoy. The left-overs lasted us three days-that too was a blessing. Thank you from the depths of my heart.” - past recipient of a CFA Thanksgiving Food Package.

Your congregation can help by: Hosting a thanksgiving Food Drive

Supermarket Certificates—\$20, frozen turkeys, hearty soups, canned vegetables & canned yams, gravy, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, pasta & pasta sauce, 100% juice and canned fruit.

CFA is planning to distribute 3000+ thanksgiving meal packages this year!

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:
REMINDER: **PLEDGE SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13TH**
We will receive pledges from the congregation.

HOLIDAY FAIR LUNCHEON

One of the highlights of the Holiday Fair on **November 19** will be the luncheon, where we can sit and chat with people we'd like to get to know better. Please come to the fair for lunch and join us between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The menu is: soups and chili, hot dogs, tuna or egg salad sandwiches, California rolls, and some great desserts—all homemade by our fabulous cooks, and at a really reasonable price.

Please let us know if you are willing to make a pot of soup or chili, a dessert, or work in the kitchen cooking and filling orders. As always, we will ask our young people to be servers, so those volunteers are needed too and they should contact Jennifer Carriel if interested. If you are able to help defray the cost of the luncheon, we would appreciate any donation you can make. There will be a sign up sheet in the fireplace room at church, inserts in the bulletin that can be filled out and returned, or call Karen Peters (201-592-8413).



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Do you have someplace to go for Thanksgiving this year? If not, then join us for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck on **Sunday, November 27 at 4:30 p.m.** The Potluck is a festive gathering of church members, ESL students and teachers, and this year we are also inviting Day Laborers from our Monday CoFiA outreach group.

We will provide the turkeys and everyone else brings Thanksgiving side dishes, drinks, or food from their native country. Listen for details in the announcements on Sunday and watch out for sign-up sheets. The **deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 20.** Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and give thanks with your family of faith. See you there!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- November 27, 1st Sunday in Advent** - Sunday School classes will be combined so that we can start working on the Christmas Pageant.
- December 4, After Worship**—Decorate the Sanctuary
- December 11**—Children's Christmas Caroling after worship.
- December 18**—Christmas Pageant during worship.
- December 24**—8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Fellowship Hour
- December 25**—10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service & the Lord's Supper

USHERS FOR THE MONTH

November 6	Susan Dindial, Vicky Li & Karen Peters
November 13	Fara Razafy, Lisa & Joe VanDeWeert
November 20	Chris Choe, Lillian McNaughton & Richard Stenken
November 27	Francis Callahan, Phyllis Sharpe & Ammal Varky

OFFERING COUNTERS

November 6	Hiroshi Muto & Sarah Han
November 13	Pete Shanno & Olivia Taylor
November 20	Anne Stebbins & Richard Stenken
November 27	Fumio Ito & Ginny Brown

VISITING OUR WAITING ROOMS WITH HOPE, LOVE, JOY AND PEACE

An Advent Workshop for Pastors and Worship leaders led by Rich Gelson, pastor of Fairmount Presbyterian Church will be held on **Thursday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Johnsonburg**. The cost is \$45 which includes morning refreshments, lunch and programs. This Advent workshop will offer you room for contemplation and conversation. Through scripture, other faithful writings, images, and music you will be invited to consider how you are personally and professionally engaged in waiting for this year's fresh heralding of Christmas. Come and take time on this day to further ready and refresh yourself for Advent through some self-time and some time in faithful community. To register, please call 908-852-2349 or email lorelei@campjburg.org.

IT'S COMING...

Don't forget to put **Stewardship Sunday, November 13th** on your worship schedule! Please bring your annual pledge to church that day and join us for light refreshments after worship as we await the total amount pledged. If you can't be there on the 13th or if you live at a distance, you may mail your pledge information to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Shanno at 201-944-4603.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We have several new members this year. A funny coincidence has two of them with the same first name and spelling and both have sons named Justin. We are pleased to welcome them and their ideas and talents to our church.

Welcome Jonathan Lee



Most of you know Jonathan as he and his son Justin have been attending our church for two years. Jonathan grew up in Korea, Iran and India. He moved to the United States when his wife got a job in Chicago. They now live in Ft. Lee.

Jonathan worked as a financier in Korea, but is now exploring other areas. He enjoys biking, reading and is a political junkie. I asked him what new things he would like to see here and he replied more nontraditional music such as guitar and fiddle and a weekly discussion group to explore Christ's word in the world.

Welcome Jonathan Phillips



Jonathan has been among since last January, with his son Justin. He was raised a Baptist and grew up in northern Virginia. He's a computer software troubleshooter.

Jonathan was formerly a member at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. He enjoys reading, singing (choir, take note) and playing video games.

When asked about new things he would like to see in our church, he mentioned more youth group activity, and mid-week prayer groups.

New members John Koeppel and Joy Ponella will be in our December newsletter.



Congratulations to **Leah and Ara Toutounjian** and Olivia & Aidan on the birth of their son & brother Andrew Thomas born October 25 and weighing in at 7 lbs. 7 ounces