



Tidings of Peace

August 2020



Worship in August

Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 am

Online Worship at 9:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Sunday, August 2

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, August 5

Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, August 12

Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 16

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, August 19

Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, August 26

Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 30

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Also in August

August 13

Book Group

Fridays at Noon

Prayer Circle

It's a Movement, Not a Moment *Racial Justice Team Update from Nancy Reyes, Chair*

Two significant Civil Rights leaders passed away this month. Both Rev. C.T. Vivian and Rep. John Lewis have been active in the fight for racial justice for decades, working closely with Martin Luther King, Jr. While Rev. Vivian worked on a more local level, organizing efforts in Nashville, he also counseled four presidents on Civil Rights issues. Rep. John Lewis became the conscience of the Congress after he was elected to work at the national level.

In Central NJ, there have been fewer protests this past month, but there is still a lot going on in the movement to bring racial justice into every aspect of our lives. We pray for the safety of those living amidst violence, and for those in authority to have the wisdom and resources needed to address concerns as well as provide safety and security. Knowing that some feel violence is an appropriate reaction to their frustration, we pray that God's leaders will be able to reach them before more are hurt and more property destroyed. By far, the majority of Americans and even those in *Black Lives Matter* and other organizations leading the movement have remained peaceful and are working for systemic change that is really necessary.

Yes, people are tired of hearing about injustice in the news, but imagine how tired people of color who fought for these same necessary changes identified even by our government studies over fifty years ago feel. A few laws were enacted then but those passed weren't enforced properly with subsequent revisions watering them down. That's why this work requires an ongoing movement, with sustained pressure to pass thoughtfully worded legislation with accountability as part of any new policies or reorganization. Citizens must be educated about the issues and aware of what is really being done without losing stamina and moving on.

That's why Prince of Peace's Racial Justice Team decided our focus for now will be on education, educating ourselves and educating our members about the history that led to our current laws and social structures based on white supremacy so well hidden that most didn't realize it. We're working to learn the truth so we are not blindly complicit in systemic racism.

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WHAM's Statement on the Recent Killings of African Americans

The recent killings of George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Nina Pop, Tony McDade, David McAtee, and many others once again bring into focus the deadly racism that festers in the heart of American history, economy, and communities. We, as the religious leaders of Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium (WHAM) in Central New Jersey, stand in solidarity to affirm that Black Lives Matter and that the concepts of white supremacy and white normativity are evil and must be resisted in our communities. All life is sacred, and as such we must acknowledge, condemn, and eradicate the violence — both historical and everyday — perpetrated towards our siblings of color. Together, we seek healing for the harm that has been done.

Guided by our various faith traditions and convictions, we as religious leaders affirm that we can and must band together amidst our diversity and reaffirm our commitment to each others' equal rights with dignity. We call upon all community members to commit ourselves to seeking justice, working toward dismantling racist systems, and building a future America and world where peace is an active and present reality. The road ahead is difficult and confronting, but we have faith that together we can and will achieve a community where all are welcome and live in peace.

The leaders who make up WHAM have each collected resources relevant to specific faith traditions that can help shape our response to these events. Please contact us if you would like assistance.

Tidings, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to loismcase@gmail.com.

Deadline for the August issue is Sunday, August 23

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor

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WHAM is an unofficial association of 32 members of clergy representing twenty Houses of Worship and four Ministries in the Townships of Cranbury, East Windsor, Hightstown, Plainsboro, and West Windsor in Central New Jersey.

The Houses of Worship include thirty churches, two synagogues and a mosque as well as

Princeton Healthcare System

Robert Wood Johnson

University Hospital Hamilton

Mercer County Community College

Plainsboro Police Department.

August Events

Joyful Stitchers in August

As we all continue to minimize our contact with others and work from home, there are no scheduled meetings for the Joyful Stitchers in August, but we are all working on our ongoing projects at home.

Fortunately for many of us, we've accumulated yarn and fabric stashes over our years of crafting, so we can continue our work at home on our prayer shawls, cat mats, knitted knockers, hats and scarves for TASK, and some of us are sewing masks as well.

We're always looking for new ways to help others with our stitching skills, so if you know of a service project that the Joyful Stitchers could help out with, please let us know. If you have your own yarn stash and are looking for a pattern or have any questions, contact Kate Chen at kcmchen@comcast.net.



The August Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is *Men's Disposable Razors*

*Please place donations in the
wooden box in the breezeway.*

Keeping Up Via Facebook

Prince of Peace's Facebook page offers a great way to keep up with church events and to view worship services:

<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Book Group

Please Note

*In August we will be meeting via Zoom.
If interested in receiving an invitation to our
Zoom book club, please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

*In September we will consider
meeting in person outside.*

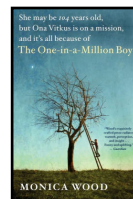
See next month's Tidings for details.

August 13

Zoom, 7:30 pm

The One-in-a Million Boy by Monica Wood

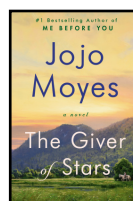
A lonely 11-year-old-boy is sent to help out an elderly Lithuanian woman, 104-year-old Ona Vitkus. As the boy refills the bird feeders and tidies the garden shed, Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances. Soon she's confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades. The two conspire to get into the Guinness Book of World Records, but then one Saturday, the boy fails to show up. A charming story that is both sweet and sad.



September 10

Time and location TBA

Giver of Stars by Jo Jo Moyes



Alice married to get away from her life in England, but finds herself stuck in an unloving marriage in the mountains of rural Kentucky. Her life changes when she joins a traveling library and meets librarians who travel on horseback or mules. She forms an unlikely friendship group with the people in her small town. The book is based on the traveling libraries formed by the WPA during the Great Depression.



La Convivencia Offering Two Events in August

Sunday, August 9th, 3 to 4:30 pm

Youth Program

La Convivencia's first online youth dialogue
an Interactive Discussion
Organized by Youth for Their Peers.

Register online at
<https://www.laconvivencia.org>

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

La Convivencia's Online Monthly Community Dialogue

The dialogue will feature speakers from the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Ba'hai faiths. Ali Humayun Akhtar, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Bates College, will represent the Muslim faith.

Registration is required

<https://www.laconvivencia.org/monthly-community-dialogue.html>

Helvering Family Residing At the HND

In May and June, I lost my employment at Westminster Choir College. For the past two years, I have served as the Coordinator of the Sacred Music Department. Sadly, this position isn't being continued as Westminster is forced to relocate and abandon its ancestral home in Princeton.

My other position, being National Coordinator of the Royal School of Church Music in America, also came to an end, as RSCM is relocating to Duke University and chose to lay me off and work with someone local.

In our time of need, the PoP Council unanimously voted (with the support of the HND Ministry Team) to allow Megan and me to reside in the House Next Door through the middle of January. We are 'officially' moved in as of July 31.

We wanted to offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for Prince of Peace, our supportive family here, and for the graciousness of this gift in our time of need. We love you all. — Doug & Megan



**Happy
Confirmation!
Congratulations
To All
The Confirmands
and
Thanks to Their
Leaders and
Mentors**

Food, Clothing, Empty Bags, Monetary Donations Still Needed by St. Bartholomew's

Our partner in ministry, St. Bartholomew's, is very busy this summer supplying much-needed food and clothing to their neighbors. Prince of Peace, along with our scout troop, continues to be a major supplier of the food needed. All donations are much appreciated, and can be placed in the bins outside the community room entrance (white doors) at any time. The bins are emptied frequently.

Produce from the Peace Garden is also taken to St. Bart's on Wednesdays and is distributed at the same time as lunches are picked up by community folks who need them. Thank you to the gardeners who maintain the Peace Garden and harvest the vegetables and herbs, and who also provided 80 bag lunches one week.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks may be written to Prince of Peace and noted for St. Bart's.

In addition to the Food Pantry, St. Bart's has opened a Clothes Closet for the community, which has proved to be fulfilling another need. Currently, the Clothes Closet is very low on clothing and is in need of any kind that can be donated. They can also use bedding, blankets, towels, and the like. Bags of these items, too, may be left in the bins outside the white doors.

Since we will not be able to have a Rescue Mission Clothing Drive this fall, St. Bart's is a perfect alternative. And, there is a need for empty grocery bags to package the food and clothing items. These may be left in the bins outside the white doors, as well.

Thank you for all of your donations of any kind. Pastor Erich Kussman regularly expresses the thanks of the congregation to Prince of Peace for its generous support.

Blessings and thanks,
The Social Outreach Ministry Team



Lunches given out today [Wednesday, July 22] at 11:30 am! We thank our church partner Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for partnering with us

No Rescue Mission Clothing Drive This Fall

Due to the constraints of Covid-19, Prince of Peace will not be collecting clothing and household items this fall for the Rescue Mission of Trenton. We regret that this is not possible, but hope that in the future we will be able to resume that ministry.

However, in the meantime, we have learned that St. Bartholomew's has opened a Clothes Closet and is in need of clothing of any kind, so any clothing you would have been donating to the Rescue Mission will be gratefully accepted by St. Bart's. They can also use linens, blankets, towels, and similar items.

These donations may be left in the bins outside the community room entrance (white doors). Thank you for any donations you are able to make. God's work; our hands.

Appreciatively,
The Social Outreach Ministry Team

Important Information from Boy Scouts of America

Dear Prince of Peace Family,

Several of us have been members of various units of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), in the past, or currently. It is a heartbreaking fact that at times, predators have used this organization to sexually abuse others. PoP has been asked to share the notice [on page 7] from the BSA national office. BSA is attempting to reach all those who wish to make a claim. Further information is available at www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or 1-866-907-2721.

BSA has continually increased efforts, over decades, to protect our youth. Our current protocols are stronger than those of many youth-serving organizations. I remain involved with Pack 48, and with our Mercer Area District as well, to see that we continue to follow our training. I am here to discuss any concerns or questions you might have.

On a personal note, if you are searching for support, our pastors are a resource for us all. Confronting abuse, even after decades, can be a difficult struggle. I am most sorrowful and enraged that some have used important, supportive organizations such as churches and the BSA to harm others.

Sincerely, Nancy Durie, nbdurie@gmail.com
Chartered Organization Representative, Cub Scout Pack 48

July 6, 2020

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

As you may be aware, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Sexual Abuse Survivors who were abused during their time in Scouting. Sexual Abuse Survivors include anyone who was sexually abused during their time in Scouting on or before February 19, 2020. We are requesting your assistance in notifying anyone you are in contact with who may have been involved with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, or any entity or activity associated with Scouting.

You will find a short one-page notice [on page 7], which provides additional information about the bankruptcy case and the deadline to file claims by November 16, 2020. You can also obtain further information and materials by visiting www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or calling 1-866-907-2721.

Sincerely,
Official BSA Claims Agent



Sexual Abuse Claims in Boy Scouts Bankruptcy

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim by 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on November 16, 2020.

The Boy Scouts of America ("BSA") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Sexual Abuse Survivors. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against BSA, BSA Local Councils and organizations that sponsored your troop or pack and provides information about the case, *In re Boy Scouts of America and Delaware BSA, LLC*, No. 20-10343 (Bankr. D. Del.). This notice is a short summary. For more detail, visit www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or call 1-866-907-2721.

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused during their time in Scouting, on or before February 18, 2020, must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, or any entity or activity associated with Scouting. Sexual Abuse Claims include, but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, exploitation, or touching, sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, even if the behavior was not sexual or against the law, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not. These acts could be between a: (1) child and an adult or (2) child and another child.

When and How Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

You should file a claim using the Sexual Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim by **November 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. **If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against BSA, BSA Local Councils or organizations that sponsored your troop or pack, including any right to compensation.** Only BSA is in bankruptcy. If you have a claim against the BSA Local Councils or other organizations, you must take additional legal action to preserve and pursue your rights.

Your information will be kept private. You can download and file a claim at www.OfficialBSAclaims.com or call 1-866-907-2721 for help on how to file a claim by mail. Scouting participants who were at least 18 years of age at the time the sexual abuse began may also have claims related to sexual abuse and should consult the appropriate claim form at www.OfficialBSAclaims.com.

ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:



If a plan to reorganize BSA is approved, it could release claims you hold against certain third parties, including against BSA Local Councils and organizations that sponsored your troop or pack. Please visit the website to learn more.

Other Support

BSA will fund in-person counseling for current or former Scouts or their family. To request in-person counseling, please call 1-866-907-2721 or email restructuring@scouting.org.

Your information will be kept private.

www.OfficialBSAclaims.com

1-866-907-2721

In the coming months you will hear about offerings for youth as well as adults through Prince of Peace. Meanwhile, there are things you and your family can do this summer. Resources are readily available online on your schedule. Below is just a sampling:

1. The SE Synod of the ELCA is actively working for racial justice as shown by its new webpage at <https://www.elca-ses.org/diversity-and-justice>. This page includes links to the new *Children's Time* (diverse storybooks read by Bishop Strickland) as well as several recent webinars, now available as recordings including a discussion with the producer about the movie *Just Mercy* and a conversation with Rev. Robert W. Lee, antiracist activist and descendant of confederate leader Robert E. Lee about being called as a Christian to this work.
2. Not In Our Town Princeton (notinourtown.org) makes webinar recordings and articles available on its website, including, *10 Myths About the Racial Wealth Gap* by Dion Rabouin; *Take the Next Step Toward Racial Justice* by Susan Rice, former Ambassador to the UN; and many more. (Join their next Virtual meeting on Monday, August 3.)
3. *Read, Watch, Learn, A Conversation with Ibram X. Kendi* author of *How to Be An Anti-Racist*, and Dr. Charlene M. Dukes (very informational and much easier to understand than his book) is available for on-demand viewing until August 20 at pgcmls.info/anti-racism.
4. If hearing about racism and white supremacy makes you think only of extreme individuals or makes you uncomfortable, explore why it is important that these words become part of our conversations, especially with our children. Go to Dr. Nathalie Edmond's webpage at <https://www.mmccounselingcenter.com/anti-racism-resources.html>. Scroll down to *Untold Story of Racism* (about 17 minutes long including

her introduction). Author Ruth King and many speakers at recent webinars suggest White or other non-Black parents tell or adapt this story knowing that parents of Black sons have been having *The Talk that Whites never needed*. In case you're unsure what that means, here is one form of the rules they include:

10 Rules of Survival if Stopped by the Police
(Known as *The Talk* for Black Sons)

1. Be polite and respectful when stopped by the police. Keep your mouth closed.
2. Remember that your goal is to get home safely. If you feel that your rights have been violated, you and your parents have the right to file a formal complaint with your local police jurisdiction.
3. Don't, under any circumstance, get into an argument with the police.
4. Always remember that anything you say or do can be used against you in court.
5. Keep your hands in plain sight and make sure the police can see your hands at all times.
6. Avoid physical contact with the police. No sudden movements, and keep hands out of your pockets.
7. Do not run, even if you are afraid of the police.
8. Even if you believe that you are innocent, do not resist arrest.
9. Don't make any statements about the incident until you are able to meet with a lawyer or public defender.
10. Stay calm and remain in control. Watch your words, body language and emotions.

As always, all members and friends of Prince of Peace are welcome to join the team or just be on the email list to be notified of more opportunities. We welcome your input anytime at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com. We pray for God's guidance as Prince of Peace struggles with how to continue Jesus's work to bring justice world.

*The next meeting will be
Tuesday, August 4 at 7 pm.*

Parish Care — August 2020

Sharing our Care with Others

OMG — Back-to-School Time Already

OMG — How are you going back to school, where are you going back to school? Remote learning, back to campus, a little of both, learning from home, staying on campus?

It is hard to believe that it is time to be thinking of back to school. The Parish Care team keeps in touch with our students throughout the school year. This year our communications may look a little different. Please share your student's contact information: at home with remote learning; attending classes on campus and living there; or at home? A USPS mailing address at home or at school, an email address, or both are good ways to touch base. So as you are packing up your college student for the fall semester at school or finding a cozy spot at home to use for learning, please share their correct snail mail and email information with us.

Looking Ahead to Christmas Caroling ***Hopefully we will be able to Share our Care***

We have been Christmas and spring caroling at local assisted living homes for the last few years. It has become a tradition for Prince of Peace to bring much cheer to folks who cannot get out into the community. We have taken our gift of voices and a small gift/treat and a card. In the past, we have taken small candies, bookmarks, flowers, cards, knitted prayer squares. We are looking for ideas of a small special project/treat that we can make and give away when we go caroling. If you have any project ideas that would be special, please let us know.

Calendars and Greeting Cards

We are collecting 2021 Calendars. Last year the senior residences greatly appreciated them. I have already received a few in the mail, so if you have calendars, there is a box in

the breezeway to collect them. The same applies to greeting cards. Please check with church office to see when the building will be open for drop off.

We also need to have the greeting cards sorted by type. If you would like to help with getting the cards organized, please let me know. This can be done at church or in your home.

Senior Residence Liaisons: We are looking for some folks to help deliver the calendars and cards to the senior residences. If you live near or visit one, please consider helping by dropping off these items.

Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards and Care Notes

Look for a basket with knitted Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards in the gathering area. They are for you and to pass along to others who would like a little reminder that they are cared for by many. If you cannot get into the church, let me know and I can help get things to you.

Rides Needed

1. To and from church for Sunday Service — especially if we move our services back indoors.
2. Rides needed to appointments and grocery and local shopping.

If you would be willing to help with some transportation please let us know.

We continue with our *Splash* and *Hope through Healing* monthly mailings along with the *Care Notes* in the breezeway. If you know of anyone to be included please contact Parish Care.

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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 & 9:30 am

Streaming on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>
