



# Tidings of Peace

January 2022



## Worship in January

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 am

In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am

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

### Sunday, January 2

Second Sunday of Christmas

*Grace Upon Grace*

### Sunday, January 9

Baptism of Our Lord

*I Have Called You By Name*

### Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday After Epiphany

*The Wedding at Cana*

### Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday After Epiphany

*Good News to the Poor*

### Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

*The Love Chapter*

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## Also in January

### Thursday January 6

*Epiphany Retreat*

*And Labyrinth Walk*

### Sunday, January 9

*Affordable Housing Zoom*

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### Thursday, January 13

*Book Group*

### Sunday, January 30

*Congregational Meeting*

## Thoughts on Navigating 2022

A great resource for planning worship is *Sundays and Seasons*. I was surprised to see that *Sundays and Seasons* includes a service for New Year's Eve, not the holiest day in the church calendar. We will not worship New Year's Eve, but I like the lessons. Perhaps these words can help us navigate 2022.

The Old Testament reading is Ecclesiastes 3. I especially like verse 4:

*There is a time to weep and a time to laugh.*

*A time to mourn and a time to dance.*

I look forward to a little more laughing and dancing in 2022.

The New Testament reading is Revelation 21. Again, I like verse 4:

*God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. Mourning, and crying, and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.*

I look forward to less tears in 2022. Maybe the first things of the pandemic will pass away and there will be less mourning, crying, and pain.

The Gospel reading is Matthew 25, the sheep and the goats parable. I like verse 40:

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.*

2022 will be blessed when we see Jesus in the *least of these*.

Happy New Year

— Pastor Peter

## Good Times with Friends and Family



Karlfried Froehlich and son Dan enjoyed reminiscing about times in Germany, prompted by Nancy Reyes, who was learning about memorabilia she was going through from her ancestors' lives in Germany.



The Prince of Peace Book Group met for Christmas Lunch for their December 2021 meeting and enjoyed celebrating Christmas, reading, and friendships.

*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 February issue is Sunday, January 30**

### Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

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## Wreath-Related Thank You's

Many thanks to the purchasers of the Peace Gardeners' wreaths. Your donations made it possible to send \$1,000 to St. Bart's for its food pantry.

And thank you to Wendy Schutzer for the story about her wreath-loving birds:

I don't know what you guys put on my wreath. But we've now had three birds fly into the house when we open the door it's on! They're sitting in the wreath. It's hysterical. We have to bang on the door before we open it now.

Actually, what's really funny is that the first time it happened, I only saw the one bird come in. But the next morning, I found a second bird flying around a bedroom. Must have been in house the whole night!

The second time the third bird came in, I scolded my husband because I reminded him he needs to bang on the door so it flies away before opening the door. He said, 'but I was coming in from the outside.' The bird must have been in the wreath and he didn't even see it!

## January Events

### Book Group

*If interested in joining the book club,  
please contact Phyllis Church at  
609-799-0723 or [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)  
We will meet at 1:30 pm in January and February.*

**Thursday, January 13, 1:30 pm**

*At the home of Phyllis Church  
11 Princeton Place, Princeton Junction  
RSVP to [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)  
Or phone 609-799-0723*

***The Last Bookshop in London*** by Madeline Martin



On the cusp of WWII, young Grace Bennett leaves home for London where she boards with her mom's best friend and finds a job working for a grumpy old man at the Primrose Hill Bookshop. Not a reader herself, she sets to work dusting and organizing the books. When she meets a customer who

introduces her to the joys of reading, her life begins to blossom. In the dark days of the Blitz when all of London is in darkness, Grace finds strength and courage as her little bookshop becomes a beacon of hope to the residents of London.

**Thursday, February 10, 1:30 pm**

*In the Church Lounge  
Kathy Marroli will host.  
RSVP to [ksm1950@comcast.net](mailto:ksm1950@comcast.net)  
Or phone 609-443-6599*

***The Exiles*** by Christine Baker Kline

This novel tells the story of several British women prisoners who were transported to a penal colony in Van Dieman's Land (Australia) in the 1840's. Life is incredibly hard for all the women confined in Hobart Prison, yet they somehow manage to keep their spirits alive despite everything. There are several interwoven plots including the tale of a young aboriginal girl who is taken from her family as part of an experiment to 'civilize' the native peoples. Gripping historical fiction!



### Two Opportunities to Celebrate Epiphany

***A Star Shall Guide Them***

*January 6, 2022*

Morning Retreat on Zoom

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

As we focus on the gift of the star, we will each receive the gift of a Star Word to guide us in this new year. Email Pastor Dale at [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org) for a zoom invitation.

\$20 registration fee

Free for members of Prince of Peace

***Labyrinth Walk***

*January 6, 4:30 pm*

We will gather in the Outdoor Chapel at dusk. As we focus on the gift of the star, we will each receive the gift of a Star Word to guide our walk on the Labyrinth.

### Annual Meeting Coming January 30

Following the 9:30 service on January 30, members of Prince of Peace will meet for the official annual meeting.

The agenda will include reviewing and approving the annual budget, electing new congregational council members, and hearing news of the ministries of the church.



**The January Donation Requested  
for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is  
*Salad Dressing***

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

## A New Year, A Chance to Act and Advocate, to Acknowledge and Reconcile

Yes, 2021 has been a difficult year, but here at Prince of Peace it's been a year full of learning and progress, and your Racial Justice Team was part of that. Throughout the fall and into the winter, various team members have been networking; attending the course *Transforming White Privilege*, offered by the NJ Synod Anti-Racism Team; and reading, researching, and attending meetings and workshops on various issues and legislation related to the inequities in our communities and institutions.

So what's coming in 2022? Here's just a taste:

- Continued education of members and friends through adult forums, sermons, newsletters, suggested courses and events, and the Racial Justice Lending Library. Note: There are now over fifty books available on the tables in the narthex for you to borrow and read and share with your family at your leisure. Borrow one next time you're in church, or contact Nancy Reyes to have one delivered. Look for an updated spreadsheet showing all that's available soon.
- Use of Synod resources and opportunities related to the Bishop's Challenge. Look for details on each of the following coming in January and February:

Related liturgy and prayers as started during Advent, emphasized during Epiphany  
Virtual book study led by our Bishop Tracie Bartholomew

Movie viewing and discussion between Prince of Peace and local community  
Trips to little known local sites of significant Black American historical events as well as rescheduled Synod trip to Jehu Jones sites in Philadelphia  
Opportunities for congregation members to meet the Bishop's Challenge to begin reparations through Prince of Peace and the New Jersey Synod Adult Forums to continue to raise our understanding of how whiteness and racism are ingrained in Christianity  
Increased information will be shared to help you advocate for legislation that will work to change systemic racism, whether by signing petitions, calling or writing your legislators, participating in uncomfortable but necessary conversations, attending informative events on inequities in housing or public health, and more.

As always, you are welcome to join the Racial Justice Team or just get on our email list by contacting Nancy Reyes at 609-273-1239 or [nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com). Next virtual meeting is Tuesday, January 18 from 7-8:30.

— Nancy Reyes  
For the Racial Justice Team



## World Holidays and Celebrations

*January 2022*

January in the West is typically dominated by the New Year celebration. But there are other cultural and ethnic holidays and observances which occur around the world and have been either brought to this country by immigrants or have

significance for them, even if not celebrated here, and many other Americans are often unaware of their observance.

Also, not to be overlooked are the traditional festivals of the First Nations.



*Hopi Traditional Ceremonial Costume*

Cultural/Ethnic Holidays/Observances			
Date	Holiday	Affiliation	Notes
Jan or Feb	Hopi Powamu Festival	Native American	The Powamû Festival is a midwinter religious celebration of the Hopi Indians.
Jan or Feb	Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony	Native American	The Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony is an Iroquois event related to religious traditions and seasonal change.
1/1 - 3	Shōgatsu	Japanese	The Japanese New Year celebration, falls on the familiar date of January 1 per the Gregorian calendar, but the celebration in Japan is stretched out days before and after. It's considered one of the biggest festivals in Japan. Shogatsu is observed by enjoying many traditional foods that vary between regions in Japan.
1/6	Three Kings Day (Epiphany)	Christian – Latin American Tradition	The day is called “Día de Reyes” (The Day of Kings, a reference to the Biblical Magi), commemorating the arrival of the Magi to confirm Jesus as son of God. On January 6, a “Rosca de Reyes” (a ring-shaped Epiphany cake) is eaten and all Christmas decorations are traditionally put away.
1/10	Coming of Age Day	Japanese	Seijin no Hi is a Japanese holiday held annually on the second Monday of January. It is held in order to congratulate and encourage all those who have reached or will reach the age of maturity (20 years old) between April 2 of the previous year and April 1 of the current year, and to help them realize that they have become adults.
1/13	Korean American Day	Japanese	Korean American Day on January 13 <sup>th</sup> commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903. The day also honors the Korean American's immense contributions to every aspect of society.
1/15 (Observed 1/17)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	African-American	A federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year.
1/26	Republic Day	Indian	A national holiday in India, when the country marks and celebrates the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26, January 1950, replacing the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India and thus, turning the nation into a newly formed republic.
1/27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Jewish	An international memorial day on 27 January that commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, the genocide of European Jews by Nazi Germany between 1941 and 1945. 27 January was chosen to commemorate the date that Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Red Army in 1945.

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## Parish Care — January 2022

*Happy New Year*

*Now that the new year has started, it is time for us to look forward to February!*

*The Valentine Care Boxes and Bags will be here soon. We need lots of help!*

*We need help supplying, packing and shipping the boxes!*

As we enjoy the twelve days of Christmas and prepare to celebrate Epiphany, it is time to look forward to February. A very favorite tradition for both the senders and receivers at Prince of Peace is the filling and shipping of care packages. We fill and send boxes with goodies, supplies, and treats for our young adults who are away at school. Many years ago the boxes were a surprise, but now our 'college students' know the box is coming and they are always 'surprised' to see how many goodies and surprises we can fit into the 8" x 8" x 12" box. This tradition started many, many years ago with just a few boxes and last year we sent 15 boxes and 12 bags to our 'older student' members.

As we are again in limbo about what we will be allowed to do, we will go ahead with this project.

Last February a small group was able to assemble 15 boxes and 12 bags. So we should be able to do the same this year.

As of now the packing of boxes is scheduled for Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the church, with shipping on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Several Ways to Help

Some Dates

**Gathering of current USPS Addresses:** by January 16. If you would like/know of any student or senior adult to include please send address.

**Gathering of donations for boxes:** until February 2— leave in donation box in Gathering Area. Look for display in gathering area

**Gathering of monetary donations for shipping:** preferable by February 6, 2022 but anytime works too.

**Gathering baked goods for boxes:** Please bring to church on February 6.

**Packing of boxes:** Monday, February 7, 7:30 pm in church gathering area.

**Delivering boxes to Post Office for shipping:** Tuesday, February 8. Meet at church 9 am.

The congregation donates the goodies to fill the boxes along with a few dollars to help with the cost of shipping (may be placed in the offering plate with *Valentine Boxes* noted in the memo section). The goodies are collected at the church for several Sundays in January; the boxes are packed and

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Besides cultural and ethnic holidays and observances there are global and national observances which happen during January as well. While not holidays in the strictest sense of the word, many of these are related to issues affecting those who are disenfranchised and whom the Racial Justice Team looks to assist. These are listed below with links for more information.

Global Celebrations	
Date	Holiday
Jan	<a href="#">Blood Donor Month</a>
Jan	<a href="#">National Mentoring Month</a>
1/1	<a href="#">Global Family Day</a>
1/1	<a href="#">World Day of Peace</a>
1/3	<a href="#">Humiliation Day</a>
1/3	<a href="#">Women Rock! Day</a>
1/11	<a href="#">National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</a>
1/12	<a href="#">National Youth Day</a>
1/14	<a href="#">National Religious Freedom Day</a>

*Contributed by Con P. Sweeney, POP Racial Justice Team*

# "A STAR SHALL GUIDE THEM"

January 6, 2022



*The House Next Door*  
is offering two opportunities to celebrate Epiphany:

## **Morning Retreat on Zoom**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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**Please email [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org) for a zoom invitation**

**\$20 registration fee - Free for members of Prince of Peace**

## **Labyrinth Walk**

**4:30 p.m.**

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Parking is available at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

### **The House Next Door**



177 Princeton-Hightstown Road  
Princeton Junction, N.J. 08550

# Affordable Housing in a Just World: Basics and Beyond



**Sunday, January 9, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM**

**How can you support affordable housing in your community?  
Our speakers will give you the basics & share ideas on how you can help.**

## **Learn about**

- **types of low & moderate income housing**
- **process of creating affordable housing**
- **who's involved & what they do**
- **advantages of affordable housing for a community**

## **Speakers:**

**Diane Ciccone, Attorney, former West Windsor councilperson, filmmaker  
Mitchell Newman, Senior VP, Lennar, home builders  
Alice Small, President, Princeton Community Housing Development Corp.**

## **Moderator:**

**Hon. Peter Buchsbaum, retired Superior Court Judge & court-appointed  
master to implement affordable housing settlements**

**This free program is open to all. To register for Zoom link or more information,  
email [linda.oppenheim@gmail.com](mailto:linda.oppenheim@gmail.com)**

**Sponsored by Congregation Beth Chaim (Princeton Jct.), Har Sinai Temple (Pennington), The Jewish Center (Princeton)**



readied for shipping at the church, and taken to the USPS for shipping. Then by Valentine's Day our young adults away at school get a special package with lots of love and care from their church family.

So while you are out with your holiday returns and bargain hunting, remember we are soon filling around fifteen boxes with treats for those in school and living away from home and about twelve bags of treats for our Senior members. So if you find some goodies, pick them up and bring them to the church. Shipping last year averaged \$18 per box.

So plan on baking some cookies, supplying some treats and donating some \$\$s to help fill the boxes with lots of extra love, care, prayers, and goodies!

**Thank You -- Thank You --Thank You**

- Many thanks to all the members who wrote Merry Christmas messages in Christmas cards sent to our home bound members.
- Thank You to all who donated 2022 Calendars and Cards. They have been taken to area senior living facilities for the residents. The activity directors were very grateful that we were thinking of their residents and said the calendars and cards are greatly appreciated and used. Watch for the calendar collection box this fall.
- Thank you to all who have provided several rides this past year.

Anyone interested in baking cookies or making soup to share with others? Please let me know so we can plan a date, time and tasty treat to make and share.

**On-going Projects/Needs:**

***Hope through Healing Grief Notes*** – mailings to families who have lost loved ones

***SPLASH and Growing in God's Love*** – mailings to families who have welcomed a new child into their lives.

***Care Notes*** - They are available in the breezeway to take as needed.

**Meals** – prepare and provide a simple meal for a church family as needed. If you can prepare a simple meal when needed, please let us know.

**Transportation Needs** - Many thanks to those who have been providing rides to local appointments. If you would like to help with some transportation needs, usually a few weekdays for special errands, please let us know. Details will be provided.

If you know of any folks that should be included in any of our projects, or if you would like to assist with any of our projects, please notify Parish Care.

We are always looking for folks to learn about and to help grow our Parish Care ministry

Contact Martha Winder for more details. 609-799-7280 maw14jpw@aol.com



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### *Sunday Schedule*

Worship at 8:30 am (In Person)  
and 9:30 am (In Person/Livestream)

### *Office Hours*

Monday- Friday 9 am to 1 pm

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