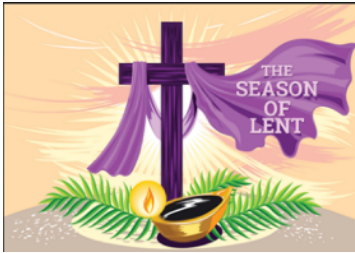


# Tidings of Peace



March 2024



## Worship in March

*Worship with Holy Communion*

*In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am*

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

### March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

“Proclaiming Christ Crucified”

Pastor Peter Preaching

### March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“For God So Loved”

Pastor Peter Preaching

### March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

“The Hour Has Come”

Field Ed Student Sara Manning Preaching

### March 24

Palm Sunday

“The Passion of St. Mark”



### March 31

Easter Sunday

“For They Were Afraid”

Pastor Peter Preaching

## Pastor’s Page

I am a fan of Jon Stewart and am glad he has returned from retirement to host The Daily Show one night a week. Stewart is known for his comedic take on current events, specifically politics. Not surprisingly, the coming presidential election dominated his commentary on his first night back. He reiterated how many Americans feel that the two likely candidates are not the top choices for either party. In fact, many have circled November 5<sup>th</sup>, election day, as the beginning of the end of democracy as we know it. But Stewart encouraged his audience to circle November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and beyond. Any presidential election is important, but the future of the country is not dependent on who wins or who loses, the country will thrive when it’s citizens continue to contribute to the greater good regardless of who is president. Stewart encouraged his audience to keep working for America after the election and beyond.

I’m reminded of the book our Field Ed student Sara Manning and I are teaching for our Adult Class this Lent, [Refugia Faith](#). The book is a faithful response to the climate crisis. Debra Rienstra, the author, explains refugia as pockets of safety in nature that allow life to persist after a natural disaster. After the eruption of Mount St. Helens, Rienstra explained that life returned to mountain much quicker than scientists expected. When the mountain blasted ash and rock across the landscape, refugia sheltered enough of nature to allow life to return with vigor. Nature is resilient. Rienstra advocates for people of faith being refugia in the climate crisis, small pockets of care for the earth amidst great apathy in the general public. Rienstra doesn’t minimize the threat of global warming, but neither does she minimize the impact refugia faith can have on saving the planet.

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

**Deadline for the April issue is Sunday, March 31st**

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Cheryl "Sherri" Daniels, Office Manager

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# THANK YOU

**Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church,  
Princeton Junction**

In grateful appreciation for giving  
**\$20,166.67**

for 2023 Mission Support.



## Pastor's Page (Continued)

Whether we're saving the country or saving the planet, both Stewart and Rienstra advocate for the impact of a few on the whole. Conventional wisdom says that those who show up for Jesus in the world can't stand up to systems of death and destruction, but the faithful few can be the difference between life and death. We are not the saviors of the world, that would be Jesus. Still we witness to death and resurrection. That faith just might make the difference.

Pastor Froehlke

## Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday March 24th 9:30am  
The Passion of Mark

Maundy Thursday March 28th 7:30pm  
Foot washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday March 29th 7:30pm  
Tenebrae Service, The Seven Last Words

Holy Saturday March 30th 7:30 pm  
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31st 8:30 and 9:30  
Easter Festival Worship

8:30 Service Returns Easter Sunday and continues through Reformation Sunday, October 27th.

## Good Friday

Again this year Prince of Peace is blessed to hear our own preach on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the cross. We welcome Rev Dr Paul Rorem, Pastor Becky Resch, Pastor Dale, Pastor Peter, Field Ed Student Sara Manning, and Seminary Graduate Claudia Thompson.

## Midweek Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

Our Lenten midweek services continue every Wednesday in Lent. We are partnering with St. Bart's. Soup is served at 6:30. Worship begins at 7:30. Prince of Peace will host March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. St. Bart's will host on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We still need volunteers to prepare and serve the soup on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. A sign up is outside of the church office.

## Adult Class

Adult Class continues in March under the topic, Building a Theology of Creation. Join Pastor Peter and Sara Manning as they discuss a faithful response to the climate crisis. Join us in the Double Classroom at 10:45 on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Field Trip to Princeton Seminary's Farminary

Circle Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for a visit to the seminary's Farminary. As a part of the Lenten theme for the Adult Class, Sara Manning will host Prince of Peace at the Farminary, a small farm outside of Princeton that connects theology with nature. Details to follow next month.

## Play Ball!

Spring training has begun and we are going out to the ball park this summer. Circle Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> for St. Bart's and Prince of Peace night at the Trenton Thunder. Tickets are only \$12. More details to follow.



## Easter Sunday Brunch

All are welcome to share a bountiful Champagne Brunch on Easter Sunday morning – March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please join fellow POPers for a delicious buffet breakfast to be served immediately following the 9:30 service. The bountiful buffet will include pancakes, waffles, egg dishes, bacon, sausage, home fries, ham, salads and more! We invite all who attend to bring breakfast bread, or sliced fruit platter to share. Please sign up (by March 24<sup>th</sup>) on the poster in the gathering area as to the number in your party that will be attending as well as what you will be bringing. All family and friends are welcome!

## Michelle & Michael Conk

## Valentine Box Thank You's

2024  
Members Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church

A bunch of thanks  
and sunshine too...  
from grateful me  
to wonderful you!

Thank you for the wonderful  
Valentine's Day package.  
I will be enjoying its contents  
for many months.

Thank you so much!  
Chris Wether

Martha and POP members,  
Thank you so much for sending me a Valentine's Day Box! I always look forward to this time of year, as I am so blessed to have such an amazing church family that sends me such a heart-warming care package. I've already started munching on some treats and they are so tasty! My roommates and I are really enjoying the treats and we can't wait to eat more!

Thanks again,  
Alex Morris

## Council Elects Officers

The new and continuing council members met in an informal meeting the week after the Congregational Meeting. We shared our stories about coming to Prince of Peace and why we are willing to serve on the council. Most of us feel a calling of some kind - want to contribute to and help shape our mission. We conducted officer elections with Joan New being elected President and Claudia Thompson being elected Vice President. The council then reappointed Dave Herrington Secretary and Con Sweeney Treasurer.

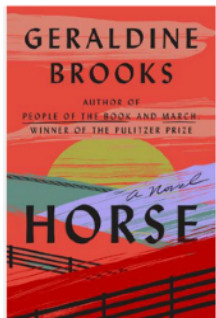
Joan New  
President

## Book Group

*If interested in joining the book club,  
please contact Phyllis Church at  
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

*We meet once a month in the church lounge at 1 p.m.  
Please bring your lunch and/or snack for others to share.*

**Thursday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge**



### Horse by Geraldine Brooks

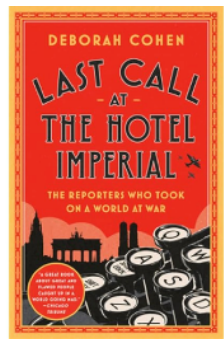
“Horse” by Geraldine Brooks goes back and forth from 1850 to modern-day when art historians discover paintings of Lexington, a beautiful horse considered the greatest race horse of all times. Research reveals the story of Jarrett, the enslaved black man who trained him and

raced him during the Civil War period. In the present day a scientist studies Lexington's skeleton for clues about his speed and endurance. All of this combines into a fascinating mix of art, science, and racial history. Historical fiction at its best.

**Thursday, April 11, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge**

### Last Call at the Hotel Imperial by Deborah Cohen

This is nonfiction that reads like a novel! The author has chosen four prominent American journalists- John Gunther, Vincent Sheean, Dorothy Thompson and



H.R. Knickerbocker to tell the story of the lead-up to WWII as well as the war itself. In the days before the internet, newspaper dispatches, radio broadcasts, books and lectures helped create a uniquely American form of journalism. These journalists were friends and rivals whose lively personal lives sometimes intertwined with their reporting.

## THRIVENT MEMBERS - IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you are a member of Thrivent, the Lutheran fraternal benefit society, and own products such as Thrivent life insurance, health insurance or annuities, your financial products may build Choice Dollars during each calendar year. If you want to influence how they distribute your part of their charitable funds at NO additional cost by designating where YOUR Choice dollars get donated, you have to do so by March 31 of each year.

To designate what nonprofit YOUR 2023 Choice Dollars support:

- Go to Thrivent.com and Log In
- Account Overview page should be showing
- On the left, scroll down to Direct Choice Dollars. This will tell you how many choice dollars you have for 2023. (Each family member has a separate login and amount.)
- IF you have any for 2023, choose one or more nonprofit registered as a 501C3 organization, such as our church or St. Bartholomew, for your designation. (You can get your favorite added to this list if not showing there).

NOTE: If you want the money to go toward a specific purpose or fund within a nonprofit, you'll need to notify that organization if there is no separate 501C3 status. Ex: Donating to “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Princeton Junction” sends money to POP that goes in a general church income. If you want it to go specifically toward House Next Door, Property Fund, Tree of Life Chapel, Refugee Fund, etc., you must email Greg Nowak at [gregsnowak@verizon.net](mailto:gregsnowak@verizon.net) to tell him your intention.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: As a Thrivent member, you also have the opportunity to make a personal tax deductible donation to POP or your favorite cause AT ANY TIME and Thrivent will pay the processing fees. See the website for more information.

Need Help designating your Choice Dollars? Call Thrivent or your Thrivent Representative BEFORE MARCH 31!

## Parish Care News - March 2024

On Feb 5, 2024

6 boxes and 16 Valentine bags were filled with goodies and treats. All were packed mailed and delivered.

THANK YOU Everyone

Because of your generous support of this project it was very successful.

WHERE DID ALL THE Valentine BOXES AND BAGS GO?

Quinnipiac University – United States Military Academy -

LaSalle University – UCLA

Towson University – Rutgers University – Princeton

Theological Seminary

Monroe Village – the Elms of Cranbury – Stonebridge at

Montgomery – Harbor Chase

Windrows – Ewing – West Windsor - Hamilton

The Parish Care Team would like to thank all the members and friends of Prince of Peace for their generous support of the Valentine Care boxes project.

Sending much love and care to our students away at school and our Senior Valentines. When the package arrives via the USPS or personal delivery, our young adults and seniors are reminded that they are a part of our church Family - even though they are not here with us weekly - and their friends get to see what it is like to have a Church Family.

The boxes were all delivered by Thursday! All the Valentine bags to our "Senior" students were delivered in person throughout the week – the quick visit was greatly appreciated by all.

Special Thanks to those that delivered bags – Liz Zarillo, Barb Kelly, Pastor Froehke, Greg and Kathy Nowk, Claudia Thompson and Jim and Martha Winder.

To Our Bakers many thanks for sharing your baking skills. We were lucky to have 10 bakers this year. All of their treats looked very yummy and were all different!. Thank You to Berta Schott, Phyllis Church, Nancy Herrington, Kathy Morris, Greg and Kathy Nowak, Andrew and Linda Carlson and Bente Ott.

Save the date for this fun project –

Watch for dates and info early next year.

The Valentine Care Box/Bag project is traditionally the first Sunday or Monday of February. Lots of ways to participate.

I already know of two new names to add to the student box list!!! Yeah

If you have interest in working on/coordinating/organizing this project please contact me.

Many Thanks for all the 2024 Calendars

We still have a few calendars for 2024. If you know of anyone or facility that would like calendars - let me know.

Greeting Cards for Senior Residences

We have many cards that need to be sorted, packaged for delivery, and to be delivered to local Senior Residences. If you have time to help, let me know.

### **Transportation Needs**

If you need transportation or can help provide transportation, please let me know. We like to keep a list of those who can help with this when needed.

Ongoing;

Care Notes – Prayer Squares – Prayer Cards are available in the breezeway.

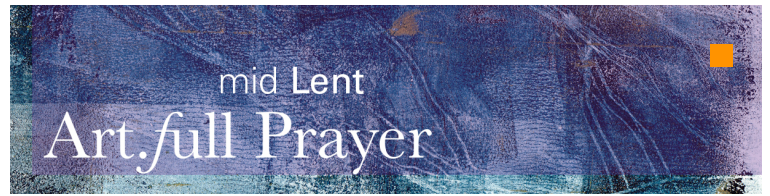
We continue with our monthly mailings to families with a new baby (Splash) and those who have lost a loved one (Hope through Healing).

We are always looking for new folks to be involved in our projects and to help us with some new ideas. Please contact us with you interest.

Hope we will be gathering together soon – to share a lot of care

Martha Winder 609-799-7280 maw14jpw@aol.com

# Request from Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ) for Grocery Store Gift Cards and Easter Greeting Cards



## Workshop and Retreat

Friday, MARCH 1 and Friday, MARCH 22  
{ 2 different offerings, attend 1 or both }

During the season of Lent we may find ourselves in an “in-between time” — between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, we are invited to move between darkness and light, grief and hope, repentance and redemption, deep sadness and deep joy. We will spend some time together in reflection, prayer and creative writing as we look into the “in-between times” that ground our spiritual practices as we anticipate Resurrection. **This reflection time will be followed by a creative practice of visual art.**

Everyone is welcome — there is no requirement for artistic experience or skill. All materials will be provided.

**The House Next Door**  
177 Princeton-Hightstown Road \*  
Princeton Junction NJ 08550

**Cost :** sliding scale suggested \$30 —\$35

Led by Pat Pickard, Spiritual Director + Graphic Designer

**Coffee :** 8:30, we will begin at 9am

**Workshop :** 9am to 12pm

**Retreat :** 1pm to dusk

*the house and grounds will remain open for prayer, silence and personal retreat time*

**For more information and to register,** send an email to [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org)

Registration ends on Tuesday February 27 (for March 1) and Tuesday March 19, 2024 (for March 22)

*\* Parking is available at “the church next door”, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ) supports their constituent families and senior citizens in affordable housing with meals and Easter greetings for the holidays. They have asked for our help by providing grocery store gift cards in any amount and Easter greeting cards (bought, or hand-made) that share Easter greetings. Suggested grocery stores are Walmart, ShopRite, Acme, and Target.

We are happy to help our wider NJ community in this way. Food gift cards may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the PoP Office at 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550. Easter greeting cards may be placed in the basket provided in the entry way or left in the office. Deadline for receipt is Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Contact Berta Schott if you have questions: call or text at 609-731-3193.

Thank you very much for sharing your gifts with these fellow children of God!

Appreciatively,  
Berta Schott, for the Social Outreach Ministry Team and LSM/NJ

# CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024  
1:00PM - 4:00 PM

**\*Items can be dropped off into the bin outside anytime from 3/30/24- 4/06/24**

**Items that are accepted:**  
MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING | SHOES | HATS | BELTS | TIES |  
HANDBAGS | COATS | JACKETS | BED LINENS | STUFFED ANIMALS

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

177 Princeton Hightstown Rd  
Princeton Jct., NJ 08550

# Racial Justice Team

## Did Black History Month Pass You By?

Here are a few ways to learn more if you missed February's many programs.

- Watch "American Son" on Netflix or elsewhere. Then talk to your friends about it!

- Visit Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum Sat., 3/9 or 3/27, 10AM-1PM or take their virtual tour at <https://360.goterest.com/sphere/ssaam-virtual-tour>

- Watch a relevant video of interest from the Trent House by seeing related recordings at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-legacy-of-americas-first-african-american-president>

## Are you concerned about prison and police reform in NJ?

Pastor Erich Kussman and Faith NJ taught POP members several years ago about Mass Incarceration.

We know that because of systemic racism, many people of color were unfairly arrested, given longer sentences or imprisoned for nonviolent offenses without chance of parole. Since then your Racial Justice Team has been attending workshops and advocating for programs bringing positive change regarding policing and incarceration. Salvation and Social Justice (SandSJ) is a faith-based organization focusing in three related areas in NJ:

- Are you worried when you hear NJ may be releasing prisoners and expunging their sentences? Those being released are not the violent criminals opponents talk about. To learn more, see SandSJ's first Clean Slate Initiative slide show here: <https://www.sandsj.org/csi>

- What about older prisoners? Several states have already passed Second Look legislation and more are pending at state and federal levels. Though they vary, the law under consideration in NJ would allow prisoners over 60 who have served at least 20 years or half of their sentence to apply for release. For more general information about Second Look laws see

- On the preventive side, one way of reforming policing has been so successful as a pilot program in Trenton and other areas that it was recently signed into law in NJ, financing its expansion to more communities. Community Crisis Response Teams include professionals to de-escalate mental health crises without involving the police if not necessary. Read about SandSJ's part in the Trenton program at <https://why.org/articles/trenton-community-crisis-response-team-violence-prevention>.

SAVE SUNDAY, APRIL 14 for NATIVE TRUTH BE TOLD.....Your Racial Justice Team is hosting two indigenous women who will share their powerful personal stories with POP and hopefully others from surrounding communities after worship. Help spread the word to your friends and neighbors. See the included flier and sign up today! (Lunch included!)

## NATIVE TRUTH BE TOLD

What we weren't taught in school

*Can you imagine being taken away from your family as a young child?  
Do you know what happened to Native American children who died in boarding school?  
Do you understand why some school mascots are offensive?*

Come hear two Indigenous Women share their personal experiences.

We welcome our presenters from the Coalition of Natives and Allies.



Donna Fann-Boyle (Choctaw/Cherokee)



Kelley Bova (Dakota Sioux)

They will share stories on-

- Donna's fight regarding the Native American sports mascot issue,
- boarding schools, including a Canadian Residential School and returning remains from the Carlisle School,
- how Kelley, who was adopted off the reservation at 3 months old, found her birth family and birth mother in South Dakota.

The presentation will take approximately an hour and a half including time for Q&A.

**Sunday April 14, 2024  
10:45 am**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct  
Hosted by the Racial Justice Team at Prince of Peace

A light lunch will be provided after the presentation.

RSVP appreciated - 609-799-1753 or Sign up via [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com).



The Prince of Peace Racial Justice Library has several new additions this month:

**Sacred Spiral by Aspen Song Kids of Taos Pueblo – donated by Lois Case**

We are the Aspen Song Kids from Taos Pueblo, a beautiful place in Northern New Mexico. Our mission is to preserve our culture, our heritage, our tradition, and our language. We do that through our art. We give our thanks to our elders and our ancestors. Our grandparents and great-grandparents were artists. If it were not for their hard work, we would not be here today. We carry on their legacy. We give thanks to the artists who came before. We got our name, Aspen Song Kids, from our great-great grandfather whose name was Aspen Song. We didn't know him in person as he had passed away before we were born, yet we honor him with our name. The paintings and stories in this book were created by us, the Aspen Song Kids. Every day, after school and on the weekends, we walk from the day school to the Pueblo village where we practice our art and practice speaking Tiwa, our native language. We love learning from the elders about the old ways so we may carry on the knowledge to our children and grandchildren in the years to come. We are proud to share our art and to honor Taos Pueblo with this book. - Aspen Song Kids.

**She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders – donated by Reconciling in Christ Team**

The bestselling, seminal work of trans literature: a story of love, sex, selfhood, and understanding from Jennifer Finney Boylan. *She's Not There* was one of the first works to present trans experience from the perspective of a literary novelist, opening a door to new understanding of love, sex, gender, and identity. Boylan inspired readers to ask the same questions she asked herself: What is it that makes us---ourselves? What does it mean to be a man, or a woman? How much could my husband, or wife, change—and still be recognizable as the one I love?

Boylan's humorous, wise voice helped make *She's Not There* the first bestselling work by a transgender American--and transformed Boylan into a national spokeswoman for LGBTQ people, their families, and the people that love them. "Love will prevail," said Boylan's conservative mother, as she learned about her daughter's identity. *She's Not There* is the story that helped bring about a world in which that change seems almost possible.

**The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle – donated by Reconciling in Christ Team**

The sweeping story of the modern struggle for gay, lesbian, and trans rights--from the 1950s to the present--based on amazing interviews with politicians, military figures, legal activists, and members of the entire LGBT community who face these challenges every day.

The fight for gay, lesbian, and trans civil rights--the years of outrageous injustice, the early battles, the heart-breaking defeats, and the victories beyond the dreams of the gay rights pioneers--is the most important civil rights issue of the present day. Based on rigorous research and more than 150 interviews, *The Gay Revolution* tells this unfinished story not through dry facts but through dramatic accounts of passionate struggles, with all the sweep, depth, and intricacies only an award-winning activist, scholar, and novelist like Lillian Faderman can evoke.

In the words of the eyewitnesses who were there through the most critical events, *The Gay Revolution* paints a nuanced portrait of the LGBT civil rights movement. A defining account, this is the most complete and authoritative book of its kind.

In addition, several articles were added to the Articles binder including one written by Jamie Bruesehoff that was published in the July/August 2023 edition of *Living Lutheran*. Please add articles that you come across that may interest our community of faith.

If you have any suggestions or would like to discuss ideas or resources for the library, please contact Kathy {kathynowak@verizon.net} or Greg Nowak {gregsnowak@verizon.net}.



## "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED"

By Paul Rorem

Imagine that you are in a church, looking up at a large crucifix, the body of Christ on the cross. You hear music, remember some words, and start to notice certain things, like the hands. "Wide open are your hands To pay with more than gold The awful debt of guilt and sin, Forever and of old. Ah, let me grasp those hands, ..." That hymn text by Lutheran pastor and Philadelphia seminary professor Charles Krauth (1823–83) is part of a long tradition.

There was a big medieval poem about various parts of Christ's body on the cross: the hands, the feet, the side, the heart. The most famous section of that Latin poem, inspired by Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), was about the face or the head. German Lutheran pastor Paul Gerhardt (1604–76) translated the whole text and we sing that part as "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 351). Gerhardt evoked the grisly sight of blood, spit, and gore, and all for what? "Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain." The English translation by Princeton Seminary professor James Alexander (1804–59) cleaned up some of the gruesome sight but retains the power of the Passion.

The ten stanzas have been chopped down to four, but the final one still makes the same point. When Julian of Norwich (1342–1430?) thought she was dying and was reminded to gaze upon a crucifix, she may have experienced what the last stanza gives us too, in Lent 2024:

"Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;

Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.

These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;

For [she] who dies believing, dies safely in thy love."

## Social Outreach

### REMINDER: St. Bart's Is In Need of Much Food To Distribute to the Hungry

With the cost of food having increased and the number of people in their community without enough funds to provide adequate food for their families, St. Bart's is distributing more and more bags of groceries to those in need. In addition, the donations to their food pantry have decreased, so they are in need of more and more donations. Please consider donating one or more non-perishable items as you are able. They particularly need such items as tuna and other canned meats, rice, beans, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and the like. Contributions may be placed in the Food Bin outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time. The bin is checked frequently.

Monetary donations are also much appreciated. Make out checks to Prince of Peace and earmark them St. Bart's Food Pantry. They may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Prince of Peace office at 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550.

Thank you for all that you have contributed in the past, and thank you for continuing to share your gifts with these fellow children of God!

Appreciatively,  
Berta Schott, for the Social Outreach Ministry Team and

## Peace Garden

Are YOU Handy and Mechanically Minded?

The Peace Garden irrigation system needs some updating but the current volunteers don't have the skills needed. The timer we use waters both gardens at the same time, so if one needs a lot when the other doesn't, the first gets flooded and water is wasted.

We also have a faucet that leaks and makes the walkway by the Cherry Tree Garden muddy.

If you have the skills to help separate the system into two separate timers or fine-tune our system, POP will be saving money and our gardeners will be appreciative!

Please contact Nancy Reyes at [nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com) or 609-273-1239 if this task is your calling!

## **OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in Princeton Junction**

Love being outdoors? Looking for a way to help others?  
Interested in gardening, either to learn how or to use your experience?  
If so, here's your chance!



Started decades ago to get homeless preschool children at the Cherry Tree Club excited about fresh veggies and later expanded to the property next door when the church realized how many were going hungry, **the Peace Garden grows fresh produce to Fight Food Insecurity.** Many people, even if working, are barely making ends meet so buying the cheapest processed foods may seem their only option. Those in low income neighborhoods often can't get fresh vegetables without a car to get to bigger grocery stores with better (though still too high) prices.



**Food Pantries are part of the solution**



**Freshly harvested produce is treasured by these families trying to stay healthy!**

**Each year close to 1,000 pounds of vegetables are donated from this garden**  
to local food pantries, mostly through St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Trenton.

**YOU CAN HELP! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!**

Volunteer a few hours a week or come whenever you can, and bring your kids or friends!

**Let's GROW this community project!**

**WHAT: Volunteers needed to plant, grow, weed, harvest, pack, and/or deliver the produce**

**WHEN: Hours - Tuesdays 3-5 and Fridays 10-12 during the school year**

Cooler summer hours 9-11 Tuesdays and Fridays

**WHERE: Gardens are behind the Community Room and the House Next Door**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Rd., Princeton Junction**

(follow signs from the parking lot for the Labyrinth, which is open to the public)

**HOW: Contact Nancy Reyes by email at [nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com) or cell 609-273-1239**

with questions or to get on the mailing list for weather updates



**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE GARDEN!!!**



177 Princeton-Hightstown Road  
Princeton Junction NJ 08550

Church Office: 609-799-1753

E-Mail: [email@popnj.org](mailto:email@popnj.org)

Website: [popnj.org](http://popnj.org)

#### Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am (in person/Livestream)

#### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin