

November 2018



Worship in November

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, November 4

*All Saints Sunday
On the Road with the Saints*

Sunday, November 11

*25th Sunday after Pentecost
On the Road with Ruth*

Sunday November 18

*26th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
On the Road with Prince of Peace*

*Thanksgiving Worship, 7 pm
Rabbi Wisnia*

Sunday November 25

Christ the King Sunday

November Events

November 4

GIFT Class

November 7 & 14

Pastor Class

November 10

La Convivencia Hindu Temple Tour

November 15

Book Group

On Extreme Haunts

Ah yes, we are in the season of haunted houses and horror films. I've always wondered why people think horror is fun. Isn't life scary enough? Apparently not.

Recently *The New York Times* ran an article on 'extreme haunts.' This isn't an amateur 'fright night' at the local farm market. Extreme haunts have professional actors and Hollywood stunt men, offering 'immersive horror;' an intense physical and psychological experience that puts participants inside their own real life horror film.

Here's how the *The Times* describes one of these extreme haunts.

On a recent Saturday night, ten anxious individuals were blindfolded and taken to a secret location, 40 minutes outside of Los Angeles. Upon arrival, one of them, Taylor Winters, 33, was ushered into a dusty RV. For the next 45 minutes a creature relentlessly lifted and tossed Mr. Winters's helpless body. As he struggled to gain his bearings, hands enveloped Mr. Winters's neck, squeezing tightly. He was knocked down, and stripped as claws raked across his skin. 'Jesus Christ!' Mr. Winters cried out. The event concluded with Mr. Winters stripped to his boxers and curled in a fetal position, caked in mud and simulated body fluids. His first words, once regaining composure, were: 'That was awesome.'

Did I mention that Mr. Winters paid \$150 for this extreme haunt?

Isn't it interesting that as culture increasingly seeks to distance itself from suffering and death, these extreme haunts are gaining in popularity? While we shelter ourselves from reality, we simulate a rather sick experience of our darker side. Why is this?

Since Mr. Winters summoned Jesus, perhaps he is the one we should focus on. Nothing is scarier than the cross, but it didn't stop Jesus from facing it. People of faith need not hide from reality. We can face real scary places, because Jesus always leads us 'through the valley and shadow of death,' to places of new and abundant life.

So save your money. If you're looking for the extreme, pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

— Pastor Froehlke

When Secular Becomes Sacred

Those of you who were in attendance on Reformation Sunday, October 28, may have noticed that our *Hymn of Praise* was an adaptation of a popular song written by Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash.

Our Stewardship emphasis theme is *On the Road with Jesus*. We normally try to adapt a portion of our liturgy to match our Stewardship theme during our stewardship campaign. And usually we take an existing well known hymn tune and change the words to be more relevant to our theme. Well, this year we just couldn't escape the popular song *On the Road Again*. So we adapted it into our liturgy!

When I first thought about taking *On the Road Again* and adapting it into our worship service, I chuckled a bit. But there is a long tradition in the church of taking existing tunes — even secular tunes — and incorporating them into a worship service. Secular tunes can be changed into hymns. For

example, *Morning Has Broken* is sung as a hymn. In the historic church, motets were based on both sacred and secular models. And liturgies and hymn tunes often were adapted from well-known folk song melodies. Sometimes secular songs have great spiritual connection, like *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* (Carter/Cash), *Every Grain of Sand* (Bob Dylan), and *Turn! Turn! Turn!* (Pete Seeger). And songs that are meant to be secular can have sacred crossover appeal, like Louis Armstrong's *What a Wonderful World* or Bill Withers' *Lean on Me*.

My point is that worship is at its best when we allow it to be pliable, flexible to the needs and emotions of the congregation at any given time, balancing tradition, theology, and reverence with creativity, new choices, and contemporary emotional connection. During our stewardship emphasis, when we sing that we're 'On the Road' with Jesus, I hope the song brings a smile to your face — as I'm sure you never thought you'd be singing it in church!

— Peace, Doug

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Deadline for the December issue is Sunday, November 25

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November Music Schedule

November 4

Adult Choir

November 11

Adult Choir

November 18

Adult Choir & Celebration Ringers

November 25

Adult Choir



The November Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Men's Tube or Crew Socks

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

November Events

November 3rd Benefit Concert for LIRS

A concert benefitting Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) will be held at Prince of Peace on November 3rd from 3 to 5 pm. Music will be by *Colors of Culture Orchestra*.

Donations will be accepted; half will go to LIRS.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints is November 4th. Pastor will name the saints who have died this past year during the prayers of intercession. If you would like the name of a saint read, forward that name to pastor.

GIFT — Growing in Faith Together

Our GIFT hour on the first Sunday in November, the 4th, will be a class for all of our children and their families.

Pastor Froehlke will be with our preschool through kindergarten families and Nancy Durie will be with our 1st through 5th graders.

We will meet immediately after worship. Food will be served!

La Convivencia Sponsors Hindu Temple Visit

November 10

Robbinsville, New Jersey, is home to one of the largest Hindu temples in the world. As part of La Convivencia's Multifaith Encounters series, we will be visiting the temple on Saturday, November 10.

This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the temple, learn about Hinduism, witness a ceremony, and take in the fabulous architecture and decoration.

If you missed the Prince of Peace trip in July, now is your time to visit this magnificent house of worship and learn about Hinduism.

The temple is located at 112 North Main Street in Robbinsville and we will be meeting outside the temple at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there.

— Margaret Frantz

Book Group Meets November 8

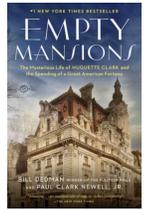
*At the home of Cathy Balgowan
17 Dove Court, Hamilton Square
RSVP to cathbalg@optonline.net or 609-586-2245*

Empty Mansions:

The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune

by Paul Dedman & Paul Newell Jr.

Truth is stranger than fiction. This book spans the lives of W.A. Clark, his second wife, Anna, and their daughter, Huguette. Clark made an enormous fortune in the mining and railroad industries in the American West. His wife Anna and daughter Huguette were exceptionally close and bought and furnished mansions together using the family fortune. With the death of her mother, Huguette chose to retreat from society, and many of these sumptuous homes furnished with priceless art remained empty as she retreated into her private world. A fascinating history and personality study.



December 13

Annual Christmas Party

*At the home of Anne Patterson
8 Greenfield Way, Princeton Junction
RSVP to annepatt@att.net or 609-799-8849*

*The Book Group meets the second Thursday
of the month at 7:30 pm.*

*New members are always welcome.
If interested, please contact Phyllis Church*

Pastor Class

Pastor class will continue on Wednesdays November 7th and 14th. Pastor will discuss *A Christian Response to Guns*. Join us in the lounge at 7:30.

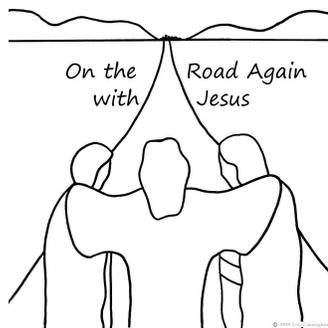
More November Events

Thanksgiving Worship

Prince of Peace is hosting the Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium ecumenical Thanksgiving worship, Sunday night, November 18, at 7 pm.

Rabbi Eric Wisnia, who is retiring this year after 40 years of service at Temple Beth Chaim, will be our preacher. A reception will be held following worship. POP will provide drinks and baked goods.

Let Pastor Froehlke know if you can help with the reception.



Stewardship

Welcome to our fall stewardship emphasis for 2018: *On the Road Again With Jesus!*

Our theme is based on Luke 24:32. On Easter night, after their eyes were opened, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus said to each other: *Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?*

Each Sunday from now until November 18th, we look forward to getting back on the road with that same zeal. We know that we won't travel alone. Our themes for each Sunday will center on who walks with us.

October 28	<i>On the Road with Luther</i>
November 4	<i>On the Road with the Saints</i>
November 11	<i>On the Road with Ruth (Old Testament reading)</i>
November 18	<i>On the Road with Prince of Peace</i>

On November 18th we will offer our commitment to traveling this road of ministry by pledging our giving for 2019.

Joyful Stitchers in November

*Scarves, Hats, Mittens Collected
Until The First Week of December*

The Joyful Stitchers are continuing work on their project to create hats, scarves, and mittens for the women served by the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T.A.S.K.) We've noticed that several beautiful hand-knitted items have shown up in our completed projects basket in the Gathering Area. Thanks so much for your contributions!

Speaking of contributions, while we appreciate yarn donations, if you have yarn you'd like to donate to the church, please first contact Kate Chen at kcmchen@comcast.net. We don't have a lot of storage room for our yarn stash and we want to make sure we are accepting good quality yarn to use in our service projects.

If you'd like to join us, our meetings are on Mondays in the lounge, alternating between afternoon meetings at 1:00 and evening meetings at 6:30.

If you can't make our meetings but would like to contribute to the T.A.S.K. service project, we are collecting items until the first week of December. Please check the table in the Gathering Area for information, yarn, and patterns. There are no special requirements, except that we have been asked to focus on hats, scarves, and mittens specifically for women, so if you have a pattern you like to knit or crochet, or have some extra yarn you'd like to use up for a women's hat, scarf, or pair of mittens, this is the perfect project!

If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet to contribute to this worthwhile project, we can provide instruction as well. Any beginner can make a scarf! Come to one of our meetings and our experienced knitters and crocheters can help you out. For more information, please contact Kate Chen at kcmchen@comcast.net.

Individual Gifts for LSM/NJ Folks and Advent Giving Tree

This year, Prince of Peace folks will have the opportunity to share the spirit of giving in several different ways. Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ) has asked us to once again provide gifts to specific individuals who have made requests and are served by one of LSM/NJ's facilities. Once it is available, the list of individuals and their requests will be posted for sign-up.

The second opportunity is through the Advent Giving Tree, also as in years past. The tree will be in the Gathering Area for several weeks, beginning on November 25, decorated with many stars, each naming an item to share with someone, ranging in age from infants through Senior Citizens. The recipients of these gifts are still being determined. Directions for participation will be available when the tree is set up.

Thank you so much in advance for sharing the love of Christ with those who are in need of knowing and feeling that love.

*Blessings to each and all of you,
The Social Outreach Team*

New Printed Photo Directory Planned

The Prince of Peace communications team is planning another photo directory shoot in 2019. Photography and directory printing will be by *Lifetouch*, who did our last directory. Member families can get their portraits taken for free and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photo packages directly from *Lifetouch*.

Each participating family will get one complimentary 8x10 photo and a printed copy of the Prince of Peace photo directory. Additionally, we will get an online version of the directory that we will make available from the members-only section of our website. Stay tuned for our photography dates.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Thank you to Nancy Herrington, Joan Prins, and Mary Ellen Glickson for volunteering to help with this project.



Thank You to Prince of Peace ...

Over 525 lucky children are returning to school this fall with a new backpack filled with all sorts of great school supplies. Children and their parents or grandparents across all the LSMNJ programs are very thankful for the backpacks.

Your compassion and concern for those in need is an incredible gift. We appreciate that you give of your time, share your talents, and offer gifts with which God has blessed you.

*With a grateful heart,
Beth Gebhart
Executive Director*



Fall Clothing Drive is A Wonderful Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fall Clothing Drive for the Trenton Rescue Mission. Two large boxes were filled to overflowing with items for those persons served by the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission is grateful for these donations and for our being in partnership with them in meeting the needs of others.

*Appreciatively,
The Social Outreach Team
and the Rescue Mission of Trenton*

Parish Care Notes

Sharing our care and concern with those in our community in times of need and joy.

Sharing our faith at church and in our community.

As we continue our journey with Christ, we need your help to share our Prince of Peace care.

Read - Talk - Pray - Share - Bless

Our Young Adults Away at School Advent Calendar Mailing, November 16

We are gathering mailing, shipping, and email addresses for young adults who are away at school. We connect with our students a few times during the school year. Please make sure we have current 2018-19 addresses.

Our first mailing, an Advent calendar, is going out on November 16th, so please make sure we have the information. Look in the gathering area for a list of our students. Please add, correct, or delete information as needed. We will use the address to ship Valentine Care Boxes in February.

Please confirm the address even if it is the same as previous years. If you would like to have an advent calendar sent, please make sure we get the address ASAP.

Care Notes, Prayer Squares

We continue with the monthly mailings of *Hope Through Healing* (loss) and *Splash* (new baby) pamphlets to families in our church.

Care Notes are available in the breezeway. Please take and share. Thank you to Ginger Reiersen for keeping the display filled and looking great and the Wethe family for help with purchasing the notes.

Knitted prayer squares and prayer cards are also in the breezeway — small ways to remember our journey with God.

Transportation Assistance

We are looking for some transportation assistance to and from Sunday morning worship. If you can take some of your time to help get folks to church, please contact me or church office for details and we will see what can be arranged. This is a great way to get to better know a member of your church family.

It's Not Too Early to Be Thinking About Advent and Christmas

If you know of some folks you have been missing at church,

Advent and Christmas is a great time to reach out and invite them back to church.

Save the Date: December 16 Christmas Carol Sing Along

Parish Care and Christian Education are teaming up to bring some holiday joy to those in our community who are not able to get out and about. On Sunday, December 16th, the Christian Education hour will be caroling in the area. We will leave church after a short fellowship time to arrive around 11:15 am.

Carpooling works well. We only need you, your voice and your great POP cheer. We will be singing favorite carols to the folks who live there, wishing them a Merry Christmas, letting them know that we are thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers. It will be a very special time for those we visit and for us. So if you have a favorite carol you would like to sing, let us know and join us. If you would like to help with some of the easy prep work, let us know. Plan on coming along and spreading some POP care around the Princeton area.

Advent Starts December 2nd

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we think of and spend time with our families. Some members of our church family may appreciate a little extra care during this time. If you are able to share a little time, make a call, deliver some holiday cheer, assist a member with some holiday tasks, read a *Bible* story or say a prayer with a member of our church family, please let the Parish Care Team know, we can provide the needed details.

Items We Are Gathering

For our Christian Education and Parish Care Caroling on December 16th, we will be taking a small gift or treat for each resident. As we have not decided on what to take along at this moment, watch for details coming soon for how you can help.

We also take everyone a **Christmas card with a hand-written holiday message**. There will be a table in

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Beyond 50? – Reflections on Reformation Sunday - Oct. 28, 2018

From Congregational Council President, Newman Wilson

All in all, Reformation Sunday was a great start to *Beyond 50!*

We heard the first reading (*Jeremiah 31:31*) about the Lord's new covenant and took the opportunity to sign the covenant. Pastor Froehlke read the Gospel (*John 8:31*) where Jesus said, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples'; and parents placed the scriptures in the hands of some of our youngest disciples. Minister of Music Doug Helvering adapted *On the Road Again* for the *Hymn of Praise*. We participated in the 2018 Ministry Fair and shared our Hope and Vision for Prince of Peace.

On a personal note and on behalf of the Prince of Peace (PoP) community, as we officially close out the PoP 50th Anniversary Celebrations, I thank you all.

- PoP 50th team for the diligence in arranging the banquet and other events the past nine months

- PoP community for the support, and contributions to the anniversary celebrations
- PoP disciples for their generosity in making the 50/50 in-gathering a success
- Past PoP pastors for their visits with us during this anniversary year
- Disciples and partners in mission
- Pastors and staff
- Ministry teams
- Neighbors and friends

We recognize the faithfulness and contributions of the entire Prince of Peace community over the past half century. Praise be to God for 50 years of Ministry at Prince of Peace!

Please continue to share *your* hope and vision for Prince of Peace.

Peace, Newman

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gathering area with cards to write a cheery message and sign. Please take a few minutes to sign a card or two.

We are gathering **2019 calendars**. Many thanks for all the calendars we have gathered so far. If you have received some in the mail and do not have a home for them, we are gathering them and will take them to other adult care communities in the area. They are greatly appreciated by the residents. If you would be able to deliver calendars to a senior residence in your area, please let me know and a batch will be provided. We should have plenty to share with many.

*November is the month of Thanksgiving.
We have much to be thankful for at Prince of Peace.
Many Thanks to God for all our gifts of caring.*

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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am
Education Hour at 10:45 am

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 2 pm
Friday 9 am to noon
