



# Tidings of Peace



September 2020

## *Our Brother's Keeper*

### **Worship in September**

*Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion*  
8:30 am

*Online Worship at at 9:30 am*  
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

#### **Sunday, September 6**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Where Two or Three are Gathered*

#### **Sunday, September 13**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Forgiveness*  
*Welcome to Vicar Kayla Hopgood*  
*Recorded 9:30 Service*  
*With Special Music*

#### **Sunday, September 20**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Parable of the Laborers*

#### **Sunday, September 27**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Two Sons*

### **Also in September**

#### **September 8**

*Racial Justice Meeting*

#### **September 10**

*Book Group*

#### **September 17, 24**

*Pastor Class on Reformation*

#### **September 18**

*Youth Campfire*

#### **September 20, 27**

*Adult Forum on Reparations*

#### **September 23**

*Confirmation Orientation*

#### **September 27**

*Youth Walk*

I like to mention an old fishing guide I met on a trip to Canada. He said, 'remember, nature always wins.' He referred to clients who take foolish risks in nature believing that nothing bad can happen on vacation. But a momma bear doesn't care if you're on vacation if you come between her and her cubs.

I'm remembering this guide a lot during this pandemic. We've heard stories about nobody wearing masks at the shore because 'I can't get sick on vacation.' But does the virus care where it transmits?

With all the angst in reopening, I remember Dr. Fauci saying way back at the beginning of the pandemic: 'The economy doesn't determine the timeline of the pandemic; the virus determines the timeline of the pandemic.' No matter how we try to spin this pandemic, I'm afraid that the virus will always win.

I listened to sports radio the day the Big 10 canceled their fall football season. There's a lot of bravado associated with this pandemic. One caller to the program lambasted the Big 10 Commissioner for his decision. He said it was 'unconscionable' that football was canceled over an illness from which 'most' people recover. The host went on to say that most of the deaths are 'people in their nineties with emphysema, that are probably going to die soon anyways.' Really? Can people be this disconnected from reality?

Bailey Pickens, a Presbyterian campus pastor at the University of Arizona, writes an article in the *Christian Century*, entitled 'Maybe This Really is a Time of Divine Judgment.' Pastor Pickens writes that Christians respond to the pandemic either with lament or wonder. We either grieve the loss, or wonder to where God is leading. But Pickens wonders if God isn't also judging us in this pandemic, declaring us sinners.

Pickens is careful to distinguish between punishment and judgment. In no way does she correlate sickness with sin, as if God punishes the sick. But she does encourage the belief that God is not pleased with the societal sins that Covid-19 is exposing. Can people of faith defend the charge that the virus disproportionately attacks blacks, Latinos, and the poor?

Cain asked in Genesis 4, after he murdered Abel, if he was his brother's keeper? Pickens says that the whole Bible proceeds to answer yes. God's people have a deep and abiding responsibility for the well-being of other people.

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# We Are Called

One of my personal consequences of the pandemic has been the existence of time — time to think, time to step back and reflect, time to learn and read, and meditate. I feel that this time of isolation has brought opportunity for real change of heart, reconsideration and implementation of priorities, and space to consider tough questions and ponder even harder answers.

The societal reckoning on our country's systemic racism (which is long overdue) is something that I, personally, think could only really happen during something like a pandemic. Perhaps for the first time, white people of all income levels truly felt afraid to leave their home. We realized that 'danger' or 'potential harm' was lurking all around, and that we didn't know from where it would strike, or in what context, and that it could affect us at any time, or any of our friends or family; and there wasn't much we could do to stop it or prevent it from occurring.

For me, this realization brought with it increased anxiety, difficulty in concentrating on a specific task, and general unease, fear, and trepidation. I found myself having small panic attacks over trying to wash

my hands, then realizing I had to re-touch the faucet to turn off the water!

Then, with the disturbing murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers captured on video and shared around the country, the 'danger' and 'potential harm' for our brothers and sisters of color (especially black people) was, for me, much more deeply and intrinsically understood. I asked myself, 'Is how I'm feeling now, which is quite debilitating, the way black people feel every minute of every day. I reached out to my black friends and colleagues to have this discussion. Every single one of my friends confirmed that this is their daily existence, and my heart broke all over again.

I've always prided myself on being non-racist. Working with choirs and students for many years has helped, as I've stood alongside people of virtually every creed, ethnicity, and sexuality in song. But now I feel differently. I realized (as I think many like me realized) that being passively non-racist was not enough to show proper Christian love and support to those maligned by systemic forces in our country's laws and social norms. In my relative isolation, my faith informed me that now was the time to learn and grow, and to become actively anti-racist instead of passively non-racist. It really hasn't been difficult. Whereas, in the past, I'd see an injustice (however small) inflicted on a person because of their perceived ethnicity and say/do nothing or very little, now I feel called to minister to the oppressed and the oppressor, to call out injustice, to inform, and to be a public ally in the quest for social (and societal) justice. I must say, so far, this change in priority has been liberating. I feel more connected to more people than I ever have. We're physically distancing, but I've never felt more socially (or spiritually) connected.

As my growth in becoming anti-racist became palpable, I was reminded of the need of society to also be actively anti-sexual harassment and anti-sexual assault. The bravery of women (almost every woman I know) over the past few years in telling their stories cannot and should not go unnoticed or left behind in our push for a more just and equitable society.

I was very disheartened to learn of a growing list of survivors that have accused well-known author and contemporary Sacred Music composer David

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**Deadline for the August issue is Sunday, September 27**

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## September Events

### Joyful Stitchers in September

As we all continue to minimize our contact with others and work from home, there are no scheduled meetings for the Joyful Stitchers in September, 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](mailto:kcmchen@comcast.net).

### Social Outreach News

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the opportunities for ministry outreach during the summer, especially the St. Bart's Food and Clothing Pantries. Those needs continue, and you may leave your donations outside the white doors. Monetary gifts are also appreciated. Make the check to Prince of Peace and earmark for St. Bart's. Thank you too, for the wonderful response to the *God's Work; Our Hands* grocery collection for families in Trenton.

The Social Outreach Team is working on ideas for other ministry projects that can be achieved during the fall that are within the limits of Covid-19. Any suggestions will be carefully considered. Stay tuned!

Thank you for your partnership in ministry, and stay safe and well.

— Appreciatively,  
The Social Outreach Ministry Team



### Book Group

*In the early fall we plan to meet outside, weather permitting. If necessary a Zoom meeting will be scheduled.*

*If interested in receiving an invitation to our Zoom book club, please contact Phyllis Church 799-0723 or [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)*

### September 10

*Outside at 5 pm*

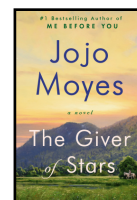
*At the home of Phyllis Church*

*11 Princeton Place, Princeton Junction*

*RSVP to 609-799-0723 or [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)*

***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.



### October 8

*Time and location TBA*

***The Dutch House*** by Ann Patchett



The Dutch House acts as character in this modern-day fairytale. Cyril Conroy buys the palatial mansion in Philadelphia for his wife Elna, but she fails to appreciate it and abandons her husband and children to do philanthropic work abroad. The children, Danny and Maeve, grow up here. Danny, who acts as the narrator, is seven years younger than his sister Maeve. The two siblings are a modern-day Hansel and Gretel and face abandonment, banishment, and a wicked step-mother. They even have three 'Fairy Godmothers': Fluffy, Sandy, and Jocelyn. A complicated story featuring intense family relationships.

### The September Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

***Elbow Macaroni***

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

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## September Events

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### **Reformation Quincentennial Pastor Class begins September 17th, 7 pm**

The church made a big deal about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, but 1517 was only the beginning of the Reformation. The Reformation took root in 1520 that sealed Luther's fate and was the beginning of his actual break from the Roman Catholic Church.

Pastor will explore three writings of Luther from 1520, *The Babylon Captivity of the Church*, *The Freedom of the Christian*, and *The Christian Nobility of The German Nation*. We will also discuss the papal bull from 1520 calling for Luther's excommunication.

Join us Thursdays this fall via Zoom.

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### **Youth Campfire Friday September 18th**

All of our youth are invited to a campfire at the Durie home on Friday September 18th at 7:00 pm. Take a break from all the craziness and join us for a time to connect.

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### **Reparations Adult Forum begins Sunday, September 20th**

The Adult Forum begins on September 20th via zoom with a discussion on reparations.

Christians often talk about reconciliation for racial justice, but reparations work to repair systems that are broken. This work is often the quickest and most effective way to heal racial division.

Join the discussion. The zoom class will begin at 11 am.

### **Confirmation Orientation September 23rd**

Confirmation begins with an orientation for parents and students on Wednesday September 23, at 7 pm.

We're going to try to do this in person and outside in the outdoor chapel, weather permitting. Pastor would like to hold in-person classes outdoors as long as the weather permits.

Class will be Wednesdays at 5:30 for all 6 to 8th graders.

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### **Youth Walk With Pastor September 27**

This doesn't sound very exciting, but maybe a walk together with friends can be a safe and welcome activity during a pandemic. Come and meet our new intern, Kayla Hopgood, and our Field Ed student, Becca Laabs.

We'll walk around Community Park at 4 pm. All youth through high school are invited.



*Great day distributing food at the Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School in Trenton. Thank you to all who contributed and to our Boy Scouts who did the heavy lifting. 700 baskets given with love.*

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*Pastor Froehlke, continued from page 1*

God judges society not to punish, but to expose sin that calls for repentance. Bailey Pickens writes, 'For those with eyes to see, the judgment is clear. The greatest mercy is being given the chance to turn from our bravado, to turn toward each other, and live.'

So let's not moan about no football this fall. Let's instead acknowledge the danger of Covid-19, repent of our neglect of the poor, and work for a more just society that's concerned for the good health of all.

— Pastor Froehlke





*The*  
House  
Next Door

*A Safe Space — A Place of Grace  
To Dwell in the Heart of God*

## **Fall Offerings**

### **Spiritual Direction**

Are you hungry for a deeper relationship with God? Would you like to learn some spiritual practices to enhance your prayer life? Are you in a time of discernment? Then perhaps Spiritual Direction, also known as Spiritual Companionship, is for you. Pastor Dale is available for individual conversations by phone, Zoom, or in person outside at the House Next Door. To inquire, please email her at [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org). Sessions are \$75/hour. Scholarships are available.

### **Group Direction**

Group Direction is also available for individuals who would like to experience direction in community. Groups gather for two hours, once a month. Both afternoon and evening sessions are available. They will take place on Zoom. Participants must be able to commit from October through June. The cost is \$25/session. If interested, please email Pastor Dale at [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org).

### **Healing Prayer**

Every Friday at noon, folks from Prince of Peace gather for Healing Prayer. It is a time to hear Scripture, share our concerns, hold one another's prayers, and witness to God's presence in our lives. Come once, come weekly. Watch for a weekly email with the Zoom invitation.

### **Programs**

This fall we will be offering a number of two-hour retreats on Zoom, led by a variety of spiritual directors:

*Praying the Psalms*

*The Poetry of Mary Oliver*

*Jazz Divina*

*Gratitude and Grace*

*Reiki: An Experience of the Heart*

**Watch emails for the dates and times.**

**Programs will be free to the  
Prince of Peace Community.**

## **Sunday Flower Sponsorships**

First, thank you to all who have continued to sponsor beautiful flowers for our Sunday worship services during the Covid crisis.

Since Prince of Peace initiated the 8:30 outdoor worship opportunity in addition to continuing the 9:30 on-line streaming of worship, the flowers have been kept busy. We have used the flowers to adorn our outdoor worship space, and then quickly transported them indoors for the live stream service. — a small but meaningful addition to our worship experience each Sunday, no matter how you choose to worship.

Please know that, after the Sunday church services are over, we are contacting the sponsor to see if the family would like us to deliver their floral arrangement to their home or if they would like us share it with a Prince of Peace homebound member. We are happy to deliver them, door-to-door, wherever you would like them to go.

Finally, there remain six opportunities to sponsor Sunday flowers for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year:

October 18<sup>th</sup>

October 25<sup>th</sup>

November 1<sup>st</sup>

November 22<sup>nd</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup>

December 20<sup>th</sup>

If you are interested in reserving one of these dates, please call the church office at 609-799-1753 and speak to Kathy (or leave a message). She will confirm your desire to reserve a date. And again, we will contact you after the Sunday services to determine what you would like done with your flower arrangement.

Thank you to all for your continued support of Prince of Peace during this unprecedented time in our worship life.

P.S. And remember, this small act of support is also supporting a local small business in West Windsor.

— Wendy Schutzer

## Racial Justice Work Continued in August

The Racial Justice Team has chosen education as the focus of its work for the time being. We are still learning ourselves and developing partnerships with other groups who have been doing this work for an extended time. We pray Prince of Peace is taking this journey together so will continue to share new resources each month.

Are you a parent? Check out this simple but eye-opening chart: <https://niotprinceton.org/2020/06/07/anti-racist-rather-than-inclusive-parenting/>

Missing your favorite sports? Explore Black athletes and sports history through <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/sports>

You probably learned about Representative John Lewis, the *Conscience of the Congress*, when he passed away in July, but look up business magnate Herman Cain or Rev. C.T. Vivian, other Black leaders lost around the same time to learn more.

Did you know this past month was *Black August* (formed in the 1970s to acknowledge political and politicized prisoners)? Here is just one article on this commemoration <https://thehill.com/changing-america/enrichment/education/510822-what-is-black-august-and-how-is-it-observed>.

August was also National Black Business Month, in which Mercer County has been raising awareness of the Set-Aside Program to help minority/women/veteran owned businesses <http://www.mercercounty.org/departments/purchasing/mercer-county-small-business-outreach-program/>

Did you hear about #BlackinChem week (promoting significant black researchers)? See <https://cen.acs.org/people/profiles/Six-black-chemists-should-know/97/web/2019/02>

With COVID19 overshadowing our lives, these recent articles focus on causes of disparities between races and women of color in the medical profession <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/08/11/opinion/us-coronavirus-black-mortality.html> and <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/11/health/microaggression-medicine-doctors.html>

Learn with us as we work toward a more just society and a more equitable world.

## Mark Your Calendars: October 4 & 11

*The Racial Justice Team Has an Important Freebie for You*

You may have received his daily email devotions or heard his name multiple times in sermons, but these lines quoted by Richard Rohr in his daily email seem the perfect invitation to an opportunity scheduled by the Racial Justice Team for this fall. Rohr states:

*My story is not about condemning white people but about rejecting the assumption — sometimes spoken, sometimes not — that white is right: closer to God, holy, chosen, the epitome of being.*

*Our only chance at dismantling racial injustice is being more curious about its origins than we are worried about our comfort. It's not a comfortable conversation for any of us. — Austin Channing Brooks*

That said, Prince of Peace members age 17 through adults are invited to leave their comfort zones and sign up for a free two-session virtual course called *Examining Racism* presented through Zoom by Linda Oppenheim and others from *Not In Our Town Princeton*.

Get back into the normal routine of adult forums after church and a short coffee break by joining us on Sundays, October 4 and 11, from 11 to 12:30 for a time of self-examination, education, and sharing. We'll cover topics such as our earliest memories of race, microaggressions, and implicit bias.

Maybe you've learned about these already and can support others, or perhaps you are just considering starting that journey and looking for a way to have these uncomfortable conversations in a safe space. What better way than with your church family and friends?

Interested? Please contact Nancy Reyes at [nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com) or call 609-273-1239 to sign up. The second session is contingent on attending the first and we are limited to 30 people for this course, so please commit to both weeks and join us in this crucial conversation.

***Join the team at the September Racial Justice Meeting on Zoom — Tuesday, 9/8 at 7 pm.***

## Prince of Peace Welcomes Two New Partners in Ministry

***Grace and Peace to you, dear people of Prince of Peace.***

My name is Vicar Kayla Hopgood and I am delighted to join you in your ministry! I am coming to you after most recently serving United Lutheran Seminary as a major gift officer. Prior to fundraising within the church, I received an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary and a certificate in spiritual direction from the Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development, before which I worked in non-profits focused on educational equity in Boston and New York City. I first felt called to ministry while spending a semester in Washington, D.C. my junior year of college. While my interests should have been in economics and international development, I was more fascinated by how the local church understood and participated in the economy of God. I look forward to doing that work with you.



Hello everyone! My name is Becca, and I'm a third-year seminarian in the dual Master of Divinity and Master of Christian Education and Formation program at PTS. I was born and raised near Milwaukee, WI, and have been a member of a small ELCA church nearly all my life. My background is in education, and I've felt a strong call to ministry ever since I was a teen. Currently, I'm in the ordination process with the ELCA, hoping to go into youth ministry, missions, or education upon my graduation from seminary. I'm really looking forward to spending the coming year together, and I can't wait to do ministry with you, even if it's not in the way we may have planned!

— Becca Laabs

## Covid Task Force Updates Fall Worship & Music Offerings

- 1) We will continue to offer the 8:30 am outdoor worship through the fall, weather permitting.
- 2) We will continue to offer the 9:30 am livestream worship from the sanctuary. The livestream worship will remain closed to parishioners, open only to those involved in leading the service.
- 3) The Adult Choir will not be meeting this fall, at least through Thanksgiving. We all miss singing together, but this seems to be the most prudent choice for the safety of everyone. We are allowing congregational singing at the 8:30 am outdoor services, so please come and be a part of this singing opportunity if you would like (masks required).
- 4) We will be offering an altered option for handbell rehearsals this fall. We will be meeting outside in the outdoor worship space, limiting the rehearsals to 30 minutes and to 7 people at a time (2 octaves). We will be using the handchimes only, as they are easier to clean. All participants will be required to wear face masks and gloves, and we will be well-spaced out, using music stands instead of handbell tables. If you are interested, please let me know so that we can schedule rehearsal times. The hope here is to get back to creating music together. We may decide to offer music at one of the 8:30 am services if possible. This opportunity is open to anyone. So, please join us. Email me (Doug) at [doughelvering@popnj.org](mailto:doughelvering@popnj.org) to sign up for the rehearsals. We will field as many groups as interest demands, scheduling rehearsals according to the participants' availability.
- 5) We will begin offering the opportunity for a musician (or family pod) to provide special music at the 8:30 am worship services in September. This could be an instrumental or vocal selection. No extra musicians will be included at the 9:30 am livestream services at this time. If you'd like to offer music at the 8:30am service, please let me know.
- 6) Victoria will be working with us this fall on an intermittent basis. I will continue to play most of the time, including Victoria when I'm away or when our needs call for her more advanced pianistic gifts.
- 7) We will be working on virtual choir projects about once a month in September and October. Look for more information on this soon.

## Peace Garden Update



Garden volunteers continue to work on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning at 9 am.

Freshly picked organic produce is bagged (thank you, Bente Ott!) and delivered (thank you Nancy Reyes and Nancy Nicosia!) to St Bart's in Trenton, where it is immediately distributed and much appreciated.

The photo to the left shows some unusual volunteers loaned by Priya, who lives at the house next door to *The House Next Door*. The chickens help by eating insects and weeds. The gardeners are very grateful to Priya for this and her many contributions of plants, seeds, and gardening expertise.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering in the garden, please contact Lois Case ([loismcase@gmail.com](mailto:loismcase@gmail.com)) or Nancy Reyes ([nancyauerreyes@gmail.com](mailto:nancyauerreyes@gmail.com)).

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David Haas of a long-time pattern of sexual molestation and assault. Over his career, Haas has written hymns and songs with calls for love, justice, and inclusion, earning him prime placement in many hymnals and church choir repertoire. Because of his art's consistent focus, I responded initially to these accusations with trepidation. But over the past month of reading on the developments regarding Mr. Haas, it has become clear that these accusations are credible and worthy of attention. GIA Publications, Inc., the publisher of the *Gather* hymnal and a main outlet for Catholic church music, has recently announced that they are working to 'remove Mr. Haas' compositions from our website and our future hymnal and worship resource publications.' The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis moved to prohibit Mr. Haas from giving concerts and workshops in their archdiocese and also prohibited his music from continuing to be included in their archdiocesan liturgies.

In the spirit of being a supportive ally for the survivors of sexual assault in our congregation and wider community, I will no longer be programming any of Mr. Haas' songs in our worship services or liturgies. This includes some of our congregation's

favorites like *Blest Are They, We Are Called*, and our preferred musical setting of The Lord's Prayer. In fact, I have removed our virtual choir rendering of Haas' The Lord's Prayer from our YouTube channel as part of our music ministry's call to aid our individual and collective faith journeys humbly, lovingly, and supportively through music. There are so many talented sacred music composers, poets, and artists whose work is worthy of inclusion in our ministry that do not inflict pain, suffering, and trauma on others. For me, it is past time that we start demanding empathetic humanity as well as great talent from our artists.

Time and again, Jesus calls on us to act, to respond, to be active in our faith. In a way, I think of these opportunities to actively respond correlate to Jesus' calling of the disciples. In this instance, 'social justice' is a metaphor for Jesus, and he calls us to not just sit in the boat and say/do nothing in response: he calls us to speak out, to actively be a part of the solution, spreading love and inclusion boldly and without hesitation.

— Doug Helvering

## Parish Care — September 2020

Amazing September 1st — The Start of our Church Year  
*As the Church Year begins, here are a few Parish Care needs and projects.*  
*This will be a year of new and creative ways to share our Care.*

### Back-to-School Time

OMG- how are you going back to school?

Will you be studying on campus, at home, a hybrid version?

Parish Care keeps in touch with our young adults away at school. Please send us **updated contact information**.

This is my current list of students for 2020-21 school year. Please let me know of any corrections/additions:

Dani Braithwaite, Abigail Carlson, Miah Crossen, Danielle Cruse, Ryan Cruse, Joseph Durie, Hannah Froehlke, Sara Froehlke, Grant Gallagher, Natalie Graham, Tyler Graham, Sean Haddock, Benny Jones, Erik Jones, Nicole Lorenzi, Jennifer Lorenzi, Kristen Lorenzi, Elizabeth Manzari, Alexandra Morris, Brynn Peterson, Matthew Rexroad, Christine Rexroad, Corinne Smith, Shannon Smith, Jeanette Smith, Joe Stebelton.

### Rides Needed

During the week to appointments and some food shopping. If you have some time during the week to help with rides, please let me know.

### Ongoing Projects

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. If you would like any materials and the church is not open, arrangements can be made to get the materials to you.

### New Ways to Share our Care

With our *new normal* church, we need some *new* ways to stay connected as a church family and to share our Care with others. If you have any thoughts, ideas, suggestions please share them with us.

### Phone Calls

A 'good morning/day and how are you doing' phone call. We would like to reach out to our church family who cannot be with us on Sunday morning. The call is a simple 'Hi, we are thinking of you, hope all is going well, and is there anything we

can do to help.' If you can help with making a few calls once a month, your care is greatly appreciated by many. With several folks involved, a phone call could be a great way to stay connected. Want to help, call me.

### Spreading the Cheer

#### Christmas Carol Sing Along in December

*We are ever hopeful that we will be allowed to share our cheer in person.*

We will be going caroling in December to a couple senior residences in the area. A card and small gift is taken for each person we meet.

So we need to have

- Holiday cards with a message hand-written inside. We have cards but need some folks willing to write a simple holiday message inside.
- Help with making a small gift to give. Last year we took tissue packets for each and small candy treat bag. If you have any suggestions for something to take, please let us know ASAP.
- Suggestions of a song/songs to sing
- A songbook/sheet to share with all the residents
- Lots of voices to sing: all ages, all voices, no rehearsals.

Watch for dates and details of when and where you can help with this project.

If we are not able to sing in person, we can still share our care by sending cards with holiday messages, a small treat, a song booklet, and perhaps a way to send our voices via some electronic method.

Watch for details on how, when, and where you can help.

### Calendars, Greeting Cards

We are gathering 2021 calendars and greeting cards. They are shared with several of the senior residents in the area. We need help with sorting and delivering them to the residences.

There is a gathering box in the breezeway.

*Questions or want to help?*

*Contact me, Martha Winder*

*609-799-7280 or maw14jpw@aol.com*





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Worship: Sunday, 8:30 & 9:30 am

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*Sunday Schedule*

Worship at 8:30 & 9:30 am

Streaming on facebook

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

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