

April 2015



Worship in April

Sunday Services at 8:30 and 11 am

Thursday, April 2

7:30 pm — Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

7:30 pm — Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

7:30 pm — Easter Vigil

April 5, 8:30 & 11 am

Easter

Terror and Amazement

April 12

Second Sunday of Easter
Doubt and Amazement

April 19

Third Sunday of Easter
Disbelieving and Amazement

April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Comfort and Amazement
Special Offering to Benefit Crisis Ministry

Upcoming Events

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Thursday, April 9

7:30 pm

Book Group

Saturday, April 11

9:30 to 11:30 am
Garden Workday

Sunday, April 12

3:00 pm
Encore Benefit Concert

Wednesday, April 15

5:45 pm
PoP Tots Music

Saturday, April 18

9:30 am to 3:30 am
Stewardship Workshop

Sunday, April 19

Silver, Wood, and Ivory Benefit Concert
4 pm

From the Pastor

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

Holy Week is drama. The week is to be experienced.

Midweek, the liturgy draws us to the upper room and the Last Supper. But John's gospel doesn't bother with the meal; he is more interested in what happens afterwards.

Then Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

John 13:5

We readily participate in the Last Supper. Drinking the blood of Christ and eating his body doesn't seem to faze us. But the foot washing is personal. Though flip-flops and sandals are regular foot ware, there's something about baring our feet at the altar that exposes our humanity.

In my previous congregation I thought one of our matriarchs would easily agree to having her feet washed in the service. She was as faithful as the day is long and would say yes to any request, but her laugh upon my request to wash her feet in the Maundy Thursday service has stood out as one of those lessons learned in ministry. When it comes to our feet, even the most faithful seek to cover up.

Of course she was in good company. Remember Peter? *You will never wash my feet!* Though common in the ancient world, foot washing still was personal, and certainly not to be done by anyone of honor. Maybe Peter would expose his toes to the servant of the household, but never to Jesus.

But Jesus simply names the reason Peter needs to do it. *Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.*

In the Christ Hymn of Philippians 2, Christ empties himself to become a slave. The foot washing, therefore, becomes the act of divine self service that will culminate on the cross. Jesus will go all the way to death to empty himself for our sake.

I invite all who desire to come forward for the foot washing on Maundy Thursday during the reading of John 13. It is drama, and it is personal, but the act reveals the depth of Christ's love for all of humanity. And remember the command:

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:14

— Pastor Froehlke

A Different Hallelujah

For several years, we have emerged from the 40 days of our Lenten Journey on Easter and included the perennial favorite, Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* as a part of the Easter services. Handel's masterwork is loved for good reason. His entire Oratorio is a triumph in storytelling through music, and the Hallelujah is difficult but attainable and always stirring.

This year, though, I'm going to mix things up on Easter Sunday. Yes, we'll still get to sing our Hallelujahs. But the choir will be singing a different *Hallelujah* chorus. This one is written by Beethoven.

Beethoven lived and worked about a generation after Handel and is considered to be the last great classical era composer as well as the first great romantic era composer. Beethoven's gifts as a composer were quite different from those of Mozart and Handel. Mozart and Handel were storytellers; they excelled at writing operas and programmatic music. Beethoven, on the other hand, struggled with

that art form, sticking to more traditional concert music like string quartets, piano concertos, and symphonies.

The Beethoven selection we'll be singing comes from his lone oratorio called *Christ on the Mount of Olives*. The work was written in 1803, toward the end of Beethoven's early period, coinciding with similar attempts at non-standard concert repertoire (including a ballet). Overall, the oratorio wasn't very good. There were problems with the libretto, and there were many musical changes, causing the piece not to be published properly for over a decade.

The most famous part of the piece that survives is this ending *Hallelujah*. After the opening fanfare, the piece has several imitative utterances of praise and jubilation, getting faster and faster as it heads to its conclusion. The choir is doing very well in rehearsals. And the star is definitely Victoria, as the orchestra reduction on the piano is very difficult.

I can't wait to share this *Hallelujah* with the congregation on Easter Sunday. In addition to this new *Hallelujah*, we'll also have handbells and brass! As always, I'm so thankful for all of our musicians sharing their talents.

Peace, Doug
Doug Helvering
Minister of Music



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 May issue is Saturday, April 25

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Worship Ensemble Schedule

Holy Week		
April 2, 7:30	Maundy Thursday	Adult Choir
April 3, 7:30	Good Friday,	Adult Choir
April 4, 7:30	Easter Vigil	No Ensembles
	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>11 am</i>
Easter	Adult Choir	Adult Choir
	Nightingale Bells	Nightingale Bells
April 12	Victoria Chow-Torres	Victoria Chow-Torres
April 19	Adult Choir	Megan Helvering
April 26	Victoria Chow-Torres	Adult Choir

APRIL EVENTS

Adult Class to Discuss Race Relations

For the month of April the Adult Class will gather under the topic of *A Christian Response to Race Relations in America*.

In light of continued racial tension in Ferguson, Missouri, and the reverberations throughout the country, we continue to be plagued by this conflict. How do we respond? How does the church take a stand for justice amidst the diversity in our land?

All are invited to join the discussion April 12, 19, and 26th during the education hour in the lounge outside of the sanctuary.

Book Group

The Book Group welcomes new members at any time. Questions? Please call Phyllis Church at 799-1793

April 9

*At the home of Bente Ott, 47 Gordon Way, Princeton
RSVP to benteott@gmail.com*

And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini



Another stunning novel set in Afghanistan by Khaled Hosseini, the author of *The Kite Runner*. When Abdullah's desperately poor father gives up his small sister, Pari, to a wealthy childless couple, Abdullah's heart breaks, but that is not the end of the story.

He never gives up hoping to be united with her as the story moves from Afghanistan to Paris to America. A beautiful story that spans three continents set against the recent history of Afghanistan.

May 14

*At the home of Diane Urbanek
14 Monterey Drive, Princeton Junction
RSVP to diurb@comcast.net or 609-799-8925*

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail
by Cheryl Strayed

In this true story, the author describes how her life fell apart after the death of her mother and how she found meaning and purpose again during the weeks she spent hiking the 1,100 mile Pacific Crest Trail.



Strayed tells the story of how her family and marriage fell apart. When eventually she hits rock bottom shooting up heroin with a boyfriend, she becomes convinced that only a long solo hike can save her. She sets out on her journey, but is terribly unprepared for its rigors and ends up relying on the kindness of strangers.

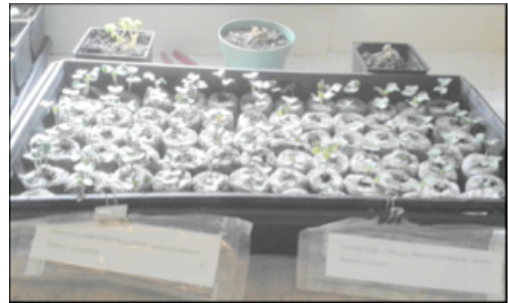
Encore of Benefit Concert Coming on April 12

For those who had to miss the beautiful February concert because of the heavy snow, the concert will be presented again on Sunday, April 12, at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.

The program features Charles Frantz (piano and guitar) and Anita Khosla (guitar). Works include selected preludes of Rachmaninoff and Scriabin and jazz standards by Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and others.

A free-will offering will benefit The Cherry Tree Club, Prince of Peace's preschool for homeless and at-risk children.

Getting Ready for Spring in the Garden



These baby broccoli and cabbage plants, just ten days old in the photo, will be planted on April 11. They are expertly nurtured by Master Gardener Nancy Nicosia. See below to learn how Nancy grows such healthy seedlings.

On Saturday, April 11, at 9:30 am, weather permitting, gardeners will gather in the Peace Garden to prepare for and plant the first of the 2015 crops. All are invited to help with cleaning the grounds, preparing the soil, and planting seeds and seedlings.

Most probable plantings this day include the broccoli and cabbage pictured above, and lettuce, onions, radishes, peas, garlic, spinach, collards, and kale.

How Such Healthy Seedlings are Grown

Once planted, the seeds germinate in a small room heated to 80 degrees; germination can take just a day or two. The little seedlings are then grown under lights.

The broccoli pictured above is a hybrid that sends out multiple small shoots which are picked twice a week. The cabbage produces small cylindrical heads, perfect for one serving for a small family.

MORE APRIL EVENTS

PoP Tots Music & Movement Classes Begin April 15th

For our littlest disciples, Birth to age 5

Classes are held during Wonderful Wednesdays 5:45 to 6:15 pm, and are led by Jen DiGioia.

Infants and preschoolers participate with their parents in a music and movement class that nurtures each child's musical and spiritual development with lessons, songs, instrument playing, dancing, and activities that are both developmentally and age-appropriate.

Along with music, many different aspects of the Prince of Peace worship experience, such as prayer and scripture readings, are incorporated. It is a special time to share with your child and it's lots of fun.

It's never too early to spark a lifelong love of music, so join today.

Four fun spring classes will be held on April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th. To sign up contact Jen DiGioia at jdigioia@verizon.net.

Several to Attend Stewardship Workshop

On Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 to 3:30, St. Paul's Lutheran in Hainesport is hosting *Faithful Stewards*, a stewardship workshop.

The event will feature a keynote by Pastor Scott Suskovic, Christ Lutheran, Charlotte NC. Pr Suskovic has overseen growing budgets and several capital campaigns at Christ.

The afternoon will feature a choice of four break-out groups.

The cost for the day is \$20, which includes lunch.

Brandi Hebert, Lois Case, David and Joan New, and Martha Winder have registered. If you would like to attend, please contact Lois or Brandi. More information is available at stpaulsh.org.

April TASK Donation is Canned Juice

The Social Outreach team has designated canned juice (preferably 64-ounce size) as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the breezeway.



Prince of Peace To Host Benefit Concert

Prince of Peace will host *Silver, Wood, and Ivory*, a concert to benefit Oasis Ministries, on Sunday, April 19, at 4 pm.

The concert will feature Cindy Wittenberg (piano) and Tracy Dietrich (flute). They will play nineteen various flutes (silver), recorders (wood), piano (ivory), keyboard, and Celtic harp.

The *Silver, Wood, and Ivory* concert will present original arrangements written and performed by Cindy and Tracy. Selections include a wide variety of musical styles: Broadway, light classical, original, sacred, Celtic, classic pop, and classical jazz.

Tickets are \$20; senior and group rates available. Doors open at 3 pm. Artwork and handiwork from within the Oasis community will be on display and available for purchase.

Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development offers programs for spiritual development, spiritual pilgrimages, retreats, and other resources. Pastor Dale Selover Froehlke currently serves as vice chair.

For more information, see the Oasis Ministries webpage: oasisministries.org.

You Can Help With Fellowship

The fourth Sundays of April and May have no fellowship scheduled. If you would like to help provide refreshments on one of those Sundays, here is some information about what's involved.

Fellowship can be provided as simply as by making a pot of coffee and cleaning up; or, as was once done, with something like two bags of oreo cookies, a bottle of apple juice, and hot coffee.

Of course, if someone would like to coordinate a pot luck fellowship and take charge of setting up, drinks, and cleaning up, that would be great.

If you would like to be part of this ministry of hospitality and/or learn how to master the church's coffee pot, please contact Martha Winder (maw14jpw@aol.com or 609-799-7280).

Second Mile Giving Opportunity

In order to balance the 2015 budget, one of the painful choices made was to zero out the social outreach line. The council pledged that special offerings would be received during the year so contributions could still be made to the many worthy agencies Prince of Peace has traditionally supported.

To support those in need and continue to honor our local benevolence, the Social Outreach Team will feature one outreach program a month, followed by a second offering on the last Sunday of that particular month.

We will share the goals and accomplishments of each designated program and encourage everyone to learn more about the services provided and opportunities to serve.

Prince of Peace, as a church family, has supported these needed and valuable programs over the years. Our challenging financial times can inspire us to rethink ways of sharing our abundance, time, and talents to these deeply needed outreach programs.

April 26th's Special Offering

Crisis Ministry of Mercer County, Founded in 1980

Mission: Partnering with community to achieve stability for neighbors in need.

Services: People of every Mercer County municipality. Hunger prevention, nutrition education, housing stability, homelessness prevention, workforce development and drivers license restoration.

Please visit their website: info@thecrisisministry.org

Members of our confirmation class are planning to spend the morning of Saturday, April 18th, working in the Crisis Ministry Food Pantry — a wonderful way to support the Crisis Ministry!

Thank you in advance, Social Outreach Team

Update on Tropical Cyclone Pam

Tropical Cyclone Pam hammered the South Pacific archipelago of Vanuatu in March, damaging 90 percent of the buildings in the capital city of Port Vila and leaving thousands homeless.

Samaritan's Purse is rushing 70 tons of emergency aid to the scene, including shelter materials, clean water, hygiene supplies, and cooking kits as well as a medical team.

Samaritan's Purse is asking for prayers as they bring help and hope to the people of Vanuatu in Jesus' name. Prince of Peace participates in the Samaritan's Purse ministry with donations of Christmas shoe boxes.

Resource Recommendation



What does the church look like in the 21st century? What does it mean to *be the church* in the 21st century?

For a new spiritual resource, check out www.patheos.com. This prodigious website is 'hosting the faith conversation.' Inviting people of all faiths to read and explore their faith in an online forum, patheos.com provides terrific, challenging and sometimes provocative resources including blogs, one-time columns, a public forum for discussion, and book clubs.

You may not agree with everything you read on this website. However, it is guaranteed to challenge your perspective and provide inspiration as we explore these key questions regarding the church's relevancy in the 21st century.

Council Clippings

The March Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:30 pm. Highlights included

- Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Rich Carlson, who will be unable to attend meetings as he has accepted a job with the Library of Congress in Virginia. He will be home most weekends and the family will continue to worship at Prince of Peace.
- Council voted to allow WW/P High School South to use the church as an evacuation site in case of an emergency at the school.
- Council voted to establish a church house task force to evaluate the status of the house and report to council on what needs to be done to make it usable.
- Council agreed to allow the church's chartered Boy Scout troop to store an equipment trailer on the property.
- Council welcomed Dale Froehlke, who gave an update on the Synod's plans for a ministry of spiritual direction.

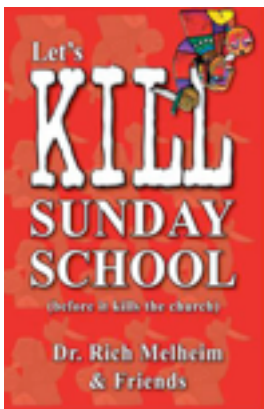
The next Council meeting is Tuesday April 14, 7:30 pm. The meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.

Book Review

A Brief History of Sunday School - Part 1

One hundred and fifty years ago if you had asked a Christian parent to put their child in Sunday School, they would have been shocked and insulted. You would have been insinuating they were illiterate, ignorant and irresponsible. Christian parents raised Christian children with Christian teaching in the home. ... From the beginning of the movement in the late 1700's, Sunday Schools were never intended for Christian children from Christian homes. They were designed as a mission outreach for uneducated, unsupervised, lower-class street urchins whose own parents were too drunk on Sundays to look after them. Sunday School was created for spiritual orphans. The main problem the church has with it today is this: the system originally set up to care for the spiritual orphans is now creating them.

Let's Kill Sunday School before Sunday School Kills the Church



In the early decades of the Industrial Revolution, urban populations like London grew two and half times faster than the general population as farm workers migrated to larger urban areas for factory work. With few civil services and social safety nets in place, slums were overflowing with impoverished families. Crime was epidemic, alcoholism and abuse were the norm.

Amid these rampant societal problems, Robert Raikes ran a secret three-year social experiment and is now widely accredited as the founder of the Sunday School Movement in 1780.

Though initially opposed by the church, these new Sunday Schools took hold. Early Christian educational pioneers include Hannah More, John Wesley, and William Wilberforce. Henry Thornton, Chairman of the Society for the Support and Encouragement of Sunday Schools, wrote in 1785,

In manufacturing towns, where children from their infancy are necessarily employed the whole week, no opportunity occurs for their receiving the least degree of education. To remedy this evil, some gentlemen, actuated by the most benevolent motives have established, in some towns, Sunday Schools, where children and others are taught to read and

are instructed in the knowledge of their duty as rational and accountable beings ... they are trained up in habits of virtue and piety, as well as industry, and a foundation is laid for their becoming useful members of the community. ... If any further argument in favour of these schools was necessary a striking one presents itself in the contemplation of our crowded prisons, and frequent executions, which shock the feelings of humanity, and disgrace our country. The sad history of these wretched victims ... plainly evinces that [their criminal life is due] to the want of an early introduction into the paths of virtue and religion. ... In this point of view, then, this institution [Sunday School] may be considered a political, as well as a religious one, claiming the attention even of those, who if not particularly zealous in the cause of Christianity cannot be insensible to the advantages that would accrue to society from the preservation of good order and the security of persons and property.

At the same time that the Sunday School movement was taking root in England, across the pond a small group of like-minded lay-leaders were setting up comparable experimental schools for similar reasons. From the start, Sunday School was a mission movement to counter-act societal ills by educating non-Christian children in the faith.

Parish Care News



As part of the Cookie of the Month ministry, Martha Winder, Eliana Hebert, Marny Bergh, and Rebecca Nagin enjoyed a visit on Sunday, March 22nd.

Again many thanks for all the donations to make our Care box project so successful. Thank you notes are still arriving.

We are going to be sending a 'military' box to Nick, the Reyes' son-in-law, who is stationed in Jordan. Some suggestions of what to include: peanut butter (not huge jars), candy treats—chocolate and non-chocolate—protein energy bars, hot chocolate packets, some puzzle books, and any history type book. We would like to gather some of these items together and get a box shipped out shortly after Easter. Look for a box for donations in the gathering area. Questions? Ask Martha Winder (contact information is below). A large prepaid USPS box will be filled and shipped. Thanks for your support.

We are starting to gather information about our graduating seniors. We will have a graduation blessing in June during a church service. Please let us know of who is graduating and what your plans are for the future.

A huge Thank You to Rebecca Nagin, Elianna Hebert, and Martha and Jim Winder for delivering Girl Scout cookies to our homebound members. We spent a Sunday afternoon delivering cookies and visiting with four Prince of Peace friends. The girls talked about being Girl Scouts, Sunday School, what we had heard in church that morning, and sang a couple songs. The day was very special for all.

We are looking for a cookie of the month baker and folks to deliver the treats for the month of April. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please, let me know.

Care notes are available in the breezeway.

We continue monthly mailings to families who have lost loved ones and to families with new babies.

We are also looking to update our list of folks who can help with providing meals as needed and those willing to help with some receptions that are held at the church—usually after a church funeral. If you can help, please let us know.

Anyone interested in helping with any of our efforts please let us know. Martha Winder

609-799-7280 or maw14jpw@aol.com

Q's & A's For The Cherry Tree Club

Starting last month and continuing over the next several months, the Cherry Tree Club is devoting its *Tidings* articles to answering questions about the program. These questions will address a variety of program, administrative, and financial issues. We hope you find this series informative. If you have any specific question that you would like addressed, please email Wendy Schutzer at wlschutzer@aol.com.

What age child does the CTC serve?

The CTC is licensed by the State Office of Licensing to serve children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years of age.



How many children has the CTC served so far this academic school year?

Since September 2014, the CTC has served 50 children. Unlike most schools, children start and leave the program all year long. Some of our children have been with us since September, and our newest student started at the end of February. At any one point, the CTC is licensed to serve 30 children.

How do the children come to the CTC?

Nearly 3/4 of our children live in the Family Preservation Center shelter (Mercer County shelter run by HomeFront and the Mercer County Board of Social Services) when they start at the CTC. Another 20% of our children's families are being assisted through other HomeFront housing programs. The remaining few children come to the CTC through outside referrals from Catholic Charities, Mercer County Child Care Connection, and other county social service agencies.

In general, what are the family circumstances of the CTC children?

Almost all of our children come from single-parent households with the primary caregiver being the mother. All of our children come from families who live below the federal poverty level. Unfortunately, many of our children have been the victims of or witnessed traumatic circumstances, including abuse, neglect, violence, drug and alcohol abuse, hunger, and domestic violence.

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Many Thank Yous

TASK Sends Thanks for Souper Bowl Donation

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) has sent a thank you to Prince of Peace for the \$723.10 received from the SouperBowl offering.

TASK serves about 4000 meals a week to hungry people in Trenton, Hightstown, and Princeton. They also offer adult education including literacy, basic math, GED preparation, and computer skills. Patrons include the elderly, the addicted, the mentally ill, the physically challenged, veterans, recent immigrants, families with children, the working poor, and the newly unemployed.

For more information, visit trentonsoupkitchen.org

Thank You to those who helped with spring clean-up at the work day, March 21: Dave and Lois Case; Brandi and Eliana Hebert; Brett, Grant, Bonnie Jean, and Joe Gallagher.



Thank you to Forrest and Anne Patterson for the donation of the beautiful Lenten banner pictured above. The banner was donated in memory of Anne's sister, Charlotte Davis, who died in horseback riding accident last summer.

Anne and Forrest have also donated a green banner, which will hang in the sanctuary during the season of Pentecost.

Thank you, too, to Mike Conk, who hung the banner so perfectly.

Thank You For Valentine's Goodies

I just wanted to let you and everyone at Prince of Peace know that I loved my Valentine's day care package! I had forgotten they were sent and it was a wonderful surprise to get it in the mail. So thank you very much for putting it all together:)

Katie Bromberg

Dear Prince of Peace,
Thank you so much for the Valentine's gift box! I sincerely appreciate all of the thought and hard work that went into making it. Everything I ate was delicious! I think about church and you all often, and I hope things are going well. I'll miss you all when I'm at a new church with my parents, but have so many great memories of Prince of Peace. You will always be my favorite church.

Love, Alex Campbell

Dear Prince of Peace Church Family,
I was so happy to receive your Valentine's Care Package! It has gotten me through my weeks of midterms, and both me and my floor mates are very grateful for the delicious cookies and goodies!

Thank you and I hope all is well at Prince of Peace,

Madeline Day

Dear Ms. Winder and the PoP Community,
I know this is late coming but I wanted to thank you so much for the lovely Valentine's Day gift box you sent. Everything was delicious and I enjoyed it immensely. It is always so nice to receive a warm reminder of home!

*Sincerely,
Caroline Fabian Mercurio*

Thank you so much for the thoughtful Valentine's Day care package! Me and my new friends here in Florida really enjoyed it. It is always nice to receive things from back home now that I am so far away. I have started to attend a church here in Gainesville that I really like, but it is not the same as Prince of Peace! Hope all is well and everyone is staying warm up there!

Love, Johanna Schutzer

Dear PoP Family,
Thanks again for the continued support, prayers, and Valentine's treats! Everyone at the hospital appreciates them. The bouncy balls provided some fun too. Thanks again, God Bless, and Happy Valentine's Day.

Abigail Winder

Girl Scouts Say Thank You



Members of Girl Scout Troop 70105 who have earned their Bronze award are pictured from left to right:

Back Row: Brooke Vagrin, Jessica Meidhof, Kayley Totka, Isabella Benitez, Kate Matynski, Lily Puskar.

Front Row: Sophia Stylianou, Emily Hamnett, Isabella Sabogal, Vidhi Challani, and Lizzie DiGioia.

Troop 70105's leader is Jennifer DiGioia, and the troop's co-leader is Sue Vagrin.

East Windsor Area Girl Scouts (EWAGS) and Girl Scout Troop 70105 would like to thank Prince of Peace for allowing them the use of the church for their World Thinking Day event on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

With the permission of the church staff, the event was relocated to Prince of Peace at the last minute when the girls' original location to hold the event was cancelled due to that morning's winter weather conditions.

Over 150 Girl Scouts attended the World Thinking Day event, and all of them learned a lot while having a great time. The theme for the event this year was *We can create peace through partnerships*.

The girls had activity stations set up throughout the church. These incorporated the theme along with the requirements for the official WTD patch.

The activities included creating a peace pole, learning about the International Fair Trade agreement, learning different symbols for peace, decorating giant puzzle pieces, and making a long paper chain with pictures or phrases celebrating both the girls' individual unique qualities and how well they work together.

There was also a station with Girl Scout uniforms from over 15 countries on display for the girls to see along with books on the countries for the girls to look up interesting facts.

The Girl Scouts also participated in a community service project in which they all donated items and made over 50 *Birthday Bags* to donate to RISE. The bags are filled with items such as cake mix, frosting, an aluminum cake pan, candles, gender-neutral party decorations, and handmade cards from the scouts—all for families in need so they can celebrate their child's special day.

Girl Scout troop 70105 hosted the EWAGS World Thinking Day event in order to earn their bronze award. The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award that a Junior Girl Scout (4th-5th grade), can earn and it requires at least 20 hours of work and outreach to the community.

Thank you Prince of Peace!

Cherry Tree Club, continued from page 7

How well developed are CTC students when they begin — socially, emotionally, and cognitively?

Most CTC students enter the program developmentally behind — socially, emotionally and cognitively. Parents are frequently under-educated, stressed, and struggling with their own circumstances, and are unable to devote the time and attention to nurturing and teaching their children. As a result, the children enter the program ill-equipped to start school. In addition, we see a fair number of children with learning and language disabilities. Since most of our children are from the Trenton school district, it is difficult to obtain necessary special services for them.

A special request from Cherry Tree

We are in need of people to launder blankets for nap time. This behind-the-scenes ministry helps so much in providing the atmosphere of safety and security these children often do not expect from the world.

To help, look for the laundry bags by the door in the breezeway on Sunday, launder the blankets, and return them to the church on Monday in time for naps at noon.



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Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Educational Hour: 9:45 am

Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 & 11
Sunday School at 9:45

Office Hours

9 am - 2 pm



Palm Sunday Services

March 29th, 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd, 7:30 PM

Easter Vigil Service

Saturday, April 4th at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 5th at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM