

Tidings of Peace



August 2022



Worship in August

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30
In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Sunday, August 7

9th Sunday After Pentecost
The Faith Chapter

Sunday, August 14

10th Sunday After Pentecost
One Difficult Sunday
Henry Burt Preaching
Dr. Paul Rorem Presiding

Sunday, August 21

11th Sunday After Pentecost
Jesus Saw Her
Dr. Paul Rorem Preaching

Sunday, August 28

12th Sunday After Pentecost
The Seat of Honor

Also in August

Thursday, August 11

Book Group

Every Wednesday at 11:30

Christian Focus

Every Friday at Noon

Prayer Circle

On Music

Prince of Peace is hosting the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey's music camp this summer.

For the staff this means beautiful music is playing throughout our building. Literally, in every classroom, the Community Room, and the sanctuary; many ensembles rehearse and make music for all of us to enjoy. Music has always been central at Prince of Peace, and though the YOCJ ensembles are not playing church music per se, they are glorifying God with their many talents.

I wonder if music emanating from every corner of our building can be the metaphor of our life together as church.

Fair, or not, the reputation of the church in recent years has become one of discord as opposed to one of harmony. Too many see the church as a place of judgment, rejection, and shame, as opposed to grace, mercy, and peace. I will argue that the Lutheran Church in general, and Prince of Peace in particular, work to harmonize the many voices of creation; still, we cannot take this work for granted. We certainly cannot keep this music within our halls. We must find ways to strike up the band on the outside, and bring the beautiful music of the gospel to all the corners of our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Froehlke

Chairs Needed for the House Next Door

As the ministry of the House Next Door continues to evolve, we are constantly discerning how to make the best use of the space.

There are three rooms upstairs. Pastor Dale uses one of the rooms to see directees and Pastor Christine uses another to see clients. With all of the comings and goings at the HND during the week, we now need to use the downstairs living room as a waiting area; and we need to transform the third room upstairs into more of a living room, conducive to privacy, group direction, conversation and breakout sessions during retreats.

We are looking for four or five new or *gently used, comfortable* chairs such as armchairs or wingback chairs. We would appreciate furniture that has not been exposed to smoke or pets.

If you are able to help, please reach out to Pastor Dale. She can be reached at hnd@popnj.org or 908-797-7336.

Thanks so much for your help.

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 September issue is Sunday, August 28

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor
Rev. Dale Selover, Director of The House Next Door
Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music
Victoria Chow, Church Musician
Geeta Telang, Office Manager
Dorothy Safranek, Financial Secretary

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Joan New (Vice President)
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Dorothy Safranek
Wendy Schutzer
Con Sweeney
Elizabeth Wagner
David New, Secretary (non-voting)

Racial Justice Team preparing for a busy fall

Prince of Peace's Racial Justice team took a break from meeting this month but their work continued.

Those who attended the 41st Annual Nanticoke Lenape PowWow in June were very glad they went despite the rainy forecast. The sky cleared just as we arrived and we enjoyed beautiful sunny weather all afternoon. The event was entertaining as well as educational, and the native crafts were beautiful and the food delicious.

In addition, members have been researching the Lutheran Navajo Mission and contacting Native American speakers and organizations to arrange in-person or virtual speakers or films for several forums this fall related to the orange banner still hanging in the sanctuary as we continue to pray for indigenous children killed or abused in residential schools.

Stay tuned as we provide several opportunities for each of you to learn, advocate, participate, and contribute to bringing justice closer to our indigenous neighbors beginning with God's Work Our Hands Day.

All are welcome as we try to grow a more diverse team for the coming year. Contact Con Sweeney for the link to our next meeting on August 2 from 7 to 8:30, or contact Nancy Reyes to get on our email list to stay more informed.

Great Year in the Garden



Above is part of the 95 pounds of the beautiful vegetables harvested on Friday, July 22. They were delivered to the St. Bart's Food Bank.

Total harvested this season is close to 800 pounds so far, and the tomatoes are just starting to be ready.

Many thanks to all our excellent volunteers. It is a joy to work with you!

August News

Book Group

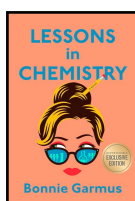
*If interested in joining the book club,
please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com
Meetings will be held at 1:30 pm until further notice.*

Thursday, August 11th

*1:30 pm in the Church Lounge
Participants are asked to bring a snack to share.*

Lessons in Chemistry

By Bonnie Garmus



A must-read debut! Meet Elizabeth Zott: a one-of-a-kind scientist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

Thursday, September 8th

*1:30 pm in the Church Lounge
Participants are asked to bring a snack to share.*

Have You Seen Luis Velez?

By Catherine Ryan Hyde

This is the touching story of the unlikely friendship between Raymond Jaffe, a black teenager who feels like an outcast both in school and at home, and Mildred Gutterman, a blind old lady who is also alone in the world. Mildred is 92 years old, a Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust. She is bereft because Luis Velez, a friend who supplies her with groceries, has disappeared. Raymond is determined to find him.



Prince of Peace Welcomes Pranavam School of Dance For the Summer

Prince of Peace is honored to host Pranaya Akula's Pranavam School of Dance troupe's evening classical Bharatnatyam & Bollywood dance classes on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 8 pm in the Community Room and Double Conference Room and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8 pm in the Community Room.

Though the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey has finished their summer camps and won't be back until September for fall auditions, our Community Wing will continue to be graced with music and artistic dance this summer from talented local youth, as well as Singapore Math students eager to refine their math knowledge, AA, and various community members who are grateful for Prince of Peace's generosity in renting out their space.

Christian Focus Small Group Discussion Continues in the Lounge Every Wednesday at 11:30 am

Please join Phyllis Church and our lovely ladies for our Christian Focus small group session at 11:30 am on Wednesdays.

The group is studying the book *Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. Anyone who is interested and available to participate is welcome.

Please contact Phyllis Church
(p.church@mindspring.com) if you have any questions.



The August Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Men's Disposable Razors

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

Reminder
Weekly Friday Noon Prayer Circle
Opportunity over Zoom

Our Prayer Circle and Small Group Discussion takes place every Friday at Noon over Zoom.

These sessions are open to all and hosted by Charlie Frantz or Pastor Dale, who are both friendly, warm, encouraging, and engaging meeting facilitators. We invite and encourage you to pop in on any Friday even if you're never joined a Prayer Circle before. Verbal participation is optional and all are warmly welcomed to share their prayers and positive thoughts!

Zoom info is shared in weekly emails. Contact Geeta at popnjofficemanager@gmail.com if you're not receiving reminder emails!

Volunteer Service Opportunities for
Current & New Ministries

If you are interested in getting more involved with any of the wonderful service opportunities at Prince of Peace, please send an email to Geeta at popnjofficemanager@gmail.com.

There are many opportunities available to serve in the church office, our new Joyful Noise Ministry, Parish Care, Social Ministry, Racial Justice, Property Management, Building Use, and so many more areas.

We invite and encourage each of you to get involved in whatever service opportunities feed your soul, or feel free to create a new Community Service opportunity or Small Group for our congregation aligned with your unique skills and talents. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Solidaridad Helps Asylum Seekers

Solidaridad of Central Jersey has a need for interpreters in the Trenton and Hightstown area and will be holding training session soon.

If interested, contact Kathleen Cassidy at 609-933-3620.

Usher/Greeter, Lector & Communion
Assistants Needed for August

If you would like to participate in worship by serving as usher/greeter, lector, or communion assistant, please signup [here](#) or at <https://bit.ly/3OVUewg>.

Save the Date
Sunday October 2 at 1:30

Interested in learning more about the history of Princeton that few people know?

Join Shirley Satterfield, retired educator and founder of the Witherspoon-Jackson Historical Society as a historian, activist, speaker, and resident of Princeton whose family has been part of that neighborhood's history for six generations.

This walking tour won't cover all the history but will give you the basics of how our African-American neighbors grew Princeton and the University.

Ms. Satterfield led the efforts to put historical markers in 29 locations in Princeton and has provided a self-guided tour online, but you'll learn much more and get all your questions answered on October 2.

Did you know that Paul Robeson went to Rutgers because he was denied admission to Princeton University although his father, pastor of the Witherspoon-Jackson Presbyterian Church, personally petitioned and persistently begged Woodrow Wilson to admit him?

Did you know that even when Black students were finally allowed to enroll, they were restricted from eating or living on campus for many years and the church and Witherspoon-Jackson neighbors became the village they needed to survive?

Come find out so much more from the local expert. Look for sign-ups soon.

Save the Date
St Bart's Community BBQ & Fun Day
Sept 3rd, 2022



Filled Backpack Collection
For St. Bart's to Distribute to Children
At its *Back to School* Community
Barbecue

On September 3rd, St. Bart's will be distributing approximately 250 filled backpacks to the children in their community, and have asked partner churches to help gather the backpacks. **Prince of Peace will be collecting only completely-filled backpacks for them.**

Please consider donating a filled backpack. We hope to receive 15 to 20 (or more). The list of items to include in each backpack is below – all items must be brand new. Please leave the filled backpack(s) under the coat rack in the Narthex/Gathering Area anytime between now and Sunday, August 28. (It's too hot for some of the items to be left outside.)

If you have any questions, please contact Berta Schott at 609-799-1783, or by text at 609-731-3193. Thank you very much for considering being a part of this ministry opportunity.

—Berta Schott for
the Social Outreach Ministry Team

Fill each NEW Backpack with
These Items
(All School Supplies Must Be Brand New)

- (2) 1-Subject Notebooks
- (2) Composition Notebooks
- (3) 2-Pocket Folders
- Pencil Case
- A pack of #2 Pencils
- One Pencil Sharpener
- Erasers
- A Pack of Highlighters
- A Pack of Crayons
- A Pack of Colored Pencils
- Calculator*
- ONE Per of Child Safety Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Ruler (12")
- One set of Wired Earbuds
- (Compatible with Google Chromebook)*

- * Simple, inexpensive calculator
- * not graphing calculator

- * *Printer-friendly link for this information:*
- * <https://bit.ly/3BwE48W>

Racial Justice News — August 2022

Interested in Helping Refugees or Asylum Seekers in Our Area?

As you may know, Prince of Peace has helped refugees on and off through the years, including providing housing for them in the House Next Door in the past.

Recently, some of us have been working with people from several other local congregations to lend support to the Win family of five, who have been on our prayer list for months. They have been living in Hamilton near Trenton and are still awaiting their asylum interviews after coming here over 2 ½ years ago from Myanmar. Their status makes day-to-day life difficult and in recent months, they have suffered through multiple crises, through which Prince of Peace has helped with funds from our Refugee Fund but more importantly in more personal ways.

Just one example this past month has been a theft of their car during the early morning hours while the father was making a delivery for DoorDash. The stolen car was then totaled. The family received citations for traffic violations after the car was stolen and, because they struggle financially, they only carried liability insurance as is the case with many low-income neighbors, so they could not fix the car and driving for DoorDash was no longer possible, adding to their already critical financial situation. Finding a job within walking distance resulted in an employer taking advantage of their desperation with unfair working conditions. And that's just a taste of what they live through on a regular basis.

Volunteers from Prince of Peace have helped with food deliveries from food pantries when they could not get there, growing Roselle (which they call Sour Leaf) in the Peace Garden to make one of their favorite foods, helping tutor the children during the summer, assisting with online or in-person

applications for assistance or jobs, and accompanying them to legal and medical appointments, to name a few.

If you'd like to join in helping the Win family as above or just by offering a playdate with the 10-year-old daughter, ZuZu, 13-year-old son, Shar, or 16-year-old son, Zwe, contact Nancy Reyes or Geeta Telang to arrange an introduction or ask how you can help.

In helping the above family, we've made contact with Interfaith Rise, one of the three major refugee resettlement organizations in New Jersey.

Interested in helping individuals or families from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Haiti, South America, or elsewhere?

Refugees are now living in local communities. To help through their organization, you'll need to get a simple background check and do virtual training for about an hour — very little effort to prepare yourself to give such desperately needed help. The next training is tentatively scheduled for August 17 at 7 pm on Zoom, so if interested, please contact Nancy Reyes at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or 609-273-1239 or Geeta Telang through the church office to be added to their distribution list. Even if you're not sure how you can help, this training and their newsletters will give you background information to spark your thinking as you see the many big and little ways others are helping.

Another way to help refugees is through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at https://lirsconnect.org/get_involved/action_center. Please contact our own Elizabeth DiSanti-Wagner, who is on their board, with any questions about work through LIRS.

Our neighbors from all over the world need your help right here in Central Jersey.

Have you noticed our Land Acknowledgement on our website and in our bulletins? Now let's learn more and act to be more just.

Parish Care News — August 2022

Sharing our Care and Compassion with All

Wishing all a wonderful summer — Time to be out and with family, friends and neighbors again.

Enjoying the summer and surviving the heat.

Amazing! We are Thinking of Back-to-School Time Already

It is hard to believe that it is time to be thinking of back to school. The Parish Care Team keeps in touch with our students throughout the school year. Please share your students' contact information: a USPS mailing address at school, email address and/or a good way to touch base. So as you are packing up your college student for the fall semester at school, please share their correct snail mail and email information with us.

Calendars and Greeting Cards

We will be collecting 2023 Calendars. Last year the senior residences greatly appreciated them. I have already received a few in the mail, so if you have calendars, there is a box in the breezeway to collect them.

At this time we are not gathering greeting/Christmas cards. We have a large supply to organize.

If you would like to help with getting the cards organized, please let me know. This can be done at church or in your home.

Senior Residence Liaisons — We are looking for some folks to help deliver the calendars and cards to the senior residences. If you live near or visit one, please consider helping by dropping off these items.

Prayer Squares, Prayer Cards, and Care Notes

All are in the breezeway into the church. Look for a basket with knitted Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards along with the *Care Note* display. They are for you and to pass along to others who would like a little reminder that they are cared for by many. If you cannot get into the church, let me know and I can help get things to you.

Rides Needed

1. To and from church for Sunday Service.
 2. Rides needed to appointments, grocery and local shopping.
- If you would be willing to help with some transportation, please let us know.

Monthly Mailings

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.

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Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

During the summer, office hours vary.

Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin

Or at <https://popnj.org/PDF/bulletin.pdf>
