

Tidings of Peace



August 2023



Pentecost Season Themes

Worship in August

*Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30
In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am*

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

August 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Feeding of the 5000
Rev. Dr. Paul Rorem Preaching

August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Walking on Water
Pastor Peter Preaching

August 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Racial Slur?
Pastor Peter Preaching

August 27

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Keys to the Kingdom
Pastor Peter Preaching

Pastor's Page

I am taking a break from writing a formal letter for the newsletter this month. But let me share a few upcoming events for the fall.

Saturday September 2nd is the St. Bart's Picnic and Backpack Distribution. The fun begins at 11:00am. More details are found in this newsletter.

Saturday September 9th. Kayla Hopgood, our most recent intern, will be ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. The ordination is scheduled at the church to where she has been called, Ascension Lutheran Church in Washington's Crossing, PA. The ordination is at 11:00am.

Sunday September 10th. God's Work Our Hands Day and New Member Sunday. We will welcome new members as we kick off the fall. If you would like to officially join Prince of Peace let me know. Our RIC team is planning a project for God's Work Our Hands. Stay tuned for more details.

Sunday October 1st. We will welcome Pastor Bruce Davidson to speak at our Adult Forum concerning biblical texts used as weapons against and support for LGBTQIA people. Pastor Davidson is currently living and serving in the Southeast Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA, but he served for many years in the New Jersey Synod.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Pastor Peter

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

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

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

Congregational Council

Tim Gjenvick (President)

Joan New (Vice President)

Jessica Clarke

Mary Ellen Glickson

David Jeedi

Christian Oehm

Dorothy Safranek

Wendy Schutzer

Con Sweeney

Claudia Thompson

David New, Secretary (non-voting)

Book Group

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

Please note: *There will be no book club during the
month of August*

Thursday, September 14th 2023, at 1 p.m.

In the Church Lounge

The Christie Affair

by Nina De Gramont

In this intriguing novel the author imagines what really happened during the 11 days when the famous mystery author, Agatha Christie, disappeared back in 1926.

Written as a murder mystery itself, the book is narrated

by Nan, the woman Christie's wayward husband plans to leave her for. It's full of twists and turns and surprises in true Agatha Christie fashion.



Reminder: Please continue to Donate Food, Clothing, and Small Household Items for St. Bart's

St. Bart's needs donations of food, clothing, and small household items throughout the summer. Suggested food items are non-perishables like rice, beans, pasta, tuna and other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and the like. Any size and season of clothing will be appreciated, too. Contributions may be placed in, or beside, the St. Bart's bins outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time.

To give monetary donations, make a check out to Prince of Peace and earmark it St. Bart's/ Food, Clothing. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Prince of Peace office at 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550.

Thank you for continuing to share your gifts with these fellow children of God.

Update From Your Property and Building Use Team

Our **PROPERTY TEAM**, led by Wendy Schutzer and Sean Cuddahy, has been developing lists of projects which need to be addressed. We can all be proud of our new parking lot with bright new lines that is so easy to walk through! This past year, we have many more community groups using our facilities and as such, we are working through more growing pains. Yes, we are addressing the cleanliness of the building and looking to add additional cleaning. What we need everyone to do is to be patient and please notify Wendy via email (Wendyschutzer14@gmail.com) if you notice items that may be broken, need cleaning or some kind of property attention. If you are available to help fix something or want to donate your time to a particular project because you have a needed expertise, please contact Wendy. The team is always happy to have help.

The Property Team is working closely with the new **BUILDING USE TEAM**, led by Dorothy Safranek and Con Sweeney. This past year a new contract was created by the team (thanks to member/attorney Christian Oehm) for those who want to use our facility. The agreement requires prospective users to list the reason, room, dates, and times and to have appropriate insurance to cover them on our premises and to submit it to our Office Manager. We do have the year broken into Summer (July 1-August 31), Fall (September 1- December 31) and Winter/Spring (Jan1- June 30). We are fortunate to be of service to many community groups by providing much needed space. The recent spring period had as many as three groups at a time using our facilities. We are aware that this may have stretched the resources of the church and are making adjustments. In June, the Turkish school found new facilities and at the end of July the Singapore Math Group will be moving to their new location in the CVS Shopping area just down the road. We still have several other groups, Power Speakers and Pranavam School of Dance, taking advantage of our facilities. If you are on the premises while a group is here and feel there is a better way for us to handle their use of the facilities, please contact Dorothy via email (safraanek5@verizon.net).

We always welcome your thoughts and constructive ideas to improve our property use and maintain our facilities.

Respectfully,
Members of the Property & Building Use Teams



SPECIAL REQUEST FROM PROPERTY AND BUILDING USE TEAMS

Calling all POP members!

"If you see something, say something."

Please let us know if you see a property matter that needs to be addressed. You may speak directly to a team member, or place a written note in the Property folder outside the Church Office door. Thanks for your help!

Help Needed for Racial Justice Free Lending Library (POP READS)

Have you checked out any books in the lounge next to the sanctuary lately? As you may or may not know, POP's Racial Justice Team started our free lending library several years ago with seed money from a Thrivent Action Team Project and book donations from team members. POP R(eads about) E(quity) A(nti-Racism) D(iversity and) S(ystemic Racism) includes books about many different cultures and relevant topics including fiction and nonfiction for readers of all ages, from toddlers through adults. Not only do these books serve to educate our own congregation, but they show our visitors that we aren't afraid to have difficult conversations about racism and welcome those from different cultures than those they see in our pews. We've even had a visitor comment about how much more comfortable they felt after seeing the library!

In case you haven't done so yet, members and friends of POP are encouraged to browse the library, borrow a book of interest (sign it out in the binder on the shelves) and return it at your leisure. Each book includes a bookplate acknowledging the donor as well as a bookmark meant to spark conversation among those using the library. Even if you see a book you've read on your own, feel free to add comments to help others know what you thought of the book...It might give them reason to read it or to talk to you about it next time you see them.

Have you noticed Pastor's Banned Book Club? The 1619 Project is just one of the banned books in our library. A few other examples are *The Bluest Eye* (by Toni Morrison), *The Hill We Climb* (Amanda Gorman's Inaugural poem), *Class Act* (a teen graphic novel) and *All Are Welcome* (a picture book for children). Check the shelves - we're sure you'll find something you'd like to read!

Now on to how you might be able to help...

1. We're looking for a volunteer librarian to keep the shelves neat and organized, to make sure the bookmarks are still in each book, and to put in new bookplates and bookmarks as books are donated. (If tech savvy, the librarian could also add those to our database.)

2. Would you like to donate to the library? All over the country, extremists have been trying to ban books. We'd like to make sure that our members have a chance to read those related to our READ library and goals which are being restricted in some places. If you'd like to donate a relevant banned book, we'd love to add it to the library. A list of suggestions will be provided.

To do either of the above, please contact Nancy Reyes at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or 609-273-1239. You're also welcome to join our virtual meetings.

Next one is August 1 at 7!



St. Bart's Community Barbeque Back to School Backpack Collection



On September 2nd, 2023, St. Bart's will be distributing 250-300 filled backpacks to the children in their community and have asked partner churches to help gather the backpacks.

Prince of Peace is collecting **only completely filled backpacks** for St. Bart's.

Please consider donating a filled backpack. We hope to receive 20+ backpacks! Suggested items to include in each backpack is below - **all items must be brand new**. This list is more generic than in previous years. If you're not able to find all the items, just include all that you are able to. Please note, calculators are NOT being requested this year.

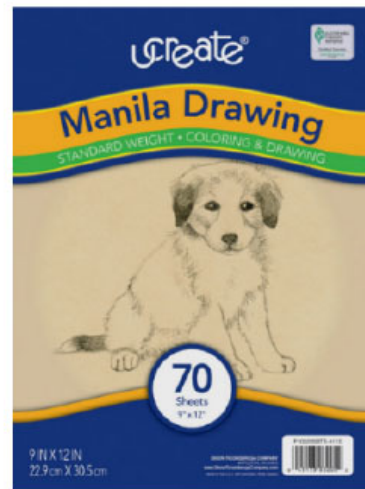
**Please leave your filled backpack donations under the coat rack in the Narthex/
Gathering Area anytime between now and Sunday, August 27th.**

Thank you very much for considering being a part of this ministry opportunity!

BRAND NEW School Supplies Needed per

Backpack:

- New backpack
- Spiral notebooks
- Wide-ruled composition books
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Colored construction paper
- Manila drawing paper (see image on right)
- 4x6" Index cards
- Folders with brads and pockets (see image on right)
- 3-ring binders (1-inch binders & 2-inch binders)
- Small bottle of hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Pink erasers
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Kid-friendly Scissors
- #2 Pencils
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Black/blue ink pens
- Washable markers
- Dry erase markers
- Watercolor paints
- Pencil box/pouch
- Facial tissues - Tissue box and/or Travel tissue packets



Berta Schott, PoP — Social Outreach Ministry Team
Questions: Landline: 609-799-1783 or Text: 609-731-3193

Parish Care News — August 2023

Sharing our POP Care 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 and an email address are good ways 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 2024 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 and 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 that 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.

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 include, please contact Parish Care.

Much the same as always. We are always welcome to new folks to help with our sharing POP care. If you would like to help please let me know.

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INTERFAITH
Caregivers
GREATER MERCER COUNTY

**Do You
Feel Called
to Help
Those
in Need?**



Consider becoming a volunteer with Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County helping our elderly and neighbors with disabilities. We could not implement our mission without dedicated volunteers who serve as caregivers, wellness leaders, and group leaders. [ICGMC.org/volunteer](https://www.icgmc.org/volunteer)



Learn more about volunteering at ICGMC by scanning with your mobile phone camera.

Do you Need help or Want to help someone with grocery shopping, a ride to an appointment or maybe a friendly visit? Learn more about our services at ICGMC by telephone at 609-393-9922 or visit us on the web at <https://www.icgmc.org/volunteer>.

World Holidays & Celebrations – Hiroshima Memorial Day & Nagasaki Memorial Day

August 2023

Hiroshima Memorial Day and Nagasaki Memorial Day are observances in Japan to mark the atomic bombing of its two cities at the end of WWII. Solemn ceremonies take place to remember the dead and survivors ([hibakusha](#)) and in the hope that these weapons will never be used again.

Every August 6th, "A-Bomb Day", the city of Hiroshima holds the Peace Memorial Ceremony to console the victims of the atomic bombs and to pray for the realization of lasting world peace. The ceremony is held in front of the Memorial Cenotaph in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Participants include the families of the deceased and people from all over the world. The first ceremony was held in 1947 by the then Hiroshima Mayor Shinzo Hamai.

The ceremony is held in the morning from 8:00 AM, in front of the Memorial Cenotaph. During the ceremony, a one-minute silence to honor the victims is observed at 8:15 AM, the time of the atomic bomb's explosion.

Due to the dissemination of the memorial culture surrounding Hiroshima worldwide, memorial ceremonies were and are being held also in other parts of the world. One such instance was on Aug. 6, 1986, as a delegation from Hiroshima of eighteen individuals arrived at the Israeli Holocaust memorial of Yad Vashem and held a brief ceremony at the Yizkor Hall.

In 2010, John V. Roos became the first United States ambassador to Japan to attend the ceremony, paving the way for a historic visit to Hiroshima by then President Barack Obama six years later.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
(The A-Bomb Dome is the skeletal ruins of the former Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. It is the building closest to the hypocenter of the nuclear bomb that remained at least partially standing and can be seen through the memorial in the distance.)

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (広島平和記念公園, Hiroshima Heiwa Kinen Kōen is a memorial park in the center of Hiroshima, Japan. It is dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack at the end of World War II, and to the memories of the bomb's direct and indirect victims (of whom there may have been as many as 140,000). The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is visited by more than one million people each year. The park is there in memory of the victims of the nuclear attack on August 6, 1945, in which the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

Nagasaki Memorial Day is celebrated yearly on August 9th in Nagasaki, Japan, to remember the victims of the WWII atomic attack. Nagasaki was the second city to be bombed, following the city of Hiroshima three days earlier. So far, Japan is the only country that has been attacked with nuclear weapons during a war.



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Sunday Schedule
Worship at 8:30 am (In Person)
And 9:30 am (In Person/Livestream)

Office Hours
Office hours vary
Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin
Or at <https://popnj.org/pdf>
