

February 2016



## Worship in February

*Sunday Services at 9:30 am*

*Education Hour at 10:45 am*

### Sunday, February 7

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

*First Communion*

### Wednesday, February 10

*Ash Wednesday (see below)*

### Sunday, February 14

*First Sunday In Lent*

*Rev. Dale Selover Preaching*

### Sunday, February 21

*Second Sunday in Lent*

### Sunday, February 28

*Third Sunday in Lent*

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, February 10

*Ash Wednesday*

*Potluck Supper, 6:30 pm*

*Worship at 7:30 pm*

### Thursday, February 11

*Book Group*

*See page 3 for more information*

### Saturday, February 13

*Congregational Retreat*

*See page 3 for more information*

### Sunday, February 14

*Church House Dedication*

### Wednesdays

#### February 17 & 24

*Soup Supper at 6:30 pm*

*Worship at 7:30 pm*

*See page 5 for information about  
Christian Education and  
Wonderful Wednesdays*

I recently shared Prince of Peace's financial concerns with my spiritual director, Louise Litke. The conversation led to church growth, and to where God is calling the church today. So often we look for growth outside of ourselves, but Louise spoke about how growth always begins within; within our hearts, within our community, within our congregation. In other words, instead of looking outside of ourselves, we need to soul search. We need to understand our identity as baptized Christians, we need to understand who we are as the church in this day.

I've heard a few comments recently of the desire to get Prince of Peace back to where we were. I guess that means we grow back to a point of larger attendance and larger giving. My response is that we won't grow back to where we were. Those days are gone. But we will grow to the new place where God calls. It will be different, but it will be a place of vitality, a place of abundance and a place of new life.

I invite your participation now in February to two opportunities to grow within.

The first is a congregational Lenten retreat on Saturday February 13; ***Living in Lent: An Abundant Life***. Pastor Dale Selover will lead this one day retreat as we begin our Lenten journey around this theme of abundance. We will gather around prayer, conversation, scripture, and song as we seek to tend to our souls and grow within ourselves. The retreat will take place in our newly renovated church house, from 9 to 3. Note also that Pastor Selover will be our preacher the next day, February 14, the First Sunday of Lent. We also will dedicate the church house during the Education Hour on the 14th.

On February 7, during the Education Hour, I will join our Minister of Music Doug Helvering as we partner to address what growth might look like at Prince of Peace, specifically among younger generations. I've titled the class, ***Christ Actually, The Son of God For The Secular Age***, based on the book of the same title by James Carroll. Carroll strikes a chord as he explores why younger generations are leaving the church behind. He believes the church's response to this reality is a template shift away from an emphasis on church authority, and towards an emphasis on connections (remember our Stewardship emphasis from the fall) and fostering relationships within a faith community. I've asked Doug to join me, as he has a pulse on the younger generation, and a better understanding of their spirituality and attitudes toward the church. I am very excited to engage all of us in conversation. We will meet on Sundays, February 7, 21, and 28.

I encourage the congregation's participation this month as we seek to grow within ourselves and seek to where God is calling Prince of Peace.

— Pastor Froehlke

# What a year!

2015 was, in many respects, a major transition year for Prince of Peace. In the aftermath of our intense discussions and plans surrounding our financial situation at the beginning of the year, we have successfully implemented an overhaul of our Wonderful Wednesday program, we have adopted the single-service schedule model year-round, and we have completely re-vamped our Christian Education program. We continue to host the Sinfonietta Nova orchestra, we have more and more special events happening at the church, our church house was transformed and given new life, our garden is thriving, we're planning a new labyrinth, the Cherry Club continues to provide highly needed and meaningful service to families in need, we provided music for our community at the West Windsor Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, we caroled for those that couldn't be with us at the church building, we continue to be active in a variety of service and service projects...the list goes on and on!

To me, although we're doing much of the same things in worship, the overall feeling seems different. We seem more connected.

Each January, I reflect on not only the past year but especially the Advent/Christmas season. As I get older, I realize more and more that the truly important gifts are that of family, cherished friends, and of the ever-present promise of 'Love come down'. Just as I am more content than ever before with just being together with loved ones, I think of our music ministry and of how we've gotten back to basics. We don't need fancy bells and whistles to show off or be flashy; we just rely on each other, on the gifts of our congregation, and we worship with honesty and reverence, together, with one common cause. Together, we witness to the light, to truth, as best as we can, every week, striving to make the best of our personal and combined gifts. As we continue to do this, our community of faith will be strong, making a difference for each of us and for our community.

In 2016, I am excited about the continuing ministry of the worship and music ensembles. We are already rehearsing our music for the Lenten season, as Ash Wednesday is just around the corner on February 10. During Lent, our Holden Mid-Week services and Soup Suppers will return this year. Rachel New will be leading the services. There is a sign-up sheet for worship leaders on my door. We are also planning meaningful services during Holy Week, and Easter with some special guests. I'll have more information about these services in next month's Tidings!

In this New Year, I wish you all health and happiness. Megan and I are so proud to be a part of this community of faith. We look forward to sharing in ministry as the New Year continues!

— Peace, Doug

*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 March issue is Sunday, February 21**

## Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor  
Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music  
Victoria Chow-Torres, Church Musician  
Kathy Nowak, Parish Administrator  
Wendy Schutzer, Cherry Tree Club Director  
Tim Urbanek, Treasurer  
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## Congregational Council

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David New, Secretary (non-voting)

## Worship Ensemble Schedule

**February 7**

*Adult Choir*

**February 10 - Ash Wednesday**

*Adult Choir*

**February 14**

*Adult Choir/Celebration Ringers*

**February 21**

*Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells*

**February 28**

*Adult Choir/Celebration Ringers*

## February Events



### February Lenten Events

#### Ash Wednesday — February 10

On Ash Wednesday, February 10 worship begins at 7:30 pm, with the imposition of the ashes and the celebration of Holy Communion. Come to the congregational pot-luck at 6:30 as we join Wonderful Wednesdays in fellowship and meal throughout Lent.

#### Lenten Midweek Worship

*Every Wednesday in Lent*

Lenten Midweek worship will continue every Wednesday in Lent at 7:30 pm. Holden Evening Prayer will be sung and a Lenten meditation will be shared. Join us for soup supper at 6:30 every Wednesday.

#### Lenten Retreat — Saturday, February 13

*9 am to 3 pm in the Church House*

Join Pastor Dale Selover as she leads a Lenten Retreat on Saturday February 13: **Living in Lent: An Abundant Life**. This retreat on the first Saturday in Lent will prepare us for our Lenten journey as we seek to better understand our identity as Christ's people and to grow spiritually during this holy season. We will gather around prayer, conversation, scripture, and song as we seek to tend to our souls and grow within ourselves.

A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

#### Adult Education: **Christ Actually**

*10:45 am on February 7, 21, & 28*

Pastor Froehlke and Doug Helvering will partner in February during the Christian Education Hour and present a class entitled, **Christ Actually, The Son of God For The Secular Age**. The title is based on a quotation from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written in a letter from his prison cell just three weeks before his death: *What is Christianity, or who is Christ actually for us today?*

Bonhoeffer wrote this over seventy years ago, but his question continues to challenge and direct us to be the church in a rapidly changing environment.

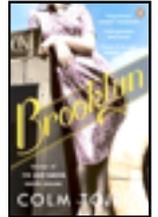
Join Pastor and Doug on February 7, 21, and 28 in the lounge for discussion and enlightenment.

### Book Group to Meet February 11

At the home of Martha Winder, 14 Candlewood Drive  
Princeton Junction  
Please RSVP at 799-7280 or maw14jpw@aol.com

#### **Brooklyn** by Colm Toibin

With the help of the local priest and the encouragement of her sister, young Eilis Lacey leaves her small Irish town and emigrates to America. After arriving in New York City, she gets a job in a clothing store and lives in a ladies boarding house.



The author captures 1950's Brooklyn and a young girl's immigrant experience in this captivating story. Things go well for Eilis and she even finds romance with a young Italian man when tragedy at home calls her back to Ireland.

#### March 10

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

#### **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger



This story is both a mystery and a coming of age story. In it the main character, Frank Drum, looks back on his 13th summer and his life in a small Minnesota town. Back then the Twins were a new baseball team and an energetic and visionary young president inhabited the White House. Life seems good, but Frank's innocence is shattered when he confronts a series of deaths and begins to question all that he previously held as certain.

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

*New members welcome at any time.  
Please call Phyllis Church at 799-0723*



### Wednesday Away at Crossroads Coming February 10th

*For more information, visit  
crossroads retreat.com*



## February TASK Donation is Canned Chicken or Beef Gravy

The Social Outreach team has designated canned chicken or beef gravy as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the breezeway.

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen feeds those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons. For 30 ways to help TASK, visit [trentonsoupkitchen.org](http://trentonsoupkitchen.org).

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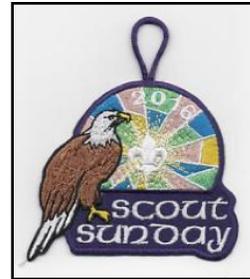
## Children's Easter Baskets Needed for Lutheran Social Ministries \ of New Jersey

As in the past several years, during Lent Prince of Peace will be collecting Easter Baskets for the children in the programs of Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ): Project Home, Lutheran Home for Children, and Affordable Family Housing. The children are of all ages, from babies to teens. You may either put together a basket (or baskets) yourself, or purchase one(s) that are already prepared. This can be a fun family activity and/or one done by yourself or with a group of friends. And your efforts will be much appreciated by the recipients.

Suggestions of items to include are activities; books; small games; stuffed animals, and/or toys; candy (no nuts); other edible treats (non-perishable); and Easter-themed messages for children of all ages — actually, anything that a child would enjoy.

Look for the Easter Basket table in the Gathering Area during Lent. The last day for basket collection is Sunday, March 13. And thank you so much for your partnership in this fun ministry!

Gratefully, The Social Outreach Team and LSM/NJ



## Calling All Scouts: Scout Sunday Coming March 6

*Patches Need to be Ordered as Soon as Possible*

On Sunday, March 6, Boy and Girl Scouts of all ages will lead worship. Worship leader opportunities are available. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the church office.

Worship leader positions available are greeters, ushers, acolytes, lectors, communion assistants, assisting ministers. A leader for the children's sermon is also available (script can be provided).

Current scouts, former scouts, and scout leaders of any age can sign up.

Scouts who come in uniform can receive a patch.

To volunteer or to order a patch, contact Jen DiGioia ([jdigioia@verizon.net](mailto:jdigioia@verizon.net)) or use the sign-up sheet by the church office. Girl Scout patches are \$1.75; Boy Scout's are \$2.50. Jen will be placing an order for the Boy Scout patches to save money.

Patches must be ordered as soon as possible; they sell out early. There is an envelope on the church counter where Scouts can sign up and leave payment. If you are a Scout bringing a friend who would like to receive a patch, you can sign your friend up too.

Scouts are encouraged to bring friends and other Scouts from their packs and troops.

## Christian Education Calendar

### February 7

#### **God and Me**

Pre-school - 5th Grade  
Nancy Durie & Tiffany Pfaltzgraff  
Music Room

#### **Christ Actually:**

#### **The Son of God for the Secular Age**

(Adults and Youth)  
Pastor Froehlke and Doug Helvering  
Lounge

#### **Confirmation Class**

Leader: Kyle Kirchhoff  
Youth Room

### February 14

#### **Church House Dedication**

Congregation-wide Event

### February 21

#### **Beginning Our Lenten Journey**

Pre-school - 5th Grade  
Brandi Hebert  
Kitchen/Fellowship Hall

#### **Christ Actually:**

#### **The Son of God for the Secular Age**

Adults and Youth  
Pastor Froehlke and Doug Helvering  
Lounge

#### **Confirmation Class**

Kyle Kirchhoff  
Youth Room

### February 28

#### **God and Me**

Pre-school - 5th Grade  
Nancy Durie & Tiffany Pfaltzgraff  
Music Room

#### **Christ Actually:**

#### **The Son of God for the Secular Age**

Adults and Youth  
Kyle Kirchhoff and Doug Helvering  
Lounge

#### **Confirmation Class**

Martin Rexroad & Wendy Schutzer  
Youth Room



## February's Wonderful Wednesdays

*All February Wednesdays include  
Confirmation & All Youth Ensembles*

### February 3

Pizza Night (\$4 suggested donation)  
Confirmation, Adult Class

### February 10

Potluck  
All Ensembles  
Confirmation  
Ash Wednesday Worship

### February 17

Soup Supper  
All Ensembles  
Confirmation  
Mid-week Worship

### February 24

Soup Supper  
All Ensembles  
No Confirmation  
Mid-week Worship

## Wonderful Wednesday

### *Evening Schedule*

#### **5 to 6 pm**

Confirmation

#### **5:30 to 6 pm**

Joyful Noise (K-1st grade)  
Chimes of Worship (2nd-5th grade)  
PoP Tots (Newborns-4 years)

#### **6 to 6:40 pm**

Kids of the Kingdom (2nd-5th grade)  
Celebration Ringers (6th grade-high school)  
Celebration Singers (6th grade-high school)

#### **6:40 to 7:20 pm**

Community Meal

#### **7:30 to 8:30 pm**

Adult Education or Worship



*Adults and children from Prince of Peace spent a Sunday afternoon in December caroling. Carolers included (left to right): Gehrig Hebert, Brandi Hebert, Rebecca Nagin, Pastor Froehlke, Eliana Hebert, Joan New, Rachel New, Berta Schott, Gerda Somers, David Jeedey*



### **Introducing Dr Susannah Chapman**

Prince of Peacers who visit church on Saturday afternoon might be hearing the sounds of cellos.

The building use team has recently come to an agreement with Dr. Susannah Chapman for her to teach cello during the academic year.

A graduate of Mannes College of Music and SUNY Stony Brook, Dr Chapman also teaches at Princeton University, Kean University, and Rutgers University.

She is a former member of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and often performs and tours with the New York Philharmonic and the Cygnus Ensemble, a contemporary music group.

She lives with her husband and son in Bergen County.

## Thanks Received

### ***For Caroling . . .***

My Merry Christmas began when the Prince of Peace group came to visit and sing and bring a card and gift and candy canes on December 13. The residents of Stonebridge Assisted Living also send their appreciation. I thank my visitors. They are welcome any time.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Aldridge

### ***For Staff Gifts . . .***

*Dear Congregation,*

Thank you for your extremely generous Christmas gift. I hope to continue serving this ministry proudly and spreading God's Word.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Kirchhoff

*Dear Friends,*

Please accept my sincere thanks for the end-of-the-year gift bestowed upon me by the congregation. I appreciate your recognition of the ministry of the Cherry Tree Club. May we continue to do God's work at Prince of Peace in 2016.

In Christ,  
Wendy (Schutzer)

*Dear Congregation of Prince of Peace,*

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift.

Thank you for all the support you provide throughout the year.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of this congregation.

And ... may the New Year bring us God's grace upon grace as we work through new challenges together.

Gratefully, Kathy (Nowak)

*All,*

Thank you for your many gifts extended to our family at Christmas.

Pastor Froehlke

## Parish Care Notes

### **Valentine Care Packages**

The Valentine Day Care Package project is underway. Since around 1990 the church has been sending boxes filled with Prince of Peace care to young adults away at school or in the military.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed goodies to help fill the boxes.

It is not too late to **help**. We have until February 7 to get the boxes filled with lots of treats.

This year we will be filling and sending **30 boxes** to students all around the country.

Baked goodies are always greatly enjoyed. If you would like to bake some treats, please sign up in the gathering area or let me know. Details about this project are in the gathering area of the church.

All goodies should be left in the church gathering area by Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016.

We are packing the boxes on Monday night (Feb. 8th) starting promptly at 7:30 PM.

The cost to ship is around \$16/box. Contributions to help cover the cost of shipping can be made through POP offering with a note in memo for *Val Care Boxes*.

Thank you for supporting this project. Throughout the years this project is always successful because of your donations of items, goodies and dollars. It sends a loving, caring message from our church to our young adults and their friends away at school.

### **Transportation**

We are still looking for transportation assistance. If you can help with rides on Sunday mornings to and from church, let me know. Many thanks to Sharon Ceragoli and Jim Winder for providing many rides.

### **Caroling - Not just for Christmas**

We and those we visited had a great time caroling in December. We would like to go again this Spring. So if you know some familiar spring songs that we can sing, let me know. Watch for a date to join us.

### **Connected**

Would you like to be more connected to your church? We have several projects that could use some extra hands. Let us know how we can help you get more connected.

Martha Winder  
609-799-7280  
maw14jpw@aol.com

## **Caring for the Parish:**

*A Photo from December's Christmas Caroling*



*Christmas Carolers deliver Christmas warmth and cheer to Marney Berg at Acorn Glen: (left to right) Eliana Hebert, Rebecca Nagin, Marney Berg, Andrew Grimm, Jacob Grimm, Gehrig Hebert.*



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*Sunday Schedule*

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Education Hour at 10:45 am

*Office Hours*

Mon-Th 9 am - 2 pm  
Fri 9 am-Noon

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