



Tidings of Peace

February 2022



Worship in February

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am

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

Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
The Deep Water

Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Souper Bowl of Caring
Blessings and Woes

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Turn the Other Cheek

Sunday, February 27

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Thin Places

Also in February

Thursday February 10

Book Group

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Pastor Class (Zoom)

Sunday, February 13

Super Bowl of Caring

Stay Faithful

I had the honor of introducing Senator Cory Booker as our speaker at the Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium Martin Luther King service in January. Senator Booker told a story from the Central Ward of Newark in the days before he was elected mayor of that city. Hearing gunshots one evening, the senator ran towards the scene. He found a young boy, not more than fifteen years old badly injured. The senator had a hard time shaking this trauma. Not only did he grieve over what he had just witnessed, he was distressed that such gun violence was an all-too-common occurrence in the city. He was angry about the city's inability to curb this epidemic.

The next morning, as Senator Booker tried to process all of this, he met an older woman who lived in his apartment building, who he described as a matriarchal figure. He was surprised how he instinctively ran up to her and began sobbing uncontrollably. This mother-like figure simply took this young man in her arms, and through his tears kept saying, *stay faithful*.

Stay faithful.

Senator Booker told this story in the context of the continued hard work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Despite the trauma still plaguing the work of civil rights, despite the continued struggle and seeming inability to realize Dr. King's dream, Senator Booker encouraged the congregation to hear the words of that saint from Newark's Central Ward: *stay faithful*. Keep fighting. Don't lose hope. The work is important.

Hopefully none of us have ever experienced trauma like Senator Booker did that night in Newark. But I've heard the word *trauma* used frequently to describe these chaotic days of pandemic. I know I cannot compare our trauma to his, but I wonder if we can borrow the words from the senator's comforter in his story?

Stay Faithful.

This just might be our source for healing, and our source for inspiration to see us through our trauma.

— Pastor Froehlke

Growing into New Life Seeds update



So we have a few updates on how the seed packets are faring! The Cuddahys had pumpkin seeds that started out strong but ultimately bit the dust. The Grims and the News planted seeds but nothing sprouted. They may try again. Berta Schott has some marigold sprouts!

Let me know how your seeds are doing!

— Joan New, Stewardship Chair

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 20

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Financial News

The 2021 Financial Giving Statements were mailed out at the end of January and hopefully everyone has received their statements by now. If you have any questions, or have not received your statement in the mail, please contact Dorothy Safranek. Statements are prepared three times a year (every 4 months) for your review. This is a great opportunity to check your pledge amount and to make sure all your donations have been recorded accurately. The first statement for 2022 will be prepared in early May.

Individuals who are not members of Prince of Peace and have made a donation in the plate by check receive individual letters at year end to recognize their donations for the current year.

Also, Prince of Peace participates with VANCO for **electronic giving opportunities**. With the pandemic and people attending services at home, you may find it easier to use this method of donation. In order to participate in this, there is a registration form that you can obtain from Geeta in the church office. The information needed to complete the form includes name, banking institution, account number and routing number, a voided check and your signature. You may elect to have funds submitted on a weekly basis on Mondays or on a monthly basis on the 15th of the month. To have your donation electronically sent to Prince of Peace through VANCO, you must complete the form and return it for processing. All forms can be returned to the church office to the attention of Dorothy Safranek or emailed to her at Safranek5@verizon.net. All information is confidential.



The February Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is *Canned Chicken or Beef Gravy*

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

February Events

Book Group

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

Note: We will meet at 1:30 pm in February

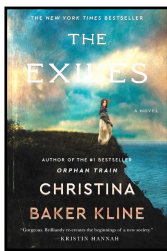
Thursday, February 10, 1:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

Contact Betsy Riley for the link.

RSVP to ksm1950@comcast.net

The Exiles by Christine Baker Kline



This novel tells the story of several British women prisoners who were transported to a penal colony in Van Dieman's Land (Australia) in the 1840s. Life is incredibly hard for all the women confined in Hobart Prison, yet they somehow manage to keep their spirits alive despite everything. There are

several interwoven plots including the tale of a young aboriginal girl who is taken from her family as part of an experiment to 'civilize' the native peoples. Gripping historical fiction!

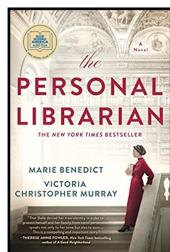
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Time and location to be determined

The Personal Librarian

By Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray

This novel, co-written by Marie Benedict, who is white, and Victoria Murray, who is Black, is a fictionalized account of the life of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal librarian of J.P. Morgan. As such she helped Morgan build a unique collection of rare manuscripts, books, and paintings. As a Black woman passing as white, she attained great personal and professional success at a very heavy price. All of this occurred in the early 1900s, but there are obvious parallels to today's society.



Pastor Class Begins February 2nd

Join Pastor Peter as he explores the origins of racism from the book *The Christian Imagination*, by Yale Divinity School professor Willie Jennings.

Jennings connects racism specifically with Western Christianity, a disturbing point that Pastor will explore. Join us via Zoom every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Peter for the invite.

Confirmation

Confirmation reconvenes Wednesday, February 2nd at 5:30 pm. We are scheduled to meet every Wednesday in February.

Adult Class

Please note that beginning February 6th the Sunday Adult Class will begin at 10:45.

Sources for Covid Tests, Masks, and Vaccines

According to the White House, every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7 to 12 days and will include four tests per household.

Tests can be ordered from this website: www.covidtests.gov/

A list of sources for free masks can be found at

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/participating-pharmacies.html?link_id=4&can_id=a0177e1a9c1a081446b6131467e66d9d&source=email-order-free-covid-tests-and-masks&email_referrer=email_1425290&email_subject=order-free-covid-tests-and-masks

To find vaccines and boosters, paste this link into your browser:

https://www.solvehealth.com/?link_id=7&can_id=a0177e1a9c1a081446b6131467e66d9d&source=email-order-free-covid-tests-and-masks&email_referrer=email_1425290&email_subject=order-free-covid-tests-and-masks

World Holidays & Celebrations — February 2022

February in the West is usually a quiet time for holidays as everyone recovers from the Christmas and New Year Holidays. However, that's not the case in Asia, where the Lunar New Year (AKA Chinese New Year) is celebrated and is a major holiday there and with Asian communities around the world.

But other cultural and ethnic holidays and observances occur around the world and have been

either brought to this country by immigrants or have significance for them, even if not celebrated here, and many other Americans are often unaware of their observance.

Also, not to be overlooked are the traditional festivals of the First Nations. Several of these are listed below.

Cultural/Ethnic Holidays/Observances			
Date	Holiday	Affiliation	Notes
February	Black History Month	African-American	An annual observance originating in the United States which began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora .
February	Kwakiutl Midwinter Ceremony	Native American	During their winter ceremonial season, the Kwakiutl tribe acknowledge and reaffirm their connection with the supernatural world by performing dramatic dances or tseka.
2/1	Lunar New Year	Chinese, Japanese, Korean, & East Asian	Lunar New Year is particularly celebrated in East Asia, influenced by the Chinese New Year and the Chinese Calendar. In the Chinese Zodiac calendar 2022 is the Year of the Tiger .
1/31 – 2/4	Tet	Vietnamese	Tet is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture and is an occasion for pilgrims and family reunions.
2/2	La Canadalaria	Latin American	A Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Celebrated in various ways across Latin America.
2/5	Dia de la Constitucion	Mexican	A holiday to honor the Mexican constitution and celebrated on the first Monday of February.
2/11	National Foundation Day	Japanese	An annual national holiday in Japan celebrating the foundation of Japan. The date is the accession date of the legendary first Emperor of Japan, Emperor Jimmu .
2/23	Emperor's Birthday	Japanese	An annual national holiday in the Japanese calendar celebrating the birthday of the reigning Emperor, which is currently February 23rd as Emperor Naruhito was born on that day in 1960.

Contributed by Con P. Sweeney
Racial Justice Team



**On Souper Bowl Sunday, February 13th,
Prince of Peace will Join with Congregations
Across the Country to Tackle Hunger.**

Please bring the gift of a can of soup or a financial donation,
and let's fill our soup pots until they are overflowing.

If you are unable to attend worship on February 13,
you are welcome to bring a food donation any time prior
and place it in the bin outside of the Community Wing.
Financial donations may be mailed in with your offering.

*All donations collected will go to support the feeding ministries of
St. Bart's Food Pantry and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.*



Parish Care News— February 2022

Valentine Care Box and Bag Project

The Valentine Day Care Box and Bag project is underway. Since around 1990 the church has been sending boxes filled with lots of care and goodies to young adults away at school or in the military. Around five years ago we started to include a Valentine Bag full of treats for our 'older senior citizen' students. A project that is a lot of fun for all – receivers and givers.

Our church community donated goodies, treats, baked goods, and money to fill and ship the boxes. Many would gather to pack the boxes and bags.

So now to this year.

Again, because of Covid, we are only collecting monetary donations.

A few folks are shopping for the treats and will pack the boxes and bags.

Many thanks to those who have already made monetary contributions.

It is not too late to help.

This year we will be filling and sending 12 boxes to students and 12 treat bags to our 'Senior Valentines.'

Bake: Baked goodies are always greatly enjoyed. If you are willing to bake a few cookies/treats, please let me know ASAP. 24 individual bags of treats will fill the boxes and bags. I have four bakers at this point.

Some of the boxes and the Senior bags will be delivered in person. If you would like to help, please let me know.

The cost of shipping could be around \$14-16/box. Contributions to help cover the cost of shipping can be made through Prince of Peace 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. Our Senior valentines are always so excited to receive a special treat bag.

Plan on next year to help supply, fill and ship the boxes — the non-Covid way.

Monthly Mailings

Splash packets, for families with newborns, and *Hope Through Healing* notes, dealing with loss and grief, are mailed monthly.

Care Notes, prayer squares, and pocket prayer cards are in breezeway.

Transportation

We do have the need for a few rides and help with grocery shopping. If you are able to take a few hours and help with transportation or pick up, please let me know.

Greeting Cards

We are **not** gathering greeting cards at this time.

Help is needed with sorting, packing up the cards and delivering them.

If you have some time to help with this project, please let me know.

Looking forward to planning some in person projects later this year as the covid restrictions are lifted.

There are lots of opportunities to help share the care.

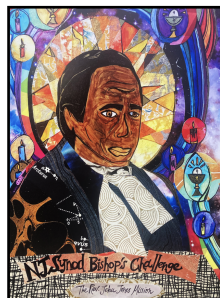
Martha Winder

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Racial Justice News — February 2022

Racial Justice Team Presents \$3750 Challenge to Prince of Peace



In response to Bishop Bartholomew's challenge to each New Jersey Lutheran church to raise \$375 for reparations in the name of Jehu Jones, the Prince of Peace Racial Justice team is challenging the congregation to reach the higher goal of contributing \$3750.

Jehu Jones (1786-1852) founded a mission church for Blacks in Philadelphia but the mission was lost because the Synod refused to support its mortgage. As a way of partially repairing this wrong, the New Jersey Synod established a goal of raising \$50,000 to support emerging leaders of African descent in the ELCA.

Members and friends of Prince of Peace are encouraged to support this goal by donating what they can by writing a check, making an electronic transfer, or giving through PayPal or by cash.

The fundraising effort runs through February 27th.

Opportunities to Learn More

The Synod is offering several programs for further study of Black history including these:

February 22 or 24, 7:30 to 9 pm: book discussion with Bishop Bartholomew on *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson.

April 2: Bus trip to the Mask and Wig Club in Philadelphia. The club is the present occupant of the church that Jesu Jones built. Cost is \$25 and includes museum admission (\$9 if you provide your own transportation).

In addition to these, an audio of Pastor Froehle's Adult Forum on Jehu Jones is available at https://misc.popnj.org/zoom/Adult_Forum_Jehu%20Jones_Challenge_22-01-16.mp4

Also available is a video of Professor Paul Rorem's session on two songs of the Black church, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* and *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*. To see this, copy the following address into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLwWGqHofFw>

For more information about *The Bishop's Challenge*, copy the following address into your browser: <https://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallenge>

Faith in New Jersey Listening Session

Tuesday, March 1

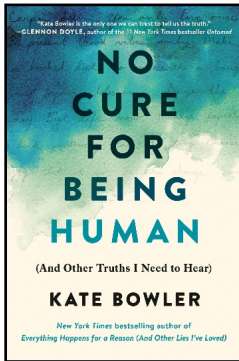
Members and Friends of Prince of Peace are encouraged to register for and attend the Faith in New Jersey Zoom Listening Session on Tuesday, March 1 from 7 to 9 pm. To register, contact Nancy Reyes (nancyauerreyes@gmail.com).

This is a chance to share thoughts and feelings about what's hurting our communities and what problems faith communities should come together on.

Faith in New Jersey is a growing multi-faith network of faith leaders and faith communities working together to advance a social and economic justice agenda at the local, state, and federal level. Executive Director Chaarlene Walker spoke at Prince of Peace last fall.

For more information about Faith New Jersey, copy the following address into your browser: <https://faithinnewjersey.org/>

Come Join Pastors Dale Selover
and Christine Ruth
from the House Next Door for . . .



**Wine & the Word:
A Lenten Book Club**
on Kate Bowler's Book
No Cure for Being Human

“How do you move forward with a life you didn’t choose?”

This is the question Kate Bowler, professor at Duke University, posed when she discovered, at age 35, that her body was filled with cancer. Bowler challenges the wisdom of America’s *Best Life Now* industry that triggers guilt when we can’t out-eat, out-learn, and out-perform our human limitations. She writes, *‘We need one another if we’re going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between – there’s no cure for being human.’*

Let’s embrace our human limitations in this season of Lent and Covid as we read the ten simple chapters of Kate Bowler’s encouraging and meaningful book.

Time: Sunday afternoons in Lent from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Place: The House Next Door

173 Princeton-Hightstown Road

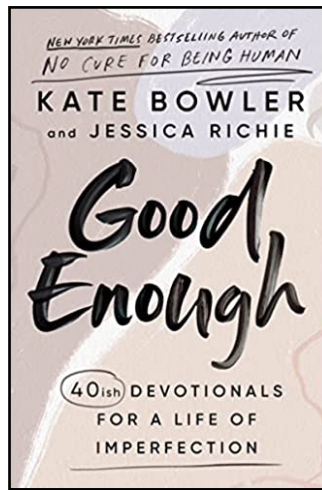
Princeton Junction, NJ

Parking at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

177 Princeton-Hightstown Road

Duration: Beginning March 6th through April 3. Drop-ins welcome.

Cost: FREE! Bring a bottle of wine or snack to share and a copy of the book.



Sunday Sabbath:
A Good Enough Lent

An online opportunity
based on Kate Bowler's book

Good Enough

Led by Pastor Dale Selover

Sundays in Lent
March 6 – April 3
11:00 am.

RSVP at hnd@popnj.org to receive a zoom invitation

While not necessary, to add to your Lenten experience you are invited to purchase Kate's book *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*, or copy the following link into your browser to download

Bowler's Lenten devotional *A Good Enough Lent*:

<https://katebowler.com/lent/>



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Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

Monday- Friday 9 am to 1 pm
