

January 2018



## Worship in January

*Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am*

### **Sunday, January 7**

*Baptism of Our Lord*

*The Seriousness of Baptism*

### **Sunday, January 14**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*Come and See*

### **January 21**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

*The Call of Peter, Andrew,*

*James, and John*

### **January 28**

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

*Casting out Unclean Spirits!*

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## January Events

### **January 4**

*Book Group*

### **January 6**

*Epiphany Dinner Church*

### **January 7**

*Immigration Today Workshop*

### **January 14 & 21**

*The Reason for God*

*Pastor Class*

### **January 8, 15, 22, 29**

*Joyful Stitchers, Lounge*

### **January 28**

*Annual Meeting*

## *A New Hope*

Many of you will remember Wes and Jess Cain. They were Princeton Seminary students who attended Prince of Peace in the early portion of this decade. I spent many Sunday nights dining with them and others from our congregation for our weekly *Theology on Tap*, where we discussed theology and current events over a beer or two. The Cain family now lives in Texas with their now three children! And both Wes and Jess are actively working pastors in separate congregations (UMC churches).

Around Christmas, I got into an interesting discussion with Wes and friends on social media over the new Star Wars movie, *The Last Jedi*. I promise I won't spoil anything, but there's a part in the movie where Luke Skywalker is providing guidance to young Rey, who seeks to learn more about *the force*. And, the teaching Luke provides Rey sparked a wider discussion of theological corollaries in not only Star Wars but of many epic tales including *Harry Potter*, *Lord of the Rings*, *The Odyssey*, *Superman comics*, *the X-Men*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and so on.

Then, in *The Atlantic*, I read an article just two days ago about spiritual and religious undertones in the new movie. It's an interesting read. The thing that has always impressed me about the writing in the Star Wars movies is that the analogies to religion are so universal that people from many different faith traditions can understand and incorporate *the force* into their own understanding of divine power.

Besides the sheer enjoyment of the visuals and the acting, and beyond the predictably superlative music score by John Williams, I enjoyed a deeper and more mature look at these fundamental themes of good and evil — how even the strong can be affected; how the 'light' is heightened with hope, selflessness, humility, and grace; and how the 'dark' (especially in this latest movie) lives in ego, arrogance, vanity, and presumption.

In this new year, we are now in the early portion of our annual 'Jesus' Earthly Journey' story. During these first days of increasing light, I wish you good tidings of great joy, a happy new year, and a new hope to stay in the light side of the force!

— Peace, Doug

*Heartfelt thanks to all who helped make Prince of Peace's Christmas services so beautiful: musicians, worship assistants, tree decorators, contributors of poinsettias, altar preparers, and all who worshipped.*



*Tidings*, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to [loismcase@gmail.com](mailto:loismcase@gmail.com).

***Deadline for the February issue is Sunday, January 28***

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### Music Schedule

**January 6**

*Rachel New*

**January 7**

*Rachel New*

**January 14**

*Rachel Tyler*

**January 21**

*Adult Choir*

**January 28**

*Adult Choir*

# January Events

## Book Group Meets January 4th

At the home of Ginny Moore  
24 Terrapin Lane, Mercerville  
Please RSVP to [ginnymoore@gmail.com](mailto:ginnymoore@gmail.com) or call 890-1929

### *In Order to Live* – by Yeonmi Park



Life in North Korea is grim but Yeonmi, her sister and her mother are able to survive when Yeonmi's father resorts to trading on the black-market. Their world comes crashing down, however, when he is arrested, imprisoned and tortured. In desperation, 13 year old Yeonmi and her mother arrange to be smuggled across the border into China. At this point, Yeonmi weighs a mere 60 pounds and is suffering from a botched appendectomy. She and her mother hope for a better life and to find Yeonmi's sister who left for China before them. A true story.

## February 8th

Location TBA

### *Lilac Girls* – by Martha Hall Kelly

In this novel WWII is re-examined from the point-of-view of three different women. Caroline, a New York socialite working for the French consulate, finds her world changed when Hitler invades Poland and then sets his sights on France. Meanwhile, Kasia, a Polish teenager, works as a courier for the Polish underground. Finally, Herta, an ambitious young German doctor, accepts a government medical position and finds herself among Nazi doctors and their disturbing ideology. The lives of these three women collide when Kasia is sent to a concentration camp. A powerful story with a fresh perspective.



Book Group usually meets the first Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome.

If interested, please contact Phyllis Church at 799-0723 or [p.church@mindspring.com](mailto:p.church@mindspring.com)

## Epiphany to be Celebrated at Dinner Church on January 6

A special Epiphany Dinner Church worship service will be held on Saturday, January 6 in the Community Room.

The service begins at 6 pm with worshippers preparing the meal and setting up tables and ends after clean-up.

The candlelit service includes a liturgy of Word and Sacrament around the table.

## *The Book of Dialogue* Meets January 6 & 20 from 3 to 5 pm

In the first two of four sessions of a program designed for students, participants will come together to discuss the principles of equality and mutual respect. They will have the chance to write their own messages about what change they hope for. The messages will be compiled into *The Book of Dialogue*.

Sessions are also scheduled for February 10th and March 3rd from 3 to 5 pm. All take place at the West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road and are sponsored by La Convivencia.

## Immigration Workshop Coming on January 7

A community dialogue on *Immigration Today* will be held in Prince of Peace's Community Hall on January 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The presentation will include a discussion on U.S. immigration policy and its impact on local communities.

Presenters will include Fatima Mughal, Ayesha Hamilton, Esq (West Windsor Councilwoman), West Windsor Police Chief Robert Garofalo, Dr. Jasmine Ueng-McHale, and Adriana Abizadeh, Executive Director of the Latin American Legal Defense Fund.

Refreshments will include a chocolate fountain.

The program is co-sponsored by Prince of Peace and La Convivencia.

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## More January Events

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### Joyful Stitchers Resume January 8th

All are invited to join the Joyful Stitchers in January as they continue to work in various service projects. We're also looking forward to learning how to crochet in January. Kathy Morris will be working with us at the evening sessions to get us off to a good start!

All are welcome to join us to learn how to crochet or knit or to bring a current project and just sit and chat.

Stitching days alternate between Monday afternoons at 1:00 and Monday evenings at 6:30 in the lounge. We are continuing work on scarves, hats, mittens, and baby blankets to send to Santa Rosa in California, where the community there has been greatly impacted by the wild fires with many families losing everything.

The group has a number of ongoing projects, including hats, headbands, and lap blankets for cancer patients, and, for more experienced knitters, tiny little hats for preemies. We're also making *Mats for Cats* — simple mats for new kittens which we donate to a local animal rescue shelter.

For those who would like to learn to knit, Prayer Cloths are a perfect first project. We'll get you started with yarn and needles and give you all the help you need to continue. All are welcome to drop in. Bente Ott, Kate Chen, and Ellie Crawford are experienced knitters and Kathy Morris is an experienced crocheter and all are happy to help anyone learn.

Our Monday schedule for January:

January 8th at 1:00

January 15th at 6:30

January 22nd at 6:30

January 29th at 1:00.

If you're new to the Stitchers and would like instruction, please contact Kate Chen at [kcmchen@comcast.net](mailto:kcmchen@comcast.net).

### Pastor Class Begins January 14

Starting January 14, Pastor Froehlke will lead a discussion on *The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller. Keller is a Presbyterian pastor serving in New York City. He has been very successful in reaching millennials in the city.

*The Reason for God* is a Christian apology as Keller addresses such topics as science, evil, multiculturalism, and orthodoxy. Join us on January 14 and 21 during the education hour.

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### *The Human Library* Begins Dialogue Series at WW Library on January 14

La Convivencia and the West Windsor Library are hosting three sessions designed to bring diverse people together to share thoughts and bridge differences.

The conversations will take place from 2 to 4 pm on three Sundays — January 14; February 17; and April 8 — at the West Windsor Public Library, 333 North Post Road.

All ages are welcome. Participants are encouraged to be 'books' for each other by sharing personal stories about their lives, perspectives, cultures, or religions. Interactive workshops and presentations will also be organized.

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### Personal Care Products to be Packed on Martin Luther King Day of Service

*Donations can be placed in the box on the front porch of The House Next Door*

La Convivencia, the West Windsor Arts Council, and the African-American Parent Support Group are inviting the West Windsor community to a Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The event is from 9 am to 12 pm on Monday, January 15 at the West Windsor Arts Council, 952 Alexander Road.

Donations of personal care products will be packed and delivered to Arm in Arm to benefit families and individuals.

The aim of the event is to bring communities together through service in order to build strong relationships and create the 'beloved and inclusive community' that Dr. King envisioned.

Participants can sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/martin-luther-king-jr-day-of-service-tickets-41214517732>



*The results of the work of Nancy Herrington and Abbey Aymes can be seen in this photo of rooms 4 & 5. The folding room divider and wall cabinets have been removed and the walls scraped, cleaned, and spackled. All is ready for painting and carpeting.*

### **Many Thanks to Abbey Aymes and Nancy Herrington . . .**

. . . who have kicked off the project of renovating the church classrooms with the formidable project of preparing Rooms 4 & 5 for painting.

The project included removing remnants of many, many picture hangers from the walls, taking down and recycling the old shelves and cabinets, and removing, cutting up, and disposing of the large (and very heavy) folding room divider.

The next phase of the project is to put together a plan for decorating the rooms. Prince of Peace member and owner of Elegant Interiors, Sabrina Teekah, is looking into carpets and paints and ways to make the rooms warm and inviting. She is also helping with contractors and bids.

Cherry Tree Club set aside some funds to help with renovating the rooms but some fundraising will need to be done to finish the project. More information will be available later this winter.

### **LSM Says Thank You for Christmas Gifts**

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the children we serve at Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey. You truly touched the hearts of the children, families, and LSMNJ staff with all the thoughtful gifts. You allowed us to make sure all the children we serve had smiles on their faces this Christmas. I hope you realize what a difference you make.

— Beth Gebhart, ED, Mission Advancement

### **Congregation Meets January 28**

On January 18 at 11am, members of Prince of Peace will convene for the congregation's annual meeting.

The agenda will include elections for congregational council, an update on the church's finances, and a vote on the annual budget.

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### **Coming in September**

#### *Hildegard von Bingen: A Reformer for Her Time, A Visionary for Today*

From September 9 to 18, Pastors Dale Selover and Kathleen Roney will lead a visit to the *Land of Hildegard von Bingen*.

Sponsored by Grace Ministries for Spiritual Development, the trip will include time in Bingen and hike through surrounding areas; a visit to the medieval herb garden at Hildegard Farm; a visit to the gemstone mines and museum connected to Hildegard's study of the medical uses of gemstones; visits to Mainz, Worms, and Heidelberg and a cruise on the Rhine; and the celebration in Eibingen of the life of Hildegard on September 17, the date of her death.

The cost of \$4379 includes transportation from Newark Liberty Airport, hotel accommodations, fees, tips, guide services, and breakfast and dinner daily.

The guide for the trip is Bernhard Selig, an experienced tour guide with Biblical Tours. He has led groups in the footsteps of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Huldrych Zwingli.

For more information, contact Pastor Dale at [dale.graceministries@gmail.com](mailto:dale.graceministries@gmail.com)



### **The January Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is *Salad Dressing***

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



## Parish Care Notes

***Now that Christmas is past and the New Year is here,  
The Boxes are coming! We need lots of help!  
We need help supplying, packing, and shipping the boxes!***

As we enjoy the twelve days of Christmas and prepare to celebrate Epiphany, it is time to look forward to February. A very favorite tradition for both the senders and receivers at Prince of Peace is the filling and shipping of care packages. We fill and send boxes with goodies, supplies, and treats to our young adults who are away at school.

Many years ago the boxes were a surprise, but now the college students know the boxes are coming and they are always 'surprised' to see how many goodies and surprises we can fit into the 8" x 8" x 12" box. This tradition started many, many years ago with just a few boxes and last year we sent 32 boxes.

The care packages contain a variety of goodies from home-made cookies and brownies, pens, post-its, candy, instant soups, hot chocolate packets, snacks, and many other things that make a student's life more enjoyable. The box reminds them and their friends that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

The congregation donates the goodies to fill the boxes along with a few dollars to help with the cost of shipping; donations can be placed in the offering plate with *Valentine Boxes* noted in the memo section. Shipping last year averaged \$18 per box.

The goodies are collected at the church for several Sundays in January, then the boxes are packed and readied for shipping at the church and taken to the post office. By Valentine's Day our young adults away at school get a special package with lots of love and care from their church family.

So while you are out with you holiday returns and bargain hunting, remember we are soon filling

around thirty boxes with treats for those in school and living away from home. If you find some goodies, pick them up and bring them to the church.

Plan on baking some cookies, supplying some treats and donating money to help fill the boxes with lots of extra love, care, prayers, and goodies!

Things to be done:

- Names and shipping addresses of 2017-18 students are needed by Jan 21, 2018. Look in the gathering area for Parish Care's current listing. Add, correct, and delete as needed. This helps with our count of boxes to be filled and sent.
- Goodies to be collected in the gathering area until February 4th.
- Donations of money to help cover the cost of shipping can be put in the offering – note *Valentine Boxes* on donation.
- Boxes will be filled and readied for shipping on Monday, February 5, starting at 7:30 pm in the Gathering Area. Plan on coming to help fill the boxes. We start promptly.
- Boxes to be taken to the post office and UPS on Tuesday, February 6.

Also, anyone interested in taking on a larger role with this project, please let me know.

***Look for more details posted in the gathering area  
or contact Martha Winder 609-799-7280 or maw14jpw@aol.com***

# Parish Care Notes

## Ongoing Projects & Needs

### Care Notes

They are available in the breezeway to take as needed. Many Thanks to Chris Wethe for helping to restock our supply.

### Hope through Healing Grief Notes

These are mailings to families who have lost loved ones

### SPLASH and Growing in God's Love

These are mailings to families who have welcomed a new child into their lives.

They are available in the breezeway to take as needed. Many Thanks to Chris Wethe for helping to restock our supply.

### Meals

Prepare and provide a simple meal for a church family as needed. If you can prepare a simple meal when needed please let us know.

### Transportation Needs

Many thanks to those who have been providing rides to and from church. If you would like to help with some transportation needs, mostly on Sunday mornings along with a few weekdays for special errands, please let us know. Details will be provided.

### Prayer Squares & Prayer Cards

There are knitted Pocket Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards in the breezeway. They are there for you to take and share with someone.

### Interested in Making Soup or Cookies?

Anyone interested in baking cookies or making soup to share with others? Please let me know so we can plan a date, time and tasty treat to make and share.

## Standing Room Only At Caroling



*On December 17, after worship, about thirty members of Prince of Peace went caroling in the community. They sang carols, and distributed cards and a small gift to residents living at the Stonebridge Assisted Living Community.*

*The little gift of a package of pocket tissues, a cheery card with Merry Christmas, and many wonderful carols provided a great deal of joy and happiness to about seventy residents living at Stonebridge.*

*This is a gift to them from Prince of Peace that they remember and talk about for several weeks into the new year. All and all a wonderful gift for them and us.*

*Mark your calendars for next December and join in song.*

### Thank You - Thank You -Thank You

Many thanks to all the members who donated pocket tissues and wrote Merry Christmas messages in Christmas cards for the Community Caroling on December 17. The folks we caroled to greatly appreciate being remembered.

Thanks to David Jeedi, everyone received a Prince of Peace 2018 calendar. And thanks to the 30-some folks who shared their voices, time, and care. Thank you all for your contributions.

### To all folks who contributed 2018 Calendars

They have been taken to area senior living facilities for the residents. The activity directors were very grateful that we were thinking of their residents and said the calendars would be greatly appreciated and used. Many Thanks to Eleanor Bolge for suggesting this project. Watch for the collection box next year.

***If you know of anyone who should be included in any of our projects or if you would like to help with any of our projects, please contact Parish Care. We are always looking for folks to learn about and to help grow our Parish Care ministry.***

***Contact Martha Winder at 609-799-7280 or maw14ipw@aol.com for more details.***



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*Sunday Schedule*

Worship at 9:30 am  
Education Hour at 10:45 am

*Office Hours*

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 2 pm  
Friday — 9 am to Noon

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