



Worship in July

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, July 3

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Being a Guest as Opposed to a Host

Sunday, July 10

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Good Samaritan
& Presentation from
Labyrinth Arts Summer*

Sunday, July 17

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Jazz Service
Mary or Martha*

Sunday, July 24

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord's Prayer

Sunday, July 31

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Danger of Greed

Other July Events

Thursday, July 7

Book Group

See page 3 for more information

Sunday, July 10

Trip to Jazz Vespers in New York

See page 3 for more information

Sunday, July 31

Trenton Thunder Baseball

See pages 3 & 9 for more information

Comments from *Conversations with Pastor*

As summer kicks into high gear I finally completed my promised response to the *Conversations With Pastor* visits I made this winter. The written response was distributed in church on June 26th. It is also available on my pastor blog on our website. For this month's newsletter I include a few extra comments that stood out in these conversations. There is no particular order, and as you will see they are all over the map. But they are comments that have caused me to pause and think about how we participate in our life together.

I encourage you to read the written response and to comment on my blog. I'd love to hear your reaction to my response on these conversations. In the meantime let me know if any of these extra comments strike you. Great ministries often begin with comments such as these.

- Move the coffee pot. We make it too easy to leave church with the coffee pot in the corner.
- Do away with the budget. This one's radical and perhaps unpractical, but is there a radical way to rethink how we structure the church finances?
- Hold a congregational retreat.
- Be satisfied taking baby steps into new ministries.
- Send out a weekly email blast with church communications.
- Don't brand ourselves as an institution, but rather as the place to spread God's love.
- Don't throw everything away. (I like Phyllis Tickle who said every 500 years the church holds a rummage sale where they decide what to keep and what to get rid of.)
- Our mission is not build the church coffers.
- Utilize social media more.
- Have worship in the park.
- In our multicultural communities, name why Jesus still matters.
- We've left too much to the church staff.
- Light up the pulpit, it makes a big difference in our ability to hear.
- Parents in the community regret not having their children grow up in church.
- We need intensive prayer.
- Ministry trumps finances.
- Invite the AA groups to worship.
- Don't be too tied to an end result.
- Hold a healing service more often.

Time for Some Improvisation

When Charlie Frantz approached me earlier this year about starting up a jazz service at Prince of Peace, I was intrigued. I have been to traditional worship services and contemporary worship services, but I have never experienced a jazz service. As I started to think about how jazz music could fit within a worship service, it made more and more sense. Jazz is an open art form: it is designed to grow and explore, just as we are called to live as Christians. Jazz, as a genre of music, can blur the line of listener and player; it draws everyone in. As the folks at Saint Peter's in New York City say, Jazz 'sounds like God' because it reflects God's way of blurring lines; it draws people closer to God and to one another.

After meeting with others from church and discussing the possibilities, we decided to give it a go. We'll be offering five jazz services between now and the end of the year. The first is on Sunday morning, July 17.

If you attended Charlie and Margaret's wedding recently, then you may have gotten a sense of what a jazz service might be like. We're still ironing out the details for July 17, but some things to look for include eclectic readings (we may expand beyond just Biblical readings, offering spiritual poems, blessings, and other Biblical-based readings); special music (using the skill of the available players, we'll have anthems and special songs); and improvised hymns. This is the most different aspect for the congregation. We'll likely sing a verse or two of a hymn, and then the musicians will improvise on themes from the hymn itself...seeing where the spirit takes them. Improvisation is something that we all are called to do, every day—reacting to what we experience and see around, being open to how God is speaking to us. So, including improvisation in this type of service is centrally important.

We're planning a trip to Saint Peters in NYC to attend one of their Jazz Vespers services. We're going to go on July 10. The service is at 5:00 pm. We'll be carpooling, or you can just meet us there! The church (also an ELCA congregation) is at 54th and Lexington on the east side of midtown Manhattan.

Once we get to the fall, look for a jazz service every first Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm. Our planned services include September 11 (15-year memorial service); October 2 (World Communion Sunday); November 6 (All Saints); and December 4 (Advent). We hope that these alternative worship services will be appealing and spiritually fulfilling.

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 August issue is Sunday, July 24

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

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Kathy Nowak, Parish Administrator
Wendy Schutzer, Cherry Tree Club Director
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Dorothy Safranek, Financial Secretary

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Brandi Hebert
Nancy Herrington
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Melody Kronenberg
Kathy Morris
Martin Rexroad
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Newman Wilson
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Announcement: Summer Handbells

We'll have an intergenerational handbell ensemble offer an anthem in worship on July 31. If you're interested, please let Doug know. There will be one rehearsal in the week leading up to this Sunday. All ages welcome!

A Reminder . . .

. . . that Prince of Peace's expenses continue through the summer and your regular giving is important and appreciated.

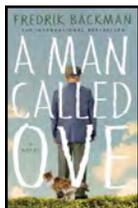
July Events

Book Group to Meet July 14th, 7:30 pm

At the home of Phyllis Church
11 Princeton Place, Princeton Junction
Please RSVP to 609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com

A Man Called Ove - Fredrik Backman

Saddened by his wife's death Ove, always an inflexible man, now rules the local neighborhood association with an iron hand, determined to be sure all the rules are followed to the letter. But this elderly curmudgeon's life changes for the better when a new family moves in next door. Eventually the reader finds that this grumpy old man has a heart of gold. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year' this novel by Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down.



— (Booklist, starred review).

*There is no Book Group in August.
The group will resume in September.
It meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
New members are always welcome.
If interested, please contact Phyllis Church
at 799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

Sign up by July 7 for Prince of Peace's Night at the Trenton Thunder

Order Form on Page 9

Join fellow Prince of Peacers for a night at the ball park with the New York Yankees' AA minor league team, The Trenton Thunder, on Sunday July 31 at 5 pm.

Tickets are \$8. We will be selling tickets in the narthex after worship on July 3.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is July 7.

Bring the family. Let Pastor Froehlke know if your children are interested in presenting the colors before the game.

Trip to Jazz Vespers at St. Peter's Lutheran in Manhattan Coming July 10

On Sunday, July 10 Prince of Peace is traveling to St. Peter's for their weekly Jazz Vesper's service at 5pm. Carpool(s) plan to leave around 3 pm from Prince of Peace. If you would like to go, speak to Pastor, Doug, or Charlie Frantz.

Reach for the Stars . . .

On the Christmas In July Giving Tree

During July, the Giving Tree will again be in the Gathering Area, decorated with stars to provide school supplies and disposable underwear for children in families served by Lutheran Social Ministries and Homefront.

Each red, white, and blue star indicates a needed item. Select one or more stars and replace each star with a red, white or blue ribbon. Bring the item(s), unwrapped, and place it/them under the tree by Sunday, July 31st. Thank you so much — for your gifts, and for returning the stars each year with your purchased items! — The Social Outreach Team

Jazz Service Coming July 17

As an outgrowth of the arts ministry/worship discussions, Prince of Peace is developing a jazz liturgy. The worship service on July 17 will provide an introduction to this rich worship tradition.

In addition, jazz vespers services will be held on September 11 and the first Sundays of October, November, and December at 5 pm.

All Invited to Picnic at Pastor's House

The congregation is invited to Pastor Froehlke's for a congregational picnic on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 4 pm. More details to follow in August. Mark your calendar.



July TASK Donation is Men's Deodorant

The Social Outreach team has designated men's deodorant as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the breezeway.

Congratulations, Shoppe Family!

Donation Deadline Extended Through End of July

Congratulations to J.T. Schoppe and the Schoppe Family who have been chosen as one of several recipients of the Shannon Daley Memorial Fund this year. The Shannon Daley Memorial Fund has extended the opportunity to help this family directly through the end of July.

Contributions can be made out to the *Shannon Daley Memorial Fund* (note J.T. Schoppe in the memo line) and mailed to

*Shannon Daley Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 1271
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889*

Or you can donate online at <http://www.shannonfund.org/donate.html>. Just type J.T. Schoppe in the online form. All contributions earmarked for J.T. will go directly to helping pay for his current and ongoing medical expenses. Please consider supporting this terrific organization and one of our congregational families.

The Shannon Daley Memorial Fund's mission is to help resident within a 30-mile radius of Readington Township who are facing financial difficulties due to a child facing serious illness. Since being established in January 2002, they have raised and distributed over \$1.6 million to more than sixty children and their families. This has been accomplished by the support and generosity of the many businesses and individuals in their communities who believe that they can make a difference in somebody's life.



Participants in the June 20-24 labyrinth arts workshop are shown seated on a canvas labyrinth. Clockwise from the top center: Nancy Herrington, Wendy Schutzer, Jennifer Krehel, Kate Krehel, Abby Aymes, Henry Aymes, Brandi Hebert, Eliana Hebert.

Update on Labyrinth Arts Workshop To Be Presented July 10

The fun and informative labyrinth program that ended on June 24th is culminating in a July 10th presentation at our church service. Testimonials, imagery and some recordings from the event will be shared.

Report on Labyrinth Fundraising

As of June 28, \$2345 has been donated. With matching funds, this brings total donations to \$4690, close to halfway to the goal of \$10,000.

If you would like to make a pledge or contribute outright to this project, please use the form on page 8.

Spiritual Formation Ministry Team Forming

New Members Welcome

Next Meeting: September 8, 7:30 pm

The Spiritual Formation Ministry Team had its first meeting on June 2 at the church house. One item on the agenda was to name the house.

The group also reviewed past and scheduled activities at the house. Past events include the Advent Quiet Days in December; several team meetings; a Prince of Peace congregational retreat; a Christ the King congregational retreat; regular individual spiritual counseling sessions; and a book group meeting.

Planned Prince of Peace events include Advent Quiet Days, Lenten Quiet Days, Women's Retreat, Congregational Retreat, Labyrinth Retreat, and

construction of the labyrinth and meditation garden. Three retreats by outside groups will also be held this year.

The group has plans to install a sign once a name is chosen, to put together a pamphlet about the ministry, and to create a webpage.

If you would like to join the Spiritual Formation team, contact Pastor Froehlke (pastorfroehlke@gmail.com) or just come to the meeting on September 8.

Prince of Peace Welcomes New Members

The Erick Family Raj, Noreen, Rejoske

We are from Delhi, India. We were born to Christian parents. We belong to CNI (Church of North India). We have three children and are blessed with two grandchildren.

God has blessed us in so many ways. We feel so blessed to be a part of Prince of Peace. We thank God for leading us here. It feels great being a part of this congregation. We love our pastor & our congregation. May God Bless our congregation and Pastor Froehlike.

— Thanks, the Erick Family

David Jeedi

I was born and raised in Andhra Pradesh State, India. Blessed to have been born to Christian Parents, who raised me in a traditional, loving, Devout Christian household. My Family belongs to Church of South India. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and I am currently working in Information Technology. I feel blessed to be part of this congregation.



The Weis Family David, Christine, Tommy, & Daniel

David and Kristin Weis live in Robbinsville with their two boys Tommy (6) and Danny (1½). David and Kristin are both graduates of The College of New Jersey in Ewing. David is a Control Systems Engineer and works for Thermosystems in East Windsor. Kristin is a stay at home mother and works part-time as a Mechanical Engineer for Altran in Bordentown. They have recently celebrated their twelfth anniversary and enjoy cooking, going to the beach and spending time with family. Tommy just finished Kindergarten at Sharon Elementary School and is also looking forward to spending time at the beach and starting Cub Scouts this summer. Danny enjoys doing whatever his big brother is doing.

Maryflora Samuel

My name is Maryflora Samuel and I work here in New Jersey as an Outsourcing Manager with Bristol Myers Squibb Company.



Born and raised in a Christian family in Mumbai, India, I completed my Masters in Microbiology in 2006.

We are a close knit family of six — my father is a retired Indian government employee, my mother a home-maker, two sisters and a brother. Our Lord in HIS wondrous ways has shaped our lives and blessed us immensely throughout our lives. I moved to USA in January 2015 to further my career within BMS through an intra-company transfer program. 2015 was a remarkable year for me as I learned driving, cooking, doing my laundry etc., which made me a more independent and responsible individual.

Through Jesus' guidance, I discovered PoP on my very first Sunday in this new land and continued to come here for worship. I would like to thank the congregation and the Pastor for being so warm and welcoming.

Harrison Werner



Harrison is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and went to Miami University of Ohio for his undergraduate degree, then went on to get a Masters of Architecture at Washington University in St. Louis. While at Washington University he spent a semester studying abroad in Helsinki, Finland.

He also had the opportunity through Lutheran Campus Ministry at Washington U to spend a week at the Taize monastic community.

Harrison graduated in December and moved to New Jersey to work at KSS Architects in Princeton.

He's getting married in October to Ginny Fulford. Ginny is a medical illustrator, also from Ohio. Harrison and Ginny met in college and will be married in Dayton then honeymoon in Ireland before returning to New Jersey.

Parish Care Notes



Mother-daughter team Allison and Dorothy Safranek were among those stuffing pillows for the New Jersey Synod's Servant Trip to Bosnia.

Rides Needed

Thank you to Sharon Ceragioli and Jim Winder for providing rides to our Sunday church service. If you would like to help with this ministry, please let us know. It is greatly appreciated by many.

Springtime Caroling

One of our education hours in May was taking our Prince of Peace care to many seniors in the community. It was a wonderful opportunity to see many seniors enjoy our singing of a few songs. We will be planning return visits in December and next spring. Plan on coming along, spending a few hours bringing much joy to many. No music training required — all ages, all voices welcomed. Only requirement: to show some Prince of Peace care and concern of others.

New Jersey Synod IST Bosnia 2016

Prince of Peace supported our synod's International Servant Trip this year with money, pillows, and decorated bags.

Our second offering on June 12 collected \$1578 which was being used to support one of the friendship camps.

Many thanks to Dorothy Safranek and her Girl Scout troop who organized the making of 24 friendship pillows. Dorothy arranged for Anne Patterson to prepare the star shapes and the troop (with a few other Prince of Peace members) spent a Friday evening in the fellowship hall sharing dinner and stuffing the pillows with a wooden star and filler. Diane Urbanek also prepared several pillows for the trip.

Several different groups from the church coordinated the decorating of tote bags that go on the trip to share with their new friends in Bosnia. Thank you to all for your support of this ministry.

High School Graduates

High school graduates were recognized at church in June. Congratulations on a job well done. As you prepare to move on with your new educational steps, make sure the church has an address for you at your new school. We do try to keep in touch with our young adults away at school throughout the year. — Martha Winder

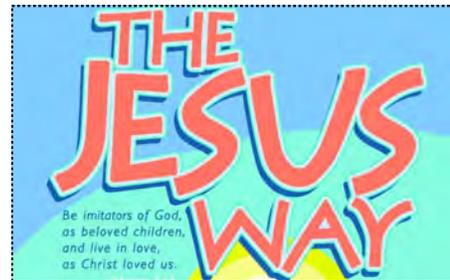
On-Line Directory Launches

Members and friends of Prince of Peace recently received an email announcing the church's new online directory with instructions about accessing it via computer and cell phone.

If you did not receive the email and would like to use the directory, please contact Kathy in the church office (609-799-1753 or kathynowak@popnj.org).

If you use the directory from a public computer, it is important to remember to log off at the end of your session. We believe our provider (ctrn) has good security but still think it's important to use the usual precautions when using public computers.

We hope you will find this to be a convenient and useful tool. We will also be publishing an updated hardcopy directory in the coming weeks.



Crossroads Summer Camp Offers Faith Development and Fun

It's not too late to join Camp Counselor Sara Froehlke at a Crossroads summer camp. If interested, visit <http://crossroadsretreat.com/summer-programs/>

The theme of the summer program is *The Jesus Way*:

We are called to follow Jesus and live like him — which is not always easy. We must be active disciples, watching Jesus, listening, learning, and of course, doing. Jesus tells us that we must take up our cross and be followers of him through love and service. In 2016, campers will learn to trust in God's promise as we feed, forgive, love, serve and pray... The Jesus Way.

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ Loved us. - Ephesians 5:1-2



A very healthy cabbage ready to be harvested.

Gardeners Meet Most Friday Afternoons & Saturday Mornings

As of late June The Peace Garden had sent about one hundred pounds of fresh, organic vegetables to local food pantries. Many thanks to Susan Crossen, Berta Schott, and Bente Ott for delivering.

Picking and tending of the vegetables usually happens on Fridays from 3 to 5 pm and Saturdays from 10 to noon. If you would like to be included in email updates about the schedule and activities, please email loismcase@gmail.com.

Information about and pictures from the garden can be found on the garden Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceGardenPrincetonJunction/>

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Windsor-Hightstown Area Ministerium

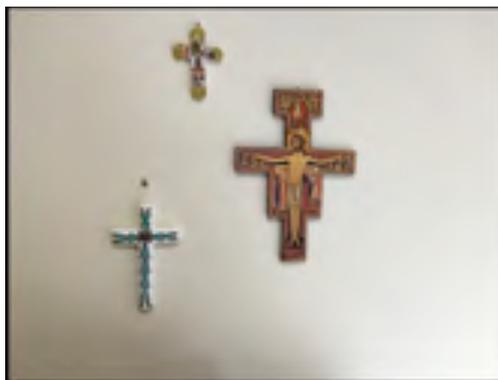


Shown above are members of the Windsor-Hightstown Area Ministerium. Pastor Froehlke meets regularly with this ecumenical group. Left to right: Rabbi Adena Blum, Temple Beth Chaim, West Windsor; Rabbi Eric Wisnia, Temple Beth Chaim, West Windsor; Rev. Lydia Posselt, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Windsor; Pastor Froehlke; Rev. Lisa Day, First Presbyterian, Hightstown; Rabbi Jay Kornsgold, Temple Beth El, East Windsor; Rev Bernard Fowler, Mount Olivet Baptist, Hightstown; Rev. Karin Mitchell, St. David's Episcopal, Cranbury

Help Fill Up the Cross Wall This Summer!

As you visit friends and family or travel to new destinations, both near and far, consider picking up a small cross in any form as a remembrance of those travels and donating it to the cross wall.

Located in the narthex on the far side of the lounge area near the window, this new cross wall offers an opportunity for congregants to create a tapestry of crosses that reflect our diverse heritage as Christians and our travels.



If you would like to donate a cross, please leave it in the church office with a note detailing where the cross is from and any other interesting information about it; or you can email the information to Brandi Hebert or Lois Case.

As the Cross Wall grows, we will incorporate it into activities developing our spiritual formation at the church.

God speed and safe travels this Summer Season!

The Labyrinth Project



Walking Life's Journey: Following the vote to begin fundraising for a labyrinth, Prince of Peace members had a chance to walk a full-sized replica of the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral. Many thanks to Nancy and David Herrington for making this possible.

As part of its developing Spiritual Formation ministry, Prince of Peace has initiated fundraising for a proposed Chartres-style labyrinth to be constructed in the area between the church and the newly renovated parsonage. Plans for the area are posted in the Gathering Area.

The labyrinth is designed as a permanent installation, fully graded with a concrete curb and paths of crushed white marble bordered by bricks complementing the brick siding on the church building. It is oriented so that, upon exiting, the labyrinth-walker will face the cross on the west wall of the church.

The costs below assume professional grading and concrete work as well as volunteer labor to define and fill the paths.

Funding the Labyrinth

The labyrinth is estimated to cost \$10,000. A matching funds donation of up to \$5000 has been received and a campaign is now underway to raise the remaining \$5000. If you would like to donate, please use the form below.

Labyrinth Donation Form

Name _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the labyrinth project by
_____ enclosing a check (made out to Prince of Peace with labyrinth in
the memo line)

OR

_____ pledging to donate \$ _____ per _____ for a period of _____

I would like to help with the construction. Please contact me at
_____ with information when work is scheduled.

Take Us Out to the Ball Game!

July 31, 5 pm

Deadline for Reserving Tickets is July 7



Tickets for Prince of Peace's trip to the Trenton Thunder baseball game on July 31st at 5 pm are now available; they cost \$8 each and include free ice cream.

Please use the form below to order. Orders can be sent to the office or placed in the offering plate.

If you have children who are interested in presenting the colors at the game, please let Pastor Froehlke know.

Trenton Thunder is a Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees. On July 31st they will be playing the Altoona Curve, the affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Thunder Baseball Ticket Order Form

*July 31st, 5 pm
\$8 per ticket*

Name _____

Number of Tickets _____

Payment enclosed _____

*Order form and check may be
sent to the church office or
placed in the offering plate.*

Deadline for ordering tickets is July 7



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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 2 pm
