

Tidings of Peace



July 2022



Worship in July

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30
In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Sunday, July 3

4th Sunday After Pentecost
Servant Leadership
A Lesson from Naaman

Sunday, July 10

5th Sunday After Pentecost
The Good Samaritan
PhD Candidate Henry Burt Preaching

Sunday, July 17

6th Sunday After Pentecost
Mary and Martha

Sunday, July 24

7th Sunday After Pentecost
Ask, Seek, and Knock

Sunday, July 31

8th Sunday After Pentecost
Bigger Barns

Also in July

Thursday, July 14

Book Group

Finding Rest For Our Souls

Church Council met on our back porch on June 21st. We did *Lectio Divina* for our opening devotions, an intentional reading of scripture. I chose Matthew 11:28-30.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

We met on the first day of summer and I took this as a clue to rest. How does the song go from Porgy and Bess? *Summertime, and the living is easy.*

Honestly, I think we all take ourselves too seriously, that solving the world's problems is up to me. Perhaps you have heard me share some advice a wise professor told my seminary class as we graduated, ready to change the world. 'Never take yourself too seriously, there is always somebody else to do your job.' This was not to say that we didn't matter or the church did not need the gifts we brought. It was just a reminder that success in the church is never up to me. God has the church under control, thank you very much.

You can say the same to wherever you are called. Yes, we all want to matter, and we do. Your efforts are noble and welcome. But probably there is someone else who can do your job. This is not humiliating; it is an invitation to find a little rest for your souls.

Summer is a great time to do just that.

In Christ,
Pastor Froehlke

Friendship Dinner

Twenty Prince of Peace community members had a memorable and heartwarming experience on the evening of Saturday, June 4th, as they got acquainted with our Turkish Community members who rent the Community Wing space every Saturday for their Turkish school.

The evening was a magical one filled with scrumptious Mediterranean food, a violin solo by a talented Turkish young adult, and a few keynote speeches and gift presentations by our generous hosts.

Cem Keskin, who oversees the Turkish School, is eager to co-sponsor more events with Prince of Peace Office Manager, Geeta, so that their Turkish Community can continue the friendship dialogue with our members.

Looking For Council Minutes?

Prince of Peace Congregational Council meeting minutes can be found on the maroon Church bulletin board in the Fellowship area outside the Church office window.

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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Rev. Dale Selover, Director of The House Next Door

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Con Sweeney

Elizabeth Wagner

David New, Secretary (non-voting)



Words of Gratitude from Vicar Kayla

I wanted to extend a personal thank you for all the ways you helped me celebrate the end of a meaningful two-year internship. From the bell choir's lovely sounds, to the delicious baked goods, the exquisite communion kit and labyrinth lap blanket, and to your overwhelming generosity expressed in cards, baby girl items, and gift cards for my family as we prepare for this new transition. Wow. I feel so abundantly grateful and blessed by you. Thank you, dear faith community. *Thank you!*



Thank you!

For Sprouting New Growth in Our Building

Once again the congregation has been generous – this time with the building fund. The Church Council is very grateful for the response. The fund currently stands at more than \$23,000. The Property Team has been surveying our properties and making plans. Contributions continue to be welcome. Please mark them *Special Building Fund*.



Update on the Winder's Stewardship Seeds

Martha Winder has sent a recent photo of the marigold seeds she and Jim received during the fall stewardship drive. They continue to thrive. Martha writes, 'Hope to have a bloom soon.'

July News

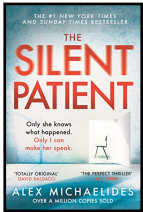
Book Group

*If interested in joining the book club,
please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com
Meetings will be held at 1:30 pm until further notice.*

Thursday, July 14

*1:30 pm in the Church Lounge
Participants are asked to bring a snack to share.*

The Silent Patient By Alex Michaelides



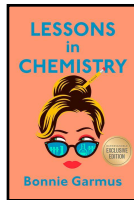
This murder mystery is told from the point of view of a psychotherapist who switches jobs so he can try to help Alicia, the silent patient of the title. Alicia is accused of shooting her husband in the face 6 years ago, and hasn't spoken since.

Thursday, August 11

*1:30 pm in the Church Lounge
Participants are asked to bring a snack to share.*

Lessons in Chemistry By Bonnie Garmus

A must-read debut! Meet Elizabeth Zott: a one-of-a-kind scientist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.



Confirmands



On Pentecost Sunday, the congregation was honored to confirm three new adult members of the ELCA. Shown here with Vicar Kayla and Pastor Peter, they are Jacob Grim, Lucy Gisasi, and John Durie.

Food and Clothing Still Needed

By St. Bart's

The Food Pantry at St. Bart's has been impacted by rising food costs and the decline of food donations from outside sources. Our contributions of non-perishables continue to be needed. Contributions of rice, beans, pasta, tuna and other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, and the like may be placed in the bins outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time. The Prince of Peace Peace Garden is providing fresh produce during the growing season.

St. Bart's can also still use clothing and small household items, which may be left in bags or boxes outside the white doors. Please note that St. Bart's is only taking **new** or **gently used** clothing. If you would not wear it, please do not donate it.

For monetary donations, make checks out to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and earmark for *St. Bart's Food Pantry*.

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

Berta Schott
for the Social Outreach Ministry Team



The July Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Men's Deodorant

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

House.Next Door News

The House Next Door Receives ELCA Grant Partners with Lutheran Social Ministries

Earlier this year, Beth Gebhart and Alison Lauck of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey invited Pastor Dale and the House Next Door to partner with LSM to provide care for pastors impacted by Hurricane Ida and the pandemic.

Together they have received a grant from the ELCA making this ministry possible. Throughout the next twelve months the House Next Door will be providing Prayer Circles, Individual Spiritual Direction, Group Direction and Retreats to pastors across our Synod.

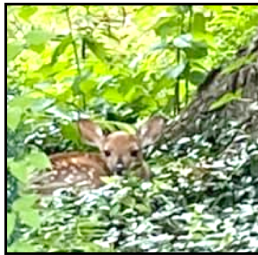
Please pray for this ministry and the pastors who will be blessed by it in the months ahead.

Three Retreats in June



The HND welcomed three congregations for retreats this June: the women of God's Love, Newtown; the women of Holy Trinity, Red Bank; and the Council of Abiding Presence, Ewing.

HND Garden Hosts New Life



Outdoor worshippers were surprised in June to find that a baby deer had been born in the outdoor worship area.

The fawn was later sighted hiding among the undergrowth in the House Next Door Garden.

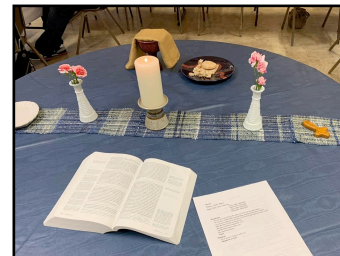
Partnership with Crossroads



This past year the House Next Door partnered with Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center to provide an intentional, Spirit-filled Gap Year for those in a time of discernment after graduating from high school.

Pictured here: Pastor Dale and Millie Quelly, former camper and now counselor at Cross Roads, as they experienced the Labyrinth together.

HND's First Dinner Church



Thanks to all who joined us for our first Dinner Church experience on June 26. As one of our youth shared, she loved the feeling of 'worshipping at home' and 'being with family.'

Watch for more opportunities to gather this fall!

World Holidays & Celebrations

July 2022



July, for many of us, is all about the summer bringing thoughts of beaches, picnics, or just getting away from it all. The big holidays many Americans think of are July 4th, France's Bastille Day on July 14th, and Canada Day for our neighbors to the north.

But there are other cultural and ethnic holidays, and observances which 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 oftentimes 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
7/1 - 31	The Niman Festival	Hopi Indians	The Hopi Indians celebrate the Niman Katchina (or Kachina) every July. The origin of this ceremony goes back to the Katchinas, who are their ancestral spirits.
7/4	Filipino-American Friendship Day	Filipino-American	Filipinos celebrate Filipino-American Friendship Day on July 4 th every year to mark their historical alliance with the U.S.
7/10	Eid al-Adha	Islam	Honors the willingness of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son Ismail (Ishmael) as an act of obedience to Allah's command.
7/18	Marine Day	Japan	A public holiday in Japan on the third Monday in July. It is a day for the island nation of Japan to show appreciation for the seas and oceans.
7/24	Birthday of Simon Bolivar	Venezuela, Bolivia	Celebrates the birthday of Simon Bolivar , a Venezuelan military and political leader, known colloquially as <i>El Libertador</i> , or the Liberator of America.
7/30	Friendship Day	Global	A holiday involving the celebration of friendships through a global holiday.

Con P. Sweeney

Racial Justice News — July 2022

A Busy End to the School Year, and We've Got Summer Reading Covered

In addition to planning for the fall, the Racial Justice Team was busy this past month viewing *Just Mercy* at our movie night; learning about our indigenous neighbors at the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape PowWow; volunteering for and attending the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum Juneteenth Reopening; worshipping with those of many faiths through the WHAM Juneteenth Worship Service; and attending the Princeton Parents for Black Children meeting with Dr. Carol Kelly, Superintendent, as their featured guest, to find out how we can support equity efforts in that school district— to name just a few events.



A young Lenape girl dances the traditional Shawl Dance at the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Powwow. The dance imitates the movements of a butterfly.

New Books Added to Library

This coming month we'll be learning along with you through Prince of Peace's ever growing Racial Justice Lending Library. We were blessed with many recent book donations, many from an anonymous donor (thank you, and we'd love to know who you are!).

Sign out one or more of these great new books or others from their new home in the narthex lounge bookshelf to continue learning about American history, a composite of the history of many cultures and races. New books (summaries mostly from Wikipedia and Google Books) include:

PowWow 2022 Reflection: Reuniting Our People, the program for the 41st Annual Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape PowWow June 11-12, 2022.

Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots by Deborah Feldman is a 2012 memoir. In the book, she documents her life in an ultra-religious Jewish community in Brooklyn, New York. The Netflix miniseries *Unorthodox* is loosely based on the book.

Little Known History Facts Booklet (Edition #18), publisher Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery & Traveling Exhibit. The booklet gives one-page explorations of interesting but mostly unknown parts of American History discovered by the founders of this Philadelphia museum.

All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, A Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles. This renowned historian traces a single object handed down through three generations of Black women, from slavery and into the twentieth century.

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson, is a historical study of the Great Migration by the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. The book was widely acclaimed by critics and was the focus of book studies during the New Jersey ELCA's Bishop's Challenge.

The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett is a fictional, multi-generational family saga set between the 1940s to the 1990s, centering on two light-skinned Black identical twin sisters in Louisiana who witnessed the lynching of their father in the 1940s. It was on most bestseller lists that year.

Just Mercy (DVD PG13) is a movie based on the true story told by lawyer Bryan Stevenson in his book about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix America's broken system of justice.

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche is a novel that tells the story of a young Nigerian woman, Ifemelu, who immigrated to the United States to attend university and finds that Black Africans are treated much differently in Africa and the U.S.

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Parish Care News— July 2022

*As we enjoy the summer, we continue to share our care with others.
If you know of someone who would enjoy some Prince of Peace care, please let us know.*

2022 High School Graduates and Others Who Are Away at School This Fall

Congratulations to our 2022 High School graduates. We are very proud of your accomplishment and look forward to your next adventures. Blessings to all. We keep in touch with our young adults away at school, so please share your contact information — mailing, shipping, and email addresses, along with your school — as soon as possible. Please send details to the church.

Keeping in Touch

We are asking for families or individuals who could help us keep in touch with folks who cannot always get to church. Dropping off a Sunday bulletin, making a phone call to see how things are, going to see someone to share a hello and prayer are just a few of the ways to help. Please think about a way that you can help to make their days much brighter. Details of who and where will be provided.

Sorting and Delivering Greeting Cards

Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Get well, etc.

The cards are being shared with local senior living residences. If you live near or visit a senior living residence and would be willing to drop off a packet of cards, please let me know. Also, if you can help sort and package the cards, let me know. We can schedule some time for sorting.

OMG!

It is only July and I received my first 2023 Calendar in the mail! We will be gathering these calendars this fall to share with our local senior residences. They were greatly appreciated last fall. So look for a box in the gathering area or breezeway to drop off your 2023 Calendars.

Care Notes, Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards

These are on the table in the breezeway. Please share with family, friends and others. Show folks your care.

Rides Needed

A few rides are needed periodically to appointments or some shopping. If you can help with a ride, please let me know. We can coordinate times as needed.

Summer Soup and Cookies

Those interested in gathering together to bake cookies or make soup, please let me know. We would like to have some baked goodies to share with our homebound members. If you are interested in baking or making something to share, please let me know so we can schedule a date.

Monthly Mailings

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 be included, please contact Parish Care.

*If you know of anyone to share our care with,
please contact us with details.*

Enjoy summer and take some time to Share some Prince of Peace Care with Others.

Watch for some over-the-summer POP-up projects.

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Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

Tuesday, 10 am to 2 pm
Wednesday, 11 am to 2 pm
