

Tidings of Peace



June 2022



Worship in June

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

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
The Rush of a Mighty Wind

Sunday, June 12

Holy Trinity Sunday
Vicar Kayla's Last Sunday
Hope Does Not Disappoint

Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Juneteenth Confession Emphasis
Father's Day
Recognition of Graduates
Love One Another as I Have Loved You

Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost
New Member Sunday
First Communion Sunday
The Fruit of the Spirit

Also in June

Saturday, June 4

Friendship Dinner

Thursday, June 9

Book Group

Thursday, June 12

Powwow Trip

Sunday, June 15

Juneteenth Service

Sunday, June 26

Dinner Church

A Final Note From Vicar Kayla

Dear PoP,

In my own devotional life I've been captivated by the story of God's directive for Elijah to stand on the mountain before the Lord. There, he saw the strong winds, the earthquake, and the fire, assuming God would have spoken to him in these acts as God had been known to do in the past. Rather, God was in the silence; Elijah had to listen (1 King 19).

These past two years of journeying together have been extraordinary. Together we learned how pre-pandemic patterns of fellowship had to shift into new practices that would continue to love one another through the illnesses that prevailed. Like Elijah, there was an invitation to listen anew to what the Spirit can do.

Along this journey of listening and growing, I've been reminded that the Spirit of the Living God is too strong and creative a force to put into our neat boxes. There were many times throughout my internship where I grieved not getting to rub elbows with you over coffee hour, shake hands during the passing of peace, and sing loudly without any fear of spreading covid. Yet in the opportunities we lost, there was still much to gain. I learned about your deep heart for racial justice over Zoom meetings, I saw you tend to the gardens which nourishes our neighbors in Trenton, and I was honored to worship with you in masks, outside, and online. I still saw what I would have seen in any other season: your love for one another and most importantly, how this love is from God.

As I leave my internship on June 12th, I'm taking with me many memories which I will always cherish. I will remember this time as one of learning together the power of God at work even amid challenging circumstances. I pray that as you continue to journey together, you will listen and trust what God is doing among you and within your community. No person in this community is more significant than another. Together, your gifts and passions represent the larger Body of Christ. Together, you are a witness to God's love.

I leave you with words from a prayer by Teilhard de Chardin:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. [...] Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you.

In Christ,
Vicar Kayla

Financial News

The Contribution Statements for the period 1/1/2022 through 4/30/2022 have been completed and are available in the narthex for you to pick up. Please review them for accuracy of your donations and your pledged amount. If you have any questions, or would like your statement mailed to your home, please contact Dorothy Safranek (Safranek5@verizon.net).

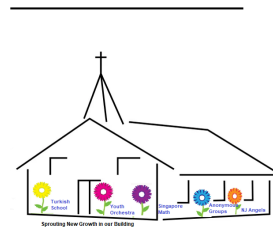
Statements are prepared three times a year (every four months) for your review. Please note that individuals who do not have an envelope number and have made a donation in the plate by check, will receive individual letters at year end to recognize their donations for the current year.

Electronic Giving Opportunities

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 routing numbers, 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 to church 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.



Sprouting New Growth in Our Building

We are seeing new blooms all around us – daffodils, forsythia, tulips, cherry blossoms, azaleas, and more. These are planted in order to enjoy the blossoms in the future. As a church, we also need to plan for the future blossoming of our mission. In addition to preaching the Word, serving the feast of bread & wine, and serving those in need, we also welcome our neighbors to use our facility for the good of the community. Our current users include AA, the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, the Turkish School, the Singapore Math School, music recitals, and hopefully more in the future.

Our facility and equipment is aging. The original building was finished in 1976 and the current sanctuary and offices in 1991. We need to take care of our buildings and grounds and that includes making sure that everything is working and in good repair. In order to do this, we need to plan ahead not only for regular maintenance but for the big jobs that will inevitably occur.

Therefore, you are invited to prayerfully consider offering a gift – either one-time or ongoing – to our Special Building Fund. We will be lifting up this part of our ministry during May. Contributions are welcome at any time. Please mark them *Special Building Fund*.

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 July issue is Sunday, June 26

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor

Rev. Dale Selover, Director of The House Next Door

Kayla Hopgood, Vicar

Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music

Victoria Chow, Church Musician

Geeta Telang, Office Manager

Dorothy Safranek, Financial Secretary

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Joan New (Vice President)

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Dorothy Safranek

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Con Sweeney

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David New, Secretary (non-voting)

June Events

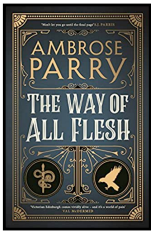
Book Group

*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, June 9

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

The Way of All Flesh By Ambrose Parry



This medical whodunit by a husband and wife team is set in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the late 1840s. The story revolves around Will Raven, the physician apprentice of the renowned obstetrician Dr. Simpson,

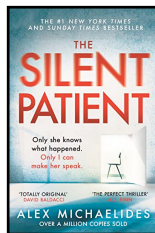
who pioneered the use of anesthesia during surgery, and the intrepid household maid, Sarah Fisher. It's a fascinating glimpse into the medical procedures and medicines of the time combined with a compelling murder mystery.

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.



RSVP for June 4th Friendship Dinner

RSVP Deadline June 1st

The Central Jersey Community Center, who run the Turkish School at Prince of Peace on Saturdays, has graciously invited church members and staff to a catered Friendship Dinner on Saturday, June 4th from 7 pm to 8:45 pm in the Community Room.

Come and meet or reconnect with your dear Prince of Peace friends for what promises to be a magical evening of scrumptious food, soft music, and a short presentation by our generous hosts.

This event is free to all church members. See the bulletin for signup information.

Confirmation Sunday

Pentecost Sunday, June 5th is Confirmation Sunday at Prince of Peace. We have four confirmands this year: Jake Grimm, John Durie, Lucy Giasi, and Diana Jorgensen. Confirmation will take place at the 9:30 service. Please join us in celebrating our young people as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Joyful Noise

Prince of Peace will begin a new worship experience in September called *Joyful Noise*. *Joyful Noise* is a service that reaches out to special needs children and their families.

On Sunday June 5th, during the education hour, Jess and Arundel Clarke will introduce *Joyful Noise* to Prince of Peace. The Clarkes were leaders of this worship at their previous congregation and are very excited to bring it to Prince of Peace.

The service will be held once a month on the third Sunday of the month in the early afternoon. Join us at 10:45 on June 5th to hear more about this worship experience.

More June Events

Juneteenth Service

The Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium will sponsor a Juneteenth worship service on Wednesday June 15th at 7:30 at Beth Chaim Synagogue in West Windsor.

Juneteenth is a commemoration of the end of slavery that started in Texas but has grown into an official recognition in the last few years. Join us at Beth Chaim on the 15th.

An online option will be available. Watch for how to join as we get closer to the date.

First Communion Sunday

June 26th is First Communion Sunday. Henry DeSanti Wagner and Emelie Contini will be receiving their First Communion. Join us as we celebrate our young people taking this important step in their faith journey.

New Members Sunday

On Sunday June 26th Prince of Peace will welcome two new members. Claudia Thompson and Carol Baldessari will officially join our congregation. Welcome Claudia and Carol.

Join us for Dinner Church

Sunday, June 26

5:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Jesus' ministry often involved bringing people together around a meal where bread was broken and community was formed.

Meals have always been central to church life. Our worship focuses upon God's meal of grace, Holy Communion; and an important part of church culture has always been potluck suppers and midweek Lenten soup suppers.

Dinner Church combines the two. Worshipers are invited for a meal where communion and the gospel are central.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful worship experience hosted by the House Next Door.

Please watch the weekly email and Sunday bulletin for sign-up information.

Vicar Kayla Sunday

Alas, Vicar Kayla's last Sunday is soon upon us. Sunday, June 12th will be Vicar Kayla's last day.

Please join us for worship at 8:30 or 9:30 as we thank Kayla for her two years at Prince of Peace and wish her Godspeed.

Vicar Kayla was approved for ordination in the ELCA by the New Jersey Synod Candidacy Committee on May 21st. Ordination currently is on hold as the Hopgoods prepare to welcome their second child this summer.

Plan to stay for a reception in honor of Vicar Kayla at 10:30 in the Community Room.

St. Bart's Has a Great Need for Food Donations Currently

Pastor Erich has let us know that food donations from outside sources have declined recently, and the Food Pantry is in need of non-perishables — rice, beans pasta, tuna and other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, and the like.

Your contributions may be placed in the bins outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time. Thankfully, fresh garden produce is beginning to be available, and the Peace Garden has already provided some produce.

St. Bart's can also still use clothing donations and small household items, which may be left in bags or boxes beside the food containers. To give monetary donations, make the check out to Prince of Peace and earmark it *St. Bart's Food Pantry*.

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

Berta Schott, for the Social Outreach Team



The June Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

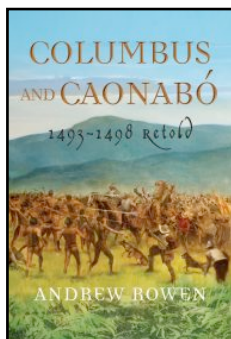
Shampoo

Please place donations in the wooden box in the breezeway.

Two New Books Added to Racial Justice Library

Columbus and Caonabo

By Andrew Rowen



In *Columbus and Caonabo* Andrew Rowen uses his extensive research to tell the story of Admiral Christobal Colon's experiences between 1493 and 1498. He includes scenes from the political powers in Europe and Haiti as well as the story of Bakako, a Taino (native Haitian) translator caught between the Europeans and his own people.

Caonabó is a real-life figure, as is his wife, Anacaona, who's still revered in Haitian folklore. Caonabó is a formidable enemy to the European invaders. Of all the Indigenous caciques (chiefs), he's the most determined to kick the 'pale men' off the island once and for all, while other caciques try to accommodate them to varying degrees.

Rowen's book is a formidable work of research, with a wealth of backmatter including a glossary and a list of historical sources.

The 1619 Project

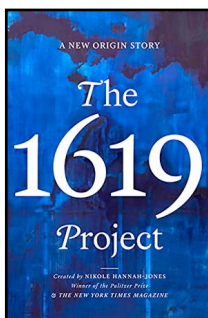
Created by Nikole Hannah-Jones and *The New York Times Magazine*

The 1619 Project is a book-length expansion of the *New York Times Magazine* issue that explores the history of slavery in America and its countless toxic consequences.

Famously denied tenure at the University of North Carolina for her critical journalism, Hannah-Jones sounds controversial notes at the start: There are no slaves but instead enslaved people, a term that "accurately conveys the condition without stripping the individual of his or her humanity," while the romantic *plantation* gives way to the more accurate terms *labor camp* and *forced labor camp*.

The 1619 Project was intended to introduce Black people into the mainstream narrative of American history as active agents. It may have been White people who enslaved them, but apart from the legal and constitutional paperwork, it was Black people who resisted and liberated themselves and others, from their very first arrival at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619 to the very present.

Hannah-Jones and colleagues consider a nation still wrestling with the outcomes of slavery, an incomplete Reconstruction, and a subsequent history of Jim Crow laws and



current legal efforts to disenfranchise Black voters. As she notes, the accompanying backlash has been vigorous, including attempted laws by the likes of Senator Tom Cotton to strip federal funds from schools that teach the 1619 Project or critical race theory.

Among numerous other topics, the narrative examines the thought that the American independence movement

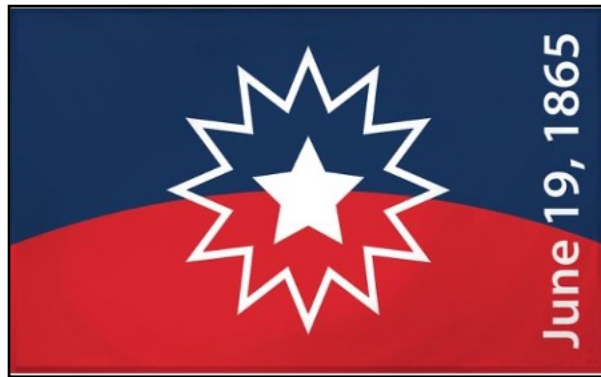
was fueled at least in part by the insistence on maintaining slavery as the Crown moved to abolition; the use of slavery to tamp down resistance among poor Whites whose functions were essentially the same as the enslaved but who, unlike Black people, were not considered property; the ongoing appropriation of Black music, which has 'midwived the only true integration this country has known,' as Wesley Morris writes, by a machine that perpetuates minstrelsy.

Those readers open to fresh and startling interpretations of history will find this book a comprehensive education. A much-needed book that stakes a solid place in a battlefield of ideas over America's past and present.

Adapted from *Kirkus Reviews*

World Holidays & Celebrations

June 2022



Juneteenth Flag

Juneteenth National Independence Day

June is the official start of summer and brings for many the end of the school year and commencements. While June has many ethnic holidays and celebrations, this month we focus on one in particular which is often overlooked — namely, Juneteenth, which commemorates the day word of the emancipation of enslaved people reached Texas after the American Civil War. The commemoration started in Texas but has become more widely celebrated in the last few years.

While the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in the Confederacy on January 1, 1863, many of them were not freed until Union troops finally crushed the rebellion permitting the manumission of those remaining enslaved.

Due to its remoteness from the Confederacy and because few Union troops were there, slaves were not freed in Texas until June 19, 1865 when Federal troops finally arrived.

General Gordon Granger, of the U.S. Army, issued General Order No. 3 at that time. This stated:

The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer.

And, with that order, the last slaves within the states of the Union were freed.

(The last enslaved people present in the continental United States were freed when the enslaved people held in the Indian Territories that had sided with the Confederacy were released in 1866.)

Juneteenth celebrations began in Galveston, Texas in 1866 and have been spreading across the country since then.

The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

*Con P. Sweeney
Racial Justice Team*

Property News

Property Projects

The newly formed property team is working hard to address the property concerns at Prince of Peace. We currently are addressing the parking lot, the drainage in the front roundabout, and the drainage issues around the entire building.

A host of other concerns are being addressed and the property team is currently prioritizing projects.

We had successful property day before Easter with more on the horizon as we continue to keep our property in good condition

Notes on Building Use From Geeta Telang, Office Manager

From Geeta AKA *PoP Hospitality Ambassador*: Great news! The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey have enjoyed our hospitality and space so much that they are renewing their contract for next fall.

Geeta has been spending a lot of time and effort to ensure that all our building users have a positive experience and feel well-supported. Current users include

Turkish School
Singapore Math,
Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey
Sanctuary rentals by 7 to 10 local instructors

Geeta is also planning for summer building use, including Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey and Victoria Chow summer camps.

News From the Peace and Cherry Tree Gardens



Mild spring weather and lots of rain produced a beautiful lettuce crop this year. Many thanks to the volunteer gardeners who nurtured it.

Gardening Schedule Changes

Because St Bart's has changed its food distribution schedule from Wednesdays to Fridays, the gardening team will now be harvesting on Fridays and tending to the garden on Tuesdays.

Start time for gardening is 9 am. We usually finish around 11 am.

Current garden volunteers are Dave & Lois Case; Jen DiGioia; Nancy Reyes; Shari Rexroad; Berta Schott; and community members Maggie Furniss, Fran Lalka, Nancy Nicosia, and Laura Proethke.

Racial Justice News — June 2022

Movie Night Well-Received What's Next from The Racial Justice Team?

Though Prince of Peace's Racial Justice Team has been very active for the past two years, we are very happy to be planning more in-person events. This past month marked the last part of the Bishop's Challenge as we sponsored a free night at the movies in our Community Room. Those who attended thought *Just Mercy* was well worth watching and the discussion that followed was intense and very beneficial.

Special thanks to the Duries for the equipment, and to Dave and Nancy Herrington, Tim Gjenvick, Con Sweeney, and Joan New for their work preparing for the evening. If you missed that event, you're in luck. The team purchased the DVD for the Lending Library so you can watch this true story about freeing wrongly incarcerated individuals and this too-frequent overwhelmingly racial injustice.

Pride Month

There are plenty more opportunities for you to learn more about the injustices in our society and what can be done about them. June is Pride Month and Robbinsville has two events you can attend to grow your awareness and show support for the LGBTQ+ community: Celebration of Pride is Saturday, June 4 from 2 to 4 pm at PJ's Pancake House and Tavern in Robbinsville. And a Pride Forum will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 pm on Zoom. Check your local listings for others.

Land Acknowledgement

Have you noticed the Land Acknowledgement added to Prince of Peace's website? This is just one of many ways we will focus on Indigenous People as we continue to display the orange banner in our sanctuary for the 225 days and to pray for the children found in mass graves at residential schools.

Upcoming Opportunities

June 11 Bus Tour to D.C.

New Jersey Synod Bus Trip to DC for the March for our Lives. Register by June 3. \$20/bus ticket including T-Shirt. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

Powwow Trip, June 12

The first in-person opportunity is POP TRIP to the Nanticoke Lenni Lenape Annual PowWow at Salem County Fairgrounds. Sign-up will start soon online and at church or through Nancy Reyes to join others as we travel together in carpools on June 12, right after church. <https://nlltribe.com/annual-pow-wow/>

Museum Opening Saturday, June 18

The Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum reopening Juneteenth celebration. The admission includes Aztec Dancers, activities, BBQ, museum tour, and more. Tickets are \$25/adult presale online (\$30 at door), \$10/child under 12 <https://www.ssaamuseum.org/>

Walking Tour

Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, October 2 for the Black History Walking Tour of Princeton led by Shirley Satterfield, resident historian, educator, and founder of the Witherspoon-Jackson Historical Society.

Next Meeting — June 7

More plans for the fall will continue at the next virtual team meeting on June 7, from 7 to 8:30. The team is truly interested in having diverse voices take part in this and other planning, so to join, contact Nancy Reyes at

nancyauerreyes@gmail.com

Parish Care News— June 2022

Sharing our POP Care with All

God's Blessings to our Confirmands.

John Durie, Diana Jorgensen, Jake Grim, and Lucy Giasi

Our usual ongoing monthly projects continue.

Monthly Mailings

Monthly mailings to families welcoming a new family member and families who have lost a loved one continue. We reach out to families who have welcomed a new child — newborn to 3-year-old — and to families who have lost a loved one. If you know a family to include, please contact us.

Care Notes, Prayer Cards, Knitted Prayer Squares

Care Notes, Prayer Cards and knitted Prayer Squares are in the breezeway. Please take and share.

Rides around the Area

As we are getting out and about more, a few rides are needed. If you can assist with some transportation to appointments or do a little shopping, let me know.

Congratulations to All our Graduates of 2022

We would all like to congratulate and celebrate your accomplishment. Please reach out to us and share details about your graduation and your future plans. We like to keep in touch as you move on to new adventures.

Organizing and Delivering Greeting Cards

We have gathered lots of greeting cards to share with the Senior Living Residences in the area. If you would like to help sort/deliver cards, please let me know. We could schedule a day to sort at church, or you could organize them at your home. Arrangements can be made to get them to you.

Join us at church in June, as we celebrate

Graduates, Fathers, and Kayla.

Watch for the details.

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, 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, 8 am to Noon

Thursday, 8 am to 10 am
