



Tidings of Peace

March 2022



Worship in March

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

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

For details, see page 5

Sunday, March 6

First Sunday in Lent
The Temptation of Christ

Sunday, March 13

Second Sunday in Lent
*Gathering Her Brood
Under Her Wings*

Sunday, March 20

Third Sunday in Lent
A Second Chance

Sunday, March 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Prodigal Son

Also in March

Tuesday, March 1

Faith in New Jersey Zoom

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

Sundays at 10:45 In Lent

Adult Class

See page 3 for details

Wednesdays in Lent, 7:30 pm

Holden Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 10

Book Group

Sunday, March 13

Property Gathering

Ashes: The Great Equalizer

One lesson from Willie James Jennings and his book, *The Christian Imagination, Theology and the Origins of Race*, is that white Northern European Christians are not the standard through whom God is known. Jennings traces the origins of racism to white Christians assuming privilege in God's revelation to the world.

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent mark our mortality. To hear that we are dust and to dust we shall return, reminds us that we are not the center of the world.

Recently I have heard that many are done with the pandemic. 'It is time to move on.' 'We have to learn to live with the virus.' 'It is time to reclaim our lives.' I say this myself. I am done wearing a mask. I am done staying home. I am ready to get back to living.

But just because I am ready doesn't mean you are ready, and it doesn't mean that it is wise to ditch the mask. All it reveals is the basic sin of assuming that I am the center of the world and the world should revolve around what I think is good for me.

Maybe it is time to move on and reclaim what we can of life pre-pandemic, but this decision is not mine alone to make, or yours. Selfishness is what has gotten us into this mess, just as selfishness got religion into trouble when white Christians assumed privilege in the colonial age.

Remembering our mortality is a good discipline to find our place in the world. Ashes are the great equalizer. In the end, we are mere dust. The greatest good is realized when we work together to meet the world's trials with Christ, and not me, at the center of the world.

— Pastor Froehle

Immediate Need for Food and Clothing at St. Bart's

Recently, both the Food Pantry and the Clothing Closet at St. Bart's have experienced a large number of people in need of food and clothing, so there is an urgent need to supply more food and clothing as soon as possible. Donations of non-perishables...rice, beans, pasta, tuna, canned vegetables and fruit, etc....may be placed in the bins outside the white doors near the Community Room. Bags of clothing may be left next to the bins. Thank you so much for responding to these needs as soon as possible. God's Work; Our Hands!

Appreciatively,
Berta Schott, for the Social Outreach Ministry Team

Lenten Offering for ELCA World Hunger

This year our Lenten offering is designated for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Through these offerings, we will be helping our sisters and brothers all over the world who are in need of daily sustenance, as well as getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

The ELCA reports that more than 820 million people are hungry. That's about 11% of the world population. Not only will the funds provide food for the hungry, they will also connect these people to resources they need to produce their own food, gain access to clean water, and provide education, health care, and sources of income for long-term sustainability.

Working through congregations, Lutheran churches overseas, The Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran World Relief, Bread for the World, and other partners, the ELCA is able to help provide such things as community meals, water wells, animal husbandry, microloans, and advocacy, to name a few. Through this comprehensive approach, the ELCA, using your gifts, works to address hunger and poverty from many angles, both domestically and globally.

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 April issue is Sunday, March 27

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlike, Pastor
Rev. Dale Selover, Director of The House Next Door
Kayla Hopgood, Vicar
Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music
Victoria Chow, Church Musician
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As is the tradition, our midweek Lenten offering will go to World Hunger. This year you will have numerous opportunities to support World Hunger. Please stop by our World Hunger Prayer Station located in the Gathering Area where you will have the opportunity to pray, give, and learn more about World Hunger. If you are unable to attend in-person worship or stop by the church during the week, please mail your offering to the Church Office or donate online.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. As Jesus has said, *Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.* — Matthew 25:40

Berta Schott, on behalf of The Social Outreach Ministry Team

Easter Food Bag Grocery Gift Cards And Greeting Cards for LSM/NJ Families and Seniors Needed

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ) has asked our congregation to help provide the means for Easter meals for their families and seniors who are in affordable housing. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our God-given gifts and to support our sisters and brothers throughout the state of New Jersey.

We will be collecting grocery store gift cards, checks, and Easter greeting cards to help meet this need. The suggested stores from which to buy food gift cards are Acme, ShopRite, Target, and Walmart. Any amount on the card(s) will be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to Prince of Peace and earmarked 'LSM/NJ Easter food bags.'

Greeting cards may be hand-made or store-bought. Home-made cards are an excellent way to include children in this endeavor and could also be a fun family activity. As many cards as you would like to contribute will be welcome. Grocery store gift cards, checks, and Easter greeting cards may be placed in the space provided at the World Hunger Prayer Station or mailed to the Church Office, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550. Monetary contributions may also be made on line through the Pay Pal/Credit card option on our website in the dropdown menu: 'LSM/NJ Easter food bags.' Additionally, there is an online donation page for this opportunity at the following link: <https://bit.ly/pop-easter-food-bags>

The deadline for receipts of everything is Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry, as well as in all the other ministries of which you are a part. As Jesus said, 'As you have done it to one of the least of these...' (Matthew 25:40)

—Berta Schott
For the Social Outreach Ministry Team

March 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.

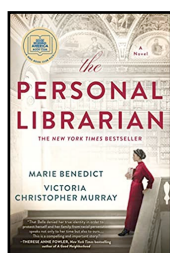
Thursday, March 10

1:30 pm in the Church Lounge
RSVP to Hostess Kathy M. at ksm1950@comcast.net
Or phone 609-443-6599

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.



Thursday, April 21, 1:30 pm

Please note later date to avoid Holy Week
Location to be Announced

The Last Thing He Told Me

By Laura Dave



The story revolves around Hannah, who moves to Sausalito, California to be with her new husband, Owen, a software engineer, and his 16-year-old daughter, Bailey. One day Owen disappears and Hannah receives a mysterious note that says simply 'Protect Her.' Hannah has no doubt he means her surly stepdaughter. She and Bailey then set out to find Owen only to discover the many secrets he has hidden from her. A thriller with twists and turns galore

Holden & Healing

Wednesday March 16th, 7:30 pm

Vicar Kayla will lead us in *Holden Evening Prayer* with a special time to receive an anointing of oil and blessing for healing.

Property Gathering

On Sunday March 13th at 10:45, Pastor Peter is gathering everyone who has an interest in maintaining our property.

Prince of Peace has been without a person or a committee overseeing our property for quite some time.

You will not be asked to be the Property Person at Prince of Peace. Neither will you be asked to serve on a Property Committee. Pastor simply needs a group to discuss property matters and guidance on how to proceed on various projects at the church. Join pastor in the Double Classroom after church on the 13th.

Adult Classes in Lent

On March 6th Pastor Peter will lead a discussion on the Orange Banner that hangs in the church to honor the memory of Indigenous children who died in Residential Schools in Canada and the US.

When Phyllis Webstad was 6 years old, she entered a Residential School and was stripped of a new orange shirt her grandmother had gifted to her that was never given back. Churches are asked to hang the orange banner to symbolize and repent from the church and school's administration that took away the Indigenous identity of the children in their care.

On March 13th Pastor Peter is inviting all to a property gathering to address the ongoing property needs at Prince of Peace.

On March 20th Dr. Paul Rorem will lead a discussion on the Lenten hymn, *Oh, Love, How Deep* (ELW 322).

On March 27th Pastor Peter will lead a discussion on *The Prodigal Son*, the gospel lesson for the day.

On April 3rd, Pastor Peter will lead a discussion on the Passion.

Thrivent Members — Important Reminder

Your financial products may build Choice Dollars during each calendar year but to donate them you have to do so by March 31 of each year through Thrivent.com. Need help? Contact your Thrivent representative or Nancy Reyes.

Remember: Notify the organization if you want it to go to a specific fund. Example: Donate to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Princeton Junction but email Geeta Telang or Greg Novak if you want it to go specifically toward House Next Door, Property Fund, Tree of Life Chapel, Bishop's Challenge Reparations Fund, Refugee Fund, etc. If you don't it will go in as general church income.



The March Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Canned Vegetarian Beans

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

Coming in April

500th Anniversary of *The Affair of the Sausages*

April 6

Join us for a special Wednesday evening of fellowship over some Reformation history and yes, you guessed it, sausages! A lesser known Reformation event, we'll remember reformer Huldrych Zwingli's advocacy for Christians to eat meat during the Lenten fast. This controversy is known to have launched the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland.



Philadelphia Trip

April 2, 2022

African American Museum Tour / Mask & Wig Club Tour

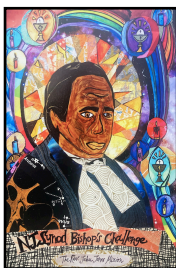
Join others in the New Jersey Synod in a visit to the African American Museum in Philadelphia to learn about the vibrant black communities of Philly at the turn of the 19th century.

Then the group will take a short walk for a guided tour at the Mask & Wig Club, originally built by the Rev. Jehu Jones as the first African American Lutheran Church in the United States.

Cost: \$25 for a round trip bus and museum ticket. Lunch is on your own. Buses will leave from Summit and Hamilton Square.

If traveling on your own, you can join the group at the museum at 10:15 and/or at the Mask & Wig at 1:15. You will still need to sign up for your museum ticket (\$9).

Register at the event site.



Lent: An Invitation to Return to God

Ash Wednesday, March 2

12:00-1:00 pm Individual Imposition of Ashes

Stop by midday to receive a blessing and the imposition of ashes

7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes – in person and livestream

Sundays in Lent

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion – in person

9:30 am Service of Holy Communion – in person and livestream

10:45 am Adult Education

March 6 – The Church and Indigenous Peoples with Pastor Froehlke

March 13 – Caring for Our Property with Pastor Froehlke

March 20 – *Oh, Love, How Deep*: A Study on Hymnody with Pastor Rorem

March 27 – The Prodigal Son: A Bible Study with Pastor Froehlke

April 3 – Reflecting on the Passion with Pastor Froehlke

Midweek Worship – Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

*If you have missed receiving the Sacrament, join us for this intimate gathering
as we worship using this beloved liturgy by Marty Haugen*

March 9 – Service of Holy Communion

March 16 – Service of Healing

Join Vicar Kayla and receive the anointing of oil and blessing for healing.

March 23 – Service of Holy Communion

March 30 – Service of Holy Communion

500th Anniversary of the Affair of the Sausages

Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 pm

Come for an evening of fellowship and food

as we remember the ‘sausage controversy’ that started the Reformation in Switzerland!

Passion Sunday, April 10

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion – in person and outdoors

9:30 am Service of Holy Communion – in person and livestream

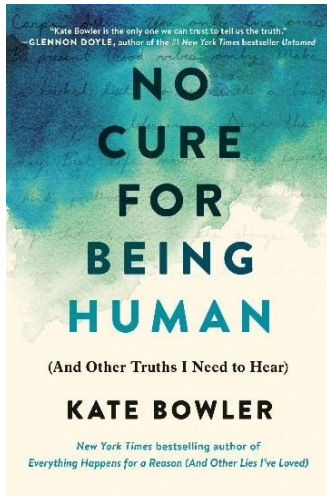
11:00 am — Passion Sunday Experience

*All are invited to this outdoor, family-friendly, interactive worship
as we experience the events of Holy Week*

1:00 pm Palm Sunday Procession at St. Bart’s, Trenton

Lent means spring ~ A time for renewal

Lent at the House Next Door



Wine & the Word:

A Lenten Book Club

on Kate Bowler's Book

“No Cure for Being Human”

Led by Pastors Christine Ruth & Dale Selover

Time: Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30pm

Duration: Beginning March 6th through April 3

Place: The House Next Door
173 Princeton-Hightstown Road
Princeton Junction, NJ

Parking: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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 a.m.

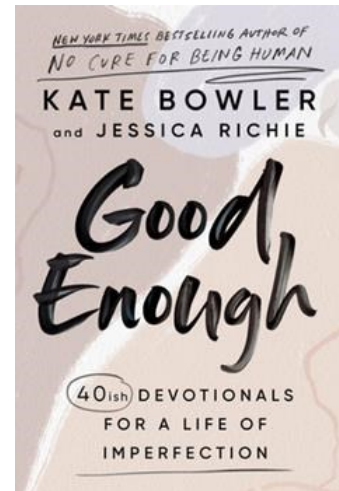
RSVP at hnd@popnj.org to receive a zoom invitation

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 download her Lenten devotional

“A Good Enough Lent” at katebowler.com/lent.



World Holidays & Celebrations

March 2022

March in the Western Christian tradition is usually associated with Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, the beginning of spring, and Saint Patrick's Day.

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.

Date	Holiday	Affiliation	Notes
March	Ethnic Equality Month	Inter'l.	This event is to honor the similarities that people have as well as acknowledge and respect the differences each of us has in regards to their traditions and values.
March	The Stick Dance	Native American	The Stick Dance is named after the spruce pole, which is the central symbol in this ceremony. The purpose of this ceremony is to help mourn the male members of the tribe who have died; and, give comfort and support to the grieving family members.
3/1	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	A Hindu festival celebrated annually in honor of the god Shiva.
3/16-17	Purim	Hebrew	A Jewish holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, an Achaemenid Persian Empire official who was planning to kill all the Jews in the empire, as told in the Book of Esther.
3/3	Dolls' Festival/Girls' Festival	Japan	Hinamatsuri is a religious holiday in Japan. Platforms covered with a red carpet—material are used to display a set of ornamental dolls representing the Emperor, Empress, attendants, and musicians in traditional court dress of the Heian period.
3/25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Inter'l.	Offers the opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system. The International Day also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice today.
3/31	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Inter'l.	An annual dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

Contributed by Con P. Sweeney

Racial Justice News — March 2022

You Did It, Prince of Peace!

You surpassed the Bishop's and our team Reparations Goal

The numbers aren't final yet, but members of Prince of Peace surpassed the Racial Justice Team's Bishop's Challenge Goal of \$3,750. Counted donations were over \$3,800 by the *Tidings* deadline, even without the \$250 the team designated from our budget. That means we will be sending over \$4,000 to the NJ Synod towards the Reparations Fund to help support educational programs for Lutherans of African Descent to build future leaders in the ELCA.

In February, many opportunities were available for Black History Month to help us learn more of the history mostly left out of our education including a book study with Bishop Tracie Bartholomew on *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson — a long nonfiction book but easy reading and very worthwhile/highly recommended to help you understand the Great Migration of southern Blacks after emancipation and Reconstruction.

Others went to art exhibits, webinars on the Amistad Commission that has developed a free curriculum and lessons to be incorporated into K-12 curriculum, and more. Hopefully you took advantage of those opportunities.

The team has also been following racial justice situations within the ELCA, writing letters of support and following Lutheran ethnic associations in their efforts.

Trip to Philadelphia Coming April 2

One more opportunity is coming soon. The Bishop's Challenge includes an April 2 trip to Philadelphia with others from the synod to see the African American Museum and the Wig and Mask Club, originally built as the church Jehu Jones lost because Lutherans didn't support it. Sign up at <https://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallengeevents> by March 25. The cost is only \$25 to ride on the bus or \$9 with your own transportation.

Meeting with Faith New Jersey

On March 1, the Racial Justice team and any interested members will be meeting with Faith in NJ for a zoom to help determine state and county-wide goals toward which faith communities can combine efforts.

Emphasis on Indigenous Peoples

The Racial Justice Team is also starting an emphasis on Indigenous Peoples and especially praying and learning about their losses when their children were forced into Residential Schools where they were often abused or killed, and at the very least stripped of their culture and language and family life. Watch for the Orange Banner prayer center and other ways to learn more in the coming months.

There's always more in the works. If you'd like to continue learning about Racial Justice History, a new calendar was recently added to our bulletin board or you can access that anytime on your own at calendar.eji.org.

As always, everyone is invited to join this team or share concerns or suggestions by contacting Nancy Reyes at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com.

Thank Yous



Thank you, Prince of Peace, for your generous donations to tackle hunger this Souper Bowl Sunday.

We collected \$435.00, along with a number of canned goods.

Your gifts will be distributed evenly between the feeding ministries of St. Bart's and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

Joining with caring communities throughout the nation, we

- + were one of 1,952 participants

- + collected a total of \$1,907,873

- + helped 1,723 charities

Thank you again for your generosity.

Dear Prince of Peace,

Thank you so much for the Valentines package. I enjoyed it a lot and appreciated it.

Best wishes,
Natasha Fidler

Dear Prince of Peace community,

Thank you all for such a generous gift package I received for Valentine's Day! I am hard at work at my studies at NYU and it was a delightful surprise to find at my doorstep! The home-baked goods were especially tasty! I wish you all the best! Thank you all so much!

Benny Jones, grandson of Bente Ott

Martha,

Thank you for the wonderful Valentine basket. I have been amazed at the goodies I am finding. They will provide many good things that I can use for quite a while.

Thank you.

Have a wonderful day!

Chris Wethe

Martha and POP members,

Thank you so much for sending me a Valentine's Day box! Every year these boxes get better and better! You guys are amazing packers, as this box was filled with so many fun goodies and treats, I don't know how you fit it all in! Thanks again for sending such delicious sweets, my roommates and I have been really enjoying them!

Thanks again,
Alex Morris

Dear PoP,

Thank you so much for thinking of me and sending me a valentine's care package.

It was very sweet of you to think of me during this time and send me so many treats.

I hope you all are doing well.

Thank you so much!

Hannah Froehlke

Dear Prince of Peace,

Thank you for the care package. It's always a highlight to receive your package at Valentine's Day. I always appreciate the home-baked goodies.

I hope to see everyone soon!

Love, Sara Froehlke

Pop family,

Thank you for the thoughtful gift bag, prayer and cheering me on through my illness. They are greatly appreciated.

Liz Zarillo



Spring can be a painful time to navigate the death of a loved one. While the rest of the world is moving outside and celebrating Spring holidays like Easter and Passover, you're noticing an empty chair.

If you've lost a spouse, parent, child, or someone special in your life, join Marriage and Family Therapist and Grief Counselor, Christine Ruth, M.S. LMFT, for this brief, but informative grief seminar:

Christine Ruth, MS, LMFT has provided individual counseling and group support for 9 years through hospice bereavement services and through her own private practice.

A special welcome to friends and family members supporting those in grief.

“Managing Grief During the Holidays” Seminar
Thursday, April 7th from 10:30-12:00pm

In-person at The House Next Door

(173 Princeton-Hightstown Road)

OR

On-line Thursday, April 7th from 7:30-9:00pm (via Zoom)

Princeton Family Counseling Center

The House Next Door (next to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church)

173 Princeton-Hightstown Road

Princeton, Junction, NJ 08550

Space is limited. FREE (Suggested Donation \$20)

RSVP for a Zoom link or get more information at christineruth@niwotcounseling.com

or by calling 720-610-5290.

Parish Care News— March 2022

THANK YOU

*Even with COVID restrictions
All of your donations filled
12 boxes and 13 Valentine bags
with goodies and treats
All were Packed, Mailed, and Delivered*

The Parish Care Team would like to thank all the members and friends of Prince of Peace for their generous support of the Valentine Care boxes project.

We're sending much love and care to our students away at school and our Senior Valentines. When the package arrives via the USPS or personal delivery, our young adults and seniors are reminded that they are a part of our Church Family — even though they are not here with us weekly — and their friends get to see what it is like to have a Church Family.

On February 6th, 12 boxes and 13 Valentine bags were filled with lots of goodies and care. Some of the things filling the boxes were home-baked cookies, instant oatmeal packets, lots of different snacks and treats, pens, pencils, gum, hot chocolate, tea, popcorn, a sponge, a couple of baggies of candy (just to mention a few items). They were shipped to Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York and California from the Windsor post office on Monday morning. The boxes were all delivered by Thursday! All the Valentine bags to our 'Senior' students were delivered in person throughout the week. The quick visit was greatly appreciated by all.

Your donations of dollars allowed us to purchase all the treats for the boxes/bags. We had four folks working on Sunday afternoon figuring out how to get all the goodies in the boxes (about 7.5 pounds per box), taping them shut and making sure they all had addresses.

To Our Bakers: Many thanks for sharing your baking skills. We were lucky to have seven bakers this year. All of their treats looked very yummy. Thank You

Many thanks to those folks that helped to deliver bags and make the post office run. Greatly appreciated by our recipients and me. Look for thank you notes in this *Tidings* and posted outside the church office.

Save the date for this fun project; hopefully we will be back in the church non COVID style in 2023. Watch for dates and info early next year.

2023 Valentine Care Box/Bag project is most likely February. 5 & 6, 2023.

If you have interest in working on or coordinating this project please contact me.

Greeting Cards for Senior Residences

We have many cards that need to be sorted, packaged for delivery, and delivered to local Senior Residences. If you have time to help, let me know.

Transportation

We are in need of transportation to appointments, shopping and hopefully church. If you can help with driving please let me know. Thank you for your help.

Ongoing

Care Notes – Prayer Squares – Prayer Cards are available in the breezeway.

We continue with our monthly mailings to families with a new baby (*Splash*) and those who have lost a loved one (*Hope through Healing*).

*We are always looking for new folks
to be involved in our projects and
to help us with some new ideas.*

Please contact us with your interest.

*Hope we will be gathering together
soon to share a lot of care*

Martha Winder
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Website: popnj.org

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
