

May 2016

Worship in May

*Sunday Services at 9:30 am
Education Hour at 10:45 am*

Sunday, May 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Long Term Presence

Sunday, May 8

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Texts

Mother's Day

Looking Out, Not Up

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday

The Rush of a Mighty Wind

Sunday, May 22

Holy Trinity Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 29

Second Sunday after Pentecost

A Centurion's Faith

Getting Back to the Gospel of Luke

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 4

Book Group

See page 3 for more information

Saturday, May 7

Prescription Drug Drop-off

See page 3 for details

Saturday, June 4

Homeless Treasures Yard Sale

See page 9 for details

*See page 5 for information about
Christian Education and
Wonderful Wednesdays*

Change — The Holy Spirit's Nudge

Prince of Peace is journeying through change. Change is never easy as we seek the security of what was. In our own ways we mourn the loss of two services, the loss of a traditional Sunday School hour, and the loss of the usual Vacation Bible School week in the summer. But I believe energy is being directed to new ministries and new ways of being church that better respond to a changing church landscape.

I'm amazed over the planned Labyrinth Arts Program being planned for June 20-24 by our newly formed Arts Ministry under the leadership of Nancy Herrington. I'm looking forward to a proposed Jazz Vespers Worship Service at Prince of Peace. Charlie Frantz has begun conversation on what this could look like; perhaps once a month on Sunday evening. It is exciting to look at the plans for the proposed Labyrinth and Meditation Garden in back of the church and church house. These plans will soon be available to the congregation and we hope that the project will be approved by the congregation at our June 5th Congregational Meeting.

In addition, I look forward to planning next year's Christian Education Hour. This continues to unfold as we seek to offer effective educational experiences for all ages. Some highlights from this past year were our Worship Hike, our Stewardship Sunday, Christmas Caroling, and our Arts Ministry presentation. I am inviting the congregation to join me during the Christian Education Hour on May 8, for a discussion on how we can make this educational opportunity even better.

Yes, change; it's not easy, but often it is the Holy Spirit's nudge to follow the energy and move to new places that help us to be faithful in our witness as the church.

Pastor Froehlke

Do You Want S'More?

When we started the conversation about changing the worship schedule on Sunday mornings a little more than a year ago, one of the recurring bits of feedback was the desire for occasional different options for a worship experience.

This academic year, we've offered evening services during the season of Advent (midweek Vespers), the season of Lent (Holden Evening Prayer), and on the first Wednesday of each month. These first Wednesday evening services have centered on healing, prayer, meditation, Epiphany, etc. Because of this year's odd calendar...with Ash Wednesday happening so early in February, we haven't had a non-Holden midweek service since our Epiphany service on January 6!

For our last special midweek service of this academic year, I'd like to make a special invitation to all of you to join us. On the last Wonderful Wednesday of this year, May 4, we will be having an outdoor service on our church property. First, come to our Wonderful Wednesday dinner at 6:30pm. We will be eating in the fellowship hall, enjoying some hamburgers, hot dogs, and potluck side dishes. Then, probably around 7:15pm,

we'll go out onto the back lawn and gather around a fire pit for a short service. The worship's theme will be celebrating the conclusion of the academic year—lifting up our Confirmation students, the active children in our youth ensembles, our teachers, and all our students of all ages. We will hear a few passages from scripture, pray together, and sing some very familiar hymns and songs, accompanied by guitar (and maybe a few other instruments).

As we conclude the short worship service, we'll enjoy continued fellowship and a special dessert with the roasting of marshmallows (and the partaking of some s'mores) around the fire. I can think of no better way to connect with other congregants, enjoy a nice spring-time meal, enjoy the natural beauty of our church property, and to recognize the work and dedication of those involved in education than this congregation-wide event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please make plans to be with us. All are welcome!

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 June issue is Sunday, May 15

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Victoria Chow-Torres, Church Musician
Kathy Nowak, Parish Administrator
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Worship Ensemble Schedule

May 1

Adult Choir

May 8

Mother's Day

Kids of the Kingdom/Chimes of Worship/Celebration Singers

May 15

Pentecost

Adult Choir

May 22

Holy Trinity/Confirmation

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

May 29

Memorial Day Weekend

Victoria Chow-Torres

May Events

Confirmation Sunday Coming May 22

Confirmation Sunday is May 22, Holy Trinity Sunday. This year Jeanette Smith and Aubrianna Pfaltzgraff will be confirmed. Plan on worshipping with us on Confirmation Sunday and pray for these two young disciples as they step further into their faith journey. A special coffee hour is planned right after worship to honor Jeanette and Aubrianna.

Community-Wide Prescription Drug Drop Off on Saturday, May 7

Do you find that you have prescription drugs that you need to get rid of and don't know how? There will be a Prescription Drug Drop Off Day at the West Windsor Municipal Complex on Saturday, May 7, 2016, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Community members can bring their old and expired prescription drugs and dispose of them properly, with no questions asked. This event is for the general public, not for businesses or corporations. The items must be legal substances only, and they cannot be liquid, medical waste, syringes, or eyeglasses.

Why have such an event? One of the reasons is to give folks the opportunity to dispose of such medications properly and to let them know that drop off places are available. Another is to highlight the fact that for too many, drug addiction begins at home in our medicine cabinet. Properly disposing of no-longer-needed drugs helps to remove the temptation to overdose.

The Religious Leaders of West Windsor (RLWW), a cooperative, non-partisan partnership of all houses of religious worship committed to the well being of West Windsor, believe that working together for the good of our community is part of our responsibility. Prince of Peace is one of the participating religious communities in RLWW. In partnership with the West Windsor Police and the WW-Plainsboro Municipal Alliance, the RLWW is supporting this event as one of the ways to be involved in coordinating the resources that make such events a reality.

A brochure with more information is available on the table in the entryway.

Book Group to Meet May 12

At the home of Anne Patterson
8 Greenfield Drive South, Princeton Junction
Please RSVP at 799-8849 or annepatt@att.net

Me Before You - Jojo Moyes

Louisa, still in her twenties, takes a much needed job as companion to Will Traynor, a rich thrill-seeker millionaire now confined to a wheelchair after a serious accident. Bitter and acerbic, Will seriously tests her patience. Nevertheless she gamely struggles to create 'adventures' for him to give him a reason to continue living. He in turn encourages her to expand her world view. Emotionally wrenching!



June 9th

Location TBA

A Paris Apartment - Michelle Gable



April, a furniture appraiser for Sotheby's, is pleased to escape her unhappy marriage to evaluate the contents of a Paris apartment that has been shuttered since the end of WWII. The subject of a painting found in the apartment piques her interest when she discovers it is a portrait of Marthe de Florian, a famous courtesan from the Belle Epoque, a period of artistic and cultural refinement at the beginning of the 20th century. April goes on to read Marthe's letters and papers in her quest to learn more about this remarkable woman. Alternating chapters tell both April's and Marthe's story



Wednesday Away at Crossroads

May 4

Walking into Scripture

Rev Laurie Matarazzo

For more information, visit
crossroadsretreat.com

Rachel Kurtz Concert to Benefit Bosnia Trip

May 22, 4 pm

St. Paul, East Windsor

Rachel Kurtz has performed at the last three ELCA Youth Gatherings as well as around the world. She has brought her beautiful voice, laughter, and passion for global justice to many New Jersey Synod Youth Events over the years. This year she is joining our Bosnia IST on the Travel Team. To help build energy and excitement for the trip, and to just have a great evening of music and laughter, come to the Rachel Kurtz Concert on Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 pm. This concert is for all ages.

The concert will be held at St. Paul, East Windsor. A \$5 donation at the door is suggested and a free-will offering will be collected during the concert. An anonymous donor has pledged to match up to \$1,300, with the goal of fully sponsoring the Bosnia IST's Leptir Friendship Camp for children with disabilities.

— from *Jersey Jottings*
New Jersey Synod newsletter

Prince of Peace Spring Clothing Drive for the Rescue Mission of Trenton Coming in June

Mark your calendars and check your closets for new, or gently-used, clothing, linens, shoes, belts, scarves, and small household items that you no longer need. During the month of June, we will be collecting them for the Rescue Mission of Trenton. Everything donated will be used to benefit the Trenton community.

Donations are distributed free to clients in the Rescue Mission's emergency shelter, or to those who simply cannot pay anything. Donations are also resold in the Mission Thrift Store at very affordable prices. All of the proceeds go back to the continued operations of the Rescue Mission's social service programs.

So, let's help the Rescue Mission continue to provide needed services to those who need them. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Thanks for your part in this ministry!

The Prince of Peace Social Outreach Team



The trunk of Bente Ott's car on April 17, filled with canned food donations to be delivered to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

May TASK Donation is Barbecue Sauce

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

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen feeds those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons. For 30 ways to help TASK, visit trentonsoupkitchen.org.

LSS Says Thanks for Easter Baskets



Beth Gebhart, of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey has sent a thank you for the Easter baskets Prince of Peacers sent.

LSS distributed over 450 baskets, supplying all the children in their affordable housing and group homes. They were also able to give some to their seniors, who gave them to their grandchildren; to children impacted and still without homes because of Superstorm Sandy; to children who are waiting to be adopted; and to children they see through New Visions Homeless Day Shelter.

Parish Care Notes

Graduates

Spring is here and high school graduation is near; we are now looking for information on our 2016 high school graduates. If you are graduating this spring, please make sure we have some information about you – where you are graduating from and what you might be up to after graduation. Please leave the details with the church office or with the Parish Care Team.

Care Notes

Parish Care would like to thank Ginger Reiersen for her care and help with keeping the Care Note Display looking great. Care Notes are booklets with inspirational messages for many different life situations. They are displayed in the gathering area and are for folks to take and read and/or pass them along to others that might enjoy the message. I just recently needed to replenish our stock and if anyone is interested in helping with a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of the order, that would help our budget line greatly. For information or details, please ask myself or the church office.

Treats and Phone Calls

We are looking for some folks interested in baking cookies or making soup to share with those in our church family that could use a little 'treat' in their life. If you have an interest in helping, let us know.

We are looking for a few folks willing to help make a few phone calls every four to six weeks to folks that have not been able to join us on Sunday mornings. They are calls to just share our POP care and concern.

Many thanks for all your care and support of our ministry.

Martha Winder
609-799-7280
maw14jpw@aol.com



Last Wonderful Wednesday of Spring May 5

5:30 to 6 pm

Joyful Noise (K-1st grade)
Chimes of Worship (2nd-5th grade)
PoP Tots (Newborns-4 years)

6 to 6:30 pm

Kids of the Kingdom (2nd-5th grade)
Celebration Ringers (6th grade-high school)
Celebration Singers (6th grade-high school)

6:30 to 7:15 pm

Burger/Hot Dog Cookout (\$5 contribution requested)

7:15 pm

Special Outdoor Campfire Worship

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on September 21.

Education Hour Calendar

May 1

Spring Caroling

Congregation-Wide Event

May 8

Honoring our Mothers Through Scripture

Pre-school to 5th Grade — Fellowship Hall

Conversation with Pastor

Year-end Review

Adults, Youth, Confirmation — Sanctuary

May 15

Pentecost Hike

Congregation-wide Event

May 22

Take the Bible Trivia Challenge

Congregation-Wide Event

Fellowship Hall

June 5

Congregational Meeting

Christian Education resumes in September

Submissions Requested for Photo Exhibition Featuring Labyrinths

As part of the program for the Labyrinth project, the congregation at POP is invited to submit up to five images for a photo exhibition that makes reference to the subject of labyrinths and the many symbolic associations with them. Mixed media photography is acceptable and encouraged.

If you are interested in submitting work, please notify Nancy Herrington first and she will email a document with some notes from several books that will help create a context in what type of symbolism and history is associated with labyrinths.

She will also supply detailed information as to how to submit your images via Pydio file-sharing software.



All ages are welcome to submit; submissions must be received by Sunday, May 22. Once the imagery is submitted, Nancy will select images that are most appropriate to the theme and ask that they be printed and delivered by June 5th for an exhibition to be held at Prince of Peace. No framing will be necessary. If you wish to offer your works for sale, all proceeds will be considered a donation for the labyrinth construction.

For more information contact Nancy Herrington at nancyherrington9@gmail.com

Council Accepts Matching Funds Gift to Finance Labyrinth

At its meeting on April 12, the Congregational Council accepted a gift of \$5,000 to be used in a matching funds drive to finance the proposed labyrinth in the space between the church house and the church.

The estimated cost of the labyrinth is just over \$10,000. The labyrinth and landscape design will be on display in the narthex and contributions towards the cost will be matched up to \$5,000 through the end of June.

The cost of landscaping the area has not been determined yet. The landscaping is designed to be developed in phases and to incorporate most of the existing native trees; crushed red stone pathways; deer- and rabbit-proof native plants; and seating areas. A walkway between the church and the church house is also included and will be financed by remaining church house renovation funds.

See pages 7 & 8 for information about the *Labyrinth Arts Ministry* program, another planned fundraiser to support the labyrinth/meditation garden project.



See page 9 for information about donating items to the

Homeless Treasures Yard Sale

To benefit The Cherry Tree Club

Labyrinth Arts Ministry Program *A Fundraiser for the Meditation Garden/Labyrinth Project*

Come discover the ancient mystery of labyrinths in a post-modern context. Art program participants will work together for five sessions to produce art in a collaborative environment with a labyrinth and spiritually-based theme. A focus on core components of sound, body movement, and the visual arts will result in a final day production of an original art performance piece. There is a limit of 30 participants for each day.

Three guest artists will participate in the project:

Lance Herrington

Lance is a video editor, animator, and designer based in New York City. He also manages a video production studio at Princeton University and is a graduate of the Film/Animation/Video program of the Rhode Island School of Design. Some examples of Lance's video, design and soundtrack work can be found on his web site: www.lanceherrington.tv

Juanita Yoder

For two decades, artist Juanita Yoder has painted large-scale installations on silk for liturgical, healthcare, and hospitality environments. She is formally trained as a painter with a B.A. in art from Goshen College, Indiana, and an M.A. from Eastern Illinois University. She also earned a teaching certificate from The College of

New Jersey. Yoder is a board member of the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space. Some examples of Juanita's artwork and more detailed bio can be found at her business web site: hillstream.com

Arielle Wortzel

Arielle is a certified teacher in Kripalu Yoga. She leads a range of beginner, gentle, and intermediate yoga classes. Additionally, Arielle is certified in a form of guided meditation know as Yoga Nidra, and a freeform conscious dance style called Journey Dance. Arielle uses yoga, meditation, and dance to form community, find her center, and feel embodied.

All proceeds from the program will be donated to the construction of the community labyrinth that is planned on Prince of Peace Lutheran Church property. A community-wide performance of the original art piece will be hosted on the site of the completed labyrinth during the labyrinth dedication ceremony.

See page 8 for a flyer and application form.

Two Special Thank You's

... To the Asian-Indian members of Prince of Peace who provided the congregation with a fabulous meal and excellent presentation on Early Christianity in India.

AND

...For help with early spring planting at the Peace Garden:

... To Linda Carlson's and Phyllis Church's Girl Scouts

... To Noel Hebert's Cub Scout Den 12

... To Berta Schott who got all the herbs planted.

Thank you all!

Stay tuned for more information on future planting dates and times.



Newman Wilson (standing) giving a presentation on Christianity in India. The room was surrounded by objects from Indian culture (like the saris seen in the back of this photo), and wonderful Indian food prepared by Asian Indian parishioners.



Scouts working in the garden on Saturday, March 16. They were great workers and completed all of the composting, planting, and trellis construction tasks.

The point of a maze is to find **its** center. The point of a LABYRINTH is to find **your** center.

LABYRINTH ARTS PROGRAM

JUNE 20-24, 9AM TO 12PM - AGES 12 & UP

Prince of Peace Church
177 Princeton-Hightstown Road
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550
609-799-1753

Recommended donation: \$150.00 for 5 morning program

Come discover the ancient mystery of labyrinths in a post-modern context. Art program participants will work together for five sessions to produce art in a collaborative environment with a labyrinth and spiritually-based theme. A focus on core components of sound, body movement, and the visual arts will result in a final day production of an original art performance piece. There is a limit of 30 participants for the program.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE PROGRAM WILL BE DONATED TO THE LABYRINTH CONSTRUCTION ON PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PROPERTY. Subsequent to its completion, a community-wide performance of the original art piece will be hosted at the site.

ARTIST GUIDES & INSTRUCTORS:

Nancy Herrington - Visual & Performance Artist www.nancyherrington.us
Lance Herrington - Video editor, animator & designer www.lanceherrington.tv
Juanita Yoder - Visual Artist www.hillstream.com
Brandi Hebert - Performance Artist
Arielle Wortzel - Dance and Body Movement Artist

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

AGE:

Please mail in your registration with your recommended donation of \$150 to **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550**. If you have any questions, please email Nancy Herrington at nancyherrington9@gmail.com or Brandi Hebert brandiandnoel@gmail.com

Seeking Donations for the 1st Annual

"Homeless Treasures"

Saturday

June 4, 2016

7am - 1pm

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
177 Princeton-Hightstown Road
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

Donations may be dropped off
at the church from

May 16 - June 3, 9am - 3pm

(signs on church property will guide drop-offs)



To Benefit

The Cherry Tree Club*

REQUESTED ITEMS

(clean, gently used, in working order with all parts and cords)

Baby Items	Jewelry	Small Electronics
Collectibles	Linens	Books, Records
Antiques, Art	Tools	Toys & Games
Household Items/Decor	CDs, DVDs	Small Appliances
Sporting Goods	Holiday Decorations	Rugs
	Small Furniture (eg. mirrors, nightstands, headboards)	
	Quality Adult & Children's Clothing (no stains or tears!)	

SORRY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT

TVs, VCRs	Large Appliances	Copiers
Magazines	Computers	Printers
Encyclopedias	Large Electronics	Child Car Seats/Cribs
Text Books	Office Equipment	Mattresses
Paints & Chemicals	Upholstered Furniture	

If you have a question or would like to volunteer, please email
Wendy Schutzer @ wlschutzer@aol.com.

*The Cherry Tree Club is a preschool for homeless and at-risk children of Mercer County, NJ. Its mission is to provide a high quality, free and accessible preschool program through a loving, nurturing, and safe environment that promotes healthy physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development. It is a collaborative effort of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and HomeFront.

Donations are tax deductible.

www.cherrytreeclub.org

www.popnj.org

www.homefrontnj.org



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First Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

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