



Tidings of Peace

May 2022

Practicing Resurrection

Our new logo is *Practicing Resurrection*. Here is the poem by Wendell Berry that inspired it. — Pastor Froehlike



Worship in May

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30

In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Sunday, May 1

First Sunday of Easter

Feed My Lambs

Sunday, May 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15

Third Sunday of Easter

Love One Another as I Have Loved You

Sunday, May 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled

Sunday, May 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

So That the World May Believe

That You Sent Me

Memorial Day Weekend

Also in May

Saturday, May 7

World Labyrinth Day

West Windsor Community Day

Thursday, May 12

Book Group

Thursday, May 20

Just Mercy Film & Discussion

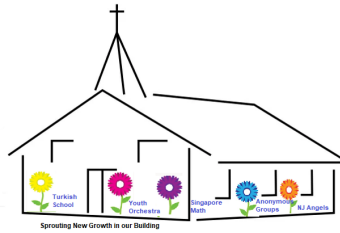
Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.
So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.
Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.

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Notice our logo got a Spring glow-up? Local designer Kiki Parry of Alternate Greetings chose this uplifting green and Lily in honor of our Easter season debut— Geeta

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 Princeton Youth Orchestra, 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*.

— The Church Council

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 29

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

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Geeta Telang, Office Manager
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Listen to carrion — put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not go cheap for power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

— Wendell Berry

May 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, May 12

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

Watermark: A Novel of the Middle Ages
By Vanitha Sankaram

Born an albino in Medieval France, Auda's tongue is cut off to prevent her from telling the 'devil's lies.' As the daughter of a papermaker, she finds solace in the written word and eventually masters her father's craft. When she gives voice to her feelings in poetry, however, both she and her father become victims of medieval superstition and the church's inquisition. Forced to flee, Auda sets off on quest to discover love and a new sense of self worth.

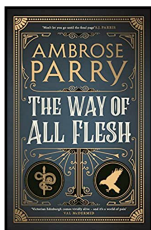


Thursday, June 9

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

The Way of All Flesh
By Ambrose Parry

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



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.

New Jersey Synod Assembly

The New Jersey Synod Assembly is scheduled for May 6-7. Pastors Peter and Dale, Tim Gjenvick and Joan New will be our voting members.

Food and Clothing Still Needed by St. Bart's

Please continue to donate food and clothing to St. Bart's, as the need for both is still great.

Donations of non-perishables —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. Bags/ boxes of clothing may be left next to the bins.

St. Bart's can also use small household items, which may be left with the other donated items.

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

Berta Schott,
for the Social Outreach Ministry Team
and St. Bart's



The May Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Barbecue Sauce

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



World Labyrinth Day 2022

A global celebration of the labyrinth on the first Saturday in May

Saturday May 7

Gather at 11:30 • Drum Circle at Noon • Walk as One at 1 pm.

At the Labyrinth at the House Next Door

173 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

*Please park at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
177 Princeton-Hightstown Road*

The Labyrinth at the House Next Door is an 11-circuit Chartres labyrinth listed on the International Labyrinth Registry. It is easily accessible from sunrise to sundown for the purpose of meditation, relaxation, and spiritual discernment. Up-to-date information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/HouseNextDoorNJ/>. Snacks available.

Live in peace – Walk in harmony – Breathe with awareness

*Note: The link above is not active. To get information about
World Labyrinth Day, use this link:*

<https://www.facebook.com/HouseNextDoorNJ/>

*Prince of Peace Racial Justice Team
Invites You to View the Film*



Friday, May 20, 2022, 7 - 9:30 pm
In the Community Room (white doors)
Discussion and Snacks Included
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
177 Princeton-Hightstown Road
Princeton Junction, NJ

World Holidays & Celebrations

May 2022

May brings spring and the promise of summer. For many Americans, there are only two major holidays on the calendar, Mother's Day and Memorial 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
5/1 - 31	Haitian Heritage Month	Haiti	A nationally recognized month celebrated in May every year meant to celebrate the vibrant culture, distinct art, delectable cuisine, and to get to know people of Haitian origin.
5/1 - 31	Jewish-American Heritage Month	Jewish	An annual recognition and celebration of American Jews' achievements and contributions to the United States of America during the month of May.
5/1 - 31	National Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Asia South Pacific	A period for the duration of the month of May for recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.
5/1 - 31	South Asian American Heritage Month	South Asia	A month-long celebration in United Kingdom to celebrate the heritage of people with roots in the South Asian countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives.
5/1	International Workers' Day	Global	A celebration of laborers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labor movement and occurs every year on May Day (5/1).
5/3	Eid al-Fitr	Islam	Marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan .
5/5	Cinco de Mayo	Mexico	An annual celebration held which commemorates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.
5/5	Children's Day	Japan	A Japanese national holiday which takes place annually and is the final celebration in Golden Week . It is a day set aside to respect children's personalities and to celebrate their happiness.
5/28 - 30	The Ute Bear Dance	Native American	The Ute Bear Dance is performed every Spring, around late May or June by the Ute Indians of Colorado. The purposes are for mating, courtship, and to celebrate the arrival of spring, as well as an opportunity to get together and celebrate.

*Contributed by Con P. Sweeney
Racial Justice Team*

Palm Sunday Peace March Against Gun Violence

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank all the people that showed up to our Peace Walk on Sunday! And for those of you that couldn't, I know that you were there with us in spirit and supporting from wherever you found yourself on Sunday afternoon!

We came together and prayed in both the Christian and Islamic faith traditions to honor our ancestors who have lost their lives. We were witness to powerful testimonies from the families of those that were lost and held space for one another as a community. I am so grateful to have been a part of such a powerful moment with powerful people.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Pastor Erich Kussman

St. Bartholomew Lutheran, Trenton



Racial Justice News — May 2022

Save the Date! Friday May 20 ... and more from your Racial Justice Team

Movie Night: *Just Mercy*

Your Racial Justice Team is working on giving you more opportunities to learn and to advocate for BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) during the coming months. Be on the lookout for details on May 20 Movie Night. On that night you can view *Just Mercy* with others from Prince of Peace and the community to think more about working toward racial justice and follow up on our learning about mass incarceration. Join us in the Community Room for a viewing of *Just Mercy*, and bring your friends. Light movie snacks will be available (free) as we come together to learn more about restorative justice and mass incarceration. This event is appropriate for teens and adults. After viewing the movie, we'll break into small groups for a discussion of the injustice of the past and how we might be a part of the change in the future.

Bishop's Challenge

The Bishop's Challenge for this past year is almost over. Prince of Peace's donations for reparations were actually \$5,155, even more than reported last month. In addition to those funds to support people of color, most likely Black Lutherans going into the ministry through ELCA, we sent in a quilt square made by Shari Rexroad to be included in the New Jersey Synod quilt at the upcoming assembly.

Several members attended the trip to the Philadelphia African American Museum and also heard a speaker from the Lest We Forget Slavery Museum. Look for the latest addition to the Racial Justice Lending Library, a book of Little Known History Facts Booklet, which came from that museum, for many facts that are related to our everyday life which came out of slavery; how Wall

Street got its name; the origin of the phrase 'Corner the market' and much more.

Indigenous Peoples

Keep an eye out for more opportunities to learn about Indigenous People as we continue to lift up prayers in honor and memory of those killed in the government sanctioned and church-run residential schools which many indigenous children were forced to attend.

More Resources

Several resources were sent out this past month.

Remember to set aside two hours on Sunday, May 1 from 2 to 4 pm to watch the important film *Fighting Indians*. Register to view and discuss at

www.coalitionofnativesandallies.org

In addition, you are encouraged to check these resources:

- -The Trent House Museum website for recordings of past webinars including
 - *Ties that Bind: the Nanticoke and Lenape Language and Revitalization*. Other great programs are available there.
 - *Remaining Native Documentary* is about an indigenous runner and how he is trying to raise awareness of the mass graves found at residential schools:

<https://www.remainingnatedocumentary.com>

As always, you are welcome to join the Racial Justice Team. We usually meet virtually on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30. Contact Nancy Reyes to be added to the email list and/or join us at our next meeting May 3. Nancy can send you a zoom invitation.

Parish Care News— May 2022

*It is Amazing that April has gone by so quickly.
We are thankful for a Beautiful Easter Season.*

Monthly Mailings

As May begins we continue with our monthly mailings — *Splash* (to families with infants to 3 yr olds); *Hope through Healing* (to families who have lost loved ones); weekly Sunday bulletins. If you would like to include someone please let us know.

Easter Wishes

Easter wishes were mailed to our homebound/senior resident church family. Thank you to folks that were able to include a message.

Greeting Cards

We have gathered greeting cards to distribute to several senior residences in the area. This a great way to share all the greeting cards that you receive in the mail. If you can help sort and/or deliver a package of cards to the residences, please let me know.

Graduates

Spring is here and we are thinking about confirmation and graduations.

We will be honoring our graduates in June. If you are graduating this spring, please share 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.

Confirmation Class Gallery

We are setting up a picture gallery of our confirmation classes, past, recent, and current. Please share photos of our past confirmation classes with us for this project. Pictures will be digitized and returned. Thank you for your help with our gathering.

Care Notes, Prayer Square, Pocket Prayer Cards

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.

There are knitted prayer squares and pocket prayer cards in the breezeway. Please share with others. If you would like any of these materials, arrangements can be made to pick them up.

Transportation Needs

If you can help with getting folks to and fro, please let me know.

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

*Martha Winder
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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
