

November 2015

Worship in November

Sunday Services at 9:30 am

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Sunday

For All the Saints

*We will name the saints of our lives
who have died in the past year*

Sunday, November 8

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Giving Our All

The widow gave her last penny.

Sunday, November 15

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Temple Falling Down

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday

The Alpha and Omega

Sunday, November 29

Advent I

The Kingdom is Near

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesdays Away at Crossroads

The Spiritual Practice of Being

Sunday, November 8

Youth Service Event

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Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18

Wonderful Wednesdays

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Book Group

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Blessing of the Church House

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

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December 11 & 17

Advent Quiet Days

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A Time for Gathering In

Sunday November 1 we turn back the clocks. I know I'm weird but I like it. I find the darkness comforting at an early hour. And, being a morning person, I appreciate the light when I awake.

What is it that attracts me to sundown before most of us are even home from work?

While I'm at it, I also like the barren trees. I like the cooler weather. And, can I say this? I also like that first snow; though please, not too early in November, and only a trace to whiten the ground.

November drives us inward. We need a time to hunker down. We need a time to gather in, both the harvest and our thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Brown Taylor has written a book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. She notes that darkness in scripture is often associated with fear and evil. But she also makes the point that God usually shows up in the night.

Maybe that's what I like. In November I don't have to wait until 3 am. Maybe God will show up before I even go to bed. Then, I can still get a good night's sleep and give thanks for the sunrise; refreshed to live in the new day that God has granted.

— Pastor Froehlke

Christian Education for November

Sundays after Worship

November 1

Talking About Death and Funerals

Special Guest Dawn Selover, Funeral Director with Saul Funeral Home

November 8

Children: *Old Testament Hero: Ruth*

Confirmation Class: *The Commandments* led by Kyle Kirchhoff, Seminarian

Adults: *Being Mortal*

A discussion led by pastor on aging and end-of-life decisions

November 15

Children: *Old Testament Hero: Hannah*

Confirmation Class: *The Bible*, led by Kyle Kirchhoff, Seminarian

Adults: *Being Mortal*

A discussion led by Pastor on aging and end-of-life decisions

November 22

Church House Dedication

November 29

Advent Wreath Making

Pastor Conversation with Asian Indian Members

An Exercise in Faith

Earlier this week, Wendy Schutzer made an off-hand comment in our Nightingale Bells rehearsal. We were discussing the coming schedule of pot-luck meals that would be happening at the church.

On Reformation Sunday, we had a pot-luck brunch to celebrate not only the Reformation but the culmination of our Stewardship campaign. Then, the following Wednesday, we had our first Wonderful Wednesday *Chili Cookoff*. On the first Wednesday of November, we again will have a potluck dinner in advance of our midweek monthly worship service, this month focusing on healing.

I was expressing my concern over how many pot-lucks in a row we had scheduled. Wendy replied, 'Well, a pot-luck is a great example of having faith.' I was taken by her comment. It's true, really: when we have a pot-luck meal, we have faith that those that attend will contribute

accordingly and that there will be enough for all. And it seems to always work out!

As we culminate our stewardship campaign and look toward our plans for ministry in 2016, we similarly exercise our faith. We put our trust in God; we put our trust in each other; and we put our hopes and best aspirations up front, seeking the positive, seeking a vibrant and active community of faith in which we can personally be empowered and in which we can make a difference.

As November comes to a close, we will again celebrate Thanksgiving. But, as we too often fail to realize, we have much for which we can be thankful every single day. As it comes to being a part of a Lutheran church, one of those thankful attributes is the 'pot-luck meal.'

— 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 December issue is Wednesday, November 18

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Wednesday Night Worship

On November 4, we will have our second community potluck and midweek worship service of the fall. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area for the potluck. The service is planned to be an intimate worship setting, focusing on healing.

The next midweek service and potluck will be on December 2, as we start our midweek Advent services and Casserole dinners. We hope you'll make plans to participate in our Wednesday evening activities. All ages are welcome for dinner every week!

Worship Ensemble Schedule

November 1

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

November 8

PoP Philharmonic

November 15

Adult Choir/Celebration Ringers

November 22

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

November 29

Adult Choir

November Events

Healing Service Scheduled

Wednesday, November 4th, 7:30 pm

The midweek worship for November will be a healing service. This is a powerful service where the power of divine presence is invoked through prayer and laying of hands at the altar for all who suffer illness of body, mind, or soul, or who struggle with ongoing difficulties. Prayers for yourself are encouraged as are prayers for loved ones, friends, our congregation, the community and beyond. Join us in the sanctuary at 7:30.

Hello All Youth Group Members!

If we haven't met yet, I am Kyle Kirchhoff, the seminary intern at Prince of Peace. Y'all are invited to Prince of Peace on November 8th to help pack boxes for our soldiers overseas from 6 to 8 pm. In addition to supporting the brave men and women overseas, this will be an opportunity for us to get to know one another and plan future youth group events and outreach. If you need any other incentives for coming outside of supporting those who protect us and talking with some great people, Prince of Peace will also be providing dinner.

Coming To The Book Group November 12

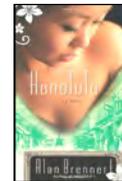
7:30 pm

At the home of Bente Ott
47 Gordon Way, Princeton

Please R.S.V.P. to benteott@gmail.com or 683-8363

Honolulu by Alan Brennert

Regret, a young Korean girl living in the early 20th century, agrees to become a mail order bride to a fellow countryman in Hawaii, hopeful that she will be able to get an education there. Her husband turns out to be a drunken lout, but Regret's courage and resolve allows her to eventually rise above her circumstances. Spanning more than four decades, Regret's story is also the story of Hawaii as it slowly transitions from a U.S. territory to the fiftieth state.



Coming December 10

Book Group Christmas Party and Dinner

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

*The book Group meets at 7:30 pm on
the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.*

We welcome new members at any time.

Questions? Please call Phyllis Church at 799-1793.

Two Ecumenical Thanksgiving Events

Interfaith Luncheon

The Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Luncheon, hosted each year by the Institute of Islamic Studies, will be held at St. David the King Catholic Church on Sunday, November 22. Registration starts at 1:00 pm, with the program beginning at 1:45 pm. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jihad Turk, who will discuss *Standing Together for Peace and Harmony in Our Communities*. The luncheon will commence at 2:30 pm, with the program expected to conclude around 4:00 pm. St. David the King is located at 1 New Village Road in West Windsor.

These Interfaith Thanksgiving programs have been bringing Muslim, Jewish, and Christian people of faith together for the past ten years. This event is open to all who would like to participate in this time of sharing, celebration, and growing appreciation for both our commonalities and differences. Several Prince of Peace members attended the luncheon at Beth Chaim last year, and it was a wonderful experience.

A signup sheet has been posted in the narthex. All those who plan to come are asked to sign up by Sunday, November 8, or to email Dave New at dnewhome@aol.com by November 9. We hope to see some of you there! — The Prince of Peace Social Outreach Team

Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

Pastor Froehlke to Preach

The Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium's annual ecumenical service of Thanksgiving is scheduled for Sunday November 22nd at the First Baptist Church in Hightstown at 7:00 pm.

Choir members are invited to sing in the mass choir at the service. Also, Pastor Froehlke requests your presence as he is the preacher for the service! Join us as we worship with neighbors from our different faith communities.

Clothing Drive Ends November 8

*Help Put Rescue Mission in
Guinness World Record Book*

The Prince of Peace Fall Clothing Drive for the Rescue Mission of Trenton will begin on Sunday, October 25 and will end on Sunday, November 8, 2015. There will be a large cardboard box in the narthex (near the coat racks) for your donations. Please bring your new, or gently-used, clothing, linens, and small household items and place them in, or next to, the box provided.

This year, the Rescue Mission is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its ministry. As one of the activities marking that milestone, the Rescue Mission is attempting to break the world record for the largest collection of clothing for donation/recycle, as listed in the Guinness World Records. Needed are 154,000 items of qualifying clothing, by November 15, the *official collection date*. Believe it or not, only used clothes will count toward the record; however, all of the usual donations will be gratefully accepted by the Rescue Mission. They will sort through all the items and get the count of those items that can be used toward the record. Everything donated will be reused and/or recycled to benefit the Trenton community.

Donations are distributed free to clients in their 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 break the record and continue to provide needed services to those who need them.

Thanks for your part in this ministry!

The Prince of Peace Social Outreach Team

Blessing of the Church House

Sunday, November 22

Immediately following the 9:30 am Service

After months of praying, planning, and preparing, the renovations of the Church House are complete. Melody Bromberg is moving in to the residence, as is Pastor Dale Selover and Living in Grace Ministries.

Please join us as we celebrate the completion of this project and ask God's blessings upon the ministry that will be housed there. The congregation is invited to tour the house and enjoy refreshments.

Growing our Connection with The Military

November 8th is Last Day to Contribute

Just a few days left to help fill the box with POP Care. In June we sent a large box of goodies to Nick Lally and his company stationed in Jordan. It took about a week for the box to arrive and all the goodies were greatly appreciated and shared amongst Nick's unit. We are sending another box for Thanksgiving and the Holidays. We are gathering goodies until November 8 to send another box of POP Care. Look for a box to fill in the gathering area. I would like to include some Thanksgiving items and notes of thanks from us to them for their service along with a few Holiday themed items. This should be a rather timely special treat from home, as most of them have had some time back home in the USA and have had to go back to Jordan for the holidays.

Some suggestions of what to include:

*Peanut Butter (plastic and not huge jars)
Crackers, Snack Crackers
Candy Treats (chocolate and non chocolate)
Protein Energy Bars
Hot Chocolate Packets, Tea Bags
Pens, Pencils, Puzzlebooks,
Snack Mix, Individual Wrapped Snacks, Cookies,
Chocolate Spread
Current Celebrity News Magazine
Any History Type Books
Anything You Think Might Be Enjoyed*

The box will be shipped November 12th. Help send along a lot of POP care and thanks and Holiday greetings to those who serve our country.



November TASK Donation is Mens Tube or Crew Socks

The Social Outreach team has designated men's tube or crew socks as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the breezeway.



Two Cherry Tree Club students carry the flag as they assist in honoring the military history of the new HomeFront campus on October 9.

New HomeFront Family Campus Opens, Pays Tribute to Military Past

As many of you may know, the HomeFront organization took ownership of a small Naval base at the corner of Scotch Road and I-95 in September, 2013. Their hope was to renovate the buildings on the 8.5-acre property in order to establish a new Family Campus where the homeless of Mercer County can seek shelter and obtain necessary social services, job training, and educational support, and to participate in life-affirming programs.

Renovation of the first building was completed and a Grand Opening took place on September 16. Over five hundred visitors from all walks of life celebrated this new village of healing and hope.

On October 9, HomeFront staff, community representatives, and military personnel took part in a smaller and more intimate ceremony to honor the military history of the site. The ceremony paid tribute to the men and women of the Navy and military corps who served at the facility over the many years that it served as a naval base. A flag was hoisted, and a new plaque dedicated to those military personnel who served there was unveiled.

The children of the Cherry Tree Club were delighted to attend the event, and two of the children assisted by carrying the folded American flag to the military men who raised it on the flag pole. They conscientiously completed their task, but perhaps had more fun breaking in the new on-site day care facility which will serve babies and toddlers up to 2 1/2 years of age.

Advent Quiet Days at the Church House

*Friday, December 11 and Thursday, December 17
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm*

In the busy-ness of the pre-Christmas season, treat yourself to some quiet time. Come catch your breath in our newly renovated Church House. The day is yours to do with as you please: Bring some knitting, read a book. Use this day to get out of the house or to stop in on your way home from shopping. Devotional books will be available, snacks will be served, and the tea kettle and coffee pot will be on. Come for an hour or stay for the day.

At 10:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30, we will pause for Prayer with those who have gathered.

Please be sure to invite a friend and extend this invitation to others who are caught up in the stress of the season.



Ten Boy Scouts and several of their parents joined eight high school students at a garden work day on October 16. Some of the Boy Scouts are shown here with their shovels atop the mulch pile. The mulch was donated by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society as part of its community gardens program.

*See page 8 for the
2015 Poinsettia Order Form*

Wonderful Wednesday Schedules

November's Wonderful Wednesdays

*November Wednesdays Include All Youth Ensembles
No Confirmation on November 11*

November 4

Potluck Dinner
Midweek Worship (Healing Service)

November 11

Pasta Night (\$5 donation requested)
Adult Class: Parable Study

November 18

Pizza Night (\$4 donation requested)
Confirmation Mentor Night (Block D)
Pastor's New Member Class

Wednesday Evening Schedule

5 to 6 pm

Confirmation

5:30 to 6 pm

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

6 to 6:40 pm

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

6:40 to 7:20 pm

Community Meal

7:30 to 8:30 pm

Adult Education or Worship

*A flyer describing all the fall Wonderful Wednesday offerings
is available in the narthex.*

Thank You's

I want to thank the congregation for recognizing and celebrating the 30th Anniversary of my ordination. As I said I can't believe I've been engaged in ordained ministry for 30 years. I've been blessed to serve three faithful congregations with wonderful staff and a commitment to engage in mission. I feel blessed to be called to Prince of Peace and on behalf of Dale, Sara, and Hannah, I thank you for our gifts. I look forward to seeing the banner.

— Pastor Froehlke



Meals on Wheels of Trenton/Ewing has sent thanks for Prince of Peace's donation of \$598. The funds will provide one hundred free meals delivered by a caring volunteer. Sara Olessi Montana, Executive Director, writes:

With the current economic challenges, many of our homebound find it difficult to maintain a healthy diet due to lack of funds or assistance. Your donation provides the help that allows them to remain independent and healthy.

ELCA Aids and Assists European Refugees

The ELCA continues to support the humanitarian efforts of its European companion Lutheran churches and partners as they assist people seeking refuge by providing life-saving support through the distribution of food, water, blankets and other materials. Tens of thousands of refugees have fled their home countries with few personal belongings. With winter approaching, the need for warm clothing and shelter will only increase.

Prince of Peace Lutheran sends regular donations to the ELCA through its benevolence to the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA.

Parish Care Notes

*Sharing our care and concern with those in our community in times of need and joy.
Growing our Connections and starting New Connections.*

Young Adults

We are gathering mailing, shipping, and email addresses for our young adults who are away at school. We connect with our students a few times during the school year. Please make sure we have current 2015-16 addresses. Our first mailing, an Advent calendar, is going out on November 12th, so please make sure we have the information. Look in the gathering area for a list of our students. Please add, correct, or delete information as needed. We will use this address to ship our Valentine Care Boxes in February. Please confirm address even if it is the same as previous years .

Picture Archive

Thank you to Anne and Forrest Patterson for arranging a stroll down memory lane. For a few hours after church one Sunday about a dozen folks gathered in Fellowship Hall to help identify folks and events in pictures that had arrived at the church. A little lunch was provided and lots of remembering went on that day. We will need to continue with this archival project. Many eyes and memories will make it fun work. One thing we would like to start gathering is pictures of the confirmation classes, first communion classes and any major events held here at Prince of Peace since the beginning in 1968. If you have any photos of these events and would share them with us, we would like to scan them and get some copies made to keep in our church history. Fifty years is right around the corner.

Help With Transportation

We are looking for some transportation assistance to and from our Sunday morning worship. If you can take some of your time to helping getting folks to church, please contact me or church office for details and we can see what can be arranged.

We have opportunities to provide a few meals each month within our own church family and in the wider West Windsor community. If you could prepare and deliver a simple meal, please get in touch with us for details.

Starting a new Connection — Soups On

I am looking for some folks who would be interested in making soup — those who enjoy cooking, those who would like to learn, those who just like to help, young and old. We would pick a time and meet in the church

kitchen to make a couple pots of soup. The idea would be to spend a few hours together, connecting with each other and in the end have a delicious simple meal to share with others. We could deliver some soup that day and put some in the church freezer to use over the next month when needed. Details to be worked out if there is any interest. Interested? Let me know and let's see if we can get the *Soups On*.

Hope Through Healing and Splash

We continue with our monthly mailing of Hope Through Healing (loss) and Splash (new baby) pamphlets to families in our church families. Care Notes are available in the breeze way. Thank you to Ginger Reierson for keeping the display filled and to Chris Wethe for helping with funding. And it is not too early to start thinking about Advent and Christmas. If you know of some folks you have been missing at church, Advent and Christmas is a great time to reach out and invite them back to church.

Save the Date

On Sunday, December 13, the Christian Education time will be caroling in the area. We are visiting two assisted living facilities and two of our homebound members that morning. We only need you, your voice and your great POP cheer. We will be strolling the halls and singing a few favorite carols to the folks that live there, wishing the folks a Merry Christmas and letting them know that we are thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers. It will be a very special time for those that we visit and for us. So if you have a favorite carol let us know. If you would like to help with some of the easy prep work, let us know . Plan on coming along and spreading some POP care around the Princeton area. If you would like to help with any of our projects or be part of our team, please join us. We are always looking for new ways to share our care with others.

— Martha Winder, maw14jpw@aol.com

*November is the month of Thanksgiving.
We have much to be thankful for at POP.
Many Thanks to God for all our gifts of Caring.*



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First Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

M -Th9 am - 2 pm
Fri 9-noon

2015 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Please complete the information below to order a poinsettia for Prince of Peace's Christmas Worship Room adornment.

Name _____

I would like to contribute : _____ (#) plants @ \$7.95 each. (6")

_____ (#) plants @ \$14.95 each (10")

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given in thanksgiving for _____

Given to the Glory of God

** Orders should be placed by December 15*

** Please make a check payable to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.*

** Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Day Service.*