

Tidings of Peace



November 2022



Worship in November

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

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday
'God's Grace' Inherited From the Saints

Sunday, November 13

23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Now What? Responding to God
In Challenging Times

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday
Stewardship Response Sunday
Caught Up in What God Is Doing

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent
Beating Swords Into Ploughshares
Dinner Church
5 pm

Also in November

Wednesday, November 2

Pastor Class

Sundays, November 6, 13

Lutheranism 201

Tuesday, November 8

Fall Into Reading

Sunday, November 20

WHAM Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27

Advent Midweek Service

God's Grace: Now What?

It's funny how we default to scarcity mode when finances tighten. We need to practice what we preach. In my nine years at Prince of Peace our Stewardship campaign has always emphasized God's abundance. Stewardship is NOT about fund raising. Stewardship is NOT about next year's budget. Stewardship IS about our response to a grace-filled God.

Now, because society entangles finances with identity, it is impossible not to have a Stewardship discussion without talking about money. Yes, on Sunday November 20th, we will be asking, as we do every year, for your 2023 pledge. I ask you to be generous in your response to the life and mission of Prince of Peace. But base your intent on joy and not duty. Get caught up in the abundance of God, and not on the fear of not having enough.

We all know financial news is not good. Inflation is up. Stocks are down. At church the pandemic has accelerated a decline that was set in motion long before March 2020. If I am honest, there is very good reason to be afraid. But why do we ditch God's promises so quickly? Have not God's people faced challenges before?

I will be the first to acknowledge that churches will not financially sustain the model that has served them so well in the past. We are used to every church having a building, a full-time pastor, and at least a small staff. But that model will look different in the not-so-distant future. But this is nothing to be afraid of. It really is exciting. When the church's first question is, 'how do we share the gospel?' as opposed to 'how do we maintain the building?' that is exciting. When our giving is caught up in what God is doing as opposed to fears about meeting the budget, that is exciting.

And here's the good news. When our giving is based on our response to a gracious God, there will be more money.

So this year let's just name it. God's Grace: Now What?

— Pastor Froehlke

Thank You to Two Amazing Guests!



To John Franek, who offered a beautiful meditation on What Wondrous Love is This and an incredible postlude on October 16.

To Claire Garland, Director of Sand Hill Indian Historical Society, who gave an interesting and informative talk on the Lenni Lenape and other original inhabitants of our area.



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 Sunday, November 27

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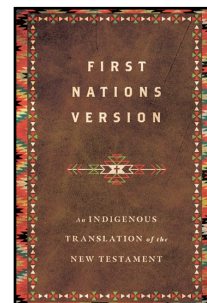
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Two New Additions to the Racial Justice Library

First Nations Version

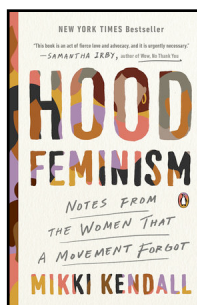
IVP 2021

The FNV is a dynamic equivalence translation of the New Testament that captures the simplicity, clarity, and beauty of Native storytellers in English, while remaining faithful to the original language of the Bible. The culmination of a rigorous five-year translation process, this new Bible translation is a collaboration between organizations like OneBook and Wycliffe Associates, Indigenous North Americans from over twenty-five different tribes, and a translation council that consisted of twelve Native North American elders, pastors, young adults, and men and women from different tribes and diverse geographic locations.



Hood Feminism

Penguin 2021



In her searing collection of essays, Mikki Kendall takes aim at the legitimacy of the modern feminist movement, arguing that it has chronically failed to address the needs of all but a few women. Drawing on her own experiences with hunger, violence, and hypersexualization, along with incisive commentary on reproductive rights, politics, pop culture, the stigma of mental health, and more, *Hood Feminism* delivers an irrefutable indictment of a movement in flux. An unforgettable debut, Kendall has written a ferocious clarion call to all would-be feminists to live out the true mandate of the movement in thought and in deed.

The House Next Door Has Launched Its Website!

Check it out at
www.housenextdoornj.org

November News

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, November 10th

1:30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Participants are asked to bring a drink or snack to share.

Lady Clementine

by Marie Benedict



Benedict's novel focuses on an extraordinary woman who exerted tremendous influence during WWI and WWII – Clementine Churchill. Winston's wife, like Eleanor Roosevelt, was an important influence on her husband. Her

accomplishments were unknown for many years. The author does a wonderful job uncovering them as well as describing what it was like living and working with a difficult man like Churchill.

Thursday, December 8th at Noon

Christmas Luncheon

A Christmas luncheon will be held for book club members at the Springdale Golf Country Club located at 1895 Clubhouse Drive, Princeton. Please arrive at noon. RSVP to Phyllis Church at p.church@mindspring.com or Martha Winder at maw14jpw@aol.com. A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal.

Pastor Class on November 2nd

Our Field Education Seminarian Daniel Marrone will be leading Pastor Class on Wednesday, November 2nd. Daniel's theme will be *The Humor of Martin Luther*. Join us at 7 pm via zoom. Contact Pastor Peter for a zoom invite.

All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, November 6, we lift up the names of the faithful. If you lost a loved one this past year, please give his/her/their name to Pastor Peter. The names will be read during the liturgy.

We will also be displaying our All Saints Butterfly Tree. If you would like to remember the saints of your life who died in previous years, please create a butterfly to be placed on the tree with his/her/their name on it. You are welcome to drop off the butterfly at church or bring it with you on the 6th. The tree will be in the gathering area until it is placed in the chancel on All Saints Sunday.

Lutheranism 102 Continues

November 6 & 13

In the Double Classroom Following Worship

Many of us have had good first introductions to Lutheranism, perhaps more than once and by way of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. Lately we have been delving into Luther's *Large Catechism*.

Specifically, for three weeks starting on Reformation Sunday, October 30, we have been looking at Luther's teachings about the Apostles' Creed in three articles.

All are welcome without any advance reading, but if you would like to join some others in doing a little reading between Sundays, please let me or Pastor Peter know. It is called *Large*, but this whole section is only ten pages long. The pages are packed and well worth pondering, especially for those who might like to read some Luther beyond the *Small Catechism*. Whether hard copy or online, it is readily available, and I can make sure you have a copy if you wish.

— Paul Rorem
Paul.rorem@ptsem.edu

More News

Stewardship Response Sunday November 20

Our Stewardship emphasis will culminate on November 20th as we will be invited to share our planned giving for 2023. This will be the *Now What? of God's Grace*.

The congregation will receive the intent-of-giving cards in a congregational mailing that will go out at the beginning of November. We ask that you give your response serious thought as you get caught up in what God is doing in the life and ministry of Prince Of Peace. The cards will be received during the offering in the morning services.

Thanksgiving Worship — November 20

The annual WHAM Thanksgiving Worship service occurs on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 pm. The service this year will be held at Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church on South Mill Road in West Windsor. Imam Safwan Eid from the Muslim Center of Greater Princeton is our preacher. Join us as our neighboring faith communities gather to offer thanks for the many blessings of God.

Advent Midweek Worship

Advent begins November 27th. Our first Advent Midweek worship is Wednesday, November 30th. Join us in the sanctuary or on our live stream at 7:30.

Dinner Church Sunday, November 27, 2022 5:00 pm

Join us as we gather around the table to enjoy a meal, share stories, break bread, and hear the good news of God's love for all people.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, our theme will focus on gratitude.

Invite a friend. All are welcome.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, November 25 and let us know what food item you plan to bring.

hnd@popnj.org

Thanksgiving Boxes/Baskets Needed by St. Bart's

St. Bart's is collecting Thanksgiving Boxes/Baskets during November to distribute to hungry families in their community and would be very appreciative for any that Prince of Peacers can contribute. Last year they gave out 100 baskets and are anticipating the need for at least that many, and likely more, this year.

You may deliver your box(es)/basket(s) to Prince of Peace on Thursday, November 10 or Saturday, November 12 anytime between 10 am and noon. Please bring them to the Community Room Entrance. Someone will be there to receive it/them.

Thank you so much for considering participating in this much-needed ministry outreach opportunity to help feed our neighbors in the Trenton/Hamilton area this Thanksgiving.

Appreciatively,
The PoP Social Outreach Ministry Team
and Pastor Erich Kussman for St. Bart's

Following is the list of items to include Thanksgiving Food Basket List

Turkey
Can of Green Beans
Can of French Onion Soup
Crispy Onion Toppers
Can of Yams
Instant Potatoes
Bag of Marshmallows
Can of Corn
Can of Cranberry Sauce
Corn Bread Mix
Box of Stuffing Mix
Can or Packet of Gravy
Box of Macaroni and Cheese
Cake or Cookie Mix
Tea or Lemonade Mix
Hot Chocolate or Coffee

Christmas Gifts for Individual Children Served by Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ)

This year the Social Outreach Ministry Team is offering the opportunity for persons/families to provide gifts requested by individual children who are served by LSM/NJ, as we did last year.

The list of children and their wishes, along with a sign-up form and directions as to how to complete it, will be sent to the congregation as soon as we get the list of children from LSM/NJ. Once you choose the gift(s) you would like to send, you will indicate that on the sign-up form and then send a check for the total amount to Prince of Peace by the date that will be indicated. LSM/NJ will take care of securing the gifts and getting them to the children.

Make out checks to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and earmark for LSM/NJ Children. Thank you so much in advance for being a part of this giving opportunity.

Because of continuing Covid 19 restrictions and cautions, we will not be gathering Giving Tree gifts this year. We are hopeful that the situation will have improved significantly by next year.

Appreciatively,

Berta Schott, On behalf of the
Social Outreach Ministry Team

Food and Clothing Still Needed By St. Bart's

Pastor Erich told us recently that the Food Pantry is still in need of non-perishables — rice, beans, pasta, tuna and other canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and the like.

Please consider donating some of these food items. Your contributions may be placed in the bins outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time.

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. Any clothing that is new or gently used will be appreciated, and as the weather has gotten colder, warm clothing and coats would be particularly appreciated.

To give monetary donations, make a check out to Prince of Peace and earmark it *St. Bart's Food Pantry*. Checks may be mailed to the church office at 177 Princeton Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, or put in the offering plate on Sunday.

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

— Berta Schott, for the
Social Outreach Ministry Team

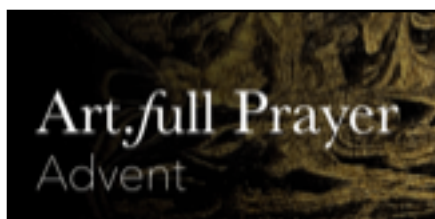


*Two Scenes from The House Next Door's Pregnancy and Infant Loss
Service of Hope and Healing Commemoration on October 15.
The service is held annually at the Tree of Life Chapel behind The House Next Door.*



The House Next Door

For more information about The House Next Door and its offerings, see
www.housenextdoornj.org



Art.full Prayer Coming December 2

Coffee at 8:30 am
Workshop begins at 9

*Oh hush the noise, ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing!*

— Edmund H. Sears

You are invited to enter the Advent season by pausing to engage in a creative art practice. We'll take time to ponder the mystery of the Incarnation through prayer, reflection, and art making.

Everyone is welcome — artistic experience or skill not required. All materials will be provided.

Pat Pickard, spiritual director and graphic designer, will lead the creative art experience at the House Next Door on December 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Cost is on a sliding scale from \$25 to \$35.

Register by November 18 at
hnd@popnj.org.

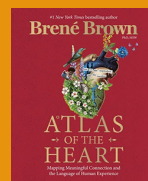
Monthly Book Club Continues *Second Tuesday of the Month* 6:30 to 8:30 pm

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Fall into Reading

Taking it a couple chapters at a time, throughout the coming year we will be focusing on
Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection
and *the Language of Human Experience*
by Brene Brown

In her latest book, Dr. Brown writes:
"If we want to find the way back to ourselves and each other, we need language and grounded confidence to both tell our stories, and to be stewards of the stories that we hear."



SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
NOV. 8, DEC. 13, JAN. 10, FEB. 14
6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Led by Dale Selover & Christine Ruth



While there is no fee to attend, donations to support the ministry of the House Next Door are deeply appreciated.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL HND@POPNJ.ORG OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.HOUSENEXTDOORNJ.ORG

Racial Justice News — November 2022

Next Meeting November 1

As the Racial Justice Team ends its focus on Indigenous Peoples with the moving of the orange banner honoring and remembering those children killed, lost, or at the very least impacted by their time in residential schools, a few items came out this past month that may be of interest to continue our education about our indigenous neighbors.

Claire Garland Talk on Lenape Culture

Prince of Peace members filled the double classroom (we added chairs twice!) and stayed after to talk to the Native American speaker who presented a forum on Indigenous Peoples weekend. Claire Garland, who is part Cherokee, part Lenni Lenape, and part Dutch Colonial brought artifacts in addition to her very informative slide presentation about the Lenape Culture, that of the tribe who inhabited the land on which we worship. Many thanks to Ms. Garland for sharing Native American history of our area with those attending.

ELCA Declaration on Indigenous Peoples

Con Sweeney, team and church council member, shared that Lutherans in the ELCA recently issued a declaration to Indigenous peoples. Please read at this link:

<https://religionnews.com/2022/08/11/reckoning-with-role-in-boarding-schools-elca-makes-declaration-to-indigenous-peoples/>

Movement to Honor Treaty and Seat Cherokee Delegate in Congress

The Cherokee Nation is trying to get us (the USA) to abide by the terms of a treaty signed in 1835, the Treaty of New Echota, which led to the expulsion of Cherokees from their homeland and forced them to move west on the Trail of Tears, where one-quarter of the Cherokee population perished. But many don't know that the Treaty of New Echota also guaranteed the Cherokee people a right to send a delegate to Congress. If you'd like to help, sign if you agree: The United States must honor its commitment to the Cherokee people. Like representatives from D.C., Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands, the Cherokee delegate would not be able to vote on the House floor but would have the power to make speeches and vote in committee. This representation matters, not only because it is a binding obligation made by the United States government, but because the Cherokee Nation is the largest tribe in the U.S., with more than 430,000 citizens. But two centuries later, the U.S. still has not seated a Cherokee delegate. Please make your voice heard.

Racial Justice Library

We'd like to remind everyone that it's easier than ever to take out a book or two to read or share with your family and friends from our Racial Justice Free Lending Library. The books are on the tall shelf in the lounge area near the coat rack outside the sanctuary. Read about several new books, including a Native American translation of the New Testament, which have been added this month and browse next time you're in church. You'll be surprised what a variety of cultures and genres are available for reading at your leisure. Sign out a book or two and keep them as long as you need to. And we'd love to have you write some comments on the included bookmark for others to read. See page 2 for two new additions to the library.

Anyone interested in joining the Racial Justice Team or even just getting on our email list is invited to contact Nancy Reyes at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com. Questions or comments are always welcome. Stay tuned for sources for holiday gift-giving that will help small businesses owned by BIPOC and for info from the Little Green Book published by Princeton Parents of Black Children in the coming weeks.

Nancy Reyes — nancyauerreyes@gmail.com

World Holidays & Celebrations

November 2022

November continues the journey towards the year-end Holidays and the winter equinox. Summer's warmth is a memory and the cold and the darkness of winter are approaching.

There are cultural and ethnic holidays, and observances which occur around the world to mark these events. They have been either brought to this

country by immigrants or have significance to them, even if not celebrated here. 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.

Cultural/Ethnic Holidays/Observances

11/1-30	Native American Heritage Month	Native American/ USA	Celebrates the culture and heritage of native people who enrich this country.
11/1-2	Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)	Mexico	This is a Christian holiday commemorating all people who have passed. It is often celebrated in the Mexican and Aztec communities.
11/3	Culture Day	Japan	Otherwise known as <i>Bunka no hi</i> , is a day to honor traditional Japanese culture and promote the love of freedom and peace that was enshrined in the Japanese constitution.
11/8	Guru Nanak Jayanti	India	This is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism, or Sikhi. The festivities in the Sikh religion revolve around the anniversaries of the 10 Sikh Gurus responsible for shaping the beliefs of the Sikhs .
11/19	Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia	Puerto Rico	The devotion was brought to Puerto Rico in the early 1850s by the Servite Fathers. Our Lady of Providence was declared the patroness of Puerto Rico on November 19, 1969. Her feast day is celebrated in many Puerto Rican communities.
11/20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	USA	A day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. The day was founded to draw attention to the continued violence endured by transgender people.
11/23	Labor Thanksgiving Day	Japan	Labor Thanksgiving Day is a modern name for the ritual of Harvest Festival (<i>Niinamesai</i>). In the ritual, the Emperor makes the season's first offering of freshly harvested rice to the gods and then eats the rice himself.
11/27	Umoja Karamu Celebration	African-American	Created in 1971 by Edward Simms Jr. to inject new meaning and solidarity into the Black family through ceremony and symbol. Umoja Karamu means "unity feast" in Swahili, and is based around five colors and their meanings, which represent five historical periods in African-American history.

Parish Care News — November 2022

Sharing our care and concern with those in our community in times of need and joy.

Sharing our faith at church and in our community In many different ways

As we continue our journey with Christ, we need your help to share our POP care.

Read - Talk - Pray - Share - Bless - Assist

For Our Young Adults Away at School And older Friends Who Do Not Get Out

Advent calendar mailing **November 15, 2022**, is coming soon. We are gathering mailing, shipping and email addresses for our young adults that are away at school. We connect with our students a few times during the school year. Please make sure we have a current 2022-23 address. Our first mailing, an Advent calendar, is going out soon. If you would like one to be sent to a young adult or older friend, please make sure I have a mailing address ASAP. Please let me know if you have names to add, correct, or delete. 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.

Transportation

We are looking for some transportation assistance to and from appointments and some shopping. As we move into colder weather you may be asked to do the shopping. If you can take some time to help, please contact me or church office. We will see what can be arranged.

On Going

We continue with our monthly mailing of *Hope Through Healing* (loss) and *Splash* (new baby) pamphlets to families with new little ones.

Care Notes are available in the breeze way. Please share with those in need. If there are some topics that you would like to see, please let me know.

Knitted prayer squares and prayer cards are also in the breezeway. These provide small ways to remember our journey with God.

We Can Still Share Our Holiday Spirit

SAVE the Date — Perhaps A Sunday — in December For our Christmas Carol Sing Along (hopefully this year)

If we are allowed to visit the senior residences, join us for a carol sing along. Watch for updates.

Parish Care and Christian Education have teamed up in the past to bring some Holiday Joy to those in our community who are not able to get out and about. At this point we are still not sure if we will be able to take our Carol sing to folks living in Assisted Living residences. We are still going to reach out and send them Merry Christmas wishes with cards, which we sign with a holiday wish. We have the cards to use. We need to have you sign and add a greeting to the card. Watch for a few Sundays this month do this. Take a few minutes after church to help share the Merry Christmas spirit with those not able to get out of their living environment, letting them know

that we are thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers.

We may take a small bag of holiday candies/treats along with the cards. If you would like to contribute some chocolate and non-chocolate candies (Hershey kisses, Werther's, Peppermint Mints, or (\$\$ toward purchase) and/or help with the assembly of baggies, please let me know.

2023 Calendars

We are gathering 2023 calendars. Many thanks for all the calendars we have gathered so far. If you have received many in the mail and do not have a home for them, we are gathering them. We will take them to adult care communities in the area. They are greatly appreciated by the residents. There is a box inside the breezeway to leave your donation.

Advent begins November 27, the first Sunday of Advent

It is not too early to start thinking about Advent and Christmas. Watch for details of ways we can share the joy of the season with others.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we think of and spend time with our families. Some members of our church family may appreciate a little extra care during this time. If you are able to share a little time, make a call, deliver some holiday cheer, assist a member with some holiday tasks, read a Bible story, or say a prayer with a member of our church family, please let the Parish Care Team know if you can share some care.

Confirmation Class Pictures

We are looking for confirmation pictures through the years. Please share the pics. They will be digitized and returned to you.

*If you know of anyone who would appreciate
some special care, please
let us know how we can help.*

*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.*

*See you in church as we start a new church year.
I am looking forward to talking with many
and arranging our new way of
sharing our care.
Martha Winder*

November is the month of Thanksgiving.
We have much to be thankful for at Prince of Peace.
Many thanks to God for all our gifts of caring

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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 am (In Person)
and 9:30 am (In Person/Livestream)

Office Hours

Office hours vary.

Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin

Or at <https://popnj.org/PDF/bulletin.pdf>
