



Tidings of Peace

October 2017



Worship in October

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, October 1

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Sunday, October 8

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parable of the Wicked Tenant

Worship Hike

Sunday, October 15

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Stewardship Emphasis Begins

The Next Five in Faith

Sunday, October 22

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Give to God the Things

That are God's

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

Joint Worship with

Dutch Neck Presbyterian

Grace Alone

Word Alone

Faith Alone

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Prince of Peace's

Reformation Events

Reformation 500!

Dates circled years in advance seem like they'll never arrive, until they do. I first started thinking about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation back in 2010 when I hosted a trip to Wittenberg, Germany for our Long Valley congregation. While visiting we were introduced to the Luther Garden, a grove of 500 trees in the design of the Luther Rose, to be planted by 2017, in time to commemorate the 500 Anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. Churches from around the world planted trees in the garden including one from Zion planted in honor of their 250th Anniversary.

At the time, 2017 seemed far off. But like a wedding planned years in advance, these dates eventually arrive, usually much sooner than we expect. And here we are, October 2017.

I'm not sure how a church is to celebrate. How often do we celebrate anything 500 years old? But I like our plans and I encourage the congregation to catch the Reformation spirit.

We have three main events culminating with a Luther Mass on Wednesday November 1 at 7:30 pm. We are joining St. Paul's Lutheran Church in East Windsor. Our Minister Of Music, Dr. Doug Helvering, has researched and compiled a worship service in a setting Luther would have experienced back in Wittenberg in 1517. It is quite remarkable, complete with hymns in German. I am also pleased to say that our preacher for the night will be Dr. Karlfried Froehlich, Emeritus Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, and noted church historian. *If you haven't yet, circle this date.*

The Sunday prior, Reformation Sunday, will also be a joint worship held with our neighbors at Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church here in West Windsor. The worship will be a grand musical celebration with choirs and bell choirs from both congregations. Pastor Van der Werff and I will also be preaching together. That too might be interesting. *If you haven't yet, circle this date.*

Finally, the Sunday prior, October 22, Prince of Peace and Dutch Neck will again join for a fellowship dinner and Reformation Lecture. I am pleased to announce that our speaker for the evening is Dr. Daniel Migliore, Professor Emeritus at Princeton Seminary. Dr. Migliore will speak on the topic, *Grace Alone, Unity and Witness of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches Today*. The dinner will be held at Dutch Neck at 6:00 pm with the lecture to follow. *If you haven't yet, circle this date.*

As Lutherans we must appreciate that the Reformation is not owned by Lutherans. Worshipping, studying, and yes eating with Presbyterians captures the spirit of the Reformation and connects us with our neighbors. I look forward to the celebration.

— Pastor Froehlke

from Doug Helvering, Minister of Music

We're gearing up for a wonderful October in the music ministry. In addition to our new Wednesday Focus that we're calling the *PoP Players* (see Kate Chen's article on page 6 for more information), we're preparing music for our special Reformation worship services.

Note that there are two special worship opportunities coming up. On Sunday, October 29, we will gather at Prince of Peace as we normally do for worship, but we'll be joined by the congregation from Dutch Neck Presbyterian. We're going to worship together to celebrate the anniversary of the Reformation. And our music ensembles will combine for a few special selections.

Then, on Wednesday, November 1, we will be gathering at 7:30 pm at St. Paul's in East Windsor to worship, again focusing on the Reformation anniversary. In this worship, we will be making use of many of the hymns and the liturgy that would have been included in worship in Germany 500 years ago (many written by Martin Luther himself). This will be not only a unique worship experience but a great history lesson and reminder of our great Lutheran heritage, connecting us to brothers and sisters in faith throughout the centuries.

I hope that you'll make plans to attend and be a part of these special worship services.

— 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 October issue is Sunday, October 22

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Music Schedule

October 1

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

October 8

Adult Choir

October 15

Adult Choir

October 22

Adult Choir

October 29

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells (with Dutch Neck)

October Events

Campfire at Pastor's October 1st

Pastor invites all to join him around the campfire at his home Sunday October 1 at 6:30. Smore's will be provided. Come to connect around the campfire.

Joyful Stitchers in October

The Joyful Stitchers continue to meet on Mondays in October. All are welcome to drop by to learn how to knit or bring your current project and just sit with us and chat.

Our stitching days alternate between Monday afternoons at 1:00 and Monday evenings at 6:30 in the lounge.

For October, we are focusing on the joint effort with Resurrection Lutheran Church to provide one hundred hand-knitted or crocheted scarves to donate to the Food Pantry. So if you come to a Joyful Stitchers meeting in October, it's likely you will see red scarves on everyone's needles! We'll be collecting handmade scarves until Sunday, November 12th.

Bente Ott, Kate Chen, and Ellie Crawford are experienced knitters and Kathy Morris is an expert crocheter and we're all happy to help anyone learn.

Our Monday schedule for October: October 2nd at 1:00, October 16th at 6:30, October 23rd at 1:00 and October 30th at 6:30. Please note: we are not scheduled to meet on October 9th for the Columbus Day holiday. If you're new to the Stitchers and would like instruction, please contact Kate Chen at kcmchen@comcast.net



The October Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Canned Fruit

Please place donations in the wooden box in the breezeway.

The House Next Door Art Program

Tuesdays in October & November

Art With a Purpose is a donation-based art program held at *The House Next Door*. The goal of this program is to produce artwork that is an expression of personal experience and meaningful purpose in a supportive environment.

The participant in *Art With a Purpose* is encouraged to use collage, relevant imagery, text, and conceptual development of ideas to signify their identity and life story. Through the exploration of various art mediums and appropriate materials, the artist develops an understanding of the art form that best releases artistic expression and vision.

Please forward this message to all in your community of friends and colleagues who may be interested.

This program is offered to people of all ages in the surrounding communities. A responsible adult must accompany participants under the age of 18.

Art With a Purpose will be offered each week in October on a Tuesday with evening sessions on 10/10 and 10/24 at 6:30 – 9:00 and morning sessions on 10/3, 10/17 and 10/31 at 10:00 – 1:00. We will continue the program through November, but will not have a class on November 7th because of election day.

The House Next Door is located at 173 Princeton-Hightstown Road in Princeton Junction. Parking for this event is located next door at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Enter through the main door (on the left) and follow the signs to the *The House Next Door*.

No advance signup is required. *Art With a Purpose* gratefully accepts donations of art materials — especially high-quality paintbrushes, easels, acrylic or water-based paint, canvas, and appropriate papers.

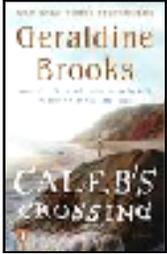
We welcome all who wish to explore all aspects of spirituality, meditation, and personal growth. *Art With a Purpose* is directed by Nancy Herrington, who is a freelance artist and art educator. Her website is at <http://nancyherrington.us/>. Contact Nancy Herrington

More October Events

Book Group Meets October 5

Lounge
Betsy Riley, Hostess
RSVP to betsyfriley@gmail.com

Caleb's Crossing – by Geraldine Brooks



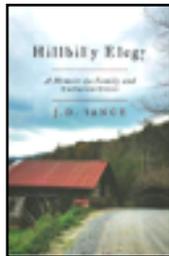
Set in Martha's Vineyard in the 1660's, the novel revolves around the friendship between Bethia, the daughter of a Puritan minister, and a young Wapanoag boy. The two share a love of nature and a desire to learn. As a convert to Christianity, Bethia's friend, named Caleb, is baptized and learns to read. Eventually he enters Harvard University, the first Native American to do so. This story of two individuals who challenge cultural expectations is based on actual events.

November 2

At the home of Diane Urbanek
14 Monterey Drive
Princeton Junction
RSVP to diurb@comcast.net or 799-8925

Hillbilly Elegy – by J.D. Vance

This is a memoir about a culture in crisis – that of poor, white Americans. The author's story begins with his grandparents who moved from Kentucky's Appalachia to Ohio in order to escape the poverty around them. They attempted to raise a middle-class family but still struggled with the legacy of poverty – abuse, alcoholism, and personal trauma. Their daughter, Vance's mother, was especially troubled. Vance himself managed to escape and eventually graduate from Yale Law School, but he never quite left the demons of his upbringing behind him.



Book Group meets the first Thursday of the month
beginning at 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome.
If interested, please contact Phyllis Church
at 799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com

Game Night at *The House Next Door* Fridays in October & November

The House Next Door is hosting a Friday night game-playing event through the months of October and November. It begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 9:00. All in the community are invited to participate. A responsible adult must accompany game players under the age of 18.

We will supply a variety of popular board games, cards, puzzles, tables, and chairs. All who join in the event are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks (non-alcoholic) and favorite games to share with other participants.

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No advance signup is required. Contact Nancy Herrington at nancy@arteuphoria.com if you have any questions. Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted to support the programs held at *The House Next Door*.

There is also interest in forming a daytime bridge group at Prince of Peace. Those who wish to join this bridge group are asked to please contact Nancy Herrington.

Labyrinth Garden Workday Coming October 7

All are invited to help on Saturday, October 7th, from 10 am until mid-afternoon, to help spread 10 yards of mulch and plant many native plants in the beds surrounding the labyrinth.

We'll be taking advantage of fall sale prices on plants at Russells Wholesale Nursery. Contributions towards plants are welcome.

Food and drinks for the workers are also welcome. For more information, contact loismcase@gmail.com.

More October Events



Worship Hike, October 8

Our fall Worship Hike is scheduled for Sunday October 8th at the Sourland Mountain Preserve in Hillsborough. We will gather after church around 11:30. Specific details will be sent out to the congregation. Please note that this hike is a little more challenging than our hikes at the Plainsboro Preserve. Also, following the hike, the Herrington's have invited all hikers to their home, which is nearby, for food and fellowship.

Live United Gathering October 14

La Convivencia, a local organization dedicated to creating connections, breaking stereotypes, and building peace, is inviting the community to a youth presentation and community discussion at Prince of Peace on Saturday, October 14, from 3 to 6 pm.



The program will also feature the announcement of the winners of the art contest La Convivencia is sponsoring as well as a display of the art.

The art contest is open to students in grades 4 through 12. The deadline for entry is October 2. The submission form can be found on the church's Facebook page (facebook.com/popnjchurch). For more information, email convivencia.peace@gmail.com

Wonderful Wednesdays Gets a New Focus and a New Name Starts October 18th

Wonderful Wednesdays will still be on Wednesday and they will still be wonderful! However, they won't be called Wonderful Wednesdays anymore. We're going for a new approach. Each season, we'll focus on rehearsing for one event at a time, rather than working each week to prepare to lead in worship on a monthly basis. This fall, our focus is Advent 3 (December 17) and a new way of telling the story of Jesus's birth. We're calling it **PoP Players Presents: The Nativity Project**. During Lent, when we focus on learning and leading the *Holden Evening Prayer* for our mid-week service we're calling it **PoP Players Presents: The 40-Day Project**.

So what will be the same and what will be different? We're still meeting on Wednesdays. And, yes, we will still be having dinner together. We'll still start at 5:30 and end at 6:40. The schedule will look like this:

Chimes/Bells: 5:30-6:00
Choir/Voice: 6:00-6:40
Dinner: 6:40-7:20-ish

We're combining Chimes of Worship and Celebration Ringers to create one large ringing ensemble with opportunities to ring both chimes and bells. This will be an intergenerational group (meaning

kids, youth, and adults) for folks in grade 3 and up. In choir, we'll be doing lots of singing as a group, in unison and in parts, and there will also be opportunities for those who would like to sing a solo. For the choir, we're primarily looking for children and youth, grade 3 and up. As we prepare for our Advent 3 event, we will also be looking for older folks who are interested in speaking parts or in singing a solo.

In February, when the older choirs start learning and preparing the *Holden Evening Prayer*, if there's interest, we are looking to resurrect *Joyful Noise*, the preparatory choir for the younger set in Kindergarten through grade 2.

With a specific focus each season, we won't be meeting each and every week between September and May. We'll meet for blocks of 5 to 8 weeks at a time. We'll work with the Confirmation schedule so confirmands can still be a part of the PoP Players.

PoP Players Presents: The Nativity Project starts on October 18th and meets each Wednesday (except during Thanksgiving week) until December 17 (Advent 3). PoP Players will be on hiatus until February 21 (the week after Ash Wednesday) when we'll meet again for the 40-Day Project. — Peace, Kate Chen

More October Events

Conversation on Race and Politics Wednesday, October 18

Pastor Froehlke invites the congregation to a conversation on Race and Politics on Wednesday, October 18th. Come for dinner at 6:40 and stay for this pastoral conversation as our nation continues to struggle over these two issues.

Fall Clothing Drive for the Rescue Mission of Trenton

As in previous years, the Fall Clothing Drive for the Rescue Mission of Trenton will take place during the entire month of October. The Donation Box will be in Room 6 (across from the nursery).

Gently used, or new, clothing and shoes for all ages and of any size and season will be gratefully appreciated, as will belts, linens, and small household items (no jewelry, though).

Thank you in advance for your donations. They will provide much-needed items for persons who are in need. And thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

2017 Stewardship Emphasis

The Next Five in Faith

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

Then the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil. — Matthew 25:1-4

2018 is a banner year for Prince of Peace. In 1968 Prince of Peace was chartered. 2018 is our 50th Anniversary. Coming off the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Prince of Peace is called to look forward. While looking ahead to the next 500 years is next to impossible, and even looking to the next 50 years is a bit of an overreach. Most of us can handle envisioning the next five years for Prince of Peace. As we look ahead, will we be like the 5 foolish maids, or will our actions reflect those 5 wise maids? When we keep reading Matthew 25, we see that the wise are ready to meet the bridegroom when he appears. We want the church to be ready as we look to **The Next Five in Faith**.

The number 5 keeps popping up around POP this year. 500 years of Reformation. 50 years of POP. Christian Ed is embracing the Faith 5 model of sharing the faith. Remember the 5000 were fed with 5 loaves. And if all of this isn't a sign from God in this year remember that

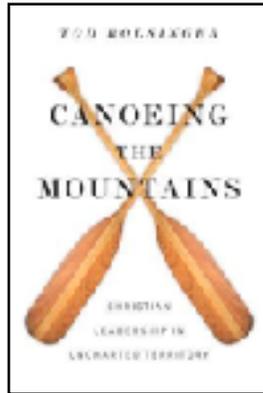


Pastor Froehlke is in his 5th year of ministry at Prince of Peace. It just might be some divinely sanctioned sign for us to pay attention to those 5 wise bridesmaids.

So how do we wisely choose to respond to our gracious God as we look forward to **The Next Five in Faith**? The answer — you guessed it — 5 weeks of our stewardship emphasis will be modeled after the Faith 5 devotions, though in a little different order. We will begin on October 15th with **Talking**. On October 22nd we will **Pray**. October 29th is Reformation Sunday when we **Read** the truth of God's word. November 5th is All Saints when we **Bless** with the Beatitudes in our gospel reading. Our emphasis will conclude on November 12, our pledge Sunday, when we will **Share** our intent for giving for 2018, our 50th Anniversary year, as we look forward to **The Next Five in Faith**.

from Martin Rexroad, Congregational Council President

I recently read a book my Mom gave me. It is titled *Canoeing the Mountains* and was required reading for a church council retreat she attended at her church in Virginia. Her church is searching to find new paths for its future, and it is a church with three pastors and attendance over 500 a Sunday. I read the book with the same question my Mom read it: What new paths can we find?



The book's author, Tod Bolsinger, is a Presbyterian seminary instructor who suggests we need to burn the canoes, find new friends while keeping the 'discovery party' in tact, seek new routes, and press forward with the work of the church. This struck a cord with me as I think this is what we are trying to do at Prince of Peace with the House Next Door, the St. Bart's Partnership, Art with a Purpose, Cross-Generation Ministry, and other efforts.

The book uses the Lewis and Clark expedition as a metaphor for what the church is facing today. Everyone in the world *knew* there had to be a river that crossed the US to the Pacific. Well, Lewis and Clark discovered in Idaho what we know today: The Missouri River ends and there is a ginormous mountain range in the way of getting to the Pacific. You cannot canoe a mountain. So it was time to burn the canoes, find a French fur trapper who had married a Shoshone woman — Sacagawea who became their guide — meet new people, learn to climb mountains, and press forward.

Bolsinger points out that the church needs to try many new things. Some will work and some won't. That resonates with my work at a drug discovery company that is in a space of innovation where 95% of what we do fails, but the 5% that succeeds makes a huge difference in the lives of patients.

As we start a new church year, I hope we can learn to burn the canoes, keep our Prince of Peace discovery team (a.k.a. our congregation) together, make new friends, and set out on more new paths — expecting set backs and great new discoveries.

— Martin

Parish Care Notes

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

Boldly Growing our Faith

Ways to Care for Each Other

Young Adults

We are gathering mailing, shipping, and email addresses for our young adults who are away at school. We keep in touch with our students throughout the year. Please make sure we have current 2017-18 addresses. Our first mailing is going out in early November, so please make sure we have the information.

Care Note Ministry

In the breezeway you may have noticed a display of *Care Notes*. These are pamphlets with spiritual messages to help us with our everyday life events. They are for all to take and benefit from their messages. It is time to think about restocking our supply. In the past we have had donations made to help cover the cost, which is between \$100 to \$150. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, donations can be made to the church with a memo note *Care Notes*. Many thanks to Ginger Reiersen for keeping the display full and current.

Prayer Squares & Prayer Cards

On the table in the breezeway are Prayer Squares, knitted by Joyful Knitters, and Prayer Cards. They are there to be used by yourself and to share with others.

Sharing Our Faith With Our Local Community

We will be Christmas caroling on December 17 following our morning worship service. All ages and voices are welcome. This has been a very heartwarming project for all — our singers and those we are singing to. We will be taking a small give-away. Watch for details on how you can help with this ministry. So save

the date Sunday **December 17** when we will be taking our holiday care to others who cannot get out. All voices are welcome, all ages, no rehearsals. Let us know your favorite carol to sing.

Phone Calls

We are looking for a few folks to make a few monthly phone calls — a simple *care about you* check in.

Rides Needed

To and from the Monroe area to church for Sunday service.

If you are able to help provide a ride to, from, or both ways to church on a Sunday morning, please let us know. We would like to set up a *Ride to Church* group.

Ongoing Projects

We continue with our *Splash and Hope through Healing* monthly mailings along with the *Care Notes* in the breezeway. If you know of anyone to be included please contact Parish Care.

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.

*Contact: Martha Winder
maw14jpw@aol.com*



Reformation 500 Events in October

Sunday October 1

Luther Hymn: Pastor will preach on the Luther hymn
Nun Bitten Wir ELW 743, *Now to the Holy Spirit Let us Pray*

Sunday October 1

Luther Lecture 1: Pastor will share the story of Martin Luther, *From Eisleben to Eisleben*.
We will meet in the Lounge during the Christian Education Hour.

Wednesday October 4

Luther Lecture 1 is repeated for the Wednesday Pastor Class.

Wednesday October 11

Luther Lecture 2: *From Eisleben to Eisleben*

Sunday October 15

Luther Lecture 2 is repeated for Christian Education

Sunday October 22

Luther Lecture 3: *From Eisleben to Eisleben*.

Sunday October 22

Reformation Pot-Luck Dinner and Lecture with Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church.
Grace Alone, Unity and Witness of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches Today.

Guest speaker Dr. Daniel Migliore.

6:00 pm at Dutch Neck

Wednesday October 25

Luther Lecture 3 is repeated for Pastor Class

Sunday October 29

Joint Reformation 500th Anniversary Worship Service
with Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church

Reception to follow

Service is at Prince Of Peace

Wednesday Nov. 1

Luther Mass Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
with St Paul's Lutheran Church, East Windsor.

Dr. Karlfried Froehlich preaching.

Service is at St. Paul's at 7:30 pm



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Sunday Schedule

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

Office Hours

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