Tidings of Peace

Worship in October

In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am
https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch



October 4
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Presiding
Preaching

October 11
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Preaching

October 18
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Arundel Clarke Preaching
Joyful Noise

October 25
Reformation
Pastor Fred Schott Presiding
Preaching

October Food of the Month

The Foods of the Month for October 2026 are sugar, cereal, and Mac & Cheese.

October 2026

We have asked the NJ Synod Supply Coordinator for available pastors to come to Prince of Peace for most of the 4th quarter of 2026.

Here are the themes for October Sundays:

4-Oct-26 19th Sunday of Pentecost
Commemoration of Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226: Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

11-Oct-26 20th Sunday of Pentecost
Commemoration of Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582: A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

18-Oct-26 21st Sunday of Pentecost
Commemoration of Luke, Evangelist: Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

25-Oct-26 Reformation Sunday
By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the

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Deadline for the November issue is Sunday, October 25th

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Adult Forms

Adult Forums are back!! If you would like to present a topic or hear about a topic, please contact Joan New or Con Sweeney. Please come to hear these informative sessions!

October 4 – Banking Scams presented by Bank of America, Princeton Jct. staff

October 11 – Why scammers target the elderly led by Con Sweeney

October 18 – Cybersecurity led by Dave Herrington

October 25 – Ministry Site Profile presentation

Looking ahead to Advent

Prince of Peace will partner with St. Bart's and Abiding Presence on Wednesday evenings in Advent. Prince of Peace will host December 2 with a light meal at 6 pm followed by worship at 7:30 pm. December 9 will be at St. Bart's and December 16 at Abiding Presence. These are wonderful opportunities to experience fellowship and connections.

Pastoral Call Process

Thank you to all who completed a survey! The responses from the survey have now been included in the Ministry Site Profile and the council is in the final review process.

We expect to submit it the first few days of October. Members of the council will share information from the Ministry Site Profile during the Adult Forum on October 25. The council's next task is to appoint a call committee. This will be discussed at our October council meeting.

WHAM Interfaith Potluck Meal - October 18, 4-6PM

The Lay-Leader group of the Windsor/Hightstown-Area Ministerium (WHAM) is hosting its second annual interfaith potluck meal here at Prince of Peace on October 18. The meal will be held in the community room from 4-6PM.

If possible, please sign up for the event using the QR code below. (Note: last-minute diners will still be welcome!!). For those coming with food to share, please list all ingredients for the sake of those with allergies and/or possible religious restrictions. Please do not include pork, shellfish, or dishes mixing meat with dairy; consider using Halal meat, available at a number of local shops.

The WHAM Lay-Leader group works in support of WHAM's goal to foster friendship, support, understanding, and care among interfaith neighbors in Central New Jersey. Please come, bring a favorite dish to share, and break bread together with our neighboring faith communities!!

For more information, please refer to the flyer that was emailed on Sep. 22; copies are available in the gathering area. And if you have any questions, please contact Dave New (**davenhome@gmail.com)**.

Social Outreach Ministry Report

The Social Outreach Ministry Team helps the congregation and individual members to reach out to the community, state, synod, and world to identify, understand, and minister with Christian faith, love, hope, and compassion to the needs of others.

We do this in many ways, both as a Team and individually, and we also work together with other teams, The House Next Door, the Council, and the pastor.

Here are some of the ways we do that:
*Supporting the ministries at St. Bart's, our sister congregation
*Working in the Peace and Cherry Tree Gardens
* Supporting ELCA World Hunger through special offerings
*Supporting the Coalition of Religious Leaders
*Responding to specific requests as we get them
* Individuals responding to specific social ministry related needs (like hunger) in their neighborhoods

Thank you to each of you for your part in carrying out these Social Outreach Ministries.

Appreciatively,
Berta Schott for the Social Outreach Ministry Team

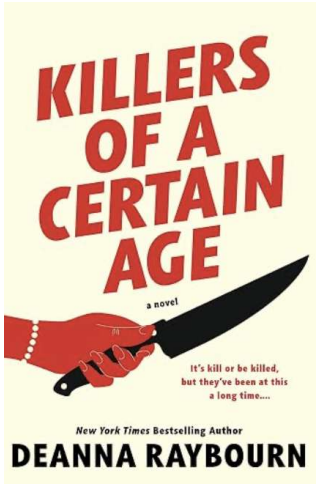
Book Group

If interested in joining the book club,

please contact Phyllis Church at

609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com

Thursday, October 8 at 1 p.m. in the Lounge

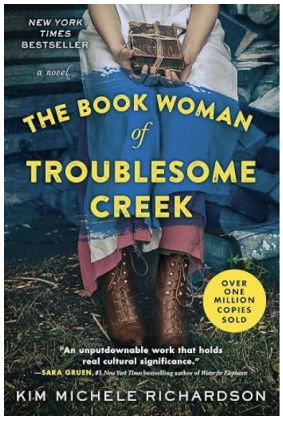


Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn

Four women, once assassins for a secret organization called the Museum, are now in their 60's and on a luxury vacation together. Once upon a time they targeted Nazis, war criminals, dictators etc. Now they find they are being targeted by the very organization that once hired them. This is an entertaining novel that highlights how older women can be a force to be reckoned with.

Thursday, November 12th at 1 p.m. in the Lounge

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson



FDR's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project is the inspiration for this story set in the 1930's. It features Troublesome Creek's traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Cussy is determined to bring books to the people of Appalachia despite the prejudice leveled against her and other true blue-skinned Kentuckians. Her medical condition is misunderstood but it doesn't stop her and her mule, Junia, from bringing books to the people she loves.

Racial Justice - POP's Haitian Family

As you know, a team of volunteers from the Racial Justice Team has been working closely with InterfaithRISE and the Haitian family of seven in Trenton over the past year and a half.

Despite efforts to help them with job training, enrollment in discount programs for utilities, and help with rent and most financial and social areas of life as a family in NJ, this family has been struggling financially. Their lawyer has not stepped up to give them the support and legal help needed despite having been paid by donors several times over the past year.

Now that TPS (Temporary Protected Status) has ended because Congress did not act to extend the deadline for most Haitians, the mom lost her job and like her, the dad no longer has a valid work authorization.

This means the family that was working toward self-sufficiency was depending on their 18 year old nephew for the major income for the family of seven. (Though living with his aunt, he came to the USA with his father at a different time and applied for asylum so is still legally here and working PT as he tries to complete his senior year of HS in

POP's Haitian Family (Continued)

With the government's crackdown on immigrants, scheduled check-ins for the mom were moved up and early this summer she was given an ankle monitor to wear 24/7 as well as an appointment for the whole family to appear at the ICE office in Mount Laurel.

Knowing detention was a strong possibility, the team and I-RISE tried to get them legal representation to fight fines of over a million dollars resulting from immigration encounters to be refuted. Without thousands more of donations to pay a lawyer and with the advice of several pro bono lawyers on hand but unable to represent them that day, the family was left to attend that appointment without legal representation.

Nancy Reyes and Joan New took the family to their check-in as required by law only to be told they were being arrested, detained, and sent to the only family detention center in Dilley, TX to be deported.

With the help of interfaith faith organizations and contacts within our church community, God has blessed the family with a pro bono detention lawyer who started working the first day of contact, trying to make sure they get due process and are safe in detention and beyond.

We have heard through the new lawyer and other contacts that the family feels safe, is sleeping well, getting fed three meals a day and is still together. Please pray for their continued safety and that they

Please pray as well for the nephew they had taken in. He's now in a mostly empty 2 bedroom apartment which he can't afford so is searching for a new room in which to live. Imagine going home one day and finding your apartment empty knowing the younger kids had to go to a meeting with their parents that day but nothing else and then you came home from school to change for work but instead get a call that the family you live with will NOT be coming home possibly ever……to make dinner, shop for food, to do your laundry, or to help you figure out how to budget your money to support yourself when you get your second paycheck ever.

This teenager needs your prayers as do the family in detention, the POP team working with and now for them, their friends and family, and all Haitians and other immigrants in the USA who have no means to move elsewhere, no jobs because the government canceled their permission to work legally, no safe home or family to return to, living their complete lives in limbo every day.

If you feel you want to be part of this work, to encourage and support individuals and families living in fear and in limbo,

Please contact Nancy Reyes at **nancyauerreyes@gmail.com** to join our team…Next meeting will be the first Tuesday in November on Zoom from 7-8:30. We'd love to have more help, even if just your input and

Haitian Family Update

Our Haitian family of six was arrested and sent to the Dilley detention center in Texas on September 17. They are on the list for deportation to Haiti, but we don't know when.

There is a lawyer working on their case from a Quaker organization. She was able to talk to them for several hours 4 days after arriving in Dilley. They asked her to tell those who care about them that they were fine - getting three meals a day and sleeping OK.

Through I-Rise in Trenton, we continue to support their nephew who is a senior in high school and has legal status.

Members of the Racial Justice team have also attended several meetings and webinars. One was "Equipping the Church to Dismantle White Supremacy", a five part series by the ELCA Racial Justice Ministries. The first three were very interesting and informative and there are two more sessions. You do not have to have attended the others to attend going forward.

Parish Care - October 2026

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

Now that our new church year has started, we are getting our projects up and running.
As we begin the call process We need your help to keep all connected.

CARE CALLERS
During our time of transition
We would like to continue to reach out to those we do not see in church. If you would be willing to make a few phone calls, please let me know. Just a simple hi how are you doing will work.

Rides to and from Sunday 9:30 church service
Needed: Driver/s to pick at 9 AM in the Plainsboro area and return after church. It would not be every week and we may be able to share to and from trips on a Sunday. If you would be willing to help out or need more details, please let me know.

Notes and Treats
This fall, we will be delivering some Notes and Treats to our older members that can not get to church often. If you would be able to drop a note and goodie bag, please let me know. Also look for the table with Fall cards to sign. We have ~10 deliveries to be made.

Young Adults
We are gathering mailing, shipping and email addresses for our young adults away at school or military. We keep in touch with our students throughout the year. Please make sure we have a current 2026-27 USPS address. Our first mailing is going out in early November, so please make sure we have the information. Please

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. Many thanks to Ginger Reierson for keeping the display full and current and Chris Wethe for continuing to supply our pamphlets.

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

Sharing our Faith - With our local community

Calendars
We are gathering 2027 Calendars to share with senior residents in our local Assisted Living Facilities. So, if you are receiving more than you can use, bring them to church. Look for the box in the breezeway.

On Going Projects
We continue with our Splash and Hope through Healing monthly mailings along with the Care Notes, Prayer Cards and knitted prayer squares in the breezeway. If you know of anyone to be included in any mailings, 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.

Thank you for your support.

The Racial Justice Library in October will highlight Indigenous Truth, Land, and Story: Honoring the First Peoples

October invites us into a season of truthtelling and remembrance. As we mark Indigenous Peoples' Month and Indigenous Peoples' Day, our Racial Justice Library is featuring a selection of adult books that illuminate Indigenous history, spirituality, resilience, and relationship to land.
These works help us understand the deep wisdom of Indigenous communities, the ongoing impact of colonization, and the spiritual call to repair and right relationship. From Robin Wall Kimmerer's ecological insights in Braiding Sweetgrass to the powerful historical reframing in Ned Blackhawk's Rediscovery of America, these books offer pathways toward learning, humility, and solidarity.
We invite you to spend time with these voices — to listen, reflect, and allow their stories to shape our shared commitment to justice and community. The display will be available throughout October.

If you have any suggestions or would like to discuss ideas or resources for the library, please contact Kathy {**kathynowak@verizon.net**} or Greg Nowak {**gregnowak@verizon.net**}.

NEW Way to Care for our Earth!

Prince of Peace now has a clothing and shoes collection box outside the Community Room doors from Recloth Earth. Bins provide



a simple and convenient way for the public to recycle unwanted clothing and textiles, reducing landfill waste and promoting environmental stewardship. Recloth



Earth envisions a future where textiles are treated as resources, not waste. They work to scale practical collection and recovery programs that help organizations and communities cut landfill diversion, advance sustainability commitments, and track real, measurable environmental outcomes.
Please share this with your friends and neighbors!!

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Planet Care Foundation × Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

We're proud to partner with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to bring a textile donation bin to the congregation and the wider community. Together, we're keeping clothing and textiles out of landfills and giving them a second life, thank you for practicing resurrection with your generosity.

WE ACCEPT

- Clothing of all kinds (even worn or stained)
- Shoes, belts & accessories
- Linens, towels & bedding
- Paired or single, we sort it all

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

- Wet, moldy, or hazardous items
- Trash or non-textile household items

Thank you, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, for hosting our bin!

www.planetcarefoundation.org

info@planetcarefoundation.org

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9:30 am (in person/Livestream)

Office Hours
Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm
Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin