



Tidings of Peace

September 2018

Worship in September

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday, September 2

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Be Doers of the Word

A Sermon from James

Sunday, September 9

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Day — Outdoor Service

Even the Dogs

A Sermon from Mark

God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday September 16

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bishop Margaret Payne

Take Up the Cross

Sunday September 23

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcoming the Child

Sunday September 30

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Fred Schott

Stumbling Blocks

September Events

September 5, 12, 19, 26

Christian Focus

September 13

Book Group

September 22

Fence Work Day

Anno I — Benefit Concert

Joyful Knitters

Monday, September 10, 1:00

Monday, September 17, 6:30

Monday, September 24, 1:00

GIFT — Growing in Faith Together

This is the new Christian Education name at POP. It is an intentional educational experience with children in mind. But notice the **T, Together**. It's not an A, Alone. It's not a C O, Children Only. And it's not an S S, Sunday School. It's a **T, Together**.

Back in the day the church did a very good job of separating children from adults. Perhaps we did it out of necessity. When there were fifty children around during Sunday School, there wasn't space to incorporate parents and church folk in the room. We made space only for children and the teacher. Sunday School had its place and worked in its day, but we just don't have the numbers of children today. While I am always looking for more children to join our Sunday mornings, the numbers we have today allow for a different experience, I might argue, a more effective experience, as far as developing faith is concerned.

I'm talking about bringing children, parents, and church folk together to grow into our Christian faith. This will involve traditional classes, but it also will involve service projects and activities. The **GIFT** hour will be held on the first Sunday of the month, with other dates as opportunities arise throughout the year. The first **GIFT** hour will be Rally Day, September 9, as we invite young and old to help pack lunch bags for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. This is the ELCA's *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*. Wear your t-shirts, join us for an outdoor worship service, and come support our local soup kitchen. At the end of the month I am inviting all to a campfire at my home that will include *tacos in a bag* along with smores. The first Sunday in October The **GIFT** hour will be the worship hike at the Plainsboro Preserve. The first Sunday in November will begin our traditional classroom **GIFT** hour. I'll share more about this as the date nears.

I look forward to September and the coming school year. Watch the church calendar for more **GIFT** offerings and plan on joining us.

— Pastor Froehlke

Wonderful Wednesday Information Session

If you are interested in having your child (toddler to high school) be active this fall in the music ministry, join us for an informational discussion on September 16 immediately following morning worship. For more information or questions, email Kate Chen or Doug Helvering.

The Journey Continues

For my entire life, going back to when I first entered pre-school, I can count only three years where the turn of August to September was not personally coinciding with the beginning of an academic year. In many ways, September 1 (or Labor Day weekend) feels like 'New Year' to me. It's the start of renewed activity and renewed dedication to learning and exploration.

Many of you know of Westminster's ongoing tension regarding the potential sale of the school, and of my predicament in losing my teaching position due to falling enrollment. I am pleased to say that I received word in the last few days that I will be back at Westminster for at least this coming semester.

Our music ministry ensembles' activities coincide loosely with the academic calendar, and we're starting up this month. The **Nightingale Bells** rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. There is a spot or two available if you'd like to join us.

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 8:00 pm. There is always room for more singers in the choir!

And, our **Wonderful Wednesday** program for our youth will be starting up again very soon. Final preparations (at the time of this article's writing) are still being made.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our music ministry, please don't hesitate to talk to me. I'm so excited to get back to weekly rehearsals!

— Peace, Doug

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Deadline for the October issue is Sunday, September 23

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September Music Schedule

September 2
Megan Helvering
September 9
Adult Choir
September 16
Adult Choir
September 23
Adult Choir
September 30
Nightingale Bells

September Events

Christian Focus Meets Wednesdays

Christian Focus meets in the lounge every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join. Participants often bring a bag lunch to eat during the first half hour.

On Wednesday, September 19th the group will begin viewing the first session of a DVD series from Great Courses entitled *Great Figures of the New Testament*. Each half-hour session centers around an important figure in the New Testament. Included are John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, Pontius Pilate, Judas, and others (24 sessions in all).

The lecturer is Professor Amy Jill Levine from Vanderbilt University's Divinity School. The group has really enjoyed her commentary in the past and highly recommends this series.

Contact Phyllis Church at p.church@mindspring.com if you are interested or just come to the church's lounge any Wednesday.

Fence-Building Workday Coming Saturday, September 22

On Saturday, September 22, starting around 10 am, volunteers will begin digging postholes, mixing concrete, and assembling the fence that will screen the meditation garden from road noise and distractions.

All are welcome to come help build or to deliver refreshments and encouragement to the volunteers.



The September Donation Requested for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is

Elbow Macaroni

Please place donations in the wooden box in the breezeway.

Book Group Meets September 13

At the home of Martha Winder
14 Candlewood Drive, Princeton Junction
RSVP to maw14jpw@aol.com or 609-799-7280

A Gentleman in Moscow – by Amor Towles

The gentleman in the story is Count Alexander Rostov who, at the age of 30, is placed under house arrest for failing to accept the new state order.

Confined to a luxury hotel for the rest of his life, the count somehow manages to live a meaningful life despite the obstacles and challenges he faces. Meanwhile the world continues around him as time passes on from Russian Revolution to the Cold War.



October 11

The Address – by Fiona Davis

At the home of Bente Ott
47 Gordon Way, Princeton
RSVP to benteott@gmail.com or 609-683-8363

New York City's Dakota Apartment Building is the backdrop for two stories, one set in the 1880's and the other a century later, in 1985.

Miss Sara Smythe is lured from her job in an exclusive London hotel by the fictional architect of the newly constructed Dakota, Theo Camden, to act as the building manager. She proves competent but eventually becomes entangled in an unfortunate romance.

A century later, two descendants of Mr. Camden, one legitimate, one not, are involved in the renovation of the building. Bailey, just out of rehab, is trying to turn her life around with the help of her cousin Melinda who is redesigning the gorgeous building she inherited. There's a mystery to be resolved here, and many fascinating details describing the historic New York building are included.

The Book Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

New members are always welcome.

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RSVP to Phyllis at 799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

Anno I by John Franek To Be Presented September 22nd

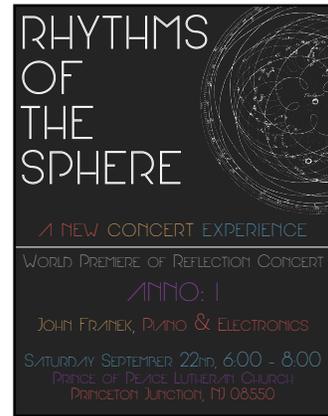
Starting about two years ago I began experimenting with the notion of a meditation or contemplation concert as an experience which might reach audience members in an unconventional way. Unlike standard concert performances, I wanted to experiment with a concert that I could use as a platform to extend into personal well-being, intersectionality in the arts, and possible fundraising for non-profits/charities.

What initially arose were *drone concerts* designed to shield the audience from the frenetic landscape in which they were enduring on a day-to-day basis. Through the help of new technologies and cherished colleagues, I have embarked on the composition of a 16-hour work for piano & electronics: *Rhythms of the Sphere*.

Rhythms of the Sphere is broken into two chapters: *Anno* and *Floruit*. Each piece is centered around a different cycle which human beings experience on a day-to-day basis. *Anno* details the changing seasons through the orbit of the Earth around the Sun while *Floruit* is concerned with the Circadian Rhythm of human beings.

The first two-hour portion of *Anno*, simply entitled *Anno I*, will be presented on September 22nd, this year's Autumnal Equinox. The timing of the concert, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, is choreographed with the setting of the sun. The concert will be free to the public, but an offering will be made to benefit a local charity. It is an absolute honor and pleasure to be able to share this work with my new PoP family, and I sincerely hope that I may present the other three parts during the year in connection with the changing of the seasons.

— John Franek



Spread the Word to SNAP/EBT Card Users

Please help spread the word to anyone you know who is a SNAP/EBT card user.

The organizers at the West Windsor Community Farmers' Market are reaching out to the churches in the area to let as many folks as possible know that people with SNAP/EBT cards are able to get up to \$15 additional fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers' Market each Saturday morning at the Vaughn Drive parking lot of the Princeton Junction. Train Station from 9 am-1 pm.

The procedure is this: Bring your EBT card to the Market Information Tent. Purchase as many \$1 SNAP tokens as you'd like. Shop with them throughout the Market on all SNAP authorized food. Get a free \$1 GSGFN token for each \$1 SNAP token purchased, up to \$15/day.

The Farmers' Market is open rain or shine every Saturday from May until Thanksgiving. Transportation information: NJ Transit, Bus. 600; Train, NE Corridor/Princeton Junction stop.

Christmas in July Giving Tree Backpacks Thanks

Lutheran Social Ministries/NJ (LSM/NJ) and the Prince of Peace Social Outreach Team thank you very much for the very generous response to the need for backpacks and school supplies, as indicated on the stars on the Christmas in July Giving Tree.

Nine complete secondary school and nine complete elementary school backpacks were delivered to LSM/NJ, as well as one more elementary backpack that was missing only one item. Many individual items were also delivered.

The recipients are from families who have limited income, and even such necessities as school supplies put an additional strain on their resources. These items are deeply appreciated and will be well-used. It's another way that we at Prince of Peace are extending our community outreach and carrying out a needed ministry.

Thank you again for your part in this ministry.
Gratefully, The Social Outreach Ministry Team

Parish Care Notes

Welcome Back!

As our Church Year begins, here are a few Parish Care needs and projects.

Back-to-School Time

Surprise, it is September already!

With back-to-school supplies all over the stores, the Parish Care team would like to remind all families with young adults heading off to school that we would like to have our students' **contact information**. Please make sure to get their **correct snail mail and email** information to us. We do keep in touch with our young adults while they are away at school during the year.

Thinking of our students away at school and ahead to our Care box project in February, if you see great bargains on non-perishable items for our boxes, gather them up and bring to church. We will hold on to them until it is time to pack the boxes (about 35 boxes in 2019).

Spreading the Cheer

Christmas Carol Sing Along in December

Save the Date: December 16th

Caroling after the Sunday Church Service

We will be caroling to residents at a couple of senior residences in the area. A card and small gift is taken for each person we meet.

So we need to have

- Holiday cards with a message hand-written inside. We have cards but need some folks willing to write a simple holiday message.
- Help with making a small gift to give. Last year we took tissue packets for each person. If you have any suggestions for something to take, please let us know ASAP.
- A song sheet/booklet to hand out
- Lots of voices to sing
- All ages, all voices, no rehearsals

Watch for more details of when and where you can help with this project.

Phone Calls & Bulletin Delivery

A good morning/day and how are you doing **Phone Call**. We would like to reach out to our church family who cannot be with us on Sunday morning. The call is a simple *Hi, we are thinking of you, hope all is going well, and is there anything we can do to help*.

If you can help with making a few calls once a month, your care is greatly appreciated by many.

Sunday bulletins are mailed each week to folks who would like them and cannot get to church. The bulletins can be delivered. This entails taking a Sunday bulletin from church and delivering it early in the week with a quick *Hi, how are you doing and we are thinking of you* message.

As with the phone calls, It is amazing that such a quick, simple act brightens someone's day.

If you would like to deliver a bulletin once in a while, let me know. We will coordinate our efforts. We have names, addresses, and directions.

Calendars, Greeting Cards and Care Notes

We are gathering 2019 calendars and greeting cards. We share these with several of the senior residents in the area. We need some folks to help deliver these items to the senior residences in our neighborhoods.

Care notes, knitted prayer squares and prayer cards are in the breezeway.

Senior Residence Liaisons

We are looking for some folks to help deliver the calendars and cards to the senior residences. If you live near one, please consider helping by dropping off these items.

Rides Needed

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

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

Thanks to Chris Wethe, Dorothy Safranek and Jim Winder for helping out this year.

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

A note of thanks to Ginger Reiersen for keeping the *Care Note* display organized, neat, and available to all.

Questions or to help? Contact

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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
