

Tidings of Peace



Worship in July

Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am

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

July 7

7th Sunday after Pentecost
“ Just As We Are ”
Pastor Peter Preaching

July 14

8th Sunday after Pentecost
“ The Head of John the Baptist ”
Pastor Dr Paul Rorem Preaching
No 8:30 Service

July 21

9th Sunday after Pentecost
“ Summer Sabbath ”
Pastor Peter Preaching

July 28

10th Sunday after Pentecost
“ The Bread of Life ”
Seminarian Daniel Marone Preaching

Prince of Peace night at Trenton Thunder Saturday, July 20

Join us with our mission partner, St. Bart's, for a night at the Trenton Thunder. Tickets are only \$12. Saturday, July 20 at 6:00pm. Fireworks to follow after the game. Look for the sign up outside the church office or talk to Pastor Peter for tickets.

Tidings, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to rclarecarlson@aol.com.

Deadline for the August issue is Sunday, July 28th

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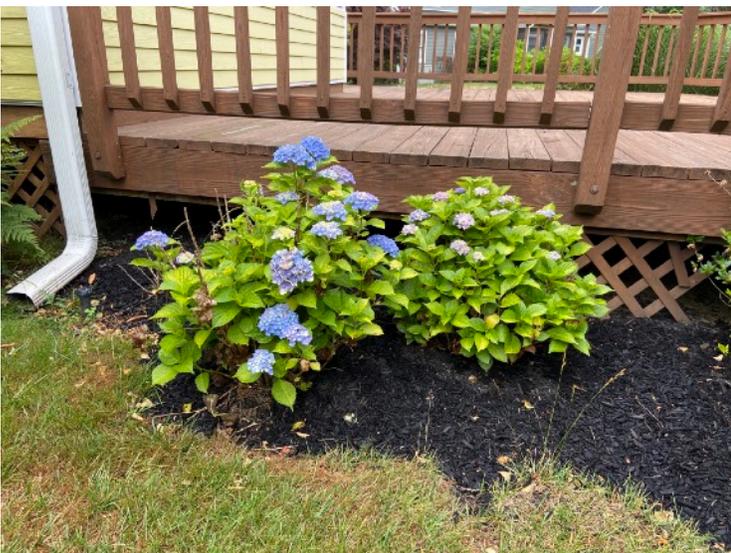
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Easter Hydrangeas from Several Years Ago

Martha Winder planted these after Easter several years ago and they are a continuing reminder of Easter's past.



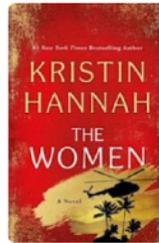
Book Group

*If interested in joining the book club,
please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com*

*We meet once a month in the church lounge at 1
p.m. Please bring your lunch and/or snack for
others to share.*

**Thursday, July 11, at 1:00 p.m. in the
lounge**

The Women by Kristin Hannah

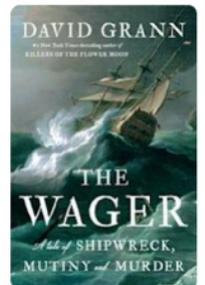


"Women can be heroes."
These are the words that
change a young nursing
student's life. When her
brother volunteers to serve
in Vietnam, 20 year-

old Frankie McGrath, decides to follow him as a
combat nurse. Sustained by the friendship of
two fellow nurses, Frankie manages to survive
the war. However, her homecoming is marred by
a public who now considers her service a
disgrace. Ironically when she seeks help as a
veteran, she is told only males are expected since
"There are no women in Vietnam." Riveting best
seller!

**Thursday, August 8, at 1:00 p.m. in the
lounge**

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann



In the mid 1700's Britain is
at war with Spain. A ship
named the Wager

is part of an armada that seeks to capture a
Spanish treasure ship loaded with gold and
jewels. David Grann's astonishing true
account of this venture is an exciting tale of
shipwreck, savagery and survival ending in
the court martial and trial of all concerned.
Fascinating nonfiction!

The Prince of Peace Racial Justice Library has Several New additions

The Prince of Peace Lending Library has several new additions this month. Several of the books below were donated by Sara Manning with the support of a Thrivent grant for which she applied:

The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History; by Ned Blackhawk – donated by Paul Rorem:

Native Americans have usually been left out of history books about the United States. They have been skipped over and neglected on the margins in books as in life. This big book, a National Book Award winner, retells American history with full inclusion of indigenous peoples, indeed at the center of the story, with some surprising results. For example, "the first shots of the American Revolution were prompted by Indian affairs in the interior." Namely, some colonists who wanted to take over "Indian land" fired on the British soldiers who were trying to honor a peace treaty with the Native peoples. The Delaware (Lenape) history is also covered often (see the index on p. 563).

This Day In June; by Gayle E. Pitman – donated by Nancy Herrington:

In a wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBTQ+ community, This Day In June welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united. Also included is a Note to Parents and Other Caregivers with information on how to talk to children about sexual orientation and gender identity in age-appropriate ways as well as a Reading Guide chock-full of facts about LGBTQ+ history and culture.

Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth; edited by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee – donated by Sara Manning:

The first edition of this book fostered the emergence of the "Spiritual Ecology Movement," which recognizes the need for a spiritual response to our present ecological crisis. It drew an overwhelmingly positive response from readers, many of whom are asking the simple question, "What can I do?" This second expanded edition offers new chapters, including two from younger authors who are putting

the principles of spiritual ecology into action, working with their hands as well as their hearts. It also includes a new preface and revised chapter by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, that reference two major recent events: the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home," which brought into the mainstream the idea that "the ecological crisis is essentially a spiritual problem"; and the 2015 Paris Climate Change Conference, which saw representatives from nearly 200 countries come together to address global warming, including faith leaders from many traditions. Bringing together voices from Buddhism, Sufism, Christianity, and Native American traditions, as well as from physics, deep psychology, and other environmental disciplines, this book calls on us to reassess our underlying attitudes and beliefs about the Earth and wake up to our spiritual as well as physical responsibilities toward the planet.

Watershed Discipleship: Reinhabiting Bioregional Faith and Practice, by Ched Myers – donated by Sara Manning:

This collection introduces and explores "watershed discipleship" as a critical, contextual, and constructive approach to ecological theology and practice, and features emerging voices from a generation that has grown up under the shadow of climate catastrophe. Watershed Discipleship is a "triple entendre" that recognizes we are in a watershed historical moment of crisis, focuses on our intrinsically bioregional locus as followers of Jesus, and urges us to become disciples of our watersheds. Bibliographic framing essays by Myers trace his journey into a bioregionalist Christian faith and practice and offer reflections on incarnational theology, hermeneutics, and ecclesiology. The essays feature more than a dozen activists, educators, and practitioners under the age of forty, whose work and witness attest to a growing movement of resistance and reimagination across North America. This anthology overviews the bioregional paradigm and its theological and political significance for local sustainability, restorative justice, and spiritual renewal. Contributors reread both biblical texts and churchly practices (such as mission, baptism, and liturgy) through the lens of "re-place-ment."

Herein is a comprehensive and engaged call for a "Transition church" that can help turn our history around toward environmental resiliency and social justice, by passionate advocates on the front lines of watershed discipleship.

Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision, by Randy S. Woodley – donated by Sara Manning:

Materialism. Greed. Loneliness. A manic pace. Abuse of the natural world. Inequality. Injustice. War. The endemic problems facing America today are staggering. We need change and restoration. But where to begin?

In Shalom and the Community of Creation Randy Woodley offers an answer: learn more about the Native American 'Harmony Way,' a concept that closely parallels biblical shalom. Doing so can bring reconciliation between Euro-Westerners and indigenous peoples, a new connectedness with the Creator and creation, an end to imperial warfare, the ability to live in the moment, justice, restoration -- and a more biblically authentic spirituality. Rooted in redemptive correction, this book calls for true partnership through the co-creation of new theological systems that foster wholeness and peace.

This Sacred Life, by Norman Wirzba – donated by Sara Manning:

In a time of climate change, environmental degradation, and social injustice, the question of the value and purpose of human life has become urgent. What are the grounds for hope in a wounded world? This Sacred Life gives a deep philosophical and religious articulation of humanity's identity and vocation by rooting people in a symbiotic, meshwork world that is saturated with sacred gifts. The benefits of artificial intelligence and genetic enhancement notwithstanding, Norman Wirzba shows how an account of humans as interdependent and vulnerable creatures orients people to be a creative, healing presence in a world punctuated by wounds. He argues that the commodification of places and creatures needs to be resisted so that all life can be cherished and celebrated. Humanity's fundamental vocation is to bear witness to God's love for creaturely life, and to commit to the construction of a hospitable and beautiful world.

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 {gregsnowak@verizon.net}.

Peace Garden Still Needs Help!

As you may have heard in church, the Peace and Cherry Tree Gardens are both planted and harvesting has begun. We're fighting groundhogs and other pests as well as rotating crops, adding pollinators, and serving the St. Bart's neighborhood by supplying fresh produce for their food pantry BUT we can use more help!

- Come out for an hour or two on a Tuesday or Friday between 9-11...weeding, planting, using paper or cardboard covered with wheelbarrows full of mulch or straw to deter weeds, picking off harmful bugs or filling holes made by groundhogs are just a few things we do besides harvesting, packaging and delivering the produce. TEENS or PARENTS WITH CHILDREN are WELCOME...Tell your friends and neighbors! What a great way to spend some summertime outside learning while doing God's work! (Volunteer hours can be recorded for community service credit if needed.)
- Like to drive but not into gardening? If we have a driver or two who can go to Philly (PA Horticultural Society) once or twice to pick up donations of seeds, seedlings, and other garden materials, that would save us some money spent on purchasing.
- Are you able to design or build (or help with the digging for) a strong (possibly chain link) fence? The Peace Garden REALLY needs a new fence so we don't continue losing crops to the groundhogs. We're trying to get estimates by professionals but that will take lots more than we have so fundraising would be necessary for materials AND labor.

Can you help with ANY of the above? Please contact Nancy Reyes at 609-273-1239 or nancyauerreyes@gmail.com.

Parish Care News - July 2024

As we enjoy the summer, we continue to share our care with others. If you know of someone that would enjoy some POP care, please let us know.

2024 High School Graduates (and others that are or will be away at school this fall)

Congratulations to our 2024 High School graduates. We are very proud of your accomplishment and look forward to your next adventures. Blessings to all of you.

We keep in touch with our young adults away at school, please share your contact information - mailing, shipping and email addresses along with your school as soon as possible. Please send details to the church.

We are looking for the same information from our young adults that are already in school. Please gather the 2024-25 school year info and share it with church. Thank you

Keeping in Touch

We are asking for families or individuals that could help us keep in touch with folks that cannot always get to church. Dropping off a Sunday bulletin, making a phone call to see how things are, going to see someone to share a hello and prayer are just a few of the ways to help. Please think about a way that you can help to make their days much brighter. Details of who and where will be provided.

Sorting and delivering Greeting Cards - Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, Get well, etc.

The cards are being shared with local Senior Living Residences. If you live near or visit a Senior Living Residence and would be willing to drop off a packet of cards please let me know. Also if you can help sort and package the cards let me know. We can schedule some time for sorting.

OMG!

It is only July and I received my first 2025 Calendar in the mail!!!! We will be gathering these calendars this fall to share with our local Senior Residences. They were greatly appreciated last fall. So look for a box in the breezeway to drop off your 2025 Calendars.

Care Notes, Prayer Squares and Prayer Cards are on the table in the breezeway. Please share with Family, Friends and Others. Show folks your care. Many thanks to Ginger Reiersen and Chris Wethe for their special support of this ministry.

Rides Needed

We are looking for a few folks to provide rides to and from church for the Sunday 9:30 Service. If you can help, please let me know ASAP.

If you can help with any ride please let me know. We can co-ordinate times as needed.

Summer Soup and Cookies

Those interested in gathering together to bake cookies or make soup please let me know.

We would like to have some baked goodies to share with our home bound members.

If you are interested in baking or making something to share please let me know so we can schedule a date!

Monthly Mailings

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.

Nourishing the Body and Spirit

Many Thanks to all the folks that provided meals and prayers for the Rexroad family. All the meals are greatly appreciated by the family as they live through this challenging time. Thank you to the 15 families that nourished their bodies and spirits. As we move forward watch for ways to continue our care.

Altar Flowers

There are a few weeks that are available for Sunday sponsorship. Check the flower calendar posted outside the church office. After our Sunday service you are welcome to take the arrangement home to enjoy. The cost is \$45 for the arrangement. Recently the flowers are being delivered in glass dishes – not plastic. In trying to encourage reduce, recycle and reuse we are going to try and collect the dishes for reuse. Once your flowers are finished, you can return the dish to the church and we will then return them to the florist for reuse. Our small step to help with the reduce, recycle, and reuse.

Enjoy the hot lazy days of summer and remember to share some POP care!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at church!

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Racial Justice Team

The July Food of the Month for St. Bart's is Macaroni and Cheese

Throughout the month of July we will be collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese for the St. Bart's food pantry. Please put your donations on the table in the narthex for St. Bart food. If the church is closed, you may leave your food offerings in the Food Bin outside the white doors of the Community Wing. Monetary donations are appreciated, too. Make checks out to Prince of Peace and earmark them for St. Bart's Food Pantry. Thanks so much!

And thank you to all who donated Peanut Butter and Jelly in June. There was an incredibly generous amount! Fantastic! Let's see how many boxes of macaroni and cheese we can collect this month!

Thank you from Prince of Peace and St. Bart's!

Joyful Stitchers Mondays at 7:00pm - Zoom

Every week Joyful Stitchers, PoP's stitching arts group, spends an hour knitting, crocheting and socializing. We are currently creating hats and scarves for St. Bart's to distribute at the holiday season. All are welcome to join us. If you don't know how to knit or crochet and would like to learn, we can teach you! We have experienced knitters and crocheters who are happy to help anyone learn; and we have a good stash of yarn, needles, and crochet hooks to get you started. If you would like to join us, please contact Kate Chen at kcmchen@comcast.net.

REFUGEES are living in MY Town? How did they get here? And now what?

Everyone's heard news stories about refugees and those seeking asylum in the USA...frequent stories about the crisis at the border, pleas for support for displaced families in refugee camps in various parts of the world, and some horror stories about some who've come illegally, but have YOU ever met a refugee? Do you know anything about those living peacefully in THIS part of NJ? Do you know how YOU can help with donated items or just a few hours of your time?

Mark your calendar for **God's Work Our Hands Day, September 8, the day you can learn the true process first-hand, get questions answered and spend time with some refugees settled locally.** POP's Racial Justice Team has arranged for two speakers during the adult forum. One is from Interfaith Refugee and Immigrant Services and Empowerment (Interfaith-RISE or informally I-RISE) that is partially government funded takes in refugees and asylees in central and south Jersey (offices in Highland Park and Vineland). The other will be the leader of The Jewish Center's Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee (aka TJC Interfaith Resettlement Committee and informally as the Princeton Chapter of I-RISE), a group of volunteers helping local families learn English, get their driver's license and jobs, help their children adjust and get an appropriate education, and much more.

But what if there are refugees nearby....If you've never met any refugees or interacted with someone just learning English or adjusting to American life, how would you act? GWOH Day will be a day to start to address that uncomfortable feeling as you interact with some of these families as we **Welcome Refugees to a picnic here at POP!** Plans are underway for an afternoon of traditional American picnic food, fun and games on our property, rain or shine, as a way to welcome our immigrant neighbors. Come and help, bring your family to eat and play with them in the comfort of our church family, and get to know a few people who may be your new neighbors, classmates or colleagues once they get settled into their new home. **Let's make their new life in Mercer County a little less scary for them as we do God's Work with Our Hands!** Watch for details coming soon!



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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 8:30 am (outside) and
9:30 am (in person/Livestream)

Office Hours

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