Let’s suppose that you are curious… What is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace? And what is the definition of God’s Grace, anyway? Wondering about the Athanasian Creed? Want to compare wedding rites? Do you know that the Episcopal Church uses its own unique translation of the Psalms? True or false: is the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral a famous mathematical problem?

All this and much, much more is waiting to be discovered in our 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Join us for three Sunday Forum sessions on the Prayer Book following the 10:15 services on May 13th, 20th, and 27th. You are welcome whether you are new to our denomination or are a long-time Episcopalian looking for a refresher. These forums will be of special interest to anyone considering confirmation in our church or reception from another denomination. Of course, all are welcome.

Second only to the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer is the document that defines the identity of the Episcopal Church. It is the repository of much of our theology and is the authorized source for our major liturgies. Since we are a people who so often pray together “in common,” the Prayer Book contains many, many prayers suitable for use on major and minor occasions of all descriptions. When our previous Book of Common Prayer (from 1928) was revised, major changes to our liturgies recap-

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tured meaning and ritual with deep roots in our Christian past. We will explore some of these changes to understand better how our church embraces both the past and the future.

The Church of England’s very first Book of Common Prayer (1549, significantly revised in 1552) set the basic patterns for the Prayer Books that have been followed ever since. We will look at how that book developed and how changes were necessary to serve and govern the new church – our church – that replaced the Church of England following the American Revolution. As other British colonies gained their independence from the empire, they, too, needed to create revised Books of Common Prayer. While each Book reflects its own setting and history, one of the remarkable features of Anglicanism worldwide (we are the American branch) is that one can worship almost anywhere in the world and follow the liturgy very closely, even if you don’t speak the local language. Our Prayer Book has also served as a model for others that followed around the world. We will spend some time looking at one such book, the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

We will convene at 11:30 on each of the three Sunday mornings and meet for about an hour. (Vestry members will need to depart for their monthly meeting at noon on May 20th.) Curious? Any questions? Just ask…

As always, I am yours in Christ,

Fr. Herb+

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The United States Army Herald Trumpets return to the 2018 Gettysburg Brass Band Festival, along with fourteen bands from five states performing June 7,8 and 9 in our historic town. In 2017 the 20th anniversary festival featured 362 musicians and attracted an attendance of over 3,000. For the complete schedule, visit the festival web site, [http://www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.com/](http://www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.com/)

This free event is organized by community volunteers in partnership with the United Lutheran Seminary Music, Gettysburg! Concert Series and Destination Gettysburg. The Festival closes with the moving “Taps” Tribute as buglers bring honor at historic sites. Bring your “kids” of all ages to the Brass Instrument Petting Zoo and enjoy the Gettysburg Lions Club Community Picnic.
Habitat Update

If you have recently traveled along East Middle Street, you may have noticed that the Blitz Build for the current Habitat project has been completed and a house has been erected at the site. Prince of Peace is currently scheduled to provide three to four workers on Saturday, June 9th, from 8 AM to 12 PM. See Pete L. to volunteer to help.

Music Notes

YOU ARE NEEDED ~
YOU ARE WANTED

If you are not yet a member of Prince of Peace’s singing and/or ringing choirs, please consider yourself warmly invited to become a part of this very important ministry in the life of our church. No previous musical skills or background is needed: only a desire to have a wonderful time enjoying the fun and fellowship of others as we sing and “make melody in our hearts to the Lord with Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.” All are welcome!

Prince of Peace Choral Choir:
Thursday evenings 7:00 PM
(through May 24th)

Prince of Peace Handbell Choir:
Tuesday afternoons 5:00 PM
(through May 29th)

Choral Evensong

Thank you to Fr. Herb, the members of the Prince of Peace Choir, and to all of those who were present for our second Choral Evensong for the season on Sunday, March 18th. Please plan to join us for the third and final Prince of Peace Choral Evensong of this season on Sunday evening - Trinity Sunday - May 27th at 5:00 PM.

Choral Evensong is a 30 to 45-minute long peaceful church service in which the ‘song’ of voices sounding together in harmony is heard at the ‘even’ point between the active day and the restful night, allowing listeners time for peaceful and restful contemplation - church members, agnostics and atheists alike. It is free of charge.

Special Music for the Summer

The Prince of Peace Choir will sing at worship through Trinity Sunday, May 27th. After that, there will be opportunities for special music at our worship services throughout the summer months while the choir is on their well-deserved break. Those singers and instrumentalists of the congregation wishing to offer their unique musical gifts with vocal and/or instrumental solos, duets or small ensembles are encouraged to speak with Cathy Elkiss. Thank you!
WETZER SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1998, the Hilda Wetzer Scholarship Fund was established at Prince of Peace. Hilda was a longtime member of our church. When she died, she bequeathed a sum of money to Prince of Peace with the stipulation that it be used for academic scholarships for the “youth” of Prince of Peace.

Applicants must be active members of Prince of Peace pursuing an undergraduate degree. Both full-time and part-time students are welcome to apply. Applications will be approved by the Vestry. Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipient’s college at the beginning of the school year. The application deadline is June 21, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Pete L. or Hal E.

WETZER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the information requested below and return the application to the church office by June 21, 2018

Please type or print clearly

Name __________________________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________________________

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Phone ____________________________________ Email ________________________________________

Name of School
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Student ID # ________________________________

____ Full-time (3 or more courses/semester) ______ Part-time (less than 3 courses/semester)

Address of Financial Aid Office _____________________________________________________________

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Activities participated in at Prince of Peace
_______________________________________________________________________________________
The next EPISCO-PALS gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th, at 5:30 PM at the homes of hosts Olive and Joe D. The co-hosts for the evening will be Shirlee and Ralph C. The sign-up sheet is available in Stahle Parlor. The hosts will provide the main course and beverages, everyone else can bring a vegetable side-dish, appetizer or dessert. Episco-Pals is a chance for the adults in the parish to gather and get to know one another in a relaxed setting.

The dates for the remaining two dinners for 2018 are:

Sunday, June 24th

Sunday, October 14th

The evenings usually start at 5:30 PM with fellowship, with the meal and dessert beginning at 6:30. The host couple doesn’t have to do it all—that’s why we have co-hosts at the discretion of the hosting couple. If you are interested in hosting on one of these remaining two dates, please contact either Olive D. or Cornelia S.

Do you have a Prince of Peace family member who is graduating from high school or college this year? Please let the office know the details so they can be recognized in the next issue of *The Episcopal Epistle*. Send the name, school, and plans to the Parish Administrator, Carolyn Fouts at secretary@gettysburgepiscopal.org.

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**Important Parish Dates and Times:**

**Saturday, May 5th**  11:00 AM  Memorial service for Jane L. Jones

**Saturday, May 12th**  5:30 PM  Episco-Pals at the home of Olive and Joe D.

**Sunday, May 13th**  11:30 AM  Adult Forum

**Sunday, May 20th**  11:30 AM  Adult Forum

**Saturday, May 26th**  2:00 PM  Memorial service for Gordon T. Fuller

**Sunday, May 27th**  11:30 AM  Adult Forum

**Sunday, May 27th**  5:00 PM  Choral Evensong

**August 13—17th**  Prince of Peace Arts Camp
**FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

If you would like to make an altar flower dedication in loving memory or thanksgiving for loved ones or special events, please fill out the form on the parlor credenza, or call the church office at 717-334-6463. The cost is $30.00 (or $15.00 if the date is shared with another dedication). We cannot reserve dates for single dedications, so you may have to share a date with another party.

Please make your check payable to *Prince of Peace* and mark it “Altar Flowers” on the Memo Line.

May 6  In celebration of the life of Gordon F. by his children and their families.

May 13 In celebration of Jakob L.’s high school graduation, by Jim and Carolyn F.

May 20 In thanksgiving for the birthday of Jim G., by Craig and Chris G.

May 27 In celebration of Conor and Rae M.’s 5th wedding anniversary, by Mike and Nancy L.

In celebration of the life of Gordon F. by his family.

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**The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace**

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rector@gettysburgepiscopal.org*

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Priest Associate  
Cathy Elkiss  
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Carolyn Fouts  
Parish Administrator  
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*Chris Abplanalp, Sexton  
Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Website:  
www.gettysburgepiscopal.org*
**PARISH ROUND OF PRAYER FOR MAY 2018**

May 6  
Kathleen Z., Jim V., Carter T., Erika, Tyler and Ryan V.; Nicki, Seth and AJ V.

May 13  
Julie and Doug W., Haley and Wyatt C., John Douglas, Gracie-Mae and Lucy W.; Gwen and Greg W.

May 20  
Jean W.; Bob W.; Martha and Steve W.; Phyllis W.; Arlene and Raymond W.

May 27  
Eileen A.; Lee B.; Sarah, Jeff, Sean, Ellen and Anne B.; Jacquie, Ken and Luke B.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2nd Rachel S.  
5th Ken B.  
7th Dick P.  
9th Chris G.  
Art H.  
11th Meagan C.  
12th Sarah B.  
Diana C.  
13th Polly C.  
17th Steve S.  
20th Gail F.  
23rd Greg W.  
27th Bill G.  
Craig G.  
28th Mary D.  
31st Haley C.  
David C.  

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

2nd Olive & Joe D.  
10th Nicki & Seth V.  
15th Heather & Dave S.  
19th Cathy & Dale E.  
23rd Teresa & Paul C.

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**The Sunday Lectionary**

**May 6**  
6 Easter  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:5:1-6  
John 15:9-17  

**May 13**  
7 Easter  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**May 20**  
Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:25-5,37  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 27**  
Trinity Sunday  
1 Pentecost  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST**

8:00 a.m.  Rite I Holy Eucharist  
10:15 a.m.  Rite II Holy Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST**

12:00 Noon  Holy Eucharist

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**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Tuesday, May 22, 2018  
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