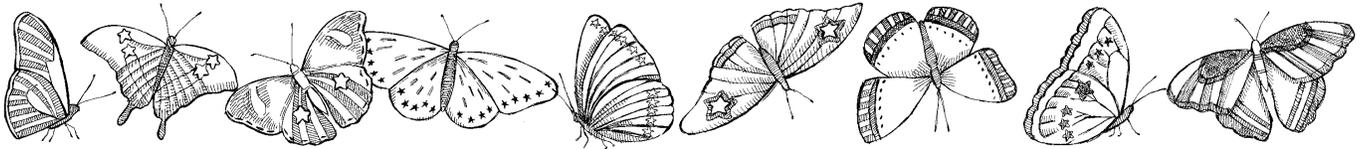




# Peace Notes

*Prince of Peace Anglican Church*

*April 2016*



## *Praying for God's Guidance*

What is a bishop? What qualities in a priest would make that person a good candidate for bishop? As we have been praying during these past five months for our Diocese and the process of selecting our next bishop, these questions come to mind.

The founding documents and guidelines (“canons”) for our denomination state: “To be a suitable candidate for the episcopate, a person must: 1. Be a person of prayer and strong faith; 2. Be pious, have good morals and exhibit Godly character; 3. Have a zeal for souls; 4. Have demonstrated evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit; 5. Possess the knowledge and gifts which equip him to fulfill the office; 6. Be held in good esteem by the faithful; 7. Be a male Presbyterian at least 35 years old; 8. Have demonstrated the ability to lead and grow the Church.

In addition, and more importantly, there are three great biblical passages that describe the character of New Testament church leaders. We have been encouraged to take time to read them: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; and 1 Peter 5:1-4.

This past month, on March 7, the final slate of nominees was announced. They have filled out questionnaires and submitted resumés. This Tuesday, March 29, these submitted documents will be shared with the Diocese. On Friday, April 22, there will be a special evening to meet the nominees and then the following morning, April 23, an election will take place and we will have a new bishop, subject to approval in late June by the national “College of Bishops”.



***Everyone is asked to pray for these nominees  
and to pray for our Diocese:***

*The Rev Canon Phil Ashe, CEO – American Anglican Council, Atlanta, GA*

*The Rev John Paul Chaney, Rector – Seeds of Hope, Bloomfield (Pittsburgh)*

*The Rev Bill Driscoll, Rector – Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville, FL*

*The Very Rev Chip Edgar, Dean – Church of the Apostles, Columbia, SC*



*The Rev Jack Gabig, PhD, Associate Professor  
– Nashotah House Seminary, Nashotah, WI*

*The Rev Jim Hobby, Rector – Trinity, Thomasville, GA*

*The Venerable Canon Jack Lumanog, - Canon to the Archbishop  
and Primate & COO, ACNA*

***Bishop's Visit - Y'all Come!***

Bishop Robert William Duncan is coming for a final visit to Prince of Peace as our Diocesan Bishop on **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Please note this special weekday visit and time on your calendar!

Be sure to stay following the service for a very special reception. This will be a wonderful opportunity to wish him well in his retirement, and perhaps to share your memories of the journey of faith that he shepherded that led to the founding of the North American Anglican Church. Bishop Duncan will be retiring following the appointment of our new diocesan bishop in June.



**Monthly Praise and Worship Service  
Thursday, April 21  
6:30 pm**



***We Welcome...***

**Amy Ricketts** who will be cleaning our building on Thursdays. Be sure to say hello if you see her if you are at the church while she is there!

## Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving

### The Word of the Lord for April 2016

<u>April</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
2/3	Job 42:1-6	111	Revelation 1:1-19	John 20:19-31
9/10	Jeremiah 32:36-41	33	Revelation 5:6-14	John 21-14
16/17	Numbers 27:12-23	100	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
23/24	Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18	145	Revelation 19:1, 4-9	John 13:31-35
30/1	Joel 2:21-27	67	Rev. 21:1-4, 22-27; 22:1-5	John 14:23-29

### Remember in Your Prayers



Deacon Dennis Wilson, Scott & Regina Hoover, Raeleen Kypta, Virginia Roberts, Christopher Wright, James Montgomery (Janice Bull's brother), Bruce Davis, Jim Sites, Blanche Heidengren, Leininger family, Florence Daugherty, Tom P., Sharon Morgan, Marion Morgan, Kristen Steiner, Theresa Woodman, Benjamin DeLouis, Carol Matthews, Chuck Matthews, Christine (Chuck & Carol Matthews' daughter), Jim Roberts, Patti Davis, Herb Smith, Janice Sarver, Betty, Chris and David Harris (Rebecca Martelli's family) Tom DiSanto, Hugh & Ruth Williams, Dick & Dee Fuller, Nicki, Keith & Barb McElhaney, Marijane and Tomasina, Amy, Jim, Courtney Scott, Lily Statler, June S. (June Statler's sister-in-law). **Our Homebound:** Susan Cipriani, Evelyn Hoffman, Alice Miracle, Josephine (Jill) Bull.

**Thank you** to all the members of the Altar Guild who have so graciously given of their time this Lenten and Easter season to make our Sanctuary a beautiful reflection of our Lord's grace and love.

Thank you to Larry Federoff who supplied the palms for Palm Sunday and also to those who donated spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter: Judy Plodinec, John & Paula Cosnek, John & Sharon Turner, Barbara Follett, Barbara DeSantis, June Smith, Lee & Thelma Pillar, George & Nancy Hessler, Chuck & Carol Matthews, Jim & Darlene Miller, George & Bev Smith, Ron & Cheryl Glus, Joyce Wingett, Geoffrey & Janice Bull, Barbara Houser, Jeff Smith, Bev & George McKee, Jason & Diane Wolf, Alex Robenski, and Lee & RoseMarie Hewitt.



A request from Altar Guild: We can use empty cool-whip and cottage cheese containers to transport altar flowers. Please put them in the Sacristy room. Thank you!

## **Vestry News**

At the March Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved the minutes and financial reports for February as well as:

- Did Bible Study together on the theme of “God’s Provision”
- Passed for a second time (as required by our By-Laws) expanding the Vestry to “up to 9” members
- Continued to discuss a proposed building expansion plan for discussion
- Reported on the successful hiring of a new cleaning person for the church
- Began the planning of a Vestry & Staff retreat

## **From the Senior Warden**



Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ, as we celebrate the Easter Season! I am honored, again, to serve you as a member of the Prince of Peace Vestry. My prayer as Senior Warden is for us to follow God’s plan for our church as we serve Him in spreading the Gospel in Hopewell Township and beyond. We have faithful servants in our parish and God will produce the fruits to grow His Kingdom. Each of us is a vital part of this church body; I pray that you will embrace your gifts according to the grace given you. I encourage us as the body of Christ to read Romans 12: 1-8 and 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31.

In His Service,  
Susan Hovanec

## **Local Outreach**

Sometimes the “joyful noise” we make sounds a lot like “squirt—squirt, rub-a-dub”—especially when it comes to our local outreach at Five Points Sunoco as we clean the windshields of those who stop by to get gas at the station. This free windshield washing also gives us a chance to introduce ourselves as the people of Prince of Peace and say ‘God Bless You’ to the motorists. It is a fun event for everyone involved! Please use the sign-up sheet on the back table to say that you would like to help with this ministry. The date is Saturday, April 16, from 11 am to 1 pm. See Pastor John if you would like more information.

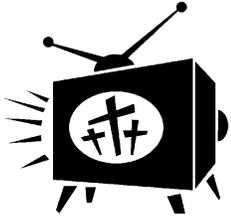


### **Update for Deacon Dennis**

Deacon Dennis Wilson has been moved to Rochester Manor, Room 205, 127 Virginia Avenue, Rochester, PA 15074. You are welcome to visit or send cards; however, please do not bring food gifts with you since Dennis is on a prescribed diet of thickened and pureed food. Dennis is in a private room and there are no set visiting hours.



### **March Youth Update**



Hello Prince of Peace Family! Our youth group recently started an overview of the Bible on Sunday nights; we are planning to spend about a year going through some of the major parts of Scripture. Before reading the biblical passage each week, we watch a short clip from The Bible: The Epic Miniseries together, to help make the biblical story come alive. Then, after we read the passage from the Bible, the first question we discuss together is what differences we noticed between the video clip and what the Bible actually says!

It's important for us to be able to critically evaluate what we read and see in media. Often people and things will claim to be representing Scripture, but they may not be doing so with complete accuracy. Sometimes these differences are minor and insignificant, but other times they represent a real departure from Scripture, or at least a distortion of it based on our cultural bias. For example, on the week we studied Genesis 3, humanity's fall into sin, we were all struck by how short the video clip was!

Yet really that should not come as so great a surprise, because our culture is very uncomfortable talking about sin and its consequences. The Bible, on the other hand, is very clear how far short we fall of God's standards of holiness, and that the consequences of sin are nothing less than death. As we celebrate Easter, let us never forget how great a debt our Lord Jesus Christ has paid for us, and praise Him all the more for His great victory over death!



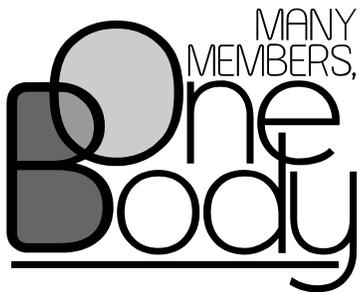
**youth group**  
SCHEDULE

Our youth group continues to meet each week on Sunday from 6-8pm for games, snacks, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer – all youth in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome! If you'd like more information, I or Pastor John would be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you might have. Please continue to pray that our youth will grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord!

In Christ,  
Jason Waller

**Missions in Focus Weekend**

The Spring Missions in Focus Weekend took place March 12 & 13. Cheryl Pickering, the Senior Warden of Shepherd’s Heart Ministries in Uptown Pittsburgh was our guest at the Saturday evening Service; and the Rev. Jay Slocum, the Rector of Jonah’s Call Church in Oakland was our guest for the Sunday services and the Adult Education class. The preacher throughout the weekend was Jason Waller.

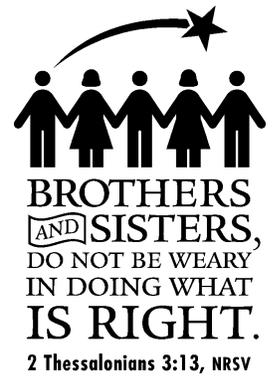


Jason’s theme was the “One holy catholic Church”. He highlighted for us that we are one body with all other Christians the world over; and that, therefore, we are working on the ‘same team’ as all the congregations, agencies and individual missionaries that were listed in the flyer given out over the weekend. For a small congregation, Prince of Peace has a great deal of impact for the Kingdom of God throughout

the world! So he encouraged us to pray regularly and give generously in support of the other members of ‘our team’.

Pastor John said he would also like to know of missionaries and agencies that individual members support in addition to those supported through our church. Just give him the names of the agencies and individuals. You don’t have to give him your name.

Cheryl spoke about the ministry of Shepherd’s Heart, and echoed Jason’s theme that we are one body with them, reaching out to those abandoned by society. Pastor Jay share that Jonah’s Call is bringing a sense of ‘permanence’ to the most transient community in South Western Pennsylvania. At the class he said that his ministry through Jonah’s Call was the Cure of souls and the Care for the City. It was truly exciting to know that we at Prince of Peace are part of what the Lord is doing through His Body, not only in Hopewell, not only in the Anglican Church, but throughout the City, the State and the world!



Philip Bottomley

**Passover**



Remember that Passover this year is April 22/23. Please pray for your Jewish friends, and maybe send them a greetings card for Passover.

## **New Wineskins for Global Mission Conference**



Jim Fisher and I are planning on attending the New Wineskins for Global Mission triennial Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina April 7-10. Thank you for the privilege of being your representatives at this exciting Missions Conference. Please pray that the Lord will keep Jim and me safe, and so fill us that we will be able to return and share with our Christian Family at Prince of Peace His words to us all through the Conference to inspire us all to greater mission.

Thank you,  
Pastor Philip and Jim

## **Prayer Update for the ZaZa-Dimli People of Turkey**

Last month I introduced Prince of Peace members to the Zaza-Dimli people of east-central Turkey, so that we might be involved in praying for them. Since then I have been introduced to David Meeks, who is the Anglican Frontiers Mission representative who connects with the Zazas. David has given us much more information on this Unreached People Group. He is in Turkey as I write, and has promised us a video of his trip that we will be able to share in church!



### David gave me the following prayer requests:

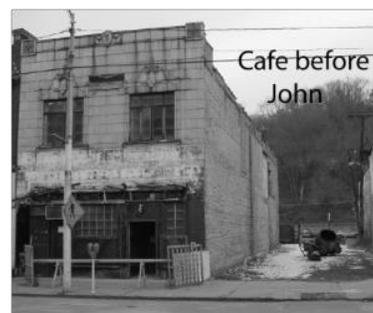
- For fruit from a Disciple-making Seminar with 25 disciples from all over Turkey that was held March 16-19;
- For the outcome of David's meetings with church leaders in southeast Turkey on his trip;
- For 'Households of Peace': that there would be a hunger for God's Words, and for wisdom and truth to intensify;
- For 'Ivan' (not his real name): he lives in a city that has seen a lot of warfare; he should be at the Disciple-making Seminar;
- "How can we have peace?" is the cry of many in eastern Turkey. Let us pray that the people receive the news of Jesus and the reconciliation found only in him. In order for them to hear there is a need for disciples who make disciples.
- For more resources. Currently the only available resources in the Zaza language are two Youtube presentations.

Philip Bottomley

## **Uncommon Grounds – The Beginning – Part 1**

When Church Army officer John Stanley arranged in 2001 for the purchase of an old store front on Franklin Avenue in Aliquippa, he expected he and other volunteers would have a working coffee shop ministry in six months, tops. Then part of the building literally fell off.

Nearly four years of volunteer labor followed, but the results are impressive. Now, a fully functional café and coffee shop stands in what used to be another run-down building. Of course, Uncommon Grounds isn't really about just serving a good latte or even paying its bills (something Stanley never expected it to be able to do). It aspires to help a whole community heal and lead individuals to Jesus. "We're here to change Aliquippa," said Stanley. Sometimes that means connecting someone down on their luck with the proper social services, or just listening. In other moments, there may be opportunities for evangelism and guiding people to local churches.

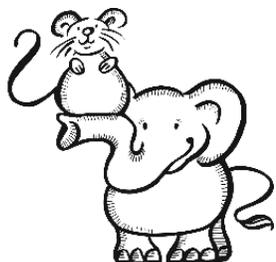


But doing all those things is going to take volunteer labor a bit different than that required to refurbish the building. Workers willing to make coffee, sandwiches and connect with patrons is an on-going task. Churches that helped with the refurbishment phase, including Prince of Peace and other denominations from the area, are now asked to encourage volunteers to assist at the café.

Before being put to work, all volunteers undergo an extensive training course designed to help them not only know how to make various coffee drinks, but also how to work with patrons and deal with difficult situations and people. The key concept is to act towards others as Jesus did. As Stanley would have said, "The whole point of being here is to serve people, not to serve food."

*Continued in the May Peace Notes.*

### **Outreach Opportunities in May**



**May 7 – Blessing of the Bikes** 1 pm. Pastor Philip Bottomley will lead this annual service of blessing all those who ride all kinds of bikes. Be sure to tell your friends!

**May 8 – Bring a Friend to Worship**. Special services designed to acquaint your friends with the wonderful fellowship and worship at Prince of Peace.

## **Side by Side – Pastor John and Blanche Heidengren**



How is your Lenten discipline going? How have you been doing on your New Year's Resolution? Do you struggle to stay disciplined in your desire to grow and change and attack those bad habits and stick with new habits?

If you struggle, then you're normal! Failure to keep resolutions we make is part of our fallen nature and reminds us how much we need God in our life and His power in our daily living. "*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me*" (Phil 4:13) is not just a Bible verse but a true and powerful promise!

So do you want to get back on track with your intention to exercise more, or read the Bible each day, or spend more time with family, or pray more for our needy world, or whatever area of your life you'd like to see more discipline? Here are a few suggestions:

1] Unrealistic goals – if we set the bar too high we may give up too soon. 2] Do a few things well—if we take on too many areas at once we may get overwhelmed and give up. 3] Get support – we were made for community not isolation – share your goals with someone else who can pray for you and help you stick with it. 4] Ask God for help – God desires to see us become more like Jesus and become healthier in every part of our life – just invite Him into your desire to give up an old habit and start a new habit.



April 1<sup>st</sup> is often called April Fool's Day. What is a fool according to the Bible? In Psalm 14:1, David writes, "*The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'*" So, in the old Test-ament, a fool is one who put his trust in everything but in the one who created him and saved him. A fool is seen as being unwise and not discerning. So Christians definitely do not want to be considered this kind of fool.

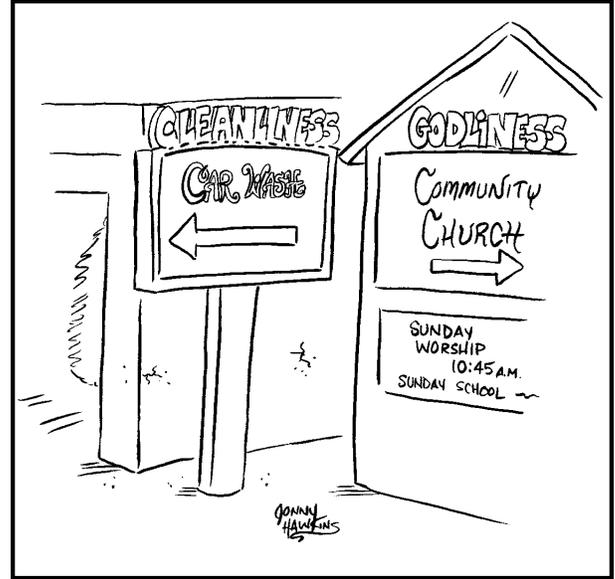


In the New Testament, Jesus tells about a "fool who built his house on the sand." The rains came and the house fell down and washed away because it wasn't built on the Rock, that is on the truth that Jesus Christ is God's Son and is the only One who has the Words of Life. The man who build his house on the Rock, who made Christ his foundation and put his trust in Him for salvation, is the wise man.

Interestingly in 1 Corinthians 4:10, the Apostle Paul writes that he and the other apostles are "fools for Christ's sake." What do you think he means here? Well, Paul tells us in the following verses that he is willing to be a fool: as someone who is weak and held in disrepute, as someone who is hungry, thirsty, and homeless because of being persecuted for his faith in Christ. He goes on in verse 16, to urge his readers to imitate him, to be seen as a "fool for Christ." May we be this kind of "fool," able to say as Paul in verse, 12, "when reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat; when seen as scum, we don't get offended." This is the kind of fool that by God's grace I want to be! How about you?

+ Christian Symbol +

**Tau Rho** - The symbol of salvation is composed of the Greek letters tau (T) and rho (P). It was first used in ancient New Testament manuscripts as an abbreviation for the Greek word for "cross." The symbol also seems to visually represent Jesus on the cross.



**From a worship bulletin:**

But my moth would encourage you (Job 16:5).

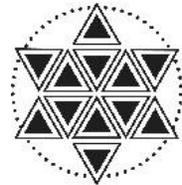
Those are interesting words to come out of someone's *mouth*.

+ Bible Quiz +

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
- C. Mordecai

- B. Haman
- C. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)



Answer: See page 11

# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



### What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

### What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



# PUZZLE

## A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

Answer to the Bible Quiz on Page 10 - C (See Esther 2:7)



The deadline for articles for the May 2016 issue of Peace Notes is **Friday, April 22**. Please email your articles to Peace Notes Editor, Bev McKee at [gbmckee1@verizon.net](mailto:gbmckee1@verizon.net); call her at 724-457-7105, or give them to our church secretary, June Statler.



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**Worship**

Saturday - 6:00 P.M.

Sunday - 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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**Vision Statement**

*We the members of Prince of Peace Church are called to...go into the world, caring for people with God's love, inviting people to follow Jesus, and then teaching them to obey Jesus in all they do.*

**Mission Statement**

Our vision is fulfilled as we intentionally train followers of Jesus to...

- Worship God passionately,
- Care for each other graciously,
- Study God's ways diligently,
- Give to God sacrificially,
- Connect purposefully with outsiders,
- Serve God's church whole-heartedly...so that those separated from God would experience Jesus and follow Him.