



# Peace Notes

*Prince of Peace Anglican Church*

*March 2015*



## *Simplify!*

### **Are you Overscheduled? Exhausted? Overwhelmed?**

Then you need a wake-up call! You need more than a calendar overhaul – you need an overhaul of your soul! You need the kind of “good change” that makes everything in your life better! You need to take steps to simplify your life before it’s too late!



This Lent, on Wednesday nights, we will be letting God speak to us about our schedule, our spending, and our relationships. His Word will uncover our blind spots, and help us find a simpler life with more time for what’s really important! We will be able to stop living at a frenetic pace and begin charting a new course toward satisfaction, purpose and significance. For when we spend our lives doing things that keep us busy, but don’t really matter, we sacrifice the things that do matter.

Many in our parish have not yet had the opportunity to experience our Wednesday night dinner and teaching ministry. I ask you to consider making just these five weeks a new adventure in your life. Come to just the first evening and see if God is not nudging you to continue, and make a deeper study of Him as a new priority in your life.

Our 5-week Lenten program will begin Wednesday, February 25 from 6-8 pm. Dinner will be served - a simple soup, salad, and bread meal. Please sign up at the back of the church to offer to help provide part of the meal. Class begins at 6:45. If you are not able to join us for dinner, please come to the class! I look forward to seeing you on February 25<sup>th</sup>!

*Pastor John*

## *The Word of the Lord for March 2015*

<u>March</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
28/1	Genesis 22:1-14	16	Romans 3:31-39	Mark 8:31-38
7/8	Exodus 20:1-17	19:7-14	Romans 7:13-25	John 2:13-22
14/15	2 Chron. 36:14-23	122	Ephesians 2:4-10	John 6:4-15
21/22	Jeremiah 31:31-34	51	Hebrews 5:1-10	John 12:20-33
28/29*	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	22:1-11	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39



\*Palm Sunday



**Monthly Praise and Worship Service**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
**6:30 to 8:30 pm**



### *Remember in Your Prayers*



**Remember in Prayer:** Martha Vetter, Ed Pietruch (Bev McKee's uncle), Edward Bottomley, Jim Miller, Radovich family, Robenski family, Petkovich family, Blanche Heidengren, Benjamin Heidengren, Adelia Peters, Jack Martin, the Martha Giltinan family, Larry Smith, Sarah Clow, Donna Baucant, Carol Matthews, Dougherty family, Matthew, Tristan Holt, Ruth Williams, Deacon Dennis Wilson, Marion Morgan, Sharon Morgan, Gaby, Greg Hoover, Charles Garland (Andrea Hoover's brother), Dick & Dee Fuller, Richard & Rosemary Burris.

**Our Homebound:** Susan Cipriani, Evelyn Hoffman, Alice Miracle, and Josephine (Jill) Bull.

### *Holy Week and Easter Dates*

**Palm/Passion Sunday – March 29**

#### **Holy Week Worship**

Maundy Thursday – April 2 – 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3 – 7:00 pm

**Easter - April 5**



## **More Important Dates!**

Daylight Savings Time begins on **March 8**. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday before you go to bed!



Nancy Hessler requests that you circle Saturday, December 12 on your calendar and plan to attend the **Ladies Christmas Party**. Help will be needed! To volunteer please contact Nancy at 412 996-0342. It's never too early to begin planning for this fun event!

## **A CHRISTIAN PASSOVER SEDER**

***Tuesday, March 31***

This will be the third year we have held a Christian Passover Seder at Prince of Peace, led by Pastor Philip, as part of our observance of Holy Week. The Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples was undoubtedly a Passover Seder; and therefore participation in this event will truly enrich our participation that week in the celebration of the central events of the Gospel Story.



*Passover*

The Seder will be on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. We will begin at 6:00 pm and conclude around 8:30 pm. There will be a full meal during the Seder; but not until about 7 o'clock, so you should eat something beforehand if necessary. You are encouraged to invite friends, including Jewish friends, and those who have not been to a Seder. It is especially appropriate to bring children, even as young as 5! [If you have younger children, let us know and we will try to arrange childcare.] A donation of \$10.00 per person (with a maximum of \$25.00 for a family of 3 or more) is requested to cover the cost of the meal.



Sign-up sheets are available at the Church – or you can call the church office to reserve a place. We had 55 people participate last year! But it was too many for the space, so we are limiting it to 45 this year. **You will need to sign up early.** We would like to give preference to those who have never attended a Seder, so there is a place on the sign-up sheet to indicate that you would be a first-time participant. **Don't miss out on this special celebration!**

~ Father Philip

## *All About Flowers*

### *How to Order Altar Flowers*



Ordering Altar Flowers for use on a particular Sunday is easy. Simply sign up on the Flower List that is posted in the Sacristy—the room on the right as you face the back of the church. Please indicate if you wish to purchase one or two vases. (A week may be shared by two different purchasers.) Each vase of flowers is \$21.20 and is supplied by Lydia's Flower Shoppe in Aliquippa. Lydia's will send a bill to the purchaser directly. If you have any questions about ordering flowers, or want special flowers in your arrangement, please contact Bev Smith.

### *Easter Flowers*

Flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter may be ordered until **Sunday, March 22**. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and payment must accompany your order. Please see Barbara DeSantis at the 6:00 pm Saturday service; Bev McKee at the 8:00 am Sunday Service and Bev Smith at the 10:30 am Sunday service to place your order. You may take your plant home following the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday. Checks should be made out to Barbara DeSantis.



### *Hello Prince of Peace Family!*



Thank you all so much for your warm welcome to me as the new Youth Minister here at Prince of Peace Church. It has been exciting for my wife JoTherese and I to meet all of you and we look forward to getting to know you better.

The youth group is off to a great start this year, and we have been happy to have some new youth joining us. We spent a lot of time researching different curriculum options for what we could study together, and decided to use ***Studies on the Go*** by Youth Specialties. We just started their study on the Gospel of John, and I am excited to see how this Gospel will impact the lives of the youth. We also had a lot of fun bowling together a couple Saturdays ago at Sheffield Lanes.

The biggest obstacle so far has been the winter weather forcing us to cancel some of our regular 6 pm Sunday night meetings - a new experience for this San Diegan. So please pray for better weather on Sunday nights! Please also pray for our youth, that they will grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

In Christ,  
Jason Waller

## **Vestry News**

### ***Welcome to our two new Vestry Members, Lori Romano and Al Martelli!***



At their January meeting, the Vestry discussed the formation of a Building Committee to address the short-term and long-term needs of our property. They discussed the sale of a small strip of land on Heights Road that came with the sale of our current building and is not needed by our church. They discussed the landscaping bids for the installation of the memorial pavers in front of the new columbarium.

### **Lori Romano - New Vestry Member**

Hello friends!

A little background about myself: I had the honor of joining Prince of Peace Church in 2006. I had just moved back to the area after living out of state for 20 years. This wasn't the best time in my life... I was a full-time road warrior for my job, going through a divorce, became a sole homeowner for the first time and found out I was a Grandmother by surprise. I was desperately seeking some peace and comfort and thanks to my sister, Elizabeth I found it at POP.



I have never belonged to a church that is spiritually gratifying, lively and full of good humor and has such an emotional depth of faith, which is just what I needed!

I regularly attend the Saturday night worship service, accompanied most of the time by my Grandson, Kam. I enjoy attending the Wednesday night bible study groups, the teachings, and the dinner conversations.

In my professional life I have been in the Corrugated/Paper Industry for 30 years. I am currently in the IT department as a Business/Application/Training and support Analyst. I manage 15 facilities with 7 more coming on the West coast. My strengths and skills I can offer the vestry include time management and decision-making. I am very detail oriented, dependable and reliable. I follow up and I follow through

I always wanted to do more for the church but felt my time was limited due to the travel required for my job. I am honored to be asked to serve as part of the vestry and I welcome the opportunity to apply my skills to the best of my ability.

[Next Month we will feature new Vestry member Al Martelli]

## *You Can Do It Too!*

### **Missions in Focus Weekend ~ March 14 & 15**

The Lord Jesus used his last words on earth to his disciples to give them this task: *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8



On February 14 & 15 we considered our Lord’s call to “... the ends of the earth.” In our next **Missions in Focus Weekend, March 14 & 15**, at all our services and teaching groups we will be thinking about His call to be His witnesses to our “... Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria” here in Hopewell, Aliquippa and Beaver County. We hope to have Herb Bailey, the Ministry Director of the Uncommon Grounds Café

leading us, together with other Church Army staff members and representatives of other local ministries such as Aliquippa Impact.

Although praying, giving, and enabling others to go are critical to fulfilling the calling of Christ, mission is first and foremost about **doing!** The Lord said **“You will be my witnesses...”** He did not say: **“Some of you...”** For many of us that is a scary thought! We don’t know how, or where to get involved. We look at someone like Herb Bailey, and say to ourselves: *“I could never do that!”*

So the theme of the Weekend will be: **You Can Do It Too!** Herb will introduce local folk who will testify about their involvement in mission. Then he and his friends will share with us the opportunities that are out there, how to get involved, what kind of training is available, and what kind of skills would be needed for each opportunity. The “Ministry of the Word” section of the services will be changed a bit to allow for interaction with the speakers, for questions, and for commitments to be made. I am sure that the Lord will have something for every one of us to do.

If you are still scared, notice that before saying that we would be His witnesses, our Lord Jesus first promised that: “... You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you ...” Come that weekend remembering that, empowered by God the Holy Spirit, **You Can Do It Too!**



Fr. Philip Bottomley

## **Mustard Seed Project – Street Children’s Testimonies**

By Joyce Wingett



Mustard Seed

In last month’s Peace Notes, I wrote about the testimony of 12 year old Ruth Patience which she shared at Pastor Deo’s Street Children’s Christmas party.

A few years ago, Patrick Murenzi said he had no place to go, each day he roamed the streets of Kigali Rwanda looking for food. Until one day, Pastor Deo invited him to come to the Prison Fellowship offices for something to eat. He has been going there every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school ever since. Speaking of School, Pastor Deo also got Patrick a sponsor to pay for his school fees, so now he is blessed to attend school. He even was given some nice clothes to wear. You can hear Patrick saying, “Pastor Deo is a good man and God is so good”.

Belinda Anika also lives in Kigali. She shared that last year when she attended school, she was so worried that she would be sent away from school because of not paying the school fees. She said, “My stomach hurt every day.” Now she is part of Pastor Deo’s group, and she has a sponsor to pay her school fees so she is comfortable in school and her grades have improved. She has been leading in her class since the year began. Belinda is so thankful to God.

It is a joy to share these few short testimonies of thanksgiving of the Lord’s provision through His people for His children.

Please visit us on FACEBOOK (Mustard Seed Project) for updates and photos of our MSP ministry work in Africa.



### **Local Mission Reminder**



When Allyson Bentz, the Assistant Director of Choices Pregnancy Services spoke to our congregation, she noted that the funds raised through the Baby Bottle campaign were very important to the organization. So if you took a baby bottle, please remember to return it to Prince of Peace by Easter. And thank you for your generous help!

### **Ponder**

“Here is the test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished:  
If you’re alive, it isn’t.”

- Richard Bach

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

(I'm continuing a multi-month series on "Things to Do to Start the New Year off Right")



2015 is here. Have you made a New Year's Resolution yet? Perhaps you chose "joining a gym", or "going on a diet". Here's a second idea to consider that can help us get the New Year off to a great start.

#2 – Get a watch – I read about a busy person who practiced what I wrote in January's Peace Notes about fasting from social media. He found one thing happening over and over: his smartphone was constantly in his hand. He was attached to it. He realized that he always had it out, in his hand and would look at it during meetings, mealtime and other rude and inappropriate times. He jokingly told his wife, "I just need to get a watch. Then I could keep my phone in my pocket."

Sure enough, while out of town speaking at a conference, he stopped in a shopping mall and bought a watch. Now his lunches, dinners, coffees and meetings are different because he's not constantly checking his phone and appearing rude to whoever he's eating or meeting with. Everything is going mobile and we need a healthy boundary and perspective for this technology.

Now if you don't have a smartphone, that's ok. You probably are already using a watch. I'll have something for you next month that you can add to your New Year's Resolution.

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***"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matt. 5:4**

These encouraging words of Jesus that He spoke during the "Sermon on the Mount" are filled with hope and compassion. As followers of His, we can be assured that He will comfort us when we mourn over a loss.

I'll never forget the day after our first miscarriage, I turned over our Daily Scripture Calendar and there was this verse. I couldn't believe the timing! I sat down and cried as I was so moved and comforted that God saw me and my sadness and said, "I'm right here." He also gave me a vision, when we were in prayer with a pastor friend who came over to comfort us that day, of me handing our baby up to Jesus who lovingly took him in His arms and carried Him to Heaven.



Nor will I forget the day after Alex went Home to Heaven, when I went out of the cottage where we were staying at the camp where he drowned, and I smelled the most heavenly flowers with an aroma of magnolia and camellia mixed with roses. I went around the cottage looking for the flowerbed which wasn't there, and then the Lord spoke to me and comforted me with these words, "It's Me! I'm right here with you and I will be with you on this journey of life with Alex in Heaven."

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Yes, God comforts us when we mourn, by speaking to us personal words through Scripture, by giving us visions and dreams, by the precious words and actions of beloved church friends, family and neighbors who bring meals and pray for us, and through beautiful music like “I Can Only Imagine.”

How has God comforted you in your time of mourning?

### **Memorial Pavers**

The pavers are beautiful red brick stones to remember family and other loved ones to be placed in the ground in front of the columbarium or along the side walk in the Memorial Garden. The fee includes installation in the sidewalk or patio of the Memorial Garden. Pavers are 8-inches by 8-inches and allow for 3 lines, 15 character/spaces per line.



Free engraving may still be available if you order quickly. Please see Pastor John for more information. Order forms for engraving are available at the back of the church or from the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Miller or Chuck Matthews. **Checks may be made payable to “Prince of Peace Church”**

\$50.00 per Memorial Paver  
\$250.00 for six Memorial Pavers



### **St. Patrick’s Day Trivia**



You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- ❖ St. Patrick wasn’t Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
- ❖ He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later he joined a monastery in England.
- ❖ March 17 is the date of St. Patrick’s death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
- ❖ The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
- ❖ The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.



+ Christian Symbol +

**Rooster** - The rooster is reminiscent of Peter's threefold denial of Jesus on the night of Jesus' trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV); thus, it may represent faithlessness in general, especially in the face of danger. Because of the rooster's early-morning call, it's also symbolic of watchfulness: "Therefore keep watch," said Jesus, illustrating the return of the Son of Man, "because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn" (Mark 13:35, NIV).



From a newsletter in Wrightstown, Wisconsin:

Please donate these items to the food pantry:

Let's hope the *pantry* shortage is covered quickly!

+ Bible Quiz +

When the Pharisees complained about the noisy crowd praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, what did he say would shout out if the people were silent?

- A. The stones
- B. The trees
- C. The palm branches
- D. The donkey

Answer: See page 11



# PRAYER REMINDER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

### What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies



### What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)



## POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do — any time and anywhere.

**Directions:** Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

“Do not be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> about anything, but in \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> situation, by \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>, present your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>. And the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> of God, which \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>, will \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> and your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup> in Christ Jesus.” \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians

### Answer to the Bible Quiz on page 10: A (See Luke 19:40.)



The Newsletter Deadline for the April 2015 issue is Friday, March 20. Please email your articles to Bev McKee at [gbmckee1@verizon.net](mailto:gbmckee1@verizon.net); call her at 724 457-7105, or give the information to June Statler, Parish Secretary.



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### **Worship**

Saturday - 6:00 P.M.

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

*Prince of Peace is part of the Anglican diocese of Pittsburgh, the Anglican Church in North America, and the worldwide Anglican Communion, and is part of God's one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

### **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.