

Prin★s of Peace

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What a wonderful space our Narthex provides for kids of all ages to enjoy !



It's official - Finance Administrator, Ruth Nelson's installation took place Sunday, Nov. 18th.



Bill Robarge stirred up a little lemonade November 11th for "Celebration Sunday" treat time.



A few of our PoP ChristCare couples recently gathered for fun, food and fellowship; shown L to R: Katie & Jay Worth, Leah & Bill Lempesis, Leah & Roger Johnson, Pam and Jeff Wickman.



Our newest PoP Members were installed during services on Nov. 11th - welcome to all!



We welcomed many family and friends to for our Veterans' Luncheon celebration on November 11th where we presented several "Quilts of Valor" to our members. (See pg. 8 for more photos); a special thanks to our PoP-A Stitch crafters (Kay Fuerst, Mary Volkman, Sandy Yerxa, Jan Peiffer, Joyce Damico, Alison Auden, Carol Rank) for the many hours put in to these glorious quilts and the wonderful presentation gathering provided!



"We Are A Family of Christians - Growing In Faith & Reaching Out In Love"

Attendance	Total/By Service
Nov. 4	272
First Service	103
Second Service	129
Third Service	40
Nov. 7 (OASIS)	108
Nov. 11	354
First Service	126
Second Service	172
Third Service	56
Nov. 14	119
Nov. 18	292
First Service	99
Second Service	139
Third Service	54
Nov. 21 (Thanksgiving Eve)	71
Nov. 25	278
First Service	102
Second Service	122
Third Service	54

Baptisms:

October 7 - Lilly Lucille Kiley

Parents: David Joseph & Toni (Beyer) Kiley

November 25 - Thea Rose Champeau

Parents - Joshua Paul & Tiffany (Frederick) Champeau

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Highlights from Nov. 15, 2018 Meeting

- Worship Service Task Force is developing scenarios for Sunday two service schedule.
- Glove collection drive is going well.
- Sunday, Dec. 23 will only have two services (8 & 9:20 only; NO 10:45 service)
- Please send in your 2019 Statement of Intent cards!
- Girl Scout Troop use of building was approved.
- Delegates sought for Appleton Conference of East Central Synod.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have turned in a Statement of Intent card. A total of 194, or a little over 50%, of our 'hoped for givers' have shared their support to date, but we need more input! (Current General Fund pledges total \$426,909.32.) Your faithful partnership as we carry on God's work here at Prince of Peace is much appreciated. The pledges help the leaders of Prince of Peace continue to make exciting plans for our church's future. *If you have not yet had the opportunity to send in your intent card, it is not too late.* Please prayerfully consider pledging according to your abilities and in thankfulness for what our Lord has done for you. We here at Prince of Peace have been blessed with a caring and giving congregation that enables us to continue to reach out in love to those in need as well as maintain the programs for all ages at Prince of Peace. Once, again thank you for sharing your blessings for the continued service to God.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Roger



Pastor Jennifer



On Sunday, November 11th we celebrated our blessings and many gifts here at PoP.

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ARE YOU UNDER THE TYRANNY OF THE URGENT?

Have you ever wished for a 30 hour day? Have you found yourself thinking that if you had just a little more time, then you could get everything done? Well, maybe it isn't finding more time to do more things, but finding the heart of a loving God who is available to bring us healing for our overstressed souls? Maybe it's listening to God as He helps us re-prioritize our lives? So in that Spirit let's go before the Lord during this holy and hectic time and ask God for help. This will happen on Wednesday nights as we gather in worship to learn from a booklet, called "*The Tyranny of the Urgent*," which will help us center our lives on what is most important during this hectic and holy time of the year. We also will be given a small devotional guide that our Adult Ed. Ministry has written (thanks to Megan Shober) and is designed to be carried in a purse, jacket pocket, backpack or bedside table, to help us re-center and be 'daily food' to guide us through this season as we prepare for our Lord's birth.

So our upcoming Wednesday evenings (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19) are designed to recharge and de-stress us and fill our souls with God's love and peace...and good food!

Please attend any or all of the following:

5:15 pm – "Italian" suppers served until 6pm.

(Freewill Offering and if able, bring a dessert to share.)

6:15 pm – Worship using Ray McKeever's "*Joyous Light*" liturgy

7:00 pm – Adult Ed. discussion/prayer small groups (except Dec. 19th; see details below)

Note, sermons will correspond with the free "*Tyranny of the Urgent*" (TOTU) booklet; it will be used in tandem with the 2018 Advent Devotional booklets during small group sessions - come as you can.

The service on Dec. 19th will be a Healing Service, asking for God's guidance to keep us centered on Him, as are our eyes on Him.

See you there! Peace and Joy,

Pastor Roger



"Our world is a crazy, busy place, and we are constantly barraged by things demanding our attention... And, if anything, the pace of life seems even more frantic during the holidays. Jesus offers us a radically different way to live. Heeding God's call means slowing down, listening, and not being overwhelmed by the 'tyranny of urgent' things in life. God wants us to remember what is centrally important, and God is ready and willing to teach us how to honor these most important things...." excerpt by Megan Shober; "What If" ministry member

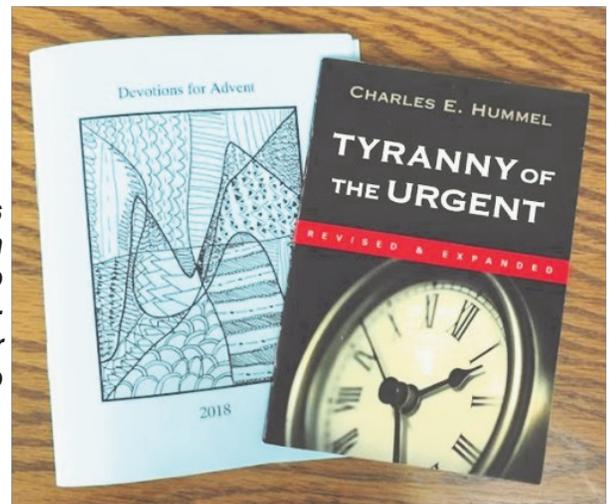
DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON,

the PoP Adult Education's "*What If...*" ministry has prepared a three week open discussion/ prayer group opportunity after Wednesday's worship services (~7:00 pm) for any and all to participate in using the "*Tyranny of the Urgent*" (TOTU), a pocket-sized, quick-read booklet addressing how we can discern what is *urgent* and what is *important* during this busy and hectic time in our lives.

During the sessions we'll read from TOTU and a specially created Advent devotional; reflecting, praying and sharing about how we set priorities and what God teaches us about doing so. Both the "*Tyranny of the Urgent*" and *Advent Devotional 2018* are FREE and available in the Narthex today (small blue devotional with black booklet inserted inside). Please take them home to review, ponder and pray with...then bring them along for small group discussions on one or all of the following evenings:

- November 28th - What's Urgent versus Important?
- December 5th - Prayerful Waiting.
- December 12th - Achieving Peace as we do God's Work.

As we await the birth of our Savior and Lord, please use this opportunity, hopefully gathering with others as you are able, to find joy and encouragement as we go about the busyness of life!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate the Gift of Jesus

Wednesdays - November 28, December 5, 12, & 19⁺:

Advent Italian Supper @ 5:15 p.m. & Worship Service @ 6:15 p.m.
Tyranny of the Urgent Small Group Discussions @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9^{**}

Worship Service @ 8:00 a.m.
All-Congregational Christmas Program @ 9:20 a.m.

Sunday, December 16

Christmas Caroling, Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23^{**}

Worship Services- 8:00 & 9:20 a.m.

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services[^]

10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., & 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 30 - 8:00, 9:20 & 10:45 a.m.

+ Healing Service / **No 10:45 a.m. worship service / ^Nursery available at all but 8 pm service

We are a Family of Christians—Growing in Faith and Reaching Out in Love

Make note...

...during the week between Christmas Eve and New Years Day, the office will only be open for limited hours as follows::

December 25 -
Church/Offices closed

December 26-28,
& 31:
Open 8 - 11:30 a.m.

January 1 - Church/
Offices Closed

WELCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK -
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, MEAL BEGINS AT 11:30 AM
Celebrate His Birth!

We celebrate by eating, praying, learning and doing together. All women of faith are invite to our annual WELCA potluck; hear guest speaker, Pastor Jennifer DeNetz share about her trip to Iona, Scotland. In kind gifts (see list below) will be collected for PILLARS, plus a 'free will' offering for Mission Jamaica.

For more information, contact: Pam Christianson, 540-4229

**Brown paper lunch bags, Ziplock sandwich bags, 13 or 55 gallon trash bags, Clorox disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, coffee, tea, sugar (bag or packets), creamer, juices, snack foods, winter hats.*

GRADUATION CELEBRATION INVITATION

George Mbatia will be graduating from FVTC on Saturday, December 15th, with an Associate's Degree in "Information Security." The graduation ceremony will take place at the PAC from 1p-3p that day. Anyone is welcome to attend, no ticket necessary, so please feel free to be there for him if you're so inclined. This is a great accomplishment for George and his family, and all of PoP for responding to the Lord's call to reach out in love and support his journey in this manner. Let's celebrate with cake in thanksgiving on Sunday, December 16th between services.

ANNUAL BOY SCOUT TROOP 127 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Sat., December 1st, from 9 am - 4 pm
in the PoP west side parking lot.
Trees will be \$45 each, cash or check.
If there are trees left, there will be a second sale on Sat., December 8th.



SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS ?

ORDER SCRIP BY DECEMBER 16TH!

There are so many gift cards to order, more than just those we keep in stock for on-site sales at PoP. Here are the dates in which SCRIP will be sold at the Welcome Window: Dec 2, Dec 16th (the LAST day to order SCRIP to get it in time for the Holidays.)

NEW AT POP: A new AA Group Meeting is now available here at PoP, Monday - Saturday, at 10:00 a.m., in the 1st / 2nd grade classrooms (Easy access through rear of building at door #4)

MISSION POSSIBLE

MISSION JAMAICA JANUARY 2019. The PoP Global Missions Ministry is preparing for their annual trip to Jamaica where they will assist with mission projects at:

- **WestHaven Home for handicapped children and youth**, which involves child care, facility repairs and painting.
- **Clifton Boys' home**, spending time with the boys and assisting with a variety of projects for the home.
- **A Ja'bode home build**, working on a construction team to build a very small home (ja'bode) in 3 days.

Participants who go greatly enjoy working with the children and families of the Montego Bay area. For Prince of Peace members who aren't able to travel themselves, but want to help in some way, small or large, Global Missions suggests the following **"Alternate Gifting" opportunities** which you may choose to help us finance:

- For WestHaven - "Support a child" with gifts of a minimum of \$10 each month
- For Clifton Boys' Home - Help to purchase goats (\$40-\$120) or expand the goat pen
- For Ja'Bode home build - Add a bathroom to one of 2 homes we will assist with (up to \$1000)



Visit our 'Mission Jamaica' table in the Narthex on December 2nd to learn more about our work in Jamaica and our "Alternate Gifting" programs. Any and all amounts you donate will be very much appreciated by the children and the families in need in Jamaica.



Also, we are asking the congregation to help fill the suitcases with hygiene items for the Clifton boys (stick deodorant, wrapped bars of soap, toothpaste) and new underwear/t-shirts (in boy's large and men's small or medium sizes). New or gently used summer clothing for West Haven youth (size 6 to adult) is also very appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support in our mission work with these programs!

Dear Pastor Jennifer,
Greetings from Indiana Chin Baptist Church (our new church) and Happy Thanksgiving!

Hope you and friends at PoP are doing well. By God's grace we are doing fine, as well. As we have finally settled in Indiana, I want to give you an update regarding our address. Our mailing address is: 8429 Cabin Creek Dr., #G, Indianapolis, IN 46237. My office address is mentioned below.

My previous church in Seattle received a check (\$175) you generously sent and forwarded it to us. We received it yesterday. I thank you very much for your continuing support and prayers as we are engaging in God's mission both here in Indianapolis and in my home town, Hakha, Chin State, Myanmar. As I mentioned before, I have initiated to start a non-profit organization when I visited my home town in April of this year. It is called the Hakha Foundation, which main focus is to provide education for under privileged children in our community. Your gift such as this check will greatly benefit many children in our community. I look forward to continuing our partnership in God's mission in the days to come. And I would like to share with you more about the Foundation in the near future.

As you are aware, I am using a new email ID because my previous email was already full.

Blessings,
Hrang

Rev. Dr. Hrang Hlei
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Indiana Chin Baptist Church
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Indianapolis, IN 46227
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940-222-0638 (Cell)



Sharing fellowship and kitchen space with the Norse Valley Sons of Norway, are PoP members (see left): Yvonne Gurholt & Leah Johnson (center front) & Roger Johnson & Jean Lee (back row on left side).



DECEMBER 2018 | WORSHIP SUPPORT

ASSISTING MINISTERS

December 2 Michelle Landsverk
 December 9 Bill Lempesis
 December 16 Pete Miller
 December 23 Brad Priebe
 December 24 10:30 - TBD 2 pm - Kris Gurholt
 December 30 Mark Steine

USHERS

8:00 am Dave Jordahl / Greg Grunert
 9:20 am Mike Romnek / Rick Jacob
 10:45 am Scott Perrine / Bob Dunkel
 4:30 pm - Monica Koller 8 pm - Leah Johnson

ACOLYTES

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:20 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
December 2	Carson Berger	Grant Wettig	Carley Evers
December 5	6:15 pm - Mackenzie Kasper		
December 9	Abby Hutchinson	Sara Helmeid	(No Service)
December 12	6:15 pm - Cori Riese		
December 16	Kaleb McGinnis	Brianna Meyer	Amber Hansen
December 19	6:15 pm - Abby Gronert		
December 23	TBD	Brianna Meyer	(No Service)
December 24	10:30 - TBD 2 pm - TBD	4:30 pm - TBD	8 pm - Mackenzie Kasper
December 30	TBD		

GREETERS

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:20 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
December 2			
East	Pat McCarthy	Adam & Jackie Piette Family	Lempesis Family
West	Tom & Shari Mason	Ron & Carol Rank	N/A
December 9			
East	Spielvogel Family	Julie Lawler / Joyce Lee	(No Service)
West	Bill & Marilyn Helmeid	Kris Gurholt	(No Service)
December 16			
East	Anne Jackson/Sharyn March	Don & Barb Mendyke	Jay & Kate Worth
West	Tim & Judy Norum	Yvonne Gurholt	N/A
December 23			
East	Al & Karen Peckham	Tom & Nancy Scheuerman	(No Service)
West	Arlyn & Pat Plate	John & Trisha Kostelny	(No Service)
December 24 (Monday, Christmas Eve) - Please sign up in the Narthex			
December 30			
East	Dean & Kathy Buffington	Dennis Sauberlich	Gene Begalske
West	Greg & Sue Knudson	Ben & Lisa Johnson	N/A

PARAMENTS & CANDLE VOLUNTEER: Carrie Sinotte

NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS: Lynda Chavez / Linnea Dolan

ADVENT WORSHIP "CANDLE LIGHTING"

Please consider taking a turn to light the Advent candle(s) at the beginning of services for the four (4) Sundays of Advent (December 2, 9, 16 or 23). There's a poster on the kiosk in the narthex to sign up for this. Families, friends, singles...ALL are encouraged to participate. Start a new PoP family tradition, "Be the Light-ers" for our Advent services this season. Sondra Joten or either of the pastors would be glad to answer any questions you might have on what to do. THANK YOU!

December 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					
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9 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:20 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10:45 AM CHRISTMAS GATHERING TIME	10 6:30 AM CWU Board Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM Salvation Army 1:15 PM SRAH & Naomi Circle Luncheon 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wily Mfg 6:30 PM Gathering Room Reserved 6:30 PM VBS Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM ESTHER Circle (S. Alstirk/Peckham) 7:00 PM NA Meeting	11 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM RUTH Circle @ PopN. Witrook (E. Alton) 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets 5:30 PM Fox Valley Memory Project 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting	12 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soil Deo HB rehearsal 10:00 AM AA Meeting 1:00 PM Afternoon Bible Study 5:00 PM Peace Ringer HB 5:15 PM Advent Service 6:15 PM Adult Ed. "Tyranny of the Urgent" Sessions 7:00 PM Canticle Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Confirmation: "I Can Only Imagine" movie	13 9:30 AM Gathering Room Reserved 10:00 AM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Personnel Meeting	14 10:00 AM AA Meeting	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting 1:00 PM G. Mbatia's Graduation
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23 4th Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm (Soil Deo) 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Communion (NO FF, Soil Deo) 10:45 AM CANCELLED (No 3rd Service today)	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 10:30 AM Christmas Eve Worship (Peace Ringers) 2:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship (Soil Deo) 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship (Brass) 7:00 PM NA Meeting 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship (Choir)	25 Church Offices Closed 10:45 AM Conference Room reserved	26 NO Services/No Confirmation/No Rehearsals 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Limited Office Hours (to 11:30 a.m.) 10:00 AM AA Meeting 1:00 PM Afternoon Bible Study	27 8:00 AM Limited Office Hours (to 11:30 a.m.) 9:30 AM Gathering Room Reserved 10:00 AM AA Meeting	28 8:00 AM Limited Office Hours (to 11:30 a.m.) 10:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting
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WITNESS / HELPING HANDS



OUR 'FIX IT' MINISTRY ASKS: Are you looking for help with small projects?

Need a helping hand to fix small projects? Contact our "Fix It" ministry leader [Bob Merrill](#). (858-6423) (Youth are encouraged to join the Fix It team to help fulfill community service hours.)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

The Witness Ministry is hosting a sub lunch and Christmas Caroling event on **Sunday, December 16th from Noon – 2:30 p.m.** having reserved a Lamers bus for the ride. Carolers will be visiting homebound/medically bound members and area assisted living facilities. There will be a sub lunch from 11:30 – Noon in the narthex area, prior to our Christmas Caroling outing. This is a family outing for members, friends and neighbors Please sign up on the Witness Ministry board if you are interested in participating. For more information, contact Kris Gurholt or Cindy Romnek.

SERVING WITH A HEART!

The job of serving others at Prince of Peace or in our community makes the Christian life complete. Prince of Peace offers a wide spectrum of ministries and teams in which PoP members can be involved. There are many opportunities within each of our ministries/teams for you to use your spiritual gifts and special talents God has given you. Please consider and pray how you and your family can build the body of Christ at Prince of Peace. How is God calling you in your faith journey at PoP to Grow in Faith and to Reach out in Love?

GIFTS OF HOPE

We are wrapping things up for the Gifts of Hope outreach for the Appleton East High School students. We are looking for volunteers to help wrap the gift boxes on **Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.** Come join us to help celebrate giving to our backyard neighbors! For more information, contact Joanne Siekierke or Cindy Romnek.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS FOR SENIORS OF ALL AGES!

Come join us on **Thursday, December 6th at noon** for lunch at one of our favorite restaurants in the Fox Valley area, Mark's East Side on Wisconsin Avenue. Enjoy a scrumptious lunch with our fellow members and friends. Please RSVP by Monday, December 3rd to Joyce Lee at 1-831-601-9440 / roadrunnersb@hotmail.com or Cindy Romnek.



PoP members who served in Vietnam, Desert Storm or the Iraq conflicts, received "Quilts of Valor" last month (pictured above, L to R): Mark Sinotte, John Keen, Jim Schweiner, Tony Seashore, Lisa Simms, Kurt Scholtz, Mike Helmeid, Bob Merrill, Stacy Dobbe, Rick Jacob, Cheryl Hansen. Bold patriotic patterns adorn the eleven custom crafted designs as shown below...



ADVENT "ITALIAN" SUPPERS AT PRINCE OF PEACE!

All are welcome to join us for an Italian (catered by Victoria's) dinner on Wednesdays, (November 28, December 5, 12, & 19) at 5:15 p.m. prior to our Advent worship services held at 6:15 p.m. The Advent suppers will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and friends for food and fellowship! Volunteers are needed to provide desserts – sign up on the ministry board in the narthex. In addition, we would like individuals or families to volunteer to host the suppers along with the Witness Ministry team for one Wednesday night or all four. Hosting duties would include greeting, serving, and other small tasks. For more information, please contact Cindy Romnek @ 739-5255 or Kris Gurholt @ kris.gurholt@gmail.com.

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eligible purchases as a donation back to Prince of Peace? You can, by selecting PoP as your charity of choice for the Amazon Smile program; use this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1050018>



Check out the display of Christmas titles in the narthex and church library.

New to the collection:

Children's Books:

In Donald Driver's *Quickie Handles a Loss*, Driver addresses the topic of loss: failing a test, losing a pet, having a best friend move away, losing a big game or a loved one. Whatever it is, life does not stop because of it. Driver encourages a positive attitude and using good memories to push forward.

I Will Not Be Afraid, by Michelle Medlock Adams, looks at childhood fears which are common but don't have to be a problem. This book helps 4 to 7 year olds face their fears with the confidence that God promises to be with them, protect them and be gracious to them.

Todd Parr's *It's Okay to Be Different* is vibrantly illustrated in bold colors and presents the message that each child is special and important just because of who they are.

Adult Fiction:

Footnotes, by Kathy J. Jacobson, is the fifth book in her Noted Series. POP Page Turners read her first book, *Noted*, a few months ago and really enjoyed it. Life is full of love and loss. The characters that have peppered the pages of the previous novels make appearances, all dealing with issues of their own.

Adult Non-Fiction:

Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out is by Joanna Weaver, author of the best-selling book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Weaver draws on the stories of the biblical Marys: Mary, mother of Jesus; Mary, sister of Martha and Mary Magdalene as well as others whose experience with God transformed their lives. The book includes a 14 week Bible Study for both individual and group discussion.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot, is the true story of a woman whose cells were taken without her permission. Those cells never died and they launched a medical revolution and a multi-million-dollar industry. More than 20 years later, her children found out and it changed their lives forever. This chronicle of modern medicine, bioethics and race relations makes it a difficult book to put down.

~Your PoP Librarian, Shirley Walker

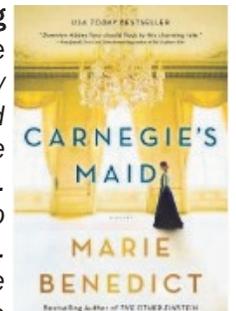
POP PAGE TURNERS (Book Club)

Our PoP Page Turners book club is going out for lunch Thursday, December 20th, 11:30 a.m., to My Boondocks Cafe, 400 Third St., Menasha and returning to PoP for the movie, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* at 1:15 p.m. We read this book in 2017. It stars Lily James and Michael Huisman. Thanks to Pat Hemmingsen for providing the movie. (The Cafe has just been open a month and is across the street from Wickman Laemmrich funeral home.) Please let [Leah Johnson](#) know if you will be coming or not coming to both lunch and/or to the movie.



The book for the January 17th meeting is "We Can Be Kind - Healing Our World One Kindness at a Time" by David Friedman, creator of the hit song "We Can Be Kind" - *The world is changing at light speed and meaningful connections are increasingly elusive. Friedman encourages us to create new ways of building community in how we treat our children/family to coworkers, strangers, neighbors and those across the political aisle. Through the practice of kindness, we become most fully connected, alive, and integrated. We make the world better.*

The book for our February 21st meeting will be "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict - *Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with no where to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other woman with the same name has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home. If she can keep up the ruse, that is . . . With captivating insight and heart, "Carnegie's Maid" tells the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.*



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

SIGN UP at CHURCH! The Social Concerns Ministry is looking for a few volunteers to BELL RING for the Sal-

vation Army yet this season. This year's location is Festival Foods in Darboy on Van Roy Road (W3195 Van Roy Road, Appleton, WI 54915). Dates/Times still open:

- Saturday 12/1/2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.
- Saturday 12/8/2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact [Jackie Piette](#) or call (920) 810-4567.

YOUTH, FAMILY & OUTREACH

For any Faith Formation/Confirmation/Youth Outreach questions or concerns, please contact us through the church office #739-5255 or by email:

Anna Reinhold (Birth - 5K) areinhold@popappleton.org
Brigetta Wingender (1st -9th Grade)
bwindgender@popappleton.org

All Congregational Christmas Program on December 9th at the 9:20 service with a reception to follow.

Tower building and all kinds of fun at our most recent Frolic Faith Class!



Frolic Faith Classes (once a month on Sunday mornings) and **Frolic Family Nights** (once a month on Wednesday evenings) will pick back up again in January!

All families with children ages 0-3 (plus older siblings) are welcome to join us for faith-building and fellowship. Contact Anna Reinhold if you have any questions.



FF Families - please pick-up Your cards & calendars!

Faith Formation Families:
Advent Calendars and Encouragement Cards
(one per child if you haven't received them yet ☺)

FAITH FORMATION FALL CALENDAR

****We will be practicing Christmas music each week leading up to December 9****

DECEMBER

2nd EXTRA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

(Please drop kids off in the Fellowship Hall by 9:20am)

8th - Christmas Program practice at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

9th - Christmas Program at 9:20 service with reception to follow

16th - Faith Formation class in Fellowship Hall for large group activity

23rd & 30th - No Faith Formation

Nursery Open During Advent & Christmas Eve Services

The nursery will be staffed during all Wednesday evening Advent services, as well as the 10:30, 2:00 & 4:30 Christmas Eve services.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



Little Lambs through 4th grade Faith Formation kids sang "Gonna Serve" at the 9:20 service on November 18,

WHAT'S UP WITH THE REDEEMERS!



In the month of November, the Redeemers got together on Wednesday, November 14th for some games and pizza. Here they are playing a nice card game of golf.

Following the game night a few of the Redeemers got together, along with Linda Neumann, Jenn Resch, and Brigetta Wingender, and made some holiday treats for our homebound and medically bound members. A fun time was had by all, making Oreo Truffles, and fudge, and decorating sugar cookies! Dipping Oreos in chocolate is serious work....



Brady, Isaac and Nathan keeping the beat on bags of Oreos.

Nothing to see here....



Meet Jerry (held by Nathan). Jerry is an oversized Oreo Truffle.



Coming up in December, the Redeemers will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 1st, from 2-4 at the Festival Foods in Darboy. Following bell ringing, we will head back to Prince of Peace for an 'Escape Room' event. If you are interested in joining us, a sign-up for this is on the bulletin board outside Brigetta's office or you can email her (bwingender@popappleton.org)



CONFIRMATION:

This month, the Confirmation students participated in an activity where they were tasked with making structure out of marshmallows and toothpicks. Some did it as teams, while others did it individually.

The winning team/person had a structure that was the tallest and stayed standing on its own.



We think they did a pretty good job! The structures were kind of like snowflakes - everyone was different!!



CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:

11/28 - Advent Mid-week service followed by large group activity in the Fellowship Hall where the students will be making tie blankets.

12/5 - Advent Mid-week service. Class time for all grades will be viewing the first half of "I Can Only Imagine." Please connect with Brigetta if you would prefer that your son/daughter not participate in the viewing of this movie. This movie is rated PG.

9th graders go shopping for Adopt-a-Family at 6:15. Those who choose to not go shopping are expected to go to the Advent Service. Those who do go shopping will be transported back to PoP in time for class time.

12/12 - Finish viewing the "I Can Only Imagine" movie.

12/19 - Fun night - game and a yummy snack!

12/26 - No Confirmation

MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Poinsettia plants can now be ordered to decorate the Chancel for the Christmas services. Two sizes are available this year, 6 inch single plants and 7.5 inch double plants.

Please use the form below to place your order. Place your order with cash/check in an envelope, in the marked box at church. Make checks payable to: Prince of Peace Church and note Poinsettia in the memo line. Orders should be received on or before December 10th. You will be able to take your plant home after the last service on Christmas Eve.

Please put the quantity of plants desired by the color you want on the form below.

If applicable please note: In Honor of or In Memory of, of person or persons that you are choosing. Please print clearly.

SINGLE PLANT (6 inches) \$12.00 RED ___ BURGUNDY ___ WHITE ___

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

DOUBLE PLANT (7.5 inches) \$26.00 RED ___ PINK ___ WHITE ___

In Honor of _____

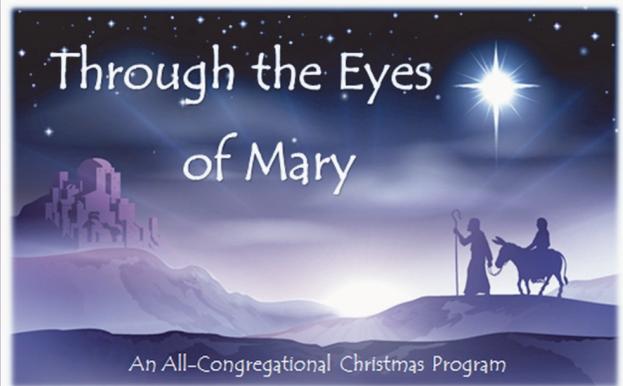
In Memory of _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____



When: Sunday, December 9 starting at 9:20

What: A Christmas program for everyone followed by coloring posters and a potluck of snacks and treats

Who: The entire congregation is welcome!

Sign up at the table in the Narthex for:

- Roles in the play
- Prelude music
- Snacks or treats to share
- Help with preparation and/or cleanup

Looking to share your time and talent?

Please contact Anna Reinhold or Brigetta Wingender if you are interested in helping with the Christmas program or reception!

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Sept. - May: 8:00, 9:20 & 10:45 am

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Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

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