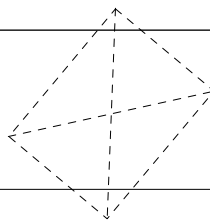


The Episcopal Epistle

The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace

January 2008



From the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

FINDING IMMANUEL as immigrant, wanderer, child

In what form will you find the Christ child this year? The fact of the Incarnation in a weak and helpless babe says something significant about where we focus our search. I am convinced that it is part of our call to exercise a

"preferential option" on behalf of the poor, weak, sick, and marginalized. The long arc of biblical thinking and theologizing has to do with seeing God's care for those who have no other helper. Indeed, Jesus is understood as that helper for all who fail, by the world's terms, to save themselves. More accurately, we understand that Jesus is that helper for all.

One of the great gifts of the way in which those in our cultural surroundings celebrate Christmas is the focus on children and on those who have few human helpers. We delight in the wonder of children as Christmas approaches, and many of us make an extra effort to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for the needy. The challenge is to let our seasonal "seeing" transform the way we meet our neighbors through the rest of the year, and through all the coming years. How might we begin to see that child in those around us: strangers and aliens (both Immanuel and Immigrants); wanderers (Homeless, like Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room); widows and orphans (Social Outcasts); babe born in Bethlehem (Palestinian and Israeli alike; or the boy babies whom both Pharaoh and Herod sought to kill); divine feeder of thousands (Soup Kitchen worker); and savior of the

world (Peacemaker, Bringer of Justice for All, Reconciler, Just and Gracious Lawgiver...). If God comes among us as a helpless child, then the divine presence is truly all around us. Where will you meet Jesus this Christmas?

Christmas Message

Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 20, 2008

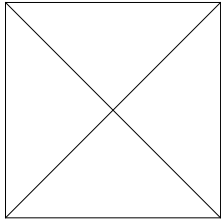
Sunday, January 20 will be filled with parish events. All of Prince of Peace will meet as a full parish for a 9:00 AM service. The Annual Meeting will immediately follow the combined service at 10:00 AM. We will be electing delegates to our 2008 Diocesan Convention in June and will distribute the annual report. Children's activities are being planned during the meeting time. They will meet in the Teen Room. At the conclusion of the meeting brunch will be served. The parish will provide the main dish and beverage with the food enthusiastically prepared by the men of The High Street Marching and Chowder Society. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your own place settings. The Silent Auction will be available for final bidding up to the time of the morning service. The winners will be announced at the end of the annual meeting. Come help close out 2007 at Prince of Peace! Coming together as a parish, celebrating the work done throughout the year.....what a great way to start 2008.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all Ages
(Sunday School - undercroft)
(Adult Forums - soup kitchen)
- 10:15 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (2nd Sunday)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group (last Sunday)



ADULT FORUMS

Held each Sunday at 9:15 in the Soup Kitchen. The Adult Forums provide an opportunity to explore your faith through teaching and dialogue. Topics of discussion include: interpreting scripture, science and

theology, Prayer Book 101, living in the Anglican Communion, Sabbath, prayer, world religions and other issues of faith. *The nursery is open during the Forums.*

GOT TIME...?!

Prince of Peace is in need of a volunteer to fill an administrative need. The time requirement is about 2 hours a month and computer knowledge would be helpful. If you'd like to learn more, please contact The Rev. Kate Kelderman at 334-6463.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

We are happy to report that as of mid-December 2007, the amount pledged for 2008 is \$187,661. This figure represents 17% over the amount pledged for 2007 (\$165,412). We will present a full report in writing of the Every Member Canvass conducted during October at the Annual Meeting on January 20, 2008.

Anyone who would still like to make a pledge for 2008 may do so. Please call the church office at 717-334-6463 and ask secretary Holly Grant to send you a pledge card.

*Yours in faith,
Bill and Jennifer Railing
EMC Co-chairs*

**REV. KATE KELDERMAN'S INSTALLATION
January 9 at 7:00 PM**

Join us and the Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, as he presides over Rev. Kate Kelderman's installation at Prince of Peace on January 9 at 7:00 PM.

The Hospitality Committee is planning a reception after the installation service. Please call Jane Gough (334-4264), Dale Shade (359-4626), or Melanie Schupp (677-4182) to volunteer to bring food for the reception. We are planning to have heavy hors d'oeuvres and some sweet items. Punch, cake, and coffee will be provided.

SILENT AUCTION 2008

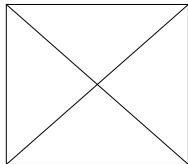
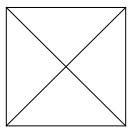
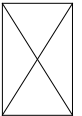
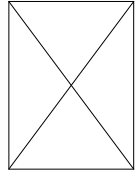
SHHHHHHHH!! This is a Silent Auction that we need to be **thoughtful, brave, and boastful about.** The silent part comes only in the bidding on January 13 and 20, 2008.

Please think of an article (or more) you may want to give to the church to auction. It may be a service that you would perform for someone else (a good way to get to know each other) or cooking a Specialty Dinner or just a dinner. Take the extra step, don't be shy, go for it. Fill out your "items for auction gift sheet" and turn it into the office, Joe Donolli or Mark Purdy by January 3, 2008.

Our list of Items going up for Auction should be ready for you to consider on January 6, 2008 and then... **LET THE BIDDING BEGIN.** We will bid by numbers this year.

We may have an open bidding time in the afternoon for neighboring churches. The bidding for the silent auction will close at 11:15 AM the day of the annual meeting.

????? Questions? Call Joe Donolli (334-8255) or Mark Purdy (334-5733). Proceeds go to help our youth education programs.



The Prince of Peace newsletter *The Episcopal Epistle* welcomes news and articles of interest to the parish. We prefer and encourage submissions by email. Send items by the 15th of the month to Holly Grant, secretary@gettysburgepiscopal.org. Questions, please call the church office at 334-6463.

IN APPRECIATION

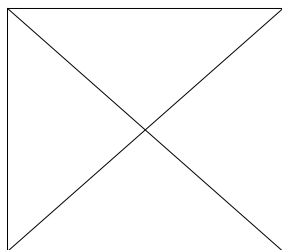
Dear Parishioners of Prince of Peace: What a wonderful job you have done! The items from the Wish List are just what we asked for and what we need. Thank you so much for your effort and kindness toward the Episcopal Home. This is the best gift of all. Also, please know the first Thanksgiving Offering received was from Prince of Peace. You are first in our book. May you all have a blessed holiday season.

*Mary Grace Shearer, Executive Director
The Episcopal Home of the Diocese of Central PA*

COMPANION PARISH

At the Sept Ministry Fair, our Companion Parish Committee garnered two new members from our youth group, Ellen Bair and Erika VanDyke. We are very pleased to have these young members join us and hope that they will be able to attend our meetings as school activities allow them to, as we want them to be fully functioning members of our committee. The display during the fair was very informative and Cornelia Saltzman even made some Brazilian "goodies".

Gladys Parks



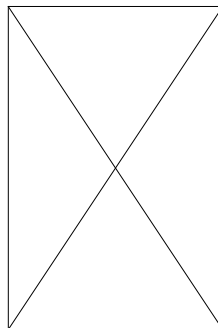
HABITAT HOME FINISHED
Adams County Habitat for Humanity, of which we are a covenant church, has completed the house in Ardentville, roughly one month ahead of schedule.

A fine young family has moved in and will celebrate Christmas in their new home. Many thanks go to all those from Prince of Peace who participated.

We will begin prefabricating wall panels for a three-story duplex on Washington Street here in Gettysburg on the first Saturday in February. Prince of Peace is scheduled to provide the work detail on that day. Anyone willing to wield a hammer for four hours on 2 February please call the undersigned.

Then on the first two Fridays and Saturdays in April, all the covenant churches will join in the blitz build to erect the structure including roofing, siding, and interior walls in two weekends. Prince of Peace will be one of the churches to provide the noon meal for the fifty or so workers on one of those days. Again our thanks for your support.

Peter Scott, 337-0343



ADAMS COUNTY MENTORING PARTNERSHIP Supporting Our Students

At its most basic level, mentoring helps because it guarantees a young person that there is someone who cares about them. A child is not alone in dealing with their day-to-day worries.

- Mentors help keep students in school. Students who regularly meet with mentors are 50% less likely to skip school.
- Mentors help with homework and can improve academic skills.
- Mentors help young people set career goals and start taking steps to meet them. They can also use their personal contacts to help young people meet industry professionals, find internships and locate job possibilities. Mentors introduce young people to professional resources and organizations they might not know about. Mentors can help their Mentees learn how to seek and keep jobs.
- Mentors teach young people how to relate well to all kinds of people and help them strengthen their communication skills.
- Mentored teens are 50% less likely to get into drugs. They are 60% more likely to get better grades, and 75% more likely to raise their goals. They develop more positive attitudes toward school, achieve higher grades, have improved relationships with adults and peers, are better able to express their feelings and have higher self-confidence.

The mission of the Adams County Business Education Partnership is to bring together schools, businesses, and community partners to strengthen a school-to-career system which supports development of students equipped with knowledge, skills and attitudes to compete successfully in the dynamic work economy. We work with 6 school districts of Adams County, K-12, support the annual Adams County Career Fair for all tenth grade students, serve at-risk junior and senior high school students, make grants available, and much more.

For more information, please contact:

Jim Roach, Coordinator

Adams County Business Education Partnership

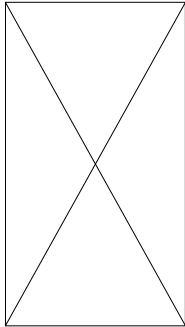
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THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone who bought gifts for our Gift-Tag Christmas tree for the 5 participating families in Circles of Support, and donations for the Scarf-Hat-and-Mitten Tree for needy Adams County citizens. We would also like to thank the volunteers who set up projects to help the needy, those who gave of their time

and talents to decorate the church this Christmas season, everyone who helped with hospitality and made our church such a welcoming place, our service participants, and our musicians, singers, and handbell ringers for our beautiful Christmas music. We are truly blessed to have such a giving parish.

IN APPRECIATION

To my family at Prince of Peace, I have just recently been notified by SUNY: Purchase of the scholarship received from Prince of Peace. I would like to thank the Church for the generosity bestowed upon me. My first semester at Purchase College has been an educational and enjoyable experience. I have learned more about myself within this short amount of time than I ever could have hoped, but I will always remember what I learned in Gettysburg, and more importantly, at Prince of Peace. I grew up in our Church and will always consider you part of my family. Thank you for all you have given me.

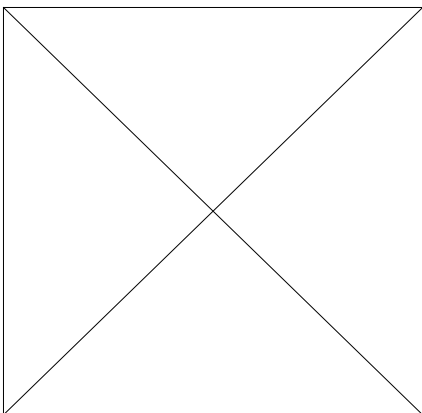
Love,
Kristen Kamsler

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- Jan. 6 OPEN
- Jan. 13 OPEN
- Jan. 20 OPEN
- Jan. 27 OPEN

Please fill out the form on the parlor table or call the church office at 334-6463 if you would like to make a flower dedication. The cost for 2008 is \$30.00 (or \$15.00 if the date is shared with another dedication). We can't reserve dates for single dedications, so you might have to share a date with another party.

Please make your check payable to Prince of Peace and mark it "Altar Flowers."



Dear Members of Prince of Peace, On behalf of 75 6th and 8th graders at John B. Stetson Middle School in Philadelphia, THANK YOU! As you can see from the pictures in the Stahle Parlor, your generous donations of money and books from our Amazon wishlist have had a dramatic impact on our classroom environment, especially our classroom library, which my students proudly regard as the best collection of books in the whole school. They are tearing through the reading material, so if you wish to, you can continue to help by sending the items listed as "high priority" on the wishlist:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3QTU2TRLE119P>

Also, I have created a proposal on the website www.donorschoose.org, an organization that allows donors to fully or partially fund specific requests made by public school teachers. My request is for an LCD projector for our classroom, which would allow me to use Powerpoint presentations and other multimedia resources. If you'd like to contribute to funding my proposal, you can read about it at:

<http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=115363>

Again, thanks for your support! It's making a huge impact.

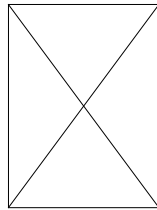
Jill Purdy

PARISH ROUND OF PRAYER FOR DECEMBER 2008

- Jan. 6 Heather, Dave Jr., Sarah & Becca Swope; Michael & Karen Sylvest; Steven, Meredith, Rachel & Paige Szczesny
- Jan. 13 Audrey Tamblyn; Jim, Ellen, JT, Sarah, Zach & Catherine Thomas; Keith Thomas; Kerr Thompson
- Jan. 20 Dora Townsend; Pierre & Sassy Turchi; Nelson & Mary Vargas; Jim, Wendy, Erika, Tyler & Ryan VanDyke; Nelson & Mary Vargas
- Jan. 27 Tom & Madeline Wajda; Julie, Doug, Douglas & Gracie Watkins; Wyatt & Haley Cluck

BIRTHDAYS

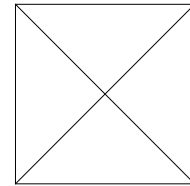
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| 20th | Lee Hickcox |
| 5th | John Barthle |
| 21st | Mark Purdy |
| 6th | Donna Dodson |
| 23rd | Ralph Cavaliere |
| 9th | Hal Ehart |
| 26th | Stephanie Donolli |
| | Kim Regiec |
| 27th | Jacque Crawley |
| | Kerry Schlein |
| 29th | Marlyn Ringler |
| | Helen Larkin |
| 30th | Marian Davis |
| 15th | Martha Schupp |
| 31st | James Thomas, Sr. |
| | Alexander Banks |
| 17th | Katie Stahl |
| | Ellen Bair |
| 18th | Taylor Reisinger |



ANNIVERSARIES

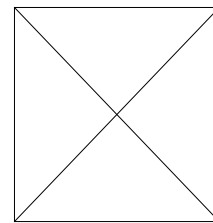
- 24th Pete & Jeanne Hartman
- 25th Andrew & Betty Larson
- 27th Bill & Nancy Forgang

Jan. 23rd: Fr. Richard Randall's ordination to the priesthood.



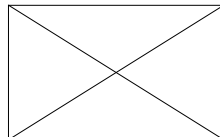
SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Jan. 6 | Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12 | Jan. 20 | Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42 |
| Jan. 13 | Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17 | Jan. 27 | Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23 |



NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Jan. 27 Polly Carlson & Kate Reisinger
- Jan. 6 Dave & Heather Swope
- Jan. 13 Sharon Purdy & Kim Regiec
- Jan. 20 Alison & Jill Lowe

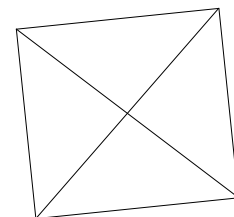
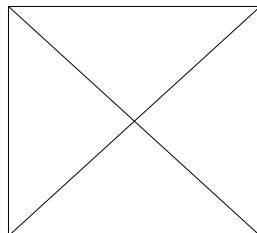
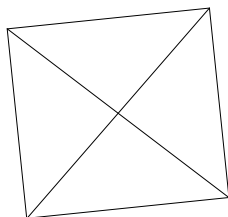


Our newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month; the bulletin deadline is each Wednesday by noon!

JANUARY 2008 SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

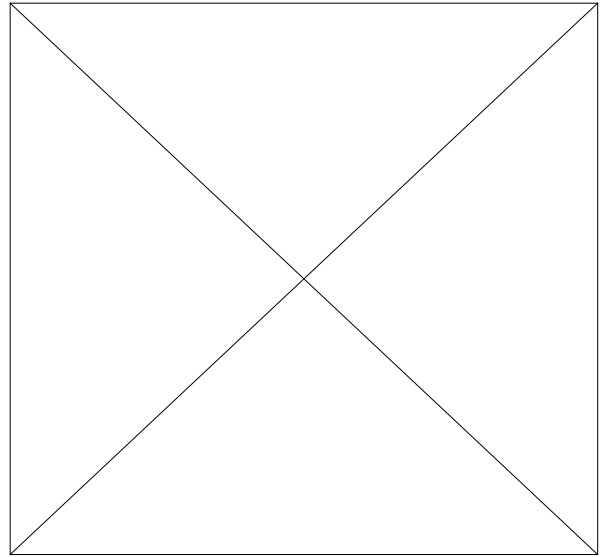
Altar Guild: Karen Botterbusch, Phyllis Whitfield

ACOLYTES	LECTORS & CHALICE BEARERS	USHERS & GREETERS
January 6		
8:00 Linda Corson, Server	The Epiphany Jody Barthle, Lector Jody Barthle, Chalice Bearer Nancy Lilley, Healing Ministry	John Barthle, Usher Marjorie Davis, Greeter
10:15 Melanie Schupp, Server Tyler VanDyke, Crucifer Sarah Thomas, Torch/Mentor Madeleine Sowders, Torch/Mentor	Neil Beach, Lector Mark Purdy, Lector John Stevenson, Chalice Bearer Pam Mikesell, Chalice Bearer Steve Dague, Dona Maguire, Healing Ministry	Ralph Cavaliere, Usher Shirlee Cavaliere, Usher Jane Gough, Greeter Bob Gough, Greeter
January 13		
8:00 Cheryl Lloyd, Server	1 Epiphany Nancy Forgang, Lector Linda Corson, Chalice Bearer Nancy Forgang, Healing Ministry	Harvey Haun, Usher Gladys Parks, Greeter
10:15 Jim Thomas, Server Erika VanDyke, Crucifer Earl Clark, Torch/Mentor Carl Sowders, Torch	Mary Hamel, Lector Madeleine Sowders, Lector Cina Playfoot, Chalice Bearer Mary Hamel, Chalice Bearer Keith Thomas, Ellen Bair, Healing Ministry	Andrew Regiec, Usher Keene Kelderman, Usher John Stevenson, Greeter Mary Stevenson, Greeter
January 20		
8:00 Barbara House, Server	2 Epiphany Linda Corson, Lector Nancy Forgang, Chalice Bearer Linda Corson, Healing Ministry	Mike Lilley, Usher Audrey Tambyln, Greeter
10:15 Dona Maguire, Server Sean Bair, Crucifer	George Muschamp, Lector John Stevenson, Lector Michael Ritterson, Chalice Bearer Dale Shade, Chalice Bearer Dora Townsend, Phil Sowders, Healing Ministry	Joe Donolli, Usher Olive Donolli, Usher Steve Dague, Greeter Karin Miller, Greeter
January 27		
8:00 John Barthle, Server	3 Epiphany Gail Picking, Lector Jody Barthle, Chalice Bearer Nancy Lilley, Healing Ministry	Bill Railing, Usher Nancy Lilley, Greeter
10:15 Jim Schupp, Server Madeleine Sowders, Crucifer Meagan Clark, Torch Martha Schupp, Torch	Mark Wivell, Lector Tyler VanDyke, Lector Mark Purdy, Chalice Bearer Dona Maguire, Chalice Bearer Karen Botterbusch, Joan Mummert, Healing Ministry	Lynn Wivell, Usher Mark Wivell, Usher Dora Townsend, Greeter Mary Laidlow, Greeter



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Holy Eucharist

Sunday
8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Thursday
12:00 Noon

Bible Study

Thursday
1:00 PM

Morning Prayer

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM