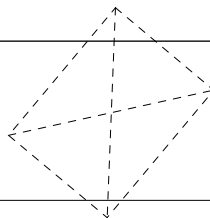


The Episcopal Epistle

The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace

May 2008



**A message from Nancy Forgang,
Prince of Peace Jubilee Committee**

Dear Friends,

***I have an indelibly-
etched image in
my brain of a
small boy, proba-
bly no older than
six years of age.***

It's a hot and sticky 95-degree day in mid-July, and this little fellow is playing in the middle of Breckenridge Street. He is shirtless, without shoes, and his hair is matted to his scalp with sweat, the longer locks of which are tangled in masses. Out of boredom, he begins to throw rocks at the cars which are parked along one side of the street. I selfishly think to myself, "I'm glad I didn't drive, even though it's humid enough to melt!" He stares at me with dark gray eyes and swollen cheeks....black and purple from possible abuse. I have to quell the urge to bombard him with questions as a mixture of anger and compassion fill my heart. His little chest and neck are so sunburned, and my shoulders are now sagging with the weight of this boy's dilemma.

Finally, I ask him where he lives, but he doesn't reply. He might have been taught not to talk to strangers, and I understand the merit of the silence. I ask him if he can point to his house, and he reluctantly lifts one finger in a vague direction. I want to take hold of his little hand which still has dirty pebbles stuck to it, but I fear that might frighten him. So, I say, "Let's find your Mom!" Silence. I try to engage him in conversation, but he just gives me a blank stare. By this time, I'm beginning to feel the hot sun burning my face, and I have an overwhelming desire to find a cool drink for both of us. I could go back to the soup kitchen and get some lemonade, but the urgency to find protection and shelter for him takes precedence.

I begin to look for an adult to help me find his mother. (My journey to Breckenridge Street that day had its purpose. I was taking a soup kitchen meal to an elderly woman who was recuperating from surgery. Perhaps she could help me find his

caregiver). I find Josephine sitting up and smiling, and after asking her how she is feeling, I begin my series of questions about this forlorn child. "His mother locks him out of the house while she works." My mouth drops open, and my eyes widen. "She'll be finished in about 15 minutes." I innocently ask what kind of work she does, and the response is chilling. "You'll see him leave, but then another will be by shortly." I'm now cold. Chills replace the beads of perspiration on my brow, and I begin to feel goose bumps on my arms. I'm at a loss for words, but I know God is calling me to do something for this child. No, not for one child, but for ten, twenty, thirty, even forty children who live in the third ward of Gettysburg.

I will not go into the details of what followed that day, but I will simply say this is the initial seed from which the Meals and More Program grew.

This is why we take care of little ones that God places in our care in the summer months. Love is never wasted. Many of our Meals and More children have never had a healthy relationship in their lives, but we can and do make a huge difference. Meals and More fosters self-esteem, hope, creativity, counseling, and education mixed with healthy breakfasts, lunches, and so much love!!

This is my story, and it is a calling for me. I hope that you will join me in nurturing our neighborhood children this summer. Please feel free to call me anytime with questions about Meals and More. I would love to talk with you about how God has not only left an indelible image of a little sunburned and neglected boy in my mind, but also a bright picture of hope for the future.

In God's peace,

Nancy Forgang

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THANK YOU

Many thanks go to the 19 people from Prince of Peace who prepared side dishes for the workers for the Blitz Build on Friday, April 4. Food was plentiful, and all the builders truly appreciated our culinary efforts. Lunch in the lower level of St. Paul's AME Zion church was a welcome respite for the laborers on a bleak, rainy day.

Jane Gough, Hospitality Co-chair

HOUSE IS RAISED

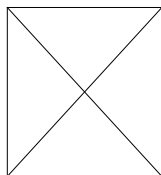
On the first two Fridays and Saturdays of April, the structure of a three-story duplex was raised on Washington Street by Adams County Habitat for Humanity, of which we are a covenant church. The roof is on and shingled, all windows and doors installed, and most interior walls built. It is always exciting to see a house go up so quickly and know that our church has been a part of this community effort. Many thanks to our Hospitality Committee for providing the noon meal on 4 April for about forty workers. It was voted "best meal" of the blitz build. And thanks as well to the volunteers who helped build. These two homes are, I think, the 28th and 29th built by Adams County Habitat since founded.

*(Peter Scott, cell 717-515-3315,
aespfs@aol.com, we're moving)*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GETTYSBURG

thanks all Episcopalians who supported our theatre fundraiser by attending The Capitol Steps. Preliminary estimates show that Rotary will give back to the community over \$30,000 from the project.

Jennifer Railing



RECIPE CORRECTION

Prince of Peace's cookbook,
Moveable Feasts, Page 25,
Margaret Finafrock's
Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole:

Change 1/4 **cup** curry powder to
1/4 **teaspoon** curry powder.

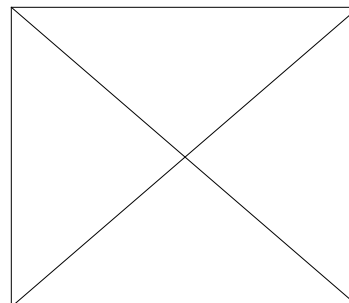
*No act of kindness, so matter how small, is ever wasted.
ÆSOP, The Lion & The Mouse*

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- May 4 In loving memory of James W. Miller, Sr.,
by Lorraine Miller
In loving memory of Dorothy Campbell,
by Nancy Forgang
- May 11 OPEN
- May 18 In celebration of our May 17 wedding, by
Jamie Lynn Myers and Brendan Michael
Synnamon
- May 25 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."

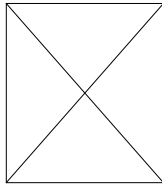


EPISCOPALS DINNERS

The next dinner will be Sunday May 18 at 5:30 PM at the home of Doris Cole, 251 Pine Valley, McKnightstown, phone 334-0428. A sign up sheet and directions will be in the parlor. *EpiscoPals* meets the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm at a parishioner's home. The host family provides meat, beverage, place settings and directions to their home; guests are asked to bring a covered dish/dessert to share. This fellowship time is for adults only and the purpose is strictly social. New-comers are especially encouraged to come. If you are interested in hosting *EpiscoPals*, please call Lynn Wivell at 359-0777.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 15 – June 19,
6:30pm – 8:30pm**



Fizzing With Fun!!

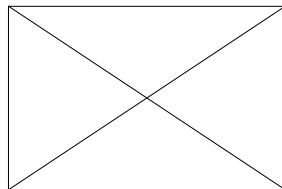
In conjunction with Christ Lutheran and St. James Lutheran, we will have a fantastic and fun filled Vacation Bible School. In *Power Lab*, kids will discover the power of Jesus' miraculous power! Get ready for an exciting adventure, following Jesus as he heals, helps and gives power to people who need him. Power Lab is fizzing with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone involved in this VBS will explore God's Word ... and never be the same again! As kids experience amazing Bible adventures, they'll take part in Daily challenges that encourage them to apply Bible truths to everyday life. Participants will sample test tube treats, go on adventures at Bible Blast, make crazy creations in Wacky Works Crafts and Missions, and race around with Hyperspeed games.

The VBS will be held at the Seminary Campus, and all ages are invited to participate. If you are an adult or teenager who wants to help volunteer this week or if you are a kid who just wants to have fun, there is space for you. Please contact Meredith Szczesny, 410-756-6355, and let her know.

Come join us.

YOUTH EVENTS

In case you haven't noticed, there is a whole going on with our youth this month. On May 9 they will be going to New York City to spend the night in the cathedral of St. John the Divine. And then on May 16 they will participate in the Relay for life in Biglerville. Ask them about either of these events, I am sure they will be happy to share their stories.



A PHOTO DIRECTORY IS COMING

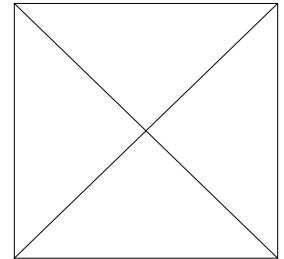
Prince of Peace plans to produce a new Photo Directory of our congregation. We would like to have this completed by late June. Information and photos will be due June 1st, so we will need digital photos of each family. If you don't have a digital camera, we will announce times on May 18th and June 1st that you can have your picture taken at the church. We will also need updated names, addresses, phone, cell phone and emails (if you are okay with them being published). Sunday bulletins will have more information about this.

Thanks, Joe Donolli and Nancy Lilley

LET'S GET CREATIVE!

The Prince of Peace Yuletide Bazaar will be held this year during the first weekend of December. Many interesting and beautiful hand-crafted items will be offered for sale to the community and to church members.

Do you make a special item or handcraft that we could sell at the Bazaar? Examples of hand-crafts might be (but are not limited to): photography, wood-working, sewing, knitting, quilting, baking, potpourri or other plant items, scrapbooking, painting, decoupage, jellies and jams, candle- soap- or jewelry-making.



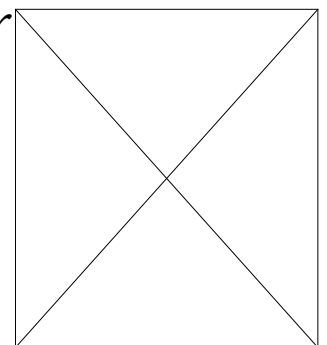
In addition to specialty handcrafts and products donated by individuals, there will be group workshops for creating lots of colorful and unique handcrafts. The craft workshops, conducted by Jean Siderio, will be held periodically from May through November. Craft projects in the workshops will be simple, imaginative, and fun to make. They will not require special skills, and materials will be provided.

Come join the fun, and help make this a great Yuletide Bazaar! Please watch for bulletin announcements and sign-up sheets on the table in the Parlor concerning times for the workshops.

Any questions, call Jean Siderio, 337-1464, or email Jean at djsiderio@comcast.net.

Creation Corner

Did you know that replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent light saves 150 pounds of carbon dioxide a year (up to 730 pounds over the life of the CFL)? This difference in energy consumption will show up



in your energy bill, too. Compact fluorescent light bulbs are also available for floodlights, dimmers and 3-way fixtures. Changing to energy efficient light bulbs is one of many ways to practice good stewardship.

UTO PRAYER

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life.

Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way.

Through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

UTO SPRING INGATHERING

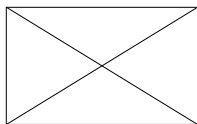
Since 1889 when it was founded to support women missionaries, the United Thank Offering (UTO) has become a worldwide effort to meet many human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the Church—for men, women and children everywhere.

The UTO is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It's the sum of our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives, for happy times, job opportunities, passing an exam, friendly visits, good weather—so many things for which we can thank God by setting aside a portion of our funds. Twice a year you are asked to bring in the amount of your daily thanksgivings for the ingathering, where it is combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of other Episcopalians to be used in worldwide ministry.

May 4th is UTO Sunday at Prince of Peace. UTO envelopes were mailed in the April newsletters; if you need an envelope, more can be found on the usher table at the back of the church.

Mary Laidlow, Chair

COMPANION PARISH MINISTRY



Ellen Bair and Erica Van Dyke will start email exchanges with teens from Holy Cross, our companion parish in Brazil. Anyone who might

be interested in this fun endeavor, please contact Gladys Parks at 334-3193 or email her at sueko722@embarqmail.com

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES

Sundays, May 4 and May 11

Once again Prince of Peace will have wonderful craft and jewelry items from Africa available for sale in the parlor this May. Proceeds from the sales benefit development and aid projects in various parts of Africa. All items are beautifully made and make lovely gifts (think Mother's Day!). *THANK YOU* to Sheila Chiteji for coordinating this event again this year!

WETZER SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

In 1998 the Hilda Wetzer Scholarship Fund was established at Prince of Peace. Hilda was a long time member of our church. When she died, she bequeathed a sum of money to Prince of Peace with the stipulation that it be used for academic scholarships for the "youth" of Prince of Peace. Applications must be *active* (translation - we'd love to see them during school breaks) members of Prince of Peace and be pursuing an undergraduate degree. Both full-time and part-time students are welcome to apply. Applications will be reviewed by the Outreach Distribution Committee in June. Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipient's college at the beginning of the school year. **The application deadline is June 1. Application forms are on the table in the parlor.**

If you have questions, please contact Robert Gough, Chair of the Outreach Distribution Committee, at goughrj@comcast.net or 334-4264.

PRINCE OF PEACE ENDOWMENT GRANTS

Each year a portion of the interest income from the charitable gift is used to provide grant money in the community where church members are involved or for church programs. This year there is approximately \$12,500 available for distribution. **Application forms are available on the parlor table** or by contacting Robert Gough via e-mail at goughrj@comcast.net. Forms may also be accessed through the Prince of Peace website, www.gettysburgesciscopal.org. The Outreach Distribution Committee will meet during the middle part of September to consider proposals; therefore, **please submit materials prior to September 1.**

BISHOP'S OPEN

Monday, June 16, Frosty Valley Country Club, Danville, PA, hosted by All Saints Episcopal Church, Selinsgrove. This event supports charities in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Four person team scramble, \$70 per person (includes golf, cart, dinner, trophy to winning team and other prizes, with remaining funds designated to charity). Please support the Open by playing or sponsoring one of the eighteen holes – forms are on the parlor table for sponsorship and individual registration. **Registration: by June 2, 2008.** For more information contact Bernie Wolf at 570-594-0983 or berniewolf@yahoo.com.

PARISH ROUND OF PRAYER FOR MAY 2008

May 4 Elizabeth, Jacquilyn, & Madison Downing, & Jeffrey Gilland

May 11 Hal & Debby Ehart; Rick Elbo & Jean Toth; and Gilbert & Anne Evans

May 18 Carl & Julie Falk; and Jaymes, Margaret, Abigail, & Carolyn Finafrock

May 25 Sarah Fischer; Matthew & Amy Folk; Nancy Forgang; and Gordon & Gail Fuller

BIRTHDAYS

2 nd Rachel Szczesny	13 th Barbara Randall
5 th Steve Dague	16 th Pamela Mikesell
7 th Irelyn O'Shea	17 th Steven Szczesny
Dick Purdy	Stella George
Kristian Stahl	Nancy Forgang
Jonathan Kaufhold	18 th John Barthle
8 th Brigitte Kamsler	20 th Gail Fuller
9 th Art House	23 rd Greg Weber
10 th Jack Weaver	Kate Kelderman
11 th Meagan Clark	24 th Tess Peterson
12 th Sharon Litten	27 th Donald Adrian
Belinda Chiteji	Ben Birkner
Sarah Bair	28 th James Powers, III
Ken Maguire	Mary Deignan
13 th Polly Carlson	30 th Sue Hammond
Kelli Stahl	31 st Haley Cluck
	David Corson
	Andrew Reisinger

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Joe & Olive Donolli

9th Chuck & Jacquie Hollabaugh

12th Kate & Theo Kelderman

15th Frank & Bettie Sapp

Dave & Heather Swope

19th Tom & Greg Wolf

23rd Paul & Teresa Clark

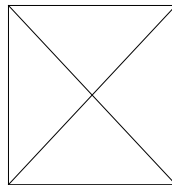
30th *Anniversary of ordination to priesthood of Canon Pinckney*



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please call the church office at 334-6463 and let us know the dates.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 4	Acts 1:6-14	May 25	Isaiah 49:8-16a
	Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36		Psalms 131
	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11		1 Corinthians 4:1-5
	John 17:1-11		Matthew 7:21-29
May 11	Acts 2:1-21 <u>or</u>		
	Numbers 11:24-30		
	Psalms 104:25-35; 37		
	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13		
	<u>or</u> Acts 2:1-21		
	John 20:19-23		
	<u>or</u> John 7:37-39		
May 18	Genesis 1:1-2:4a		
	Psalms 8, <u>or</u> Canticle 2,		
	<u>or</u> Canticle 13		
	2 Corinthians 13:11-13		
	Matthew 28:16-20		



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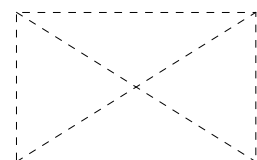
NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 4 Kim Regiec & Kate Reisinger

May 11 (Mothers Day)
Jayme Finafrock & Dave Swope

May 18 Sharon Purdy & Margaret Finafrock

May 25 Polly Carlson & Heather Swope



Morning Prayer
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Bible Study
Thursday
1:00 PM

Holy Eucharist
Sunday
8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
12:00 Noon
Thursday

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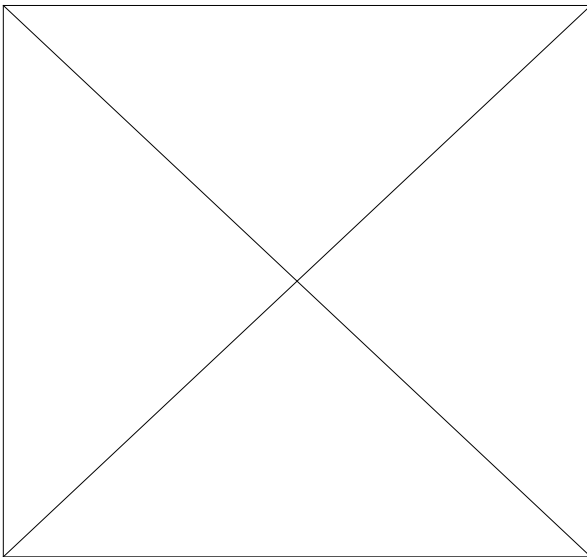
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