



Mission: *Worship God, grow in Christ, and share the Gifts God has given us with the World.*

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
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Exploring Next Steps in Vicar Search

May 18, 3 members of up to 4 nearby congregations will meet with Rev. Chris Craun+, the Diocesan Missioner for Thriving Congregations. The BAC selected Ray Berhorst and Barbara Ross in addition to Marcia Kelley, Senior Warden. As Chris noted in her email:

*It seems as though this would be an ideal time for all of us to come around the table to start talking about who we are, what we value, our hopes for our communities, and the choices we have moving forward. I want to emphasis **choice**. There are different pathways of mutual ministry.... This is meant to be a time of discernment driven by creative possibilities of the Spirit, not angst and anxiety.... I will facilitate a spiritual grounding and framework for our conversations, and we will map out a decision-making process.*

Chris+ is the person to whom candidates for all the positions in the diocese would send resumes. So the process continues and we will keep you informed.

Rummage, Did you Say Rummage Sale?

May 13 10-4 and May 14 9-2 are the times for the Rummage Sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table sorters, clean up needed. Also small flyers to post are there. Items can be brought to the church Tuesday-Wednesday that week. The sale will be outside again this year. Stephanie Schmidt will be the hands-on coordinator.

Start looking over all those items you once adored but can live without now.

Lenten Outreach Project ERD for Ukraine and Loose Change for Outreach

At the March BAC meeting it was decided to use boxes to collect money for Episcopal Relief and Development for their efforts in aiding those fleeing Ukraine or in Ukraine. Boxes should be returned by May 1, as well as checks so we can get send a check to ERD.

We also decided to return to the practice of loose change in the plate on the **1st Sunday of the month to deposit to our outreach account.**

Outreach for May and June

Members of the Outreach Committee met after church on Sunday to discuss the next outreach project. The idea is to schedule our outreach throughout the year so we pace along rather than load it all up at one time.

We decided to concentrate on two Restart Kits for Refugees to help Salem for Refugees as Salem "Welcomes our New Neighbors".

In their latest update SFR that Salem will be welcoming under the Reception and Placement program a Congolese family of 6, and a Syrian family of 4. Under the Afghan Placement and Assistance program there are three individuals arriving to make Salem their home.

Due to the war in Ukraine 10,000 fled to Mexico and crossed our Sothern border. They are under the Humanitarian Parole status at the moment and some have made their way to the Willamette Valley as there are Slavic churches and families here.

Salem for Refugees has monthly zoom meetings at Noon on the first Monday of the month. After the planned program they have an additional introduction to getting involved as a volunteer. They are a 501 (C) (3) and are an official resettlement agency for the State Department affiliated with World Vision.

List for items will be on narthex table.

Parish Hall Sign Up Necessary

We share the Parish hall with the Lutherans. To schedule it you need to contact Father Steven+ or Marcia so you are not disappointed.

Senior Warden has a New Email and Will be Out of Town but not out of touch

To keep church related emails together, I have set up a new email account for myself. So, the new email is swardenpopor@gmail.com.

My cell phone is preferable and can be used for texts as well. 503-910-4776.

We will be in San Francisco for a family graduation **May 12-May 17** and then will be at Eagle Crest using Victor's prize from the Commission on Poverty and Homelessness Auction. (He was trying to get the bidding up...and he won.) Those dates are **May 19-24**. Available by phone anytime.

Father Steven Ellis + Interim Vicar Hours

Father Steven will be in the office Tuesday from 10 AM-Noon and on Friday, 10 AM-2 PM. His phone is 831-818-3148.

Bishop's Advisory Committee News

At our April meeting we selected attendees for the May 18 meeting. We also approved minutes and accepted the treasurer's report. We also approved an increase in compensation for Asya for music services.

Father Steven shared his dates for vacation.

Members are Marcia Kelley, Sr. Warden; Bill Dalton; Diana Rainey, Mary Macy, Nick Fortey, Rachel Bertoni, Sue Rembert, & ex officio, the interim vicar. Clerk is Barbara Ross.

Our May meeting will be held in the Lutheran meeting rooms May 11 at 6 PM .

Garden Committee News

Spring is such a busy time at the garden. In March we had a work party getting the beds ready for the season, cleaning out the compost bins and preparing the walkways for clover.

On April 9th there was a dedication of a memorial bench in memory of Cindy Nielsen. What a wonderful day that was with attendance from church members, Cindy's family and the Birthday Girls, a group Cindy belonged to. Many people spoke of their fond memories of Cindy and what she meant to them and how she touched their lives.

One person spoke about how their life was better by having known Cindy. Father Steve Ellis spoke and blessed the bench. Everyone then enjoyed wonderful cupcakes, provided by Gina Brofferio and her daughter.

The event was preceded by a gust of wind catching one of the tents and creating momentary havoc.

On April 23rd the first plant starts and seeds will be picked up from Marion Polk Food Share. This is the first of four pickups over the next two months. This marks the official start of the growing season. Some leftover seeds are on the table in the narthex to share with the congregation.

All of the gardeners returned this year and with their children have been getting beds ready for planting.

Please pray for a successful growing season and for a continued positive outreach into the community.

Harriet Neely
Chairperson



From the Book Shelf:

Suggested by Rev. Chris Craun+

Part-time is Plenty; Thriving without full-time clergy. G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Another suggested by my UCC neighbor

Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory.
Tod Bolsinger

From the Interim Vicar-Father Steve+

I get so tired during Holy Week that by the time Easter comes, I'm running on fumes. So many services that require planning, preparation, and coordination, so much logistics. This is not new. A few weeks ago, I was delighted when Marcia reminded me that I had been here a year and more and had not taken any vacation. I really appreciated that she recognized that all of us need time away. It also reminded me that I was not comfortable taking vacation earlier, but now we are in a much more confident place as a congregation. I am proud of you all.

Robin and I had tentatively made some vacation plans, and now I am really looking forward to it. We will be gone, and I will be away from Prince of Peace from **Monday, May 16 through Sunday May 29th, Memorial Day weekend**. I will be keeping my office hours Tuesday the 31st.

I am delighted at the work that Katrine and Nancy have done in organizing the office so that it is suitable for volunteers to come in on different days and help. Each will have a particular task that is their own. I am looking forward to having more of you sign up for a few hours of your own on a weekly, monthly, or other creative schedule. There is a list of tasks, and each one needs someone to love it.

Marcia shared with Chris/Craun+ the notes from our March 27 after church discussion on this issue. Chris+ recommended a book on the subject to Marcia as well. Marcia is in the process of reading the book and will share the title and author with you.

I'm feeling hopeful that we will be able to return to some of our ministries and more normal congregational life. If this variant does not cause big spikes, if we keep being careful, I think we can resume some things. This would include eating together and working side by side on projects. Some will be masked, of course, and some will not as is appropriate. I count on each of us taking care to be masked when we have a cold or whatever. We human beings owe each other that simple caution and courtesy. Since there is no central forced air ventilation in the church or hall, we need to continue to open the windows and run the exhaust fan at max when in church. The most critical precaution to avoid spreading this airborne disease is ventilation and appropriate masking. Fortunately, the weather is getting warmer. We soon will not need so many layers. But I do want to particularly ask that in using the parish hall each group leave the doors to the narthex open and have the fan on at mid-speed. Smaller groups and good airflow will go a long way.

I also want to thank three more folks who are willing to learn the zoom. It provides so much flexibility for folks to attend but the task needs to be shared. I also want to thank Rachel, Massimo and Jeanne for their extra work during Lent and Holy Week.

I ask for prayers for safe travel for Robin and me as we "get away" and come back refreshed.

Steve+

ECW Spirituality Day May 28, 2022

St Francis Episcopal Church

8818 SW Miley Rd. Wilsonville, Oregon

ECW SPIRITUALITY DAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM** Registration,
Beverages, Vendors Tables
- 9:00 AM** Welcome Sanctuary,
ECW Candle Ceremony
Holy Eucharist with Bishop Diana
as Celebrant and Preacher
- 10:30 AM** Social Time and Light
Refreshments with Bishop Diana
- 11:15 AM** Workshops
- Noon Break
- 12:15 PM** Lunch in the garden
area and around the church buildings
- 1:15 PM** Workshops
- 2:00 PM** Break
- 2:15 PM** Workshops
- 3:00 PM** Break
- 3:10 PM** Closing Worship and
ECW Candle Ceremony
- 3:30 PM** Go in Peace

We will send the registration link out separately. Sue Rembert is organizing carpools.

Speaker at Peace Lutheran

Science and Faith

Dr. Matthew Becker, M.Div, Ph.D, will speak at Peace Lutheran Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7 PM.

Originally from Salem, Dr. Becker is professor of historical and systematic theology at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN.

He has graduate degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and the University of Chicago.

He will be teaching theologian following the May 18 event at a retreat at Mt. Angel, Or.

Peace Lutheran Has Invited Us!

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day
Peace Lutheran has invited us after their church and before our service to Ice-Cream Sundaes.

Toppings will be blueberries, strawberries and chocolate syrup. It will be after church on Peace Lutheran Patio.