

Please refrain from using your  
cell phone for anything but  
Bible Study during worship

# The Mustard Seed

November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016  
First Sunday of Advent

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

6001 Colgate St Philadelphia PA

| 215-342-3535 www.popp Philly.org

| Sunday Worship: 10 AM

God's Vision for us:

We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

God's Mission for us:

Doing God's work with our hands.

# HAPPY ADVENT

Advent is the first season of the liturgical year. It begins 4 Sundays before Christmas. The word "advent" is a Latin word meaning "to come." We are waiting for the arrival of Jesus to come both as the Christ Child on Christmas, but also as the Lord in the second coming. It is a tradition during Advent to have an advent wreath with 4 candles - one for each week of Advent. There are many traditions, but the first candle that we light on the first week often represents hope. The Christ candle appears in the center of Prince of Peace's Advent Wreath on Christmas Eve.

Use these 4 weeks of Advent to prepare yourself for the coming of Christ. Do not wait passively, like you are watching the grass grow, but wait actively like a waiter or waitress who waits on tables, preparing for their guests to arrive. Our guest is Jesus. Our preparation is prayer, which prepares our hearts for His love.



### 500 Years! WOW! How Time Flies

We, as Lutherans along with the NE conference are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation all year leading up to October 2017 with various activities and opportunities to fellowship. In October & November, our goal was to collect 500 juice boxes. We collected 1,224 by Thanksgiving!!! In December and January, our goal is to collect 500 birthday cards for Paul's Run retirement community. The birthday cards will be delivered to residents on their birthday. The conference leaders ask that you donate **generic** birthday cards which have been signed by your congregation (e.g., Happy Birthday from Prince of Peace, God's Richest Blessings this coming year, etc.). Collect as many signatures as you can so the birthday person feels especially loved. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry. Place the cards in the boxes in the back of the Sanctuary and near the Colgate St. entrance.

## Right Now Media - available for 3 more days

Prince of Peace has a free trial of Right Now Media until Nov. 30th. Right Now media is a Christian version of Netflix - you can search through literally 1,000s of videos. To get free access to Right Now Media this month visit [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)

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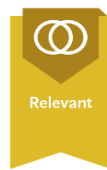
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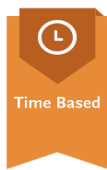
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The Guiding Coalition at Prince of Peace developed 7 SMART Goals during the summer that were approved by council. Here is an update:

1. *Be prepared to welcome 600 unaccompanied minors if they arrive at the Navy Depot*  
No word yet on their arrival.
2. *Behavioral Cultural Change Project, so adults learn how to show the children mutual respect & good behavior*  
Initial meeting was held October 30th. We plan to educate adults so we can give consistent consequences for misbehavior. We know we are blessed by having teenagers active in our congregation; we know we still have to learn what to do with them. Leaders: Karen Santiago, Jean Graham, Kay Hayward
3. *Research starting a Day Care at POP (4 leaders needed)*  
Research team begins summer 2017.
4. *Use percussion instruments on the 1st Sunday of every month*  
Next Sunday with percussion is Dec. 4, Leader: Janet Bischoff
5. *LifeGroup Bible Study, Thursday evenings at Lawndale Court*  
We've had 18 people attend the LifeGroup Bible Study thus far, 14 of which have attended more than once. Leaders: Pr. Ben & Jallah Kormazu & Tom Salber
6. *Hold & Advertise a special community event every 3 months*  
We are working on putting together a "Handbook" so there is a description and information on the various ministries at POP. The deadline is Nov. 30th. Leader: Tom Salber  
We have also begun planning a Revival for April 28, 29, and 30. The next revival planning meeting is January 24. Leader: Kay Hayward & Tom Salber
7. *Prepare for a Consecration Sunday (4 leaders needed to lead 6 small group discussions on Stewardship)*  
Consecration Sunday will be March 26th. Small Groups will begin in February. The next planning meeting is January 10th. Leader: Pr. Ben

## ~ Upcoming Activities ~

- Today - First Sunday of Advent  
Dec 1 - Senior's Luncheon  
Dec 4 - Family Sunday  
Confirmation at RTP at 6:30 PM  
Dec 7 - COGFN 6 PM (Christmas Cookies & Carols)  
Dec 8 - Welcome Home Meeting 2 PM  
Dec 11 - Executive Committee Meeting after worship  
Dec 16 - Neighborhood Christmas Caroling 6:00 PM  
Dec 17 - council 10 AM  
Dec 18 - Confirmation Service project - Feast of Justice  
Dec 21 - COGFN 6 PM (Christmas Cookies & Carols)  
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM  
Dec 25 - Christmas Day Service 10 AM (Sunday)  
Jan 1 - New Year's Day (Sunday Worship 10 AM)  
Jan 10 - Stewardship/Consecration Sun mtg 7:30 PM  
Jan 14 - MLK Day of Service (Saturday)  
Jan 16 - MLK "Day On" (It's not a day off)  
Jan 24 - Revival Meeting 7 PM  
Jan 29 - Congregational Meeting after worship  
(snow date is Feb 5)

## Life Group Bible Studies

Thursdays, 7 PM, at Jallah Kormazu's (6020 Tabor Ave)  
Fridays, 11 AM, at Prince of Peace

## Who is Welcome at Prince of Peace?

- If you are Asian, Latino, Black, or White ...
- If you are male or female ...
- If you are three days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old...
- If you've never stepped foot in a church; or if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic, or a long-time Lutheran...
- If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered...
- If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual...
- If you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Socialist, or not registered to vote...
- If you have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...
- If you own your home, rent, live with your parents, or are homeless...
- If you are fully-abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities...

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE AT PRINCE OF PEACE!!**  
**Christian Disciples** are people who know and follow Jesus Christ. They are not perfect, but they desire to grow closer to God. Five **marks of discipleship** that we teach at Prince of Peace are:

1. **Daily Prayer**
2. **Daily Bible Study**
3. **Weekly Worship**
4. **Generous Giving**
5. **Service at and beyond POP**