

Prince of Peace
Episcopal
Church

The Visitor

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2007

Worship
Schedule

SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Sunday School

TUESDAY

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)

BEGINNING DEC 2nd

SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Music
- 10:00 am Sunday School

A Message from our New Priest in Charge

My brothers and sister in Christ,

It is great joy to one of the new members of the family of Prince of Peace. Let me briefly introduce myself to you. I was born in Bethlehem, PA in 1943. I am a graduate of Lehigh University '65 and General Seminary '68. I was ordained to the diaconate in 1968 and to the priesthood in 1969.

As a newly ordained deacon I came to Wilkes-Barre in 1968 as an assistant at St. Stephen's and never left the Wyoming Valley.

I served as rector of St. James' Church, Pittston, Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre and Trinity, West Pittston. In 1971, while serving as rector of St. James', I started serving as a Sunday supply priest at Trinity. It was there I met my wife Judy, a life-long member of Trinity. We were married at Trinity on July 14, 1972. Judy is a second grade teacher in the Wyoming Area School District.

We have one son, Ian, who is now working as an aide to Representative Mike Castle, Delaware's only member of the House of Representatives.

"Old timer" may remember my father and mother, Dean and Doris Stevenson. Dad was Archdeacon of the Diocese of Bethlehem for several years under Bishop Warnecke before becoming Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

As new members, Judy and I look forward to getting to know you and to working with you to discovering all possible ways to fulfill our Lord commands to "love each other as He loves us" and to "make disciples".

In Christ, Fr. Jim

The Reverend James P. Stevenson, Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend Mary Lou Divis, Deacon

The Reverend John S Prater, Rector Emeritus

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday,

Thursday &

Friday

9:00 am —

2:00 pm

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday December 2nd:
8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 Sunday School

ECW

The November meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will be held in the Parish House on Wednesday, November 28 at 10:00 am. All women of the church are invited to attend.

An Advent Adult Educational Series will be held between the services on Sunday mornings during Advent (December 2–December 23).

VETERAN'S DAY BRUNCH

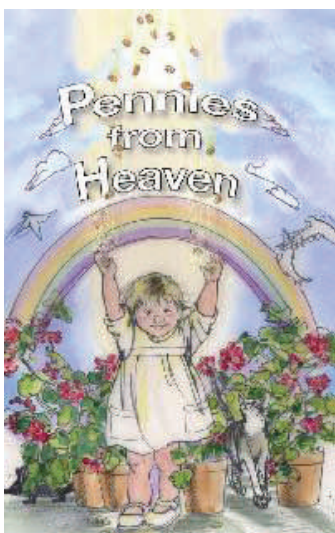
For Those Who Have Served

Prince of Peace Church will host a brunch following our 9:00 am service on November 11 to honor people who have served in the Armed Forces. Please join us to remember and honor those who have given so much for the freedoms we enjoy. Bring a picture of yourself or a loved one, in uniform, so we may give thanks to you and others. There will be a few patriotic songs, a few stories, and the joy of fellowship during the brunch. RSVP for this event by calling (675-9528) or emailing (princeofpeace@epix.net) the Church Office.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

United Thank Offering boxes should be feeling quite heavy by now. (Our last ingathering was May 13.) Surely we all have received countless blessings since then to be celebrated with a coin (or bill) dropped into the box in Thanksgiving. Now it is nearly time for the Fall Ingathering which will be on November 25. Continue to fill your Box and if you need a new one (they do wear out!) see Edna Yatsko or Thelma Ratcliffe. Envelopes for Ingathering will be provided.





Pennies from Heaven

The Sunday School is collecting pennies (and other change) until November 25. We can provide a canister for collecting or you can bring them to church and send them down the "Penny Chute". "Pennies from Heaven" is a program designed by The Geranium Farm specifically for children to collect pennies for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD).

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm - Children's Pageant & Eucharist

11:00 pm - Holy Eucharist (with Incense)



ADVENT BEGINS

Sunday, December 2



BLESSING OF
THE CRÈCHES &
POTLUCK SUPPER

Friday, December 14

6:00pm

THE CHURCH
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED

December 24

through

January 2.

Tree Trimming & Pageant Practice

Saturday, December 1—10:00 am

Everyone who will be participating in the Christmas Pageant (and even those who won't) are invited to attend the Annual Tree Trimming Party, followed by a Pageant Planning/ Rehearsal. If you or your child would like to be part of the pageant, but cannot be attend, please contact Jennifer

ASAP.

Adult helpers are also needed, please see Jennifer for more information.



Remember to visit our website for more information on events and topics covered in the Newsletter.

www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS



On Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre will have an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. The Reverend Daniel Jones has extended an open invitation to the people of Prince of Peace. Please take some time out from the busy holiday season to slow down and remember "Jesus is the reason for the Season."

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 1 at 1:00 pm



Please join us for our Second Annual Gingerbread House Workshop. This is a fun and easy project for ALL ages. The cost is \$15 per house. Please sign up by Sunday November 25.

You must **PRE-REGISTER** for this event.

Prince of Peace Dallas observes National Children's Sabbath with Bishop



The parish family of Prince of Peace had much to give thanks for on Sunday, October 21st; an extremely talented guest organist, a new Priest-in-charge and a visit by the Assistant Bishop to the Diocese of Bethlehem. But, on this day their worship was directed towards the children. For the 5th consecutive year, the parish observed the National Children's Sabbath, a day set aside by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) to bring awareness to the needs of our nation's children. Special focus was placed on the 9 million children in America without health insurance and the poor and minority children facing additional risks and disadvantages.

The youth took center stage as the layministers for this service by reading the Lessons, leading the Prayers of the People and serving as Ushers & Greet-

ers. Special forms of the Prayers were used to focus on the issues at hand. The Prayers of the People called for prayer and love for those children deprived of love and support, appreciation for all children and the unique gifts they offer, patience with children's failings and mistakes, and support and nurturing for children as they try new things. Special musical selections were played before and after the service by 10 year old Mark Pall, guest organist for the second year in a row. Mark and his brother Garrett also joined the Youth Choir in singing praises to God for all of God's kids.

Bishop Jack Croneberger led the parish in reciting the Baptismal Covenant through which Episcopalians declare their beliefs as Christians. He also spoke to the congregation about the responsibility shared by all in uplifting those who are unable to reach their full potential without the support of others. Through the words of an old tale and the actions of a small puppet he reminded congregants young and old not to judge a book by it's cover, to take a chance and "kiss the frog" you never know what lies beneath, it just may be a prince.

Pictured above: Some members of the Sunday School of Prince of Peace along with (seated) The Reverend James P Stevenson, Priest-in-Charge; (standing first row) The Reverend Mary Lou Divis, Deacon; (standing in back row) Jennifer Martin, Sunday School Coordinator; Christine Sutton, Children's Advocate; The Right Reverend John P. Croneberger, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. (Photo by David Dillon)

November/December Outreach Project

ADOPT A FAMILY

The information for this year's Adopted family will be posted soon. Please make sure to check your weekly bulletins and the website for information as it becomes available.

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Worship Schedule begins December 2nd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Music/Choir

10:00am Sunday School

Remember to visit us on the web at princeofpeacedallaspa.org,