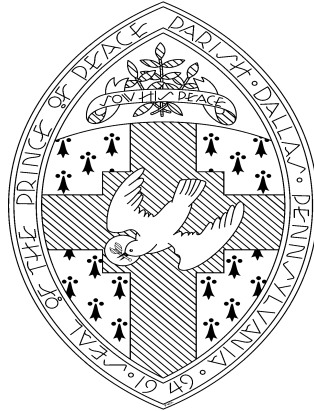


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Church Update

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Prince of Peace SANCTUARY CANDLE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS WITH US ALWAYS

The sanctuary candle burns during the year as a holy sign of the Light of Christ Always With Us!

To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Mary and Arthur Dreisbach [Month of January]

Requested By Ed Dreisbach

SEASON OF EPIPHANY. The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The Season of Epiphany begins January 6th and continues to Ash Wednesday.

PRINCE OF PEACE FOOD BANK ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY

January Items: NON PARISHABLES OF ALL KINDS

The Food Basket is located near the entrance of the church and presented in the name of Prince of Peace Church to The Back Mountain Food Pantry on a regular basis as part of our parish outreach and service ministries to those in need. Please be generous and mindful in assisting with this ministry.

2012 TREASURE OFFERING SETS. Parishioner's 2012 Treasure Offering Sets are in alphabetical order and available in The Prater Room for every household. Please pick up your new year offering sets today. In the event of an address error or if your box set is not available please alert Dan Monk, Treasurer. Note: 2011 End of Year Offering Statements will be available soon.

VISIT THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ON LINE. An easy to use site with the daily Morning, Noon and Evening Prayers, daily devotions and much more is available at www.bookofcommonprayer.net. **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER GIFT FOR YOU.** If you or your household would like a complimentary copy of the Book of Common Prayer for your home and individual use please speak with Fr. Major who will be happy to provide you with a new or slightly used copy from his supply. Reserve your copy today while supplies last.

ECW: Ministry Invitation. The Women of Prince of Peace invite all women of the parish to participate in the ministry and social events of the ECW: The Episcopal Church Women. ECW normally meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Prater Room and all are welcome to share in a lunch gathering at a local restaurant.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: *at Church and at Home*. With only a very brief and often sporadic time with youth on Sunday mornings we are reminded that Christian formation is something that mostly takes place between parents and their children in the home. This is why our Christian education efforts called **God's People at Church and at Home** focuses on brief Sunday lessons *at Church* and also on providing *at Home* resources designed for supporting parents who are always the first and often the best teachers of their children when it comes to sharing the Christian faith.

Prince of Peace Parish will hold age appropriate sessions every Sunday of every month beginning at 8:55 a.m. and also provide

parents with ample age-appropriate resources for the week so that Christian formation can easily be scheduled around your family schedule. Ministry Sunday (Family Sunday) is scheduled on the last Sunday of every month and parents are urged to encourage youth to regularly share their talent and time in service to their Church and world.

Please visit the Christian Education Information Board in The Prater Room for additional details and announcements related to Christian Education opportunities for youth.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR YOUTH AND THE MINISTRY OF TEACHING. Prince of Peace Parish needs teachers every Sunday for the following classes: Pre-School and Grade 1, Grade 2 and 3 and Grades 4-6. Please review the Church School Bulletin Board calendar and sign up to teach a session or two or three during the year. All of the Sunday lessons and hand-outs are already prepared for you! You can do this! Our youth need to hear from our adults and hopefully they will hear from you on occasion. Sign-up beginning today so that we can make sure there is a teacher every Sunday for every class. We need you for this ministry to our youth!

PARISHIONERS STAYING INFORMED. The Diocesan and Episcopal Life News Post, The newSpin newsletter is published by The Rev. Canon Bill Lewellis on Mondays, and occasionally also on Thursdays: Visit <http://diobeth.typepad.com> for brief overviews and links to news and events in the Diocese of Bethlehem and in the Church around the world. Other diocesan and Episcopal News and links are available at www.diobeth.org.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY COMMISSION MEETINGS. Please participate as you are able in the areas of parish life and ministry meetings that take place during the month. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend all planning meetings. The following meetings are currently scheduled: **OUTREACH COMMISSION:** Every Second Sunday [Note: New Meeting Time] immediately following Holy Eucharist; **FINANCE COMMISSION:** Every Second Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Church Office; **PROPERTY COMMISSION:** Every Last Sunday immediately following Holy Eucharist. Other Commissions currently meet as announced. The Parish Vestry [Governing Board] meets every third Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. in The Prater Room for the discussion and review of the regular business and parish activity in mission and ministry. Check in with Fr. Major, your Wardens or your Vestry Contact Persons for updates on areas of parish life and ministry.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS. Many thanks to our committed liturgical ministers. All liturgical ministers receive a schedule for ministry during each liturgical season and the same is posted on www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org and on the parish information bulletin board. Additional schedules are available in the narthex and near the altar guild closet. Readers are urged to prepare and review the Sunday lessons in advance. **READER'S NOTE:** The Sunday readings are included on your schedules and copies of the readings for the next several weeks are located in the blue file on the pulpit for your advance review of the lessons. Parishioners of all ages may participate in one or more of the liturgical ministries: Altar Guild, Reader, Usher-Greeter, Chalice Bearer, Ensemble, Acolyte. In addition kitchen hospitality and help securing and closing the building is needed every Sunday immediately following Holy Eucharist. To assist with hospitality in the kitchen on Sundays please see the sign-up sheet on the Parish Information Board. **MUSIC ASSISTANTS.** Teens and adults willing to learn the simple function of operating the organ midi system to assist with the music ministry please see Fr. Major for review of the use of the "playback" unit. Thank you to Chris Malocheski, Interim Organist, who provides our system programming and recording each week.

SUNDAY HYMNS. The hymns for Sunday Holy Eucharist are posted on the hymn board each week and on the parish information board for the season. In the event there are favorite hymns you have not heard in some time, just submit them in writing to Fr. Major and your favorites can be eventually scheduled to coincide with the themes of our Lessons and Liturgical Seasons. A listing of the seasonal hymns is posted on the parish information board.

THE SERVICE BULLETIN. Our revised and simplified Sunday Bulletin directs youth and adults alike in the use of this revered book of our prayers in an effort to revive and renew our longstanding tradition of respecting and praying together from our common book of prayer with our Episcopal sisters and brothers around the nation and of the world-wide Anglican Communion. If you are completely unfamiliar with the Book of Common Prayer and the prayers of Holy Eucharist you may wish to use the "Annotated Holy Eucharist" booklet located near the entrance of the church which provides both the text of Holy Eucharist and a commentary that explains the prayers and actions of our worship.

GROWING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY. Why do people come to a church they have not been to before? Statistics show that 6% just walk in because of their own search for a faith community, 6 % join because of a good and likeable pastor, 10% because of outreach to and support for youth and the list goes on. Not one reason comes close to this: 65% join because they are invited by family, friends and other church members. You are the most effective instrument of welcome.

TRINITY'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE, EGG AND SAUSAGE DINNER. Trinity's Annual Shrove Tuesday Dinner is scheduled for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Dinner will be served in Trinity undercroft on Tuesday, February 21st from 3:30 p.m. -7 p.m. Seating and Take-Outs are available. Adults \$6 / Children Under 10 Years \$4. Trinity Episcopal Church is located on the corner of Spring Street and Montgomery Avenue in West Pittston. Tickets are available in advance by telephoning 654-3261 or at the door for as long as supplies last.

ASH WEDNESDAY. DAY OF FASTING AND SPECIAL DEVOTION. Please mark your calendars for start of the Season of Lent: Wednesday, February 22nd.

VESTRY AND PARISH LEADERSHIP RETREAT. All vestry members and present and future parish leaders are urged to enroll for the diocesan sponsored Vestry Leadership Renewal Assembly scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2012. All present and future parish leadership from around the diocese will be attending this very informative, diocesan sponsored event. Enroll at www.diobeth.org and the 1-2-3 Sign-Up Page.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR ALL: TWENTY MINUTES ON SUNDAY. A three-part DVD series on the topic of personal spiritual and parish renewal is scheduled as a special 2012 Lenten Season Faith Enrichment opportunity. The brief faith enrichment events will take place in The Prater Room on the following three Sundays of Lent immediately following Holy Eucharist: March 11th, March 18th and March 25th. Coffee, tea and juice and light refreshments will be available. No RSVP necessary.

MID-LENT RETREAT: SOUP AND BREAD MEAL FOLLOWED BY FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The annual mid-lenten soup and bread meal followed by Stations of the Cross at Prince of Peace Church of Dallas is set for Wednesday evening, March 14th, with dinner beginning promptly at 6 p.m. and prayers at 6:45 p.m. All churches welcome. Please RSVP for dinner and sign –up to share your favorite home-made soup or a loaf of bread. Sign up available on the Parish Information Board. Volunteers willing to help organize the event may contact Fr. Major.

A NEW YEAR OF THE JOURNEY: AT HOME BIBLE STUDY. Not too late! Subscribe to “THE JOURNEY,” a simple, brief, daily “at-home” bible study and prayerbook that helps us to remain grounded in and attentive to God’s Word. The cost of an annual subscription to this publication is \$20 and the publication will be sent directly to your home three times during the year. It is a very good daily prayerbook that guides us to present ourselves to God every day of the year so that we receive the grace and blessings of God’s Word to us. In the event that you are unable to subscribe to “THE JOURNEY” for reasons related to personal finances please feel free to speak to Fr. Major for an annual subscription as his personal gift to you. Please submit your subscription form today.

FAITH FORUM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

[Continuing Christian education opportunities for adults are offered throughout the year including “The Journey,” an “at-home” bible study, seasonal, parish-based faith forums, a variety of faith enrichment courses available through the Diocese of Bethlehem and “**FAITH FORUM**” Christian education and information sheets distributed regularly with the monthly comprehensive parish bulletin.]

In our Baptismal Vows the Christian person promises “to be faithful to continue in the apostle’s teaching, in the fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers.” Every Christian’s faithful presence at worship and sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure in support of God’s purposes are equally important offerings of thanks to God for our many blessings.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29:14 (KJV)

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Psalms 1:3

But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

Matthew 6:19-20a

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

Matthew 16:26

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put back into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6:38

A sower went out to sow... Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.

Luke 8:5,8a

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:34

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

1 Timothy 6:7-8 (KJV)

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

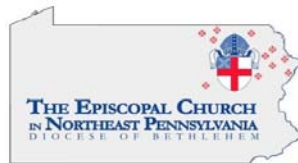
Commit your work to the LORD and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT

Fr. Major is available at any time to any parishioner or friend of the parish by telephoning the West Pittston Office at 654-3261. The Rector is on Prince of Peace grounds at various times during the week, at any time by appointment and always on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The emergency contact number for Fr. Major is 654-3261. The parish office is currently open and staffed for administration purposes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

MONTHLY COMPREHENSIVE BULLETIN UPDATE. In an effort to reduce waste of loads of paper and copy costs the announcements will be published in a comprehensive way and distributed once each month on the first Sunday of the month. Please submit your written announcements in the usual way to the parish office or to Fr. Major directly at jmajor711@msn.com by at least one week prior to the beginning of each month. Please see Fr. Major prior to Sunday Holy Eucharist when there is a need to make any pressing public announcements week to week. Additional copies of the monthly bulletin are located at the entrance to the church.

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