

## Share the Word!

**June 5** Acts 1:6-11 “Lift Off!...”

*HOLY COMMUNION*

**June 12** Acts 2:1-21 “Tongues”

*PENTECOST*

**June 19** Genesis 1:1-2:4a “Light Music”

*HOLY COMMUNION*

**June 26** Matthew 10:40-42

“Welcome, Welcome”

“...[a lawyer] asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” *LUKE 12:29*

### Dear Prince of Peace Family of Faith,

With all the chances to be outside, and all the yard work to do, summer is a great season to be a good neighbor. As people of Christian faith, love of God and love of neighbor are closely related for us, and yet sometimes we might kind of wonder about our neighbors. In *American Grace*, Robert Putnam and David Campbell pursue the question of the lawyer quoted above from Luke’s Gospel. They draw upon data from two major surveys of public life and religion in America, as well as numerous polls and census information, to describe how religion in America has changed and remained constant over the past 50 years. The trends they describe were revelatory for me, and very hopeful. As their subtitle makes clear, “How Religion Divides and Unites Us,” American religion holds striking paradox.

Here are some of the highlights the authors illuminate (some taken directly from the book cover, and some from deeper inside the pages):

- Even fervently religious Americans believe that people of other faiths can go to heaven;
- Religious Americans are better neighbors than secular Americans: more generous with their time and treasure even for secular causes---but the explanation has less to do with faith than with their communities of faith;
- Jews are the most broadly popular religious group in America today;
- Between one-third and one-half of all American marriages are interfaith;
- Roughly one-third of Americans have switched religions at some point in their lives;
- Young people are more opposed to abortion than their parents but more accepting of gay marriage;
- Most Americans have close friends and family of diverse faiths;
- Highly religious Americans that are highly engaged with their religious communities are happier than less religiously engaged people, regardless of the religion.

If you would like to have a conversation about this book, your faith, or life in general, please don’t hesitate to call or email the church. Personally, I’m very happy to be highly engaged with such a neighborly religious community as Prince of Peace UCC, and am grateful for each one of the friends and members of the congregation in this shared life together!

Blessings,  
Pastor Joe

## June 2011

**President's Report** When I need to get away from life's everyday hassle or just want to be in a place by myself, I usually retire to my deck overlooking the back yard and the few acres of woods behind my home. My neighbor had a park bench stenciled with a saying that sums it up in a few words. "*Sometimes I sits and think and other times I just sits*". I'm sure most of us have such a place. It could be in your car, your bathtub, or that recliner that puts you to sleep. I personally love the outdoors, weather permitting, with a yard full of plants and wildlife. It's always a reminder of just how beautiful life is. Your quiet spot is a wonderful place to make that personal connection with God and to think about your blessings and problems with the One who has all the answers.

Summer is here with vacations, hot weather and children out of school. It's also the time when church attendance takes a dip, but why is that? Should church and Sunday school only be a nine month activity? We see God and his miracles daily, so join us every Sunday in celebration and thankfulness.

Teach your children the beauty and love of God.

I'd like to close with a poem that was left to me by my father-in-law.

### **OFF DUTY FOR GOD UNTIL FALL**

*I forgot my Lord in the summer time,  
Just the time I was needed most,  
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day  
I just failed to be at my post.*

*I forgot my church in the summer time,  
As I lazily lay in bed,  
While the faithful few had my work to do,  
And I was spiritually dead.*

*I forgot my offerings in the summer time,  
When he needed it most of all,  
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent,  
Just off duty for God until Fall.*

*I forgot my class in the summer time,  
But the devil did not forget,  
Working day and night, he kept up the fight,  
He's a go-getter, you can bet.*

*If the Lord should come in the summer time,  
When from my duty to God I am free,  
Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through  
If, by chance, He should forget me.*

**Roy Schmiemeier**

## **Christian Education**

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In May, our Sunday school lessons have focused on community. Bob Blackburn designed and prepared a church by cutting out several pieces of cardboard that the children put in place and glued together. We've had meaningful discussions about witnessing God's love including what makes our own church community so special. The Sunday school year will end on June 12, when we celebrate Pentecost.

We are blessed to have such devoted families who participate in our Sunday school program, and we are grateful for the many donations we've received from the congregation this year. Some of you brought your grandchildren and invited your friends to church, which is always a special treat. We wish to thank Pastor Joe for his wonderful and inspiring children's sermons, and our teachers Jan Polizzi, Ginger Crooks, Bob Blackburn, and Tracey Ashwell who have spent much time preparing and leading lessons. Thank you to all of the parent and youth helpers who have assisted in the classrooms, prepared lesson activities, and helped with special events throughout the year. Paul Westcott also deserves sincere thanks for coordinating and leading children's music with us on special occasions.

A leadership opportunity exists for someone or a group of people to plan a summer Sunday school program from June 19 – August 28. If you've been thinking about becoming involved with Christian Ed, we can help you get started. A variety of summer curriculum kits are available, or you might like to create your own program. Please notify me, Jan, or Pastor Joe by Sunday, June 5, if you are interested.



Your Board of Christian Education will continue to meet during the summer months to plan for the 2011-2012 Sunday school year. We have much to look forward to!

We hope you have a fun, safe, and blessed summer.

Yours on behalf of the Board of Christian Education,

*Linda Becker*



The annual Garage Sale was held Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you church family for your donations which made the sale a great success. Thank you to all who helped sort, price, and work four days of the sale. Items that did not sell were passed along to other charities.

On rainy Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, fourteen ladies enjoyed fellowship and lunch at the Sappington Tea Barn.

We will meet throughout the summer every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Please feel free to stop in and share a cup of coffee and say Hi.

**Jeanine Ashwell**

## **ROMEOS**

*(Retired Old Men Eating Out)*

The Retired Men's Group will meet at Miss Sheri's Cafeteria, 5606 Southfield Center on Baptist Church Road at South Lindbergh on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Plan to join us for good food, conversation, laughter, and fellowship.



If you would like to carpool, please meet at church between 11 and 11:10 a.m. If you do not drive and would like to have someone pick you up, please talk to **Dennis Kreienhader**.



Music is such an important part of our worship service, and we thank **Paul Westcott** and our choir for their dedication.

Thank you to **Linda Becker, Dina Michael, and**

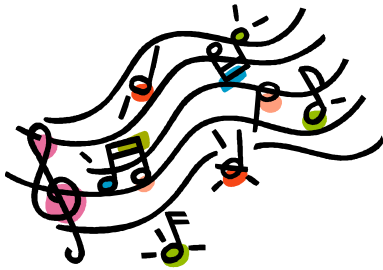
**Gini Waltemath** for the special music provided on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a Dixieland Jazz Sunday. We thank all who participated in this service. Music was provided by **Drew Davis**, trumpet; **Greg Hamilton**, Trombone; **Pastor Joe**, drums; **Terry Zwick**, bass, and **Paul Westcott**, piano.



We also thank **Roy and Judy Schmiemeier** for leading the worship and **Phil Livingston** for the great prayer that he offered (which he also wrote).

Please take the summer to think about joining the choir when it resumes rehearsals.



### ***MISSION AND OUTREACH***

CUE (*Chicago/United/Eden*) – thank you for your generous donations in 2011 to CUE. Prince of Peace sent \$200 to support Eden Seminary, as they prepare our future leaders for our churches.

One Great Hour of Sharing – Our final total for One Great Hour of Sharing for 2011 was \$745. Thank you for your generous support. Special Thanks to Judy Graf for bringing the 2011 theme of “SHARING” to the children through her Apple Tree theme used during Sunday school. We are certainly “SHARING” with the world through POP’s giving.

Habitat for Humanity - \$500 (from last Fall’s fundraiser) will be sent from POP for 2011 to support this year’s local Habitat project.

**Special JNM summer collections**  
**Undies/Socks Collection**

JNM can once again use our help with a collection of **CHILD AND YOUTH** underwear and socks for their many customers. This collection will be during the month of **JUNE**. If you see a sale you want to take advantage of to help us, we will certainly appreciate your purchase. Any size will be fine.

If you have questions or would like to have us shop for you, see **Kathy Shoults**. The collection will be in pop-up hampers next to the altar. Thank you!

### ***JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY (JNM)***

Thank you Prince of Peace for your tremendous contributions to Joint Neighborhood Ministry during May.



We received:

- 20 bags food
- 102 boxes cereal
- 86 bars soap
- 2 tubes toothpaste
- 4 toothbrushes
- 2 pkg. Razors
- 4 bottles lotion

During June we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly, a good source of protein and always in demand at JNM. Please leave your contributions

on the back counter in the Fellowship hall. Look for the poster.

Thank you for your continued faithful support of Joint Neighborhood Ministry. With our support we can meet the needs that are so great.

### ***ALL IN THE FAMILY***

We extend our Christian love, prayers, and faith in the healing power of Christ to those who are in need of healing, whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Pat Vincent's mother, **Darlene Hulse**, who underwent surgery for a broken hip and is undergoing extensive therapy. If you have missed Pat at church she has been in Arizona helping son, **Landon**, who underwent shoulder surgery. He is also in extensive therapy.

Our Christian sympathy to Monte Nesser, Barbara Nesser and the **Kelly Nesser family** (Monte's cousin) on the passing of their daughter, Faith, age 11, after a long fight with leukemia.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dennis Kreienhader on the passing of his sister-in-law, **Delores**, in Lincoln, Nebraska.



### **Mackenzie Jalynn**

**Johnson**, 7 lbs.3 oz., was born on April 28<sup>th</sup> to Kim Meyer and Mike Johnson. Big sister, Katelynn, is very excited about Mackenzie. Proud great-grandparent is Russ Meyer.

**Laurel Judith Rowley** arrived on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:13 p.m., 9 lbs. 9 oz., 22 in. Proud parents are Pastor Joe; Jessica and big brother, Finn. The Rowley address is 4201 Castleman, 63110.

We welcome and thank **Rev. Jan Barnes** and **Rev. Jeff Whitman** for leading us in worship during May.

Our website is available for online viewing. More will be added soon. Thanks to Tracey Ashwell for updating the site.

[www.princeofpeaceucc.com](http://www.princeofpeaceucc.com)

Please report family news to **Jean Skaggs, 314-843-5459**



### **GRADUATION**

Samantha Lerbs graduated from Lindbergh High School on May 26<sup>th</sup>. She will attend Southeast Missouri State as she prepares for her career in elementary teaching. Congratulations!



## YMCA BOOK SALE

Aug. 19-24, 2011

Donate your books to your local  
YMCA branch through July.

Volunteers Needed –  
314-353-4960

## POP ACTIVITIES

### *Upcoming events*

- June 12 Labyrinth tour at  
Zion UCC immediately  
following worship. Sign up  
sheet in fellowship hall.  
Speak with Joyce  
Morgan if you have  
questions.
- July 27 An evening of music at  
Botanical Gardens
- Sept. 17 Progressive Dinner
- Oct. 9 Purina Farms

As you can see, there is something for  
all ages. Watch the newsletter and  
bulletins for further details.

### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Laura Faust
- 2 Lois Benson  
Sharlene Thomas
- 3 Joe Hubbard
- 7 Judy Scruggs
- 12 Theodore Faust
- 14 Jessica Eschmann

- 15 Joyce Morgan
- 16 Pat Bushway  
Andrew Schraut
- 19 June Kilo
- 20 Scott Ashwell  
Colin Scott Ashwell
- 21 Bob Larcom
- 22 Caitlin Howell
- 24 Steve Graf  
Paul Westcott
- 26 Jan Polizzi  
Susan Blackburn
- 29 Amy Schmiemeier  
Susan Schraut

### **June Anniversaries**

- 1 John & Lisa Kramer
- 5 Bob & Judy Mills
- 8 Sean & Heather Moenkhoff  
Bernie & Marilyn Harmon
- 13 Ed & Pat Bearden
- 15 Don & Paula Swortfiguer
- 19 Bob & Joyce Morgan
- 20 Ed & Gini Waltemath
- 25 Steve & Judy Graf  
Carl & Margie Lerbs-Flood

**Consecrating Stewards** have  
provided Prince of Peace with a  
“Treasure Trove” as indicated in the  
time and talent section of gifts of self.  
Thanks to those who share these gifts  
of time and self.

## **Scripture Readers**

*(will read Scripture and  
Benediction)*

5<sup>th</sup> Betty Wagner  
12<sup>th</sup> Billie Chott  
19<sup>th</sup> Bob Morgan  
26<sup>th</sup> Kay Givens

## **Worship Leaders**

*(will lead the Call to Worship  
and Prayer of Opening)*

5<sup>th</sup> Phil Livingston  
12<sup>th</sup> Judy Schmiemeier  
19<sup>th</sup> Kay Givens  
26<sup>th</sup> Joe Hubbard

## **Greeters**

5<sup>th</sup> Joan & Leroy Schroeter  
12<sup>th</sup> Norma & Sam Hauck  
19<sup>th</sup> Bob & Joyce Morgan  
26<sup>th</sup> Kay Givens

## **Usher Schedule**

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday***

Sam Hauck  
Ron Randle  
Phil Livingston  
Roy Schmiemeier

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday***

Michele Ardrey  
Ed Bearden  
Paul Blackburn  
Terry Zwick

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday***

Dennis Kreienhader  
Bob Morgan  
Art Scruggs

## ***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday***

Jim Crooks  
Bob Mills  
John Kramer  
Ed Waltemath

## ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday***

Sunday school children

If you would like to usher, or if you are unable to read, greet or usher on your Sunday, please speak with Billie Wind.

***Flowers*** - If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday, please speak with **Betty Wagner (636-733-0319)** or sign the flower chart in the fellowship hall.

## ***Office Depot***

Remember to give the church telephone number (314-843-8461) when making a purchase or returning your empty printer cartridges as we will receive \$3.00 each for the cartridges and a percentage of purchase through "Worklife Rewards."

## ***Grocery Certificates***

Remember that Dierberg's and Shop "n" Save cards are on sale each Sunday. If you shop at Schnuck's, ask Diana or Ron Randle about e-scrip. The e-scrip card does not cost anything, and when it is presented at time of purchase, our church will receive a percentage depending on the

amount of purchase. So, if possible, try to consolidate your shopping and/or pharmacy purchases into one big purchase.

### ***Newsletter-Bulletins***

Sponsors are needed for the bulletin (\$10.00) and newsletter (\$25.00). If interested, please speak with Billie, or a sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall.

### ***Celebration Bricks***

If you are interested in purchasing a brick for a love one, there are forms on the table in the fellowship hall, or see Billie. Take a look at the sidewalk as you come in the front door. I have two orders which I will send in shortly. If you would like a brick please let me know. Bricks are \$100.00.

### ***Postage Stamps***

Please remember to bring your cancelled postage stamps from your mail, and put them in the container on the table in the fellowship hall as this is an ongoing project. Any questions, please speak with Joan Schroeter.

### ***Upcoming dates***

**July 1-5** - General Synod 28 in Tampa, Fla.

## ***News outside Prince of Peace***

### **Joplin Disaster**

In the days ahead, we—the churches and members of the MMSUCC—will offer important assistance, relief, and prayers. Through our Disaster Relief Coordinator, Rev. Stephen Redman, our efforts will be added to the work of others, including the national church. If you are interested in helping, you may send contributions to Missouri Mid-South Conference (483 E. Lockwood, Suite 15, Webster Groves, Mo 63119) and indicate it for Joplin Disaster Relief or you can make a check out to Prince of Peace marking it for Joplin Disaster Relief and placing it in the offering plate.

### **Pentecost, Sunday June 12**

To celebrate we are encouraging you to wear red to worship on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. The color red is a reminder of the “flames of the Holy Spirit” which descended upon Jesus’ followers fifty days after Jesus’ death. It is believed the energy surrounding the believers that day created the first real sense of Christian community which today is known as “Church.”

*June Newsletter is sponsored by Norma and Sam Hauck in appreciation of the calls, cards, the anniversary party and gifts in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!!!*



**Newsletter Articles for July and August are due on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
The September newsletter articles are due on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION**

It's not too early to think about **Back to School Needs** for JNM to give away to families. The reason for bringing this to your attention now is that we need to deliver these school supplies to JNM by early August so that children

have supplies when school starts. Many of these are supplies that parents can't afford and food stamps can't buy.

JNM would appreciate donations of the following items:

- loose-leaf paper
- spiral bound notebooks
- folders
- box of crayons
- box of markers
- pack of #2 pencils
- binders
- black or blue ink pens
- red ink pens
- scissors
- rulers
- bottle of glue or glue sticks
- pencil cases
- backpacks
- colored pencils for upper grades
- protractor
- compass
- calculator
- erasers

Place on table in fellowship hall.  
**BRING TO CHURCH BY AUG 7TH**



# June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6pm choir	<b>2 - 9:30 am</b> Women's Fellowship	<b>3</b> 9 am JNM	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10 am Worship & SS 11 am Coffee	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 11:30 am ROMEOS 6pm choir	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Women's Fellowship	<b>10</b> 9 am JNM	<b>11</b>
<b>12 -- 10 am</b> Worship & SS 11 am Coffee 1-5 Hall in use	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7pm Mission/ Outreach	<b>15</b> 9 am JNM food delivery	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Women's Fellowship	<b>17</b> 10 am JNM	<b>18</b>
<b>19--10 am</b> Worship No SS 11 am Coffee	<b>20</b> 6-9pm Girl Scouts meet	<b>21</b> 7 pm Council meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Women's Fellowship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 --10 am</b> Worship No SS 11 am Coffee	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Women's Fellowship		

