

## Share the Word!

**Nov. 6** Mt. 25:1-13 “Keep Awake!”

*Memorial Sunday HOLY*

*COMMUNION*

**Nov. 13** Mt. 25:14-30 “Talent”

*Baptism of Ian Robert Moenkhoff*

**Nov. 20** Mt. 25:31-46 “Taking Care

*HOLY COMMUNION*

**Nov. 23, 7:00pm** Luke 17:11-19

*Thanksgiving Eve Service*

**Nov. 27** Mk. 13:24-37 “Advent  
Blues”

*Hanging of the Greens*



## Dear Prince of Peace Family of Faith,

Both the first and last Sundays of this November feature scripture with the message of “keep awake!” In Matthew 25 we hear: “Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour”; and in Mark 13: “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

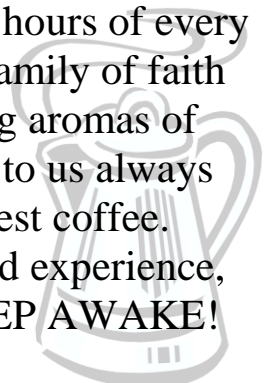
This emphasis on wakefulness is not meant to diminish the importance of physical sleep, nor is it a creative marketing scheme from Howard Schultz to cultivate an overreliance on



strong coffee from Starbucks. The call to wakefulness is a mystical concept that connects spiritual people from all faiths and all centuries. All of our faith resources and spiritual disciplines, ultimately, can be regarded as tools and resources to awaken us to God’s mysterious presence, which always surrounds us, but which our sleepy spiritual eyes fail to glimpse.

On November 6 we will prayerfully remember loved ones during worship. During this Memorial Sunday celebration, may we awaken more fully to the way that even death cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (see Romans 8:38-39). On November 27, we will prayerfully decorate our worship space with the rich symbols of Advent and Christmas, and may we awaken more fully to the way that we desperately long for God to come into our lives anew, even in the season of Christmas “cheer” and Christmas parties that often have little to do with Jesus Christ.

Throughout all the hours of every day this month, let this family of faith perk up to the stimulating aromas of God’s presence, coming to us always fresh and strong as the best coffee. Throughout all we do and experience, brothers and sisters, KEEP AWAKE!



***Ephesians 1:18*** "...So that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you..."

Blessings,  
**Pastor Joe**

## **LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

November doesn't appear to be a busy month for the church council. It falls between Stewardship which is our emphasis for October, and December which is always one of the church's most active months. But November is very important to the family of PoP. November is the month that decisions are made that affect every member of the congregation. We work on the budget for the next year, selecting new Council members, and review agreements with outside providers. I feel every member needs to know that worship service, Christian Education, music and office management doesn't just happen. Pastor Joe and Council members try to keep things running smoothly, but there are always a few bumps in the road. Do you ever think about who decides to replace the furnaces or sidewalks, tune the piano, scrub the carpet, get rid of ants in the kitchen, pick up tree limbs when they

fall, paint, or hundreds of other tasks? It's all of us! Together we manage our church home to the best of our ability, and should be proud of what we have at Prince of Peace. In the next few weeks we will be seeking 4 members of PoP to join the Church Council in 2012. About now you're thinking "not me." "I did it once and hated it," or "all they did was argue." Those days are over. Ask any council member. If you're thinking that you're too busy, or have nothing to offer, remember that it takes all of us to run the church. We all have time and talents if we're willing to share. Church council meets for two hours once a month. I believe that works out to one day a year. I'd love to have members ask me "May I serve on council?" It would be a real turning point in how people feel about their church. Before you know it we might need people to apply for a council position!

The **congregational meeting** will be held after services on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Council will present a recommended budget for 2012. This will be your opportunity to ask questions regarding what things cost and where your money goes. Only after all questions are answered and members attending are satisfied with the answers will there be a call for a vote to accept or reject the budget. Please be sure to attend.

November is also the time when we begin to play “catch up” with our 2011 budget. We traditionally fall behind in our giving over the summer months. This year we’ve had to borrow \$12,000 to pay necessary expenses and are behind on other obligations. Over the years we’ve come to depend on the income from the Fall Banquet to help. I encourage you to support this event.

Thanks for all you do for PoP. See you in church.

## Roy

### CHRISTMAS IN THE ISLANDS

This coming Sunday, **November 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the last opportunity to sign up for the **Fall Banquet**. Please be sure to have all donations in the church office by that date also. Since we tend to get behind in our obligations during the summer months, the Fall Banquet



offers a wonderful opportunity to help out. Please be generous when considering your donation that evening. An anonymous member of PoP

has offered to pay for the meal, so 100% of your contribution goes to the church, making it tax deductible. A separate check (cash) will be needed to pay for anything you purchase at the Banquet. Island Attire is appropriate. Thanks so much.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

During the month of October our lessons focused on Moses. Listening to and sharing stories, participating in dramatic readings and poetry, and looking at pictures of sculptures and paintings helped us to understand God’s loving wisdom. Following are the 10 commandments that we studied in the form of “God’s Loving Ways”:

*Know that I am the Holy One, the powerful One.*

*Follow my ways, instead of following after the things you like or want.*

*Be careful how you use my name, whether you are speaking in anger or in joy.*

*I rested when I finished Creation. Follow my example and rest on the seventh day of the week. Keep that day holy.*

*Pay attention to your parents and other adults who love you.*

*Keep my creation, all of it, healthy and alive.*

*Be loving in all relationships.*

*Be happy with what you have, rather than take from others.*

*Tell the truth.*

*Be happy that others have what they have.*

In November, before we enter the season of Advent, we will learn three parables that Jesus told his disciples.

**Upcoming Events Sponsored by Christian Ed -**

November 27<sup>th</sup> - Advent Workshop after church in the fellowship hall. Come and join us for crafts, Christmas caroling, and more holiday fun.

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Mandatory dress rehearsal for Christmas program 9:30 a.m.

December 18<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas program "A Bunch of Gifts for Christmas" followed by a visit from Santa Claus

Since the month of November is a special time for Thanksgiving, I'd like to express what a joy it is to work with the children here at Prince of Peace. I am grateful for the families who bring their children and grandchildren to church to learn and grow with us. Last month we welcomed Katelyn Mills, Dillon Naes, and Sarah Mueller to Sunday school. We are thankful for the adults who help in the classrooms as well. Bob Blackburn, Tracey

Ashwell, and Jan Polizzi worked with the children in October. Your continued support and involvement is very much appreciated.

May everyone at Prince of Peace have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours on behalf of the Board of Christian Education,  
**Linda Becker**

***WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP***

*The Women's Fellowships annual Craft Sale was held October 15<sup>th</sup> in front of Southroads Dierberg's. Adjustments had to be made in our set-up due to the limited space available to us. We still had a successful day with nice weather and our sales total was over \$800. The remaining items will be available at the Cookie/Craft Sale December 10.*

*Thank you to the workers, shoppers, and the men who helped set-up and pack-up that day.*

*On Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, twelve ladies enjoyed lunch out at Michelle's Café in Eureka.*

*Our next activity will be our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch for information and a sign-sheet posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. **All** ladies are invited to the luncheon.*

**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, **November 9<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30 AM. 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***.

***CHOIR***

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

If you are not currently a member of the choir, but love to sing, please feel free to visit the choir and join in.

Please speak with Paul or a choir member regarding time of rehearsal.

***MISSION AND OUTREACH***

***Mission: 1/Neighbors in Need  
Another World is Possible***

For 11 days Nov. 1-11, 2011, the United Church of Christ will endeavor

to live up to an inspiring vision: *One United Church on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.* We are being challenged to strive toward three goals:

*Over 11 days the United Church of Christ will collect more than ONE MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.*

*Over 11 days, the United Church of Christ will gather contributions of 111,111 DOLLARS thru Neighbors in Need offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposed with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.*

*Over 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer 11,111 LETTERS TO CONGRESS asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide.*

***We have set a GOAL at Prince of Peace, in addition to our Neighbors in Need offering (which will be received in November), to collect 111 or more items of food for our Joint Neighborhood Ministry.*** To meet this goal, we are asking that each member of the congregation bring 1 or 2 food items and place them on the table in

*the Fellowship Hall, by **NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**, 2011.*

***We will be receiving the Neighbors in Need Offering on November 13<sup>th</sup>.***

*Envelopes will be in the pews from Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*This offering is one of the five United Church of Christ offerings to which we at Prince of Peace contribute. The others are Our Church's Wider Mission; One Great Hour of Sharing; Strengthen the Church; and Veterans of the Cross (Christmas Fund). We can be very proud of the generosity that undergirds all that we accomplish in our mission work. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!*

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

### **FULL MEAL BAGS**

During the last 2 weeks of November and all of December, we will be collecting "Full Meal Bags" for Joint Neighborhood Ministry. Each bag lists a suggested meal; however, feel free to fill the bag(s) with items you think would make a good meal. Our **NOVEMBER COLLECTION**, along with the **"Mission 1 Collection of 111 Food Items"** will go directly to the Food Pantry for distribution.

Our **DECEMBER COLLECTION** will go partly to our Christmas Adopt-

A-Families, as well as to the Food Pantry.

Plastic bags will be available by mid-November in the Narthex of the church and in the Fellowship Hall (by the food collection table). Thank you.

**EVERY CHILD'S HOPE – CHRISTMAS STORE**  
(Formerly Evangelical Children's Home)

"There's no place like home for the holidays." This song has meaning for children of all ages, and it is especially true for the youngsters at Every Child's Hope (ECH). With all the media hype and talk of family get-togethers and sharing presents, Christmas for these kids can be filled with hopes for something they may never have. Nearly every child at ECH has the bittersweet Christmas wish for their families to be loving and happy. They are filled with bright-eyed anticipation before visiting their families for the holidays. Even though their resources are quite limited, the children still understand the joy of giving. They take distinct pride in selecting, buying, and personally wrapping special presents for their friends and families. "The Christmas Store" is a major shopping stop for them. Gifts that the youngsters choose are generously donated from UCC

congregations in the St. Louis area and surrounding counties.

Please have your donations for the Christmas Store in the collection containers in the Fellowship Hall **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**. Rev. Jean Mueller will deliver them to the Home. Any questions please see **Kathy Shoults**.

A partial list of suggested NEW ITEMS is as follows:

- Jewelry (men's & women's)
- Sport Items
- Toys
- Men's Items
- Women's Items
- Crafts
- Christmas Items/Decorations
- Miscellaneous (baby items, books, CDs, picture frames, kitchen towels, etc.) A more detailed list of suggested items is in the Fellowship Hall.)

**Joint Neighborhood Ministry (JNM)**

Thank you Prince of Peace for your contributions to Joint Neighborhood Ministry during October. We received:

- 14 bags food
- 8 bars soap
- 2 bottles dish liquid

**Thank you** for your tremendous contributions to Joint Neighborhood Ministry.

***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.

**Gert Stoltz** who is recuperating at home following heart surgery.

**Vanessa Skaggs Bild** who is in rehab at St. Mary's following a stroke. She is the granddaughter of Jean Skaggs and daughter of Mark.

**Debbie Konert**, Bob and Nancy Larcoms daughter, who is suffering blood clots in both lungs. She is doing fairly well and taking medication to dissolve the clots. She has been able to return to work.

Anne Gallo, Anne Livingston's mother who is improving daily.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sean and Heather Moenkhoff on the death of Sean's mother, Faye Moenkhoff. Funeral was in Lexington, Mo. October 22.

Thank you to our excellent **confirmation class** who crafter our worship service on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**

***November Anniversaries***

18<sup>th</sup> Ed & Gloria Miller  
20<sup>th</sup> Bob & Susan Blackburn  
24<sup>th</sup> Earl & Eileen Lischer

***November Birthdays***

2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Mills  
4<sup>th</sup> Jeanine Ashwell  
5<sup>th</sup> Michele Ardrey  
Mike Graf  
Mary Schuetz  
6<sup>th</sup> Lane Hubbard  
10<sup>th</sup> Jeff Schmiemeier  
16<sup>th</sup> Betty Wagner  
17<sup>th</sup> Gloria Miller  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Bushway  
Katie (Zwick) Pickhardt  
20<sup>th</sup> Emily Schraut  
Finn Michael Rowley  
21<sup>st</sup> Paul Swortfiguer  
Rhiannon (Rhian) Gray  
23<sup>rd</sup> Wayne Ashwell  
24<sup>th</sup> Joan Schroeter  
27<sup>th</sup> Alec Schmiemeier  
28<sup>th</sup> Margart Owens  
29<sup>th</sup> Earl Lischer

***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***

6<sup>th</sup> Michele Ardrey  
13<sup>th</sup> Kay Givens  
20<sup>th</sup> Joe Hubbard  
27<sup>th</sup> Hanging of the Greens

***Worship Leaders***

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

6<sup>th</sup> Eileen Lischer  
13<sup>th</sup> Melanie Nesser  
20<sup>th</sup> Phil Livingston  
27<sup>th</sup> Hanging of the Greens

***Greeters***

6<sup>th</sup> Kay Givens  
13<sup>th</sup> Sam & Norma Hauck  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan Lundstrom  
27<sup>th</sup> Steve & Judy Graf

***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*

*Monte Nesser*

*Art Scruggs*

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

*Jim Crooks*

*Bob Mills*

*John Kramer*

*Ed Waltemath*

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

*Confirmation Class*

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.*

**Poinsettia Orders** – We are taking orders for poinsettias so that we can order early for first choice. Cost is \$6.00 for a 5 bloom plant. Order forms are available in the parish hall or office. We would like to order by **November 14.**



#### **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.”

### ***Be a Good Steward just by Grocery Shopping***

From January 1<sup>st</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, our earnings from Dierbergs and Shop ‘n Save cards were \$808.75. Schnucks Escrip cards earnings were approximately \$90.00. For those who shop at Dierbergs, Shop ‘n Save or Schnucks and do not participate in the Escrip/card programs, please consider doing so. You have to buy groceries anyway and the church will get 5% of whatever you spend at Dierbergs or Shop ‘n Save and earns 1-3% of everything you spend at Schnucks with no additional cost to you. Grocery cards are \$25.00 and \$100.00 and are available after church. Escrip cards for Schnucks are also available. See Ron or Diana Randle in the parish hall for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Ron Randle**

### ***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*

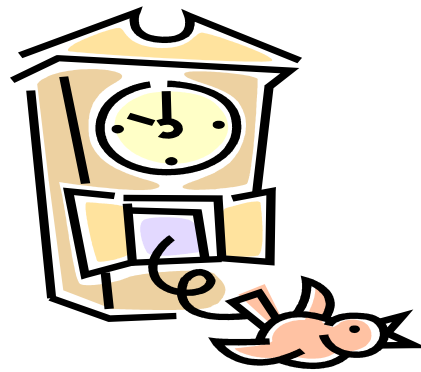
If you are interested in purchasing a brick honoring a loved one, there are forms on the table in the fellowship hall, or see Billie. Take a look at the sidewalk as you come in the front door. If you would like a brick please let me know. Bricks are \$100.00.

## *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.



News letter articles for  
December are due  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>



## *SPRING FORWARD – FALL BACK*

*Daylight Savings ends on  
Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 a.m.*

*Be on time to church and Sunday  
School by setting your clocks  
back one hour before going to  
bed Saturday night. Enjoy your  
extra hour of sleep.*

***November newsletter  
is sponsored by Linda  
Becker In honor of  
National Adoption  
Month.***



# November 2011

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Women's Fellowship 4:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting	<b>4</b> 9 AM JNM	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> – 10 AM Worship, SS, Nursery Care 11 AM Coffee & Congregational Mtg	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 PM Mission/ Outreach Mtg.	<b>9</b> 11:30 AM ROMEOS Lunch	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Women's Fellowship	<b>11</b> 9 AM JNM	<b>12</b>  5 PM Christmas in the Islands Fall Banquet
<b>13</b> - 10 AM Worship, SS, Nursery care 11 AM Coffee 4:30 PM Confirmation Class	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7 PM Church Council Mtg.	<b>16</b> 9 AM JNM Food Delivery	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Women's Fellowship 4:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting	<b>18</b> 9 AM JNM	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10 AM Worship, SS, Nursery Care 11 AM Coffee	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> - 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service & reception		<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 AM Set up for Hanging of the Greens
<b>27</b> -10 AM Hanging of the Greens, 11 AM Coffee 4:30 PM Confirmation class	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			





