

# *PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH NEWSLETTER*

Gods People Care

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18**

What fills you with a sense of gratitude? For whom do you feel gratitude? Where do you feel most grateful?

I have recently started a gratitude journal. Every day I take some time to write down three things I am grateful for that day. It can be as simple as eating a healthy dinner or something bigger like comforting a friend in need.

As we approach the end of the church year we start to prepare for Advent (yes already), and then Christmas we can enter this time with many feelings. We could feel shocked that the months have passed so quickly or there are still things we want to accomplish before 2021 end.

What if, instead, we could approach the future with hope, the present with mercy, and the past with grace? Practicing gratitude may help us realize we can do just that. Taking time to practice awareness and feel appreciation helps us connect to our relationships and our realities.

Furthermore, when it comes to our spiritual journeys, gratitude lets us recognize what God has already given us and the many ways God still shows up in our lives. What may shift in us if we took time to practice gratitude? How might we approach the past, present, and future differently? Let's take time to take in how God has given us more than enough and all we could ever need in Christ. Thanks be to God for that!

Be Blessed, Pastor Joe McGarry

### Office Hours

Wednesdays 1:00pm 4:00pm

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
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**Kensington, CT 06037**  
**popkensington.org**  
**860-828-5079**

### Pastor Joe McGarry

Pastor Joe will be available by appointment  
Please contact the office or email him at  
pastor@popkensington.org to schedule an  
appointment. In case of an emergency he  
can be reached at 860-333-8761

## PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN

- You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event, so it can be placed on the church calendar.
- A baby is expected in your family.
- You want to arrange for a Baptism or Wedding.
- A family member has passed away.
- Your telephone number or address has changed or if you are planning to move, locally or out of town.
- You or a family member is sick or in the hospital.
- You feel the Church can help you in any way.



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**November - Thanksgiving Food**  
**December - Canned Goods**

## Church Staff

**Pastor**

Joe McGarry

**Director of Music**

Morgan Brown

**Office Manager**

Katie McGarry

**Church Sexton**

Elaine Wild



# Pumpkin Carving and Painting Event

We had a great time at the pumpkin carving and painting event. There were more than 60 people who came to carve and paint pumpkins. Thank you for your support!

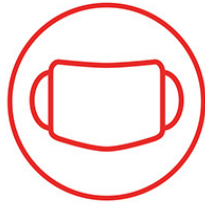
From the Family Promise Facebook Page: "This kiddo was thrilled to be carving a pumpkin! It was her first time and she said 'my dreams came true today!'"





Prayer and Praise

**MASKS  
RECOMMENDED**



**Happy  
Thanksgiving**



Keep us posted on what is happening in your life.  
Email the office (popkensington@gmail.com) with a  
Prayer or prairie for the next newsletter!

Please do your part to help everyone stay healthy and safe  
University of Victoria

## *All Saints Sunday*

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

we will be remembering loved ones who passed away throughout the last year.

If you would like to remember someone please add their name to the list on the information table and join us for worship online or in person on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Festival of the Wreaths**



We will be hosting the first annual festival of the wreaths. This will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> between 2-6pm.

During this time we will open the church for people to come and look at the wreaths and enter a raffle to win a wreath. We will have food, craft tables, and we will end the night with a classical guitar concert.

We are looking for people to help by volunteering for the event and to donate decorated wreaths.

CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

**Sunday December  
5<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am**

## **November Meetings and Activities**

November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Worship

Board Meeting

November 7-10  
Pastor Joe at  
Synod Convocation

November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Worship

November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Worship

November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Worship

# NOVEMBER

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# 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 AA 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5 Pastor Joe's Day off	6
7 Worship at 10:15am Board Meeting 11:15 am	8 Pastor Joe at Synod Convention AA 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12 Pastor Joe's Day off	13
14 Worship at 10:15am Confirmation 11:15 am	15 AA 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19 Pastor Joe's Day off	20
21 Worship at 10:15am	22 AA 7:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship at 10:15am	29 AA 7:00 pm	30				