

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church: Uncovering Some Hidden Features

Looking at the map one might assume that Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Basye, Virginia is a sleepy little congregation in a sleepy little town. That assumption would be misleading. The members of Prince of Peace's call committee want to explain what a unique and wonderful area and community we have chosen to live in. To this end, we present the following information:

Characteristics of the Congregation

- Our congregation is on a faith journey in which we are eager to grow. In addition to hearing the Word on Sundays, we support such things as bible study, table talks, special programs, community involvement, and each other.
- Prince of Peace's weekly attendance hides the variety and number of parishioners because some are seasonal and some are frequent week-enders, for whom we are a second church home. More people are involved than our numbers suggest.
- Our community and congregation have attracted folks who have lived and worked all over the world, of all backgrounds and experiences. Many are retired, with the time and importantly the strong desire to participate in community organizations, in sports, and in enjoyment of the beauty of our mountains and valley.
- Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs is the conference center for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and contains the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration. The Prince of Peace congregation and its pastors have interacted with Shrine Mont and its visiting priests for over 100 years.
- We offer a compensation, insurance, and vacation package consistent with synod guidelines. We are open to more experienced pastors who may not have as large a requirement for health insurance or may be willing to negotiate other items.

Housing

- Choices range from condos and townhouses to single family homes on Bryce Resort and other parts of the immediate area. Prices range from \$110,000 to \$360,000 with an average price of \$180,000 for a three-bedroom single family home. Because this is a resort area, some homes are sold furnished.
- Rental properties range from \$800 per month for a two-bedroom condo to \$1,200 per month for a three-bedroom home.

Schools

- Students in Shenandoah County public schools have successfully competed at the leading colleges and universities in Virginia and beyond for over 80 years.
- Mt. Jackson, 20 minutes away, has a Virginia Governor's School for outstanding students throughout the county and one of the state's leading vocational-technical schools.
- James Madison University in Harrisonburg and Shenandoah University in Winchester provide educational, employment and cultural opportunities associated with large universities, such as football, all kinds of musical events, plays, etc.

Area Attractions

- Bryce Resort offers four seasons of activity, 18-hole golf, skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, zip line, a large lake with fishing, canoeing, kayaking and swimming.
- The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival has eight concerts in the summer in adjacent Orkney Springs.
- The Shenandoah Valley is known for its many recreation opportunities: hiking, fishing, camping, Shenandoah National Park, Skyline Drive, Wolf Gap recreation area, hunting, biking, river tubing. Stony Creek, which flows through the community is a designated trout stream.
- Numerous local wineries and breweries offer Virginia wines and brews.

Medical

- Our extraordinary fire and rescue company in Basye has a reputation for quick and proper action. The Bryce Resort airport eases helicopter transportation to more distant hospitals, such as UVA hospital in Charlottesville.
- Two hospital companies, Inova/Valley Health and Sentara, support physicians in Mt. Jackson and Woodstock.
- An excellent hospital is in Woodstock, 30 min. away. Larger hospitals in Harrisonburg and Winchester are surrounded by core medical services providing health care and employment opportunities.

Shopping

- Mount Jackson (12 miles, 20 min,) – grocery store, gas stations, assorted other shops and businesses, and a coffee shop.
 - Woodstock (19 miles, 30 min) – Wal-Mart, Lowes, grocery stores, assorted other shops and the Woodstock Cafe, a gathering place for coffee, lunch, and fine dining once a week, as well as a venue for entertainment and wine dinners.
 - Harrisonburg (38 miles, 50 min) – Businesses and amenities associated with a small metro area with a large university.
- Note:** Because traffic is minimal, driving to these areas is quick and relaxing with beautiful scenery on the way. Twelve miles to Mount Jackson is accomplished with less stress than driving to the grocery store in many metropolitan areas.