

# PeacePrints

The monthly newsletter for Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

October 2006

## FROM THE RECTOR

September always starts with a big bang around here. As a congregation, we hit September 10th running. Children's ministry launched the new ministry titled Champions and the Upper Hall and Paisley Hall were filled with kids. We launched a new fall Bible reading ministry. Over 200 people have signed up to systematically study the Old Testament for 10 weeks. The ECW continues their Max Lucado book study. A morning Alpha class has begun. MOPS (Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers) was off to a great start, Youth Ministry has once again launched, the Outreach Committee has begun raising funds for Ugandan school children and orphans, we completed a Reconciliation Seminar, our music

director is raising funds for a new organ stop, the choir is back, the Taize is improving musically, Mothers in Touch continues with offering prayers for our children and their schools, Crafts, the Pantry, Golf, Small Groups, Daughters of the King, Worship attendance, I could go on and on and on. Sometimes it is almost exhausting, isn't it?

This is only the church side of your life. You have a life outside of Prince of Peace: vacations and school commitments, family and other relationships to nurture, sports, home responsibilities, cooking, and oh yes, your job.

We live at a break neck

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pace. As machines become more and more human, it seems that humans become more and more like machines. But the difference should be that we remember that we are made in the image of God. Even God rested and gave us the Sabbath as a time to remember Him. We can also use this holy time to find a balance so we can daily attend to our lives and our neighbors' lives in body, mind, and spirit; an integrated whole.

St. Paul tells us that the spiritual life (that is all of you: body, mind and spirit) is like a race. What numbers of us forget is that this race is not a sprint, but a marathon. Remember to pace yourself, make sure you have enough fuel from the Lord for the race, get the rest you need, and above all continue to train so that you will finish the race and not burn out.

In Christ,  
*Rand Reasoner* †

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## **Kat's Korner**

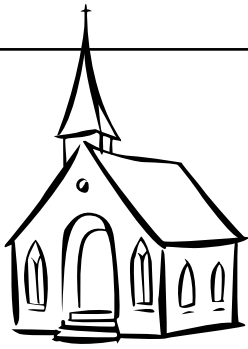
Wouldn't you just love to have your ministry's planned activity or meeting ready to go on the date of your choice? This and more can be yours when you complete the new and improved Prince of Peace Facility Request Form.

But wait, there's more! Also available is a new Task Form for a variety of your ministry needs.

Both forms are in the main office.

*Katherine Geeslin* †  
Office Administrator





## Worship Schedule October 2006

### Wednesday Mornings

6:30am – Holy Communion in the Chapel  
This service is 1/2 hour long followed by a continental breakfast. A great service for commuters who want some spiritual refreshment for the middle of the week.

### Sundays

Continuing the Essential 100 Bible Stories

October 1 – Message: Joseph  
8 and 10am – Holy Communion

Saturday, October 7 – Blessing of the Animals  
3pm – This will be a simple service on the patio. Please bring dogs, cats, birds, reptiles and other beloved pets. Plush animals are also welcome.

October 8 – Message: Moses and the Passover  
8 and 10am – Holy Communion  
5pm – Evening Communion (*Water to Wine leads worship*)

October 15 – Message: Law and the Promised Land  
8 and 10am – Holy Communion  
5pm – **Taize Service:** a worship experience of lights, reading, simple songs, and silent meditation.

October 22 – Stewardship Message  
8 and 10am – Holy Communion  
5pm – Evening Communion (*Water to Wine leads worship*)

October 29 – Message: King David  
*Daylight Savings – Turn your clocks back*  
*1 hour Saturday night*  
8 and 10am – Holy Communion

## PeacePrints Editorial Info

*Submissions for November 2006*

The submission deadline for the November issue of PeacePrints is October 8. Please e-mail items to Katherine Geeslin at [office@popwh.org](mailto:office@popwh.org) or put articles on a disk and leave them in the “Office Administrator’s” box in the Church office. Make sure to include a printed copy of your article. Please call Katherine at (818) 346-6968 with questions. PeacePrints welcomes expressions of all views. Articles should be brief and are subject to editing. **The author must be identified.** Thanks!

*Editor: Katherine Geeslin • Layout: Mike Adams*

# Children & Families MINISTRY

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## Letting Our Light Shine for Children

Champions is off to a great start this fall as we learn to be Rock Solid in our faith, with Jesus leading the way.

Our focus Bible verse for this year is “Let your light shine before all people...” Matthew 5:16 A wonderful team of individuals is letting their light shine for God’s great kids here at Prince of Peace:

**Lil’ Lambs Nursery** – Elizabeth Bates, Donna Chapman, Cristine Dahl, Delia DuPuy, Cathy Fountain, Eleanor Fountain, Lora Harkavy, Lynn Klein, Annie Roe, Diana Sell, Amanda Somdal

**Preschool** - Calu Howard, Patty Martyn, Diane Meza, Mike & Margie Pavlowsky, Linda Sawyer

**Kindergarten & First** - Crystal Bradley, Suzanne Dumas, Cara Gordon, Camille Saucier

**Second & Third** - Jesslyn Bothwell, Lorraine Grace, Kathy McCune, Heather Meriwether, Ann Marie Michael

**Fourth & Fifth** - Caryl Fox, Jennifer Hinman, Dan Nelson, Tamara Rowland, Terry Saucier

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**Large Group Leaders** - Alma & Kevin Fountain, Gloria Pettinelli

Please keep our children and this wonderful team in your prayers.

God bless you,  
*Monica Warrick* †

## Champions October Calendar

*Preschool - Grade 5 meet Sundays at 10am*

- 01 Slow Up! Cain & Abel
- 07 Sat. 3pm Blessing of the Animals
- 08 Grow Up! Joseph & His Brothers
- 15 Pull Up! Jonah & the Big Fish
- 22 Stand Up! Shadrach, Meshach & Abendnego
- 29 Give Up! Daniel & the Lion’s Den

We encourage your family to share in the Rock Solid daily devotional together at home.



**Youth Ministry** youth@popwh.org

**Taking the Essential 100 Challenge**

Youth Ministry invites Middle School and High School students to join in fellowship with Christian friends and learn more about God while being in a safe environment. During the weekly Sunday Meetings, from 10 - 11am in Youth Center, we'll be continuing to explore 50 Essential Old Testament stories. Invite a friend!

**October Calendar**

*All meetings are held in the Youth Center.  
We welcome all Middle School and High School students to join in.*

**Sunday, October 1**  
10-11am Youth Meeting

**Friday, October 6**  
6:30pm – Middle School and High School Game Night

**Sunday, October 8**  
10-11am Youth Meeting

**Sunday, October 15**  
10-11am Youth Meeting

**Friday, October 20**  
6:30pm – Middle School and High School Game Night

**Sunday, October 22**  
10-11am Youth Meeting

**Sunday, October 29**  
10-11am Youth Meeting

A big thank you to our great Youth Ministry Team - Elise Backus, Brian Bailey+, Dave Dumas, Ann Marie Michael, Lisa Michael, Will Michael, Dan Nelson, Rand Reasoner+, Bruce Roe, Paula Roe, Dan Sell, and Kirk Somdal

Peace,  
*Gary Martyn* †

**The  
Essential  
100<sup>TM</sup>  
Challenge**

# Organ Music For All Hallow's Eve

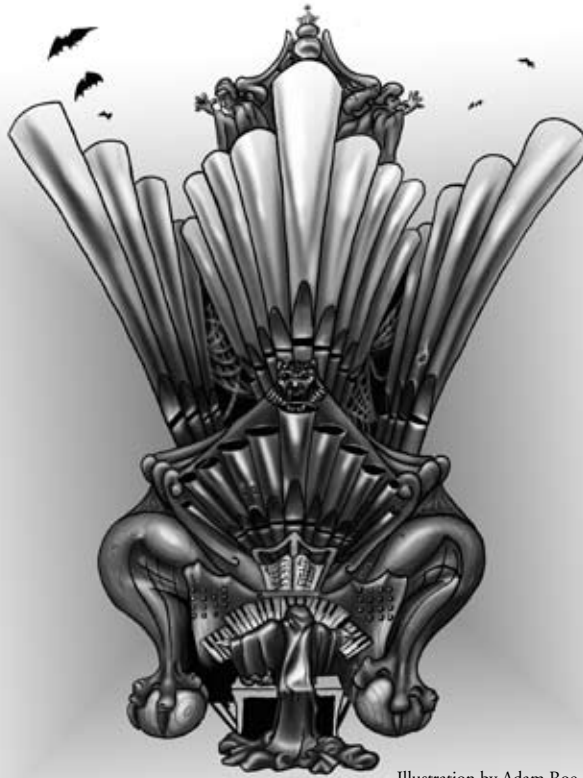


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## Toccata and Fugue in D minor -Bach • Funeral March -Gounod Phantom of the Opera -Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Performed live on the Pipe Organ at Prince of Peace Church*

*By Boude Moore, Organiste Extraordinaire*

**Saturday, October 28, 2006** – Every half hour from 6:00pm – Midnight

**Sunday, October 29, 2006** – Every half hour from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

**Tuesday, October 31, 2006** – Every half hour from 6:00pm – Midnight

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*Your donation of \$10 will benefit the Organ Fund.*

*Photo-ops with the artiste at the console following each performance.*

## Parish Family Notes

The next Baptism will be Sunday, November 5, the Sunday of All Saints. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself, or are inquiring for someone else, please contact the parish office at 818-346-6968.

Thanks to:

**Norm Cooke**, who is almost in-fatigable. The landscaping around the new labyrinth and the rain gutters to finish off the painting of the campus are only the latest of Norm's projects. For all you do, blessings.

**Roman Melnyk**, who has become our resident docent on the Labyrinth. Thank you for gathering materials to help us with this new tool for spiritual guidance.

**Sydney Wrigley**, for her work with ECW and for taking on the work of administering our African Ministry Outreach funds.

**Lynn Klein**, for so very much, not the least of which was hosting and taking care of all the logistics for our Reconciliation Seminar.

**Ann Marie Michael**, for hosting our first Alpha morning class.

Thank you, God, for the best church staff on the planet. **Monica** for loving our children and families, **Boude** for leading us in praising God and always encouraging our growth in worship, for **Kathryn R.** who always seeks to grow spiritually and encourages us to do the

same, for **Katherine G.** who is unflappable even though administering this place can be incredibly challenging, for **Gary** who has the calling to work with our youth, for **Bill** and **Steve** who juggle the expenses and pay the bills, for **Fr. Brian** who has the best spiritual radar and insights in dealing with our pastoral needs, and for our new sexton **Jose Diaz** who is a sparkplug and an angel in disguise; bless and thank you.

## Episcopal Church Women Lunch with the ECW Ladies

Please join us for a potluck lunch on Sunday, October 29 at noon in the Family Center. Pastor Kathie and Barbara Partridge will share about their recent trip to the Holy Land. Bring a dish for six and meet new friends and visit with old ones.

*Sidney Wrigley †*

## Golf Tournament



The Prince of Peace Best Ball Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, October 28 at Buena Ventura Golf Course. Sign up with either Bernie Roth (818-881-7764) or John Little (818-889-1945). The Golf Social will be at the Shively's.

*John Little †*

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# Are You Ready?

It has been a busy summer's end for my family, and I expect many of us. Here we are, the fall "ramp up" is upon us, and we're balancing schedules, new activities, and contemplating a new school year for the children. If the wave of fall activity hasn't hit you with "full force" yet, I'm here to remind you that, along with everything else, we're being called to consider our 2007 financial commitments. 2007 is just around the corner, and most businesses have begun a '07 budgeting process. Prince of Peace is no different, so ready or not, we're being faced with this challenge of our walk with God.

As I've mentioned before, Stewardship is NOT just about money, but it is money that always brings the topic into full view. So the time is at hand to prepare and assess. In considering my message, I remembered a conversation on the patio where I was reminded that GOD is holding us accountable for answers to two questions:

1. What did you do with the gifts you were given?
2. How did you treat and come to know my son?

Both of these questions drive us to core considerations of Stewardship. The gifts we have are endless, especially when considering the gift of eternal salvation. I continue to

believe that our dollar commitments must be something meaningful in order to begin to accurately reflect the value of what we have received. Many of you did take a step to grow last year, so we've started our walk. I am certain that many of us are well below the tithe, but I am praying that we can take another step this year. I do not yet have all the numbers, but we know that the parish needs to replace lost income in 2007. Growth of giving from continuing members is very important.

We will launch our program on Sunday, October 22nd, and have set Sunday, November 26th as our day of "ingathering" for our 2007 program. I will be attending the Bishop's Conference on Stewardship this month seeking inspiration for this year's efforts. Please keep your Stewardship team and me in your prayers.

Let's continue our financial walk together. I encourage us all to pray and reflect on the value of what we have received. Seek an answer to what God is calling you to do; I pray that we will continue to grow in preparation to answer God's questions. Are you ready?

**Joe Fox** †  
*Stewardship Chairperson*

# The Labyrinth Gift

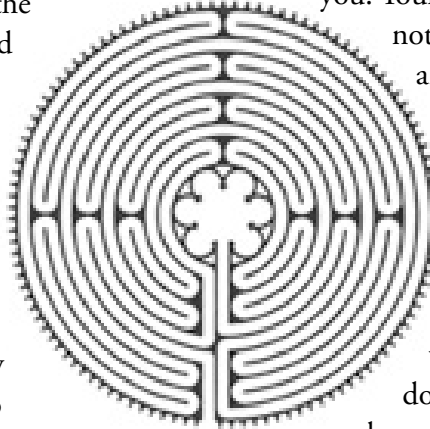
I was apprehensive. Not so sure about this Labyrinth. What was it all about?

I was at Prince of Peace waiting to meet someone a couple of days after the Labyrinth dedication when I decided that this was as good a time as any to walk the Labyrinth. No one was around and I was all by myself.

As I started to walk through the maze I noticed I was becoming anxious. As I continued, I became aware that I wanted to know where the maze was taking me. How much longer until I made it to the center? The maze took many sudden twists and turns. I had to follow the path that was laid out by someone else. This was going to take longer than I had expected. To make matters worse, the hot summer sun was beating down on me. No one would blame me if I didn't finish. I stopped for a moment trying to look ahead and figure out where the path was going. I thought about stopping and not finishing (the hot sun reminded me of the evil one trying to stop me from moving forward in my spiritual journey), but I continued on.

I started to get impressions in my mind. God was speaking to me! I heard God

say, "the reason why you are anxious is because you are not in control. It is like your relationship with Me. You know intellectually that I am in control, but you always want to know ahead of time where the twists and turns in your life are going to take you. Your biggest fear is that you will not be able to handle what lies around the corner."



I started to see that the experience of walking the Labyrinth that day was very much like my relationship with God. My relationship with God has its ups and downs, twists and turns, like the maze. It is hard to stay on the Christian spiritual path and, just like with the maze, I have wanted to stop. In my relationship with God I want to take control of my life instead of letting go and letting God. I am thankful that, by the grace of God, I have refused to stop even when I am uncertain, afraid or uncomfortable. I wanted to reach the middle of the maze (to win the prize) and I had to go through anxiety and uncertainty to get there. In my relationship with God, I too, want to win the prize (meet face to face with God) so I continue to persevere, maybe apprehensively and awkwardly, but always with God's help.

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I finally reached the center! I paused for a short time to rest and reflect. I was glad I had finished. My Labyrinth experience confirmed to me once again God was real and He is always with me. Why? He cared enough to speak to me unexpectedly even in my awkward, apprehensive attempt to walk the Labyrinth. That was enough, for now.

God also reminded me of the passage in Matt. 7:13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road

that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

I am thankful that I entered the narrow gate that hot summer afternoon on the Labyrinth road, and more importantly, that I stayed on the path and found the source of Life.



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