

PeacePrints

The monthly newsletter for Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

May 2007

FROM THE RECTOR

A Missing Piece

One of the blessings of Prince of Peace is that we have had a great deal of stability in key ministry areas. On the pastoral side, I have been here for 18 years, Kathie Clark for 16 and Brian Bailey for 4. The benefit is we have the ability to get to know the congregation and the surrounding community and discern needs and directions accordingly.

In the area of Children and Families Ministry Monica Warrick has been with us since July of 1998. The ability to know the children and families here has been a great asset. Monica has been able to build a team of dedicated people

to minister to the young people in our midst and expand these ministries in creative and dynamic ways.

In the area of music and worship, Boude Moore is the Senior Statesmen of Ministry having started here as Organist five months before I arrived as pastor. For the past 16 years he has served as our Director of Music with the given title of "Minister of Pomp and Ceremony." Again, the ability to grow the ministry has been directly related to the relationships and ideas that Boude has been able to put forward for organ, choir, and bells.



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Administratively we have been blessed with a number of excellent people: Nancy Riehman, Kay Starling, Debbie Decker, and, of course, our current office administrator, Katherine Geeslin. Katherine first came onto staff in 1994 to help us with teaching young people in the bells program, but in the last five years she has also added the responsibility of keeping all things decent and in order for our parish. The one comment I hear more than any other about our staff members is, "You be nice to Katherine."

The area of passionate spirituality has been our growth area as a parish. The question is how can we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength? For the past two years Kathryn Reasoner has been in charge of discipleship ministries.

Where this is a part time position, Kathryn has put a great deal of time and effort into prayer, small groups, our fall 40 and 50 day programs as well as intercessor ministries, keeping parish ministry brochures up to date for our newcomer packets and being a resource person for people who are seeking direction for spiritual formation, growth, and development.

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There is a missing piece in our ministries and it is in the area of youth. Over the past 18 years, Youth Ministry has had a lot of starts and stops. In 1993 we ventured into our first part time youth minister and for a year and a half Rebecca built a solid youth ministry

through her personality and enthusiasm. After Rebecca got married and moved, we hired Kurt Davidek in 1995 to be part time and then full time youth pastor. For the next two and a half years Kurt worked tirelessly and loved our young people. He expanded the program to include outreach by taking young people to Mexico several times on home builds and he influenced kid's lives for the Lord. Kurt left us in 1998 to teach in Korea, then returned to the U.S. to get a seminary degree and now is teaching and administering

in an international school again in South Korea. In 1998, Rick Macdonough began working with our young people. Rick's deep spirituality and solid Christian life helped move our ministries into new levels of faith. Rick left us in 2000 to return to nursing. In 2003, Lori Merkle-Ford joined us on a part time basis to help with our young people. Early on Lori knew that her love for the kids was strong. Lori served for a year and then

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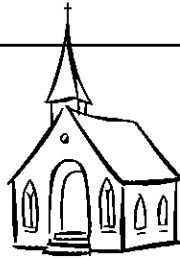
volunteered in the youth program while she pursued her singing career.

In 2005, Gary Martyn felt a nudge from the Lord (during our 40 Day of Purpose campaign) to help rejuvenate the Youth Ministry. On a part time basis Gary, along with a wonderful group of volunteers, especially Kirk Somdal, has helped our program along. His challenge has been with a wife, four young children and a full time job, his time and energy are limited. *We just learned at press time that Gary, Patty and the children will be moving to Boise, Idaho in June. Gary has a wonderful job opportunity there. Please keep the Martyn family in your prayers as they make this transition.*

Perhaps this start and stop is the nature of Youth Ministry, but as a parish we need to address the needs of our young people on a much more consistent basis. There are numbers of us who have been meeting as a Youth Task Force (Lisa Michael, Rand Reasoner, Lynn Klein, Bruce Roe, Will and Ann Marie Michael, Monica Warrick, Gary Martyn, and Elise Backus) to discuss the challenges of Youth Ministry and to address this critical area of need. What do you think is needed to minister to this group of young people? We would all welcome your thoughts.

Join us in prayer as we seek ways to best meet the spiritual needs of our young people.

Fr. Rand †



Worship Schedule May 2007

Wednesdays:

6:30am – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Sundays:

May 6 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

May 13 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

5pm – Evening Communion (*Water to Wine leads worship*)

May 20 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

7pm – Taize Worship

May 27 – The Day of Pentecost –

Wear Red!

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

5pm – Evening Communion (*Water to Wine leads worship*)

PeacePrints Editorial Info

Submissions for June 2007

The submission deadline for the June issue of PeacePrints is May 13. Please e-mail items to Katherine Geeslin at 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!

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Pentecost: Wear Red!

The Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 27th *Wear Red to Church this Sunday!* Pentecost is an important Jewish and Christian feast. The Jewish feast of Pentecost, also known as the Feast of Weeks, is one of the three pilgrimage festivals. It arose as the celebration of the closing of the spring grain harvest, which began formally in Passover 50 days prior. From Rabbinic times, the festival also commemorates the giving of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

According to the Acts of the Apostles, on the Pentecost (after the resurrection of Jesus, 50 days from the Passover in which He was crucified), the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in the form of tongues of fire accompanied by the sound of a rush of wind, and gave them the power of speaking in such a way that people of different languages

could understand them. The Christian feast of Pentecost is an annual commemoration of this event, and it is solemnly observed as the birthday of the church and the feast of the Holy Spirit.

In ecclesiastical calendars, Pentecost is the seventh Sunday after Easter and closes the Easter season. The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. The weeks are then counted from Pentecost, until Advent, making Pentecost the longest season of the church year. The color green is used for the season of Pentecost and it represents the growth that takes place under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit in the Church's life.

Fr. Rand †

Music News

What a glorious Easter!

Thanks be to God for the talents and dedication of the many who made music for Holy Week and Easter. Bells, Brass, Choir, Instrumentalists, Men's Choir, and Organ combined into a memorable celebration.

Of note is the impact of the powerful new bass pipes on the ensemble of the organ and the singing of the congregation. Easter dedications and gifts of thanks have brought us nearer our

goal. Your support is still needed. Please mark your contribution to the Organ Fund.

There have been numerous requests for a tonal demonstration, a tour of the layout of the instrument and an opportunity to ask questions and learn how the organ works. Watch for an announcement of an "Organ Crawl."

Boude Moore †

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Parish Family Notes:

Welcome to the newest members of our family who entered into the community of faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism: **Steven R. Clutterham** and **Haya Ann Alhamdan**. The next Holy Baptism will be on Trinity Sunday, June 3 at the 10am service. For more information, please contact the office at 818-346-6968.

Thanks for all the love and work that went into making Lent, Holy Week, and Easter such a wonderful time here at Prince of Peace:

- To the **Altar Guild** for making the palm crosses, arranging the Easter flowers and setting the Lord's table for all the extra services.
- To **Bill Prescott**, and the **Prince's Players** for the presentations of "Words" on Good Friday.
- To the members of the **Men's choir** for providing the service music for the Easter Vigil.
- To members of the **ECW** for preparing and serving the delicious breakfast to all of the Easter musicians.
- To **Boude Moore** for overseeing all of the Holy Week and Easter music.
- To the members of the **Choir and Brass Ensemble** for their enthusiasm, dedication and excellence.

- To the **Handbell Ringers** for the festive contributions to the Palm Sunday and Easter Services.
- To **Eileen O'Grady, Isobel Miller, Sue Bridges**, and **Paul and Nadine Sylvester** for folding over 1000 bulletins.

Have you seen the beautiful new Prince of Peace website? Many thanks to **Alma and Kevin Fountain** for the months of work designing the navigation and organizing the information. Be sure to visit www.popwh.org.

The new **Memorial Cross** was dedicated on April 22. Thank you to **Gary Moyer, Eli Lyon** and **Bill Hart** for overseeing the installation.

Thank you to **Erin Zarichny** for her many years of dedicated service to the Acolyte Ministry both as a participant and, for the last few years, as the coordinator. Erin will be moving soon and will be missed! Thank you to **Mark Flinchbaugh** who has agreed to take over the training and scheduling of our acolytes.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Betty Phillips**. We received word that Betty passed away on February 25 in Springfield, Missouri. She and her husband, Ken, were active members of Prince of Peace from the late 70's through the 80's.

May Betty's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Children & Families MINISTRY

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Snack Team Angels

Each Sunday morning during Champions, wonderful individuals provide delicious snacks for the children. The classes really look forward to this time when we gather in prayer and then share in the weekly treats. Special thank you to Bruce Schofield who faithfully sets up our snacks and classrooms, to Linda Sawyer who coordinates our Team, and to our great Snack Team of Stacey Casto, Micheline Kaufman, Ann Gillinger, Elizabeth Bates, Lisa Michael, Holly Nagatoshi, Nancy Jackson, Julie Szende, Katy Carter, Laura Armstrong and Tina Larson.

God bless you,
Monica Warrick †

Peek Into Champions

Visit our website at www.popwh.org and click on "Children" to see the great activities our Nursery through Grade 5 children take part in on Sunday mornings and beyond.

We Miss You on Sunday

Sports activities help our children learn sportsmanship along with building friendships and providing exercise. Unfortunately, sports activities often impact a family's ability

to worship on Sunday mornings and prevent our students from attending Champions. I'd like to suggest a wonderful sports league called the Valley Christian Athletic Association. "Glory is given to Christ and the family is placed foremost in the operation of the Valley Christian Athletic Association. This includes the Board of Directors, Coaches, Participants and Parents." There are no

games or practices on Sundays. You can visit their website for more information at www.vcaa.org.



May Calendar

Sundays May 6, 13, 20

Champions classes, 10am, Nursery – Grade 5

Sunday May 27

Nursery only meets at 10am, Memorial Day Weekend

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Our Sunday Meetings continue for Middle School and High School students every Sunday from 10-11am in the Youth Center. Watch the weekly emails and bulletin announcements for news about Games Nights and other activities! Invite a friend!

May Calendar

All Meetings are held the Youth Center

Sunday, May 6

Youth Meeting: 10 – 11am

Friday, May 11,

Games Night: 6:30 – 9pm

Sunday, May 13

Youth Meeting: 10 – 11am

Sunday, May 20

Youth Meeting: 10 – 11am

Friday, May 25

Youth Dodger Night: 5pm

Sunday, May 27

No Youth Meeting – Memorial Day Weekend

Peace,

Gary Martyn †

Youth and Children's Ministry News

It looks like we will have two ministry assistants to help in Youth and Children's Ministry this summer. Stephen Reasoner will be doing an internship under the direction of Fr. Rand and Fr. Brian. He will organize a "Middle School Adventure," most likely a Whitewater Rafting trip along the American River in July. Stay tuned for more details.

Chelsea Sawyer is also available to help us this summer. She has finished her first year at the University of Nevada in Reno and will be assisting Monica with Vacation Bible School in June and in other areas as well.

We are blessed to have Stephen and Chelsea return to give back and to share what they have learned from us and others as they have grown in the Lord.

Fr. Rand †

Episcopal Church Women

Upcoming Events

Patio Rummage Sale is coming on Saturday, May 5 from 7am – noon. Tell your friends and neighbors. Please drop off donations of good quality items on Friday, May 4. Come and help us on one or both days – it's good fellowship and lots of fun. Call Sidney Wrigley at 818-880-4349.

Sidney Wrigley †

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What in the World is Going on in Uganda?

Lots! Especially if you are a member of Prince of Peace. After my trip to Uganda in 2002, I felt called to start a child sponsorship program here like the one they run at St. Luke's, La Crescenta. Since then, by the power of the Spirit, you, the wonderful people of Prince of Peace have supported 40 students from Nyamirama Parents School. That's over \$14,000 since 2002!

This year we asked to take on more children and are now supporting an additional 30 children from the Orphan's School at Nyakabunko. That's another \$ 6000 a year (Next year the sponsorship rates will go up to \$250 because of skyrocketing costs in Uganda.)

In 2003, Fr. Rand, Fr. Hamlet and I prayed for guidance on another project to bring to the congregation. We agreed on a Chapel/Multipurpose Hall for the (then) Community College. They needed \$12,000. The people of Prince of Peace jumped at the opportunity to help and on May 14, 2004 (6 months to the day after we had prayed about it) the Prince of Peace Multi Purpose Hall was dedicated in the presence of 6 of our parishioners.

The call came again for new buildings at the College to upgrade the physical plant in order to gain University accreditation. \$60,000 was requested. Once again, our

congregation opened their hearts and wallets and in months the money was raised. Most of this construction is completed now. There was a shortfall due to increased costs in fuel and building materials.

I will be going there in June with Bud and Nick, my husband and son, and will be assessing exactly where things stand. \$10,000 has been requested to finish the dining hall. I have also been asked to address the first-ever graduation ceremony at Great Lakes Regional College! Marsha Hunt and Sue Ferron will be presenting a conference at the college in July.

Marsha has a project to develop an airstrip in Kinkiizi and is working with the Department of Defense on that. She is also working on opening a guest house in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

The Orphan's School is truly a miracle. In that area there is a large transient population, and a high death rate among adults because of HIV-AIDS, Malaria, TB and a host of other diseases. Of course this leaves a huge orphan population with no families to take them in. They began to congregate in Nyakabunko. Teachers left paying jobs to help these kids. The community let the orphans sleep in their homes and built a mud and stick school for them.

When Marsha Hunt visited there, she saw UN and USAID vans drive through the

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town all the time, but no help was given to these poor children from these wealthy organizations. Marsha saw a little girl wander in who had been walking for two days. She was scared and hungry. Her mother, knowing her death was imminent told her it was time to go and look for the school that takes orphans. So, this young child set out alone, on foot, and finally reached Nyakabunko where she will be fed, taught, and given the love of Jesus.

The school building is falling down and it may well be our next project to give them a proper school. Marsha and I are on the board of Uganda Christian Development Mission (U.C.D.M.). U.C.D.M. coordinates the

efforts of all the churches and organizations working on these projects. Last year U.C.D.M. sent \$101,895 in grant money to the various projects. The Orphanage has requested a grant of \$30,000 for nine classrooms, \$20,000 for a dining hall and kitchen and \$40,000 for boy's and girl's dormitories. Bud, Nick and I will be spending time there and will report back to you.

God bless you all for all that you have done and are continuing to do. In the power of the Spirit we are truly making a difference in Uganda.

Julie Fanton †

*"Be still
and know
that I am
God."*

Taizé

We are all overwhelmed by the pressures and demands of 21st Century life. Taizé is a place to come for calmness and serenity. Taizé is a gentle service of quiet reflection where it is possible to leave the noisy world behind and through silent meditation concentrate on spiritual needs; where we can move from the negative to the affirmative, and be uplifted.

Look into a candle flame, listen to the music, join in the simple chants, focus on the Cross.

Think of Jesus meditating in the Garden of Gethsemane and in the wilderness for 40 days.

Pray as Jesus did. Be touched by the Spirit. Leave refreshed.

The next Taizé service is on Sunday, May 20 at 7pm in the Chapel.

Michelle Schofield †



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