

# PeacePrints

The monthly newsletter for Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

September 2007

## FROM THE RECTOR

### *Evangelism*

There are interesting questions that begin with “why” around churches. The most common questions are raised by newcomers about worship. “Why do you/we do that?” There is usually a good answer, and when received, people can enter into a new understanding of worship.

There needs to be another “why” question asked by all of us here at Prince of Peace and that is “Why do we do what we do here?” Sometimes we don’t ask the larger “why” question because we know what the answer is “We’ve always done it that way before.” Sometimes we don’t ask the “why” question because our lives are on

auto-pilot and we don’t question anything, we exist instead of live.

However, this is a good question for each of the over 50 ministry groups here at Prince of Peace to ask themselves: “Why do we do what we do here at Prince of Peace?” Is it to get more people to come here? Is it to keep what we like doing going?” Is it to get more money in so we can do more things? Is it \_\_\_\_\_? (Fill in the blank.) How does God fit into the question or the answer?



I asked myself that question when thinking about our upcoming Essential 100 Challenge New Testament Adventure. Why are we doing this? Isn’t this just another Fr. Rand program?

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Why should I do this? Can I take on one more thing? I can't answer those questions for you, but I can answer them for myself and share those answers with you.

We live in a society that is often in moral freefall. What we do is by-in-large what we feel. These days there seems to be more concern over how things make us feel than over what is right or wrong. In a self absorbed, moral relativism, I am convinced this community of faith needs to be continually renewing itself in the Christian message. That message begins in the Hebrew Scriptures, which we studied last year as a church, and continues in the New Testament which we will study this September. It is in these books that we discover from God the answer to the "why" questions about our common ministries. Knowing the story of Jesus and sharing it, is the most important thing we can do. This is not a program, but a compass by which all our decisions and ministries can be measured. It's not my program but a ministry designed to share the Christian faith and help us enter into the wisdom of the past and access the Holy Spirit who will continue to direct and guide his people when they seek Him.

I sometimes have a problem with putting first things first. When I'm asking the right questions like "does this activity have any significance for God and His Kingdom" I can choose the better portion.

May you be able to answer the "why" questions of the ministries you engage in with an answer that will bring praise, honor, and glory to Jesus the Prince of Peace.

*Fr. Rand †*

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## Crafty Ladies

The Craft Group will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 20 from 9:30am – 2pm in the Upper Hall. Thereafter, crafting will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

We have been working on small Christmas items – ornaments, cards, table decorations – and would be interested in seeing any new ideas. We welcome new projects and new crafty workers!

We also offer our help to the Sunday School (Champions) leaders for making costumes, posters, decorations and anything else we are able to do.

Come on out – former crafty members, new crafters and any other wannabes! We need some undiscovered, talented persons. Bring lunch and enjoy the day.

*Jan Gallagher †*

## Taizé

Let us be silent that we  
May hear the whisper of God.  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Turn away from the noise,  
Turn over your fears,  
Turn to the Sustainer.

Share a quiet place,  
Be thankful,  
Be free,  
Be silent and hear the whisper of God.

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
in the Chapel

*Michelle Schofield †*

### PeacePrints Editorial Info *Submissions for October 2007*

The submission deadline for the October issue of *PeacePrints* is September 9. 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!

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## Worship Schedule September 2007

### Wednesdays:

6:30am – Holy Communion in the Chapel

### Sundays:

**September 2** – Pentecost 14

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

**September 9** – Start Up Sunday –  
Welcome Home!

Introduction to The New  
Testament Challenge

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

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

**September 16** – The Essential 50

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

6pm – Taize Service

**September 23** – The Essential 50

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

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

**September 30** – The Essential 50

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

# Children & Families MINISTRY

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## Map & Compass Lead to Treasure

The children of Prince of Peace embark on a **Treasure Quest** beginning **Sunday, September 9 at 10am.**

When seeking treasure, it's a good idea to bring along a map as a guide, and for us that will be Jesus, for the more we learn about Jesus, the more we can trust him being our best friend on our life journey.

It's also a good idea to have a compass in case we get lost – the Bible will be our “life compass” to help us understand what direction our lives are going.

The treasure we are seeking on our adventure:

- A Trusting Heart
- A Respectful Heart
- An Enthusiastic Heart

- An Appreciating Heart
- A Serving Heart
- An Understanding Heart
- A Responding Heart
- An Eternal Heart.

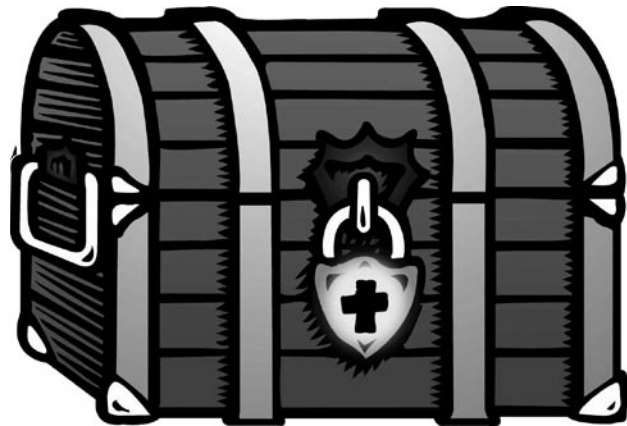
So, **All Aboard** the **Treasure Quest** this fall for a great adventure!

Sailing & Serving In His Name,  
**Monica Warrick & the Champions Crew**

## Opening Day Events – Mark your calendar

**Sunday, September 9, 10am** Treasure Quest, Preschool, Kind. – Grade 5 & Lil' Lambs Nursery

**Tuesday, September 11, 9:30am** MOPS & MOPPETS, Dwell Well, Living Fully from the Space You Call Home



# Youth Calendar

**Friday, August 24 – Saturday, August 25 Harry Potter Movie Marathon POP Camp Out**

Join us in the POP Youth Center for 14 hours of Harry Potter! We will have dinner, refreshments, popcorn, and a Harry Potter Trivia Raffle at the end of each movie to win a variety of items like T-shirts, movies etc. Bring your enthusiasm, sleeping bags and lots of energy for a fun night of hanging out and celebrating the end of summer!

Event begins at **7:30 pm Friday night** and ends after a continental breakfast Saturday at 9am.

**Sunday, September 9-** Youth Alpha Program - *Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?* 4:30 – 7pm in the Youth Center

**Friday, September 14** - Friday Games Night - pizza, games and friends 7 – 9pm in the Youth Center

**Sunday, September 16** - Youth Alpha - *Who Is Jesus?* 5 – 7pm in the Youth Center

**Sunday, September 23** - Youth Alpha - *Why Did Jesus Die?* 5 – 7pm in the Youth Center

**Friday, September 28** - Youth Event – watch for email and bulletin announcements

**Sunday, September 30** - Youth Alpha - *How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?* 5 – 7pm in the Youth Center



## Coming in October:

**October 5 and 6** - Youth Alpha Retreat

**October 7** - Youth Alpha

**October 12** - Friday Night Youth Activity

**October 12 and 13** - Teen Revolve for Girls in Anaheim

**October 14** - Confirmation

**October 14** - Youth Alpha

**October 21** - Youth Alpha

**October 26** - Friday Night Youth Activity

**October 28** - Youth Alpha

**October 31** - Halloween Haunted House and Party

## Youth Alpha and Confirmation

Beginning September 9, as part of the preparation of our youth for the sacrament of confirmation, we will be offering our second Youth Alpha. This program is for all youth in Middle and High School (ages 12-18) who wish to know more about our common beliefs as Christians and to renew or deepen their own faith. On Sunday, October 14, Bishop Bruno will be coming to Prince of Peace to confirm our youth who wish to either reaffirm the baptismal vows made on their behalf when they were young or be received into the Episcopal Church.

Come explore: Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How Can I Be Sure of My Faith? Why and How Should I Read the Bible? Why and How Do I Pray? How Does God Guide Us? How Can I Resist Evil? Why and How Should We Tell Others? Does God Heal Today? What About the Church?

If a youth wishes to be confirmed this year, this course is the prerequisite for participation in the service. However, as part of our increasing focus on youth ministry, we are encouraging all eligible youth (including friends of our youth who do not attend Prince of Peace) to attend these sessions. Even for youth not wishing to be confirmed, the Alpha course is a means to further their Christian education, discipleship and to help build a common bond with one another.

Each session will include motivated speakers, music, food, activities, high school/college aged leaders to help spur on discussions and adults chaperones who have a heart for youth. We are excited to be offering this program and to see our youth learn more about our faith.

The first class will be on Sunday, September 9 from 4:30 – 7pm. Regular Sunday meetings (from September 16 through November 18) will be 5 – 7pm in the Youth Room. There will be a weekend retreat on Friday, October 5 from approximately 6 – 9pm (dinner included) and Saturday, October 6 from approximately 10am – 4pm (with lunch and snacks provided). See Youth Calendar for a complete list of dates.

If you have any questions, concerns about scheduled dates, wish to participate, or would like your son/daughter or a young person you know attend, please call Lisa Michael at 818-702-0281 (home) or at 818-406-2846 (cell).

*Lisa Michael* †

## 50 Essentials

### I Invite You to Accept the Challenge...

September 16th-November 18th we will be offering a church wide Bible program inviting you to read 50 New Testament stories during a 10-week series. Whether you're a new or experienced Bible reader, the Essential 100 Challenge is a rewarding journey through God's Word.

The Challenge is based on a carefully selected list of short Bible passages. We read 50 Old Testament lessons last September and we will be reading 50 New Testament lessons starting September 16th.

During the 10-week series, the sermons at the 8am and 10am worship services will give you an opportunity for added insight into the passages you will be reading.

Children and youth will participate through their Sunday morning classes at 10am.

### If You Accept the Challenge...

It is important to **sign-up by September 1**, either online at [www.popwh.org](http://www.popwh.org) or by filling out the sign-up sheet you received in the mail and returning it to the church office. This way you will receive all you need to begin your journey.

Before signing up, please consider:

- If you will be participating individually, with a partner or would like the opportunity to join a Small Group. Taking the challenge with others makes Bible reading more fun and meaningful. This will enable you to compare your experiences and encourage each other.
- If you would like to purchase an Essential 100 Bible Guide (includes New/Old Testament readings) you might find it helpful in your personal daily readings. If you purchased one last September for the Old Testament readings you do not need a new one. The cost is \$10.00 each and must be ordered by September 1st to insure that they are received in time.
- If you would like to Host: A host is someone who has a heart for people and is willing to open their home for up to 6-12 people and serve a pot of coffee.

and/or

- Be a Facilitator: someone who helps to facilitate the discussion (you don't need to have the answers) and distribute information to group members.

I pray you will prayerfully consider taking the challenge with us.

Your Sister in Christ,  
*Kathryn Reasoner* †  
Director of Discipleship

## Parish Family News

Welcome home to **Bud, Julie** and **Nick Fanton, Sue Ferron** and **Marsha Hunt**, who all returned safely from their mission trip to Uganda and to **Brad Hemmings**, from his mission trip to China. Well done good and faithful servants!

Thank you to those who were sponsors on the youth white water trip: **Mary Bush, Will Michael, Stephen Reasoner** and **Rand Reasoner**.

The Youth Task Force has been doing a great job in keeping this ministry moving forward and developing a ministry description for a youth director. Thank you to

**Elise Backus, Dave and Suzanne Dumas, Lynn Klein, Lisa Michael, Will Michael, Stephen Reasoner, Rand Reasoner, Bruce Roe, Kirk Somdal, and Monica Warrick.**

The West Valley Food Pantry's freezer had to be replaced and **Norm Cooke** and **Dan Hedrick** did an excellent job of clearing the way for the new freezer and putting it all back together again. Many thanks!

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To My Prince of Peace Family:

I wish to express my gratitude for all your prayers, expressions of sympathy and for joining in the Celebration of Tim's life.

My special thanks to our three priests who ministered to him, and to the ECW, Altar Guild and DOK who prepared and hosted

the reception. We all have been blessed to know and love Tim for these past twenty-one years.

*Audrey Corkery* †

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## Acolytes

We will be starting a series of training sessions for new acolytes at the end of August and beginning of September. If you are at least 9 years old and are interested in becoming an acolyte, I would love to talk to you about this very rewarding ministry.

What is an acolyte, you might ask? Acolytes are the boys and girls that carry the candles during the 10am service. We assist the clergy in worship and learn about why we do what we do during the service. As you grow within this ministry, you will have the opportunity to advance and become a Gospel Bearer and then a Crucifer. These roles have additional responsibilities.

Serving God is such an important part of our Christian journey. The acolyte program is a great start to a life of ministry. I look forward to talking with you. For more information, please contact me at 818-773-0882 or leave your name with the church office.

In Christ,  
*Mark Flinchbaugh* †  
Acolyte Director

## Music Notes

### Start Up Sunday is September 9!

**Bell Ringers:** Meet at Prince of Peace at 9am to prepare the peals for the day. Regular rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 12. Please contact Katherine Geeslin at 818-346-6968 to confirm your rehearsal time.

**Choir:** Meet in the Family Center choir rehearsal room at 9am to prepare for the morning worship. Regular rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 13 at 7:30pm.

While listening to the music offerings on Sunday mornings, have you thought "I could do that"? Let this be your year to join one or more of the many musical ensembles of Prince of Peace. Contact Boude Moore at 818-892-6590 for more information about bells, choir, men's choir, brass ensemble, timpani and African drums.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!"* Psalm 150

*Boude Moore* †

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## Tai Chi at Prince of Peace

Feeling stiff and creaky??? Barbara Partridge has been in contact with a Tai Chi instructor who could give classes here at Prince of Peace for a nominal fee. We need to know how many people would participate. We are

## Altar Guild

### *Special Thank You*

For more years than we can remember, Prince of Peace has served homemade communion bread during services. Many visitors to our church have commented on how special they feel this makes our service. The Altar Guild would like to thank Grace Mizumoto for this quiet gift. Not only does Grace feed our ears with her service to the choir but she also feeds our souls with this special gift of communion bread. These thanks are long overdue, Grace. We are very grateful for all your work.

### Calling Proud Gardeners

The Altar Guild will be sponsoring a Garden Tour in April of 2008. We are looking for interesting gardens. It does not need to be an estate, just a garden with an interesting feature, xeriscape, special entertaining area, etc. Please contact any Altar Guild member or Barbara Partridge.

*The Altar Guild* †

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considering Wednesday morning but can consider other times. We would like to start in September, so please respond quickly. Please call Barbara at 818 347-4831 if you would like to participate or need more information.

## Outreach

### Uganda

During their mission trip to Africa, **Bud**, **Julie** and **Nick Fanton** experienced many wonderful things and were updated on current needs. The most important and time sensitive issue is the possible closure of The Nyakabungo School. Half of the students are orphans and this is their only hope for education. The school was taken over by Child to Family Community Development Organization (CHIFCOD) after being started by local parents. The structures are not safe and the CHIFCOD officials must close the school in 6 months unless money can be raised for the walls to be fixed. To help start the fundraiser, Bud and Julie will be selling a CD of music recorded throughout Uganda during their trip. \$90,000 is needed, so if you know of any organization that would welcome a Uganda presentation, please contact the Fantons at [juliekayef@yahoo.com](mailto:juliekayef@yahoo.com). Thank you.

### New Orleans

**Matt Mueller**, and fellow members of the Calabasas All Star Jazz Band, with chaperone – mom, **Margie Mueller**, recently visited New Orleans for musical outreach.

Since New Orleans is the birthplace of jazz, the group wanted to help with **hurricane recovery**. Volunteering through Resurrection House at the Free Church of the Annunciation, the Jazz Band's projects included gutting a house in New Orleans East, cleaning cages, doing laundry and walking dogs at Animal Rescue New Orleans.

The trip wasn't all work: the big band performed at the "Night Out on Crime" in the Broadmoor neighborhood, the New Orleans Visitor Center, and the Steamboat Natchez. This small "combo" was the first high school band ever to play at Preservation Hall. Perhaps the most exciting performance took place at the Free Church of the Annunciation. The Calabasas All Star Jazz Band joined in a musical celebration with a group of Irish college students who had come to stay and work at Resurrection House. By the time they played New Orleans classic "Second Line," everyone was dancing!

# Welcome Home!

START UP SUNDAY  
September 9

The Essential New Testament Challenge

Choir

Bells

Children's Treasure Quest

Youth Alpha

Evening Contemporary Worship Service

Taize

MOPS

Charlotte's Web

# Stewardship

I am excited (and a little nervous) about the opportunity to lead our Stewardship Campaign this year. Stewardship is a critical part of our Christian journey. I pray that we can all take the time to truly assess what God has given each of us in respect to talents, finances and blessings. All things come from God and we are merely stewards of His gifts. May we chose to use them wisely.

This year and into the future, we will be putting an even greater focus on our youth. Monica and a wonderful crew of very involved folks have done a fantastic job in developing our Children's Ministries. The entire congregation came together to build the Family Center and Youth Center.

The time has come to take the next step and invest in our youth by hiring a full time youth minister. In 1 Corinthians 3, verse 6, Paul writes, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." In our community, Monica and her crew have been planting, our youth minister and team will water, and God will grow the young adults that will have the strength and conviction of Christ to survive in an ever confusing world.

I am looking forward to discussing the goals of our 2008 campaign with each of you. In the meantime, please take some time to prayerfully consider some of Jesus' words about stewardship in Matthew 13:1-9, 44-45; in Luke 12:13-21 and Luke 16:1-13.

In Christ,  
*Mark Flinchbaugh* †



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