

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church Annual Report 2006



To be instruments of God's peace.

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To be “sowers of peace,” so imbued with the Spirit of Jesus that we become instruments of God’s peace and sow that peace through acts of love, forgiveness, faith, hope, and joy.

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CLERGY, WARDENS, & VESTRY

The Right Reverend Paul V. Marshall, Th. D., Bishop
The Reverend Mark Peter Harer, Rector
The Reverend Mary Lou Divis, Deacon
Hugh Kelley, Senior Warden
Daniel Monk, Junior Warden
Bonnie Hiscox, Accounting Warden
Carl Goeringer, Jr., Clerk of the Vestry

Gail Ide (2007)
Ed Dreisbach (2007)
Mary Jillson-Stout (2007)

Dan Monk (2008)
Hugh Kelley (2008)
Sandy Sheehan (2008)

Linda Shrader (2009)
Chris Sutton (2009)
George Yatsko (2009)

STAFF AND LAY MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Staff

Parish Administrator:	Jennifer Martin
Treasurer:	Bonnie Hiscox
Minister of Music:	Jacqueline Sheehan
Choir Director:	Jacqueline Sheehan

Layministry

Acolyte Master:	Ed Dreisbach
Altar Guild:	Sandy Sheehan
Chalice Bearers:	Chris Sutton
Children's Advocate:	Chris Sutton
DOK President:	Jacqueline Sheehan
ECW President:	Edna Yatsko
Health Ministries / Parish Nurse:	Gail Ide
Lectors/Intercessors:	Chris Sutton
Newsletter Editor:	Jennifer Martin
Sunday School Coordinator:	Jennifer Martin
Ushers:	George Yatsko

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES:

Luann Naugle & Christopher Lucarino
Christine Hallas & Byron Read

NEW MEMBERS BY THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

Sebastian Todd Merchant
Cameron Eisley
Kristen Eisley
Byron Read
Karli Ridley

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION:

Christine Hallas
David Wright
Patricia Wright

THE BURIAL OFFICE:

X Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

William Gale
Edwin Roth
Donna Plank
Virginia Ritter

Rector's Annual Report to the Parish

January, 2007

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Prince of Peace Church,

My first year as your rector has flown by. I barely had time to settle into my new position as your rector before our second year together arrived. While the past year has been a busy, and I believe productive one, I don't want to make it my focus here. However, a few words are appropriate about where we have come from before I focus on where I hope we are going as a parish.

My goal during my first year with you was to get to know you. I believe I have accomplished that. I have come to appreciate the many gifts of this parish individually and collectively. I have recognized the commitment of many of you to making this parish grow and thrive. I have been impressed with your dedication to ministry to and with children. I have detected a desire to expand and diversify our worship opportunities. I have welcomed a growing recognition among many of you that for our parish to grow, we must be focused beyond our four walls to those in need in our local community and around the world. And I have become aware of a yearning among you for spiritual growth which goes beyond a "Sunday morning only" approach. All of these are very positive factors upon which to build.

Yes, there are also circumstances which can potentially hinder our future ministry. Chief among them is that we still have much work to do with respect to the stewardship of our financial resources. We are depleting our savings in order to maintain our current level of ministry. This is both positive and negative. In order to grow, we need to invest in growth. Yet we have only a finite amount of time and money to do this. Additionally, we still wrestle with some of the distractions of the past. On a positive note, "time heals," as the saying goes. As we concentrate on expanding our mission and ministry, the old memories of past divisions within the parish are dissipating.

But more significantly, I sense that our parish is on the cusp of growth, perhaps significant growth, both spiritually and in numbers. Indeed, the growth of our parish will be my primary focus in the next few years. I hope it will be yours as well. How can we grow, and what will growth look like in our parish?

In his sermon at Diocesan Convention last October, Bishop Paul cautioned against magical thinking in connection with church growth. In other words, a church does

not grow simply by hoping for or even wanting it to grow. Growth must be cultivated. So what then are the factors leading to church growth? In a recent study of growing churches, four factors were identified as contributing to church growth. These factors were present across the board regardless of whether a church is conservative or liberal in its theological position. The factors are: 1) An active program to recruit and incorporate new members; 2) The involvement of children in worship services; 3) Opportunities for contemporary worship services; and 4) A strong sense in the church or parish about its purpose and mission. Additionally, studies reveal that the absence of conflict in a church, good location and a website are additional factors that contribute to church growth. Certainly, while our location is not on a major thoroughfare, it is easily accessible. And we have Dan Plashinski and now Jennifer Martin to thank for our excellent website.

Here are programs that I propose we implement to address these growth factors:

- 1) Establish a group of greeters to welcome and orient visitors to our church the minute they walk in the door. The greeters will serve in addition to ushers. Hugh Kelley will work with me in setting up this group and establishing guidelines for its ministry. Additionally, Dan Plashinski has agreed to work with me in developing a promotional DVD of our church to send to newcomers to the Dallas area. The main expense for this will be the postage. Finally, I will follow the example of the clergy at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City (a parish that has come back from the brink of extinction in the last few years) and greet people at the parking lot on Sunday mornings.
- 2) To make our services more welcoming and accessible, I would like to revamp our Sunday morning worship bulletins to include the entire service, including the hymns where possible. This will involve an initial outlay of money to purchase the necessary computer software and licenses.
- 3) I plan to begin holding Saturday evening services at 4:30 p.m. beginning Saturday, February 25. I have had a number of requests for such a service. Although eucharistically centered, these services will be innovative in nature. They will evolve over time and I anticipate asking those involved in these services to assist me in planning them. Eventually, I propose we hold our Sunday morning service at a somewhat later time. I would also like to introduce adult education or an adult forum on Sunday mornings.

- 4) I would like our parish to redouble its efforts in the area of outreach. We do a goodly amount of outreach; but I believe we can do more. I would like to see us have one significant ongoing outreach project in our own local community and one related to a foreign need, perhaps in Kajo Keji.
- 5) Research also shows that growing parishes place a great deal of emphasis on small groups. These groups are primarily for study and prayer. The recently organized Thursday afternoon bible study group is an example of such a group. I hope that others will evolve over time.
- 6) We will continue our monthly "children's" services on the third Sunday of each month. I would like to expand these to use the children and youth in more parts of the service similar to what was done at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service this year.

As far as what growth will look like in our parish, it will mean more people, more activity and a much more complicated way of operating. We will not have the luxury of holding committee meetings on the spur of the moment. We will need to plan and implement those plans in an efficient manner.

Unfortunately, the alternatives to not growing are neither attractive nor acceptable. WE MUST GROW. We have no choice. Ideally, we need to double our attendance and our income in two years. Whether that happens is totally up to us. Fortunately, the Back Mountain will enter a period of demographic growth in the next few years. That will help to make our job easier, but not simpler. We cannot wait for people to come to us; we must go to them and let them know that we are an Episcopal Church that welcomes all people, especially children; takes the spiritual growth of our members seriously; and believes that outreach to our community and world is a significant part of what God is calling us to do.

I invite your help and participation in this exciting venture of GROWING PRINCE OF PEACE in worship and service.

Faithfully submitted:

M. Peter Harer
Rector

COMMISSION REPORTS

Vestry members are assigned to lead the various Commissions each year. The entire congregation is asked to participate in the Commissions as interest and needs arise. Please attend meetings and offer your time and talents.

FINANCE COMMISSION

See Financial Reports.

OUTREACH COMMISSION

Submitted by Mary Jillson-Stout, Coordinator

February – “Soup-er Bowl Sunday” We collected \$106.55 so that Prince of Peace church could be Sponsor for a Day at St. Vincent De Paul Sup Kitchen.

May – Our Bread for the World Project – letter, signed by may of our congregation, were sent to Sen. Arlen Specter thanking him for the part he played in the Federal Government’s food assistance for below-income individuals and the health of our youth during the past year.

We received a letter from Charity Ziamonte (our sponsored child in the Philippines) which was posted on the bulletin board. Our Church gives \$8 a month for her support.

June – On Saturday June 17th ten of us went down to St Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre to help prepare, serve and clean up after their luncheon meal. Out hours were 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

August – Money was collected to buy snacks for Vacation Bible School

We also collected money (amounting to \$588.75) through second collections at our church services so that we were able to send to St Mark’s Church in New Milford for restoration of their buildings which had been severely damaged in the flooding.

September – Chairmen Dave & Fern Schooley, along with a group of others, manned the Prince of Peace Booth at the annual Dallas Fall Festival. It was decided our booth would sell Bratwurst and Brownies. Fern asked for volunteers to donate baskets that were chanced off.

November – The Giving Tree was set up so that we could collect mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for the needy. The tree will be kept up until we can collect more items and then give them to a worthy cause. We also gave a \$50 Gift card to Mr. Z’s and a fresh turkey to an Adopt a Family for their Thanksgiving meal.

December – The congregation bought Christmas gifts for our same Adopt-A-Family: consisting of a father and three children. On Friday evening December 22nd we had a gift wrapping party. A few of the items from the Giving Tree were included in the gifts for the family, but most of them – knitted hats, scarves , mittens, gloves –were taken to the McAuley House on Church Street in Plymouth–the Saturday before Christmas.

In addition to the above mentioned projects, throughout the year we give to the Back Mountain Food Pantry (with emphasis on certain foods each month), the Heifer Project and Children International (Charity Ziamonte is the 13-year old girl we sponsor).

Meals On Wheels

Prince of Peace has a small number of parishioners who make a difference in the lives of a few Back Mountain residents every other Thursday by delivering Meals on Wheels to them. The

Church of Christ Uniting in Kingston prepares hot and cold meals (lunch and supper) which are delivered by noontime by these volunteers. Some only deliver in the summer, some in the winter and some only in emergencies as back-up volunteers. Please consider being a part of this very worthwhile ministry and give Edna a call about it. You are needed.

Edna Yatsko, Co-ordinator

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Acolytes

The past year has been a time of a few small changes for our Acolytes. We now have the largest group in a number of years with a total of seventeen boys and girls. They are a truly great group of dedicated young people. Father Harer wants each Acolyte, no matter of what age, to understudy serving the altar, if not yet trained. Our training approach continues to be on a mentorship basis. Father Harer makes it clear to all Acolytes that he understands there will be a glitch now and then. This helps the confidence of the new boys and girls.

Our Acolytes are:

Rick Bower	Jim Monk
+Ryan Shannon	Christopher Dillon
* Jason Harabin	Nicholas Harabin
* Michael Hiscox	*Harry Hiscox
Brandon Hiscox	Megan Hiscox
Ryan Monk	Robert Monk
Robert Graham	Elizabeth Dillon
Tara Gwilliam	Samuel Harer
Kaitlyn Palmer	

*Emeritus +Inactive

Acolytes are asked to schedule themselves on those Sundays, which are most convenient to their plans. This tends to keep the no-show rate down and allow friends to serve together.

We do not actively recruit Acolytes. Boys and girls who are age nine and older are eligible and should ask to begin training. We start off with basics. It has been found that training a small group of one or two works best. An Acolyte Class is never formed. However, by using a mentorship approach where an experienced Acolyte works closely with a trainee we have had good results. As always we stress working as a unit, unhurried and deliberate. The unhurried part is often difficult for new Acolytes.

At present we have only four girls. We would be happy to have more girls to counterbalance the male influence. ADULTS please note: There are many times when our youth are not available and it is desirable to have an Acolyte or so. These times are midweek services, funerals, etc. when youngsters are in school. There is no rule that says after age eighteen you cannot Acolyte. If interested please let me know. AS A NOTE of interest: we now have had several adults do some Acolyting when the

youngsters were not available. They are Barbara Wentz, Dave Schooley, Chris Sutton, and Dave Dillon.

As to a treasurer's report: there never is one. Our Acolytes claim they have no finances.

Per usual, working with these youngsters is interesting. It continues to be fun and on occasion, a bit frustrating. As always, much goes on "behind-the-scenes" that is considerably different from the saintly appearances when they are "up-front"! But it is still great fun.

Ed Dreisbach. Coordinator (Jan 07)

Children's Advocate

The Diocese of Bethlehem embraces and participates in the movement to Leave No Child Behind. This is a nationwide effort supported by our National Church and sponsored by The Children's Defense Fund to mobilize concerned citizens to advocate for children. Under the encouragement and guidance of Debra Kissinger (Missioner to Children and Child Advocate to the Diocese) I serve as the Child Advocate for POP. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of children's needs and issues, to celebrate and include our youth in worship and activities. Our fifth annual Children's Sabbath was held in October, the theme was "Walk a Mile in their Shoes, bringing Hope, Health and Healing to all God's Children".

Sincerely,

Chris Sutton, POP Children's Advocate

Choirs

The Junior Choir, 2006-2007

The Junior Choir this year has diminished in numbers from last year. However, that has not stopped the Jacobs sisters and Kristen Easley, Father and Liz Harer's granddaughter, from singing their praises to God! They have done a wonderful job keeping the Junior Choir fires burning as I know you all agree. Thank you to the congregation and the parish, the Senior Choir members and Father Harer for giving the girls so much support! We all agree that Kelly, Lindsey, and Kristen have wonderful singing voices, and they enjoy sharing with us the talents that God has given them.

In October for the Children's Sabbath worship service, we were privileged to have as our guest organist young Mark Pall. Mark is an avid enthusiast for the pipe organ, but he agreed to play our Allen Digital which he determined is a fine instrument in its own right. I'm thinking that Mark will be the next Mark Laubach, the organist/choirmaster at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, in the Wyoming Valley of the future. Mark and his brother Garrett joined our girls for the choir Introit and anthem that day using the rhythm instruments that my husband John acquired for me last winter. Garret and Mark are the sons of the Reverend James and Mrs. Susan Pall from the Huntsville United Methodist Church in Dallas.

We were very excited to have Katie Palmer and Catherine and Elizabeth Dillon join us the first Sunday in Advent to sing "Waiting for a Miracle" which they learned last year for Advent. I had intended for these girls to join both choirs for Advent 3 to sing "Allelu" since they learned last year as well; however, I was coping with my sinus infection (the first one I ever had) and did not call them in time. I sincerely apologize to them again. On Christmas Eve for the Christmas Pageant, Elizabeth,

Katie, and Kelly played some melodies on their clarinets as special music before the Pageant began. What talented young people we are blessed to have here at Prince of Peace!!!

We warmly invite all children from the parish to come join us in singing our praises to our Lord. We'll teach you to sing as long as you can read. Rehearsals are Thursday afternoons at 4:15 to 5:00-5:15 p.m. I look very much forward to continuing to work with our Junior Choir of 3 which we hope will increase to others returning and new ones joining us.

I must share with you that the girls LOVE to change the setting sounds on the electric piano in the Chapel at rehearsals on Thursdays. They get a big kick out of my beginning to play not always thinking that they, indeed, have changed the settings. I fool them sometimes, though!

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Sheehan, choir director/organist

The Senior Choir, 2006-2007

The Senior Choir is a closely-knit, dedicated, willing, faithful, and talented group of singers who are as follows: Gail Ide, Eleanor Eppley, Mary Jillson-Stout, and Barbara Wentz (in the early fall and late spring), sopranos; Beverly Todd, our one and only alto; Father Peter Harer, our one and only tenor; and Dave Schooley and Bill Wentz (when he and Barb are not in Florida for the winter), basses, which makes Dave our one and only bass from November to March-April.

We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel so as not to have to heat the entire sanctuary during the winter months, especially, as well as Junior Choir in the afternoon. For both choir rehearsals, we sing through the hymns for the upcoming Sunday's worship service learning more and more new hymns from time to time. There are many beautiful, meaningful hymns in our 1982 Hymnal that we have neglected over the years. We need to expand our horizons in our hymn-singing! We, also, rehearse new service music for the different seasons of the church year when the choir director remembers to do so which we need to expand on, also.

For the record, I select the hymns for most worship services, and Father Harer chooses the service music appropriate to the church-year seasons. I take suggestions from you, as parishioners, in regard to hymn selections as to which hymns you really like, somewhat like, and maybe do not like as much which include the old, familiar hymns as well as new hymns being introduced. For the service music, see Father Harer. This way, each of us has only one area of concerned comments in respect to music for worship.

The Senior Choir sings most of the Introits and an anthem on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May. The Junior Choir sings an occasional Introit and an anthem on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month Sept.- May. Any 5th Sundays are up for grabs depending on preparation and readiness of each choir. There are times when we ask the congregation to join us singing an Introit especially in the summer months when the choirs are on a well-deserved hiatus. Please remember that the congregation remains seated for the Introit at all times unless indicated otherwise in the bulletin or by announcement. Then, of course, you stand at the first chord of the processional hymn.

We, too, warmly welcome any parishioner to join us for rehearsals Thursday evenings and singing our praises of glory to our Almighty God on the designated Sundays for the Senior Choir. You need only

to be able to carry a reasonable tune and the desire to serve our Lord in singing with us as a choir. There is not a shortage of choir robes to be sure! The extras are packed away for protection purposes. We can and will find a robe that fits comfortably for you!

We thank Dan Plashinski for making the LEV cards for the hymn board last winter. They are really helpful to know which hymns we are singing from the Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEV) for any given service. Thank you, Dan, for this and for all that you and Liz do behind the scenes for our church and our parish!! Your time, talents, and efforts are, indeed, appreciated by us all!!

One last thing - Will you as members of the congregation continue to place the music for "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," inside the hymnal at the conclusion of every service? This is so that the music does not slip through behind the book rack and so that the ushers, Father Harer, Jenn, or John and I do not need to do so after every service. Thank you all so very much!! We sincerely appreciate your assistance. We hope to welcome some of you to our rehearsals on Thursdays in the Chapel!

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Sheehan, choir director/organist

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The Episcopal Churchwomen (ECW) meet the third Wednesday of most months at 10 a.m. Our activities include sending monthly cards to shut-in parishioners and small gifts and visits at Christmas and Easter. Nursing home patients are gifted by the ECW with Christmas stockings and Easter baskets. The deceased members of Prince of Peace are remembered yearly at Convention with a reading of their names and a donation by the ECW to the Book of Remembrance. We have continued with the United Thank Offering (UTO) in the spring and fall and also, the Church Periodical Club (CPC), which helps supply books to many, including seminarians. Some of our ladies enjoyed the May meeting of the Diocesan ECW at Kirby House.

A rummage sale was held in September, realizing a profit of over \$750.00 and participation in the Eastern Star craft sale in November saw a profit of over \$450.00. These projects enable the ECW to continue supporting our church, the altar guild and our community. Father Harer presented a program at the December meeting and a luncheon followed at the Irem Country Club. The women have decided, in a move toward more fellowship, to follow each monthly meeting with lunch at a Back Mt. restaurant and invite all women of the Prince of Peace to please join us. Prayer, business meeting, service to others and then lunch!

Edna Yatsko
President

Pauline Roth
Treasurer

Thelma Ratcliffe
Recording Secretary

Eleanor Eppley
Corresponding Secretary

Health Ministries

Parish Nursing: On the Parish Nursing bulletin board you will still be able to find resources, contacts, and web sites for different diseases and conditions. Also safety, seasonal, generational, and "hot" topics can be found there.

Blood Pressure Screenings will continue after the morning service on the second Sunday of each month. Please mark your calendars.

One can feel very lonely and out of control when ill. By explaining the medical terminology, procedures, and your doctor's orders, as well as praying with you, I will continue to help bridge the medical and spiritual worlds during these difficult times.

PLEASE, if there is any way I may be of help, let me know. Either contact me through the church or directly at 477-2968.

Yours in Peace and Service,
Gail Ide, RN PN

Laymistry

A heartfelt thank you, to all who have contributed to the lay ministry at Prince of Peace. This is a very important calling within a parish. I invite all to continue their commitment as well as inviting all interested members to join us. Everyone has a gift to offer. .Prayfully consider if yours may be serving as a Lector, Eucharist Minister or Eucharist Visitor. As members of the POP family it's not really if we should be involved but rather we should ask "what may I do".

All those interested in continuing their ministry and all newcomers please speak to Father Harer or Chris Sutton. An instructive class will be held in the near future.

God Bless
Chris Sutton

Sunday School

Submitted by Jennifer Martin, Sunday School Coordinator

Our Sunday School meets at 9:00 am every Sunday morning (except the 3rd Sunday of each month, for the Family Service) from Fall through Spring. We have three classes: Preschool/Nursery, lead by Jennifer Martin in the undercroft; Elementary, lead by Dave Dillon and Kin Jacobs, also in the undercroft; and Jr./Sr. High, lead by Ed Dreisbach and Patti Harabin in the rear of the Parish Hall. We invite all youth to join us!

In 2006, we began to focus more outwardly and have begun some additional Sunday School Outreach Projects. We plan to continue this effort in 2007.

Following is a list of the activities the Sunday School sponsored and/or participated in during the last year.

Family Services (3rd Sunday of each Month)
Breakfast at Mark II
Cruising to Equity
Narnia movie outing
Narnia pizza & discussion group
Family Night at Stations of the Cross
Palm Sunday Bake Sale
Easter Egg Hunt
Mother's Day Flowers

Pentecost / Youth Sunday Celebration
Community Vacation Bible School
Observed the Annual Children's Sabbath
Halloween trip to the Pumpkin Patch
Pennies from Heaven
Advent Poster/Calendar Sale
Christmas Tree Trimming
Christmas Pageant

Thanks to all of the teachers and helpers, we had a great 2006 and look to an even better 2007!!

PROPERTY COMMISSION

Submitted by Dan Monk, Junior Warden

The overall building condition is good. In 2006 we completed several projects, including new sidewalks, new outdoor steps to the lower level, painting/papering at the Rectory, and yard clean-up at both the church and the rectory. Many thanks to the Harer Family for taking care of the rectory grass and lawn maintenance.

The Spring Clean-up date for 2007 will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 9:00 am (rain/snow date is April 28.) Please mark your calendars now!

Stewardship Report

HOW OUR MEMBERS RESPONDED 2007 Campaign

Pledge Cards Returned (Existing Pledgers)	Number	% (of Total)	Pledge This Campaign	Pledge Last Campaign	Change	% Increase (Decrease)
1. Increased Offering	28	60.87%	\$48,683.00	\$37,117.00	\$11,566.00	23.76%
2. Decreased Offering	2	4.35%	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 2,140.00	\$ (860.00)	-40.19%
3. Renewed Same Offering	8	17.39%	\$ 9,416.00	\$ 9,416.00	\$ -	0.00%
4. Subtotal (lines 1,2,3)	38		\$59,379.00	\$48,673.00	\$10,706.00	18.03%
Pledge Cards Returned (New Pledgers)	8	17.39%	\$ 7,646.00			
Total of Lines 4 & 5	46	100.00%	\$67,025.00			

2007 Pledged Income (46 pledging units)	\$ 67,025.00	
2006 Pledged Income (54 pledging units)	\$ 58,077.00	
Difference	\$ 8,948.00	15.41%