

2023 Grant Report
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
Sterling, CO 80751



Following the retirement of Mary Anderson, who served faithfully as our Lay Pastoral Leader (LPL) for 10 years at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, we continue

to serve the faithful and make our facility available to community causes. With Mary's retirement, the congregation stepped up to lead Morning Prayer. Prince of Peace is blessed with three members who conduct this form of worship. We are certainly getting familiar with this section of the Book of Common Prayer. On the fourth weekend of the month, we have a Supply Priest who comes in to celebrate our monthly Saturday evening Holy Eucharist. Currently, the Rev. Janet Oller has been willing to travel some distance to be of service. Receiving the grant enables us to bring in a supply minister and have Holy Eucharist at our monthly Saturday services.



How has the Prince of Peace Church extended its hand and mission to the Sterling community?

Our parish had facilities that were being underutilized. A non-profit organization called Under the Umbrella is now using the parish kitchen to cook meals twice a week for the hungry, homeless and for those people who are in need of a warm meal. The



number of meals served varies from 50 to 80 meals per section. Also, Under the Umbrella (UTU) utilizes some of our Sunday school rooms that are no longer in use. These rooms are now being used as an office, a pantry, and a clothes closet by Under the Umbrella. This is an established endeavor that has been going on for the last 8 years, and the church would like to continue extending a helping hand to show our Christian love and concern. Prince of Peace also extends its hand and mission to the Sterling Community by participating in several Cooperating Ministries of Logan County food collections including the annual Christmas basket food drive.

Our facility is critical for our ability to serve the Sterling community. Parts of the structure are over one hundred years old. The grant is important in helping us maintain this facility. This year we have sealed leaks around a chimney, repaired plaster and painted our sacristy, as well as, cleaned and painted part of a classroom for storage use by UTU. Heating and cooling costs are high for this older facility and this is an area where again the grant is extremely helpful.



Being one of two Episcopal Churches in Northern Colorado, keeping our doors open is important in maintaining our vital congregation and building the Kingdom of God. Although small in number, we feel it is important to have a welcoming church for worship and prayer for a community of believers. The High Plains Region grant has given us hope and the opportunity to continue being a significant Episcopal presence in Sterling, CO. We greatly appreciate the support and the encouragement of the HPR Missioner and all who serve on the High Plains Region Executive Committee. Thank you!

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