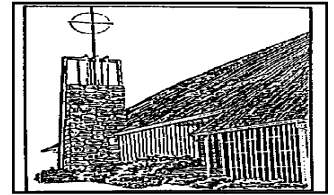


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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARY ROBINSON-MOHR

I am happy to report that the Saint James Study Tour to Turkey and Greece went wonderfully! Many of you have indicated that you kept our travelling group in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you to those who did. We definitely felt the blessing of your prayers.

We shared Communion together on the last evening of our tour. I had hoped that we would have an opportunity to do this in the vicinity of Corinth. You will recall that the earliest written form of the Words of Institution that we use whenever we celebrate Communion come to us from I Corinthians 11:23-26. These words were no doubt passed on throughout the Christian movement in oral form before Paul wrote them down, and before they were written in very similar form a few years later in the Gospels. Paul even indicates that he did not invent these liturgical words. He introduces them in verse 23 saying, "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,...."

Now our guide and bus driver must have wondered why I kept begging them to take us to places that other tours would not give the time of day. Thankfully Jodi Magness, the archaeologist who accompanied us, supported most of my oddball ideas. Our Communion site was just such a place. I was holding out to go to Cenchræe (pronounced KEN-kree-ay), one of the two harbor towns or ports for Corinth. Romans 16:1-2 tell us that Phoebe, a deacon/minister of the church in Cenchræe, is probably delivering Paul's letter to the addressees, and that she has been one of Paul's benefactors, as well as a strong leader of the church in Cenchræe. We do not know much more about Phoebe, or about this church in the suburbs of Corinth. We do know that Paul sailed back to Ephesus from Corinth, catching a boat out of the Corinthian harbor of Cenchræe (Acts 18:18).

I knew that the ruins of Cenchræe would not "wow" us. Most of them are underwater today, having sunken years ago in this earthquake-prone part of the world. I knew that the beach of Cenchræe was not developed for major tourism, that it did not have a bus-accommodating parking lot lined with a battalion of vendors of post-cards and ice cream. Even so, I wanted to get a sense of this region where Paul spent almost two years of his life, and where he began to write his treasured letters to early Christians.

So it was almost six o'clock in the evening when our mini-bus pulled off the major four-lane highway to Athens. We had had a full and strenuous day of sightseeing and walking, with an hour and a half ride back to Athens ahead of us. Still, I was holding out for a stop at Cenchræe, the site of Nothing Really Special.

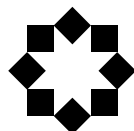
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St. James Events Calendar

July 2004

S U N

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Every Sunday:	
10:00am	Worship
12:30pm	Korean worship
7:00pm	AA

1
7:30 pm AA

2

3
10 am OA

4 Independence Day Communion	5 6 pm EDA	6 6:30am Prayer gr. 5pm Stewardship 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm Gender gr. 7:30pm Personnel	7	8 4pm Staff 7:30 pm AA	9	10 9 am – 1 pm Church Work Party 10 am OA
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11 11:30 am Dr. Rob Stoops program	12 6 pm EDA	13 6:30am Prayer gr. 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm Gender gr.	14 5:30 pm Weaver's Guild	15 7:30 pm AA	16	17 10 am OA
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18 11:15am Deacons 5:30 pm Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace, at Christ the Servant Lutheran	19 6 pm EDA	20 6:30am Prayer gr. 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm Gender gr.	21	22 7:30 pm AA	23	24 10 am OA
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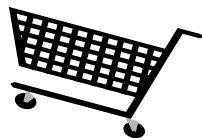
25 11 am All-Church Picnic, Fairhaven Park	26 6 pm EDA	27 6:30am Prayer gr. 10:30 am Bible study 12 pm Women's Assoc. luncheon 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm Gender gr.	28	29 7:30 pm AA	30	31 10 am OA
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St. James Events Calendar

August 2004

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
1 Communion Guest Preacher	2 6 pm EDA	3 Youth Mission Trip begins 6:30am Prayer gr. 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm Gender gr.	4	5 2 pm Membership 7:30 pm AA	6	7 10 am OA
8 11:30 am Worship Committee: yearly planning session	9 6 pm EDA	10 Youth Mission Trip ends 6:30am Prayer gr. 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm Gender gr.	11 5:30 pm Weaver's Guild	12 4 pm Staff 7:30 pm AA	13	14 9 am – 1 pm Church Work Party 10 am OA
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FOOD BANK!



Remember to bring canned food each Sunday for our Food Basket in the Narthex!

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The monthly prayer vigil for peace in the Middle East continues on the 18th day of each month at 5:30 p.m.

The next prayer vigils will be

Saturday, July 18
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Wednesday, August 18
Assumption Catholic Church

Come and join us in this important time of prayer!.

OFFERING UPDATE

FROM WENDY CRANDALL, TREASURER

Offering Update As of May 31st:

Year to date pledge income \$72,728
Budget based on Estimate of Giving \$77,330

Other offerings \$5,792
Budget amount \$8,952

For comparison purposes the corresponding figures for April were:

As of April 30th:

Year to date pledge income \$61,467
Budget based Estimate of Giving \$63,412

Other offerings \$4,610
Budget amount \$7,162

If you are interested in going to the

Peacemaking Conference

at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA, August 3-7, the Mission and Social Action committee is organizing a day-trip, with carpooling options.

If you would like to accompany them, please contact the church office for more information.



ST. JAMES PRAYER CHAIN/ E-MAIL TEAM

If you have a prayer request for the St. James Prayer Chain/E-mail Team

call Linda Monroe at 360-671-6594

or e-mail her at Lidale@aol.com

YOUTH NEWS

FROM NICK STAMPFLI, YOUTH DIRECTOR



I am proud to announce the youth that will be attending the 2004 Mission Trip to the Peacemaking Conference and the Hilltop Neighborhood, they are: **Jill and Stephen Bader, Erin Keyes, and Alex and Courtney Todd.** We look forward to our trip in August.

In June the youth group will begin its Summer Schedule. Look for more activities as we try to take advantage of this good weather. Regular Sunday night meetings will not take place in June. Instead, look for a picnic, a trip to Reedsport, and an activity with the youth group from Everett First Presbyterian Church.

Both of the youth groups from Everett and Reedsport will be joining us at the Peace and Justice conference and on our mission trip in the Hilltop. Please plan on participating, as these events offer us a unique chance for fellowship before we go on our trip.

As always, if you have any thoughts, questions or concerns about youth ministry here at Saint James, please don't hesitate to contact me.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- ⇒ **Fern Wibbens'** grandson, **Griffin Chamberlain** graduated from Burlington-Edison High School in Burlington June 4, 2004.
- ⇒ A note from **Jane Fraser**: "Dear St. James Pres.: Hope you are all doing well. I miss my choir friends, but am settling into my new life on the farm very well. I haven't had time to find a new church home as yet, but have been invited to Bethlehem Lutheran by friends, so will check them out. Please come by for a visit if you're down this way. My address is: 20059 Park Ridge Lane, Sedro Wolley and phone is 724-3052. Would love to see you and walk the property. Will be doing hay again this summer, but on my John Deere tractor! Hugs to all, Jane."
- ⇒ First-time grandparents **Judy & Walt Bayless** are proud to announce a new member of their family: **Cameron Guy Hughes**, born June 1 to **Allison & Corey Hughes**.

Please direct Church Family News to Pat Nelson, 738-9982.

THE OLYMPICS COME TO CHURCH!

Come hear a program by Dr. Rob Stoops of Western Washington University after worship on Sunday, July 11, 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided. Dr. Stoops will share with us some slides and information about the ancient Olympic games in Greece, and connect matters of faith with it. This will give you an interesting perspective on the modern Olympics in Athens this summer!

HOW TO REACH YOUR PASTOR

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Scripture Passages

for July & August
Worship Services

July 4

2 Kings 5:1-14
Luke 10:1-10, 16-20

July 11

Amos 7:7-17
Luke 10:25-37

July 18

Amos 8:1-12
Luke 10:38-42

July 25

Hosea 1:2-10
Luke 11:1-13



August 1

Hosea 11:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 8

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Luke 12:32-40

August 15

Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 12:49-56

August 22

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Luke 13:10-17

August 29

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Luke 14:7-14

July Birthdays

1	Milt Schayes
1	Jan Templeton
1	John Harter
2	Jo McLeod
3	Parker DeWilde
3	Doris Wade
4	Ingrid McGarry
4	Carolyn Mullen
5	Pat Nelson
7	Barbara Chalice
7	Inge Thurston
8	Helen Hartford
10	Bill Butler
10	Kari Todd
13	Dick Albers
14	Maverette Butler
15	Vanessa Hellinga
16	Karen Rogers
17	Mary Jo Case
17	Karen Harnden Haggen
18	Charlotte Burkland
18	Clyde Rice
20	Fran Titus
21	Gretchen Pfueller
21	Linda Raudebaugh
22	Nelle McClenahan
23	Dave Bader
23	Anne LaShell
24	Jack LaShell
25	Betsy Freeman
25	Ed Simmers
26	Bob Monahan
26	Jean Richardson
27	Steve Bader
30	Bryan Brink
31	Brian Seater

July Anniversaries

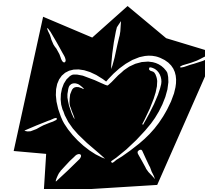
9	Jim & Jody DeWilde
10	Frances & Irwin LeCocq
16	Dave & Pat Nelson
20	Gale & Gretchen Pfueller
20	Glenn & Fran Titus

August Birthdays

2	Cathy Casey
5	Ev Bell
7	Morginn Brink
7	Sarah Haggen
7	Jeanne Uhles
8	Bernice Pritchett
8	Tina Von Bargaen
11	Peg Hamstreet
11	Tony Griffith
12	Wilma French
12	Ben Templeton
14	Jill McLeod
16	Megan Pfueller Melrose
19	Bill Read
23	Keena Mullen
24	Rick Seater
25	Mary van der Veen
27	Shirley Nelson
28	Marilyn Monahan
29	Harry Pagels

August Anniversaries

2	Richard & Carmen Hellinga
4	Kari & Terry Todd
6	Tim & Wendy Crandall
9	Jeff & Karen Haggen
13	Rick & Jean Seater
21	Dwayne & Karen Rogers
21	Jim & Carolyn Mullen
23	Gil & Inge Thurston
24	Gragg & Betty Miller
26	Mike & Akiko Anderson
26	Mark Danielson & Patty Cromarty
26	Dick & Kay Carr
27	Gus & Nancy Wagar
28	Dale & Linda Monroe



ALL – CHURCH PICNIC



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, July 25, 11 am – 2 pm** for the all-church picnic! Bring your favorite potluck dish to the **Fairhaven Park Pavilion** and enjoy the fun and fellowship. The Deacons will provide drinks, ice cream and hotdogs.

See you there!

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

Women’s Group Bible Study

10:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month in the Lounge (before the Women’s Luncheon)

July 27 & August 31

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Women’s Association Luncheon

Bring a friend if you like, and a salad to share. All women are invited for food, fun and fellowship, last Tuesday of every month at 12 pm!

July 27 & August 31

Questions? Please call Phyllis Jones, 734-4504

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with children? The Interfaith Community Health Center is looking for volunteer readers for their Reach Out and Read program. The mission of this program is to make literacy a standard part of pediatric primary care, so that children grow up with books and a love of reading. The health center is looking for volunteers who will read aloud to children in the waiting room, modeling to parents and children the techniques and pleasures of looking at books together. Training will be provided.

If you are available an hour a week, please contact Kristi Andres at the Interfaith Clinic, 676-6177, ext. 152, or email her at kristi_andres@interfaithchc.org.

The Interfaith Coalition also coordinates an ongoing collection of gently-used children's books that are distributed to kids at the Interfaith Community Health Center. If you have book donations, please call Interfaith at 734-3983.

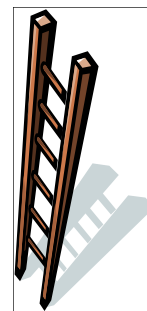
The monthly all church clean-up landscaping ~ fix-it ~ workday will be

Saturdays,

**July 10
&
August 14**

9am - 1pm

Just as there are summer projects and chores at home, so there are at church!



Bring your favorite tools, and join us in maintaining our lovely church.



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Summer Worship Schedule:
From June 6 ~ September 5, Worship is at 10:00 am



Maverette Butler
Margaret de Maine
Marion Dobbie
Pat Nelson
Helen Paulsen
Mel Reasoner
Margaret Rice
Marge Thorson
Inge Thurston

WORSHIP TAPES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN.

Our morning worship service is audio-taped each Sunday.
If you know of anyone who would like a copy of any recent service, please check one out in the church library.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

Four reserved (handicapped) parking spaces are designated in our front, 14th Street parking area. In addition to these designated spaces, we would like to save all of the 14th Street parking on Sunday mornings during the Worship Service for those who need level access and our first-time visitors. If you have no difficulty climbing stairs, please use the lower parking area or the Lowell playground lot. The Lowell lot is accessed off of Taylor between 14th and 15th. There is a stairway down to 14th at the south end of the area.

***The Pulse* is published once per month, with the exception of the combined July/August issue.**

Articles and announcements for the next issue must be **received** in the church office no later than Wednesday, **August 11, 2004**. That issue will be mailed Thursday, **August 19**. If you have something that you would like considered for publication, call the church office at 360-733-1325, e-mail stjpres@msn.com, put it in *The Pulse* box near the church office or mail it to St. James Presbyterian Church, 910 14th Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.