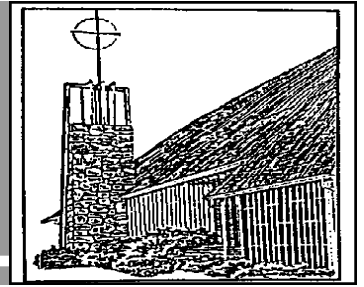


# The Pulse



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARY ROBINSON-MOHR

Volume 39, Issue 7  
July & August 2007

Summer is a time to be on the go. Northwesterners especially like to be out enjoying the scenery and outdoor opportunities that our area provides. I mused upon life in the “None Zone” in my last newsletter article, that is, the reputation that our area has for the most people that check “none” on any form that asks for religious preference. Lots of our folks use their Sundays to be outdoors, and consequently, we have a high number of unchurched people in our communities.

So let’s take that discussion in a different though related direction. Let’s talk about evangelism.

Oh no, not the “E” word. I know, Presbyterians tend to groan and make excuses why they are not good evangelists. “Oh, are we talking about evangelism in our class this morning? I just remembered I have to go home and ...alphabetize my spices.”

Quite honestly, a lot of evangelistic methods have lacked integrity and respect. No one is going to present Christianity in an attractive way to others without these two essential ingredients. If the approach to sharing faith begins with an understanding like, “Well, I’m right because I have the God of Truth on my side, and this other person doesn’t,” then it will end up as a pompous, stubborn, and one-sided argument. It does not give credit to the other party for being a thinking person with good questions and insights. It does not show that person how the God of Truth may already be nudging that person’s thoughts and already actively part of that person’s life. It does not allow you to say, “My goodness, I never thought about that. Here’s an opportunity for me to grow in my faith as I consider your question.” Most of all, such a method does not begin from a point of caring about the other as God cares for him or her.

If evangelism is limited to knocking on doors and giving people pamphlets, then how does it reveal the God of Creation as anything other than a pesky vacuum cleaner sales person? If evangelism is shouting Scripture in a manner that is laden with guilt and condemnation, then how is faith seen as anything other than a manipulation of emotions? Such a manipulation can also be predatory, using the misfortune of persons wracked with grief, or in the grip of a hopeless illness, or at a point where their own judgment is unbalanced, to entrap them into being used by others, either to give unwarranted financial support to a ministry, or to follow a preacher without question. And how, I ask, does that reveal and glorify the love of God, the ministry of Jesus Christ, or the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

I think Presbyterians can be wonderful evangelists, simply because they don’t want to be evangelists in the ways I’ve illustrated above. Simply ask yourself, “How will I live out the unexpected love of God, shown in Jesus Christ? How will I embody and give flesh to the work of the Holy Spirit?” The rest of the role of

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONT.**

evangelist will fall into place if you keep these things foremost.

As you come and go throughout another busy summer, may your going be with this benediction, shared by Bobbi Wells Hargleroad (yes, Matt H.'s mom!) in the last issue of "Church and Society" magazine. It is part of a benediction shared by Hal Warheim, a retiring professor at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

*Because the world is poor and starving, go with bread.*

*Because the world is filled with fear, go with courage.*

*Because the world is in despair, go with hope.*

*Because the world is living lies, go with truth.*

*Because the world is sick with sorrow, go with joy.*

*Because the world is weary of wars, go with peace.*

*Because the world is seldom fair, go with justice.*

*Because the world is under judgment, go with mercy.*

*Because the world will die without it, go with love.*

And as you go about your summer, and as you go wherever you go as one of Christ's own, know that you do not go alone.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mary

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**PASTOR MARY'S UPDATE**

Well, the steroid treatment that I had in the nerves of my neck vertebrae last May apparently didn't work as hoped. The migraines did not let up at all in their frequency following that procedure. After reviewing my headache log for the last 27 days, I have had to take a Zomig pill to stop the onset of a migraine 29 times. Zomig works pretty well to control migraine pain for me. I don't like taking so much, however. I can't take more than two every 24 hours, and if I accidentally do, I'm supposed to get to a hospital emergency room or call a poison center. In addition to that, I can't take any kind of pain medicine for other things while I am taking Zomig, so the pain related to the pinched nerves in my neck just has to not bug me. It kinda pales compared to migraine pain, anyway.

The left side numbness and pain that I have had related to that problem did improve, however, so perhaps a surgery to repair the bone deterioration in my neck will be on the horizon, or perhaps not. Other than that, there isn't much news to report. I really appreciate more than words can express your words of concern and your prayers. I have to admit this last month has been discouraging, and I am sure it is your prayers that keep me smiling!

With gratitude for your prayers,  
Pastor Mary

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PASTOR TAM, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTER**
**Kral's Scrawls**

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve your congregation as your Interim C.E. Minister. I'm very happy to join the St. James family. I've spent my first few weeks trying to put names to faces (yeah, that'll take awhile), locating EVERYTHING in the church (OK, I'm happy 'cause I know where to put my Diet Coke), learning your traditions and schedules, and trying to fill Margaret's shoes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any special interests or requests, would like to volunteer to help with any of our activities, or you just want to introduce yourself. Thus far, I've learned that you are a supportive, healthy, happy, enthusiastic congregation. And the view can't be beat. (No, Bill, I'm not looking out the window. I'm working. I promise!) May God guide us and bless us as we get to know each other and work together to spread God's word and follow Christ's teachings.

- Pastor Tam

**SUMMERTIME MEANS BASEBALL...**

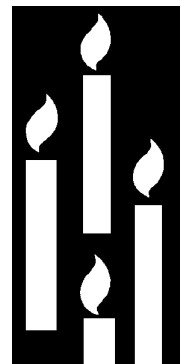
Attention all middle school and high school youth: We're going to the Bellingham Bells game on Sun., July 15. We'll meet in front of Joe Martin Stadium (2200 Orleans Street) at 4:45 p.m., to get our tickets for the 5 p.m. game. Bring money for snacks, games, and/or souvenirs. Be sure to have your folks fill out a permission slip and either bring it to the game or give it to Pastor Tam at church beforehand. (Chaperones are needed. Parents, grandparents and interested friends should talk to Tamalyn as soon as possible. Thanks.)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

Attention Adults: Watch our church website for the upcoming Background and Reflection pages from our adult Sunday School curriculum. This page is provided by Seasons of the Spirit and will help you prepare for our Sunday School classroom discussion and Sunday morning worship. The lessons give introductory and thought provoking information on the lectionary scriptures for each week, which are the same scriptures that we use in worship. You'll find the lessons at <http://saintjamespres.org/>.

**ACOLYTES STILL NEEDED FROM PASTOR TAM**

We still need some folks to sign-up to serve as acolytes each Sunday morning. This is a simple, yet beautiful symbolic tradition that enhances our worship. And, you can do it in a matter of minutes. Please sign-up on the chart next to the flower chart or talk to Pastor Tam if you have any questions or would like to be included in our acolyte schedule.



**Sunday schedule**

9 am Adult Class  
**10:00 am Worship**  
 7 pm AA

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22 <b>11:30 am All Parish Picnic @ Fairhaven Park</b>	23	24 8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	25 6 pm A
29	30	31 8 am Prayer Group 12 pm Women's Association luncheon 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	

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4 AA Men	5 7:30 pm AA	6	7 10 am OA
11 AA Men	12 7:30 pm AA	13 6 pm Prime Timers	14 9 ~ 12 Church Work Party 10 am OA
18 Prayer Vigil for Peace (Garden Methodist) AA Men	19 7:30 pm AA	20 6:30 pm Women's Agape Night	21 10 am OA
25 AA Men	26 7:30 pm AA	27 6 pm Friday Night Social	28 10 am OA

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## ST. JAMES PRAYER CHAIN~ UPDATE!

If you have a prayer request for the St. James Prayer Chain/E-mail Team call **Ann Lary** at 734-7534, or e-mail at <rex-ann@webtv.net>



### TREASURER'S REPORT      SALLY ALBERS

We are now half-way through the year so it seems an appropriate time to compare 2007 financials to last year. Despite increases in nearly all our utilities, our total operating expenses are slightly under those of June 2006: \$98,065 compared to \$98,342. Our income year-to-date is, however, running 7% below last year: \$88,573 versus \$95,702. So the general fund for covering church operating expenses is currently \$3,300 in the hole having used up all of last year's surplus of \$6190. Summer expenses are usually lower, so if you continue to support church operations with your pledges and other contributions during July and August we can expect an improvement by September.

Fortunately St. James Presbyterian has been blessed with many generous members both past and present. Our 3 endowments (for Facilities, Music, and Christian Ed/Youth) have earned over \$50,000 in the first 5 months of 2007. Because of their planning for our future, we have resources for major projects that are outside the scope of our normal operating budget. We are meeting all our financial obligations and expect to continue doing so. But there is no upper limit on the money that could be thoughtfully, prayerfully put to good use through the church.

The new Growth Planning Task Force is envisioning how we can better share our faith, and concern with social justice, with the wider community. It is an exciting time for all of us – be sure to support these individuals as they discern God's will for St. James.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

### On Earth

### As It Is in Heaven

**A five-day course this summer with your friends at Tierra Nueva!**

**Sunday, July 8—  
Thurs, July 12, 2007**

At Tierra Nueva, we long for the Gospel that has the power to save, heal, deliver, and transform.



Do you desire greater empowerment for your life and ministry? Do you feel a need for greater clarity about what it means to announce and experience the Kingdom of God (on earth as in heaven) here and now?

Our five days together will be grounded in worship, Bible study, contemplative prayer, community meals and dialogue.

We will visit area farm worker labor camps and talk with farm workers, growers, ex-offenders and homeless people. There will also be time to receive personal ministry.

#### Schedule

The course begins Sunday, July 8, with a soup meal at 5:30 pm, followed by a bilingual worship service. From Monday July 9—Thursday July 12, we will enjoy three daily sessions: 10:00a; 2:00p; and 7:00p

The cost for this dynamic five-day course is **\$145.00** individual / **\$165.00** couple. Advance registration required.

Visit our website for complete information, [www.tierra-nueva.org](http://www.tierra-nueva.org), or call 360-755-5299 to register and pay by phone.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**July 26 & August 31**

**12 noon Salad Potluck Luncheon (in the Horizon Room)**

Bring a friend, and a salad to share!

**The 10:30 am Bible Study will resume September 25.**

*Questions? Please call Phyllis Jones, 734-4504*

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Please join in an ecumenical prayer vigil for the Christian communities in Jerusalem, for all those who are suffering in the Holy Land, for Palestinians and Israelis, and for peace in the Middle East.

All are welcome!

**Wednesday, July 18, 5:30 pm**

Garden Street Methodist Church

**Saturday, August 18, 5:30 pm**

*location to be determined*



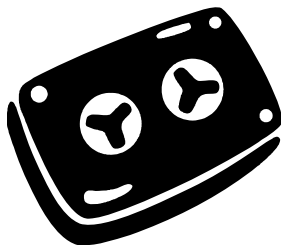
**SUNDAY MORNING PARKING**



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.

**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 the church library.



**MONTHLY CHURCH WORK PARTY**

Summer has arrived!

Please join us for the monthly all-church clean-up ~ landscaping ~ fix-it ~ workday:

**Saturdays**

**July 14 & August 11: 9 am—12 pm**

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



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**July Birthdays**

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- 1 Milt Schayes
- 1 Jan Templeton
- 2 Jo McLeod
- 3 Parker DeWilde
- 4 Carolyn Mullen
- 5 Pat Nelson
- 7 Barbara Chalice
- 7 Inge Thurston
- 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
- 20 Fran Titus
- 21 Gretchen Pfueller
- 21 Linda Raudebaugh
- 21 Jeffrey Law
- 22 Laura Cheifetz
- 23 Dave Bader
- 25 Betsy Freeman
- 25 Ed Simmers
- 26 Bob Monahan
- 26 Jean Richardson
- 27 Steve Bader
- 31 Brian Seater

**July Anniversaries**

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- 9 Jim & Jody DeWilde
- 16 Dave & Pat Nelson
- 20 Gale & Gretchen Pfueller
- 20 Glenn & Fran Titus

**August Birthdays**

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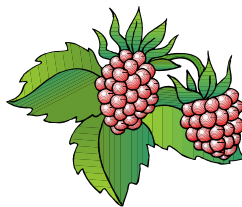
- 5 Ev Bell
- 5 Gary Culbertson
- 6 Susan Snyder
- 7 Sarah Haggen
- 7 Jeanne Uhles
- 8 Bernice Pritchett
- 11 Tony Griffith
- 12 Wilma French
- 14 Jill McLeod
- 16 Megan Pfueller Melrose
- 19 Bill Read
- 23 Keena Mullen
- 24 Rick Seater
- 25 Mary van der Veen
- 28 Marilyn Monahan



**August Anniversaries**

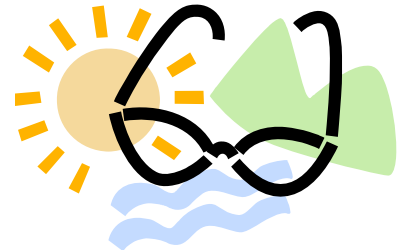
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- 2 Richard & Carmen Hellinga
- 4 Kari & Terry Todd
- 6 Tim & Wendy Crandall
- 9 Jeff & Karen Haggen
- 13 Rick & Jean Seater
- 21 Dwayne & Karen Rogers
- 21 Jim & Carolyn Mullen
- 23 Gil & Inge Thurston
- 24 Gragg & Betty Miller
- 26 Mike & Akiko Anderson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



**HAPPY SUMMER!**

The next meeting of the Session will be August 19, 2007 at 7 p.m. There will not be a July Session meeting. Enjoy time in the sun and with friends and family!



**CHURCH PICNIC**

Our Church Picnic will be July 22 in Fairhaven Park, at the pavilion by the main gate. It is a potluck; the deacons are supplying hot dogs, buns, ice cream and toppings.

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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- Grandparents Gus and Nancy Wagar and Great grandfather Earl VanderWerff celebrate the arrival of Nicholas Jason Lamonica on June 13. His parents are Jenny and Joseph Lamonica and he has an older brother, Anthony, who is two and a half.
- Hey, Kids! Have you ever been to summer camp? Have you ever walked through the trees and heard God talking to you? Have you ever watched a sunset and seen God's hand at work? If you've been to camp before, you'll want to go again. If you've never been, the time is now. Tall Timber Ranch offers something for everyone. If you need more information, please talk to Pastor Tamalyn or check one of the Tall Timber brochures or [www.talltimber.org](http://www.talltimber.org). Check your calendars and start packing:
  - Primary (entering grades 2 – 4), July 22-25, \$135
  - Junior Camp 1 (entering grades 4 – 6), July 8-13, \$225
  - Junior Camp 2 (entering grades 4-6), July 15-20, \$225
  - Junior High Camp (entering grades 6 – 8), July 29-Aug. 4, \$265
  - Senior High Conference (entering grades 9 – 12), Aug. 5-11, \$265

*If you have news you would like to share with the St. James family, please submit it to the church office by the next newsletter deadline.*

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## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW YOUTH LEADER!

St. James is looking for an energetic person with a love of youth, strong sense of Christian faith and an appreciation for Presbyterian worship and ministry. This position involves encouraging the spiritual and social development of middle and high school youth in our church community while working collaboratively with parents and church groups. Interested? Submit your resume with references to St. James by July 11. The position begins September 1, 2007.

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## MUSIC NOTES CAROLYN MULLEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

### Many Thanks to our St. James Musicians for another wonderful year of music!

#### Chancel Choir members:

Sopranos: Susan Burkland, Julie Keyes, Jenny Sue LeSchander, Cheryl McCormick, Carla Shafer

Altos: Ann Culbertson, Jody DeWilde, Ann Lary, Pat Nelson, Janet Oakley, Jan Resick

Tenors: Bruce Kraig, Dave Nelson, Nancy Hamilton, Paul Hinkle

Basses: John Dobbie, Bob Harnden, Craig Keyes, Rex Lary, Earl VanDerWerff

Kirsten Rutschman: organist / pianist

#### Bell Choir 2006/ 2007:

Sophie Burkland, Charlotte Burkland, Liam DeWilde, Jody DeWilde, Brian Hoffman, Michael Hoffman, Jenny Sue LeSchander, Keena Mullen, Zach Mullen

The Saint James Handbells have gone on vacation to be refurbished at Jeffers Handbell Supply in South Carolina. They will be repaired, shined, polished, and ready for a new handbell season in September. We're always looking for new ringers—think about it this summer and join us for rehearsal on September 13!



*Thanks to  
the Pulse  
Mailing  
Crew*

Maverette Butler  
Marion Dobbie  
Mary Elmslie  
Dottie Hager  
Pat Nelson  
Mel Reasoner  
Margaret Rice  
Inge Thurston

*Deadline for the September issue:  
August 21*

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