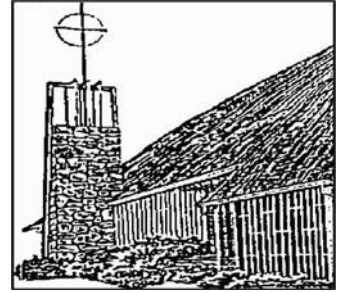


# The Pulse



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARY ROBINSON-MOHR

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July & August 2008

In my “Pastor’s Page” of last month’s Pulse newsletter, I asked all of you, “How can you as an individual reflect the light of Christ to the world around you? How do we make a difference in Whatcom County? What exactly is our core identity?” I reflected upon those things a bit in my newsletter article. Then, while leafing through a magazine, I read a reference to Robert Coles, and I remembered a lecture that he gave on the campus of my seminary while I was a student. I think it is a wonderful reminder that often children can help us understand how Christians need to bring a different type of living to our world.

Robert Coles is a distinguished child psychiatrist. The topic of his lecture had something to do with not assuming individuals will behave predictably, and to be open to God working uniquely with each person. He told us the story of what is perhaps one of his most famous cases. Here, in the magazine that I read recently so many years later, he was retelling that same story, saying that it was this case that was responsible for his conversion to social concerns.

Way back in the 1950s, Robert Coles went to Biloxi, Mississippi to help African American children live through the trauma of integrating into white schools. Ruby, a little girl in first grade, was the first black child to help desegregate her public school in Biloxi, all by herself. Every day Ruby would walk to school guarded by Federal Marshals who escorted her through an angry mob of protestors. A large car with the marshals would pull up in front of the school, and two large marshals, each large and substantial men, would take this tiny little slip of a girl into the school among all the shouting, the waving signs, the sneering, the name-calling, etc.

Dr. Coles was concerned about Ruby, and about the effect all this hatred would have on the rest of her life. As a psychiatrist, he anticipated she would have trouble eating, trouble sleeping, trouble having a “normal” routine. Every day he interviewed her, and he would ask, “Ruby, how are you sleeping?” “Fine,” she replied. “Then I’ll bet you aren’t eating very well, are you?” he would say. “I’m eating just fine,” she would respond. He asked a number of things, and her answer was basically, “I’m doing fine.”

Surely this couldn’t be accurate, he thought. So he began to interview Ruby’s mother. “How is Ruby doing?” “She’s doing fine,” the mother stated. “No, really,” he pursued. “Is she having nightmares, or upset stomach?” “No, she’s doing fine,” said the mother.

Dr. Coles went on to interview Ruby’s teacher, asking if there was anything unusual in her school performance or behavior. “No, she’s doing fine,” the teacher responded.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever. Psalm 104

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...**

Everybody said Ruby was just fine! Until one day. The teacher reported to Dr. Coles, "I've noticed that Ruby seems to be talking to herself when she walks through that angry mob."

So Dr. Coles asked Ruby what she was saying as she walked through that angry, hate-filled mob every morning. She replied, "I pray for them. I say what Jesus said: 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing.'"

Faith like that is the kind of faith that can change the world!

And just in case you think that Ruby was postponing her trauma until later in life, one of my classmates at seminary asked Dr. Coles what Ruby was now doing as an adult. "Well, she's been married for a while and has a couple of children. She has a very responsible job in an office. She's very well-adjusted, and has a very normal life. She's...well, she's fine!"

May God lead you into new ways of bringing Good News to the world through your words and your actions. Amen!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mary

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**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

*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, August 19th.*

Dear St. James Friends,

I want to thank you for all the cards and letters my family & I received after the passing of Richard, my beloved husband of 50 years. You are all so very thoughtful.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Elmslie

Dear St. James,

Thank you so very much for the baby shower on May 25 for Abraham! David, my mother and I had such a lovely time (as did Abey baby, but I think he was unconscious for most of it!) The food that the Congregational Life committee prepared was wonderful, and the fellowship and love that you all shared with our family was priceless. We are truly blessed to be part of the St. James family. Many thanks. Renee & David Meyer

Dear St. James,

I want to share my gratitude with you for having had the honor of being your secretary for the last few years. With the birth of our son, Abraham, in April, I have resigned from this position. It was my pleasure to help keep the office workings of the church under control. I loved working with the other staff at St. James, and the many members of Session and Deacons over the years. Thanks for the memories, and I'll be seeing you on Sundays!

Love, Renee Meyer

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**YOUTH NEWS** TARA GIDDENS, YOUTH LEADER

“Friends in need”

Tara Giddens

It was the first day of kindergarten. The smell of Playdough and “classroom” mixed together and kids slowly began to come into the room. I had already been there for awhile and staked my claim on a box of toy zoo animals. As I sat on the floor, a little girl with blonde curly hair asked if she could play with me. Saying yes has been one of my best decisions yet; 17 years later Kelsey is still one of my best friends.

Over the years one of the most valuable lessons I have learned is how important a good friend is. Somebody you know you can trust and always turn to when things are not going so well. There are many examples of beautiful friendships in the bible from David and Jonathan to Ruth and Naomi. A good friend should not be taken lightly and Proverbs even implies that they are better than family (or at least your brother).

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” Proverbs 17:17

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24

If we look past the animosity toward brothers and sisters there really is a nice message. It is important to cherish the friends in our lives and to let them know how much they are appreciated. What better day to do that than on Friendship Day which is on the first Sunday of every August (it will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> this year). Take time to remind your special friends how much you care by taking them out to lunch, giving them flowers, or maybe just giving them a call. I wanted to finish with a few nice quotes I found about friendship. I hope everyone has a great summer and I will see you all in September!

“It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business.” Mohandas K. Gandhi

"The world would be so lonely, in sunny hours or gray. Without the gift of friendship, to help us every day." Hilda Brett Farr

“Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.” Elie Wiesel

“The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart.” Elizabeth Foley

“A true friend is the most precious of all possessions and the one we take the least thought about acquiring.” La Rochefoucauld

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**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

**NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**TUESDAY—FRIDAY**  
**9 AM-2 PM**

*Welcome!*

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## Kral's Scrawls - A Wonderful Weekend

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THE REV. TAMALYN KRALMAN

In my backpack I have the brochure for the Bigfork Summer Playhouse. Bigfork, Montana is a cute, little town on the east shore of Flathead Lake and their Playhouse has the best summer stock theatre you can ever hope to attend. Every year they put on a group of outstanding plays and every year I know I'll want to buy tickets. In the spring they send out the brochures, two to our house, because my husband and I are both on the list, and I have to start agonizing. Oh, no, which shows will I choose? And Gary's no help. None whatsoever. He just says, "I know you'll want to see this." And he's usually right. I do. And I want to see that and that and that. So, which shows will I choose? Because we obviously can't see everything.

There are so many amazing choices in life. So many good things calling to us, pulling at us. Which will we choose?

Living in Whatcom County we know all about difficult choices. Talk about options. For many of us, that's why we live here. We love the many, many opportunities. Culture, nature, education. It's all here. That's why we're here. We love the choices.

But, what about on Sunday morning? You know exactly what I would choose for you. I'd choose for you to wake up with a smile on your face, come to our adult Bible Study in the lounge, then come to worship. Your kids would come to Sunday School (or Children's Activity Time, in the summer months). That would be my choice. But, is it yours? Sometimes. And when it's not? Should you come here out of guilt? Well, it's probably better to be here out of love. And practicality. So, let's look at it this way...

Sometimes you will have other obligations on a Sunday morning, and you cannot be here. You should live up to your obligations. Sometimes you will have opportunities that will not come up again. I don't think even God would be angry with you for taking advantage of those opportunities. But USUALLY, you can reschedule things and come to church first. God will smile. You will smile. Your mind will grow. Your spirit will grow. You'll know you made a good choice.

Now, as for the Playhouse...hmmm, I just can't decide!

Peace,  
Pastor Tam



### **St. James Summer Fun Nights**

Friday July 11, 7 p.m. at Joe Martin Field

#### **Bellingham Bells**

Tickets: \$6 general admission, \$5 seniors 55 & up and kids 12 & under

AND

Saturday, August 16, 7 p.m. on the Village Green

Come hear Sherman Alexie,

author of *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*,

the book on which the movie "Smoke Signals" was based,

and see his new movie,

**"The Business of Fancydancing"**

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## TREASURER'S REPORT SALLY ALBERS

This "July-August" Pulse has a deadline of June 17, so my data for the half-year is incomplete as we go to press. Nonetheless I am confident that we are in good shape for the summer months. Our income through May was substantially above each of the last two years. Our general fund income in June (with 2 Sundays yet to go) already exceeds the total contributed during June of 2007. All of St. James activities and mission benefit from your open-hearted generosity.

Operating expenses, of course, are also up. We have actual expenditures of \$93,000 so far this year and that will rise to \$106,000 by the end of June. This will leave the general funds available for our leaner summer months at approximately \$8,000. Many of you were conscientious stewards in mailing your pledges in while on vacation last year. What a pleasure it is to open envelopes with checks, rather than bills!

Some major improvements have been made to the building recently, funded by our facilities endowment. Jack Drury reported complete satisfaction with Bakerview Constructions' work on replacing our siding on the South end of the building. The job was done on time, within budget, and the grounds were tidy at each end of day. We are still planning some interior improvements – notably replacing worn carpets in some of the offices.

In addition to caring for the building, various members of the congregation have contributed their time and money in making the world a better place. Among additional offerings, I selected the following as inspirational:

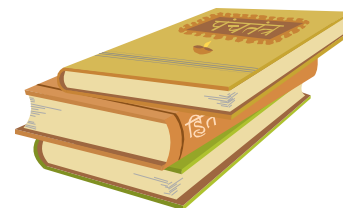
Pentecost	\$1,825	Food Bank (pass throughs)	250
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,930	SouperBowl	368
Iraqi Refugee kits/shipped	3,062	Dinner for Damascus (net)	560

It is an exciting time to be your treasurer!

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## Check It Out!

St. James Library News



This issue highlights three engaging new books:

**Failing America's Faithful: How Today's Churches are Mixing God with Politics and Losing Their Way**, by Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

"A must-read book for anyone interested in the vital intersection of faith and politics. Kathleen's unique insight comes from her extensive experience in the corridors of power, both inside and outside of government, as well as her own personal story of faith and her family's commitment to social justice. Above all, she understands that God is personal but never private. I highly recommend this book for anyone who wants to understand the future of religion and politics in America."--Jim Wallis, author of *God's Politics*.

**Globalization At What Price?: Economic Change and Daily Life**, by Pamela K. Brubaker – From the Introduction, "This book examines the ways that globalization affects our daily lives and the lives of others, the ethical questions that the global economy raises, and the resources that Christian faith offers to equip people to work for economic justice."

**A Greener Faith: Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet's Future**, by Roger S. Gottlieb. "Roger S. Gottlieb has written a seminal book examining the emerging debate on environmental ethics among the world's great faith traditions and what that means for the future of environmental stewardship."—Carl Pope, Executive Director, The Sierra Club.

*Check it out!*

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# July 2008

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**SUNDAY MORNING  
FAMILY BREAKFASTS**



Feeling rushed on Sunday mornings? Would you like to begin worship feeling peaceful and relaxed instead? Congregational Life invites you to enjoy food and

fellowship at Church Family Breakfast, served buffet-style from 9:00 to 10:00 every Sunday morning!

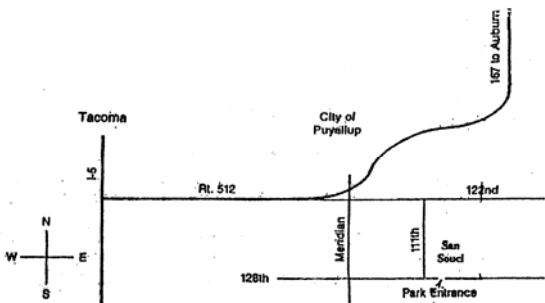


**INVITATION**

FROM WAYNE KELLER

Pre-Invitation  
to the  
Celebration of Life Memorial  
for  
Wayne H. Keller

May 22, 2010  
2nd Saturday after Mother's Day  
Sansouci Mobile Home Part  
11209 127th St. E.  
Puyallup, WA 98374



2:00pm-5:00pm  
Program at 2:30pm

*Please bring a plate of veggies, fruit or dessert. Drinks will be provided.  
Gifts to your favorite charity.  
Bring a carload!*

For more information call 253.841.3093.

**JUNE 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
- 21 Gretchen Pfueller
- 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

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

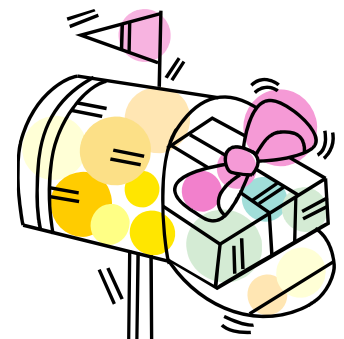
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- 5 Evelyn Bell
- 5 Gary Culbertson
- 6 Susan Snyder
- 7 Sarah Haggen
- 7 Jeanne Uhles
- 8 Bernice Pritchett
- 11 Tony Griffith
- 12 Wilma French
- 14 Jill McLeod
- 16 Megan Pfueller Melrose
- 19 Bill Read
- 23 Keena Mullen
- 24 Rick Seater
- 25 Mary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

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

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- 2 Richard & Carmen Hellinga
- 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
- 24 Dick & Marilyn Madden
- 26 Mike & Akiko Anderson
- 26 Mark Danielson & Patty Cromarty



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## MONTHLY CHURCH WORK PARTY ~ IS SUMMER HERE YET?!

Please join us for the monthly all-church clean-up ~ landscaping ~ fix-it ~ workday on  
**Saturday, July 12th from 9am—12pm and**  
**Saturday, August 9th from 9am-12pm**  
 Bring your favorite tools, and join us in maintaining our lovely church!

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## PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Bellingham faith communities continue the monthly prayer vigils for peace in the Middle East, which were started in December 2000 at the initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and organized nationally by Churches for Middle East Peace.

Participating congregations thereby can incorporate the welfare of the people of the Middle East into their Church life and advocacy.

The July prayer vigil will be at 5:30pm on Friday, July 18th at United Church of Ferndale. The August prayer vigil will be at 5:30pm on Monday, August 18th at the Assumption Catholic Church in Bellingham. *All are welcome!*




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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF ST. JAMES



This summer, the Presbyterian Women of St. James will be gathering on the last Tuesdays of the month for a potluck salad luncheon. Please join us at 12:00pm in the Horizon Room on:

**Tuesday, July 29 & Tuesday, August 26th**

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Jones at 734-4504.

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### Ad Hoc Craft Group and Bazaar Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th

10:00am in the Horizon Room

*Come with enthusiasm and lots of ideas! All are welcome!*

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## PRIME TIMERS

**Prime Timers meet Friday, July 11th & Friday, August 8th at 12noon**

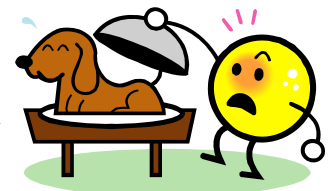
Questions? Call Phyllis Jones at 734-4504. Join us!

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## FROM PASTOR TAM, WITH LOVE FOR YOUR FURRY FRIENDS!

Never leave your dog in a closed car, even on a mild day. Temperatures in cars can rise quickly even if the windows are open slightly. The heat and insufficient air circulation can quickly lead to heat stress, suffocation and death.

Confinement in a car or any other poorly ventilated enclosure can be fatal to your dog. One study reports that when the outside temperature is 78°F, a closed car will reach 90°F in five minutes, and 110°F in 25 minutes. [www.purina.com](http://www.purina.com)



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“TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH, JESUS LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND BLESSED AND BROKE THE LOAVES AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES TO SET BEFORE THE PEOPLE; AND HE DIVIDED THE TWO FISH AMONG THEM ALL. AND ALL ATE AND WERE FILLED.” -MARK 6:41-42

### **Bread for the World's Offering of Letters Campaign**

Thank you to all those who wrote letters!

#### **Hunger Facts**

More than 854 million people in the world go hungry.

In developing countries nearly 16 million children die every year from preventable and treatable causes. Sixty percent of these deaths are from hunger and malnutrition.

In the United States, 11.7 million children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less to make ends meet. That means one in ten households in the U.S. are living with hunger or are at risk of hunger.

#### **But we CAN end hunger.**

We have the means. The financial costs to end hunger are relatively slight. The United Nations Development Program estimates that the basic health and nutrition needs of the world's poorest people could be met for an additional \$13 billion a year. Animal lovers in the United States and Europe spend more than that on pet food each year.'

What makes the difference between millions of hungry people and a world where all are fed?

Only a change in priorities. Only the will to end hunger.



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

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### **2008 PRESBYTERIAN PEACE CONFERENCE**

"Sowing mustard seeds; working for God's Justice-confronting poverty" on July 15-19; Chapman University, Orange, CA. Details of the conference are posted at [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/conference/2008.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/conference/2008.htm). Keynote speakers: Anuradha Mittal, The Oakland Institute; Roberto Jordan, Reformed Churches in Argentina; Lisa Schirch, Professor of Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University. The conference includes worship, music, group activities for all ages.

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**WORSHIP AND MUSIC** DIRECTOR CAROLYN MULLEN

News from the Worship Committee:

The Worship Committee held their yearly planning meeting June 7. In addition to the regular calendar items, they discussed our worship services, our outreach through our worship, and ideas to renew our worship.

As part of their discussion, our worship order at St. James will be just a bit different in the months of July and August. Nothing has been removed, just moved around a bit. We will have the Offering directly following the Assurance of Pardon and Celebration of God's Forgiveness. Thus our offerings are given as part of our response to God's grace. The Passing of the Peace will move to the end of the worship service, after the benediction, that we may share Christ's love with each other as we move to our everyday lives.

These changes are on a trial basis. The Worship Committee will review and evaluate these changes at our August meeting to determine if they should be continued or modified.



**Let's have a Hymn Sing Sunday!**

**July 27 and August 31 will be our Hymn Sing Sundays this summer. Watch your bulletin to register your favorite hymn. You can include comments we will read aloud about your favorite hymn, or you can volunteer to share comments just before we sing your hymn during the worship service.**

**VOLUNTEERS!** Have fun and be a part the Sunday Service!

Sign up today to be a Greeter, an Usher or a Lector. See the red notebook in the Horizon room - there are plenty of Sundays available!

**Share your beautiful garden flowers this summer.**

The Flower sign-up chart in the Hallway opposite the Lounge has many empty spots on summer dates! Please sign up today if you could donate flowers. If you have a dedication or special occasion, note it on the chart or call Secretary Natasha at 733-1325 to have that information included in the Sunday bulletin.



*"Thanks!" from the Flower Committee*

Thanks to the  
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Summer Sunday Schedule  
9am Adult Class  
9-10am Family Breakfast  
**Sunday Worship 10:00am**

Summer Office Hours  
Tuesday—Friday  
9:00am-2:00pm

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