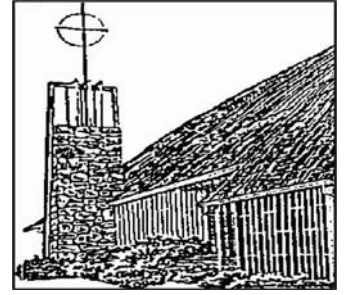


June Issue!

The Pulse



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERRY POOLE

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Friends:

I'm excited about life at St James this month. We are receiving more sunshine (alright, I know that June can bring cloudy skies and cool days, but maybe this one will be different) and the approaching summer reminds us to capture some time for refreshment, renewal, reflection and play.

I'm especially glad because this month I'm starting a preaching series on the gospel of Mark. For sixteen Sundays we'll explore this important account of Jesus' life and teaching. Scholars believe this gospel was written by John Mark, son of Mary who is mentioned in Acts 12:12. John Mark was a companion of Peter, and was his interpreter. Much investigative work has been done to establish the date of his manuscript. The best estimate is that John Mark wrote the book in about 65 AD prior to the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 70. Mark's is the shortest of the gospel accounts, with only sixteen chapters. One characteristic is his use of the sandwich technique (probably not what you think!). We'll learn about that as we progress. Jim Edwards says: "Jesus is the uncontested subject of the gospel of Mark and he is portrayed as a man of action. Jesus' response to various persons and situations - and their response to him - is not at all what readers anticipate." This series begins on June 14. I invite you to prepare for it by reading this short book with me this summer.

We have some other important opportunities this month. Our Vacation Church School takes place June 22-26. Please pray with me that the children who can benefit from this faith enhancing time will be present.

Last month I wrote about St. James' early steps toward appointing a team to lead the mission study, which is the first project on the road toward electing a pastor nominating committee which will bring you the church's next permanent pastor. Our session has elected its representatives and the others will be selected within a few days. Please pray for them and be ready to assist them in their important work. Trying to do high quality church work in the summer presents a special challenge, but it can be accomplished.

I know you'll do your best to join us for worship as often as possible this summer. If you have guests from out of town, bring them with you to worship. If you are away, join another congregation for worship on Sunday and when you return, tell us about your experience. Let's be faithful to Christ in every possible way this summer. It's a time of extraordinary challenge, and also of opportunity.

In His grip,
Jerry

"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."
(Proverbs 17:6)

YOUTH NEWS TARA GIDDENS, YOUTH LEADER

Live Long and Prosper!

Ok I couldn't resist. I just watched the new Star Trek during Mother's Day weekend and now I want to watch it again! I keep talking to people about it and even had a long discussion with my friend about who was more attractive: Spock, Kirk, or Bones. I said Bones, she said Spock, but let's be honest most of the men on that movie are nice eye candy and some even have great accents (Scotty and Chekov)! But I digress...

June is always a busy month. Don't believe me? With kids getting out of school, graduation, birthdays, weddings, Father's day, the Highland games, camps and whatever else we all have in our lives, I think it's safe to say that June gets pretty crazy. And shouldn't it be! The sun is out more, days are longer and ice cream doesn't sound so crazy anymore!

Many of my friends have already graduated from college, I have to admit, it's weird to think about. Just four years ago we graduated from high school and thought college would take forever. Now they have to go out into the real world. The most popular question I think any graduate gets (either high school or college) is what are you going to do next? Ugh what a horrible question. First you have to answer it so often that it almost gets mind numbing and second, most of us really have no idea what we want to do! Luckily I still have another quarter after this so I don't have to deal with that just yet, but for those that do. I feel for you!

Taking that next step in life is always a little bit stressful but also exciting. No matter what phase you are in you life it's hard to not get nervous. Am I making the right decision? What if I don't like it? What if it's too hard and I can't do it? Any of these sound familiar? Our worries can drag us down and make life miserable. God however asks that we not worry, but trust in him. Trust in him that you will get into the college that he knows is best for you at that time. Trust in him that he will help you find the job that he wants you to do. Trust in him.

In Matthew we read just this: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what will you wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6: 25-27

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6: 33-34



In the wise words of Bobby McFerrin, "Don't worry, be happy!"

STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY ON JUNE 7

Please join the Personnel Committee in celebrating our appreciation for our wonderful staff! Personnel Committee members will be serving refreshments in the Horizon Room after the service on Sunday, June 7, giving everyone a perfect opportunity to mingle with staff and let them know how much we appreciate them. Hooray for Saint James Staff ~ we appreciate you and all that you do for us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THE REV. TAMALYN KRALMAN

Kral's Scrawls – Beloving all that God Beloves

In his book *The Heart of Christianity*, Marcus Borg writes about a woman he met on a plane who told him, “I’m much more interested in Buddhism and Sufism than I am in Christianity.” When he asked her why, she said, “Because they’re about a way of life, and Christianity is all about believing. I don’t think beliefs matter nearly as much as having a spiritual path and following a way.”

Borg explains that “most people today, in the church and outside of it, take it for granted that Christian faith means believing a set of Christian beliefs to be true.” And yet, how many of us could stand together and match all of our beliefs, item by item, point by point? I don’t even know anyone who can do that with their spouse, parent, or sibling!

So, how do we worship together, work together, learn together? How do we find meaning for our lives? We find the key. And the key IS faith.

Borg explains, “The English words ‘believe’ and ‘belove’ are related. What we believe is what we belove. Faith is about beloving God.

“This is the central meaning of faith. Given the pre-modern meaning of ‘believe,’ to believe in God is to belove God. Faith is about beloving God and all that God beloves. The Christian life is about beloving God and all that God beloves. Faith is our love for God. Faith is the way of the heart.”

How is your heart? May it be full. May it be full with the love of God. May it be full with love of family and friends and church and creation. May it be full with all that God has called you to do. And may it be full of your faith. Because God has called us to embrace more than a set of beliefs. God has called us to a spiritual path and following a way. A truly incredible way!

Peace,
Pastor Tam



2009 Graduate Recognition Sunday, Sunday, June 14 This year’s graduate recognition will begin with a special breakfast honoring our High School Seniors and their families. (Please talk to Wendy Crandall if you are interested in helping with this event.) Then, during worship, we’ll be honoring both high school and college graduates. Be sure to be here on that special day, as we recognize the achievements of all of these students and learn about their plans for the future.

This year’s grads are: High School: Stephen Bader, Trent Eason, Brian Hodgson, Nicholas Jackson, Sean Keyes, Margaret Landis, and Elizabeth Snyder. Our spring college graduates are Sophie Burkland, Keena Mullen, and Zach Mullen. Graduating in December will be Tara Giddens and Brian Seater.



Preschool Room News

We’ve had a few great toys donated to our Preschool Classroom. And yes, we need more. Still on our wish list: good building blocks and a Brio train set. Talk to Pastor Tam if you can help out with these needs/wishes. You’ll make our little ones VERY happy.

Have you made your reservations?

Don’t miss this year’s seminar at The Center for Spiritual Development in Portland. [Marcus Borg](#) and [John Dominic Crossan](#), June 15 - 18, 2009 will be speaking about: *The "First" Paul: Radical Apostle of Jesus*. For more information please see Pastor Tam or go to center-for-spiritual-development.org.

“How did I get to the place where, for me, the presence of children in worship signals God’s presence as well? No kids in the sanctuary? God is most assuredly on sabbatical – probably opting to spend time wherever the kids are. Storyteller Michael Williams captured this quite well... [he] suggested that our policy would be that when we gather for worship, if there is not at least one child present, we should all go home.”

-- James H. Ritchie, Jr., Always in Rehearsal

Because we all share this planet earth, we have to learn to live in harmony and peace with each other and with nature. That is not just a dream, but a necessity. We are dependent on each other in so many ways that we can no longer live in isolated communities and ignore what is happening outside those communities.

-- The Dalai Lama, 21st century

HELEN HAMILTON PEACEMAKING AWARD FOR 2009

BREAKING NEWS!

Peter and Mary van der Veen of St. James Presbyterian Church are being honored for their life time of justice and peacemaking work.

The Peacemaking Committee of the Synod of Alaska-Northwest has recently named Peter and Mary as recipients of the Helen Hamilton Peacemaking Award for 2009. This award is given annually by the synod to recognize the contributions to peacemaking of groups or individuals in the life of our churches and communities. They were nominated by the Mission and Social Action Committee of St. James and endorsed by the session. Peter and Mary have been active in this work at St. James, in Bellingham, and, indeed, worldwide. Their efforts have been tireless and persistent.

The van der Veens will be honored at the annual synod meeting in July at Whitworth College in Spokane and at a fall meeting of North Puget Sound Presbytery. The award includes a monetary gift of \$300 which can be used to support their choice of the peacemaking work they are involved in.



MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION

THANK YOU, Saint James congregation, for your generosity in giving \$1,842 for the national and world-wide outreach of our denomination through the "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" offering.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD sample letters for our "Offering of Letters" Sunday will be made available later this month through bulletin inserts. This year the theme of letter-writing to members of Congress and the Senate is "Reforming Foreign Aid".

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: The next prayer vigil, on Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. will be hosted by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2700 Lakeway. High-level contacts between our national leaders and leaders in the Middle East are underway and we are asked to remember them and their efforts towards peace and justice in our special prayers at this time.

What is Bread for the World's "Offering of Letters"?

"Bread for the World members write personal letters and send other personalized communications to their representatives in Congress.

■ Working through churches, campuses, and other organizations, we engage more people in advocacy. Each year, Bread for the World invites churches and groups across the country to take up an Offering of Letters to Congress on an issue important to hungry people.

■ People place these letters in the offering plates during church services, prayerfully offering them to God before sending them to Congress. For many, it is their first time communicating with their members of Congress.

■ This outpouring of concern sends a powerful message to our political leaders and helps us move closer to our goal of ending hunger.

YOUR HEALTH MINISTRY BOB MONAHAN AND BARBARA KILPATRICK

During May our Health Bulletin Board focused on swine flu and pandemics. We shared many handouts, including tips on preventing spread of any disease. If you would like more copies, see Barb Kilpatrick. We had a guest speaker, Lisa Moulds, during Prime Timers. She spoke about elder abuse, neglect and scams especially directed to the elderly.

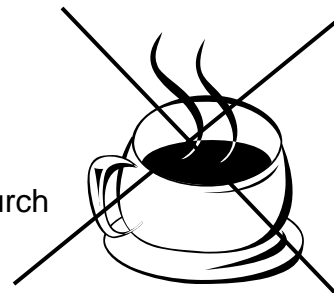
June's focus is on CPR classes. Sunday Bulletins over the next several weeks will have registration forms for :

June 16th – 9:30 a.m.

June 30th – 6:30 p.m.

You can be a hero and save a life with CPR!

Blood Pressure Screening on Sunday, June 7th in the Lounge after Church service. **Remember, no caffeine prior to screening.**



St. James Literary Society (Book Club) has begun reading "The Shack". If interested, please call Barb Kilpatrick.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sunday, June 21st the prayer shawls will be dedicated and we will have a beautiful display to demonstrate more about this on-going project.

Please join us to "Walk for Health" every Monday at 9:00 a.m. Meet at St. James for an exhilarating time. We will be demonstrating walking techniques and previewing short exercise videos over several sessions.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in good health,

UMHE MARION DOBBIE


**Walk or Run to Support
Whatcom Volunteer Center
And United Ministries in Higher Education at WWU**

Join the Human Race Saturday, June 13

Everyone can participate in this 5k fun walk or 5k or 10k fun run. 75 percent of our pledges will support our local mission UMHE and 25 percent the Whatcom Volunteer Center.

Participants may register in the Horizon room Sundays May 24, 31 and June 7, or at Maritime Heritage Park before 10:00 a.m. the day of the race.

Your donations are important. Sign up to support your favorite walker or runner.

For more information contact Tony Richter or John Dobbie



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS MAY 17, 2009 CARLA SHAFER, CLERK

Everyone was present. Future meeting dates are June 14, July 19, August 9, and September 13.

- Wally and Jane Botsford were examined and will be ordained and installed as Deacons very soon.
- April showed a net loss of \$2,075.91. Utility costs continue to be high. The General Fund stands at a negative \$7,976
- The scouts will be here June 1, 2009 to help with a service to community task.
- The Youth Mission trip to Yakama was approved for additional fund raising as needed.
- Confirmation class members, Zadra Nolan and Parker DeWilde, were received for membership. They will be welcomed on May 31st by the congregation and Zadra will be baptized.
- Membership Committee is sending letters to households in the neighborhood that have recently changed owners to invite people to come for worship on Sundays.
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- The Stewardship committee planned it's response to the budget deficit.
- The mission study team led by Sally Albers and Carla Shafer was approved to develop a committee of 7-9 hardworking members who are keen on listening.

“NOTES” CAROLYN MULLEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

I'm searching for volunteers to provide Special Music for our summer worship services. All musicians are welcome regardless of age, instrument, or experience! PLEASE call me @ 595-0934 to reserve your preferred Sunday for performance. I can arrange for an accompanist if needed. Thank you.

Many thanks to our singers and ringers for their musical talents shared with us this past year!

Bell Choir 2008/ 2009

Sophie Burkland	Robin Crandall	Lizzie Crandall
Liam DeWilde	Jody DeWilde	Parker DeWilde
Jenny Sue LeShander	Keena Mullen	Zach Mullen

Chancel Choir members:

Sopranos: Susan Burkland, Julie Keyes, Jenny Sue LeShander, Cheryl McGregor & Carla Shafer

Altos: Ann Lary, Pat Nelson, Nancy Pace & Jan Resick

Tenors: Nancy Hamilton, Bruce Kraig & Dave Nelson

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

Kirsten Rutschman: Organist / Pianist



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2009 SALLY ALBERS, TREASURER**General Fund**

- 1) April income was \$13,511.24, under budget by \$1,058.76.
- 2) Expenses totaled \$15,587.15, over budget by \$877.15 for a net loss of \$2,075.91.
- 3) The cost of utilities continued to be high, exceeding budget by \$487 – 34.6%
- 4) Christian Ed purchases were made in April to take advantage of discounts, and support for Vacation Bible School was also paid. The CCLI license (\$175) allows us to reprint copyright music. The treasurer should budget these expenses for April next year.
- 5) The General Fund now stands at a negative \$7976.06.

Designated Giving/Named Activities Fund

- 1) We received contributions of \$1842 for One Great Hour of Sharing in April, which was forwarded to Presbytery. The Women's Retreat was a big success. Other offerings included an extra donation of \$100 to VBS and \$70 toward the cost of new shelving.
- 2) Disbursements for the cost of Easter flowers and some of the Women's Retreat expenses are still pending, but expected to be modest.

Endowments at New Covenant Funds:

Net asset value on our Balanced Growth Fund accounts rose by \$3.43 to \$60.41, raising our endowment values by a total of \$32,475.66. The current value of each endowment is still below the principal value for its endowment.

Randy Bowers asked for "break even" values on the Endowments. The Facilities endowment is closest; once it rises to \$62.55/share we will exceed the principal value. The newer endowments had higher costs at the time of purchase. Thus Music will break even at \$80.56 and CE/Youth at \$80.91.

The money market accounts at NCF continue to hold their dollar value, but are not earning interest.

Please note that the "Financial snapshot" in our weekly bulletin has changed its format to show both the prior month and year-to-date actual, rather than comparisons to budget. The Stewardship committee thinks this will better clarify our financial situation. With clarity we may begin making progress toward meeting our goals for 2009.

**Directory Update** From the St. James Office

Thank you for filling out the directory information insert. Changes in your contact information is important. We will keep your information in house and will respect your privacy. If you have a few minutes, and you haven't filled one out, do so, we would love to hear from you. You will find an insert in the narthex or the office. If you have an e-mail or are thinking of getting one, please include it. You can reach me at

office@saintjamespres.com or you may call the office, Tuesday—Friday from 9am—2pm. *Inserts can always be thrown in the mail.*

Thanks everyone, Natasha Orme, Secretary

FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21, 2009

June 2009

St. James Presbyterian Church Monthly Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am Walk for Health 6:15pm Girl Scouts 48 7pm Troop 7	2 8am Prayer Group 5:30pm AI Anon 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance	3 10am Staff 11am Whatcom Literacy Council 3pm CE 6pm AA Men	4 10am Sew & Sews 9am Health 7pm SLAA 7:30pm AA Fairhaven	5	6 9:30am FV 10am OA
7 9am Adult Class 9-10am Fellowship Breakfast 10am Worship—Communion— Staff Appreciation 7pm AA	8 9am Walk for Health 6:15pm Girl Scouts 48 7pm Troop 7	9 8am Prayer Group 1PM FV 5:30pm AI Anon 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance 5pm Stewardship	10 11am Whatcom Literacy Council 6pm AA Men 6:30pm Whatcom Weavers Guild	11 10am Sew & Sews 7pm SLAA 7:30pm AA Fairhaven	12 9am-3pm Rummage Sale Set-up 9am Health Committee 12pm Prime Timers	13 Human Race 9am-3pm Rummage Sale 9am Church Work Party 10am OA
14 FLAG DAY 9am Adult Class 9-10am Fellowship Breakfast 10am Worship—Graduate recognition 1pm Session 7pm AA	15 9am Walk for Health 6:15pm Girl Scouts 48 7pm Troop 7	16 PULSE DUE! 8am Prayer Group 5:30pm AI Anon 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance	17 11am Whatcom Literacy Council 6pm AA Men	18 10am Sew & Sews 5:30am Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace 7pm SLAA 7:30pm AA Fairhaven	19	20 10am OA
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Children's Co-Op Preschool
 For schedule and information
 please call 305-5656 or
 Sally Parsons, president 647-1565

June Anniversaries

1	Colleen & Ken Reimers
4	Craig & Julie Keyes
6	Ted & Bernice Pritchett
12	Bob & Madeleine Smith
15	Peter & Aundrea McBride
16	Bob & Barbara Harnden
16	Bob & Marilyn Monahan
17	Mark & Alice Beaty
17	Tass & Les Galley
18	Frank & Gene Brown
19	Walt & Judy Bayless
19	Dick & Virginia Green
19	Gary & Ann Culbertson
20	Bill & Karen Summers
21	Phil & Phyllis Jones
22	Jim & Betsy Freeman
22	Gordon & Cheryl Terpstra
25	Bob & Nancy Pace
28	Rook & Julie Van Halm
29	Randy & Mary Robinson-Mohr
30	Claude & Faye Hill

If you would like your birthday or anniversary included, corrected, or omitted, please contact the church office.

June Birthdays

1	George Lake
1	Alice Beaty
3	Ted Pritchett
5	Barbara Harnden
5	Bob Harnden
5	Kanai Callow
9	Jane Botsford
10	Terri Inge
11	Margaret Miller
11	Margorie Thorson
16	Christopher Snyder
20	Bev Stewart
22	Trent Eason
23	Bob Smith
25	Emily Hargleroad
27	Jeff Haggen
28	Mary Hawk
28	Jack Drury



Fathers Day
Sunday, June 21

PRIME TIMERS
Friday, June 12th
12pm Horizon Room



ST. JAMES' ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose

Saturday, June 13th from 9am – 3pm

Set-up will be Friday from 9am–3pm

Clean, gently used clothing, household items and unwanted treasures – May bring items to church and store in the choir office.

For more information please call:

Alice Beatty or Irene Rome

Presbyterian Women of St. James

Tuesday, June 30th

12:00pm Salad Luncheon

Join us for tasty food and wonderful fellowship!

SESSION

2009

Jack Drury
Jan Resick
Jean Seater
Carla Shafer

2010

Wendy Crandall (T)
Gary Culbertson
Bill Read
Rich Stipe

2011

Sally Albers
Randy Bowers
Betty Miller
Bill Summers

BOARD OF DEACONS

2009

Alice Beaty
Margaret deMaine
Shirley Drury
Ann Lary
Rex Lary
Nancy Richter
Tony Richter

2010

Marlene Ammon
Jane Botsford
Wally Botsford
Emily Hargleroad
Julie Keyes
Margaret McVie

2009 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Buildings & Grounds

*Jan Resick
Jack Drury

Christian Education

*Rich Stipe

Congregational Life

*Wendy Crandall

Membership

*Randy Bowers

Mission & Social Action

*Bill Summers

Personnel

*Jean Seater
Carla Shafer

Stewardship

*Sally Albers

Worship

*Gary Culbertson
Bill Read

Clerk of Session

*Carla Shafer

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Sunday Schedule

9am Adult Class
9-10am Family Breakfast
Sunday Worship 10:00am

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
9:00am-2:00pm

Ministers: The Congregation
Interim Pastor: The Rev. Jerry Poole
Minister of Educational Programs:
The Rev. Tamalyn Kralman
Secretary: Natasha Orme
Treasurer: Sally Albers
Youth Leader: Tara Giddens
Custodian: Tim Chandonnet
Music Director: Carolyn Mullen
Organist / Pianist:
Kirsten Rutschman
Parish Nurse: Barbara Kilpatrick
Mission: New Earth / Tierra Nueva,
Bob & Gracie Ekblad & Mike Neeley
PC (USA) Regional Liaison to Jordan,
Israel & Palestine: Doug Dicks

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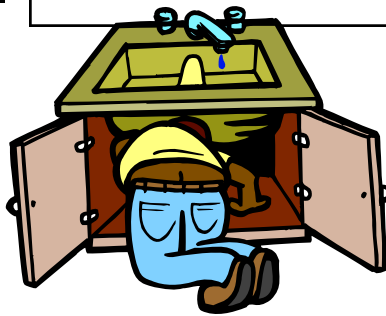
Mailing Crew

Margaret deMaine
Mary Elmslie
Dorothy Herrmann
Phyllis Jones



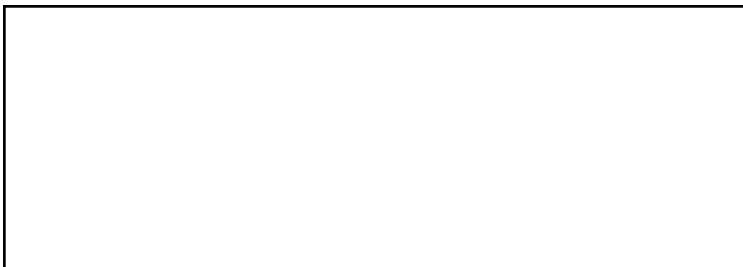
**Next Pulse Due Date is By
Tuesday, June 16th**

Please submit articles to
Natasha in the office—email is preferred
office@saintjamespres.org



**MONTHLY CHURCH
WORK PARTY!**

**Saturday, June 13th at
9am—Join in!**



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