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*Grace to you  
and Peace*

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERRY POOLE

Friends:

Last month I brought you some introductory information on our bi annual Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly which will be held July 3-10 in Minneapolis, MN. You can follow the action (?) (Not everyone would think of a church convention as a place of ACTION) by finding [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) and then looking for a link to GA 219. You should find info on a daily basis during GA.

During the second week of July I'll be in Spokane attending a pastors' conference at Whitworth University.

Lead speakers will be from Princeton Seminary and Fuller Seminary. I've been attending each summer for fifteen years. It provides some continuity in my interim comings and goings.

This summer a number of initiatives are in the works. Session has appointed a task force to explore the feasibility of installing an elevator. We'll bring you more information as it becomes available. Session also appointed a task force to explore how we may improve the quality of our sanctuary sound system.

Additionally, you may know by now that session has approved moving the sanctuary pews a few degrees toward

the center. You ask why? This change will allow congregants to see one another more easily and even more importantly, it will allow us to hear one another better and thus will enhance our congregational singing. We'll be able to make more joyful noises to the Lord.

Are you interested in participating in a small group? Maybe you are already doing so. I've been leading or participating in small groups for more years than I would care to measure and found them to be among the best means toward growth. An effective Christian small group includes prayer, learning from the bible or other faith encouraging book, accountability, confidentiality, relationship building, shared commitment, fellowship and fun! Since the process is not difficult, I'm thinking of finding a way to help people learn the principles of effective small groups because some of you may want to start one. If you are interested, let me know. Starting or



### Children's Time at St. James

joining an effective small group is one of the best ways to grow in our faith and to find some fellow travelers on the journey. Inviting our neighbors is a great way to grow the church!

During the first two weeks of August our family hopes to be on vacation in Montana. I have invited Dick Madden and Gordon Terpstra to preach during those Sundays. If you have friends here from out of town, don't stay away. Bring them to worship with you!

In His grip,

*Jerry*

PULSE

# KRAL'S SCRAWLS

The Rev. Tamalyn Kralman



As I write this, we are in the midst of Vacation Church School. Over 100 children are running (even though they've been told not to) around the campus of First Christian Church. Some of the children are from St. James. As are some of the adults, who are helping out in the kitchen. (Where would we be without them and their faithful service, year after year?) There is laughter, music, dancing, art, drama, and activity around every corner. Bible stories are brought to life. The tents are on the field. The sanctuary has been transformed. And each day we are being reminded, by our leaders and our sur-



The tents are on the field.

roundings, that God created the heavens and the earth.

While this may be the last year of the 6-church VCS, the memories (and the t-shirts) will be long treasured. And we are greatly indebted to the many people who, over these past decades, have

worked so hard to make this program into the wonderful, life changing, exciting, inspiring adventure that it is.

We are especially grateful to Rex and Ann Lary, who have kept the ship afloat for as long as anyone can remember. And yes, there was great scrambling in the kitchen, on Monday morning, with Ann away on "medical leave." Ann's organizational and people skills have kept things running so smoothly, over the years, that many folks have thought she should be in charge of every church event. And my photography partner, Rex, has long taken the pictures of the tribes (the kids' small groups are divided as the 12 tribes of ancient Israel). As he's home, this year, caring for Ann, (people keep looking for you, Rex) I just have to ask: Rex, how on earth did you get



Kamryn Murray decorates diaper bag for the new diaper ministry, located at First Congregational Church

them to cooperate with you? How do you catch them when a WHOLE tribe is together in one place, not in the middle of something else, AND with their shoes on?

What will the future bring? God knows. You may have some ideas.

So, let your brains churn, your hearts burn, and your enthusiasm build. Because, come next summer, we'll be reaching for a new adventure.

Peace,  
Pastor Tam



Eli Fiattarone doing the Snake Crawl during relay races

### Joseph Campbell, 20th century

*"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us. The old skin has to be shed before the new one can come."*

## Hang Up and Drive?

Remember that Washington is now a phone free state for drivers. You can be pulled over and receive a \$124 ticket for using your phone - for a call, message, or text. And, before you decide to risk it, anyway, consider this information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): the available research indicates that using a wireless phone while driving degrades a driver's performance, whether it's a hands-free or hand-held wireless phone. (Translation: You're distracted!!!!) So please, for your own safety, and that of the people around you, make your calls before you climb into your car!

## Youth News Liz Turner, Youth Leader

We had a great time in our chocolate making adventures for Father's Day, as we enjoyed snacks and the movie *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in between batches of chocolate. We made \$422 total profit for the two fundraisers. Thanks to everyone for your purchases and donations!

After the chocolate-making was over, we celebrated the beginning of summer vacation with a bowling day on June 21. We all enjoyed playing, but Liam left the rest of us in the dust with his whopping score of 181!



Anna Stipe as lector on Youth Sunday



Liz Turner, Anna Stipe, Zadra Nolan

The following Sunday we had another Youth Tech Day.

The youth have been quite engaged in our summer series on Sunday mornings called *Scary, Gross and Weird stories from the Bible*. This would be a great time to invite a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader to Saint James on a Sunday morning!

For our mission trip this year (July 22-25), we will be bringing food, clothing, and other support to those in need in Seattle. We will happily accept donations for this cause in the Horizon Room any day before July 22. Please bring any of the following items: personal health care items

such as shampoo, razors, after shave, hair gel, lotions, toothpaste, feminine products, diapers, baby wipes, socks, underwear, and anything else you would like to donate. Please see the youth bulletin board (in the hall, just outside the Lounge) for updated announcements and flyers to take to any 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader you would like to invite to Saint James.



Parker DeWilde ushering on Youth Sunday

### New Pastor Search CIF Approved!

The new Church Information Form (CIF) was presented to the St. James Session and the Presbytery of North Puget Sound Committee on Ministries. Both groups approved it with very minor changes. This means that the search is now active and the PCUSA will help us get the word out that we are looking for a permanent minister to lead us into God's future for St. James.

If you would like a copy of the CIF, it will be available at the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) bulletin board in the foyer of the church. All applicants submit a Pastor Information Form which gets reviewed by the PNC members for consideration. The PNC will conduct interviews with applicants who appear to be a good fit for St. James. Members of your PNC are: Tim Crandall, Moderator; David Meyer, Jenny Sue LeSchander, Rich Stipe, Nancy Richter, Jeanne Uhles, Gale Pfueller, and Carla Shafer.

Please add the pastor search to your list of prayers.

**PULSE**

**MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION** Peter van der Veen

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

As in previous years, St. James will be participating in the Opportunity Council's drive in August to collect school supplies for children of low income families. A box will be placed in the narthex for school supply donations. Examples of what is needed will be given in the Sunday bulletins early August.

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

The Sunday, July 18 prayer vigil will be hosted by the First Congregational Church on Cornwall from 5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. The Wednesday, August 18 prayer vigil at 5.30 p.m. will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Walnut St. as part of their mid-week vesper service. The Saturday, September 18 service will be hosted at 5.30 p.m. by the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1708 I St. in Bellingham.

**PENTECOST OFFERING**

Thank you, St. James congregation, for the \$ 1,274 given at the Pentecost offering, for work for youth and young adults. The Mission committee will make recommendations to Session on the destination of the 40 % to be allocated by the local congregation.



**Habitat for Humanity**

**Habitat for Humanity will host its eighth annual "Raise the Roof" fundraiser Saturday, July 10.**

The dinner and auction will be held at the Lakeway Inn in Bellingham. All proceeds will go to support affordable and permanent housing for families in need.

Dinner and a silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a live auction will follow. Auction items include a week-long stay in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, airfare packages and local get-aways.

Tickets are \$75 and can be obtained by calling the Habitat office at (360)

Deacons will supply hot dogs, buns, and Ice cream, as well as coffee and punch. The rest is a potluck, so folks can bring salads, and other foods that go with hot dogs, and desserts, such as cookies or cakes fruit. The picnic will last until 2:30. ***Come and enjoy the fellowship in an informal setting.***



**St. James Summer Picnic Potluck**

- Sunday, July 25th
- After Worship
- Fairhaven Park

## Session Highlights Alice Beaty, Clerk of Session

### May 26, 2010 Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Rev. Erv Roorda (also our COM liaison) was elected to be the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry.

Presbytery approved the request from Deming Presbyterian Church to lease property to Christ the King North. CTK will hold worship services and other church activities at the site.

With regret Sequim Presbyterian Church was dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The next Presbytery meeting will be held September 17 and 18. The business meeting on the 17 will be at Terrace View Presbyterian Church, Montlake and the next day's activities will include guest speaker Diana Butler Bass author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, at North Creek Presbyterian Church in Mill Creek.

### Session Highlights for June 2010

With much appreciation to the Pastor Nominating Committee the session approved the Church Information Form without substantial changes. We are now ready to publish our information so that interested pastors can respond with their information.

An elevator task force was appointed to bring a final proposal to session for approval and then to inform the congregation and ask for their pledges/contributions which will tell us ultimately whether the project will come to life, since we will not go into debt for it. Named are: Tony Richter, and Jack Drury, co chairs, Betty Miller, Sally Albers, and Jim Hardin. Others may be added.

Session appointed a task force to evaluate sanctuary sound and recommend to session new equipment purchase when ready. Members of the task force are Carolyn Mullen,

Peter Burkland, Randy Bowers, Tony Richter, Tim Crandall, and Rick Seater.

Plans from the Building and Grounds committee for a sign/reader board above the NE corner sign were reviewed. Session asked for further info from committees as to how and when they would utilize it, to report back at the next meeting.

Session approved moving the sanctuary pews a few degrees to improve sound quality and foster a more open seating arrangement.

Session will not meet in July unless called, and if so, it will be on the 11th.

August session meeting will be on the 22nd.

## Saturday School spells P-R-O-G-R-E-S-S

Our mission is to teach English to any and all families that would like to come. We have language tutoring for parents and help with reading and homework for children. We began the program in March and finally had our first family show up in May. We are happy for your prayers and support.

Volunteers include: Liz Turner, David Turner, Jeanne Uhles, Margaret DeMaine, Bev Stewart and Julie Keyes, Carla Shafer. We meet for breakfast at 9 AM and our students come by 10. We have some volunteers from WWU who we appreciate. Work ranges from teaching the alphabet to increasing speaking comfort, as well as writing and reading in all verb tenses. Trying to figure out why we say things the way we do, isn't always easy. We have all found the work of learning to do this and making it happen for others to be really rewarding.

We plan to keep meeting and continue looking for more students. We are flexible about time, day and place but will stick with our current schedule until we find a better one. We meet every Saturday at 9-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall, so let others know. If you would like to volunteer, contact Carla Shafer (360) 676-5853 or [chuckanut-sandstone@gmail.com](mailto:chuckanut-sandstone@gmail.com) which is Carla's e-mail address.

**PULSE**

**July Birthdays**

- 1 Milt Schayes
- 1 Jan Templeton
- 2 Jo McLeod
- 3 Parker DeWilde
- 4 Carolyn Mullen
- 5 Pat Nelson
- 7 Inge Thurston
- 10 Bill Butler
- 10 Kari Todd
- 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
- 29 Jerry Poole
- 31 Brian Seater

**August Birthdays**

- 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**

- 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

**July Anniversaries**

- 9 Jim & Jody DeWilde
- 16 Dave & Pat Nelson
- 20 Gale & Gretchen Pfueller
- 24 Randy & Teresa Bowers
- 30 Jerry & Polly Poole



**MEN'S GROUP**  
Meets every Wednesday 7am  
at Blvd. Park Woods Coffee

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF ST JAMES**

Women's salad luncheon meets on Tuesday, July 27th and Tuesday, August 31st at 12:00 p.m. in the Horizon Room



**Memorial for**  
Barbara Kemper Chalice  
Thursday, July 29th  
10:00am  
St. James Presbyterian

*Thank you*

The family of Earl Vander Werff would like to express their appreciation for all of the St. James Church family who participated in the beautiful service for Earl on April 25. And our thanks also go to the many who sent cards, made phone calls and visits during his last days. St. James is a truly caring group of people.

**Prime Timers**  
12pm on the 2nd Friday  
each month



**Next Pulse Due Date is**  
**August 15**

Congregates from 5 churches in Whatcom County gathered on May 23 to celebrate Pentecost together in the historic Mount Baker Theater of Bellingham.

It was a wonderful celebration and the offering of \$5,973 was given to Habitat for Humanity.

## The St. James Literary Society Book Club Karen Summers

The St. James Literary Society Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge. We welcome new participants to join our group for fellowship and lively discussion.

We invite you to come to our summer meetings in July and August to consider the following books:

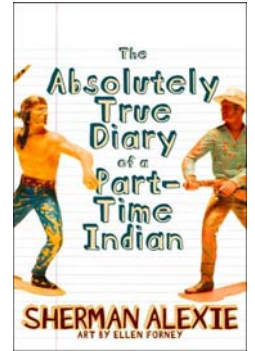
July 26 - Three Cups of Tea

August 23 - The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

We are a part of the Bellingham Reads program of the Bellingham Public Library which provides us with a set of 10 books. We have the books available for reading for the next month at our meetings.

At the July and August meetings we will be discussing our book choices for the fall from those available at the library or others the group may want to read beyond that list. Occasionally we have a movie night featuring the movie made from one of the books we have read. Please come with your ideas.

Contact Karen Summers if you need information or have suggestions.



## Financial Report for May 31, 2010 Sally Albers, Treasurer

### General Fund 01:

1. Income for the month totaled \$21,724.16, which was our biggest month this year! We are continuing to receive some per capita contributions, now at 85% of our goal of \$6,000. Our YTD income of \$86,178 is also 5.9% above 2009's year-to-date.
2. A lovely surprise was an anonymous gift of \$1,000 in appreciation for Carolyn Mullen, Kirsten Rutschman, and the choir. We are indeed blessed with talented musicians, and our congregation greatly appreciates your contribution to worship services.
3. Expenses for May totaled \$17,171.15 which is also larger than usual. Unusual expenses included \$1312.50 towards missions at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly level. Printing expenses were high because of \$1,135 payment for our 12-month service contract. Utilities are a bit over budget (46.6% rather than 41.6%) but we are heading into the less expensive summer months.
4. Our General Fund balance improved by \$4,553 in the month and is now negative \$2002

### Designated Giving/Named Activities Fund 02:

1. The congregation contributed \$1,274 for the Pentecost offering, 40% of which will be designated locally (\$509.60). Presbyterian Women of St James collected a total of \$625.30 in their "birthday offering" this year, the first time (in my tenure as your treasurer) that the offering was collected during our Sunday worship service. Memorial contributions, some designated for music, totaled \$565.
2. \$159 of accumulated interest income was approved by Session to purchase an update to our Power Church software. We are moving up from version 8 (purchased in 2001) to version 11. Your treasurer anticipates some enhancements in processing and in the layouts of our reports.

### Endowments at New Covenant Funds:

As of May 31, the net asset value of our Balance Growth Shares declined \$3.71 per share to 71.64, a percentage drop of 4.9%. or \$34,731.17 based on our total number of shares: 9361.15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Albers, Treasurer



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

*A Big Thanks  
to the Pulse Crew!*

### Sunday Summer Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Children's Time



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