



The Tower

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Beloved friends:

When I first came to be your rector nearly four years ago, the congregations of this diocese had completed a self-study leading to a series of Mission Imperatives to focus the energies of the church and to plan for renewal and growth. (Those Mission Imperatives are on a banner in the hallway leading to our Canterbury Room.) The extensive process that resulted in those imperatives set in motion the next great diocesan program, raising the resources to ensure the survival of this one-time missionary diocese in the Inland Northwest. Renewing Our Mission is the name given to the endowment campaign for the Diocese of Spokane. You may recall hearing about this campaign over the past few years, as it was first presented to our Diocesan Council, as it was shared with the clergy, and as it has been growing through its quiet phase to where we are now. Last March, a group of interested parishioners gathered in the Canterbury Room to meet with Bishop Waggoner and the campaign consultant, Alan Akana. Now, one year later, we are all invited to gather with Bishop Waggoner to learn more about the campaign, and to offer our pledges of support. The commitment of the endowment campaign is to provide more resources for the mission of the church, first by endowing the episcopate, covering the cost of the bishop's compensation package so that more funds are available for the mission of the church. Second, the funds will provide direct grants for congregational growth and development. The dollars collected in the campaign, unless otherwise designated, will be divided equally between funds to endow the episcopate and funds for congregational growth and development. On **Sunday afternoon, March 4, at 4:30pm**, you'll get a chance to learn more, and to see how to become involved in this campaign to ensure the ongoing life of the church in this part of the world. I warmly invite, encourage, and exhort you to be there!

The liturgical season of Lent will be upon us this month, with our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 20, and Ash Wednesday services February 21 at 7am, noon and 7pm. This season of the church year gives us an excuse to dig deep for our own spiritual renewal. It is also a time for us to hold in our prayers those who are preparing for confirmation in June. Our confirmands this year are Stephanie Ankrah, Emmett Cruver, Micah Cruver, Peter Dolezilek, Johanna Flores and Christian Wohlfeil. Please hold them in your prayers as they prepare to reaffirm the covenantal promises made for them when they were baptized.

**Deadline for
March Tower
is February
21**

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Mary Beth Rivetti 332-1742

DeaconsTheodore Nitz 334-1755
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Todd Butler 332-5594

Junior Warden

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*3-year terms

Adam Benson '09 432-1076

*Joy Drake '08 338-9035

*Stephan Flores '10 882-6508

*Bruce Kellam '08 534-8911

Sharon Nitz '09 334-1755

*Joe Pergola '08 883-0734

Travis Ridout '08 332-5545

David Seamans '09 332-1292

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Phil Mixter 334-5384

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VESTRY DIGEST

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Vestry Digest, January 9, 2007 Meeting

What should we do with the birthday offerings? It was M (Hardy) and S (Ridout) to give the money to the Almoner's Fund as we did last year. Motion retracted after discussion. MB would like to see an additional line-item on the budget where birthday offerings could go to support mission work of some sort. It was M (Hardy) and S (Butler) to move the birthday offering to a permanent line item going to the Heifer Project.

College work endowment fund, which is held by the Diocesan Investment Pool, currently has \$1250 available. It is to be used for campus ministry, so this money could be added to the College Work Fund. It was M (Ridout) and S (Hardy) to transfer the \$1250 from the College Work Endowment Fund to the College Work Fund for Phil to use for Campus Ministry.

Budget discussions - Dean will create a line item under Outreach for the Millennium Development Goals. This reflects the wishes of Vestry per last month's discussion. Episcopal life subscription will be removed from the budget as we have never been billed or sent a check out for this line item. Dean will update the 2006 actual numbers for the report for the annual meeting.

It was M (Burns) and S (Ridout) to increase the copier line item to \$5000 in order to replace the copier in the office

Vestry commends the budget to be presented to the parish. It was M (Drake) and S (Burns) that the budget be presented to the parish at the annual meeting.

Vestry nominating committee is facing challenges in finding people who are willing to serve.

It was M (Ridout) and S (Butler) to approve the job description for the parish assistant.

Agenda for the annual meeting: Presenting goals and statements - Phil with Bruce's help. Rex would like to see the physical work that's been done around the church acknowledged at the meeting.

An annual Vestry review was done by Bruce Kellam - some suggestions include having the various ministry groups present budget requests for funds to Vestry. This would give Vestry a better idea of what each group needs. This would allow us to have the ministry drive the budget vs. the budget drive the ministry.

Proposed vestry retreat - it will be either the 10th of February or 3rd of March

Reflections from retiring members: Rex - enjoyed getting to know people on a deeper level. Both Karyn & Phil said it has been an honor and privilege to serve. MB asked the retiring members to talk about their favorite and least favorite times on Vestry. This was tabled until the February meeting to give the retiring members time to compile their thoughts.

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Dean Ritchie, Treasurer

This is a summary of the treasurer's report to Vestry, covering the entire year of 2006. The overall position is just about even for the year: Vestry voted early in the year to spend \$3,000 over budget in the outreach area. As the year ended, pledgers and givers of record came through with more than we had budgeted, so that our income exceeded the expected amount by over \$2,000.

On the expense side, after pluses and minuses are calculated out, our expenses exceeded our budget by more than \$5,000, which matches the excess income plus the vestry decision from early in the year.

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Faces of Homelessness

A Film and Discussion Series

Wednesday Evenings at Trinity Lutheran Church,
1300 NE Lybecker, Pullman

February 28-March 28

6:00 p.m.--8:30 p.m.

6:00- Soup and Bread

6:30- Short Film, Local speaker, Discussion, and Closing Worship

Ecumenical Sponsors: The Common Ministry at WSU (K-House), Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart Social Justice Ministry, St. James Episcopal Church, and Community Congregational United Church of Christ.

St. James Choir Schedule

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord! All voices and abilities are welcome, and the more the merrier our sound will be indeed. The choir warms up and reviews the day's hymns on Sundays at 9am. Mid-week rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7pm as listed here:

- February 7, February 22 (*Thursday!*),
- March 7, 21, and 28,
- April 4 and 18,
- May 2 and 23

Campus Ministry Update

Phil Mixer

Campus Ministry News (February 2007)

We're well into the semester at WSU and our Wednesday night "Inspire!" meetings continue. We begin with dinner at 5 PM in the KHouse lounge (next to the Bookie), move into music and program, then wrap-up at 7 PM. All are welcome. We're focusing on the "Gifts of the Spirit" this term. Thanks to St. James parishioners helping provide dinners for students a few times each month. You can sign-up to help out in the parish hall or contact Phil Mixer (334-5384 or pmixer@pullman.com).

Our spring semester will include some special events of note, including:

- **Habitat for Humanity Work Day:** We are planning to help with the Palouse Habitat for Humanity chapter's build in Moscow on Saturday February 10. If you'd like to join us or help provide lunch for volunteers, contact Phil Mixer.
- **Presidents' Day Ski Weekend:** Later this month, there is a Ski Weekend during Presidents' Day Weekend (February 16-19) at Schweitzer.
- **Katrina Relief Spring Break Trip:** A number of students are spending their Spring Break in New Orleans continuing to aid victims of hurricane damage in a trip sponsored by the Common Ministry (March 10-17). If you'd like to support this effort financially, you can contribute directly to the Common Ministry.
- **Province 8 Gathering of Episcopal College Students:** We'll travel to UC-Santa Barbara March 30-April 1 to gather with students from all over the West Coast. We'll be making travel arrangements soon, so contact Phil Mixer to be part of this trip.

-Phil Mixer

RELATIONAL EVANGELISMencore, encore!

How did this column get its name? Three years ago, the Rev. Peter Fritsch offered a workshop on church development and mission that stressed aspects of what he called relational evangelism, the basic network of connections that begins when people connect one with the other through the church. He even interrupted his sermon to insist that people get up, cross the room, and make coffee or lunch dates with people they didn't know at all, and encouraged the church to continue that process on a fairly regular basis. We don't press the coffee date aspect of liturgy any more, but this column got its start as a way to connect with old-timers, newcomers, and people who may not otherwise get their names in the Tower. Tina Vona-Pergola is the contributing writer of this column. We enjoy her lively interviews, even as we encourage others to lend a hand to support this effort at getting to know the people we see in the pews.

Annual Meeting Highlights

Elected to serve a three-year term on the vestry

- ◆ Stephan Flores

Elected to serve two-year terms

- ◆ Adam Benson
- ◆ Sharon Nitz
- ◆ David Seamans

Elected to one-year term (filling unexpired term)

- ◆ Ruth Vanderwall

Elected to serve as delegates and alternates to diocesan convention, October 19-21, Post Falls, Idaho.

Delegates

- ◆ Samantha Wohlfeil
- ◆ Beth Burns
- ◆ Kate Burns

Alternates in order of election

- ◆ Sharon Nitz
- ◆ Doug Jacobs
- ◆ Marcia Jacobs

Senior Warden—Todd Butler

Treasurer—Dean Ritchie, continuing

Clerk—Claudia Wohlfeil, continuing

Adopted proposed budget of \$176,109.92.

The vestry approves the minutes of the annual meeting at its next meeting. Minutes will be posted in the office for review.

Senior (Warden) Moment

Even before he turned in his gavel at the annual meeting, Phil had stepped into an ever-expanding ministry responsibility. This notice is from the weekly issue of the Diocesan Digest, available through email subscription: **Phil Mixter and Bob Runkle Named to Chair New Commissions** Bishop Waggoner has named diocesan leaders to chair two new commissions created by Diocesan Council. **Phil Mixter**, St. James', Pullman, and currently head of College Work and Young Adult Ministries, will lead the **Commission on Young Adult, Youth, and Children's Formation**. **Bob Runkle**, St. Luke's, Coeur d'Alene, diocesan Jubilee Officer as well as Education for Ministry coordinator, will chair the Commission on Social Justice and Outreach Ministries. The new commissions will coordinate the various diocesan ministries and resources in these areas. For additional information, contact Phil at pmixter@pullman.com, Bob at rrunkle@gmail.com, or Bryan Krislock at bryank@spokanediocese.org. Thank you, Phil, for your advocacy and leadership in this vital ministry!

Vestry Digest

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All Saints Proposal - Todd Butler reminded Vestry about the IRS struggle All Saints church in Pasadena California is facing. After much discussion, It was M (Ridout) and S (Butler) to commend this discussion for further action to the annual meeting. The motion passed with one opposed and one abstention.

It was M (Ridout) and S (Burns) to accept the minutes as corrected (Millennium instead of Millennial)

It was M (Burns) and S (Butler) to accept the treasurer's report as written

Building and Grounds committee will have their next meeting on Jan 23rd at 7pm
Worship committee will have their next meeting on Jan 18th at 7pm

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday February 13, 2007 7pm

*Complete draft of Minutes posted in Office.
Respectfully submitted, Claudia Wohlfeil, Vestry Clerk*

Common Ministry News

The Common Ministry at WSU was a recipient of the Martin Luther King Distinguished Service Award for organizations at an award presentation January 15, 2007 at Washington State University, Pullman. Gail Stearns, Director, Bill Johnston, President of the Common Ministry Council and Rob Swearingen, President of the Common Ministry Student Organization, received the award of behalf of The Common Ministry. The criteria for nomination were: Demonstrate support for civil rights in words and actions; Advocate for nonviolent social change in words and actions; Demonstrate strong and growing commitment to service; Demonstrate leadership in moving and motivating others toward an understanding of, and quest for human rights and social justice for all people. The nomination for The Common Ministry noted the organization has provided 40

years of service to the Pullman community—often addressing the needs of marginalized groups. The ministry has been involved in numerous racial justice programs, parenting and family activities, campus forums addressing difficult issues, conflict resolution, AIDS awareness, and peace movements. The nomination for the Common Ministry also highlighted one of the organization's policies: "The Common Ministry is a community of diverse opinions where different ideas may be proclaimed without fear of attack, where honest discussion overcomes angry rhetoric, where diversity and acceptance is proclaimed over segregation and judgment, where all who are on a spiritual journey can find encouragement, support, and room to grow." The Common Ministry is grateful for the opportunity to continue this work, thanks to your support!

Mark Your Calendars Now for the 19th Annual Buffet and Auction

Fun and Funding Event for the COMMON MINISTRY AT WSU
Saturday, April 21, 2007, 5:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church
Activities for Kids and Childcare provided!

**Budget
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2006 Budget Summary

Receipts	Budget	Actual	Over	Under
Pledge	\$130,000.00	\$130,086.76	86.76	
Plate	18,700.00	19,757.25	1,057.25	
Total	160,700.00	\$163,026.62	\$2,326.62	
Expenses	Budget	Actual	Over	Under
Personnel	90,095.96	88,699.53		1,396.43
Assessment	32,324.00	32,324.04	0.04	
Ministry	2235.00	1,520.04		714.96
Worship	900.00	670.77		229.23
Stewardship	400.00	278.85		121.15
Outreach	1100.00	3,324.51	2,224.51	
B&G	26,544.68	29,559.44	3,014.76	
Admin.	6805.00	9,690.73	2,885.73	
Total	160,404.64	\$166,067.91	\$5,663.27	

Christian Education Corner

Our second semester of CE is in full swing. Thanks to our parent-run program there were ten children gathered around the story-teller in the nursery last Sunday! Joe and Tina Vona-Pergola have coordinated this team of story-tellers, along with the baby-sitting team of mid-high and high-school students who commit to support this ministry. Fund from our Episcopal Church Women pay the students for their babysitting skills.

The K-5 class is focusing on the life and ministry of Jesus during the Epiphany and Lent. Stephanie Ankrah has been a helpful assistant with this group in January.

Again let us mention our six youth exploring confirmation under the guidance of Reverend Rivetti. Parent mentorship is adding liveliness, perspective, and historical connections to the themes of study. Please hold them in your prayers at this special time of their lives. The youth are Stephanie Ankrah, Emmett Cruver, Micah Cruver, Peter Dolezilek, Johanna Flores and Christian Wohlfeil. Speaking of history, St. James history and lore was part of last week's Confirmation Class focus. A delightful discovery: very young-looking versions of some our current church elders photographed in long-gone meeting rooms!

On another lively note, ten youth from St. James will be participating in the 2007 Diocesan Youth Winter Retreat hosted by St. Luke's of Wenatchee on February 2-4. Most of these are senior high students, but two of them are in mid-high; seventh grade is the new low age limit. As one parent said, her child is excited to "finally get to run with the big dogs". Wish these youth great fun, Fellowship, and safe travel!

Adults are welcome to join book study at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Canterbury Room.

Upcoming business related to Christian Ed committee work includes:

1. A committee meeting in February
2. A request to the congregation for donations of a used end-table or small chest of drawers, a small sofa or comfy chair, and a floor lamp for the mid-high room.
3. A request for two volunteers to assist in cleaning and organizing the Sunday School supply room this spring
4. A request for K-5 Sunday School session volunteers. Can you lead a lesson or two?

To respond to any of the above, please contact Jennifer Hammond by e-mail (lahs47@earthlink.net) or phone (334-5649)

Lectionary Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the readings each Sunday? Would you like to gather with a small group to read ahead, learn more about the scripture, and pray together? Gather on Thursdays at 7pm in the Canterbury Room. Leadership of the group rotates, and we're aided by a user-friendly study-guide. For more information contact Carol Porter at bigdogmom71@aol.com or 334-7458. See you there!

Sunday Server Schedule February – March 2007

Date	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Chalice	10 a.m. Ushers	10 a.m. Greeters	10 a.m. Nursery	Coffee Hour
Feb 4	8	N. C. Warner	J. Wardwell		Stephan Flores Mary Hubbard	Liz Olsen	Stephanie Ankrach	Carolyn Ross Travis Ridout
	10	Doug Adams	Jim Reece	Sylvia Hutton				
Feb 11	8	Dianne Lowe	R. Vanderwall		Phil Mixer Elsa K. Peters	Pat Cruver Chris Stone	Micah Cruver Siri Hammond	Bond Family
	10	Todd Butler	F. Koehler	Arvid Olson				
Feb 18	8	Art Hard	A. Dolezilek		Sue Johnson M. Rehberg	Travis Ridout	Samantha Wohlfeil Maddy Mixer	JC & Judy Croskey
	10	Dean Ritchie	Nii Ankrach	David Seamans				
Feb 25	8	Doug Jacobs	P. Whidbee		Beth Burns Arvid Olson	Dawn Butler	Beth Mathison Rachel Mathison	Dave & Sylvia Hutton
	10	Dianne Lowe	Adam Benson	Tina Vona-Pergola				
Mar 4	8	Bob Luedeking	N. Collins-Warner		Pat Cruver Chris Stone	Elsa Kirsten Peters	Micah Cruver Christian Wohlfeil	Doug & Linda Adams
	10	Arvid Olson	Trevor Bond	Will Wohlfeil				
Mar 11	8	Dean Ritchie	Dianne Lowe		Stephan Flores Sue Johnson	Adam Benson	Rachel Mathison Siri Hammond	Hammonds
	10	N. Collins-Warner	Beth Burns	Samantha Wohlfeil				
Mar 18	8	Ruth Vanderwall	Art Hard		Phil Mixer M. Rehberg	Liz Olsen	Emmett Cruver Samantha Wohlfeil	Ted & Sharon Nitz
	10	Will Wohlfeil	Kate Burns	Doug Adams				
Mar 25	8	Doug Jacobs	Pete Ruppel		Mary Hubbard E. K. Peters	Pat Cruver Chris Stone	Maddy Mixer Micah Cruver	Burns Family
	10	Nii Ankrach	Siri Hammond	Todd Butler				

Altar Guild
*Chair

February: Linda Adams*(L)
Robin Bond
B.J. Blatner

March: Kay Surles*(L)
Shelley Whidbee
Catherine Ritchie

April:



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The people of St. James are a community of faith rooted in God's unconditional love, seeking to express that love to one another, our neighbors and the world.

"We are no longer strangers and sojourners but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

In the month of February...and March

- ◆ February 13 Vestry Meeting 7 pm
- ◆ February 16-18 Young Adult Weekend
- ◆ February 18 World Mission Sunday
- ◆ February 20 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—5pm
- ◆ February 21 Ash Wednesday—Holy Eucharist at 7am, noon, 7pm
- ◆ February 21 Deadline March Tower
- ◆ February 28 Aspects of Homelessness—Lenten Soup/Supper program
Trinity Lutheran Church 6-8:30pm; Wednesdays in Lent

- ◆ March 1 Planning Meeting for Holy Week and Easter 7pm
- ◆ March 4 Diocesan Endowment Campaign, Bishop Waggoner, 4:30pm