



# The Tower

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**The people  
of St. James are  
a community of  
faith rooted in  
God's uncondi-  
tional love,  
seeking to ex-  
press that love  
to  
one another,  
our neighbors  
and the world.**

**Deadline for  
April Tower  
is March 23.**

*Beloved community of faith:*

**March 2007**

It would be hard to find a better illustration of our interconnectedness with millions of Anglicans than the current news issuing from the Primates' Meeting in Tanzania. The Primates are the heads of each of the 38 autonomous provinces of the Anglican Communion. The Episcopal Church is one of those provinces; our Presiding Bishop and Primate is Katharine Jefferts Schori. As many of you no doubt have been reading in the papers or watching on news reports, the meeting of the Primates concluded with a statement outlining steps that The Episcopal Church is expected to address by the end of September, "or else." Or else, what?

The complete communiqué issued on February 19 can be read at:

[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577\\_82571\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_82571_ENG_HTM.htm).

It's worth taking the time to read if only to note the care with which any suggestion is being made by the international gathering, before suggesting changes or structures that have to happen within our own national church. Our Presiding Bishop's response is available at : [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577\\_82669\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_82669_ENG_HTM.htm). Also worth reading are the comments by the group called Inclusive Church, an umbrella organization within the Anglican Church that has as its self-understanding "the inclusive church is here to stay." Their statements are at <http://inclusivechurch.net/about.html>. We will make copies of all of these documents in the parish office.

I am commending this extensive reading to you because my prayer for us as members of this church, as a congregation of the diocese of Spokane, as a diocese in The Episcopal Church, as a province within the world-wide Anglican Communion, we have an obligation to take the time to read, reflect, study and pray before making hasty decisions and statements. Our Presiding Bishop has called us to a time of fasting, especially appropriate in this season of Lent. Fasting in this case is calling on our bishops to refrain "from authorizing rites for blessing same-sex unions and consecrating bishops in such unions on the one hand, and from transgressing traditional diocesan boundaries on the other." For us, the fasting is from holding on to the potential idol of a "single-minded desire" for change.

With the Inclusive Church statement, I affirm that a decision not to authorize same-sex blessings within dioceses in this church is asking Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered (LGBT) members of our churches to assume an intolerable burden. Also with Inclusive Church I am heartened by the very fact that as a whole the Primates embraced a woman, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, into their midst as an equal, and that she took an active part in crafting the statements that were published in Dar es Salaam. Maybe lost in the shuffle is the pledge that all the Primates took to engage in the study of "hermeneutics," the way in which scripture is read and interpreted. As the global church encounters the challenges and hope of fostering the essential Gospel message of hope, coming to a deeper understanding of how scripture informs our lives can offer a more profound process for listening, and through listening, an openness to being transformed. May we, as the apostle Paul invites the Christians in Corinth, open wide our hearts to hear and to receive the life-giving good news of Jesus Christ.

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Mary Beth Rivetti 332-1742

**Deacons**  
Theodore Nitz 334-1755  
Wilhelmina "Toni" Sarai-Clark 882-9255

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Todd Butler 332-5594

**Junior Warden**  
Jean Wardwell '08 334-5636

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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  
Ruth Vanderwall '08 334-2629

**Clerk:**  
Claudia Wohlfeil 332-0931

**Treasurer**  
Dean Ritchie 334-3132

**PASTORAL CARE**

**Eucharistic Visitors**  
Peter Haggart 882-3078

**Food Team**  
Mary Hubbard 332-2766  
Lib Kaiser 334-3139

**Prayer Team**  
Robin Gray 334-3918

**Transportation**  
David Seamans 332-1292

**YOUTH**

**Nursery Coordinators**  
J. & T. Pergola 883-0734

**Christian Education**  
Jennifer Hammond 334-5649

**God's Bunch Leader**  
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**Senior High**  
Bridget Mathison 332-0803  
Alison Mixer 334-5384

**Altar Guild Director**  
Linda Adams 882-0989  
Margaret Haggart 882-3078

**ECW Co-Chairs**  
Dawn Butler 332-5594  
Margaret Rehberg 872-0104

**Men's Breakfast**  
Dean Ritchie 334-3132  
Phil Mixer 334-5384

## VESTRY DIGEST

February 13, 2007

Parish assistant: Two candidates interviewed for position. Vestry assented to hiring Carol Porter for 20 hour/week position set forth in 2007 budget. M (Kellam) and S (Pergola) that Carol move to the 20 hour/week position.

Vestry size: if we do nothing but continue electing 4 new vestry members every year (1 three-year and 3 two-year), everything will work out!

M (Ridout) and S (Flores) to accept the bid for a new copier. High speed internet access was also approved in 2007 budget. MB will proceed with Verizon (Dean suggested we go the wireless router route as it's the same cost).

Annual Maintenance Review: Bruce Kellam suggested we set up a regular maintenance schedule. Building & Grounds could take this on as a project which would help us avoid deferred maintenance issues.

Sabbatical fund: Bruce reiterated need to plan for contractual obligation to Sabbatical time. Question remains: should we hire a diocesan priest for the 12 weeks or hire supply clergy on a per Sunday basis? Need to increase line item in budget each year and set aside \$2000 to \$2500 per year. Dean was asked to give vestry an idea of what "extra" money might be available from various special funds. M (Seamans) and S (Vanderwall) to table this discussion until next month.

Audit of 05/2006 financial records: Dean asked if Bruce & Pat Flansberg could work on 2006 audit. Bruce responded that must first complete 2005 audit, pending further review of ECW minutes.

Decision on Solidarity membership with All Saints: M (Butler) and S (Wardwell): Recognizing the need for clarity in the process of the law, especially when it potentially conflicts with the call of any church to interpret and proclaim the gospel, and recognizing the diversity of opinions within St. James, including the protection of ideas, the Vestry of the St James endorses solidarity with All Saints Church Pasadena and invites any individual member of Saint James to support All Saints in any way they feel moved. M (Pergola) and S (Seamans) that the Sr. Warden pass our proclamation of Solidarity on to All Saints

Vestry Retreat: March 3rd, 8:30-3:00pm at the K-house.

**Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday March 13, 2007 7pm**

*Complete draft of Minutes posted in Office.*

*Respectfully submitted, Claudia Wohlfeil, Vestry Clerk*

### Budget Summary

Month ending January 31, 2007		Annual Budget
	Budget	Actual
Revenue	\$18,497	\$18,078
<i>(Pledges)</i>	<i>\$11,712</i>	<i>\$11,605</i>
		\$176,500
		<i>\$145,000</i>
Expenses	\$18,746	\$21,149
		\$176,109
		<i>(Winter utilities and snow-removal expenditures are at peak; Quarterly pension fund payment.)</i>

*Complete Budget Statement posted in Office  
Dean Ritchie, Treasurer*

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**Faces of Homelessness:** A Lenten 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 & Community Congregational United Church of Christ.

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!**

And don't forget the Underground Kafe is now open at K-House

(see details below)

**Campus Ministry Update**

**Phil Mixer**

Students are enjoying the fruits of the spirit this semester as our Wednesday night "Inspire!" meetings continue during Lent. We begin with dinner at 5 PM in the K-House lounge (next to the Bookie), move into music and program, then wrap-up at 7 PM. All are welcome. Thanks to St. James parishioners helping with dinners for students last month (Catherine and Dean Ritchie, Jan Stewart and Mary Flores). If you want to help provide students with a home cooked meal or some portion, sign-up in the parish hall or contact me (334-5384 or [pmixer@pullman.com](mailto:pmixer@pullman.com)).

Our spring semester includes the following special events:

- **Katrina Relief Spring Break Trip:** Common Ministry students are spending their Spring Break in New Orleans aiding hurricane victims (March 10-17). If you'd like to support this effort financially, you can contribute directly to the Common Ministry. Also, stop by the Underground Kafe in the K-House basement to purchase espresso drinks to support the trip.

**The Kafe is open MWF noon-7 PM, Tu-Th 3 PM – 7 PM, and Saturday-Sunday noon – 5 PM.**

- **Province 8 Gathering of Episcopal College Students:** Students will be traveling to UC-Santa Barbara March 30-April 1 to join peers from all over the West Coast. Contact me for more information about this trip.

- ♦ **WSU Graduation** May 5: We'll wish a fond farewell to several active students, including Iain Jensen, Dan Mistak, Jessica Kellogg and Andrea Jones



## worship

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### 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 weekday nights at 7pm:

- March 8, 21, and 29
- April 4 and 18
- May 3 and 24

### Holy Week and Easter Worship

Worship Committee is meeting March 1 at 7 pm to plan for Palm Sunday (April 1); Maundy Thursday (April 5), Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Day celebrations on April 7.

Anyone interested in helping with these special worship occasions is welcome to the meeting or contact Rev. Rivetti.

## Hospitality

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Carolyn Ross (carolynfross@hotmail.com) & Travis Ridout (tnridout@hotmail.com)/332-5545

### **St. James will be formally welcoming newcomers**

#### **10 a.m. service - Sunday, March 25.**

Following the service, the congregation will recess to the Fellowship Hall for a reception to give everyone a chance to greet new people amongst us.

Interested in taking part in this liturgy of welcoming?

Be sure to attend an hour-long class on Sunday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Canterbury Room. You will learn more about connecting to this congregation and the Episcopal Church, and the various forms "membership" can take.

If you are not able to be at the class, contact Rev. Rivetti for more information.

## The People of St. James

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**Buildings and Grounds** will be discussing the need for a new vacuum, washer and dryer for Community Childcare and ongoing maintenance issue of siding on the west-end of the building at their March 27th meeting (7 pm, Canterbury Room).

**Greeters** for the 10 am Sunday Service are asked to please sign up to help meet and welcome people at the front door. All that is required: show up 15 minutes before the service, extend a welcoming hand and warm smile. Contact Hospitality Co-Chairs, Carolyn and/or Travis (info above)

**ECW** met February 10th to plan for the year. Business Meetings will be:

- Sunday, April 15th after church
- Saturday, June 9th at 10 am
- Sunday, August 12th after church
- Saturday, October 13th at 10 am
- Sunday, December 2nd after church

**Condolences** are extended to Liz McNeal at the death of her husband, Clair. The service will be March 10, 2pm at the Presbyterian Church. Food contributions for the reception can be offered by calling Mary Garland at 332-4796.

## Christian Education Corner

Jennifer Hammond

The Christian Ed Committee convened Feb. 11 to discuss the year thus far, future directions and other issues brought to the table. We started by reviewing the budget, generally agreeing that funds for our activities are generous and adequate, and we are most grateful.

A general goal for education at various age levels was approved; making this information available along with descriptions of current activities, was discussed, possibly in a brochure (to be discussed with Hospitality).

Class structure for 2007-08 will remain the same unless rosters change significantly. While class leader recruitment was not discussed, it is definitely an issue in the coming months!

Plans were made to explore alternative educational materials on Child Abuse/Protection for youth newly entering the role of nursery assistant, and to explore creating a bibliography of individually-recommended books on spirituality and faith.

Lively discussion arose on the role of Diocesan Youth Activities Director, stimulated by the resignation of Evita Krislock, whose absence will be deeply felt by many St. James youth. The Sr. High Group is preparing a response and will express their ideas about filling Evita's well-worn tennis shoes.

I sincerely appreciate the energy brought to this meeting. Christian Ed is at least a three-way dynamic: CE "leaders" hope they have something to offer "students" but definitely get something in return, and acknowledge the role of parent, with God in the center energizing all these connecting links—we pray!

St. James youth are wonderful—where would our congregational life be without them? (To respond, please contact Jennifer by e-mail ([lahs47@earthlink.net](mailto:lahs47@earthlink.net)) or phone (334-5649).

### **Lectionary Bible Study**

Thursday evening study is vibrant, with almost a dozen people participating at 7pm in the Canterbury Room. Leadership of the group rotates, and we're aided by a user-friendly study-guide. We are learning how the Sunday Lectionary readings tie together and we look at the texts in different versions of the Bible. It is a time to ask questions, better understand Sunday worship and have great laughs. For more information contact Carol Porter at [bigdogmom71@aol.com](mailto:bigdogmom71@aol.com) or 334-7458. All are welcome!

**Sunday Adult Discussion Group** Another opportunity for learning and sharing is available between services at 9 am on Sunday morning. Will soon be starting CS Lewis' THE PROBLEM WITH PAIN. Contact Jean Wardwell, 334-5636.

# Sunday Server Schedule March - April 2007

Date	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Chalice	10 a.m. Ushers	10 a.m. Greeters	10 a.m. Nursery	Coffee Hour
Mar 4		R. Luedeking	N. CWarner		P. Cruver C. Stone	EK Peters	Micah Christian	Adams
	8	Mixer/Bond	T. Bond	W. Wohlfeil				
Mar 11		D. Ritchie	D. Lowe		S. Flores S. Johnson	A. Benson	Rachel Siri	Hammond
	8		B. Burns	S. Wohlfeil				
Mar 18		Vanderwall	A. Hard		P. Mixer M. Rehberg	L. Olsen	Madeline Kate	Nitz
	8	C. Wohlfeil	J. Reece	D. Adams				
Mar 25		D. Adams	J. Wardwell		M. Hubbard EK Peters	P. Cruver C. Stone	Emmeit Samantha	Burns
	8		S. Hammond	T. Butler				
Apr 1 Palm Sun.		N. CWarner	A. Dolezilek		M. Haggart B. Burns	D. Butler		Flores
	8	A. Dolezilek	K. Burns	F. Koehler				
		T. Butler						
<b>Holy Week Services - Watch April Tower and Sunday Bulletin for details.</b>								
Apr 8 Easter		D. Ritchie	P. Whidbee		P. Mixer M. Rehberg	M. Haggart		Kellam Olson
	8	P. Whidbee	D. Seamans	B. Burns				
Apr 15		R. Luedeking	Vanderwall		S. Flores M. Hubbard	T. Ridout		Ross Ridout
	8		S. Wohlfeil	N. Ankrach				
Apr 22		D. Lowe	J. Wardwell		A. Olson M. Rehberg	EK Peters		Haggart
	8		A. Benson	T. Butler				
Apr 29		Vanderwall	D. Ritchie		S. Johnson B. Burns	A. Benson		Butler
	8		T. Bond	W. Wohlfeil				
10	Sid. Ankrach	A. Olson						

**Altar Guild**  
\*Chair

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

**April:** M. Haggart\*  
Alison Mixer  
Carol Gay  
Jan Brandt (L only)

**May:** Kay Surles\* (L)  
Jan Stewart



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

### **Through Lent and Holy Week**

- ◆ March 1           Worship Planning for Holy Week and Easter, 7pm
- ◆ March 3           Vestry Retreat, 9 am—3 pm
- ◆ March 4           Outreach Committee, after 10 am Worship in Canterbury Room  
Diocesan Endowment Campaign Gathering with  
Bishop Waggoner, 4:30pm in the Canterbury Room
- ◆ March 11          Newcomers, 11:30 am in the Canterbury Room
- ◆ March 13          Vestry Meeting, 7 pm in the Canterbury Room
- ◆ March 25          Liturgy of Welcome for Newcomers, 10 am  
“Harmony: Wine, Cheese and Song”, 5 pm
- ◆ March 27          Buildings & Grounds, 7 pm in the Canterbury Room
  
- ◆ April 1            Palm Sunday
- ◆ April 5            Maundy Thursday
- ◆ April 6            Good Friday
- ◆ April 7            Easter Vigil
- ◆ April 8            Easter