

The Tower

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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.

Deadline for October issue is September 15th

Beloved friends,

After we have received communion, we often send out Eucharistic Visitors to bring the consecrated elements to our shut-ins. I dismiss the visitors with the following prayer: "In the name of this parish family I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the one who receives them will share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. For though we are many we are one because we share one bread, one cup." The prayer paraphrases the Apostle Paul, who in his first letter to the Christians in Corinth uses this metaphor of unity in diversity before launching into his extended description of each of us making up vital parts of the Body of Christ.

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the bread of life." Holding up the bread at their last supper together, Jesus offers it to his friends as his Body. How do we ingest the Body of Christ? Our forbears in the faith tried to understand those words in the emerging language of modern science, inventing precise terminology to express the mystery of Christ's presence among us in the breaking of the bread. They came up with words like transubstantiation and consubstantiation and Real Presence. But before those scholars of the early modern era, the earliest Christians imagined that the people of God are themselves the Body of Christ, and also the bread offered at the table. In the words of an ancient Greek hymn "As grain, once scattered on the hillside, was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son." (*Hymn #302*)

About 1500 years ago, the African bishop Augustine reflected on Paul's imagery and wrote a homily about the mystery uniting us to Christ in the bread and the cup: "Be what you see; receive what you are." Namely: look at the bread, the Body of Christ. You, too, are the Body of Christ. When we look at the bread, the Body, we who are the Body are looking back at ourselves, gathered, kneaded into a whole, baked in fire, offered in blessing, broken and scattered again to feed the world.

This fall our parish's annual pledge campaign will begin on October 7; clergy and delegates from the Diocese will gather in convention October 18-21. Both the pledge campaign and the Diocesan Convention have as their theme, "Becoming Bread for the World," an invitation in both our parish and our broader diocesan family to imagine how we are called together, sent into the world as the Body of Christ, to bring nourishment to the world. What are the ways in which each us is brought here into this lumpy dough we call St. James' Episcopal Church? How are our gifts called forth from us in ways that not only serve the immediate needs of the church, but also serve the needs of the world?

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VESTRY DIGEST

June 12, 2007

Old Business:

Montine Vona-Pergola will Co-Chair annual Stewardship Campaign this fall.

New Business:

M (Kellam) S (Wardwell) and Passed that the Vestry of St. James wishes to express its support for the CCCC renovations and it commits itself to deciding the appropriate amount in August.

Pulpit-sized bible (\$500) and Book of Gospels for the Revised Common Lectionary (about \$150) are suggested by Rev. Rivetti. It was M (Kellam) and S (Wardwell) and Passed we authorize purchase of both items with money from the Memorial funds.

Reports:

Jr. Warden/Building & Grounds: great work party in May; storage room downstairs cleaned out. Boiler checked out – needs to be encased or removed by a hazmat team due to asbestos levels.

Rectory fence needs to be re-done, maybe with shrubs or plants. Driveway at rectory needs replacing (new product called geoweb might be appropriate). Need to keep the siding on the church on the front burner.

Christian Education: M (Ridout) and S (Flores) to cover mileage/hotel expenses for Jan McCall to come to St. James in either August or September.

Approved Minutes posted in Office.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Wohlfeil, Vestry Clerk

Year-to-date Budget Summary

	<u>Month ending July 31, 2007</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenue	\$103,354.88	\$108,032.88	\$176,500
<i>(Pledges)</i>	<i>\$86,438.21</i>	<i>\$95,731.70</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>
Expenses	\$106,509.95	\$109,751.76	\$176,609

Pledges appear ahead of budget with some pledgers offering lump-sum payments that will spread out for the remainder of the year. Givers of Record are below budget. Administration, Buildings & Grounds show the greatest overruns in expenses. Complete Budget Statement posted in Office. With no vestry meetings in July or August, these reports have not yet been officially received by the vestry.

Complete Budget Statement posted in Office.

Dean Ritchie, Treasurer

Year-to-date Giving Statements available in Narthex
Thank you for your generous contributions to St. James.

Please contact Christie Sharpe
(clsharp@yahoo.com or 334 7313)

Notes from Carol.....in the Parish Office

The new directories are done and can be found in the parish hall.

Along with the directories there will be a separate sheet of paper with changes to the directory.

Outreach News

This coming fall and spring will see outreach at St. James continue in some old ways and add some new activities as well. We will be continuing to serve the Community Action Center in its "Soup's On" programs the third Wednesday of each month. Sign-up sheets will be available on Kick-Off Sunday and throughout the year. If you like to make soup, or like to buy juice and rolls, please volunteer by contacting Joe Pergola. Outreach is nearing its goal of raising \$5,000 for the Heifer Project so that we can buy an Ark, helping people around the world feed themselves and generate much needed income. Look for upcoming events. As always, donations are appreciated as well. We will continue to serve local families at Christmastime as we do every year. We have some fundraiser ideas, but could always use others as well. If you have suggestions, please suggest them. If you have questions, please ask them. If you are interested in serving on the Outreach committee, it's easy. Just contact Joe Pergola and we'll get you started. You can reach Joe at 882-0734 or mvpjimp@yahoo.com.

Campus Ministry News

Another semester is underway and students have returned! As before, the center of our program is the Wednesday night **Inspire** program, beginning at 5 PM in the K House Lounge (next to the Bookie). St. James parishioners are encouraged to help our campus ministry by signing up to provide some portion of dinner for students. See the sign-up list in the parish hall.

Students will venture to Camp Cross for the combined College/Young Adult Taize weekend at Camp Cross September 28-30. If you're interested, contact Phil Mixer (pmixer@pullman.com or 509-432-9518).

Football parking at St. James Sharon Nitz is our coordinator this year for parking during football home games. WSU home games in Pullman are September 15, October 6, October 27, November 10 and November 17. If your ministry team wants to raise funds by parking cars you must arrange the schedule with Sharon, and you must take responsibility for setting up and taking down signs and cones, distributing receipts, and collecting and depositing funds. Contact Sharon at 334-1744 or saknitz@hotmail.com.

Tales from the Rummage Table:

It was 6:30 on Thursday evening. The lines were not very long when a lovely mid-aged woman came up with a full book bag. As she carefully laid each item out, one could tell they were real treasures for her. The little 'Hummelesque' figurine, the tiny lacquered box, the small round granite with a candle in the center. Treasures! Real treasures for her.

This is some of the joy our rummage sale spreads each year. We recycle clothes, furniture, books, treasures. Anything that is donated to us. By Thursday, we're tired, sore and maybe a little grumpy.

Let's not miss the service to the community, our profits we use for our youth, some charities, and projects like the new windows in the Canterbury room. But mostly, don't miss the joy we give to folks of limited means.



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

Pat Cruver (along with Chris Stone) came straight from the rummage sale to meet me for coffee and this interview. As most all of us do, Pat found something to take home from the sale; it was part of an ice axe. As it turned out, this made for a good introduction to our interview. Who knew that an ice axe could be useful as an interview tool?

When it comes to hobbies and interests, Pat is very active and loves the outdoors. He enjoys mountain and rock climbing, hiking, and skiing. He volunteers with the ski patrol at Lookout Pass, a job he did professionally during the 70s and 80s. Also, he has been teaching karate through Pullman Parks and Rec for 13 years; that is how he and Chris met 4 years ago. Career-wise, he's owned a bulldozer and also worked as a logger in Alaska and Washington.

Pat's interests in the outdoors have led to an active involvement with Camp Cross. As a child, he attended the camp and feels it significantly influenced his spiritual development. "The people there are a microcosm of the good parts of society, and I wanted my boys to have that opportunity as well." Pat, Micah, and Emmett attend the Labor of Love camp at the beginning of the season, participating in projects to get the camp ready for the year. He has assisted in various ways, especially in carpentry and forestry. In the Fall, they often help close it down for the winter.

Pat came to Pullman in 1994, drawn by a job, as so many of us are. He works as a safety consultant for WSU. He began attending St. James soon after his arrival. Initially, he went back and forth between St. Mark's and St. James. As further proof that it is very important to pay attention to newcomers, he found the congregation friendly; former rector, Armand Larive, made a great impression.

Pat has led a full and interesting life, and he's not done yet. Dreams for his future include mission work to Africa or South America (or to Nepal for a possible side trip to Mount Everest?), owning a saw mill, logging with a team of horses, running a cross country ski camp and, of course, Camp Cross caretaker. Whatever he chooses, I'm sure it will be interesting. Stay tuned for an update in another 10 years or so.

Parish Office Hours

Carol: Tues-Fri 9am- 3pm
 Lunch from 1-2

Mary Beth: Tues—Thurs 9am - 3 p.m.
 Lunch from 12 -1

From the Senior Warden Todd Butler

I should begin with an apology, at least to those of you who drank coffee last Sunday (August 12). As Dawn was preparing for the ECW meeting, I was flying solo in getting the coffee hour ready, and that's a dangerous thing since I don't drink coffee. Later, while I was cleaning up, I noticed that several of the cups had a good deal of grounds in the bottom, almost as if someone had been panning for gold.

Now I don't know much about coffee—I've never managed to get used to the taste—but I don't think that's how it's supposed to look. I was reminded of a passage in Katharine Jeffert Schori's recent book *A Wing and a Prayer* in which, while waiting on the tarmac at an airport, she reflects on the variety of employees—pilot, baggage handler, reservations agent—necessary to get her to her destination. Most of those jobs, she admits, she wouldn't be very good at, and so she's thankful that others can do them, and do them well.

As both Senior Warden and a member of Saint James', I sympathize with Schori. There are any number of tasks in our community that I'm either not interested in or not very good at—making coffee sadly is the most obvious—and yet I recognize that the church needs someone who can do these things. More importantly, *I* need people who can evaluate siding, keep tabs on a rummage sale, or monitor our financial transactions. Without these people—that is, without *you*—my worship and our community would be immeasurably lessened.

As we head into fall with its Kick-off Sunday and Stewardship campaign, I think it's worth remembering our interdependence as a community. The talents that all of us bring to Saint James' are valuable not simply because they represent each individual but because they fill a need, a lack, in the rest of us.

When Christ explains in Matthew 18:20 that "where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them," I expect he wasn't thinking of yes-men or carbon copies. Rather, we find Christ's presence among us not simply because we are different but because our differences, when offered to each other, fill the empty spaces in our lives.

What you bring to us—whatever it might be, however small or insignificant it might seem—we need, perhaps even more than we ourselves know. In return, we can offer only ourselves to you. But with and through God's grace, that indeed is sufficient.

Peace,
Todd

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Worship Team

The Worship Ministry Team meets at 7pm on Thursday, September 20. All current and interested members are invited to attend as we discuss the ways in which our community offers regular worship together.



Christian Education

Senior High Sunday School classes will begin on the 16th. They meet at 9 am in the Chill Room.

Junior High Sunday School classes will begin on the 23rd. They meet at 9am in the Small Conference (Mid-High) Room.

Kindergarten—5th Grade Sunday School class will begin on the 23rd. They process out during the *Gloria* at the 10am service and return to receive communion.

Preschool Sunday School class will begin on the 23rd. They meet at 10 am in the Canterbury Room.

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A re-designed webpage for St. James debuted in late April. The webpage now contains more information about our ministry activities and opportunities for fellowship and education. It also contains links to The Tower newsletter and many photos of the people of St. James. Check it out! Be sure to let Travis Ridout know if you have any suggestions or information you would like added to the St. James web site.

The People of St. James

Kick-off Sunday--a day set aside for members to learn more about, and plug into, the various ministries and activities of our parish--will be held Sunday, September 16. A potluck at the church will follow the 10 a.m. service. Each ministry team will have a table set up in the parish hall to showcase its activities, and there will be sign-up sheets at each table to allow those with an interest in the ministry to become more involved.

As in the past, the church will provide ice cream, and there will be toppings at each table, allowing you to construct your own ice cream sundae as you wander around the room. Keep this in mind as you plan what to bring to the potluck. New this year will be an opportunity for you to vote on your favorite table. We expect heated competition as ministry teams compete for as-yet-undetermined but bound-to-be-spectacular prizes. Ministry team leaders can expect to receive more information about setting up their tables soon. Contact Hospitality Team leaders, Carolyn Ross and Travis Ridout, if you have any questions.

Adult Study Group: The book for the fall will be "A Wing and a Prayer" by our Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. It will cost around \$12.00.

Lectionary Study will start back up Sept. 6th at 7pm in the Canterbury room.

Our parish family:

Linda Adams

Linda is recovering from lumbar surgery. She is doing well, with little pain. Her doctor is happy with her progress and has her walking for 15 minutes, twice a day. She is back to some of her normal activities, but still can't lift anything over 5 pounds for a couple more months.

Peter Haggart

Pete is recovering from a minor heart attack and says that he can't complain. He endures cardio rehab 3 times a week and has changed his diet a bit. A full recovery is expected!

Elwood Hartman

Elwood is recovering from a mini-stroke, which began one night and came back during the Rummage Sale. He is doing fine, except that his handwriting looks like Chinese. However, none of his checks are bouncing, so it must be semi-legible. He is back to water aerobics, although he does enjoy a nap in the afternoons. He is looking forward to his son's impending visit.

CHRISTIAN WOHLFEIL UPDATE

We saw a pediatric orthopedist in June at the Shriner's hospital, and boy, what a difference that makes! When Christian was first diagnosed with Perthes we didn't know what to expect. The doctor here said, "This is rare, this is serious", and he put Christian on crutches to keep the pressure off his hip joint.

In Spokane, the doctor said, "This is common, we see Perthes all the time". Whew! They did take new x-rays and asked to see Christian again in September (we go up on the 4th). Currently, he is off the crutches and was restricted only from running and jumping. He's to use pain as his guide and if his hip is bothering him, he has a cane or the crutches he can use to relieve the pressure. Most days his hip doesn't bother him at all.

When we go back in September they will take another set of x-rays. If everything looks the same in his hip, they will just monitor him every six months. He'll eventually out grow the problem and the bone will start to grow again. He has "young" bones and a good amount of room in the growth plate in his femur. He has a good chance of a complete recovery. If there is a big difference in the x-rays they'll talk to us about other treatment options, which may include surgery.

We wanted to thank everyone for their good thoughts and prayers and we'll keep everyone updated. As we know more, we'll let you all know.

Thank you.

The Wohlfeils

Spoiler alert!—The Rivettis, the Grays, the Gays, and the Jacobs all welcomed new granddaughters this summer.

Prayers requested—At press time, we had been informed of a mine collapse in Winnemucca, Nevada, that involved the nephew of Marcia and Doug Jacobs. Our prayers for C.J., for his wife Heather and their three children, and for Doug and Marcia as they extend their support to their family. Our Compline prayer asks that we "never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil." In this season of Labor Day, let us particularly lift up those whose work exposes them to danger, and especially offer our prayers of comfort and hope for Marcia and Doug.

Parish Announcements

Sept. 5 ECW Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 CCCC staff will host us to a brief walk-through visit of their beautiful summer refurbishing project of downstairs office and classroom areas. ECW will be providing special "back-to-school" appreciation treats to CCCC staff, as their schedules won't let them join us for lunch. All are welcome!

Work Party:

Building and Grounds has scheduled a work party on Saturday, September 8th at 8:30 am. There is plenty of work needing to be done. We need to rake the "west bank" again this year to remove the downed weeds and remove a fire hazard. There are plenty of weeding opportunities. Further we will be working on the parking lot lights. There may even be pizza. Come, bring your gloves, sturdy boots or shoes and yard tools. All are welcome!

Tea Committee

The Tea Committee will meet Sept. 15th at 10am in the parish hall, Please contact Carol Porter if you would like to be on the committee.

Pastoral Care Ministers – Fall Meeting

Members of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team provide food for shut-ins, they provide transportation to church, they knit prayer-shawls and offer intentional prayers for those in need; they bring communion to those who cannot come to church. If you are interested in joining this ministry or if you're already a part of this ministry, you're cordially invited to a fall organizational meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 22, from 1-3pm. We will share our stories, update our lists, and raise up new and continuing leadership. Please let Carol Porter know you're planning to attend.

Eucharistic Visitors – Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly meeting of the Eucharistic Visitors of St. James and St. Mark's will take place on Saturday morning, September 22, from 9-11am at the University Inn in Moscow. All current and interested Eucharistic Visitors are encouraged to attend these quarterly meetings as part of ongoing continuing education and mutual support in this ministry.

Donations requested

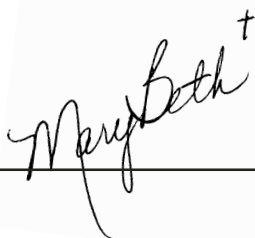
We're looking for basic household items to help a newcomer to town. Donations can be left in the parish office. A microwave, full-sized sheets and comforter, men's bicycle, blender, pots and pans, potholders, tea towels — all would be welcome.

Rector's letter cont.

At St. James Episcopal Church, we'll have a number of ways to explore that theme, beginning with our **Kick-Off Sunday** event on **September 16**. The parish hall will be lined with tables featuring the various activities ongoing in the church – the ways for each of us to become connected here, the ways the church needs each of us to help keep things running. Our pledge campaign will include small groups who will gather to prepare bread and talk about the ways in which the church gathers them in and sends them out.

This fall, as we prepare to become bread for the world, with Augustine, let us offer with him this prayer: *So let us give God our sincere and deepest gratitude- and, as far as human weakness will permit, let us turn to the Lord with pure hearts.*

In faith and hope,





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

Sept. 5th	7pm Stewardship Follow-up Meeting
Sept. 8th	All parish work party
Sept. 11th	7pm Vestry
Sept. 16th	Kick-off Sunday
Sept. 20th	7pm Worship Committee Meeting
Sept 22nd	9-11am — Eucharistic Visitors 1-3pm Pastoral Care Committee
Sept. 23rd	Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting
Sept. 27th	Diocesan Council—Yakima
Sept. 28-30	Racism Conference-Yakima
Sept. 30-Oct.1	Training of Trainers
Oct. 7th	Stewardship Sunday