



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 December issue is November 15th

Beloved friends,

Each November brings with it a precious memory – the time five years ago when Linda Adams and Nancy Collins-Warner brought George and me to Pullman for our first opportunity to meet the people of St. James. I still remember the gorgeous trip through the Palouse – fields of snow-dusted stubble standing in patches of black earth. As our hosts apologetically promised more beauty in the spring and summer months, George and I both agreed that crisp autumn sight proved love at first sight! Add to that the warmth of the people we met and the nearness of the Lionel Hampton School of Music – we returned from our trip more eager than ever to hear a call from St. James.

In a few short months, we'll be celebrating five years together, and next spring will mark five years since the Bishop inducted me here as your rector. Next month will mark the seventh anniversary of my ordination to priesthood (a mere child compared to our Deacons Ted and Toni). How has the time raced by? It seems as if we're just getting started, even as we experience the true exchange that comes from getting to know one another well.

As Todd Butler will describe in his column, the Vestry at its September meeting agreed to catch up on funding sabbatical leave, essentially a three-month break for both rector and congregation to stop and take stock of our ministry. Since that leave won't be coming for another couple of years, why bring it up now? As the time grows close for that opportunity, I'll be saying more about thoughts and plans for my own break. But just as important, it will be a time for the congregation to reflect on where we've been together, and how we will move forward in our common life in Christ.

Each year at this time, we begin offering a number of ways for the people of St. James to reflect and respond to our common life here. Our Cottage Meetings during the fall pledge campaign offer a forum for feedback and discussion. Often there are corrections and questions about the particulars of our daily life – we'll publish a list of questions and answers in the December Tower. But from time to time we talk about the vision we share of being the people of God gathered together in worship here at St. James Episcopal Church in Pullman, Washington. How does this gift of our common life shape the world around us? How will we be formed by our experience in this place? What is the hope we share?

As we prepare to begin the church's New Year on the First Sunday of Advent, I invite us all into a time of reflection about these important questions, even as we prepare for a time of celebration and festivity. In addition to the season's other offerings, once again we will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols the evening of December 9, as a gift to the community. We hope you'll put this on your calendar now and plan to bring friends and family to share the richness of our Anglican heritage.

The questions will keep coming; let the conversation never stop.

With love,

MaryBeth⁺

Rector

Mary Beth Rivetti 332-1742

Deacons

Theodore Nitz 334-1755

Wilhelmina "Toni" Sarai-Clark
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Junior Warden

Jean Wardwell '08 334-5636

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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

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Treasurer

Dean Ritchie 334-3132

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Food Team

Sylvia Hutton 334-7883

Prayer Chain

Robin Gray 334-3918

Transportation

Mary Hubbard 332-2766

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Rev. Mary Beth Rivetti &

Stephan Flores (vestry)

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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

October 2, 2007

Sue Ritter, Habitat for Humanity, provided in-depth information on their local efforts and ideas for how a congregation can become involved. Greatest challenge locally is raising funds to build a house. She asked our prayer support for Habitat and is available to speak to the congregation as a whole. For information: <http://local.habitat.org/palousehabitatforhumanity>

Old Business

- Reserved Parking fundraising received substantial discussion (see Policy in October Tower). M (Pergola) and S (Wardwell) and P that reserved parking be available at St James with the capacity limited to our lot, only if there is a party/group willing to run it and organize it. If no one is willing to run it, there will be no reserved parking. The money will be distributed equally amongst the teams parking each home game.

Siding/Painting – B&G recommended replacing siding on south and west walls with 4 inch tongue and groove siding. Materials for west wall will run \$700 with labor extra. Cannot proceed with painting until cedar planks are replaced and weather for a year. Jr. Warden Jean Wardwell will bring bids from contractors to Vestry in November, at which time approval of funds will be requested.

New Business

- Budgeting process/requests – Nov/Dec are when budget for next year is prepared. Vestry needs to touch base with ministry teams for budget requests or needs.
- Preparation for annual meeting – Need to prepare legislation for consideration of change to by-laws enabling 16 year-olds to be voting members (current age is 18).
- Nomination Committee – Made up of Vestry members rotating off: Joy Drake, Bruce Kellam, Joe Pergola, Travis Ridout, Ruth Vanderwall and Jean Wardwell. Four new vestry members will be elected next year. In addition, clerk position will need to be filled as Claudia Wohlfeil will not be standing for election. Todd will only serve until the end of the year as Sr. Warden. (Sr. Warden is appointed by the rector but she is happy to hear/take suggestions.)

M (Pergola) and S (Benson) and P to consolidate the Social Justice & Outreach Committees.

Reports

Jr. Warden: Est. (Sims Glass) for replacement of windows in small conference room, \$1812; daycare, \$421; fix kitchen window, \$378; and slider, \$418; no bids for windows in high school room. M (Wardwell) and S (Benson) and P to have these windows replaced, as noted in these bids, drawn from Major Repairs fund.

Nine broken tiles in nave to be replaced professionally (Georgia Carpetworks, \$280 + tax) M (Wardwell) and S (Seamans) and P that this be done.

Two dead Lombardi poplar trees on Lybecker/Stadium Way corner need to be removed (Wilson Tree & Shrub, \$580 + tax, debris clean up). M (Wardwell) and S (Vanderwall) and P to have this work done, funded by Major Repairs.

Proposed Memorial Garden markers (\$214.52) be provided from Memorial Fund. M (Wardwell) S and P to have this done.

Landscape plan for whole grounds necessary to avoid unintended consequences and in looking ahead strategically when making decisions. Only one response thus far from six landscapers regarding inquiry to develop a plan.

- Campus Ministry: Rector reminded that a coordinator for food needed.
 - Hospitality: Kick off Sunday went well; more greeters needed.
- Outreach and Social Justice: Over \$900 made, parking and donuts, last home game. \$60 to be tithed to General Fund, balance for CAC families at Christmas.

Treasurers Report can be found on page 3

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

There are still lots of odd jobs to be done in and around the church.

You can find the list of jobs on the pillar in the narthex.

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Prayer Chain

Those fighting Cancer:

Marilyn
Corinne
Muff
Ellen
Pete
Jenni

Those fighting other Illnesses:

Jeri-MS
Nicholas- mental illness
Henry and Claire- Life transition
Sean- schizophrenia
Gregory- life struggle
Bill- ill
Christian- perthes (hip) disease
Leslie- lupus
Sofia- juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
Carol W.- hand infection
Al- knee injury
Pete- heart attack recovery
Sylvia L.- abdominal surgery
Jack- ill
Jacinda- Coma
Janine- depression
Ginny- undiagnosed illness

Special prayers:

Sam- service in Iraq



As this arrives in your mailboxes, the Stewardship campaign is coming to a close. I enjoyed planning for this year's campaign, partly because the theme "Becoming Bread for the World" spoke to me so strongly (for any who missed it, I confessed my love for bread in my sermon on Stewardship Sunday. Maybe next year we'll talk about cheese—yum!) Well, it takes a lot of "bread" to keep our church functioning, so please turn in your pledge packets to the Shell box, located in the Narthex, if you haven't already and definitely plan to join us on November 4th for the Thanksgiving/Ingathering with the Bishop—food to follow!

Linda Adams likes to share the story of a small child who, upon leaving the altar after Communion, stated (a bit too loudly, as children are wont to do), "Did you get enough?" Luckily, Jesus makes sure that we all get enough. Your pledges allow the Vestry to plan accurately for the coming year, ensuring that everyone gets enough, locally and globally. Thanks for your attention, and thanks for the opportunity to work on this campaign.

Montine Vona-Pergola
Stewardship Co-chair

Quarterly report from the treasurer

Extracted from the September financial report:

Account	2007 Budget	Budget to Date	2007 Actual	Over	Under
Receipts					
Pledges	\$140,548.30	\$105,411.23	\$109,890.00	\$4,478.78	
Givers of record	\$15,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$5,290.00		\$5,960.00
Total Receipts	\$176,500.00	\$131,612.93	\$129,739.26		\$1,873.66
Disbursements					
Total Personnel Expense	\$96,372.24	\$72,529.18	\$80,311.19	\$7,782.01	
Total Diocesan Assessment	\$33,493.00	\$25,119.75	\$25,119.72		\$0.03
Total Ministry Expenses	\$3,050.00	\$2,625.00	\$3,154.15	\$529.15	
Total Worship Expenses	\$900.00	\$725.00	\$53.00		\$672.00
Total Stewardship Expenses	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$0.00		\$300.00
Total Outreach Expenses	\$3,300.00	\$1,575.00	\$13.61		\$1,561.39
Total B & G Expenses	\$28,344.68	\$21,883.51	\$25,507.14	\$3,623.63	
Total Administration	\$10,750.00	\$9,312.50	\$11,012.68	\$1,700.18	
Total Disbursements	\$176,609.92	\$134,069.94	\$145,171.49	\$11,101.55	

Our giving is somewhat behind schedule, especially the income from Givers of Record. The Personnel expense line includes an additional \$10,000 the vestry voted to spend on the Sabbatical Plan, to be taken from the surplus we experienced in 2005. This action puts us in position to fulfill our obligation as agreed when we called Mary Beth. The surplus in Outreach is money being accumulated for several projects we traditionally fund during the Christmas season. In addition, Administration includes \$1200 budgeted for convention expenses, which will be spent in October. When these factors are taken into account, it appears that B & G and Administration are overspent by about \$3,000 each. The entire September report is posted in the church office. If you have any questions about the financial condition of St. James, please feel free to call or email me.

Dean Ritchie,
Treasurer

CAC– Christmas Gifts

Every year in late November, the Community Action Center asks for the help of local churches in providing Christmas gifts for children and teens in families who do not otherwise qualify for other programs. Some miss qualification by only a few dollars.

For the past two years, the generosity of St. James' has been a bright light in what might otherwise be a bleak holiday season for those less fortunate.

We expect CAC to ask for our help again. This plea is in anticipation of the request. Our contributions of money will need to be received by November 25 because the CAC has a December 5 cut-off for the receipt of presents for distribution.

Won't you consider giving a money gift so we can make this Christmas a joyful one for those less fortunate? How much do we need? Let your heart take the lead. To match the amount we gave last year, we would need a total of \$2500. About half that amount has been raised through parking and Krispy Kreme sales, and ECW has allocated some grant money, but your contributions are welcome, too.

If you can help, please do. You can give the check to Sue Johnson or put it in the offering. If you have questions about this program, again just ask Sue Johnson.

You may make your check payable to St. James' and in the Memo Line: **CAC / Christmas Gifts.**

Thank you so much.
Sue Johnson
Dianne Lowe



From the Senior Warden Todd Butler

If you're in the habit of reviewing the vestry notes printed in the Tower, you may have noticed that in September the vestry acted to set aside a one-time surplus for sabbatical replacement costs. Since the decision is perhaps a bit confusing (it actually took us a couple of years to figure it out ourselves!) it's perhaps worth a bit more of an explanation, especially during pledge season.

The surplus originated several years ago as part of some careful planning from a previous vestry concerned that certain financial obligations wouldn't be met. It turned out they were, which meant that the planning had left us with some additional funds.

These funds have been used in a variety of ways—they funded St. James' generous contribution to earthquake relief in Pakistan, as well as supported projects in Haiti as well. Having first looked outward to serve others, the vestry then looked to our community here, deciding unanimously to devote the remaining funds for sabbatical replacement.

When St. James' called Mary Beth to serve as our rector, part of that call included provisions for a sabbatical term after six years. That sabbatical provides Mary Beth approximately 12 weeks off to study, pray, and reflect, allowing her to return re-energized and further committed to our congregation.

In securing funds for a supply priest during that sabbatical, the vestry acted with a similar commitment. Both the people and mission of St. James' deserve as much support as we can give them, and that includes continued pastoral care.

I have no doubt that, given the skills and prayers of our congregation, we could have "made do" with some combination of Morning Prayer, lay readers, and the like. Yet "making do" is not a healthy way to support and even grow a congregation—it demands too much of (often) too few people, and it limits our ability to serve ourselves and the community around us.

Instead, the vestry decided to take care of what in the end makes St. James' the distinctive and welcoming place it is—our people. That is our continued charge, and if we ever fall short of that I'd love to hear from you.

In Christ,
Todd

Parish Office Hours

Carol: Tues-Fri 9am– 3pm

Lunch from 1-2

Mary Beth: Tues—Thurs 9am - 3 p.m.

Lunch from 12 –1

Nov. 4th One Service at 9am followed by brunch put on by the Vestry.

Nov. 10th 9-11:30 and 12:30-2:30 Training for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and for Worship Leaders.

Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving service 9am



Adult study group :Sundays 9am, in the Canterbury Room.

Lectionary Study :Thursdays 7pm, in the Canterbury Room.

Learn More About Islam and Christianity

The Wednesday evening study group will soon begin reading "Oil and Water: Two Faiths, One God" by Amir Hussein. The book, written for a Christian audience, speaks about the ways in which Christianity and Islam are alike--and different. If you would like to join us for our first discussion on October 31 at 7 p.m., please let Sharon Nitz or Travis Ridout know. We'll meet every other week in a different home to discuss a chapter or two, and we would be happy to have you join us.

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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

Greeters Still Needed!

Being on hand to greet visitors, newcomers and "old timers" alike is one of the most rewarding (and easiest) ministries you can sign up for at St. James'. All it takes is a commitment to arrive for the 10 a.m. service about 15 minutes early once every month or two. If you'd like to join the greeter corps, please let Travis Ridout (tntidout@hotmail.com) know.

Vestry Clerk position open Jan 1, 2008

After two years of service, Vestry Clerk Claudia Wohlfeil is stepping down December 31, 2007. The clerk position can be filled by a Vestry member or by a parishioner elected at the annual meeting. I'm asking any interested parties to contact myself Claudia (332-0931 or email candwohlfeil@yahoo.com) or the office. A complete list of job responsibilities is available in the office, but basically the clerk takes notes and makes those notes available to the Vestry via minutes and the Congregation via digest notice in the Tower. A complete copy of the minutes is always posted in the office for review. The clerk also types up the agenda ahead of the monthly Vestry meetings, meets with the Executive Committee as requested, and takes notes at the Annual Meeting. I prayerfully ask everyone to consider serving in this capacity or as a Vestry member.

Thank you

Claudia Wohlfeil

Our parish community:

Christian Wohlfeil update

We had another appointment at Shriner's on the 4th of September. The bone loss is even greater in Christian's hip than it was before. It could be that we are still seeing sloughing off of the dead bone, it's hard to tell. The very hard reality is that Christian will almost certainly have to have surgery in the future. The doctor wants to wait until he hits his next growth spurt around age 15 to determine the final course of action, but it may include stopping the growth in the good leg to allow the leg with Perthes to "catch-up". Even with all that, the doc wants to wait to see him until March unless Christian is in pain. Currently, thank God, he is not in pain. The uncertainty is the hardest thing to deal with but Christian has such a positive outlook on life it's hard not to feel that things will be okay. I please ask that everyone continue to keep Christian (and our family) in your prayers.

The Wohlfeils



INTRODUTING OUR NEWEST PARISHONER

Abigail Irene Butler,
born at about **4:35 a.m. , September 25th**
weighing **7lbs 8 oz**
measuring **19.5 inches**

Abigail is the fist child for Todd & Dawn Butler.

Let us all be excited to hear a new voice in church on Sundays.

WELCOME ABIGAIL

Flash!

Madeline Mixter was elected to serve as third alternate to the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, scheduled for the summer of 2009 in Anaheim, CA. Congratulations!

Rev. Mary Beth was also elected to the diocesan Standing Committee, and will serve as the secretary, the post just vacated by Doug Adams.

Parish Announcements

St. James Sinners' Dinners

Sign up sheets are in the parish hall for the 14th Annual Sinners' Dinners. We meet in homes usually on the fourth Saturdays of January, February, and March (or when convenient for the host). Participants (couple or single) are asked to host one dinner for 5 to 8 people and provide the main course. Everyone else brings the rest of the meal. Accommodations can usually be made if a participant cannot host. Babysitting costs are provided by the church. It is a great way to meet parishioners and get to know each other well. Any questions, please call Margaret Haggart (882-3078). I would also like to find a new coordinator. Contact me if you would like to take on this task. After 14 years, it is time for new ideas.

The 2007 St. James' annual rummage sale was a record-breaker! After all expenses had been paid, the event raised \$12,182, beating 2006's total of \$12,038, by about \$150. The rummage sale in 2004 netted \$8,879, 2003's rummage sale netted \$9,659, and 2002's rummage sale raised \$ 8,388 (income figures from 2005 are not available). Way to go, St. James!

ECW meeting on October 13 at 10:00 with only 8 present. Plans for a spring Tea Party were reported. New officers needed for next year are a co-chair, secretary, treasurer. It was recommend to the finance committee that we budget for the cost of carpet cleaning, and buy new children's chairs: high chairs, booster. Tina is in charge of this. We adjourned to enjoy a sample of the goodies that may be served at the Tea Party. Our next business meeting is Sunday Dec. 2nd after the 10am service, They are short!!!! Get your coffee and cookies and come on into the Canterbury Room

To those who did not attend: all the women of the church are EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN, You are all invited to attend all our sessions/ business meetings and the 1st Wednesday women's fellowship lunch (pre-school children are welcome). Come anytime after 10:30, we visit , hand sew or we might do a chore, when needed. Lunch is at noon. Come and leave according to your schedule.

Margaret Rehberg, co-chair

Mark your calendars for Twelfth Night!

Due to the University calendars this year we will have our annual Twelfth Night celebration on Saturday January 12, 2008. Potluck Hors d' oeuvres start the festivities at 5:30pm followed by a catered dinner at 6:30pm. As soon as Will sets the menu for dinner there will be an announcement in the weekly bulletin. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for a variety of ways to help. You can bring an appetizer to share, you could help with table centerpieces (the church has lots of goodies that make beautiful centerpieces!), you could volunteer to make the punch, to help set the tables the day of the event, or even to help provide entertainment! This year Sylvia Hutton will be helping me in the scheduling of the entertainment portion of the evening. Performers will be allotted up to 10 minutes. Past performances have included a variety of musical talents, the reading of funny passages from a favorite book, skits, and of course, Brother Dave! Twelfth Night is an adults only evening, but childcare costs can be reimbursed through a request to ECW. If you have any questions please ask Claudia Wohlfeil (332-0931) Twelfth Night chair. I'll need a final head count by no later than Thursday January 4th.

All who signed up to provide food for the Wednesday Inspire dinners at the Common Ministry at WSU (on or before "Kickoff Sunday") were entered into a drawing for a sterling silver filigree and garnet necklace. The winner of the drawing is **Catherine Ritchie**. Bruce will contact her soon to deliver the necklace.

Member Churches Thank You

We here at the Common Ministry would like to extend a big thanks to all of you who supported, contributed, or participated in our 30th annual Roger Williams Symposium, held October 14th and 15th. Those of you who were in attendance know what an excellent Symposium it was. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock gave a wonderful keynote address on Sunday evening and two excellent workshops on Monday. Again, our thanks to you for helping to make the Symposium a great success.



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

Nov. 4th	Bishop Waggoner’s Visit to St. James, Confirmations, Blessing of the Memorial Garden, Ingathering of Gifts. One service at 9am followed by festive brunch.
Nov. 7th	ECW fellowship meeting 10:30 Lunch 12:00
Nov. 10th	Training for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and for Worship Leaders. 9-11:30 and 12:30-2:30
Nov. 13th	Vestry meeting 7pm
Nov. 22nd	Thanksgiving service 9am
Nov. 27th	Building & Grounds 7pm