

The Tower

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Beloved friends,

The peculiar rhythms of our local community mean that our most vibrant service around the holidays is not the Christmas Eve service, but rather somewhat earlier with the annual Christmas Pageant on the Third Sunday of Advent. True to form, our church was filled December 16 with children and their families; with students and professors and local professionals; some folks we only get to see at this time of the year; some friends who came to swell our numbers. Each morning as I come in to warm up the sanctuary, I see the words illuminated on the wall, "You are no longer strangers and sojourners..." This is a gathering place that is bursting with life. And there are even more children on their way! That explosion of young children brings with it the responsibilities we have as a community to provide a place and a story that will greet them here.

Our budget this year will include a challenge to the congregation to support the vision of your vestry, a vision developed through a careful process of listening and discernment over the past several years, and one we now want to put into practice through the engagement of a director of Christian Education.

Many of you have already received a request for additional funding for the coming year through a supplement to your current pledge. Funds are needed for adequate resources to maintain our programs and enhance our building and grounds care. Our dream is to launch a new venture by hiring a coordinator for Christian Education to support the ministry of the volunteers who provide the faith formation of our children and youth, that this may be a place that sustains their needs now and in the years to come.

Our annual meeting is the time and place for us to bring this hope before the congregation, as we gather to hear about the vibrant ministries we share and elect leaders who will direct the mission of this place. The meeting is January 27, following a single celebration of the Eucharist at 9am. More details are inside this edition of The Tower.

May the New Year bring with it a promise of hope for the abundant life we have been promised. May our hearts be filled with joy and peace in believing through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the radiance we encounter in the face of Christ be reflected in the face of each one of us here.

With love,

Mary Beth[†]

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
February issue
is January 15th

Rector	
Mary Beth Rivetti	332-1742
Deacons	
Theodore Nitz	334-1755
Wilhelmina "Toni" Sarai-Clark	882-9255
Senior Warden	
Todd Butler	332-5594
Junior Warden	
Jean Wardwell '08	334-5636
Vestry Members	
*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	
Carol Porter	334-7458
Youth	
Nursery Coordinators	
J. & T. Pergola	883-0734
Christian Education	
Rev. Mary Beth Rivetti & Stephan Flores (vestry)	
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
Building & Grounds	
Jean Wardwell	334-5636
Outreach/Social Justice	
Joe Pergola	883-0734
Todd Butler	332-5594

VESTRY DIGEST

December, , 11 2008

Vestry met at 6 pm for Budget planning session; pledges short about \$7000 to achieve balanced budget. Letter will be sent to congregation. Sub-committee will work out proposed changes to draft budget.

Old Business

- Christian Education team meeting consensus was there is need for CE Coordinator; draft job description is being worked on, along with budgetary implications. MSP to establish a Christian Education Coordinator position with \$5000 year stipend.
- Nominations Committee reported four confirmed candidates: Sara Schofield, John Brewer, Beth Burns and Ruth Vanderwall. Several others have been approached.
- Annual meeting legislation: Proposed revision to Article 6: Sec. 1 of Constitution of St. James; MSP to present legislation to the annual meeting. Required vote of 2/3 in attendance at the meeting to enact change reducing the minimum age of voting membership to 16.

New Business

Social Justice/Outreach: Need to spend .07% of 2007 budget (\$1200) on MDG-related projects; next meeting is Jan. 16th (see note elsewhere in Tower). Outreach Fund line item of \$1000 also available to spend: traditionally send \$250 to Moscow Food Bank, Pullman Community Food Bank, Christmas for Kids, Pullman Child Welfare

Reports

- MSP to approved amended Treasurer's Report. (\$1141 attributed to Cleaning Supplies belongs in Utilities and Telephone). MSP to put \$600 from birthday/anniversary offerings into Almoner's Fund.
 - Executive Committee met for review of Parish Assistant performance; anniversary date of employment is Feb. 13th.
 - Rector reported Annual Meeting will be last Sunday of January (27th) following a single service at 9 am, with a community potluck and meeting.
 - Sr. Warden reported the Memorial Service for Tye Cruver stretched physical capacity of facility with attendance of more than 300 people in outpouring of love and support to the Cruver Family. Jr. Warden Jean Wardwell will continue to work toward getting the siding on east end of church replaced but will not be continuing as Jr. Warden.
 - Campus Ministry funding during 2007 included: \$1100 from diocese to St. James, \$6000 from diocese directly to Common Ministry. For 2008 diocesan support to St. James will be \$1050.
 - ECW: Carolyn Ross Ridout will be leaving Treasurer position at end of year. Rev. Rivetti proposed that ECW funds be placed in Special Fund, under oversight of Treasurer, with money available to ECW via check request with signature from ECW officer. Compliance issues ask that all funds be in same bank, to protect funds from external audits or forces questioning validity of funds. MSP to recommend ECW finances be handled as Special Fund in parish books and to direct Rector to present issue to ECW. All disbursement of funds will remain in control of ECW.
 - Hospitality: Carolyn Ross Ridout is planning to start a Mom's Group for expecting and new moms; would like to hire babysitter for meetings.
 - Pastoral Care – \$600 raised from parking cars used for: manuals for Eucharistic visitors, funeral expenses, small microwave and toaster for parishioner who had kitchen fire. Sylvia Hutton is now the Meals for Emergencies coordinator. Should there be a line item for funeral expenses? Next meeting will be January 26th 1-3pm at St. James.
- Communications Team – Deadline for Tower is 15th of each month. **Jan. 15th deadline for reports for the various ministry teams** to compile annual meeting packet available to parishioners prior to the annual meeting. _____ **Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday January 8, 2007**

2008 Proposed Budget available in Annual Report packet

Notes from Carol.....in the Parish Office
As the new year is here, please remember if you have a meeting or an occasion that you need to use the church for, to let the office know so it can be put on the calendar. That way there will be no mix-ups.

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Annual Meeting of St. James Episcopal Church

The annual meeting of St. James Episcopal Church will meet on Sunday, January 27, following a single celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9am and a community potluck brunch. All communicant members of the church are invited and encouraged to attend to conduct the official business of the church.

Business to be conducted at this meeting:

- ◆ Election of delegates to represent St. James at the annual convention, which will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Spokane on October 17-19
- ◆ Election of members of the vestry (see adjoining article for vacancies and qualifications)
- ◆ Consideration of proposed legislation (see below)
- ◆ Adoption the 2008 budget
- ◆ Election of a new Clerk of the vestry
- ◆ Receipt of reports of the ministries of this parish

If you would like to propose legislation in addition to the item proposed below, please submit it in time for the preparation of the pre-meeting packet (January 15 deadline) so that members of the congregation will have an opportunity to consider the legislation. Copies of the parish constitution and bylaws are available in the office.

Vestry Nominations Sought

Do you have time and talents to offer St. James? Are you interested in helping create the future of our parish?

Vestry nominations are open for January 2008 elections. Potential nominees are invited to reflect on the qualifications for and responsibilities of serving on vestry:

- Be a communicant of legal age (18 and older), regular in prayer and worship.
- Be active in the life of the parish, willing to use spiritual gifts in leadership positions.
- Be a regular contributor to the parish.
- Commit to a term of membership on the vestry of either 1 year (one position) 2 years (three positions) or 3 years (one position).
- Attend monthly meetings (7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month), occasional special meetings and an annual retreat.
- Help define and articulate the mission of the parish.
- Ensure effective organization, planning, leadership and resources for the ministries of St. James.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for vestry, please contact Rev. Rivetti or a member of the nominating committee: Bruce Kellam, Joe Pergola, Travis Ridout, Ruth Vanderwall, or Jean Wardwell.

Proposed legislation for Annual Meeting—requires 2/3 vote of those present for adoption:

ARTICLE VI

OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The qualified voters at the annual meeting shall be as follows:

1. All communicant members of the congregation, as shown by the Parish Register, who are ~~eighteen (18)~~ sixteen (16) years of age and are in good standing

All ministry teams of this parish are required to submit annual reports to provide an accounting of their activities. Annual reports received by January 15 will be printed in the pre-meeting packet distributed on January 20. You may submit reports by email, or place a camera-ready copy on Carol's desk. Other reports may be received at the meeting, and should be printed and copied for distribution by the ministry team presenting the report. Thank you!

Welcome to St. James

At the Thursday evening Lectionary Study Group, discussions are always lively, with a variety of perspectives and backgrounds present: lay, ordained, Episcopal, Anglican, US, Ghana, India...our differences deepen our study and desire to understand the meaning of the Scriptures, and also provide us a context to learn about each other. One regular participant is Hector Kesari, who has been attending St. James for several months, having recently moved to the area. He graciously agreed to be interviewed, via e-mail☺

You are an engineer at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. Is your job what brought you to the Pullman community? How long have you been here?

I accepted this job and decided to move from Seattle. I'm here since the end of August, '07.

Where did you get your education, and what interested you in computer engineering?

I got my first bachelor's degree in Mathematics. Then to get a good job, I switched to Electronics Engineering. Later, as my work needed more Computer Science knowledge, I ended up completing the Masters in Computer Science here in the USA.

Tell us a bit about your youth in southern India, and in particular about your upbringing in the Anglican tradition.

I'm 4th generation Christian from India (where Christians are just 2%). I was brought up in a very strong conservative Christian environment. We (my siblings and me) were made to read the Bible everyday from when we could read at all. All of the families are members of CSI (Church of South India).

One of the enriching aspects of your joining us at St. James is the contributions you make to Bible discussions at the Thursday evening Lectionary study group. Have you had formal education in the Scriptures? was this part of your Christian Education preparation? Do you have a daily practice that continues your study?

I did not have any formal seminary education. I grew up in Bible reading Christian home and school (the diocese and the schools run by the diocese encouraged Bible studies in different ways).

As a newer member of our congregation, what would you offer in terms of how you have been made to feel welcome, and ways in which we could be even more inclusive?

I feel welcome and thanks to everyone for that.

And thank you, Hector, for joining us in weekly study and worship. We are glad to have you enriching our faith community. Nancy Collins-Warner

From the Senior Warden Todd Butler

One of the benefits of being an inveterate procrastinator (sorry Carol!) is that upon occasion I discover at the last minute what I really wanted to write about. That happened to me today, December 16, as I watched this year's Christmas pageant.

I wondered, of course, what part our daughter Abigail might play several years from now—perhaps a lamb, or maybe even (if the gender imbalance keeps up) a sword-wielding king. But even more so than parts and pageants yet to come I was reminded of the hundreds of years the Church has told this same story of Christmas, and how in retelling it we join and return to a community unbounded by time and place.

Amidst the divisions and rancor that occupy both our church and our nation, there is much to be gained in re-living such continuities, especially when we do so amidst family and friends. Each year, for example, in watching the cardboard donkey roll by on a red wagon we are reminded that the church does not exist in buildings or institutions but in the souls that animate them.

Perhaps the most poignant reminder to me of this truth came to me in November at the memorial service for Tye Cruver, a moment in which our community swelled beyond the capacity of our sanctuary. Along with Phil, Rex, and Beth I found myself standing just outside the office, well out of earshot of most of those gathered there that day. Together we sang, and though they perhaps don't know it, at that moment I would have wished myself nowhere else but there.

Such, dear friends, is the wealth we enjoy at St. James'. Spend it lavishly, enjoy it wisely, and remember its presence in moments joyous and sad, for it is the best of what we are together.

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

Prayer Chain

Those fighting Cancer:

Marilyn
Muff
Ellen
Pete
Jenni
Ginny
Gale

Sylvia L.– abdominal surgery
Jacinda– Coma
Janine– depression
Julie C.– Ill
Marge– stroke
Rob F.- neuropathy
Jason– perforated esophagus surgery
Dave– bacterial infection
Judi– back surgery

Those fighting other Illnesses:

Jeri-MS
Nicholas– mental illness
Henry and Claire– Life transition
Sean- schizophrenia
Bill– ill
Christian– perthes (hip) disease
Sofia- juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
Carol W.– hand infection
Jessica– bad arm burns

Special prayers:

Sam– serving in Iraq
Bob-serving in Iraq
Marilyn & John—house fire

Worship

January 27th annual meeting single service at 9am

Acolyte Training—February 2
Usher and Greeter Training—February 2

All Acolyte service February 3
Shrove Tuesday—February 5
Ash Wednesday—February 6
February 10th First Sunday in Lent (early this year)

Christian Education

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

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

Sunday School sign up sheet for spring semester can be found in the parish hall. Lots of Sundays are available!
Classes resume February 3.

The People of St. James

Christian Education Coordinator

At its December meeting, the vestry voted to create the position of a paid Christian Education Coordinator for the parish who would oversee all aspects of Christian education from ages pre-kindergarten through high school. The tentative start date for the job is May 1, giving the new coordinator sufficient time to prepare for the resumption of Sunday school classes in the fall. The expected salary for the position, which should involve an average of 8-10 hours of work each week, is \$5000 per year.

The new coordinator will be responsible for several specific tasks:

- Develop, choose and purchase education curriculum in consultation with teachers and Christian Education Committee
- Provide training for volunteer teachers at the beginning of each school year and other times as needed
- Recruit and coordinate volunteer teachers, ensuring every classroom is staffed each week
- Ensure that volunteer teachers have access to curriculum and materials needed each week
- Be responsible for record-keeping, including signing up youth for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Manage the Christian Education budget, making supply and curriculum purchases, and make yearly budget requests to the vestry
- Promote and sign up youth for diocesan and other youth activities, coordinate transportation to these events and ensure that registration fees are paid
- Coordinate parish Christmas pageant, ensuring that a director and other volunteers are in place
- Provide information about St. James' Christian Education program to new families in the parish and promote the education program more generally
- Keep parents updated about the lessons that the youth are learning in Sunday School through newsletter articles and other means
- Occasionally teach Sunday School classes so as to better know the curriculum and students
- Lead and call meetings of Christian Education Committee
- Regularly report to vestry and rector on Christian Education activities
- Other duties as agreed upon by Christian Education Coordinator and Rector

Our Parish Community

Kudos for Clive!

Dr. Clive C. Gay, DVM, MVSc, FACVSC, recently retired from the faculty at WSU was presented with the 2007 Calvin W. Schwabe Award honoring lifetime achievement in veterinary epidemiology and preventative medicine. Dr. Gay received his DVM and MVSc degrees from the University of Guelph, and later became a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. He served as a Lecturer at the University of Glasgow and University of Melbourne before coming to WSU in 1979. The citation for the award stated: "Dr. Gay's unique blend of clinical skills, self-effacing demeanor, practical knowledge and scientific ability are hallmarks of his interaction with producers, students, veterinarians, researchers and decision-makers at the local, national and international levels."

(Clive's warm tenor in the St. James choir is missed as he and Carol are now free to spend the winter months in a warmer climate!)

Palouse Industries 40th Anniversary Celebration

Palouse Industries, and its programs Early Learning Services and Young Children & Families, will be celebrating 40 years of service in Whitman and Latah counties with a special fundraising dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16th at the University Best Western Inn in Moscow.

Community members are invited to help with the event including:

- Sponsoring a table with dinner for 8 guests at \$256
- Donating to help offset costs associated with the event

Attending the dinner event as a guest, contributing a meaningful gift

Contact Teresa Combs, 332-6561 (tcombs@pullman.com) to offer your support!

Deacon Toni honored

At a ceremony on November 29, the Mayor of the City of Moscow and the Chair of the Human Rights Commission awarded the Ismat Ara & Abdul Mannan Sheikh Community Unity Award to the Rev. Dr. Wilhelmina "Toni" Sarai-Clark, "in recognition of demonstrating the meaning of community unity and outstanding commitment to diversity and human rights in the Moscow community." Deacon Toni, professor emerita of Washington State University, says that this award means more to her than all her previous academic awards and accomplishments.

Marilyn and John Harvey house fire

In the pre-dawn hours of December 21, Marilyn Harvey was awakened by the persistence of her family dog to find her house on fire. She was able to escape with her son, Brent. The dog returned into the house presumably to find another dog; both pets succumbed to smoke, along with a pet bird. The family cat did escape. John was away on business in Seattle, and has returned home. The Harveys are in temporary housing; their house has been declared a total loss. As we know more of how best we can help them through this awful transition, we will provide information. For now, we are grateful that the Harveys are safe; we mourn with them the loss of their family companions; and we grieve with them the loss of their home and belongings.

Parish Announcements

Twelfth Night on the Twelfth!

Annual celebration and fellowship on the occasion of Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 12th, 5:30 pm potluck hors d'oeuvres; catered dinner at 6:30

Sign-up sheets in Parish Hall for assisting with appetizers, table decorations, set-up, entertainment and to attend!

Amateur and semi-professional singers, actors, comedians, readers needed to provide entertainment

Adults only evening, but childcare costs reimbursed through ECW

Sign-up (14.00) for dinner by January 4th (vegetarian option available)

Contact: Claudia Wohlfeil, 332-0931

Outreach/Social Justice

For everyone interested, the Outreach/Social Justice Committee will meet at 7 pm, Tues, Jan. 15th at the church. Suggestions for how we might engage with issues in 2008, from local to international, are invited and welcomed. We will be discussing and prioritizing. If you are unable to attend, you can send your ideas to Todd Butler or Joe Pergola. Include a description of project, what kind of support is needed, how the people of St. James might be involved and why you advocate for this particular project or issue.

CANDLE - MAKING, ANYONE??

Martha Klontz will no longer be making candles, and as she has many molds, much wax, and lots of expertise, she is wondering if anyone would like to learn this craft. Please call her if interested. Thanks, Linda Adams for Martha

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD: THE NEW FLOWER CHART IS IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE WEEK OF YOUR CHOICE AND REMEMBER TO COMPLETE ONE OF THE FORMS IN THE NOTEBOOK NEAR THE CHART. THANK YOU, LINDA ADAMS, ALTAR GUILD CO-CHAIR

Moms' Group Forming

All mothers need an opportunity to meet with other moms for social interaction and spiritual nourishment. Starting in January, they will have this opportunity once a month with the inaugural meeting of the St. James' Moms' Group.

Mothers of young children—and expectant mothers—are invited to attend the group's first meeting on Saturday, January 19, at the church at 10 a.m. This will be a chance to discuss some potential activities for the year, which may include book study, discussions of spirituality, craft nights and fellowship. Forming a playgroup for the children will also be discussed.

Childcare will be provided, and feel free to bring a friend!











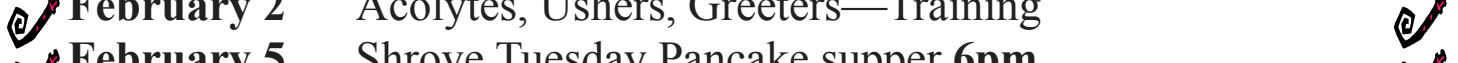

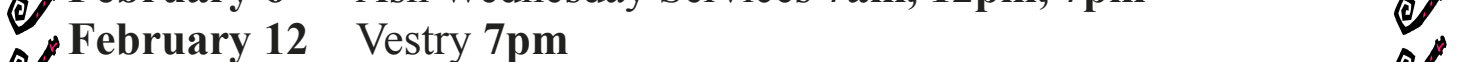

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 with the saints and members of the household of God.”*

-  **January 12** Twelfth Night Celebration
-  **January 15** Deadline for February Tower
-  Deadline for Annual Reports
-  Social Justice/Outreach—**7pm**
-  **January 19** Mom’s Group—**10am**
-  **January 26** Tea Committee; **10am**
-  Eucharistic Visitors at University Inn **9-11am**
-  Pastoral Care Ministry Teams **1-3pm**
-  **January 27** Single service at **9am** followed by
Annual Meeting (**Potluck**)
-  **February 2** Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters—Training
-  **February 5** Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper **6pm**
-  **February 6** Ash Wednesday Services **7am, 12pm, 7pm**
-  **February 12** Vestry **7pm**
-  **February 27** Buildings & Grounds **7pm**
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