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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.

Beloved friends,

The Ash Wednesday exhortation invites us to “the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” Writing in the current issue of *The Anglican Digest*, our neighbor to the south, the Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, offers some things to consider in the process of self examination, beginning with the reminder to “make a list of things for which you are grateful.” Then, she suggests we see what is taking up the space in our lives that belongs to God; to repent for the wrongs we have done so that we may offer ourselves as healers; to reflect on how our spending is a mirror of what we consider important in life; and finally, to “weep as Jesus did for those who are broken.” She finishes her article with this hope, “when you come to the end of your Lenten journey, at the beginning of Easter morning, may you too be able to proclaim with Mary Magdalene, ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

That reminder to begin with gratitude is an important starting place for all of us, and particularly for me. From time to time as I go through the Daily Office, I find myself, for reasons of time or fleeting attention, looking at the prayer of thanksgiving and nodding as if to acknowledge it by title, skipping, as is perfectly permissible, to the closing sentences. But when I do that more than once in a row, I know it’s time to force myself to repeat that prayer, slowly and out loud, in all its elaborate rhetorical flourishes. Marion Hatchett’s *Commentary on the American Prayer Book* tells us that the prayer was composed by Bishop Edward Reynolds of Norwich, “inspired, some think, by a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth issued in 1596.” The prayer may have been composed at a time when the use of the Book of Common Prayer was banned, and some think that it may have been used as a Eucharistic prayer at some time. When we remember that *Eucharist* means “thanksgiving” we return to the central act of our worship: the gathering of the people to offer thanks for our “creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life.” So a season of renewing and revitalizing our spiritual lives rightly begins with a list of things for which to be grateful. And we can be grateful to the rector of the Church of the Nativity for reminding us to start our Lenten journey there.

Deadline for
April issue
March 15th

In peace,

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February 10th 2009

Beginning with dinner at 6pm, retiring vestry members received certificates of appreciation, and a blessing prayer for the conclusion of their service. The new vestry members were commissioned with prayer at the beginning of the meeting at 7pm.

Among items of business conducted were the election of the wardens and the assignment of liaisons to ministry teams:

Senior Warden—Sharon Nitz

Junior Warden—Fritz Hughes

Administration—Sharon Nitz

Buildings and Grounds—Fritz Hughes

Campus Ministry—Sara Schofield

Christian Education—Stephan Flores

Communications—Stephan Flores

ECW—Margaret Rehberg

Hospitality—Dianne Lowe

Outreach/Social Justice—Elsa Peters, Sara Schofield

Pastoral Care —Eric Pratt

Stewardship —John Brewer

Worship—John Brewer

Minutes of the vestry meeting are posted in the parish office and online once they have been reviewed and accepted by the vestry.

The Men of St. James! Remember— Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 am there is a breakfast at Denny's on Bishop Blvd.

Dear friends

George and I have come to the realization that it is no longer possible to maintain the level of care that he needs while he is at home. You have been most gracious and generous with your time and assistance, but as his condition deteriorates he now needs professional care 24 hours a day. So we have agreed that George will be moving to an adult care facility operated by Lorraine Fulfs of the LMK Corporation. The move is planned for Monday, February 23.

The facility is a new ranch home in the Whispering Hills subdivision, and George will be in his own brightly lit room overlooking the street. While it's quite a wrenching change, it is the best option that we have to ensure his care, safety, and rest. Of course George will continue to welcome your email greetings at gmrivetti@verizon.net, and will be glad to arrange visits at his new residence, 1090 LaTour Peak Road.

Thank you for the outpouring of prayer that continues to sustain us both. We know we are loved by you, and we offer in return our thanks and our hopes for every good thing to come your way.

With love
George and Mary Beth

Campus Ministry News

The campus ministry of St. James continues to engage students and others in various ways. The center of our program is the Wednesday night program INSPIRE, beginning at 5 PM with dinner, running until around 7 PM with music, worship, discussions and programs. Peer Ministers Beth Mathison and Taylor Mather help design and lead these evening programs. As we move into Lent, the focus is on deepening our authentic relationship with God while relating to others. All are welcome to this program at the Koinonia House (KHouse) on Thatuna Avenue, next to the WSU campus.

March is also filled with a couple of special events for campus ministry. First, students from the Common Ministry will travel to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to rebuild flood damaged houses during spring break. Episcopal students include Beth Mathison, Kate Healey and Kim Ellsworth (UI). More information on this trip can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Additionally, students from the diocese will travel to the Province 8 regional Gathering of Episcopal College students in Tempe, Arizona during the weekend of March 27-29 with a focus on liturgy and prayerful action. Both events remind student of the greater community of faithful young adults while making connections not possible in our local settings. Look for more about both these events in future editions of this newsletter.

Submitted by Phil Mixer

2009 Common Ministry Fund Raiser and Auction

Is taking on a new look this year. The date is **Sunday, April 19th**. It will be at the Gladish Center View Room with a social at 4:30 and catered dinner at 5:00, followed by the auctions (both live and silent). The cost is being finalized but would be about \$20 for adults with children under 13 at \$10. (more on this later).

As it will be a catered dinner this year, the churches are asked to help by supplying appetizers for the social (to serve 8-12). Thus, St James needs to provide just 5-6 appetizers. Also, the auction will begin with special deserts being auctioned off (tables will bid for their desert). So, we need to provide 2-3 **very special** deserts that serve 8 (e.g. special pie, cake, etc). As I don't know who is interested in helping out, please contact Sue Durrant or Phil Mixer for more information.

Common Ministry March 09 Mission Trip "Stock Option"

The Common Ministry Mission Team (NYSE listing CoMMiT) is generating funds with this initial public offering of preferred stock as they travel to Iowa in March 2009. Buy shares of "stock" in our "company" of students doing Christian service work. This will be a transforming experience for the student participants while providing needed aid to those flooded in 2008. With experience from previous mission ventures, this group is poised to convert stock dollars into hard work, home repair and intense laughter. As a shareholder, you gain an invitation to a shareholders' meeting following the trip and a copy of our Annual Report, a retrospective of the trip. Donated funds will be allocated at the discretion of the trip leaders. Most of the funds will defray the costs of transportation by air and rented vans in Iowa. Some funds may be used for student activities while in Iowa or may be used to purchase supplies necessary to complete relief work in Iowa. All funds will be used in the spirit they are given

You can purchase any number of whole shares of stock in our trip for \$25.00 each. Checks should be made out to "Wesley Foundation" and the memo should note your intention for "Mission Trip Stock." This donation is tax-deductible. Donations may be mailed to: Alissa Bertsch Johnson, Wesley Foundation Director and Campus Minister, c/o Simpson United Methodist Church, 325 NE Maple Street, Pullman, WA 99163 or you can contact Alissa by calling (509)-879-2278 or emailing Alissa@commonministry.com.

In return for your stock purchase, you will receive a stock certificate as a record of your support. After the trip, you will be invited to meet the participants and hear a presentation regarding the trip. Your stock certificate is your ticket for this dinner. A small part of your donation may help fund this dinner. At this dinner, you'll receive a document with reflections about the trip and images captured during our week in Iowa. Budget details are available on request.

Prayer list

Fighting Cancer:

Robert
Edwin
Ellen
Jenni
Anthony Dee
Mary
Marion

Fighting other Illnesses:

Christian– Perthes Disease
Bill B.
Lorri P.– MS
George– Corticobasal Degeneration
Janine– Mental illness
Jeri-MS
Nicholas– Mental Illness
Sean– Mental Illness
Daniel & Parents– Schizophrenia
Robbie– MS
Bradley– Healing
Bruce– Healing
Anne
Page & Taylor Family– Seizers
Joseph– Leg infection
Mark-
Ruth– Healing
Eileen-
Gail-
Ted– Healing
Ruth C.– Healing from heart attack
Suzi-

Special prayers:

Henry & Claire– Life transition
Garret– Life transition
Catherine & Dean– Healing
Eric– Healing
Mary H.– Healing
Collin & Family-Life transition

For those who have died

Tom
Ralph

From the Senior Warden

Having been selected and approved by the vestry to serve another year as senior warden, I will be continuing with a monthly column focusing on different ministries and concerns at St. James. But for this month I am taking a vacation. Watch for the focus on hospitality in the April issue.

I trust you will continue daily prayer with me for the month of March.

In Christ
Sharon Nitz
Senior Warden

Last year during Lent I had the privilege of participating in a retreat at Cathedral College (on the close of our National Cathedral in Washington, DC), working with Esther de Waal on “Poetry as Prayer”. It was a deeply enriching experience, and even more appreciated since the College is closing the end of this month due to budgetary constraints at the Cathedral.

The poem below came out of that week; I share it with you in gratitude for the many numinous moments from my Lenten journey last year, and hoping the same for you this season.

Nancy Collins-Warner
February 2009

Lenten Moment

Rounding cool mass of cathedral column,
between great portals and sanctuary,
I come upon a stark Lenten bouquet,
branches twist, alive
with tiny, green leaves.

Here’s Hildegard’s *verditas* manifest
this somber season.

Patience is simple in shadow of dread.
Before I’m released from this observance,
I must pass by another agony,
tender flesh blooming with holy blood’s red.

Worship

Morning Prayer Wednesdays 8:30am

Worship opportunities in Lent

Weekdays of Lent at 8:30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays in March 6-7:30pm	Supper + Class
Fridays at noon in Lent	Stations of the Cross

Sign-up sheets will be in the parish office for those wishing to take on the leadership of any of these offices

Christian Education

March 1	Loaves and Fishes Joe
March 8	The Lost Sheep Carolyn
March 15	SPRING BREAK—NO STORY TIME
March 22	The Last Supper Joe
March 29	Easter (focus on the Easter Story) Tina
April 5	Easter (focus on spring time/renewal) Tina
April 12	EASTER—NO STORY TIME

The People of St. James

Clive Gay Receives WSU Emeritus Society Excellence Award

PULLMAN, Wash.—Clive Gay, professor emeritus of veterinary clinical sciences, has received the 2009 Washington State University Emeritus Society Excellence Award for outstanding contributions while in retirement to academia, the university, the community and mankind.

A native of New Zealand and on the WSU faculty since 1979, Gay is senior author of "Large Animal Medicine," a textbook used throughout the world, and co-author of a veterinary dictionary. His areas of research expertise include diseases of agricultural animals, neonatal calf disease and trace element deficiency.

Gay has been president of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association and remains active on its board of directors. Last fall, he was awarded honorary membership in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Gay participates in the Washington Idaho Symphony and in numerous community projects as a member of Kiwanis.

He will be honored with other annual award winners May 27 at WSU's annual Showcase celebration of faculty and staff achievement.



St. James Ladies Afternoon Tea

The ladies of St. James are having their second annual ladies afternoon tea. Come and let it evoke feelings of wonder and a reminder to celebrate life. The afternoon tea this year will be on April 25 2pm to 4pm that will honor the women in our lives and around the world. It will be an opportunity to sip fine tea, have a nibble of good food and listen to beautiful music. You might fill your day with new memories and perhaps new friends as well. Most of all, we expect it will be fun! Women, girls, mothers and daughters, sisters and friends—this event is for you. The ticket sales and silent auction will help support the Flip Flop Foundation that helps to improve the health, hygiene, education, comfort and well-being of disadvantaged Zambian children. You must purchase a ticket in advance. Ticket cost for this event is \$10 per person. Make sure you bring your ticket to the tea. The number on the ticket will be used for the silent auction. If you are hosting a table contact Claudia Wohlfeil for tickets or Carol in the church office.

I am sure you are asking yourself “How can I join in the fun” You can

Host a table:

You decorate your own Table
Bring your own dishes (china if you're up for it, but paper is great too), silverware, tea pot/s and whatever decorations you'd like on your table.
Find 7 people to sit at your table (sell the tickets) 8 counting you
There will be servers for your table who will bring out the food and tea

Make food:

Assorted breads, cookies
Tea sandwich (contact Carol Porter for recipes)
Purchase the sorbet, cheese and fruit
Scones (Contact Carol for recipe)

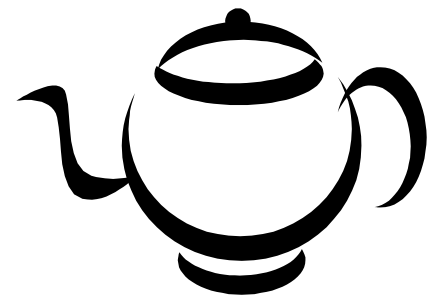
Put together a gift basket:

for a silent auction. Here are just a sample of gift baskets. Need any more ideas contact Carol Porter

Movie(popcorn, old or new movies, candy)
Cougar (blanket, tickets, mug, key chain)
Spa, food, chocolate etc.

Any questions or concerns contact :

Carol Porter in the Parish office 332-1742 or stjamespullman@verizon.net
She can also be reached at home 334-7458 or bigdogmom71@hotmail.com



Dear friends and missionaries to Belize,

On behalf of the people of Belize, the patients at Southern Regional hospital, the students and teachers at St Matthews School, Pomona and Christ The King, Dangriga, THANK YOU for your valuable contribution! It was truly a blessing to be with you and the team. It was the best trip yet! Every year it gets better because of your presence, love and caring.

It's a small yet a large world that we live in...to be in a developing country one day and facing traffic the next day - I am told that we are lucky to live in America but sometimes I wonder about the old argument who is better off - we have more material things but money can't buy the smile on the peoples faces in Dangriga. We are the hands and feet of Christ as we touch and heal. Four Eucharist's were Celebrated on Sunday (Dangriga, Hope Creek, Hopkins Village and Pomona) by three Episcopal Priests, the Eucharist was celebrated every day at Noon, and we began and ended each day with prayer.

Saint James, Pullman also was a recipient of a MDR grant for a year's supply of vitamins for 250 children at the school. As the vitamins were received, the principal called the children by classes to her office where they took vitamins from our open hands. Some said it was like giving the children communion. St. James, Pullman ECW also provided \$500 for the construction team.

To view pictures of the trip go to: www.picasaweb.google.com email: Chaleanor@gmail.com
Password: Dangriga
(case sensitive)

With love and joy and peace,
Peter & Kathy Kalunian

Help house teens from Ecuador

SU International Programs is hosting 10 teens from Ecuador, aged 16-17, who are coming to WSU to learn about leadership and community development. We are seeking host families for the youth during their stay. Host families will be responsible for including the youth in their families during the visit, collecting them from the airport during arrival and departure, and bringing them to WSU and back on weekdays.

The team arrives March 27 and departs April 23. The youth will be away on overnight field trips April 5-7 and April 13-18.

Interested families can contact:

Colleen Taugher
colleent@wsu.edu
(208) 305-9970

For more information on the program, please visit
<http://www.ip.wsu.edu/ird/>



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

March 1	Outreach/Social Justice after 10am service
March 4	Women of St. James Fellowship 10:30am Lunch 12pm Lenten Soup and Study 6pm
March 8	Buildings & Grounds after 10am service
March 10	Vestry 7pm Lenten Soup and Study 6pm
March 18	Lenten Soup and Study 6pm
March 21	Mom’s Group 10am to 12pm
March 25	Lenten Soup and Study 6pm
March 28	Women of St. James Business meeting 10am
April 1	Women of St. James Fellowship 10:30am Lunch 12pm
April 5	Outreach/Social Justice after 10am service
April 12	Buildings & Grounds after 10am service
April 18	Mom’s Group 10am to 12pm
April 19	K-house auction 4pm
April 25	St. James Ladies Tea 2pm-4pm