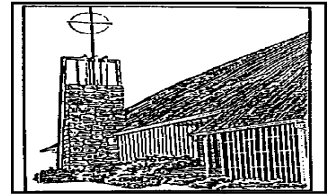


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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARY ROBINSON-MOHR

Another fall season has begun, with new programs, classes, and fresh expectations. This is a time when we will consider how God calls us to be faithful stewards of our resources. It is a time when we remember how the Church took a theological leap of faith on Reformation Sunday. It is a time for harvest, and for giving thanks.

In the midst of this rich and varied season, I offer for your pondering a statement of faith written by creative poet Ann Weems. I hope it enriches you as you consider your own faith at this time.

Statement of Faith

We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and in me.

We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.

We believe the Holy Spirit works through

Balloons and ministers
Daisies and wiggly children
Clanging cymbals and silence
Drama and the unexpected
Choirs and banners
Touching and praying
Spontaneity and planning
Faith and doubt
Tears and laughter
Leading and supporting
Hugging and kneeling
Dancing and stillness
Applauding and giving
Creativity and plodding
Words and listening
Holding and letting go

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October 3, 2004:

World Communion
Peacemaking Offering
Lamentations 1:1-6
Luke 17:5-10
“When Things Don’t
Go as Wished”

October 10, 2004:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Luke 17:11-19
“Rules for Exiles”

October 17, 2004:

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Luke 18:1-8
“Do Not Lose Heart!”

October 24, 2004:

Pony Express
Drive begins
Joel 2:23-32
Luke 18:9-14
“Gifts”

October 31, 2004:

Reformation Sunday
Daylight Saving Time
ends
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-6
Luke 19:1-10
“A Different Direction”

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Thank you and help me
 Scripture and alleluias
 Agonizing and celebrating
 Accepting and caring
 Through you and through me
 Through Love.

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people
 Where lines of age and politics and life-styles are crossed.

We believe in praising God for Life.

We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.

We believe in the poetry within each of us.

We believe in dreams and visions.

We believe in old people running and children leading.

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

We believe in Love.

May God lead you as a gentle shepherd during this season.

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Mary



COLLEGE BREAKFAST
 & BIBLE STUDY

The College Breakfast and Bible Study will meet on
 Sunday October 10 at 9 am. Join us in the
 Fireside Room for good food and education!



**ST. JAMES PRAYER
 CHAIN/
 E-MAIL TEAM**

If you have a prayer request for
 the St. James Prayer Chain/E-mail
 Team

call Linda Monroe at
 360-671-6594
 or e-mail her at
 Lidale@aol.com



THE PONY EXPRESS IS COMING!!!

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Watch for the Pony Express

October 24 – November 14

HOW TO REACH YOUR PASTOR

The Rev. Mary Robinson-Mohr

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FOOD BANK NEWS

BY JACK DRURY

Elizabeth Crandall has been appointed Food Bank Liaison for 2004-2005. She will be assisted by Wendy Crandall.

Lets give Elizabeth your support by bring lots of boxed and canned food for our Food Basket in the Narthex on a regular basis.

Special thanks to Deacon Scott Wenger who has served as Food Bank Liaison for the past year. Great Job-Well Done Scott!

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The monthly prayer vigil for peace in the Middle East continues on the 18th day of each month at 5:30 p.m. The next prayer vigil will be

Monday

October 18

at

**Bellingham
Unitarian
Fellowship**

1708 I St.
Bellingham
733-3837

**Come and join us in
this important time of
prayer.**



St. James Events Calendar

October 2004

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



1

2

10 am OA

3 **World Communion**
Peacemaking Offering

4 12:45 pm Cub Scouts

5 6:30 am Prayer Group
4:45 pm Stewardship
5:30 pm Al Anon
7 pm Gender Gr.
7 pm Personnel

6 *Pulse* items due!
6 pm Wednesday Night Study
7 pm AA Men

7 6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm AA

8

9 9 am – 1 pm Church Work Party
10 am OA

10 9 am College Bible Study
11:45 am Deacons
7 pm Session

11

12 *Columbus Day*
6:30 am Prayer Group
5:30 pm Al Anon
7 pm Gender Group

13 5 pm Mission & Social Action
5:30 pm Weaver's Guild
7 pm AA Men

14 10 am *Pulse* crew
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm AA

15

16 10 am OA
Co-op Preschool Rummage Sale

17

18 5:30 pm Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace @ Unitarian Church

19 6:30 am Prayer Group
5:30 pm Al Anon
7 pm Gender Group

20 7 pm AA Men

21 6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm AA

22

23 10 am OA

24

25

26 6:30 am Prayer Group
5:30 pm Al Anon
7 pm Gender Group

27 7 pm AA Men

28 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm AA

29

30 9 am Bazaar
10 am OA

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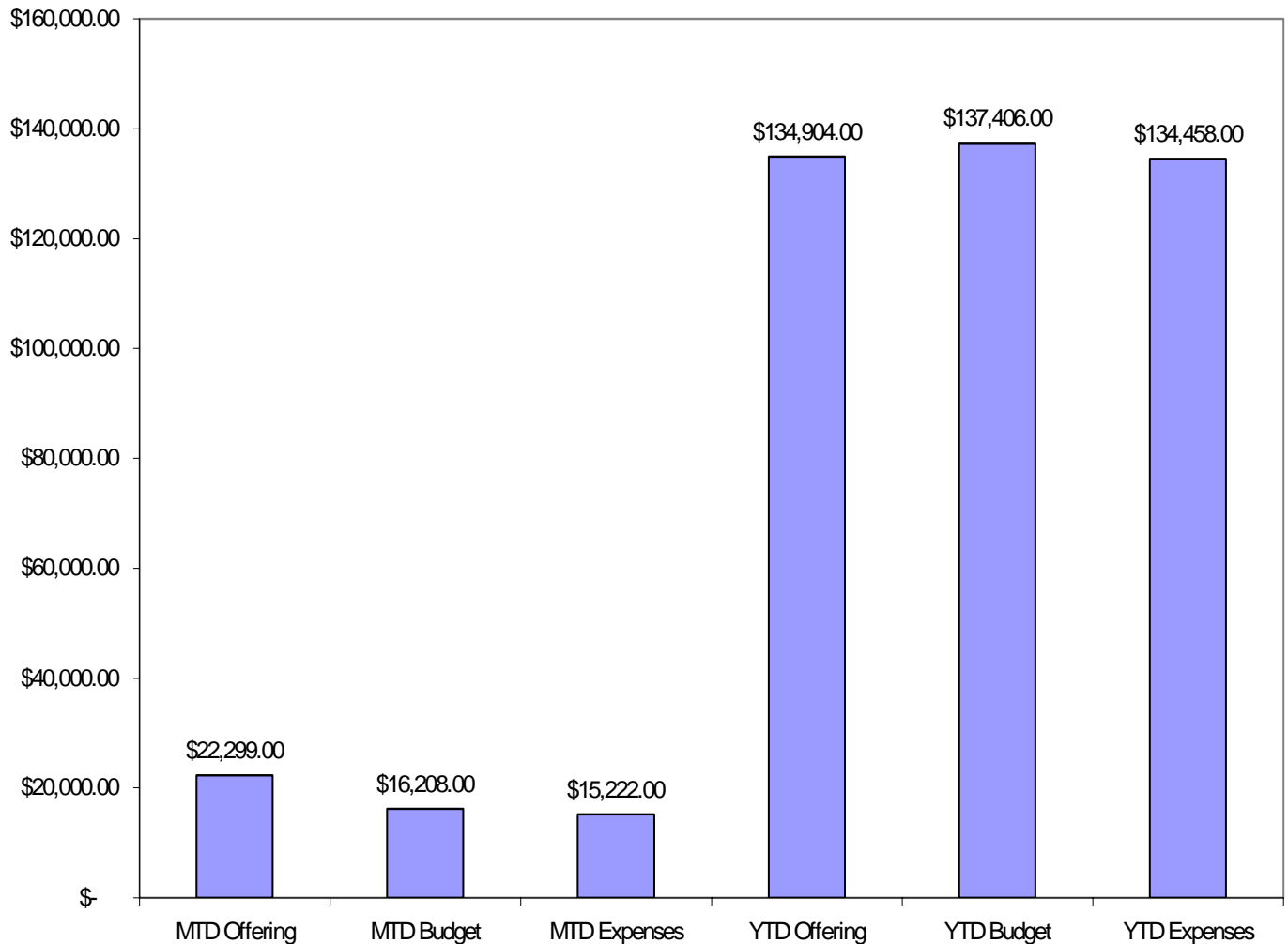
Every Sunday

9:00 am Adult class
10:30 am Worship
 10:45 am Church School for children
 12:30 pm Korean worship
 7:00 pm AA

TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM WENDY CRANDALL, TREASURER

August 2004 Treasurer's Report



Income for August reflects a response to an appeal to a number of members who were not currently at their monthly estimate of giving. Unfortunately, year to date offerings continue below budgeted levels. The next few months are important as the budgeting process for 2005 is under way. Mission commitments are of particular concern. Thank you for your continued support.

“ODE TO LES”

A poem by Jack Brown, to Dr. Les Belrose, Organist



I've been both trespasser and debtor
 Don't know the Good Book to the letter,
 But through the years I have learned
 Where organ music's concerned
 LES is unquestionably better.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Women's Group Bible Study

“Quotable Women in Scripture”

10:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month in the Lounge
(before the Women's Luncheon)

October 26

Women's Association Luncheon

Bring a friend if you like, and a salad to share. All women are invited for food, fun and fellowship, last Tuesday of every month at 12 pm!

October 26

Questions? Please call Phyllis Jones, 734-4504



The monthly all church clean-up landscaping ~ fix-it ~ workday will be

**Saturday
October 9
9am - 1pm**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

⇒ Two of our church families “met in Paradise” in June as the Seater family – Rick, Jean & Brian, joined the Mullen family – Jim, Carolyn, Zach and Keena, on the island of Kauai for a few days of sun, snorkeling and relaxation. Sun tans for all, sun burns for some, and a collective cry of “We don’t want to go home!”

FOOD BANK!



Remember to bring canned food each Sunday for our Food Basket in the Narthex.

Fall leaves to collect, flowers to cut back, rain splashes to clean. Join us for all this fun and more !

Bring your favorite tools, and join us in maintaining our lovely church.



Please direct Church Family News to Pat Nelson, 738-9982.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9 AM ADULT, 10:45 AM CHILDREN



Maverette Butler
Margaret de Maine
Marion Dobbie
Pat Nelson
Helen Paulsen
Mel Reasoner
Margaret Rice
Marge Thorson
Inge Thurston

WORSHIP TAPES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN.

Our morning worship service is audio-taped each Sunday.
If you know of anyone who would like a copy of any recent service, please check one out in the church library.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

Four reserved (handicapped) parking spaces are designated in our front, 14th Street parking area. In addition to these designated spaces, we would like to save all of the 14th Street parking on Sunday mornings during the Worship Service for those who need level access and our first-time visitors. If you have no difficulty climbing stairs, please use the lower parking area or the Lowell playground lot. The Lowell lot is accessed off of Taylor between 14th and 15th. There is a stairway down to 14th at the south end of the area.

The Pulse is published once per month, with the exception of the combined July/August issue.

Articles and announcements for the next issue must be **received** in the church office no later than Wednesday, **October 6, 2004**. That issue will be mailed Thursday, **October 14**. If you have something that you would like considered for publication, call the church office at 360-733-1325, e-mail stjpres@msn.com, put it in *The Pulse* box near the church office or mail it to St. James Presbyterian Church, 910 14th Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.