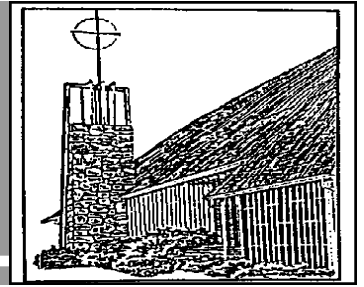


The Pulse



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARY ROBINSON-MOHR

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Greetings in this season of harvest and thanksgiving and stewardship! As we see some of the farms in the county come to the end of their growing season and prepare for winter, it is timely for us to consider how we are caretakers and managers of our own “harvest,” of the gifts God has given to us. Oh, I know, people hear the word “stewardship” and they think, “How much money will I give to the church?” I urge you to think outside of that box and consider how you take care of all the matters and possessions and abilities and time and energy that are within your custodianship. God has given much, so that you may live a life to “glorify God and enjoy Him forever” (from the Westminster Catechism).

Perhaps one of the things that challenges us most at this time is to be graciously thankful in a grumpy time. Yes, a grumpy time. I see a lot of people being grumpy about our elected leaders. People don’t like the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they don’t know how we will disengage from them. People have had it with overspending and underfunding, housing is too much, no one takes environmental stewardship seriously, and so on. As Christians, we should be engaged in our world and not just quietly go along with matters of injustice. It’s not bad to work for change. At the same time, this emphasizes even more the need that Christians have to sing praises and thanks to God. God’s gifts should not be overlooked because of the shadows cast by the mistakes of the world. Doing so simply entrenches us in a self-centered state of mind, and we forget how much God gives and blesses us.



This is the season of the olive harvest in Palestine and Israel. It can also be a time of tension and conflict in a land that sees far too much tension and conflict on a daily basis. The harvest can bring destruction of orchards without warning, and sniper fire terrorizes those harvesting the crops. Even so, there are people that refuse to give up the vision of God’s peace. Bless them. They ask for and need our prayers. Their demonstration of a living faith is amazing.

One of the highlights for Randy, Susannah, and me on our sabbatical journey was to visit the warehouse of Sindyanna in Galilee one day. I referred to them during the sermon I preached last August, on my first Sunday after sabbatical. Sindyanna is a non-profit organization staffed by Arab and Jewish women. They specialize in preparing and marketing olive products and other traditional products of the Arab community. Their purpose is to gain income for farmers and for women that live in the Palestinian Occupied Territories. Unemployment runs between 60 and 80% in these areas, and very often residents are under a type of curfew that does not allow them to travel outside of these areas, even for employment. The work of Sindyanna is very important, in that it allows women to work on crafts in their homes. Sindyanna then takes their products to an international market, and does quite a bit of business in Europe and Japan. They are not yet well known in the USA, and I hope that will change.

When I introduced you to them in my August sermon, I described how we had to be guided by them via cell phone, through the industrial center of Cana, on the outskirts of Nazareth. Their last instruction was, “Do you see me waving to you at the end of the street?” When we got out of the car and made introductions to about 4 or 5 of them, I closed our introduction with, “...and this is our daughter, Susannah.” I had barely finished saying this when Susannah looked straight at the

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woman with the greatest facility with English, and said, “My mother made me wear this dress.” I don’t believe I need to describe to parents how our morning had gone.

We were given a nice tour around their facility (dresses and all). It is a fairly new metal building, and they rent space in it for their work. As we entered their front office, there were pyramids of bars of olive oil soap drying and curing in every inch of available space in the room. A woman with a nice smile was wrapping and labeling soap that was ready for sale. Another woman was boxing the bars of soap. We were taken into another room, and shown large shiny stainless steel vats processing olive oil. Another side room processed za’ataar, a wonderful and amazing blend of spices commonly used by Palestinians in food preparation. Carob syrup was in production. Baskets woven by Palestinian women were stacked nearby, ready for shipping to customers.

After the tour, we were led into a back room with a refrigerator and hot plate. We were offered tea or cold water, and conversation. We gathered around an old and humble table, and in the middle of it were two branches of what appeared to me to be sage, picked from someone’s herb garden. For tea, we were offered cups of hot water, and then we were to pick leaves off of these herbal branches to steep in the cups of hot water. That was our tea, and it was quite good! We were told that Palestinian women have made tea this way for years. If you have any sage growing in your garden, try it as tea for a new treat!

We visited for about 20 or 30 minutes, and listened to the challenges that the Sindyanna women have found in their work. They are concerned these days, because they see Palestinian women choosing to stay in the Occupied Territories, and not interact with Israeli culture. I asked, “Is it because they are fearful of their treatment at the checkpoints?” “Oh, there is a little of that,” was the response. “The larger concern is that they are tired of the Israeli culture. There is a severe clash of our cultures, and instead of growing closer, the rift is growing. They see Israelis as aggressive and pushy, and they don’t want to deal with it. It is a bad difference. It is very bad.” I could see their concern. Prejudices and biases can only grow under such circumstances. Sinydanna and groups like them have quite an uphill battle to bring such different people together.



We had much to think about after our visit (and I think Susannah finally forgave me for the dress episode). We had found a spark of hope in a divided land. We had found “Arab and Jewish women who believe in a future of peace and prosperity for all people” (a phrase taken from one of the Sindyanna brochures). In a land that is beyond grumpy – a land that is violent – there are those who choose to uphold the peace and justice that God calls us to work for. There are those who refuse to give up, and instead give thanks for and nurture to the olives and artwork and beauty that can still be found in a land of much weeping.

Most of you know that we were shocked beyond words to hear that Lebanon had been attacked by Israel while we traveled home. It was with horror and disbelief that we watched the situation unravel from the safe distance of our home in Bellingham. Then, about two weeks after we returned, we received an e-mail from Sindyanna. It briefly expressed the grief that the latest unrest brought to all of them, but then went on to say, “In the midst of this, we find a cause to celebrate. We have been working together to empower dispossessed people for 10 years. We have an anniversary to celebrate.”

Giving thanks and keeping the vision of God’s peace and justice. That’s an inspiring goal for the Church of Jesus Christ. Let us be God’s thankful people indeed!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mary

COME, THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME!

Come worship with brothers and sisters in several congregations as we gather together for an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. We will gather at First Presbyterian Church (1031 North Garden Street) that evening for this special opportunity to worship. Come, give thanks, and give praise to our God!



Sunday schedule

9:00 Adult Class
10:30 Worship
 7 pm AA

November 2006

Church office

Open Tuesday ~ Friday,
 9-12, 1-4

733-1325

E-mail: stjpres@msn.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 12:30 pm C.U.I.C. 6 pm AA Men	2 6:30 pm Bell Ch. 7:30 Chancel Ch. 7:30 AA	3	4 9 - 3 Women's Association Fall Bazaar 10 am OA
5 9 am All Parish Brunch Holy Communion 12 pm College Class 6 pm P.U.P. presentation @ Birchwood Pres.	6	7 8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	8 5 pm Mission & Social Action 5:30 pm Weaver's Guild 6 pm AA Men	9 10 am Membership 4 pm Staff 5 pm Christian Education 6 pm Worship comm. 6:30 pm Bell Ch. 7:30 Chancel Ch. 7:30 AA	10 Veteran's day Office closed 6 pm Prime Timers	11 9 am Church Work Party 9 am Saturday Morning Live! 10 am OA
12 Pledge Drive dedication 12 pm Deacons 7 Session	13	14 8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	15 Presbytery @ Port Townsend 6 pm AA Men	16 6:30 pm Bell Ch. 7:30 Chancel Ch. 7:30 AA	17 6:30 pm Women's Agapé Night	18 10 am OA 5:30 pm Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace @ St. James
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26 Executive Presbyter, Corey Schlosser-Hall, visits worship	27	28 8 am Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12 pm Women's Association lunch 5:30 pm Al Anon 7 pm New Officer training 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	29 5:30 pm Personnel 6 pm AA Men	30 4 pm Staff 6:30 pm Bell Ch. 7:30 Chancel Ch. 7:30 AA		



SATURDAY MORNING LIVE

“SO, JOSHUA DIDN'T FIGHT
THE BATTLE OF JERICHO?”

Come join all the action for the last session of this engaging Adult Study series. Pastor Mary will share some of the musings of her sabbatical time, including how some of the archaeological discoveries of the 1980's in Israel and Palestine shed a new light upon how we interpret the Bible. No doubt there will be slides/pictures involved! And snacks....

November 11

9 a.m. to 10:30, Fellowship Hall

“The Call to Wage Peace Instead of War”

COLLEGE LUNCH & BIBLE STUDY

Questions of Faith:

Discussion following videotape presentation

Come join us for lunch and Bible study at 12 pm right after worship, one Sunday each month.

November 5

December 3

**“THE NEW TESTAMENT AND ST. JAMES YOUTH”**

KATRINA LARSEN, YOUTH DIRECTOR



When asked if we believe that the Bible is true, most of us would nod our heads emphatically. However, many of us would probably not respond as favorably when asked if we've actually *read* the entire Bible.

How can we say we believe in the truth of the Bible if we haven't read it? How can we live Christian lives if we aren't immersed in our “spiritual handbook?” How can we introduce others to Jesus if we aren't encountering Him daily in the Bible and in prayer?

These simple questions have become the basis for a major Youth Group challenge this year: as a youth community, we have committed to reading the entire New Testament in five months. It is my hope and prayer that by the end of this school year, every middle and high school student who attends St. James will have an intimate knowledge of the New Testament because he or she will have actually read it from Matthew to Revelation.

On October 16th, I gave each youth group attendee a schedule for our first 2 weeks of readings. These readings are extremely short – approximately a chapter or two a day. Each week at Sunday School or Youth Group, we will be sharing questions, comments, and observations from the previous week's reading.

Middle and High School students, I encourage you to be diligent in your reading of the New Testament and to jot down your reactions and questions to share with the rest of our Youth Group.

Parents and friends of St. James' youth, I encourage you to be praying for your student as he or she embarks on this exciting journey. Ask questions about what he or she is learning. Encourage him or her to commit time to reading the Bible every day.

GIVING THANKS WITH THE LOAVES AND FISHES BASKETS

Watch for a Loaves and Fishes basket to come to your home soon, if it hasn't already. If you don't see one soon, call the church office, 733-1325. The baskets hold stewardship pledge drive envelopes, and also a small bag of goldfish crackers for you to keep (loved greatly by children!). Please respond by sending your pledge to the church office by way of US mail, personal delivery, or the offering plate. All pledges will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, November 12.

ALL PARISH BRUNCH ~ NOVEMBER 5

Save the date! The St. James Deacons will hold an all-parish brunch on Sunday, November 5 before worship. Meet members of the St. James family for this favorite event! Bring yourself, your family, and an appetite!



*St. James Presbyterian Church
invites you to join the*

*Advent Festival
Sunday, December 3, 2006*



Schedule:

<i>3:30 pm ~ 5:00 Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>Gingerbread House & Wreath Making</i>
<i>5:00 ~ 5:30 Sanctuary</i>	<i>Worship Service with Caroling</i>
<i>5:30 ~ 6:30 Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>6:30</i>	<i>Clean Up</i>

Suggested supplies donations:

<i>Wreath forms</i>	<i>\$2.00 small</i>
	<i>\$3.00 large</i>
<i>Wreath ribbon</i>	<i>\$1.00</i>
<i>Gingerbread House</i>	<i>\$1.50 / person / house</i>

Suggested dinner donation:

<i>\$2.00 / child</i>
<i>\$4.00 / adult</i>
<i>\$10.00 / family</i>



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“APPLAUSE IN WORSHIP”

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The following article is adapted from a devotional shared at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. As our musicians lead worship this fall, the St. James worship committee encourages you to read and contemplate these thoughts as you consider your response to the music in our worship services.

For a few precious moments following the performance, you could hear a pin drop in the room. But then, the silence was broken with thunderous applause and shouts of “Bravo, Bravissimo, encore, encore!!” The audience was clearly appreciative of the music and acknowledged each soloist with a roar of approval. As the ovation subsided.....the minister stepped forward to call for a moment of silent prayer.

It is not unusual for us to applaud our musicians during worship. Applause expresses appreciation for the ministry and acknowledges the preparation put into the presentation. It's assumed that applause actually encourages the musicians, and besides, Psalm 47:1 mentions clapping in the context of worship: "O clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with the voice of joy."

Wouldn't these same arguments apply to applauding after the sermon? While such a possibility might sound shocking, doesn't our pastor need encouragement as much as those who minister through music? What about applauding after a prayer or a “Bravo!” after communion? Would we ever call for an encore after a baptism?

What happens if the congregation doesn't applaud *every* singer or musician? Doesn't that discourage those whose silent reception pales in comparison with the enthusiastic applause given to someone else? If everyone receives applause does it become a meaningless obligation?

"We're giving thanks to the Lord for ministering through the singers or musicians," some will say. Again, why not then give thanks to the Lord by applause after the preacher or the prayer? They too deserve our encouragement and thanks.

Is our applause directed to the Lord or are we clapping for the musicians? How do you feel when the congregation applauds after the choir sings? Sometimes it jolts me out of a contemplative mood. It may put our choir director in an awkward position. Does she acknowledge the applause, or ignore it? Is the choir receiving thanks intended for God? Not acknowledging applause might appear insensitive.

Some endorse applause: "In our culture clapping is the most common and acceptable way for a group of people to express their appreciation simultaneously. It is the congregation's way of saying “Thanks.”” Although applause is a normal expression of gratitude in our culture, it is also closely associated with performance and entertainment.

When the music in Sunday morning worship is applauded in the same way as in a concert or an athletic contest, it becomes a performance for the entertainment of an audience.

So what do we do? What is the most appropriate way for us to acknowledge that music has made a significant contribution to our worship? The Bible gives us a simple and conclusive expression of appreciation: a verbal "AMEN." A note or a verbal word of thanks after the service is also deeply appreciated.

We are thankful for the opportunity to share the gift of music. Our music at St. James is an offering of worship. It is not an entertainment, but a form of ministry. It is not a performance for an audience, but a testimony of the glory and love of God in our midst.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

November 28

10:30 am Bible Study

The third lesson in the 2006-07 Horizon Bible Study: "In the Beginning, Perspectives on Genesis."

**This month, we plan to leave the cooking and the clean up to our friends at the Lychee Buffet!
Stay tuned for a date and sign up sheet.**

Questions? Please call Phyllis Jones, 734-4504

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Please join in an ecumenical prayer vigil for the Christian communities in Jerusalem, for all those who are suffering in the Holy Land, for Palestinians and Israelis, and for peace in the Middle East. All are welcome.



Saturday, November 18
5:30 pm
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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.



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.

ST. JAMES PRAYER CHAIN

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**.

MONTHLY CHURCH WORK PARTY

Autumn is upon us!



Please join us for the monthly all-church clean-up landscaping ~ fix-it ~ workday:

Saturday
November 11, 9 am—12 pm

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



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



- **Janet Oakley** has won top prize at the Surrey Writers Lit Conference for her non-fiction essay "Drywall in the Time of Grief." In addition to publication in their anthology, there was a nice monetary sum in Canadian coin. Thanks goes to **Claude Hill** for teaching her how to mud and tape!
- **Matt Oakley** won the top scholarship, the Leonetti, at his school of winemaking in Walla Walla. He is currently doing the fall crush and going to school full time.
- **John-Rolf Oakley** took 1st place in epee at a fencing tournament in Honolulu. He is coach for the Swordfight Club which meets in Kaneohe.
- **Lillian Snow & Bob Pejsa** have a new address: 1400 Monroe St. Apt. B3, Bellingham WA 98226
- **Dorothy Brown** sends her thanks to St. James: "Talk about feeling surrounded by love and prayers! During this on again / off again waiting for my back injection, I couldn't have asked for more wonderful support. How Great Is Thy Congregation!"

If you have news you would like to share with the St. James family, please send it to the church office!

WRITING FOR ADVENT

"When the city pipes broke at four above zero, the water spread out across our road like the thick roots of a crystal banyan tree and froze. We all came out to stare, our boots slipping on the remains of last week's snow. It was three days before Christmas. Our trees and lights were up, our cookies in the canisters, and stockings on the mantle, but we had no water."

Do you have a Christmas memory? Mine was the time the whole neighborhood lost water just days before Christmas. The city delivered a tank from which we all gathered water. Then on a snowy Christmas Eve I was asked to go fetch water from the "well." A timeless memory of good cheer, beauty and faith.

The worship committee is seeking such memories and stories for a special Advent publication for our church families to enjoy during the holidays. We are also looking for artwork from our younger members. The stories must be:

- 1) No more than a 100 words.
- 2) Sent electronically to joakley@cc.wvu.edu (artwork may be dropped off in worship committee box)
- 3) Due by November 6.

What is your Christmas story? Reach back to your memories and share the meaning of Christmas.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 3 Irene Rome
- 6 Emma Conlee
- 7 Jean Seater
- 7 Ricky Hodgson
- 10 Dick Johnson
- 10 Dorothy Herrmann
- 10 Courtney Todd
- 11 David Seater
- 12 Julie Keyes
- 15 Denise Hoffman
- 19 Nancy Wagar
- 20 Bill Hatch
- 20 Vicki Griffith
- 20 Jean Kaufman
- 20 Caitlin Lockhart
- 22 Margaret de Maine
- 22 Miranda Keefe
- 22 Marilyn Madden
- 23 Sue Jampsa
- 24 Eva Landis
- 24 Henry Von Bargaen
- 26 Dale Monroe
- 26 Aiden McBride
- 27 Wendy Crandall
- 28 Jack Brown
- 28 Gladys Eckhart
- 29 Charlie Griffith
- 29 Kraig Keyes
- 30 Brian Hodgson

Anniversaries

- 4 Wally & Jane Botsford
- 14 Bob & Irene Rome

H₂O: HOW TO OVERCOME THE BOTTLED WATER HABIT
 FROM PRESBYTERIANS FOR RESTORING CREATION (PRC)

Why This Campaign?

At the June 2005 PRC Conference *Sharing the Waters of Life*, we were encouraged to learn about our local watersheds and the impact of our water use around the world.

Avoiding bottled water is one way we can take better care of water resources, locally and globally. Water bottles are made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET), an oil product. Most bottles are not recycled. In this campaign we stand for public control of local water and against waste, unnecessary production of plastics, and huge profits made from bottled water production and consumption (while people, especially children, die for lack of safe water around the world).

What the Bible Teaches:

Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?

Ezekiel 34:18

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..

Matthew 25:34-35

What the Church Teaches:

Humans are making excessive demands upon, and doing reckless damage to, the lakes and streams, the ground water, and even the oceans...

Meanwhile, most Third World nations cannot afford the systems that would provide safe drinking water...

[H]uman beings [must] practice wise, humble, responsible stewardship, after the model of servanthood that we have in Jesus.

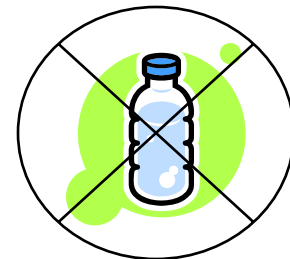
"Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice" General Assembly 1990

Bottled Water Quiz

True or False?

1. Bottled water is healthier than tap water.
2. Bottled water is safer than tap water.
3. Bottled water is convenient and portable.
4. Most plastic water bottles are recycled.
5. The market for bottled water is growing.
6. The UN is addressing water issues in the developing world.
7. Some bottled water is more expensive than gasoline.
8. My purchase of bottled water is unrelated to safer drinking water for the whole world.

Presbyterians for Restoring Creation (PRC) is a nationwide network that cares for God's Creation by connecting, equipping, and inspiring. www.prcweb.org



Answers. **1. False.** There is often no difference. Little is known about the health risks of water stored in disposable plastic (PET) bottles or the effect of additives over long periods at high temperatures. * **2. False.** The US EPA sets more stringent standards for tap water than the FDA does for bottled beverages. Roughly 40% of bottled water is actually tap water. * **3. True.** But using a refillable bottle is just as convenient and less expensive. **4. False.** According to the Container Recycling Institute, only 14% of PET bottles are recycled. The rest end up in landfills or as litter. Millions of barrels of oil are required each year to produce and transport them. **5. True.** The Beverage Marketing Corporation states that Americans spent more than \$9 billion on bottled water in 2004 and that the product's rate of growth was almost 10% per year for the previous 10 years. **6. True.** The UN adopted a resolution in 2003 calling this the "Decade for Water." The Millennium Development Goals also have an objective to halve the number of people who lack reliable and safe drinking water by 2015. **7. True.** Often selling for up to \$2.50 a liter (which translates to \$10 a gallon), bottled water is more expensive than gasoline. **8. False.** The UN estimates that if the world took half of what it now spends on bottled water (\$100 billion per year) and invested it in water infrastructure and treatment, everyone in the world could have access to clean drinking water. * In emergency and special health circumstances, bottled water may be the only safe water available.

FROM THE MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- Many thanks to our St. James CROP Walk team of 15 walkers. Many sponsors and several volunteers who raised over \$1000 to support the work of Church World Service, local food banks and the Maple Alley Inn in their effort to relieve hunger locally and worldwide. The combined efforts of several local churches raised over \$7000 for the 2nd annual CROP Walk.
- **WAGING PEACE:** The way of the World vs. the Way of the Spirit. Romans 12: 2. Peacemaking Program on Saturday, November 4 from 8.30a.m - 3.30 p.m. at Newport Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA; Keynote speaker: Dr. Isabel Rogers, Professor Emerita, Richmond, VA : "America and God; civil religion and our time". The Rev. Mark Koenig, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, will lead two of the workshops, including: "Living the believer's calling, peacemaking in the congregation". Workshops include Iran, North Korea, Israel/Palestine (Dottie and Alan Villevik), Immigration (Bob Ekblad), and "One God, a call for Christian-Muslim dialogue". Registration fee is \$ 20 or "Whatever you can afford". Directions: "Watch for blue/white balloons at 120th Ave SE at the Church driveway": 4010 120th Ave. SE. (Details: see flyer on announcement board across from the lounge).
- From the Interfaith Coalition: Training set for Friendly Visitors "I am happy to share my time with a person who now finds herself blind and living away from her friends." - A volunteer with Interfaith Coalition's Friendly Visitors program Interfaith Coalition offers monthly orientation and training sessions to individuals interested in offering one-to-one interaction with an isolated senior. The next sessions are Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon and Thursday, December 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the program or to reserve your space at the orientation and training, call 756-5179. About 30 isolated seniors in Whatcom County receive weekly visits from trained volunteers, who bring a caring presence and meaningful social connection into their lives. Volunteers visit the senior with whom they've been matched for about one hour and make a check-in phone call between visits. Both volunteers and seniors are screened and interviewed to ensure the most compatible and helpful matches are made. Friendly Visitors also seeks referrals of older adults who may benefit from the program. Please call 756-5179 to make a referral.

UNDERSTANDING THE REPORT OF THE PEACE, UNITY, AND PURITY TASK FORCE

“Just What Does P.U.P. Mean?” Birchwood Presbyterian Church will be holding a presentation on the recent Peace, Unity, and Purity Task Force Report of General Assembly. Presenters will include Dean Strong, Stated Clerk of North Puget Sound Presbytery, and Kurt Helmke, Pastor and 2006 G.A. Commissioner. Sunday, November 5 at 6 PM.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP TOPICS
November 5

Parish Brunch
Communion
Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34
“Expectations”



November 12
Pledge Dedication
Psalm 127
Mark 12:38-44
“Hilarious Giving”

November 19

Carla Shafer,
Guest Preacher

November 26

Christ the King Sunday
Corey Schlosser-Hall,
Presbytery Executive, visits
2 Samuel 23:1-7
John 18:33-38a
“The Unrecognized King”

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