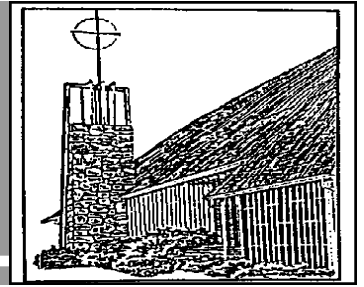


# The Pulse



## “BEGINNINGS”

INTRODUCTION BY RENÉE MEYER, SECRETARY

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January is upon us! The start of a new year brings opportunities, hopes, and plans for the future. It can also prompt us to look back at our past and re-examine previous actions and beliefs. When I'm not at work at St. James as the secretary, one of my interests is science, particularly astronomy. I have often thought about what modern science can teach us about the origins of the universe and life here on earth. The subject of cosmology and Christianity has been of recent interest in the media. Many people espouse that the two can never be fully complimentary, and others insist that the two are not mutually exclusive. I have my own opinion on the matter, as I'm sure you do.

In light of the new year, I would like to share the following article and commentary by Derek Pursey, Professor Emeritus of physics at Iowa State University. Dr. Pursey is a founding member of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith (PASTCF). The following was published in the August 1998 issue of *SciTech*†, the PASTCF's quarterly newsletter.

### **A Creation Story for the Third Millennium by Derek Pursey**

In the beginning, God. There was no space, and time had not begun. Then God said, "Let there be a cosmos"; and there was a cosmos, smaller than a grain of sand. And God saw that the cosmos was good; and in it God separated space from time, and caused both to grow. Space was very hot, and God filled it with quarks, gluons, electrons, photons, and other creations. And there was a beginning and a growing, the first stage.

And God said, "Let there be light"; and as the space grew, it cooled, and the quarks and gluons condensed like the dew into protons and neutrons, and as the space expanded further, the protons and neutrons and electrons condensed into atoms of hydrogen and helium, and then there were no more free electrons to trap the photons, and the photons became light. And there was continuing beginning and growing, the second stage.

As the space continued to grow, it became very cold. And God said, "Let the atoms be gathered together, and let stars and galaxies appear"; and wrinkles in space caused the atoms to be gathered into stars and the stars into galaxies. And as space crushed the atoms together into stars, the stars became hotter than the hottest furnace, and the hydrogen was cooked to make helium, and the helium to make other elements, and in this way was all matter created. And God saw that it was good. And there was continuing beginning and growing, the third stage.

Then God said, "Let there be planets, not fiercely hot like the stars, yet not cold like space, but each one warmed by a star"; and the wrinkles in space caused some stars to collect clouds of dust, and the dust to gather together into planets, and the planets to move in orbits round their stars. Since the planets were not

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hot, their atoms combined into molecules, creating stuff of many different kinds. And one star in one galaxy was called "Sun," and one planet belonging to Sun was called "Earth." And God saw that it was good. And there was continuing beginning and growing, the fourth stage.

When it was first formed, Earth was a place of chaos. As the Spirit of God moved over the chaos, God said "Let dry land appear." And the water on Earth gathered into seas and oceans, and the dry land formed continents. Then God said, "Let Earth bring forth life." And there developed some molecules capable of self-replication, and these eventually evolved into single celled creatures. From these evolved all the plants of the oceans and the dry land, all the fish of the sea, all the birds of the air, and all the animals on dry land. And God saw that it was good. And there was continuing beginning and growing, the fifth stage.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." And God selected creatures which were very close to God's design for humankind, and from these evolved new creatures called Man and Woman. God blessed Man and Woman, and God gave them care over and responsibility for the part of God's cosmos called Earth. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed it was very good. And there was continuing beginning and growing, the sixth stage.

### **A commentary by the author on "A Creation Story for the Third Millennium"**

Why write this "creation story for the third millennium"? Should it replace Genesis 1? Of course not! I make no claim to divine inspiration! However to understand the motivation for this effort, one needs to look carefully at the Genesis 1 story.

Genesis 1 tells of the creation of the universe by God. However one cannot tell about creating something without describing that thing in some way. Thus Genesis 1 is written in terms of a cosmology, that is, an understanding of the nature of the universe. The Genesis 1 cosmology is very similar to that common in Babylon at the time of the captivity, the period when many scholars believe that Genesis 1 received its final written form. Thus, the question is what is the message of Genesis 1 regarded as holy scripture? Is it that God created the universe? Surely so.

But is the message also that the universe is accurately described by Babylonian cosmology? This cosmology is completely at odds with that developed by science during the past five centuries, and especially in the twentieth century. If we are faithful Christians or Jews, are we forced to believe the cosmology of Genesis 1 and Babylon and therefore to deny the findings of contemporary physics, astronomy, chemistry, or biology? I do not believe so.

I believe that the message of Genesis 1 is simply that God is Creator, and that the cosmology of Genesis 1 is only the medium by which scripture conveys the message. Written for a people in exile or just returned from exile in Babylon, Genesis 1 describes God's creation of the universe in terms of the cosmology with which the people were familiar, the cosmology which was taken for granted as part of common knowledge. If God inspired the writing of Genesis 1 today, would not God describe the creation of the universe in terms of the cosmology which is today's "common knowledge," at least among educated people? Cosmology whether Babylon's or today's, is the medium, not the message!

That said, the "creation story for the third millennium" can and probably will be criticized for many gross oversimplifications and even inaccurate representations of contemporary cosmology. That misses my point, however. The cosmology is not the message. Indeed, creation by God is not even a part of modern cosmology, and neither should it be. Cosmology is science, not religion, and we may thank God for that! In the "creation story for the third millennium," the cosmological assumptions are used metaphorically rather than literally, as I believe is also the case in Genesis 1. An expression of religious faith in this case, faith in God as Creator should never be confused with a statement of scientific orthodoxy.

Lastly, why a "creation story for the third millennium"? The Genesis 1 story proved very adequate for at least two millennia, and still conveys its message if one does not confuse message with medium. However the generally accepted cosmology has changed in two and a half millennia. I fully expect that the current "big bang" cosmology will appear quite as unacceptable two millennia hence as the Babylonian cosmology is today. Therefore I may be excessively optimistic in hoping that my "creation story for the third millennium" will remain adequate even for as long as one thousand years.

**YOUTH NEWS**

KATRINA LARSEN,  
YOUTH DIRECTOR

**“Notebooks and New Beginnings!”**

I love starting a new notebook at the beginning of a new quarter of school. No pen marks. No wear and tear from being shoved in a backpack. No ripped spots where my dog chewed through a corner. Just clean, white paper ready for me to create a quarter’s worth of new notes, reflections, and doodlings.

I think starting a new year is kind of like my new notebook. We have the opportunity to turn a page of life and start over. So, stop and reflect today. What are some of the things you want to do differently this year? Study more? Get a job? Learn to play a new sport or instrument? Attend youth group? Read the Bible? Pray more often?

Whatever your goals and New Year’s resolutions may be, remember this: you can’t accomplish these goals alone. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” The key words here are “in Christ.” Not on our own strength but through Christ’s strength. So, if you are serious about making some changes in your life in 2007, ask Christ for the power to change. Don’t get me wrong: you’ll still have to work at it, but you’ll have the strength of the One who can defeat death itself on your side.

**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.

**February 4**



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2007:  
THE ROLE OF EDUCATION  
IN RE-FORMING  
CONGREGATIONS**

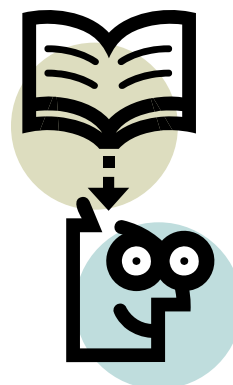
MARGARET VAN ZANTEN,  
C.E. DIRECTOR

Lately, I have been considering what books might be helpful as our faith community moves forward in its call to live responsibly in the world. South African theologian John deGruchy, internationally known for his contribution to the study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s theology, gives apt examples of why books written by Bonhoeffer should be included on our reading lists:

In speaking of the church and thus the congregation as the embodiment of Christ, or Christ taking form in a community of men and women, we are also saying that the church and thus the congregation is intrinsically linked to humanity as a whole. Again in Bonhoeffer’s words: “What takes place in the church happens vicariously and representatively as a model for all human beings.” As such, the congregation becomes a laboratory in which God’s reconciliation of the world is experienced.

*PTS Seminary Bulletin, XXVII, number 1, 2006, p.62-63*

Discernment of our individual and corporate call happens as we study together. Group discussion of books offers an excellent opportunity to grow in our faith. Let’s make a New Year’s resolution to do this as a congregation!



Let’s also resolve to recapture “The Spirit of Play.”

A copy of an article by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Barker, Minister of Pilgrim Uniting Church in Adelaide, South Australia, can be found in the Horizon Room near the library display. Let me offer this teaser from Rev. Barker:

Without fun, laughter and friends, we are in danger of being lost in our own inner wilderness.

So let the play begin!

Happy New Year, Margaret Van Zanten

## FROM THE INTERFAITH COALITION

### **Interfaith Coalition Annual Meeting**

Interfaith Coalition's annual meeting will be Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 495 E. Bakerview Road. Please come and hear first-hand about Interfaith's mission and programs which help our neighbors in need. The many ways that members of congregations can be involved with Interfaith Coalition will be highlighted. There will be stories from providers and clients, music, fellowship and refreshments.

Our congregation has joined with 45 other Whatcom County congregations to help thousands of local people with shelter, clothing and health care through the programs of Interfaith Coalition. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for members of congregations to not only find out how giving has been used, but to look to future programs. For additional information, please call **734-3983**.

### **Interfaith Coalition thanks congregation for support in 2006**

Last month's record-breaking snowfall and cold temperatures offered many opportunities to be thankful for the warm, dry homes in which we all live. When venturing outdoors, we bundled up in our warmest jackets or coats, gloves and hats. During these extreme weather conditions, many of us thought about and prayed for the many individuals and families in our community who are homeless.

Interfaith Coalition, with your generous support including the recent donation of \$500, and the time many of you volunteer, is able to ease the burden for some of our neighbors struggling with homelessness, incomes that don't allow for purchasing winter garments, limited access to health care for dealing with seasonal acute or long-term chronic health issues, or the loneliness and depression that sets in without regular contact with people who care.

With your support, Interfaith Coalition opened another partnership house for homeless families this year, bringing our total number of housing units to eight. With your support, we opened severe weather shelters for homeless people to come in out of the cold during the snowstorm. With your support, we distributed winter coats to thousands of individuals throughout Whatcom County in time to brave the cold weather. With your support, Interfaith Community Health Center has extended its operating hours to serve even more people who need medical, dental or behavioral health care. And with your support, our Friendly Visitors program continued to match caring volunteers with lonely and isolated seniors whose spirits are uplifted by the weekly visits they now receive.

Thank you for your partnership in Interfaith Coalition. Our work does make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. May you continue to enjoy your many blessings throughout the New Year, *Laura DeRose Executive Director*

### **Bassoon virtuoso to perform benefit concert for Interfaith's Friendly Visitors program**

Renowned bassoon soloist and recording artist Martin Kuuskmann will perform a concert to benefit Interfaith Coalition's Friendly Visitors program on Sunday, Jan. 14, beginning at 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 702 G Street in Blaine. Admission is by donation.

Born in Estonia, Kuuskmann is a Blaine resident and member of Grace Lutheran Church. He has performed at venues and festivals worldwide. His solo performances also have been broadcast on public radio worldwide, including NPR, CBC, BBC, and German and Swedish national radios. He is a member of the Lyric Chamber Music Society of New York and Ensemble Sospeso, a chamber orchestra in New York that performs modern music. His repertoire spans the early Baroque era to jazz and contemporary music. In 2007 he joins the faculty at Manhattan School of Music, where he received his bachelor's degree. He earned his master's degree from Yale University School of Music.

The New York Times recently praised Kuuskmann's playing as "dynamic . . . amazing . . . gripping," adding, "Mr. Kuuskmann played stunningly . . ."

Performing in the benefit concert with Kuuskmann will be Terhi Miikki-Boersma, an accomplished organist from Finland.

Interfaith Coalition's Friendly Visitors program matches trained volunteers with isolated seniors whose health and well-being may improve with the meaningful social connection they receive through weekly home visits.

For more information about the concert, call **734-3983**, or for more information about Friendly Visitors, call **756-5179**.

**Sunday schedule**

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

# January 2007

**Church office**

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

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		8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	5:30 pm Personnel 6 pm AA—Men	6:30 pm Bells 7:30 Chancel 7:30 AA	2:45 pm Girl Scouts	10 am OA
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<b>The Lord's Supper</b>	12:45 pm Cub Scouts 5:45 pm Girl Scouts	8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	5 pm Mission & Social Action 5:30 Weaver's Guild 6 AA—Men	5 pm Christian Education 6 pm Worship 6:30 pm Bells 7:30 Chancel 7:30 AA		9-12 Church Work Party 10 am OA
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	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<i>Pulse</i> Items Due! 8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	6 pm AA—Men	5:30 pm Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace 6:30 Bells 7:30 Chancel 7:30 AA	6:30 pm Women's Agapé Night	10 am OA
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11:45 am Health committee "Back School"	5:45 pm Girl Scouts	8 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	10 am <i>Pulse</i> Crew 6 pm AA—Men	6:30 pm Bells 7:30 Chancel 7:30 AA	6 pm Friday Night Social	10 am OA
28	29	30	31	<p><b>BACK SCHOOL!</b> Young and old come and learn how to care for your back, make it strong and avoid pain now and in future years. Dr. Milton Schayes, retired (?) orthopedic surgeon, will lead the class and teach some non surgical techniques for strengthening and caring for one of our most important physical assets.</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE, JANUARY 21 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, Fellowship Hall. Bring a healthy potluck salad, an open and curious mind and the Health Committee will provide some healthy supplements.</p>		
		8 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Women's Bible Study 12 pm Women's luncheon 5:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 WA Gender Alliance	5:30 pm Personnel 6 AA—Men			

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**January 30**

**10:30 am Bible Study**

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

**12 noon Potluck Luncheon**

Bring a friend, and a salad to share!

*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.



Thursday, January 18 **5:30 pm**  
Bellingham Friends  
Exploration Academy, 1701 Ellis St., 312-8234

**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.

**ST. JAMES PRAYER CHAIN**

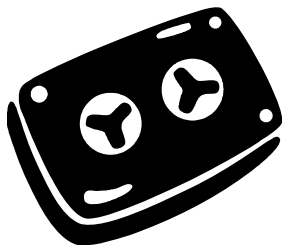
If you have a prayer request for the St. James Prayer Chain/E-mail Team call

**Linda Monroe at  
360-671-6594**

or e-mail her at **Lidale@aol.com.**

**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 the church library.



**MONTHLY CHURCH WORK PARTY**

Winter has arrived!

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

**Saturday  
January 13: 9 am—12 pm**

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



**SAVE THE DATE! TALL TIMBER FAMILY WEEKEND**

Save the dates of February 23, 24 & 25, 2007 for the Tall Timber Family Weekend. More information to come...



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Carla Shafer** was featured in the following article (excerpted) in the Bellingham Herald, Dec. 8, 2006:

“Theater helps writers share their work: Chuckanut Sandstone Theater offers venue for local writers to be heard.” By Michelle Nolan

You don’t have to be a polished writer to participate in the Chuckanut Sandstone Writers Theater, but you do need to be willing to share your work verbally. Visitors also are welcome to hear the affable coterie of local writers who show up monthly at the Firehouse Café in Fairhaven.

Bellingham resident **Carla Shafer**, who founded the theater, especially enjoys seeing newcomers gain confidence during their readings. They are limited to seven minutes, so everyone can participate.

Shafer is the grant developer and program administrator for underpaid students at Everett Community College. She has served 40 years in a variety of mostly education-related jobs, including a stint as dean for development at Northwest Indian College.

*Question: Can high school and college students participate?*

*Answer:* We usually get eight to 12 participants at each meeting, and there’s always room for more. We encourage students to participate, along with other community members. We all need encouragement to keep writing. What we don’t always realize is how original our voices are. I’m always surprised people feel grateful to get a chance to read, and they do appreciate the audience.

*Q: So it’s not competitive?*

*A:* We’re there to listen, so you’re not competing against other people’s conversations or activities. It really is a venue for people to be heard. People are not always certain they’re going to read, but then it seems they step forward. They get a sense of confidence when they see how other people are received. It doesn’t take long to show a feeling of community among writers.

*Q: Do writers need to be experienced?*

*A:* We’re not looking for finished products. We’re looking for writers in whatever stage they’re in. Occasionally we include featured writers, or bring in someone who’s been recently published or fairly well-known. The best events are when the most people get to share.

*Q: You must feel fortunate to have the Firehouse Café.*

*A:* We’ve been meeting there monthly on the second or third Wednesday since January. Matt Christman (the manager of the Firehouse properties) has made the café available and has provided incredible support. Matt has a mother lode of his own poetry and writing, and he’ll pop his little notebook out to share with us...

*Q: How did you get it started?*

*A:* I organized it in 1993. I write poetry and have been published in a few places here and there, including the second volume of “Whatcom Places.” By 1993 I had built a supply of poems I felt ready to share. I felt a lot of people were writing and we were reluc-

BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES

## January Birthdays

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1	Teresa Bowers
2	Bob Raudebaugh
2	Phil Jones
3	Susan Burkland
7	Stacey Miller
8	Marty Haines
9	Beverly Sherman
9	Charles Snyder
13	Nancy Pace
13	Megan Stampfli
15	Steve Inge
15	Karen Summers
16	Joan Elsethagen
17	Dwayne Rogers
18	Genevieve Pfueller Roguski
20	Wayne Landis
21	Peg Wilke
22	Michael Hoffman
23	Fred McCormick
26	David Meyer
26	Betty Miller
26	Marianne Thomas
28	Kris Baker-Selvy
28	Mark Danielson
31	Marlene Amman

## January Anniversaries

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2	Ed Simmers & Jane Madden
26	Rex & Ann Lary

tant to get up and read aloud. Poetry is best read aloud. It was all spontaneous. Anybody who showed up could read, and still can.

*Q: What’s your educational background?*

*A:* I’m a 1996 graduate of Lewis & Clark College in Portland. I earned a master’s degree in education from Bank Street College in New York City. My most rewarding time in education was when I worked at Northwest Indian College.

*If you have news you would like to share with the St. James family, please submit it to the church office by the next newsletter deadline.*

**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS** CARLA SHAFER, CLERK

Since Pastor Mary is on medical leave and gave her permission, it was in order for a Temporary Moderator to be elected to run the meeting. The minutes were presented and approved for November 12 and December 3, 2006

Bob and Linda Raudebaugh are joining Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott, Arizona, so they will be removed as members. Wayne Terry's resignation from session was received as he is moving to Washington, D.C.

Meeting dates were set for the New Year. The first is set for Nominees training on January 10th at 7 PM. Volunteers to assist Mary with the training are Matt, David, Sally and Carla. The joint meeting of new and retiring Deacons and Elders will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup> and will include a pot luck lunch which the Session members will provide for everyone.

Jenny Sue thanked the Session in advance for a great lunch. It was agreed to give homebound people's poinsettias to them after the first service on the 24th.

Sally announced that wonderful gifts have been given to the Christian Education Endowment of \$20,000 and to the Music endowment of \$5,000. These gifts are from Rook and Julie Van Halm. Rook spoke to their interest in making the gift now and that he would be happy to speak to the congregation about the wisdom of such gifts. The earnings from these endowments will support some costs in the budget in the future. Session thanked him for this wonderful gift. An acknowledgement of the gift will be planned.

Sally doesn't think we need to adjust the budget, except for the Deacons' expenses in December. \$300 was transferred from undesignated interest earnings to the Deacons for this year's expenses.

Although she requested an unpaid leave, the Session voted to pay Pastor Mary her full salary for medical leave during December. Pastor Mary's Medical leave began December 6th and will continue through January 2, using one week of vacation as previously planned. Her surgery is scheduled for December 21, 2006.

\$200 was added pulpit supply for December from Undesignated Interest Income. Pulpit Supply has been arranged by Mary and Karen Summers preaches on December 17 and 31, and Dick Madden preaches at 10:30 AM and 10 PM on the 24th.

Reports were received from Christian Education, Congregational Life, Membership, Mission, Personnel and Social Action and the Worship Committees.

Membership is considering the needs of Prime timers as attendance has dwindled. Julie Keyes has done a great job organizing the Angel tree and there's two angels left on the tree to be picked up. The Joy Offering will be on the 24th.

Renee will be paid two snow days and her vacation was approved for December 21, 22, 26-29 and January 2-5. Session approved closing the church office from December 26, 2006 -January 5, 2007. Sally will keep her schedule and messages will be checked. Sally and Carla will be the contact people for urgent needs.

The Session accepted the resignation of Wade Dingman. David reminded the session that the Presbyterian

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS, CONTINUED

Association of Musicians has guidelines and we are not coming anywhere close to what we should be paying at the level of training and musicianship that we require. It was pointed out that eventually the Music Endowment will help us provide better remuneration.

Carolyn has the music covered through December and an Interim Organist will be found. The Personnel Committee will complete the hiring as soon as possible.

Dale Monroe gave the Stewardship and Budget Committee report. The biggest expense problems are utilities going up and our pledge balance going down. We expect to be \$7,500 short. Dale expects income and expenses to come close to matching at the 2006 year-end, so the “rainy day” fund will not be depleted. The committee believes that next year is likely to be a repeat of last year. Sally reminded that it takes three new members to cover the level of support given by a long time member. As we’ve hit hard times, we’ve hit mission substantially and older members are concerned that mission giving is shrinking. Dale will come back with recommendations about how certain of the Named Activities funds can meet the related purposes of budget expenditures for next year. For instance, deacons hadn’t been getting money from memorial fund donations and some of it needs to cover the related labor and expenses of the Deacons. \$1000 will be taken out of the undesignated memorials and put it in the 2007 budget for Deacon expenses.

Nicky Lang and Kevin Terpstra will be able to hold their wedding as requested on April 7, 2007, the day before Easter. The father of the groom will be on leave from Military Service in Iraq that week only. The Easter azaleas will be up and the couple accepts the display as a condition of facility use. Pastor Mary and the couple plan to begin pastoral counseling in January.

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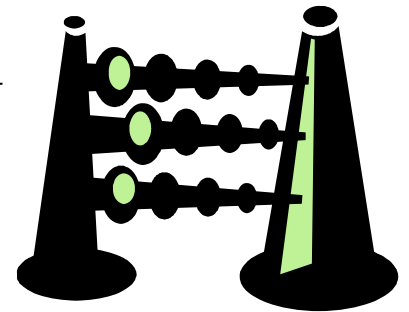
## TREASURER’S REPORT      SALLY ALBERS

Through the generosity of current and past members of the church, we have a Facilities Endowment that has funded capital equipment purchases this year and will provide for physical improvements to the church next year. This endowment has reached a critical threshold where the earnings and capital appreciation routinely meet or exceed our needs for capital improvements to the building.

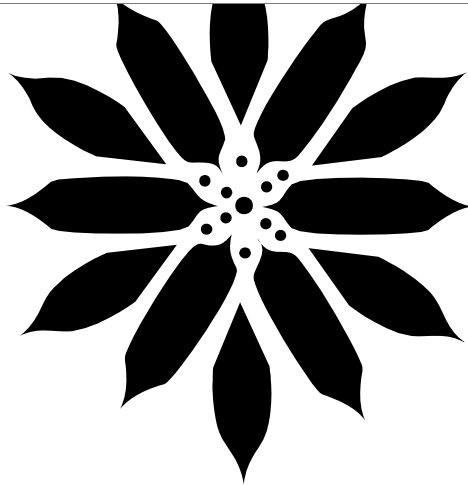
Two newer endowments are now growing as well. The Christian Ed/Youth Endowment Fund is intended to provide resources and opportunities for education, enrichment and empowerment for persons in the St. James Presbyterian Church community on their faith journey. The Music Endowment Fund was established for the purchase, replacement and maintenance of musical equipment and for the purchase of reference materials and large musical works for music library. Each of these funds received a gift of \$500 in October from a family that asked to remain anonymous.

In November Rook and Julia Van Halm designated a gift totaling \$25,000; \$20,000 to Christian Ed and \$5,000 to Music endowments. Rook explained to the Session that he had decided to make the gift now, while he was still living. He is willing to talk about his reasoning to others in the congregation who might consider sharing in this way, but perhaps do not want to make any decision just yet.

All endowments are intended to be a permanent source of revenue; the income that these gifts generate can be used for expenditures beyond the scope of the general budget. It is indeed the “gift that keeps on giving.” As Treasurer, I get to see the generosity and open hearts of all of you first hand. Many also contribute freely of your time and talents, as you are able. You are a continuing inspiration and the true treasure of St. James Presbyterian Church. Thank you for all that you do in the name of Christ.



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Dick Albers & his daughters	In memory of Joyce Albers
M. Albers	In memory of mother, Joyce Albers
Marlene Amman good caring parents and They are both missed very much.	In memory of Archie & Vi Gerry, very much appreciated and love.
John & Bea Aubert	In memory of Betti McCormick In appreciation for Wade Dingman
Jack & Dorothy Brown	In memory of Samantha Downing In honor of Pastor Mary In appreciation for all our wonderful volunteers
Susan Burkland	In appreciation for Wade Dingman's wonderful gift of music. Best wishes!
Ellen Cowen	In memory of my father Edward Ball
Margaret de Maine	In appreciation for Rex & Ann Lary, Phil & Phyllis Jones
Jack & Shirley Drury	In appreciation for Sally Albers' contribution to the Treasurer duties.
Gladys Eckhart	In memory of all my dear ones

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 In memory Ann Heaps Johnson  
 In appreciation for Carolyn Mullen and all the musicians who grace us with beautiful music.  
 In memory of my mother and father  
 McVie  
 In memory of our parents, Hugh & Irene, James & Margaret  
 In appreciation for all the music at St. James and the people who make it happen  
 Monroe  
 In memory of Ray Barker, and Harold & Dorothy Monroe  
 In memory of Matthew Tyler Downing In honor of my parents  
 In memory of husband, Brian Peck  
 Pfueller  
 In appreciation for Pastor Mary and praying for healing and good health  
 Family  
 In memory of great grandfather Angus Rankin, builder of the first St.

Bob & Madeleine Smith  
 In memory of parents, Fred & Margaret Smith, Earl & Effie Roop  
 In memory of son Lance Smith  
 Susan Snyder  
 In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Adrian B. Cavins  
 Sandie Starr  
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