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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JERRY POOLE

Friends:
I know I'm supposed to be excited that fall is just around the corner, and thrilled with our September plans. But I am keeping my excitement under control. That's because I enjoy summer and am not delighted with the prospect of this upcoming change of seasons. I understand, however, that the changing cycle of seasons is good for us. That's how God made us. So when you are running to grab a sweater (or even a coat) to be prepared for fall, I'll do the same, but I'd rather have a few more weeks of summer.

One thing I am excited about, however, is St James' one hundred twentieth anniversary party on Sunday September 20. As followers of Jesus, we need to celebrate every time we have an opportunity. We'll have a potluck lunch after worship, with pictures of church life over our last 120 years. Then we'll host

an ice cream social after lunch and invite the neighborhood. We want to hand-deliver invitations to the neighbors in advance. If you'd like to assist, contact Natasha in the office.

There is both a backward and a forward element to this party. We look back over the church's 120 years because learning about our ancestors' efforts can encourage our faith today. When we invite the community to the party, we are also indirectly inviting them to meet Jesus. The best outcome of St James' birthday party would be to help grow the church by sharing the good news we have in Jesus.

We have plans for growing as followers of Jesus. Among the various classes we'll offer for all ages, I'll be teaching a series on seven Wednesday's from 7 to 8 PM, beginning Sept 9 on important lessons from favorite bible stories. Watch the bulletin for details.

Some of you know that on June 10 our weekly Wednesday morning men's group began meeting at 7 AM in the Kiln Room at Boulevard Park Woods Coffee. On most Wednesdays we meet for an hour, including a bible study on leadership lessons, conversation and prayer, usually ending by 8 AM. Newcomers are welcome.

I want to thank Nancy Pace who ably volunteered in the office while Natasha was on vacation and Gale Pfueller who has been keeping our lawn mowed and trimmed this summer.

On a personal note, our daughter, Lauren, a senior at Pacific Lutheran University, plays on their volleyball team. Polly and I will be attending their Northwest League matches in Sept and Oct. Admission is usually free!

In His grip,
Jerry



*Grace to you
and Peace*

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KRAL'S SCRAWLS

Is it fall? Is it summer? Long before the calendar changes, our weather teases us. Some of our trees begin to change. Beauty unfolds. And we look forward to what is to come.

We're looking forward to what's to come here at St. James, as well. Because it's going to be spectacular. So get out your calendars and start saving dates because you'll want church to be a priority!

thank God for the wonderful critters



Sept. 13 –
Join us for the
CHURCH SCHOOL CHALLENGE.

During worship that morning we'll have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks as we celebrate fall and the beginning of the school year. Be sure to bring your

backpacks, Bibles, briefcases and any other tool of your trade as we ask God to bless us in our daily endeavors. And following worship, please join us for a yummy **lunch in the Fellowship Hall**, provided by the Christian Education Committee. (Mmmm, Rich is cooking. I can't wait!)

Oct. 4-
Brings the
CROP Walk
Stay tuned for more info from Tony Richter, our congregation's coordinator.

Oct. 11-
2 p.m. is our
Blessing of the Animals in the field at First Christian Church. We'll not only thank God for the wonderful critters who are

such blessings to us, we'll ask God to guide us as we care for them.

Nov. 22-
1 – 4 p.m. is our
Second Annual Multi-Faith Alternative Holiday Market. Once again we'll be at Bloedel-Donovan. Start inviting your friends, neighbors, and everyone you meet. It promises to be even bigger and more exciting than last year, with wonderful goodies from some of our own St. James ladies in the kitchen, (are you hungry, yet?), more non-profits, and even more live music.

Peace,
Pastor Tam



Church School Challenge

Sunday, Sept. 13
11:45 a.m.
(After 10:30 Worship)

Please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall

All ages, all stages, all teachable people are cordially invited to join us in a praying, dreaming, discussion session regarding our St. James education program. What do YOU want/hope/need/foresee?

Lunch is provided by the Christian Education Committee.

Please RSVP
360.733.1325

Questions:
Please contact
Pastor Tam

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TEACHER TRAINING

A Very Special Teacher Training

Patti Cromarty will be leading all preschool teachers and other interested parties in a teacher training session on Sunday, Sept. 27, immedi-

ately following worship. She'll be teaching us how to use the Young Children in Worship materials. Please talk to Patti or Pastor Tam if you have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS!

The Personnel Committee is pleased to introduce our newest staff member, Elizabeth (Liz) Turner, who will be starting on Sunday, September 13. Liz has a BA from CSU San Bernardino, and is passionate about youth and music. She has several years of

church leadership experience, including leading the children's worship band in her previous church. Most recently, she was a chaperone and teacher for the 26 children in the African Children's Choir, touring the U.S. for more than a year, raising funds for

education in Africa. Liz is a July newlywed. Please give a warm welcome to Liz and David when you see them in church.



School snacks, they'd be ever so grateful. (Please remember that we are **SO nut free** that snacks must even be made in a peanut/nut free environment. Thanks.)

Check out the toy poster!

MORE FROM PASTOR TAM

Have You Seen the Toy Poster?

Check out the toy poster in the Horizon Room and the wish list for our preschool room. We already have some great things on the way. Maybe you can help us reach our goal!

Snacks, please!

Yep, as Sunday School begins, once again, our ravenous children are turning to you for their very survival. They've grown tired of Pastor Tam's animal crackers and they want MORE. If you can bring in Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF ST. JAMES

Salad and Dessert Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, September 29 at 12:00 p.m.

Followed by a talk and power point presentation led By Nancy Collins, Oak Harbor Presbyterian Church

New officers were chosen at the June meeting:

Moderator:

Margaret McVie

Secretary:

Alice Beatty

Co-treasurers:

Ann Lary and Marian Dobbie

Thank you to the Pulse crew

Margaret deMaine

Mary Elmslie

Dorothy Herrmann

Phyllis Jones

"Thank you for your support"

Dear Tamalyn and St. James Session,

Thank you for the graduation breakfast celebration and thank you for the prayer journal. They both meant a lot to me.

Thank you for your support through the years!

I really appreciate all that you have done. Thanks again!

Stephen Bader



A HALLOWEEN PARTY REQUEST

Are you creative in strange and unusual ways? We need new games for our Halloween Party. Not traditional party games, but carnival type games. (Pin the Tail on the Werewolf? Sponge Toss at a Dragon?) If you have, or would be able to build or create games of that nature (and yes, they have to be kind of cute – not too scary), please talk to Pastor Tam. Thanks!



HEALTH COMMITTEE NEWS

We hope that you had a restful, fun and safe summer. After taking a low profile July and August, the Committee is cooking up ideas for Fall.

First of all, The newly reorganized Walk for Health starts Saturday August 22nd at 9am. We meet at Boulevard Park, main entrance. Every one is welcome, as we will have two levels of walker.

We will be attending the Heart Health Fair in Lynden, transportation will be available. See the handout on the Health Corner bulletin board.

Dr Milt Schays will be presenting his "Award Winning" Back School this month.

A few other items being scheduled include community-wide child carseat safety checks, a First Aid Class, and another CPR class.

Please feel free to attend our meetings, held 1st Thursdays at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

Wise Words From Natasha: "exercise, eat Kashi and relax!"

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE is Monday, September 21, at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall, Bellingham, WA.

Keynote speaker: Rev. John Dear, Kulshan Chorus, Children's Peace Art Program, Howard Harris Peacemaker Award.

Master of ceremonies: Swil Kanim

Peace March starting at 6:15 p.m. at Maritime Heritage Park, 734-0217 or

www.WhatcomPJC.org (Whatcom Peace and Justice Center).

Saint James Presbyterian Church is among the co-sponsors.

ST JAMES BOOK CLUB

The St. James Literary Society will be reading "Eat Pray Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert during September and will be meeting on Monday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the church for sharing and discussion. Newcomers and friends are welcome. We are a registered book club with Bellingham Reads at the Bellingham Public Library.

If you have questions, please call Barb Kilpatrick, Alice Beaty, or Karen Summers.



This month's Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East

Sept. 18th from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

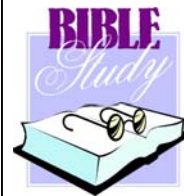
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Looking ahead:

- **October 26**
"The Kite Runner"
- **November 23**
"Founding Mothers"

a break in December

- **January 25**
"Snow Falling on Cedars"
- **February 22**
"Madonnas of Leningrad"



Pastor Jerry's fall class, for adults and older

youth, will be held Wednesdays from 7 to 8 PM beginning Sept 9.

Fall Bible Study

It will include important lessons from favorite bible stories including Daniel in the Lion's Den, Jesus and the Woman at the Well, Zacchaeus, The Widow of Nain, The Woman Caught in Adultery and the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Join us!

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Session Highlights – August 16, 2009

Carla Shafer, Clerk of Session

Session discussed *Un-binding the Gospel*, a book about evangelism that NPS Presbytery has made available to churches.

Gary Culbertson's resignation as a Ruling Elder was accepted with regret.

Jan Resick and Jean Seater will serve as commissioners to Presbytery on September 26, 2009 at Maplewood Presbyterian Church.

The budget for 2009 was balanced with more than \$18,000 of additional pledges. The financial statement was positive for July. Endowment earnings are being converted to cash so they will be available to spend as needed.

The Fall Harvest potluck will be on Friday, October 16, 2009. On October 31, 2009 the church will be open for trick or treaters and donations of treats will be accepted. The International Day of Peace is 9/21/09. The

Health committee is organizing a gathering on the Health initiative.

School supplies are being collected. The crop walk will be 10/4/09. Presbyterian mission co-workers in Indonesia will be here Sunday, 9/23/09. International Peacemakers will make a presentation here on 10/13/09. Permission was given by her family for the Agape House bed donation to be made in loving memory and in celebration of the life of Rosie Danielson.

The Mission Study Team is collecting surveys and reviewing them for a forthcoming report.

Liz Turner has been hired as our new youth leader. Tara Giddens resigned to take an internship in Ireland.

Sunday worship will start at 10:30 a.m. starting Sept 13th on the Sunday after Labor Day. ahead.

Friendly Visitors and Bellingham Sings were

approved for building use.

The Kick off Sunday for Sunday School "Challenge Sunday" will be on 9/13 with a lunch to follow for Sunday School attendees and their families.

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Cliff Nelson

Cell 220-7342

Please contact the church office with any changes or additions to the directory.



September Birthdays

1	Nancy Richter
3	Bea Aubert
3	Colin Jackson
5	Ryan Haines
5	Kate Snyder
6	Margaret McVie
6	Earl VanderWerff
13	Brian Hoffman
13	Bill Summers
14	Don Thorson
16	Linda Landis
17	Dave Nelson
18	Ann Lary
19	Greg Schayes
21	Margaret Landis
21	Nick Keefe
23	Faye Hill
23	Twyla Bader
23	Jillian Bader
24	Kathryn McGregor
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September Anniversaries

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*Join our
celebration of
yesterday,
today, and
tomorrow*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**St. James will
be celebrating
our 120th birth-
day on Sunday,
September 20.**

There will be a tradi-
tional potluck luncheon
after worship followed

by an Ice Cream Social
from 1-3 on the front
lawn. Please invite your
friends and neighbors to
join our celebration of
yesterday, today, and
tomorrow. If you have
pictures or memorabilia
to share please contact
Alice Beaty at 733-

3371 or Carla Schafer at
676-5853.

**Happy
Birthday to
St. James!**

Treasurer's Report for July 2009 Sally Albers, Treasurer

Thanks to everyone for a heartening response to our June-July pledge drive. Many different households responded as they were able, and promised an additional \$18,688 for our church operations. Since our goal was \$17,234, this was an extra 10%. Once again God has showered abundance on St. James. Our budget is now balanced and those who worried can rest easy once again.

Expenses for July totaled \$12,567, under budget by \$831. Income exceeded expenses for July by \$7,045. As a result the General Fund

has a positive balance of \$3,303. This should help to cushion our higher utilities in the coming season of cold weather.

Designated Giving/ Named Activities Fund:

- 1) We received pass-through contributions for the Food Bank (\$25), Whatcom Peace & Justice (\$500), and \$100 for carpet cleaning from the SOS Men's AA group.
- 2) As requested at session, \$288 of the local share of the Pen-

tecost Offering has gone to Agape House (Lighthouse Mission) for a set of bunk beds in memory of Rosie Danielson. Pass-through disbursements were also made to the YMCA (\$64 toward the cost of showers for Columbia Mission crew) and the Whatcom Peace & Justice-International Day of Peace (\$500).

Endowments at New Covenant Funds:

Net asset value per share on our Balanced Growth Fund accounts rose to \$66.63 at the end of July, an increase of \$3.32 per share.

Break-even for Music and Christian Ed/Youth endowments is still \$14 per share distant: \$80.56 and \$80.91 respectively.

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Treasurer: Sally Albers
Youth Leader: Tara Giddens
Custodian: Tim Chandonnet
Music Director: Carolyn Mullen
Organist / Pianist: Kirsten Rutschman
Parish Nurse: Barbara Kilpatrick
Mission: New Earth / Tierra Nueva, Bob & Gracie Ekblad
PC (USA) Regional Liaison to Jordan, Israel & Palestine: Doug Dicks

*Fall Worship Hours Begin
Sept 13*

9am Adult Bible Study

10:30am Worship

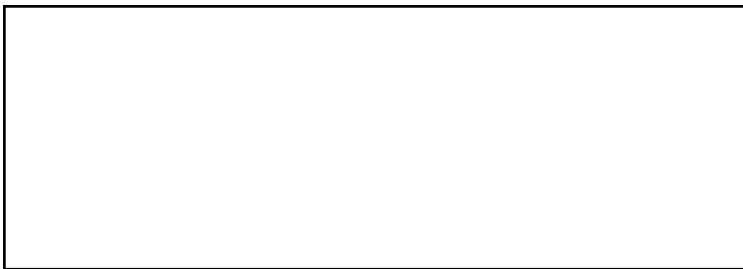
10:45am Children's Time

WE NEED YOU to sing/ring with us!

Chancel choir rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30pm in the Choir Loft.

Bell Choir rehearsals begin Sept. 17, 6:30pm in the Horizon Room.

Questions? Call director Carolyn Mullen @ 595-0934



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