

THE PULSE



As I write this, flags are still flying at half-staff, honoring the 49 victims of the shooting in Orlando. People across our nation and around our world have expressed their grief, sympathy and outrage over yet another mass shooting. The leaders of our own denomination issued a statement, mourning the loss of life. I share it here in full:

We join our heavy hearts with the great multitude of those who mourn the killing and maiming of so many of our brothers and sisters at the *Pulse* club in Orlando, Florida. As people of the Reformed tradition, we are not naïve about the reality of evil in the world in which we live, or the capacity within us all to choose evil over good. Nor can we doubt the profound capacity to accomplish such evil deeds in a society overrun with weapons designed to kill. Even so, it is shocking when that evil is manifest in such a horrendous way.

We applaud the courage of those touched by these killings, who even in their grief, have joined together to declare their intention to stand firm against all the forces in the nation and the world who wish them harm. We pledge our support to them and promise to work with them, as we seek to quell all the forces in our society that divide us.

It would be naïve to ignore the implications of this brutal attack for the LGBTQ community as a whole.

Likewise, we would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge the fact that the attack in Orlando primarily impacted people of color, particularly the Latinx community. This provides a painful reminder that experiences of oppression are shaped by multiple social identities and lived experiences.

Facing this evil, we reaffirm the commitment of our own General Assembly to oppose all efforts to demean or exclude those in our society and our churches whose sexual orientation has made them targets of abuse and hatred.

In that regard, we stand with our friends in the Muslim community, knowing that there are those who continue to stereotype all persons of Muslim faith or identity, and who will characterize the attack as further evidence of the danger posed by such persons within our midst. We stand also with immigrants and oppose any effort to turn this tragedy into a cynical opportunity to demonize people who seek freedom of movement.

As we share our grief for those lost and those scarred by this violence, let us renew our own mandate from our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to choose love over hate in all our relationships and to “seek the peace of the city” in the living out of our faith.

Signed: Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; Heath Rada, Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014); and Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

I have nothing to add except “Amen;” and by that to join my voice with those expressing sorrow and support. I encourage you to add your voice as well, so that the message of love might drown out the competing messages we hear, those of hate, judgmentalism and exclusion, and of all that is counter to the Gospel of Christ.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Janet



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Journey to Korea

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130 years ago the seeds of the gospel were planted by Presbyterian missionary Underwood. Join us in witnessing what one seed of the gospel can do for a nation. We will tour Korea paying special attention to studying Korean churches, mapping out their spiritual history and finally experiencing the rich culture.

**Join Moderator Rev. James Kwon
for a Pilgrimage to Korea**

October 4 - 14, 2016

\$2,500 includes airfare, all travel and hotel accommodations and meals

A remarkable opportunity to experience the spiritual and cultural landscape of Korea for such a reasonable cost thanks to Community Church of Seattle.

Learn about the mission legacy of the Presbyterian Church USA and the vibrant presence of the Presbyterian Church in Korea and around the world. Get an up close experience of one of the most innovative economic engines in the world coupled with the tensions of the ongoing North Korea-South Korea conflict.

Email Rev. Paul Kim to get the registration form. If you have questions or need more information, please call Rev. Kim at 425-984-3697.



Sign Up Now to Help Out at Project Homeless Connect

On Friday, July 22, 2016, Bellingham High School will be the site of services and resources to our homeless neighbors. You are invited to sign-up to be a St. James Meal Server from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Jobs include: Meal To-Go Server, Plater, Greeter, Busser, and/or Beverage Server.

The sign-up clip board is in the Narthex between the nametags. Please join us for the fun of fellowship and spreading good will.

**PRIDEFEST
BELLINGHAM**

Bellingham Pride Festival Sign-up

You are invited to sign-up to extend a St. James' Welcome to the LBGQT community and friends on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Farmers Market during the Pride Festival. We will have a display table inviting people to St. James where we hand out "Help Us Grow!" seed packets prepared by the Membership Committee. We need 10 or more members and friends to sign up for 1-hour time slots. The sign-up clip board is in the Narthex between the nametags. This will be our fifth or sixth year taking part in the celebration.



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Mission Co-workers, Bernie and Farsuana Adeney-Risakotta at St. James on August 7.

Presbyterian Mission co-workers Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta plan to be with us on August 7. They will give a presentation about their work in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, during a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. He will then preach in the service.

If anyone could host them for that Saturday and Sunday night, we would appreciate it. Please inform Gretchen Pfueller (360-734-3953) or Natasha (360-733-1325).

Session Highlights – June 12, 2016

Discussed

- Overall income and expenses are in line with the budget.
- Deacons are looking forward to the picnic on Sunday, July 24.
- The church's Mission Information Form (MIF) from the PNC, with the new Mission Statement: We are a welcoming Christian community, seeking God's purpose, listening for God's message, and sharing God's love. The mission statement and form information was developed from the church focus groups, research and work of the PNC.
- Website updating for attractiveness and ease of use.
- Building and Grounds is working on signing, tower sealing and security lighting.
- Christian Faith Formation is seeking volunteers from the congregation to serve as the second teacher in Sunday School.
- Worship Committee is discussing whether we need more hymnals.
- Finance committee is open to receiving requests for additional funding from committees for special projects and specific needs.

Decided

- To accept the MIF prepared by the PNC as written with an expression of thanks to the committee for their work. (Once approved by the Presbytery it will be submitted to the Office of the General Assembly for ministers to refer to this summer when applying to serve at St. James.)
- Funds were approved for website redevelopment.
- The Personnel Policies as revised by the Personnel Committee were approved as submitted. (Thank you to Mark Beaty and the committee members for their work.)
- Cindy Bauleke will be acknowledged with a card and gift for her ordination as a minister in a service held at St. James thirty years ago.
- The Music Director's (Carolyn Mullen) vacation compensation was increased to five weeks per years based on a revised compensation schedule under development for professional staff.
- To approve Rev. Kyle Anderson, First Presbyterian Church (Bellingham) Associate Pastor, as the pulpit supply on June 26, 2016.
- To approve a vacation for Janet on August 16-21, 2016.

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	May	Budget	Yr to Date	Yr to Date Budget
Income	\$21,201	\$17,955	\$105,500	\$99,589
Expenses	\$23,758	\$19,134	\$ 92,052	\$97,959

Finance Committee
Dick Carr, Chair



June is a good time for each of us to review our 2016 pledge status to St. James to ensure that we are current. Our financial commitment is critical as our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) seeks the next pastor to serve St. James. Let us start thinking about our financial commitment for our fall Stewardship Campaign as well. Every pledge, no matter the size, is important as these pledges are our primary source of income. Let us seek a higher percentage of pledge commitments for 2017 to be able to continue with our strengths.

Stewardship Committee
Dick Carr, Chair

Sunday School

The overall theme for July, based on the Lectionary, is to trust that God's love surrounds us always. Children will understand that they are able to be agents of healing and compassion as a response to God's love. We will look at 2 Kings 5; and Luke 10-12. Sunday, July 3, we will learn a song; July 10, we will create art; July 17, we will play a game; and July 31, we will have a party.

Ten Ways to Help Our Children:

1. Spend time with teacher Zadra Sunday morning.
2. Keep track of snacks and replenish, when necessary (you will be reimbursed).
3. Tidy up craft supplies in storage areas (behind the stage and downstairs in the cupboard).
4. Plan a tea party Sunday morning.
5. Plan a craft/art project.
6. Be a story teller.
7. Provide fresh craft materials (you will be reimbursed).
8. Help with plants or other outdoor project.
9. Bring your house-trained and well-behaved dog and talk about pet care.
10. Help with simple costumes (hats, props) for acting out a story.

A huge Thank You to Marlene Amman for spending time in the classroom last month; to Alice Beaty and Kay Carr for volunteering to give a tea party this fall; and for Session member Bill Read for volunteering to spend time in the classroom. Try it -- and bring a friend!

SKOOKUM KIDS
TURNS ONE!
FAIRHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN

SUNDAY, JULY 10 • 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Skookum Kids has been caring for foster kids for 1 year. Let's celebrate with live music, games, Skookum merchandise, food, root beer floats, and more.

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Undie Sunday is July 17th—Bring Gifts of Underclothes

Saint James members and friends are invited to bring gifts of new underclothes for men, women and children. These donations will be given to Bellingham and Whatcom County homeless families on Friday, July 22, 2016. All homeless people in our community are invited to receive free services where they will be connected to resources to help find them homes, training and jobs. The collection basket will be out on July 10.

July Birthdays

- 1 Milt Schayes
- 2 Jo McLeod
- 3 Parker DeWilde
- 4 Carolyn Mullen
- 5 Pat Nelson
- 7 Inge Thurston
- 10 Bill Butler
- 12 Merry Thomas
- 14 Maverette Butler
- 16 Karen Rogers
- 17 Karen Harnden Haggen
- 18 Charlotte Burkland
- 21 Gretchen Pfueller
- 23 Dave Bader
- 25 Ed Simmers
- 25 Betsy Freeman
- 26 Bob Monahan
- 31 Brian Seater

July Anniversaries

- 9 Jim and Jody DeWilde
- 16 Dave and Pat Nelson
- 20 Gale and Gretchen Pfueller
- 24 Randy and Teresa Bowers



Presbyterian Women

The women's association at St. James will meet for luncheon at The Wonderful Buffet, near Costco, off of Meridian. We will meet in front of the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool. There will be a short meeting at the restaurant but no speaker.

*Mark your calendars today for the
Saint James
Arts, Crafts & Gifts Faire
Featuring the St. James Bakery*

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, 9:30am to 3pm



Yes, I know it feels too early to think of Christmas and the holidays, but your St. James Women's Association is always planning ahead!

We are now contacting the artists and craftspersons who fill our Fellowship Hall with booths of great gift ideas. If you know an artist or crafty person we should be talking to, or would like to reserve a booth space for yourself, please contact Alice Beaty at 733-3371.

Watch for monthly updates on the event here in the Pulse. Closer to the date we'll be looking for donations of baked goods for our St. James Bakery (Horizon Room) and for volunteers to set-up/work the show/clean up.

Help wanted: We are looking for someone to create signs for this event. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Carolyn Mullen at 595-0934. Thanks!



JULY CALENDAR 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4pm Cross-fit	2 10am OA 1pm Bellingham Ukulele Group
3 9am Adult Church School 10:30am Worship w/Communion 7:15pm AA	4 Independence Day 6:30pm AA Men's Book Study	5 8am Prayer Group 10am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit 5:30pm AI Anon 5:30pm Finance 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance	6 9:15am Christian Faith Formation 4pm Mission & Social Action 6pm SOS Men's AA	7 10am Bible Study 10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Building and Grounds 5:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:15pm AA	8 12pm Prime Timers 4pm Cross-fit 6:30pm Church Work Party	9 10am OA 5pm Compass USA Potluck
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17 9am Adult Church School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Deacons 7:15pm AA	18 10am Grief Support Group 5:30pm Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East at United Church of Ferndale 6:30pm AA Men's Book Study	19 8am Prayer Group 10am Yoga 4pm Cross-fit 5:30pm AI Anon 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance	20 6pm SOS Men's AA	21 10am Bible Study 10:15am Yoga 7:15pm AA	22 4pm Cross-fit	23 10am OA
24 9am Adult Church School 10:30am Worship 12pm Annual Picnic at Fairhaven Pk 7:15pm AA	25 6:30pm AA Men's Book Study 7pm St. James Literary Society	26 8am Prayer Group 10am Yoga 12pm Women's Luncheon 4pm Cross-fit 5:30pm AI Anon 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance	27 6pm SOS Men's AA	28 10am Bible Study 10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Worship Committee 7:15pm AA	29 3pm Membership 4pm Cross-fit	30 10am OA
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