



# Chimes



St. Matthew's Cathedral, Laramie, Wyoming

July 2007

## Marilyn's Musings

Several women who attended the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) conference where I told stories about Razor City encouraged me to share them in *The Chimes*. You may recall that Razor City is that mythical town on the high plains of Northern Wyoming where the horizon stretches from the Big Horns to the Black Hills. You know it is a special place when you see the sign made of automobile bumpers at the city limits, that says, "Welcome to Razor City, a pretty sharp town."

On my travels I often detour to Razor City to check out what has been going on. No trip is complete without a stop at the old Coffee Cup, which now goes by the fashionable name, Espresso Expresso. At their customary table near the front window were the twin spinsters, Flora Mae and Fauna Lou Sarfarder. They like that spot where they can hold court and keep watch on the comings and goings on Main Street. As usual they were arguing. This time it was about the relative merits of cappuccino versus espresso. Coming to the stare-your-sister-down phase of the argument, they were joined by Shane Arizona, the feedlot foreman on the Buchanan "Buck" Knife place. Shane's a long, tall cowboy with a droopy handle bar mustache. He delicately placed a pinch of Copenhagen between his cheek and gum before blowing and sipping on his mug of the Blend of the Day. He's not much of a talker; probably because he's spent so much time alone on his horse, on an ATV, in his pickup. But that day it was as if all his unspoken words were like a mountain creek during the spring melt. It wasn't long before he was regaling the twin spinsters with stories about the roundup they finished the day before.

About that time a gal new to Razor City came in. Her Wranglers were so tight it looked like she'd been melted and poured into them. After ordering a Skinny Latte Grande and a Cinnamon Pull Apart, she chose a small table near where she began working on a cross word puzzle. Shane asked the spinsters if they knew her, but they allowed that while they'd

seen her the day before they hadn't made her acquaintance. "Well then," Shane drawled, "I guess that this ol' cowboy better go show that cute little gal what a great conversationalist I am."

"Now, Shane, just how are you intending to do that," asked Fauna Lou.

"Well, I figure that the best way is to get her talking about herself. Seems that most folks like that topic 'bout as much as any. They start in a-talking and in no time at all, they think you're quite the conversationalist because there is no end to what they can say and they're the only expert on that particular topic. Most of 'em think they're having a great talk. So I believe I'll listen a lot, nod appreciatively and if necessary, ask her another question." He hitched himself out of the booth, pushed his Stetson back a little and made his way across the café as carefully as he would approach a new horse.

Whatever else he did that afternoon to show the new gal, whose name turned out to be Paige Marraign Carter, what a splendid conversationalist he was, must have worked. She was talking to beat the band when the twin spinsters left for a guild meeting at St. Peter's at the Pearly Gate, the Episcopal Church just up the street. They were looking forward to the meeting because the rector, the Rev. J. Victor Alexander, III, was starting a bible study on the bad girls of the Bible.

St. Matthew's is often blessed with guests on Sundays. Sometimes they are cathedral groupies, often they are UW or WyoTech students and their parents; sometimes folks new to Laramie. As one aspect of radical hospitality which welcomes others as we have been welcomed by Christ, we are giving each guest a loaf of fresh handmade bread. Hospitality goes beyond that to include intentional listening to the hopes, dreams and experiences of other people. Actively seeking out the ideas, thoughts and concerns of those we find most different from ourselves. Passionately and carefully hearing

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## Summer Services

**Sunday** 9am  
**Monday** 7:15am  
**Tuesday** 7pm  
**Thursday** Noon  
**Friday** 7:15am

## Clergy & Staff

**The Rt. Rev Bruce Caldwell**  
Bishop of Wyoming  
**The Very Rev. Marilyn Engstrom**  
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Paul Harrison  
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Robert Waggener

what is meant between the lines and in the silences. And perhaps, most importantly of all, listening for the still, small voice of God, who leads us forward into the reign of God.

I hope you will take advantage of our summer schedule with one service to seek out members you haven't met yet and get to know them, as well as other guests. Perhaps we are actually entertaining angels unawares. Now I don't know if that's the way things are where you are from, but that's the way it is in Razor City, which may be small, but it's not so dull after all.

## Nursery closed

Due to a lack of use in the past year nursery care for infants and pre-schoolers will not be available on Sunday mornings in the immediate future. With the advent of the Family Service our youngest members were attending that service with their parents, rather than going to the nursery. At such time when a need for the nursery is apparent we will again provide appropriate care. Parents with young children should be aware that the chapel will remain open during Sunday morning services. There are books, crayons, toys and other quiet activities for the children to use with your supervision.

If you enjoy the **Altar Flowers** which adorn the Sanctuary, you are cordially invited to make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In addition to giving in memory of someone, flowers may be given to honor someone, to recognize a significant date or event or in thanksgiving for someone/something. While the floral arrangements cost \$40 each Sunday, smaller contributions are accepted. Checks may be given to **Olive Thomas** or sent to the St. Matthew's Office.



## Budget Summary

As of **May 31<sup>st</sup>** our financial statement is as follows:

**5/12th** (5 of 12 months) or **41.67%** of Contribution Budget = **\$100,035.92**

YTD Pledges received = **\$84,173.50 @ 45.63%**

YTD Plate Offering = **\$1,836.35 @ 32.79%**

YTD Identified giving = **\$7,722.00 @ 15.44%**

**Total YTD Contributions = \$93,731.85**

Total YTD Income = **\$117,528.64 @ 41.12%**

*(This includes contributions + \$23,796.79 in other income; Dividends, interest, Albertson's, special offerings, Emmaus rent, Deanery rental, Cathedral rent, Soup Kitchen: in lieu of utility payments)*

### Versus

**Total YTD Expenses of \$136,784.99 @ 46.30%**

(YTD = Year To Date)

*(The Budget for 2007 includes a \$9,635.87 deficit; this means to finish in the black we would need to have additional giving in this amount.)*



Once again during July and August, St. Matthew's will be offering Sunday morning worship at St. Alban's Chapel on the Brooklyn Lake Road. Morning Prayer will be offered at 10am. Take a picnic, bring your friends!

## Prayer Shawl Group

We will meet on **Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>** from 10am to noon in the Undercroft. These shawls will be given to anyone who needs healing, strength, celebration, comfort or any other need. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry, please call Marilyn Pedrick 745-7257 or 742-4110. Bring your knitting needles (size 11 or 13) and/or crochet hooks (J or K) and any yarn you would like to use for a shawl. If you have extra yarn.

## Birthdays

**2** Jamie Pond, **2** Katie Spooner, **4** Ezekiel Denison,  
**5** Jean Hein, **5** Jennifer Bell, **6** Jeri Hood,  
**6** John Faulkner, **8** Bruce Caldwell, **9** Suzanna  
Denison, **10** Matt Clark, **10** Kelly Todd,  
**11** Beth Carpenter, **15** Alene Parrill,  
**15** Garrett Egge, **17** Trenton Russell,  
**18** Sherri-Lynn Harrison **21** Olive Thomas, **21** Peg  
Shaffer, **24** Austin Zamora, **26** Kay Cowie,  
**26** Alex Moreno, **27** Nancy Green,  
**27** John Chavez, **29** Kay Picard, **30** Christy Bell,  
**31** Mike Fluty

## Anniversaries

**4** Joe & Alison Arnold, **9** Jeff & Leslie Brooks,  
**11** Dave & Ann Bell, **24** Chris & Dave Walrath,  
**26** Jess & Leigh Smith.

## TGIFF — Evensong

On Friday (the first Friday of each month) the choristers of St. Matthew's Cathedral offer a traditional choral rendition of Evening Prayer. This service of chanted psalms and canticles; scripture readings and prayers & is a delightful way to end the work week and celebrate the start of the weekend. Evensong begins at 5:30pm at the Cathedral. A reception follows the service in the Chapel or outside weather permitting.

## The Future of Hunter Hall

By Robert Waggener

Member, St. Matthew's Cathedral Vestry

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Opinions vary widely on the best future use of Hunter Hall. They range from "Tear it Down" to "Save it at All Costs."

Members of the Cathedral and community have suggested using the historic building for nonprofit and/or social agency office space; apartments for people in need; high-end living space with eventual proceeds going to support ministries of the church and Diocese; or a multipurpose facility that includes an elegant parish hall, classrooms, and accommodations for meetings, receptions, classes, retreats, and other events.

Trying to figure a future for Hunter Hall was prompted by the upcoming move of the state Diocesan offices from Laramie to Casper. The move will leave more empty space in an already underutilized building.

Says one member of St. Matthew's who wants to turn the building into an asset: "At this point, a mostly unused Hunter Hall is a liability in spiritual, physical, and financial aspects."

The St. Matthew's Vestry and interested members of the church met with Diocesan consultant John Masters in early May and then went through a two-night discernment process with Margaret Babcock, Canon for Ministry and Congregational Development for the Diocese.

This was followed by a small-group discussion with Bishop Caldwell on May 30 and then a meeting with the Diocesan Council in Casper in early June. Making the presentation on behalf of the Vestry were Robert Waggener, Marilyn Pedrick, and Mary Naumann.

All of this preliminary work is in preparation of appointing the Hunter Hall Task Force and a facilitator that will be charged with developing a plan for the future of Hunter Hall and having the building assessed by architects and engineers versed in historical structures. As of June 25, three active members/attendees of St. Matthew's and four members of the Laramie community said they would accept a "Call" to serve on the Task Force, while the Vestry was waiting word from the Diocese concerning its Call(s).

It was decided by those involved in the discernment process to include members of the

community because they believe Hunter Hall can serve communities near and far in addition to meeting the needs of the Cathedral and Diocese.

One member of the community who wants to serve on the Task Force says, "Hunter Hall is a great building, and it would be nice to put it to great use. I also like the idea of a Christian organization doing something good for the community."

St. Matthew's Cathedral Square, which includes Hunter Hall, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 (<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/wy/Albany/state.html>).

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**Volunteers needed** for the annual Jubilee Days BBQ: the BBQ will be on Saturday, July 14. Help is needed early in the day at 8am to set up tents and tables. Additional help is needed from 10am to noon to assist with arranging the food and serving it. More help is needed from noon to 2pm to serve and clean up/ And lastly a take down crew is needed at around 1pm to take down tables and tents. Sign up sheets are posted in the church. Please sign up and help with this fun fundraiser and outreach. Plan to attend the parade and BBQ yourself. Great food! BBQ beef sandwiches, hot dogs, turkey legs, cole slaw, beverages and cookies.

### **EfM: Openings Now Available.**

**Looking for an adult Christian education opportunity?**

**Looking for small group fellowship?**

**Looking for an avenue for spiritual growth?**

**Act soon...openings going fast!!!**

**Call Mary or Dick Naumann for more information! 742-8472**

## Intersection: The Church and the World

By Deacon Dick

Summer is here! St. Matthew's will again offer Morning Prayer worship services at St. Alban's Chapel in the Snowy Range each Sunday of June and July. You may not have thought of it in this manner before, but simply attending services at St. Alban's is a ministry opportunity for all St. Matthew's parishioners.

The Morning Prayer services are lightly attended in the numerical sense. On a typical Sunday anywhere from two to ten people attend the service at St. Alban's. These are usually vacationers from nearby campgrounds. Most are not Episcopalians. At times Laramie residents out for a day in the mountains join the service. Again, they represent a variety of faith traditions. This is where the ministry opportunity comes in.

The presence of even a handful of Episcopalians enriches the flow of the service and helps worshippers from other traditions feel comfortable. In essence, having St. Matthew's parishioners provides "worship leadership," by presence and example. In addition, it is a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors from all over the country to our beautiful mountains in a spirit of Christian fellowship and love.

I strongly encourage each of you to reserve a Sunday or two during July and August to worship at St. Alban's. Make it a family affair and invite friends to join you. Combine it with a hike, a picnic, or some fishing, and you have a perfect recipe for a wonderful Sabbath of worship, rest and recreation. You will be richly blessed by the experience and you will be a blessing to others -- a ministry of presence and hospitality.

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### Web page Update

The St. Matthew's web page located at <http://saintmatthews.qwestoffice.net> has recently been moved from its previous location. We invite everyone to look it over and let us know of any corrections, changes or suggestions you may have.

## Clothing Cottage Yardstick

Helen J. Butler

A yardstick is a very useful and versatile way to measure growth. One of the ways the Clothing Cottage measures its rate of growth makes use of the "yardstick" test. It takes the combined efforts of a dedicated staff and willing volunteers to continually create eye-catching displays for clothing and other items. In turn the public provides the Clothing Cottage with a way to apply a yardstick-type assessment of how successful its efforts are.



From the beginning the Clothing Cottage has recognized that it has the opportunity to fill a very useful and special need in our community. Built on the firm foundation, known as an outreach ministry, the Clothing Cottage's vision is further blessed. Its worth and its work are measured by means of a practical yardstick and, all the while, the Clothing Cottage is tested by the strength of its spiritual foundation.

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## Church Humor

- **Q.** What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?  
**A.** Ruthless.
- **Q.** What do they call pastors in Germany?  
**A.** German Shepherds.
- **Q.** Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
**A.** Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- **Q.** Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
**A.** Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- **Q.** What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
**A.** Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was

heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

- **Q.** Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
**A.** Samson. He brought the house down.
- **Q.** What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?  
**A.** Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- **Q.** Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?  
**A.** Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- **Q.** Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?  
**A.** The area around Jordan The banks were always overflowing.
- **Q.** Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?  
**A.** David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- **Q.** Which Bible character had no parents?  
**A.** Joshua, son of Nun.
- **Q.** Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?  
**A.** Because Noah was standing on the deck.
- **PS...** Did you know it's a man's job to make coffee?  
Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . . . "He-brews"

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## Your Credit – Your Rights

Numerous agencies (lenders, insurers, employers, landlords, etc.) view your credit when making decisions about you – how familiar are you with your credit and your rights? The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) are legislation designed to protect you and your credit. Here is info on the FCRA.

### Fair Credit Reporting Act

This act is designed to promote accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of every consumer's credit report.

### FCRA Provisions:

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you (denial of employment, credit, insurance, etc.)
- You have a right to know what is in your file.
- You are entitled to a free report at any time if: you are unemployed and plan to seek employment within 60 days; you are currently on welfare; you are a fraud victim or you are denied credit, employment, insurance, etc. based on report info.
- All consumers are entitled to one free report (per credit reporting agency) every 12 months upon request - <http://annualcreditreport.com/>
- You have the right to ask for a credit score (a numerical summary of your creditworthiness). You will have to pay for the score, but you now have access to it.
- You have a right to dispute inaccurate information.
- Inaccurate or unverifiable information must be corrected or deleted.
- Outdated information may not be reported (FCRA specifies duration): 2 years for inquiries; 7 years for 'most' negative information; 10 years for judgment liens and most bankruptcies; 10 years [or more] for 'positive' information.
- Access to your file is limited - may be used for consideration of applications such as employment, insurance, credit and landlords.
- Forces identification of individuals inspecting your file.
- Consent is required for reports provided to employers or reports containing medical information. An estimated 70% of employers examine credit reports prior to hiring.
- You have a right to file a lawsuit against collector if FCRA has been violated.
- You may limit 'pre-approved' offers for credit and insurance. You may opt-out by calling toll free (1-888-5-OPTOUT).

Source: Mark Oleson, University of Missouri-Columbia

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9am service	<b>2</b> 7:15am Morning Prayer	<b>3</b> 9am Quilting 10:30am DOK <u>No</u> Prayer & Praise	<b>4</b> Cathedral office closed <b>7:30pm AA-Guild Room</b>	<b>5</b> Cathedral office closes @ noon Noon Holy Eucharist	<b>6</b> 7:15am Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Evensong	<b>7</b>
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**Jubilee Days Parade - July 14, 10am**  
**BBQ on the Green after the parade.**  
BBQ sandwiches, Wieners & buns, Turkey legs  
Chips, cookies, coleslaw, pop