



FPC News

First Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2007



Easter Lilies are now on sale. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office, 775-5216. Cost is \$9.75 each. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter, April 8th. Deadline to place/pay for order is March 30th.

The new pictorial directories are here! If you/your family had a picture taken for the directory, please come by the church office to pick up your directory. You may also pick up directories on Sundays during March in the colonnade.

If you or someone you know needs transportation to church, please call the church office, 775-5216.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 1st from 3:30pm - 5pm in the Harper Center. We will have games, activities and bake cookies for shut-ins. Our Middle School Youth will be assisting with the hunt and activities.

Palm Sunday

The Christian Education Committee will have Palm branches available for the children to carry into the McIver Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary prior to both worship services. The children will walk down the aisle during the first hymn and lay the branches on the chancel. We will need a couple of parent volunteers to assist with the children while they are waiting to come forward. Please call Susan at the church if you are willing to help.

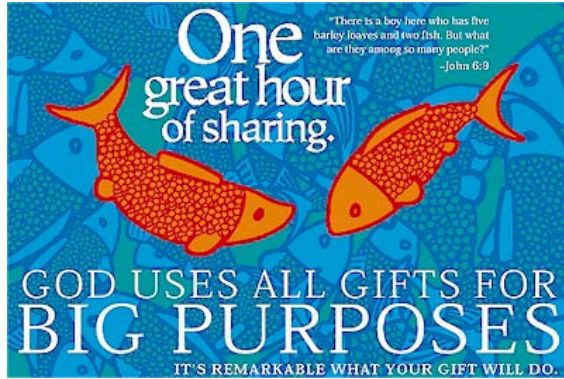
The Chancel Choir will perform John Stainer's *Crucifixion* on Sunday, March 25th at the 11am worship service. This was the first performance the choir and I did together 6 years ago and we look forward to bringing it to the service again. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to come. Also, on Maundy Thursday evening, the choir will be joined by several readers in a presentation of the Passion Story. This will be a dramatic presentation, interspersed with chorales from the Passion of St. Matthew of J.S. Bach and a power point presentation showing scenes of the Passion. This will be the first of this kind of program for Maundy Thursday at FPC and will bring us closer to the understanding of the Passion.

Treasurer's Report February 2007

	<u>Jan-Feb 07</u>	<u>Jan-Feb 06</u>
Income		
Operating Income	81,999	90,478
Total Income	81,999	90,478
Expense		
Witness	4,350	5,021
Administration	40,264	48,788
Property	19,162	24,755
Worship	720	1,021
Christian Education	(9,567)	2,294
Congregational Care	557	57
New Membership	71	0
Stewardship	605	0
Building Loan Payment	15,819	16,462
Total Expenses	71,981	98,397
Net Income	10,019	(7,920)

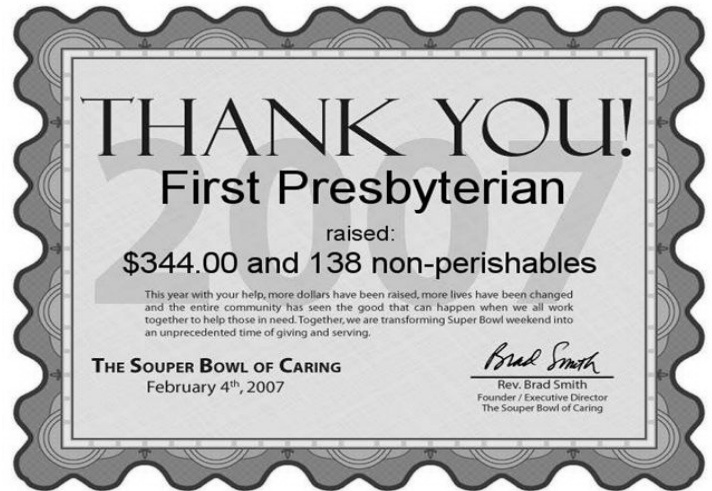
Financial Update

- "It's Time to be Mortgage Free" Status - through 3-11-07
Pledged: \$234,644.30
Collected: \$ 92,829.31
- A good way to contribute to the mortgage retirement campaign is with a gift of stock. If you have stock that has appreciated over time, you may transfer it directly to the church account and not be required to pay tax on the gain.
- There is a special opportunity in 2007 to give to the church from your IRA that is tax-advantaged for you. There is a greater advantage for you if you do not itemize on your tax return. Contact Wendell McGee if you would like further information.



Offering will be collected April 1st and 8th.

Souper Bowl of Caring - A preliminary report has been received stating that over \$6.3 million has been collected through the 2007 Souper Bowl of Caring. Our church received the following as thanks for our part.



What's Happening in March??

Thurs., March 15 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sat., March 17 - Family Zoo Trip

Sun., March 18 - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders; 6pm Youth

Tues., March 20 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting; 6pm CDC Board Meets

Wed., March 21 - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 5:30pm Meal & Bible Study; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6:30pm KICKS, Youth Club, Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

Thurs., March 22 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sun., March 25 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday

School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 4pm Congregational Care Comm., Witness Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm., 7:30pm Committees Meet

Mon., March 26 - 10am Bible Study

Tues., March 27 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., March 28 - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

Thurs., March 29 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Fri., March 30 - 6pm Jonesboro Rotary Club dinner - Harper Center

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