



# FPC News

First Presbyterian  
Church

March 15, 2008

What do my gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering do?  
36% is used by the Presbyterian Hunger Program to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in local communities, in the nation and throughout the world.

32% is used by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in responding quickly to floods, hurricanes, fires and other catastrophes in this country and throughout the world.

32% is used by the Self-Development of People for partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.

Our church will join many denominations in receiving the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering Easter Sunday, March 23. You make your contribution any Sunday using the offering envelope in your bulletin or one in the pew rack. Give in response to God's blessings to you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We really enjoyed getting together with you to worship God on Ash Wednesday. One of the comments I heard from a number of people is "We should do something like this more often!" In that spirit, the congregation at Pocket Presbyterian wants to invite you and your congregation to join us at a "**Hymn-sing**" at 5:00 p.m. on **Sunday, April 6**. Our plan is to make this very loose and informal—a time to just give folks who like to sing a chance to do that in a big group. We're not planning a worship service, or any choir specials—just a chance for people to request a favorite hymn, sing a few verses together, and then move on to another hymn. We'll also plan to finish with a time of snacks and drinks, so that we can "visit" with each other after we sing.

David Dudley, Pocket Pres.

Please make plans to attend this special musical service and time to get to know our church neighbors. We need a several volunteers to bring a plate of snack or finger foods to share. Please call the church office to volunteer. Please dress casually!

**Mark your calendars! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 16 from 3-5pm for kids preschool - 5th grade. There will be crafts, story time, and of course the Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your appetites because the Christian Education Committee will provide a Hotdog dinner for everyone.**

**Bring a friend!**



## *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

*Genesis 1:27*

## **Treasurer's Report February 2008**

	<u>Feb. 08</u>	<u>Feb. 07</u>
Income		
Operating Income	<u>68,995</u>	<u>81,927</u>
Total Income	68,995	81,927
Expense		
Witness	4,933	4,933
Administration	35,778	40,264
Property	23,767	18,248
Worship	1,153	720
Christian Education	(5,768)	(9,567)
Congregational Care	373	557
New Membership	0	71
Stewardship	22	605
Building Loan Payment	<u>7,319</u>	<u>15,819</u>
Total Expenses	67,576	71,067
Net Income	1,418.85	10,861

## Financial Update

"It's Time to Be Mortgage Free" Status (through 2-29-08)

Pledged:	\$270,413.56
Collected:	\$337,104.64
Match Received:	\$305,421.78
Paid Against Loan Principal:	\$727,100.00
Mortgage Balance:	\$560,075.08

Communities In Schools (CIS) of Lee County, a nonprofit organization, is looking for volunteers to help with its SOARS program. SOARS stands for Students Owning Achieving and Reaching for Success, and it serves eighth grade students at East and West Lee Middle Schools who need extra help in some subjects. Specifically, we are looking for tutors at West Lee on Fridays and at East Lee from Monday to Thursday, both schools from 12:30 to 1:15. This is a great chance to make a difference in the life of a child! If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Program Coordinator Irene Harvley-Felder at the Communities In Schools offices (919-718-5426).

*Monday morning Bible Study scheduled for March 24th will not be held. Thank You!*



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 \$10.25 each. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter, March 23rd. Deadline to place/pay for order is Monday, March 17th.



*We will have a Maundy Thursday Service on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.*

## What's Happening in March??

**Sun., March 16** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 3pm Easter Egg Hunt; 5pm Lenten Study; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders meet; 6pm Youth

**Tues., March 18** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., March 19** - 10:30am Lenten Study; 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 6pm Lenten Study; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., March 20** - 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Sun., March 23** - Easter; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship

**Mon., March 24** - Church Office Closed; CDC Closed

**Tues., March 25** - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., March 26** - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., March 27** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., March 30** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm Witness Comm., Congregational Care Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Ed. Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm.; 7:30pm Committees Meet

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