



FPC News

First Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2007

Covered Dish Luncheon September 16, 2007

Mark your calendars for a congregational luncheon on Sunday, September 16th following the 11am worship service. The luncheon is in honor of the newly elected church officers and to welcome our newest members, Cathy Giles and Philip Giles. Don't miss this time of fellowship and great food! Bring your favorite dishes!



What is your image of peace? Is it the lack of war in Iraq...in Afghanistan...in Israel...in Palestine...or no more domestic conflicts...or no neglected and/or abused children...or no gang and drug violence...or do you

have another image of peace? Peace within our denomination...peace within our own congregation...peace within my family?

How can our congregation offer healing to people within our church, our community, and throughout the world that will help create a peaceful world? The Presbyterian Peace-making Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians at the local, regional, and national levels to share God's healing and peace. The Offering to be received October 7th, World Communion Sunday, is in recognition that God's healing is offered to all people of all nations and that in taking the bread and cup of Communion we are united with one another in the work of healing.

Hand-in-Hand Project

Hand-in-Hand is a ministry that supports Lee Co. High School through prayer and service. First Baptist joins First Presbyterian, St. Luke UMC and Jonesboro UMC in this ministry. We are very fortunate to be able to be an active part of Lee Co. High School. Through the support of these churches many student and faculty needs have been met.

On Tues., Aug. 21st we kicked off the school year with a breakfast for the staff. As we make plans for our 7th year ministering to Lee Co. High School, we ask for your prayers and support. We also need others to join the efforts of this ministry. You will be blessed.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Hope Knight at 775-5110. Attempts have been made to establish a Hand-in-Hand Project at Southern Lee High School. To date these attempts have been unsuccessful. Please keep Southern Lee and all our schools in your prayers.

Hand-in-Hand is a project sponsored by the Witness & Benevolence Committee with the support of the Session.

'The Last of the Facts'

- The American Red Cross supplies about 1/2 of all the blood products used in the country.
- Persons 65 years and older compose 13% of the population, but they use 25% of all blood units transfused.
- Donated blood is broken down into its 3 main components: red cells, platelets and plasma.
- Type O negative blood can be transfused to 100% of people.
- There is no substitute for human blood.

BRING YOUR PICTURE ID
(driver's license, NC Id card)

Bring a sweater if you are cold natured.

If you have not made an appointment and want to give, just drop by the **HARPER CENTER, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 3PM - 8PM.** You'll be glad you came!!

Joanne Hamilton

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

Treasurer's Report

August 2007

	<u>Jan-Aug 07</u>	<u>Jan-July 06</u>
Income		
Operating Income	312,146	339,368
Total Income	312,146	339,368
Expense		
Witness	18,077	19,586
Administration	167,092	181,793
Property	86,398	95,071
Worship	4,357	1,984
Christian Education	10,731	12,890
Congregational Care	1,081	927
New Membership	86	0
Stewardship	1,212	0
Building Loan Payment	56,492	64,117
Total Expenses	345,526	376,368
Net Income	(33,380)	(37,000)
Financial Update		
• "It's Time to be Mortgage Free" Status - through 8-31-07		
Pledged	\$270,413.56	
Collected	\$171,057.52	
Match Received	\$135,100.68	
Paid on Loan Principal	\$306,100.68	
Mortgage Balance	\$981,175.08	
• Benevolence Offerings This Year		
Bangladesh	\$1,497.88	
One Great Hour	\$1,420.34	
Pentecost	\$526.00	
PW Birthday	\$436.63	

*Sing to the Lord a New Song
A Weekend with John Bell, October 13th and 14th
Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church
Southern Pines NC
Registration (\$5.00) deadline is October 5th*

For more information, contact Michael Howe at 910-692-6252 or music@brownsonchurch.org.

The Witness and Benevolence Comm., with the support of the Session, is asking members and friends at First Presbyterian to bring non-perishable food items for the community food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Of course, any time you bring food items the containers at the back of the sanctuary and McIver Hall will be in place to accept your donation! The Committee members thought that bringing food pantry items the same Sunday as we bring 'Pennies for Hunger' could help us all remember. Thank you for helping those who are having special difficulties at this time.

A container has been placed in the church office area where items requested for HAVEN house can be placed. Items especially needed are: full sized bottles of hand/body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes & combs, deodorant, hair spray, bars of soap, lip balm, new ladies underwear (all sizes), razors, emery boards, or anything else that might be needed when leaving your home with only the clothes you are wearing. This is a project sponsored by the Witness & Benevolence Committee with the support of the Session.

What's Happening in September??

Sun., Sept. 16 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Congregational Meeting/Children's Church; 12pm Covered Dish Luncheon; 12pm PW Coordinating Team; 1pm Middle School Youth - Adventure Landing; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders Meet; 6pm Officers' Training; 6pm Sr. High Youth

Mon., Sept. 17 - Circles Meet

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

Wed., Sept. 19 - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 5:30pm Meal & Adult Fellowship, Children's Programs; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir Practice; 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thurs., Sept. 20 - 3pm through 8pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Fri., Sept. 21 - Sr. High Youth meet at church

Sat., Sept. 22 - Sr. High Youth leave for whitewater rafting

Sun., Sept. 23 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 4pm Congregational Care Comm., Witness Comm.; 4:30pm Christian Education Comm.; 6pm Middle School Youth; 6pm Officers' Training; 7pm New Member Comm.; 7:30pm Committees Meet

Mon., Sept. 24 - 10am Bible Study

Tues., Sept. 25 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., Sept. 26 - 5:30pm Meal & Adult Fellowship, Children's Programs; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir Practice; 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thurs., Sept. 27 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Sun., Sept. 30 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 3pm Bible Moderators; 5pm Admin. Committee Meets; 6pm Youth; 6pm Officers' Training