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March 1, 2008



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.



Home Communion

since the beginning of the year.

Several weeks ago, our congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper in a particularly meaningful way as we served one another in worship. That experience together has been repeated through "home communion" served to 12 church members, along with family members and friends,

Why do we offer home communion? Christians who are not able to attend worship often feel isolated; it is easy to feel cut off from the rest of the body of Christ. The Lord's Supper reminds them (and us) that it is not our presence in the church building that brings us together, but the presence of Christ among us that is our common bond. Communion is a powerful way of experiencing fellowship with the whole Church.

The simplest celebration takes place in a home with one minister and one elder or deacon. We gather around a kitchen table, a sickbed, or a coffee table in the living room to hear the reading of scripture, the invitation to the Table, and to share the bread and the cup. If any of us are musical, we may sing a few hymns as well. In another setting, we bring the communion elements to an individual's room in a nursing home or rehab center, or around a table in an activity room.

Our largest service involved 23 participants in the Parkview Retirement Home common room, including several Senior Choir members and music leaders from our church, as well as an Elder and a Deacon assisting Rev. King and me.

Do you know a church member who is unable to attend worship regularly and who might welcome "home communion"? Please call me at the church office to suggest a name. Let's continue to extend our fellowship beyond the doors of the church!

Rev. Kathryn Dudley
Pastoral Care Associate



Mark your calendars! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 16 from 3-5pm for kids pre-school - 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!

Missing Keys

If you have one of the hex keys that work on the Harper Center doors, please return it to Lori in the church office.

The Administrative Committee will meet at 4pm on Sunday, March 2nd.

March Birthdays

March 1 - Frances Gavin, Jane Baker, Ellen Philpott, Matthew Phillips
 March 2 - Amber Creech
 March 3 - Ruth Quick, Katie Berliner, Vivian Byrd
 March 4 - Phyllis Brewer, Ralph Monger, Bill Joyce Jr.
 March 5 - Laura Rosser
 March 6 - Paul Kelly
 March 7 - Hamilton James
 March 8 - David Lloyd
 March 9 - Mary Brown, Mark Palmer
 March 10 - Rexine Lloyd, Toni Schrod, David Ehmg
 March 11 - Joyce Mann, Jennifer Foushee, Kenan Williams
 March 12 - Marie Childress, Wanda Drouillard
 March 13 - Lowry Taylor
 March 14 - Steve Whitton Sr.
 March 15 - Murphy Paderick
 March 16 - Griff Sperry
 March 17 - Grace Hodges
 March 19 - Laura DiNuzzo, Kyle McClelland
 March 20 - Eliza Hamilton
 March 21 - Aubrey Knight
 March 22 - Ken Foushee
 March 23 - Edwin Donnell, Emma-Claire Norris
 March 27 - John Kelly Jr., Phyllis McKinnon, Monte Cunningham
 March 28 - Emily Blue
 March 29 - Jack McNeill, Marlene McDonald
 March 30 - Jennifer McFadden, Lou Cooper
 March 31 - Jana Wilkinson

Breadbasket News

February 12th, 134 patrons got a hot bowl of wonderful hamburger vegetable soup and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, warming everyone on such a cold day. Also served were a choice of tossed vegetable salad or fruit salad, buttered bread, garlic bread, crackers and assorted desserts.

Without our faithful helpers, Helen Ogburn, Janelle Phelps, Delores Register, and volunteers from the community these meals could not be prepared and served. Call the church office and volunteer to help.

Joan Suddarth

Vicki Register

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year many congregations will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering for the 60th time! Yes, OGHS began in 1949 in response to the devastation of World War II. A Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Over the years the offering has become a symbol of Presbyterian ecumenical commitment. We work with many other denominations to produce resources interpreting the offering. Each denomination then decides how the

funds given will be used. The support given through the offering makes a tremendous difference to people around the world who are experiencing need. Many have been thrust into that experience by sudden catastrophe - war, flood, fire - while others have gotten so familiar with need they cannot imagine a world of plenty. The ministries of One Great Hour of Sharing in our denomination - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program - provide response to the most immediate and urgent needs.

In 2007 members and friends at First Presbyterian in Sanford gave \$1,420.34 to the OGHS offering. Let's try to increase that amount this year. We have been richly blessed, we give in response to God's blessings.

FOR PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Ask your child(ren) about "Gracie the Two-Legged Fish." Does your child(ren) have a "fish bank" and a calendar to use for participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing? If not, stop by the church office to pick them up. The Witness Committee wants everyone to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing opportunity and that includes the children. Show your children the clip art in the bulletin each week so they will know what their money will be used for.

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

\$200 can provide a water sanitation system for a family in Central America.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected Sunday, March 23rd.

Session Report - February

- A donation of \$3,000 was received in January toward the mortgage reduction.
- Volunteer Elders who will attend monthly Diaconate meetings are: Helen Lynde - July - Sept. and Ronnie Lemon - Oct. - Dec.

Shepherd's Corner



Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

Genesis 22:6-8

Singles' Luncheon

The Singles' Luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 19th at noon in the Harper Center. The ladies of Circle # 5 will serve lunch.

You don't want to miss the inspirational program for Holy Week presented by Betty Sherrod.

Please call the church office by Monday, March 17th to make your reservation. Bring a friend!

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, March 16th at 8:00 a.m. in the Harper Center.

Tony Lett will present this month's program on the ongoing progress of Habitat for Humanity.

Don't miss the delicious breakfast (\$3.00), great program and wonderful fellowship!

**March
Meals on Wheels
Circle # 8
Church Flowers
Flower Committee**

**March Door
Greeters
Bill Miller
J.C. Perry
Rick Paderick
Randy Robertson**

**Circles Meet on
March 10th at:**

- #1- Marlene Miller, 206 North Franklin Drive
- # 2 - Joan Edson, 1362 Maryland Court
- # 3 - Rudine Miller, 2910 Greenbriar Drive
- # 4 - Lucille Cameron, 613 Denada Path
- # 5 - Leona Smith, 2205 Brookwood
- # 6 - Church Library
- # 7 - Joan Suddarth, 3318 Green Valley Drive
- # 8 - Hobson Classroom



Ann Barkley; Louise Berndt (Parkview); Eloise Berryman; Emily Buchanan (Parkview); Madge Carrington (Sanford Health & Rehab.); Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Ashwood Estates); Doris Gibson; Dean Hollingsworth; James Holt (Parkview); Mildred Johnson; Charlotte Lutton; Dot McNeill (Pinelake); Marge Thomas (Moore Reg.); Raymond Blakeley; Jerry Campbell's mother, Clarene Campbell; Bob Davis's father, Willie Davis; Donna Edwards; Ray Hunter (Liberty Commons); Sylvia Johnson; Lo Keith's brother-in-law, John Westmoreland; Kelly Lilly; Kelly Martindale; Bill May; Sally Suther's niece, Amanda Mager; Lucretia Sperry's grandmother, Mildred Frady; Don Wazenegger's brother, Ron Wazenegger

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

*Steve & June Gunter and Family in the death of their son,
Louise Wilkinson and Family in the death of her mother.*

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What's Happening in March???

Sun., March 2 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 3pm Bible Moderators; **4pm Admin. Committee;** 5pm Lenten Study; 6pm Youth

Mon., March 3 - 5:30pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7pm Elders Meet

Tues., March 4 - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., March 5 - 10:30am Lenten Study; 6pm Lenten Study; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

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

Sun., March 9 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 12pm PW Coordinating Team; 5pm Lenten Study; 6pm Youth

Mon., March 10 - Circles Meet

Tues., March 11 - 9:30am Staff Meeting; 10:15am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

Wed., March 12 - 10:30am Lenten Study; 6pm Lenten Study; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs., March 13 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

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 - 10am Bible Study; 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