



WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TIDINGS

MARCH 2008

## A Note From the Interim Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends,

One of the things I've learned from our *Lenten Sermon Series on The Lord's Prayer* these past three weeks is that hearing and understanding our prayers is as important as saying them.

When I was a student in seminary a story was passed around about a professor who offered a prayer before each lecture. One day the professor was praying, yet not loud enough for one of the students, quite eager to hear. The story has it the student interrupted, saying, "I can't hear you!" The professor looked up into the eyes of the student and said, "I'm not talking to you; I'm talking to God."

In the Lord's Prayer, taught to us by Jesus—loud enough for the early disciples to hear—we are talking to God: "Our Father, who is in heaven..." We discover this seemingly simple prayer challenges us each time we say it by memory to hear our words and understand them. The remaining three Sundays in Lent and Easter Sunday ("For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.") continue to offer us an opportunity to hear and reflect upon the prayer Christ gave us to pray.

Of course, all our praying is of little use if we don't open our folded hands so that they can become God's helping hands. As we move through this Lenten period and reflect on our discipleship, I challenge each of you to seek out and join a Session Ministry to strengthen Westhampton Presbyterian Church. In this newsletter is a listing of the ministries (not committees because you actually do ministry rather than sit around!) with the names of the Elders who are chairing them. Introduce yourself to the Elder and join the ministry as together we bring Easter's new life to our church and community!

All of our study of the Lord's Prayer this Lent has pointed to the living God. Hopefully, we are motivated; our faith is strengthened; and we have grown closer as God's family. We discover the great healing that God offers from the great sacrifice on the Cross.

It has been said the Cross has two beams: one goes up to acquire power and the other goes out to share our power. This Lenten time has been an opportunity for us to receive God's renewing power; now let us move forward with the Good News of the Gospel: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!"

In our shared Interim Ministry, please do not be hesitant or consider it unimportant to involve me in your concerns. This is the time to reflect, and deal with, issues of grief and endings, trust, congregational identity, and expectations for the future. I am in the office Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Drop by or arrange with Nancy a more convenient time: 288-2576; or contact me at my email: [pastor@westhamptonpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@westhamptonpresbyterian.org).

Faithfully yours in peace,

Peter Sulyok

## The Deacons Corner

### The Food Pantry

Each week, as you enter the sanctuary for the Sunday Service, you may have noticed the two baskets in the foyer to the right of the doors as you come in. These baskets are for donations of food and some toiletries.

You may wonder, as I did, what happens to these donations, after they are deposited in our baskets.

When they leave our church they are delivered to the foyer of the Immaculate Conception rectory across the street. The items are then separated and divided into bags for about a dozen (and growing) families in the area. Each family gets two bags, prepared by Immaculate Conception Church volunteers, of well rounded groceries; a good mix, to take home. The dozen families in need come to the Immaculate Conception Church every other Friday to pick up their food.

Items that are accepted are non-perishable, canned or boxed items, particularly appreciated are protein foods, such as: peanut butter or canned fish or meat. Also valued are toiletries that can not be purchased with food stamps like: toilet tissue, paper towels, tissues and soaps and shampoos (the samples in hotels, when you don't use them, are perfect - donate them!)

The Food Pantry Program at Immaculate Conception Church also reaches out to families in crisis who come in looking for help with electric bills or oil or other immediate needs. They are asked, at that time, if they need

food and if so, it is provided through our donations combined with those received from the Catholic Church.

Remember those with less. Donate weekly to the food pantry. It is as easy as selecting and few extra items as you do your own shopping each week. Bag them separately and just leave them in the car until Sunday. Every donation is appreciated!

## Youth Ministry News

### Fajita Nite – New Moon Café, East Quogue-Sunday, March 9, 2008

Come and enjoy a complete chicken or beef fajita dinner at New Moon Café on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>! The proceeds from this dinner will support the youth mission trips to New Orleans and Oceana, West Virginia. Adult tickets are \$18.00. The children's menu includes the option of chicken fingers or tacos. Tickets for children (ages 3-11) are \$7.00. Please plan to attend this important fund raiser. Members of the youth group will be serving you! Tickets will be available following worship on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and at the door.

### Holey Moses Pie and Cheesecake Sale – February 24<sup>th</sup> -March 9<sup>th</sup>

The Youth Ministry Program will be selling Holey Moses pies and cheesecakes just in time for your Easter dinner! Youth started taking orders on February 24<sup>th</sup> and will continue taking or-

ders on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. You may also return the attached order form to the church office or Pat's mailbox or call the church office with your pie order. Pies and cheesecakes will be available for pick-up at the church on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Thank you for supporting this sale. The funds raised through this sale will support the youth mission trips this spring and summer.

### Midnight Run

Twelve youth and three adults gathered at the church on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to make sandwiches, prepare soup, and organize clothing and sock donations before leaving to help the homeless in New York City. We are especially grateful to Joan Hubbard who helped us connect with the Wigwam sock company. Their donation of more than 1,000 socks made it possible for us to give each homeless man and woman several pairs of warm socks, in addition to a warm cup of soup and bag dinner. Pastor Peter helped with the preparations and then went on the trip. Everyone loved having him participate in this youth ministry mission project. On Sunday, leftover bag lunches were given to Maureen's Haven and delivered to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson to be distributed to guests who came to have lunch in their Sunday soup kitchen.

### Confirmation Class News

Nine eighth graders are participating in Confirmation classes

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## Presbyterian Women

Pastor Peter offered prayer as we gathered for soup and sandwich before our monthly business meeting. Our guest soup chef was unable to be with us due to health concerns. Like the old coffee commercial, the chicken noodle soup was “good to the last drop”. Thank you Doris. Thank you Helen.

We received a sincere verbal thank you for our contribution to the 2008 annual church budget.

Plans for the spring rummage sale and summer Treasure Sale are taking shape. Contributions for the Spring Rummage Sale will be accepted beginning in mid-March. If you have furniture to donate please call the Church Office (288-2576) with a description of the item. Storage space and disposal, if not sold,

are major considerations before acceptance for the sale. Please, no electronic equipment larger than a breadbox.

Todd Nielsen is the Christmas Bazaar Workshop’s Unsung Hero. In an overnight project he sharpened our scissors making our endeavors so much easier. I’ll bet if we all looked around home we would find knives and scissors in need of fine tuning. How about calling Todd to renew their sharpness? He can be reached at 653-6053 for more information.

PW will meet Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at noon for a covered dish luncheon. We never lack appetizing dishes—some tried and true—some new and inviting. It has been suggested we prepare a cook-book! A good idea. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

## Attention, Ladies!

The Elizabeth Circle will meet on March 31 at 7 PM at the home of Valerie O’Brien. Please join us as we journey back 3000 years to follow Ruth and Naomi during the time of the judges. Won’t you join our ever-widening circle? Dessert we be served.

## PW Calling List

We are making a diligent effort to keep the wheels of communication turning. At this point we have a telephone / email list nearing completion. Email is the ideal. For those who rely on the telephone, we will try the following procedure: a message will be left on your answering machine. In the rare case of no answering machine, only one repeat call will be made, if there is no answer on the first call.

### *YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Continued from page 2)*

this spring. We held a breakfast for members of the Confirmation Class and their mentors on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the members of the congregation who volunteered to mentor a youth as part of the Confirmation experience. The Confirmation Class retreat will take place at Camp DeWolfe in Wading River on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at the church at 9am on Saturday and return to the church on Sunday at noon. Several members of the class have already completed their mission projects. Megan Speer helped to feed the homeless in a recent Maureen’s Haven program at our church. Mara Terchunian helped with Mid-

night Run.

## Project Homecoming – New Orleans, Louisiana

We are very busy planning for our mission trip to New Orleans. There are thirty teens and seven adults making the journey to New Orleans to work with Presbyterian Disaster Relief to rebuild three homes damaged in Hurricane Katrina. We held a planning session on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, where we reviewed the itinerary and code of conduct and played some get acquainted games to help the youth and adults from Westhampton, Middle Island, and Southampton Presbyterian churches become a team. The next planning session will be held Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at

4pm in Bailey Hall. We will be leaving the church on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30am. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us before we go.

## Trip to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

On Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the youth groups are traveling to New York City to worship at the Fifth Ave. Presbyterian church. We will leave the church parking lot at 7am. Permission slips for this trip are in the Youth Ministry bins located next to the Youth Ministry bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Please call Pat Hubbard at 288-6807 with any questions about the Youth Ministry program.

## Family Lenten Festival on Palm Sunday

The tradition WPC Family Lenten Festival will be held 11:30 am-1:00 pm on Sunday,

March 23 following the Palm Sunday worship service. Plans are underway for a number of Lenten/Easter themed arts and crafts as well as a luncheon for all who attend. Chocolate lollypops, palm branch



crosses, dying Easter eggs, and many other fun activities are planned.

Please sign up on the Lenten Festival Sign-Up Sheet in Parish Hall. If you would like to assist in the Festival, contact Jenny Ketner or Pastor Peter.

## Easter Egg Hunt and Piñata

Each year following the Family Easter Day Service, March 23rd at 9 AM, is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Piñata. These events geared to our younger members are always fun for the adults as we watch the children's enthusiasm.

## A Note from your Peacemaking Representative

Please pray for . . .

- Those serving in the military, and for all touched by the war in Iraq
- The lives and safety of children and youth in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- The people of Haiti and the passage of H Res 241, which would provide immediate debt cancellation for Haiti
- The people of Bangladesh affected by Cyclone Sidr

## 2008 Peacemaking Conference

The 2008 Peacemaking Conference on the theme "Sowing Mustard Seeds: Working for God's

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## Easter Flower Order Form

Please select the plants you would like to order, fill in the dedication and return this form with your check by Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. You may mail your order to 90 Meeting House Rd., Westhampton Beach, drop it in the collection plate, or bring it to the church office. Please make check payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church, noting Easter Flowers in the memo section.

I would like to order:

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Lilies @ \$25.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Lilies @ \$15.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils @ \$15.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips @ \$15.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths @ \$15.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas @ \$25.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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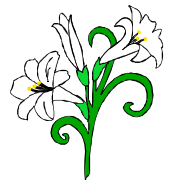
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Please indicate whether you would like to take your plant after the 11 AM service or if you would like the Deacons to take your plant to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant for a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant home after the 11 AM service.



## Celebrating Holy Week Together

**Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday** worship will include the celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with palm branches. Our Service will also point in the direction of the Cross that is too soon to be part of Jesus' life. The traditional **Lenten Festival** will take place following worship on Sunday with workshops and Lenten projects for families to participate in together.

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, during Holy Week we are invited to "**The Journey, Cross & Crucifixion**" to be performed at Immaculate Conception Church just around the corner. The performance will begin at 8:00 pm. Pastor Peter will participate.

**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion** will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> jointly with St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church at the WPC Quogue Chapel on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The Reverend Dr. John Greene will be preach the sermon and share in administering Holy Communion with Pastor Peter. In the intimate space of our Chapel, join in communion with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

A **Good Friday Service** will be held Friday, March 21, from 12:00 noon—3:00 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Westhampton Beach. Many area clergy will be preaching on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus." Pastor Peter will preach on the Third Word this year. Come for one or more or all of the meditations during the service. Only the reality of the resurrection can transform that Friday into a

**Good Friday.** Yet how can we celebrate the resurrection on Easter Day without having meditated on the Cross on Good Friday? Let us put an extra emphasis on attending part or all of the community Good Friday Service.

Rise early for the **Easter Sunrise Service**, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, on the beach at the Swordfish Club on Dune Road in Westhampton Beach. This 6:00 am worship includes coffee and hot chocolate along with Hot Cross Buns provided by Meryle and John King. Let us welcome in the Good News of the Resurrection as the sun also rises!

We will have two **Easter Day/The Resurrection of the Lord** worship services on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: The Easter Family Service will be held at 9:00 am and the Easter Day Worship will be held at 11:00 am. We welcome the Long Island Brass to both Easter Day worship services as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the promises to us for new life and life eternal.

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**PEACEMAKING** (Continued from page 4)  
Justice—Confronting Poverty" will be held July 15-19, 2008 at Chapman University in Orange, California. It will be on the theme understanding how globalization creates new forms of poverty with more extreme disparities between the rich and the poor and how the church can respond. Registration is available in the church office.



## Easter—The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter is the Christian festival having the oldest roots. From earliest times, each Sunday has been a celebration of Christ's resurrection, with clear references, dating from early in the third century, to an annual celebration of the resurrection—the Sunday of all Sundays. This festival is the center of the liturgical year—for it celebrates the event that is at the very core of our faith.

Just as ancient Israel was delivered from slavery through the sea, so in the death-resurrection of Christ, we pass from bondage to freedom, from death to life. "Christ our paschal lamb has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival." (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

In early Christian centuries, the death-resurrection of Jesus was celebrated in a vigil held throughout the night. This "Paschal Vigil" was the crowning festival. Motifs of light and darkness, water and fire, were intertwined with readings from Scripture that recalled the events of salvation history, climaxing in the death-resurrection of Christ. It was the time for the baptism of those prepared during Lent, and for all to celebrate the Eucharist with the newly-baptized as they came to the Table for the first time.

## Help Invigorate WPC! Join a Session Ministry

How does stuff get done at WPC? Session Ministries! What are they?

They are “active” committees that make things happen (or not happen). Each *Ministry* has two elders (usually with one acting as Chair) and several others as needed to do the planning and carry out the ministry. In a perfect congregation, every member will serve on at least one *ministry* and often help out with others when interested or needed!

Each *ministry* has a written description of their work that is available in the Church Office. There is generally something for everyone to choose from. Here is a brief listing of the *ministries* and the Elders who you may contact to learn more:

- Worship Ministry—Nancy Winters, Chair and Valerie O’Brien: the ministry oversees and assists in carrying out the worship and music ministry. Creative and innovative people are always needed!
- Children’s Education—Jennifer Ketner, Chair and Karen Derryberry: along with oversight and planning of the Sunday Church School, this ministry does the Advent and Lenten festivals and is exploring new ideas for adult programs.
- Youth Ministry—Co-chaired by Gordon Hubbard and Lisa Finn, with Cynthia Diers: this ministry guides and implements our youth program and mission trips.
- Mission Ministry--Creighton Berry, Chair and Lisa Finn: What is the church? Mission! Mission! Mission! This committee points the direction for WPC’s mission and gets involved in “hands on” mission projects, such as the CROP Walk, Maureen’s Haven Homeless Program, and the special offerings. What new initiatives can WPC do to serve our local community and reach out to the global community?
- Church Life Ministry—Valerie O’Brien, Chair, and Karen Derryberry: This is the “fun” ministry planning “social” events and activities for the congregation. The Church Picnic, progressive dinners, Tables of Eight, movie nights, special programs and bus trips are just a few of the programs that bring us all together in many ways.
- Finance Ministry—Diane Perry, Chair, and Virginia Czachur: This ministry pulls together all our treasurers and finance people to try and make sense of our church budget and overseeing all that it includes.
- Personnel—Virginia Czachur, Chair, and C. Marvin Raynor: This small group oversees needs related to our church staff, reviews position descriptions and, along with our Clerk of Session, Glorja Johnson, is the place to go if there is a concern with our staff performance.
- Stewardship Team—Margretta Anderson, Chair: We are moving to a year-round approach to stewardship as we broaden and apply our service as stewards in all aspects of our life. Team members are welcome as we explore the “Pony Express” stewardship campaign for the fall.
- Nominations—Nancy Winters, Chair, and Diane Perry: Not a Ministry of Session, this is a Committee of the Congregation that offers a slate of candidates for elders, deacons, and trustees as well as treasurers each year as terms expire or positions open.
- Memorial Scholarship—C. Marvin Raynor, Chair: Each year this group provides applications for the WPC college/university scholarships and recommends to Session the candidates and the amount for the yearly scholarship.
- Memorial & Endowment: Karen Derryberry, Session representative to the M&E Committee: Again, not a Session ministry, but Session sends a representative to its meetings.
- Fund Raising Team--Karen Derryberry, Chair: This is a special committee of Session that has emerged to plan and oversee special events and activities to raise monies for the church budget. Gift Cards, special concerts and dinners rank high among its activities. Volunteers are always invited!

If you would like to be considered for any of the above ministries, please pass a note to the Ministry Chairs, Elder representatives, or Pastor Peter. If you have not yet completed a “Gifts, Skills and Interests” Questionnaire, please do so as it offers a full list of opportunities to serve at WPC. It is available in the Church Office.

## Movie Night with *Little Miss Sunshine*

Join Pastor Peter at the Manse for a **Movie Night** on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:30 pm. The movie will be *Little Miss Sunshine* with a 45-minute discussion.

*Little Miss Sunshine* burst onto the scene as the runaway hit of the 2006 Sundance Film Festival. It isn't the typical film we have come to expect from the Holy Grail of independent film festivals. To say that it is a "quirky" family road trip comedy doesn't really do it justice. *Little Miss Sunshine* puts the "fun" back in dysfunctional. It is the kind of movie that has us laughing from beginning to end while simultaneously experiencing the intensity and depth of the characters' pain and frustration with the circumstances life has dealt them.

Dysfunctional families have always provided a rich source of inspiration for Hollywood. What sets *Little Miss Sunshine* apart from most films is that we find ourselves laughing through the pain. Somehow having a sense of

humor seems to be one of the best ways to work through our suffering and find a sense of peace.

These days everyone seems to believe that his or her family is dysfunctional in some way. People have an intrinsic need to trace the source of their brokenness and pain. The family is always an easy target. The truth, however, is that while our family relationships can cause us great suffering, they can also be the single most significant starting place for the work of healing grace. The love of our family is our first experience of love, and when it fails us, the results can be catastrophic. On the other hand, when we fail, the love of a caring family can be our primary connection to forgiveness and God's transcendent grace.

Be aware that the film is rated R for language and references to drug use and sexuality and the running time is 101 minutes. Please arrive promptly by 7:00 pm so the film can start as scheduled.

## College student mailing addresses

Please submit the addresses of any college students to Nancy in the Church Office. The Youth Ministry program will be preparing College Care Packages shortly. We are also looking for donations of shoe boxes for this activity, which may be left in Bailey Hall.

## Gift Cards Still Selling Strong

With the holiday weekly rush on Gift Cards behind us, the program continues on a monthly basis. Order forms are available on the back table in the sanctuary and in the Church Office. While they may be placed in the offering plate each week, the order is sent in the last Sunday of the month with cards available the first Sunday of the month. Think ahead on major purchases and birthday gifts (or buy some standbys to have on hand when the occasion arises).

## Grocery Cards Available Weekly

Each Sunday in Parish Hall you may purchase Grocery Cards for Waldbaums and King Kullen. A percentage of the cards price comes to the church in this fundraiser. Support the church as you purchase your weekly groceries!

## Gavin John Bailey Baptized

Gavin John Bailey, son of Caitlin (Sprague) and Adam Bailey was baptized on February 24th. Gavin was born on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We celebrated his baptism with his parents and grandparents, Judy and John Sprague and Renee and George Bailey. We welcome Gavin as the newest disciple in the church of Jesus Christ.

## Renee Irene Marcks to be Baptized

Renee Irene Marcks, daughter of Anne-Jenette and Peter Marcks will be baptized on Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Renee was born on October 11<sup>th</sup> and is the grandchild of Marian and Marvin Raynor.

## Births

Samantha Ursala Bennetts was born on January 19th in Kalspel, Montana to proud parents Cheri LeBleu and David Bennetts. She will have big brother Henry to show her the ropes. Grandparents Judy and David LeBleu are pleased to have another grandchild.

Tom Rogers is a grandfather for

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**BIRTHS** (Continued from page 7)

the second time! Heath Maxwell Smith was born at 2:33 PM on February 8 at Seton Southwest Hospital in Austin, TX to parents Sara Rogers-Smith and Matthew Smith. He weighs 8 lbs 7 oz and is 20 inches long. Heath and Sara are both doing great. Susannah is pleased to have a new baby brother.

Lillian Lapp Straley was born on January 9, 2008 in Germany. Proud parents are Kathy and Daryn Straley, grandparents are Ruth and Henry Lapp of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and great grandparents are Marian and Marvin Raynor.

**Deaths**

A Memorial Service was held for Dotty Otis on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, with a reception following in Parish Hall. Dotty Otis was born March 26, 1916 and died on February 2, 2008. We remember her family in our prayers.

**World Day of Prayer to be celebrated**

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday, March 7, at 12:00 noon in St. Mark's Episcopal Church. There service has been written by the women of Guyana and should be as inspiring as ever. Women from each of our area churches will be taking part in it. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a sandwich and join together for beverages and dessert after the service.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

How do you represent an offering that has been around for almost six decades, one that has brought together a large number of American churches to address the suffering of our sisters and brothers around the world?

The PC(USA) that has called it One Great Hour of Sharing, but the name hasn't always communicated what the offering is about, or why it's been central to Presbyterian mission for more than half a century.

About fifteen years ago, the One Great Hour of Sharing denominations decided to focus on a logo to help people remember and identify with the offering. So for a few years, the hourglass logo appeared on most of the resources associate with OGHS. It is simple and easy to identify. The only problem is, it relates to the one word in the name that is the most limiting: *Hour*.

Then the offering went back to using the name itself, emphasizing the word One. This is still the way you'll often see the name treated. The idea that Christians in many denominations act in unity through this offering is a powerful part of what makes it unique.

But, isn't *Sharing* the most crucial word in the name? Not only is sharing central to the act of

giving, it also speaks to how it is we give—the means and the attitude. The offering celebrates the variety of Christian traditions witnessing together, each in its own way, to the healing power of God's love for all God's people in Jesus Christ.

Why is this such a difficult concept to render graphically? One challenge is that many images of giving or sharing evoke a one-way interpretation: the person with more giving to the one with less. But, as anyone who has given to a panhandler will recognize, and as everyone who has ever had to beg for money learns

very quickly, this kind of "charity" is often simply the quickest way to dismiss a person and a reality we don't want to face. True sharing requires more of us—it calls us to respect others and to be willing to learn from them.



As those who have spent time helping rebuild any of the communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina have discovered, serving our brothers and sisters in their time of need will change us; ironically, it makes us more profoundly who we are. One of the images in the new logo shows two figures in a joyful dance of complementarity. Each figure has its own dance, but only together do they complete a circle. That then is the central invitation in the name, and now in the image, of One Great Hour of Sharing: Come and join the dance of sharing.

# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Confirmation Class retreat at Camp De Wolfe</i>
2 8:30am <i>Spiritual Conversations</i> 11:30am <i>Church Life , Worship Min- istry</i>	3	4 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	5	6	7 <i>12 Noon World Day of Prayer</i>	8
9 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 4-7pm <i>Fajita Nite Fund- raiser</i>	10	11 <i>7pm Session</i>	12 <i>12noon PW Luncheon</i>	13 <i>7-9:30pm Movie Night at the Manse "Little Miss Sunshine"</i>	14	15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>
16 <i>Youth at 5th Ave. Pres- byterian</i> <b>PASSION / PALM SUN.</b> <i>Daffodil Sunday</i> 3pm <i>Lenten Festival</i>	17	18 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	19 <i>8pm The Jour- ney, the Cross, and the Resur- rection at Im- maculate Con- ception Church</i>	20 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10am <i>EEPP</i> 7pm <i>Commun- ion at Chapel</i>	21 <b>GOOD FRIDAY-</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	22
23 <b>EASTER – OGHS</b> <i>Offering</i> 6am <i>Sunrise Service and</i> 9 and 11am <i>Services</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>1pm MS Mis- sion Project at WCC</i> 4pm <i>Youth Sun. Planning Session</i>	31 <i>Maureen's Haven ends</i> 7pm <i>Elizabeth Circle</i>					

**WEEKLY: Sunday Worship 10 am Sanctuary**  
**Choir:** Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am  
**Jr. Choir:** Tuesday 5:45pm (seasonal)  
**AA:** Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm,  
 Saturday 10am  
**Christmas Bazaar Workshop:** Tuesday 10am  
**Stretch and Tone:** Thursday 9:30am

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***Your issue of the March Tidings***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:**

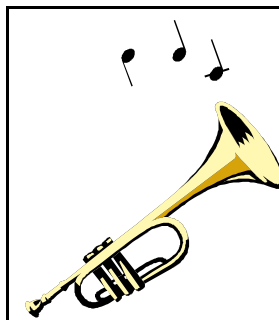
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- 12 Kelly Martin
- 13 Bunker Seyfert
- 13 Judy LeBleu
- 14 Joan Hubbard
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- 15 Adam Shea
- 16 Jane Brown
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- 17 Tom Zaloga
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- 27 Jeannine Frenzel
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- 29 Jane Post
- 30 Donna Goebel and Corey Williams
- 31 Bill Manker
- 31 Spencer Baird
- 31 Aram Terchunian

*If your information isn't included, it's because we don't know it! Please give your month and day to Nancy in the office.*

**Safety Information**

Periodically, the Church Office receives important information from the Southampton Township Police Department pertaining to sexual offenders known to be in the vicinity. The Session wishes to make the congregation aware that a "Police Alert" file has been made accessible in the Church Office during Church Office hours. The Police Alert file will be continuously updated as more information is received.



**Long Island Brass Donations Needed**

The Long Island Brass will play again at both Easter worship services and donations are needed to support their work. Your donations may be placed in the offering plate with a Long Island Brass designation.