

Session Update

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The following is a summary of the meeting:

REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORT: January 2009

	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	Total	Jan. 08	Feb. 08	Total
Regular Giving.....	7,719.50	12,777.94	20,497.44	8,687.50	9,449.25	18,136.75
Total Income.....	8,627.99	13,851.91	21,979.90	10,853.59	11,695.19	22,048.78
Expenses.....	12,144.27	10,955.54	23,099.81	15,878.48	10,773.50	26,651.98
Income-Expenses.....	(4,016.28)	2,896.37	(1,119.91)	(5,524.89)	921.69	(4,603.20)

NOTES:

- Income in January 2008 included \$828.55 in Rental Property rent, which was also paid out to Community Bank under Expenses.
- Final utility bills on the Rental Property for December 2007 were paid in January 2008, for a total of \$1,100.95. (1,929.50 total Rental Property expense.)
- Regular Giving for February 2009 includes a bequest from the estate of Virginia O'Mara (\$3,778.94)
- Regular Giving for 2009 is 18.3% of the budgeted total, with 15.4% of the year gone by (8 of 52 Sundays).
- Expenses have been mostly in the Salaries and Expenses area (\$16,911.04) and Property area (\$3,898.42)

CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Membership actions** – A special meeting will be held on March 15, to receive Debby Camden and Brookie Fish as active members by reaffirmation of faith.
2. **Average worship attendance**, February 2009: 78 (43 for Ash Wednesday service)
3. **Correspondence**. Several presbytery concerns were shared with Session.

with the G.A. Form of Government Task Force, and the dates he will be away over the next six months. No Sundays are involved.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

1. **Membership and Outreach** — Next meeting: April 29, 6:30 p.m. ... Working w/ PW on Palm Sunday luncheon on April 5 ... will be dropping the Newsletter advertisement ... Eve Thomas will be raising our profile at area hotels and B and B's with information about the church ... restarting the Fellowship Friend program for new members of the congregation ... Church brochure needs to be updated (use more colors); committee will be working on that ... looking at inviting a gospel group to perform at this year's picnic ... Elder care lists are being updated; continuing elders will keep the same lists; new elders will get their lists soon ... Idea: open house for a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon (materials available, like Sunday bulletin, short history, etc.) – referred to MOC / Idea #2: should we use name tags in worship?
2. **Mission** — Next meeting: April 29, 6:00 p.m. Budget revisions have been made and forwarded to S&F ... Pam Snyder's U.N. trip was supported by \$200 out of line item 7102 ... Helen Burke from Valley Mission will speak at the March 18 Church Night ... OGHS minute for mission will be on April 5.
3. **Property** — Next meeting: April 29, 6:30 p.m. Paul Wolfe has replaced the floor in the men's room near Fellowship Hall ... problem with snow removal; Lewis Street sidewalk did not get cleared after the March 1-2 snow ... Work Day: instead of one large work day, will be organizing smaller projects and seeking volunteers ... Valley Mission garden project: need 4-5 people to lead people on planting/tending our garden plot.
4. **Stewardship and Finance**—Next meeting: April 27, 6:30 p.m. ... Receiving recommended changes from committees; will review them on April 27.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **March 25 Meeting**. Session cancelled the March 25 meeting, due to the absence of the pastor. Dan will be attending the meetings of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) and the General Assembly Council (GAC) on March 24-26 (Tuesday - Thursday) in Louisville, KY.
2. **Maundy Thursday Communion**. A reminder was given about the servers for the April 9 Maundy Thursday communion service: Mary Rainey (1/7); Maxine Robertson (2/8); Chuck Blackley (3/9); Jerry Fry (4/10); Stewart Sherwood (5/11); Kay Moyer (6/12). Preparation: Kay Moyer and Stewart Sherwood.
3. **Lent-Easter**. The pastor reported on plans for the Lent-Holy Week season. The focus for the season will be on the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's gospel, both through sermons and the daily devotions guide written by the pastor. Holy Week events were noted:
 - Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday: including the Staunton Palm Sunday Parade (10:25 a.m.) and the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
 - Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:30 p.m.)
 - Friday, April 10 – Good Friday Service of Shadows (7:30 p.m.)
 - Sunday, April 12 – Easter
4. **Synod P.W.** Pam Snyder is hosting a planning meeting of the Synod of the Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Women at Second on Friday - Saturday, March 13-14.
5. **Task Force**. Dan Williams updated the Session on his work

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