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Events that effect you... by Pastor Stan

Easter is such a wonderful time and it comes earlier this year than it ever has before in any of our lifetimes. It arrives this year on March 23.

Here at Refuge we celebrate Easter Week with a variety of events. We have a Maundy Thursday Candle-light Communion Service. Then on Good Friday because we believe that this is certainly one season of the year when we should be united as Christians, we participate in the Community Good Friday Service held at First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville and sponsored by the Noblesville Area Ministerial Association.

Then on Easter Sunday morning we hold a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. that is followed by an all Church Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. Then our annual Easter Worship Service is at 9:30 a.m. It's a wonderful day to invite a friend, relative, neighbor, or co-worker to church!



Maundy Thursday
March 20, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The Maundy Thursday service is designed to commemorate the time when Jesus partook of the Last Supper with his Disciples and instituted what is a lasting memorial to his Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

We usually have a time of singing and then a brief Devotional before we are led in groups of 12 to a room prepared for us to remember the Last Supper.

This Service is always a brief but meaningful remembrance and commemoration of Jesus sacrifice for us.

EASTER
SUNDAY
March 23, 2008



Sunrise Worship 7:00 a.m.
Easter Worship 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL
EASTER BREAKFAST
Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m.
March 23, 2008





Yes, Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 9th. So, when you go to bed Saturday night don't forget to set your clock forward one hour. Otherwise, you won't arrive at church on time. See you Sunday!

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Church Data Update

Statement of Finances:

These figures reflect the data for January and February 2008 combined.

They reflect information provided by Treasurer, Pam Sweitzer on the Profit and Loss and Cash Flow Statements for January through February 2008.

Total Income: \$40,250.26

Total Expenses: \$40,242.73

Net Income \$7.53

Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:

Accounts Payable: -6220.00

Mortgage: - 2401.95

Net cash provided by

Operating Activities \$-8,614.42

Cash at beginning of period:

\$62,532.34

Cash at end of period:

\$53,917.92

*Thanks for giving and caring about
Refuge Christian Church.*

Stan

Worship Attendance:

February 3 162

February 10 120

February 17 146

February 24 129

Year-to-date Average 148

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

We make a monthly Mortgage Payment to Community Bank in the amount of \$4589.93.

On the remaining outstanding balance of considerably over \$400,000 that we owe the bank, we could cut approximately a year off of our indebtedness if we could make 13 monthly payments per year instead of just 12.

Now, in the first five years of our repayment program we have been blessed by some short term special efforts to raise funds. And, we have had at least one very large single contribution to our indebtedness that has significantly helped us to reduce our principal owed.

But candidly, in the last year or so, we have given less than a stellar effort toward reducing the principal on our indebtedness. I accept responsibility for not providing enough "cheer-leading" toward that effort. I want to see that change in 2008.

The first "Fifth" Sunday will be March 30th. If every "Fifth" Sunday this year we could average an additional offering to the Building Fund of \$1145.00, we would be able to make that 13th payment this year and move toward taking a year off of our indebtedness.

We have roughly one hundred giving units in our church. Surely once every three months we could all give just a little extra toward that indebtedness.

So, the first Sunday after Easter, please come prepared to give a gift to the Building Fund that is above and beyond your regular church offering. There are envelopes marked for that purpose in the pews. Or, just indicate on the "memo" line of your check what it is for. Thanks! -Stan