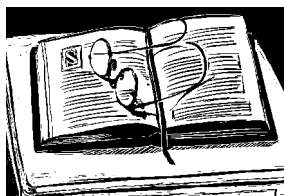


# THE ROCK



Relying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God  
Partnering with one another and  
Creating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of those in need



## Lectionary:

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>:

1Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

### March 9<sup>th</sup>:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

### March 16<sup>th</sup>:

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-29; Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27 or Matthew 27:11-54

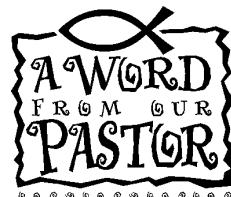
### March 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or 1Corinthians 5:6-8; Luke 24:13-49

### March 30<sup>th</sup>:

Acts 2:14-32; Psalm 16; 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

## *The Tattler* ..... By Pastor George



While turning the page of my calendar from February to March, I remembered that 2008 is a leap year. How appropriate, I thought, that we've launched our *Above and Beyond* Capital Campaign during a leap year and that the campaign will culminate during the Easter season! And, how fitting that Kimberly Prosser our Campaign Communication Chairperson has suggested that the *Above and Beyond!* scripture theme be Paul's breathtaking benediction in his Letter to the Ephesians:

*Now to him, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all that we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Paul's words presume a courageous and imaginative leap of faith born of confidence in what God can accomplish and has already achieved through the miracle of Easter: Who could have imagined Jesus' frightened followers being transformed into bold witnesses to the resurrection? Who would have ever assumed God could turn the shame of the cross into the glory of redeeming love? Who should have expected the divine insurgency whereby death's defeat came at the hands of death itself? No one, of course, because what God achieved through Jesus' death and resurrection is "*abundantly far more than all that we can ask or imagine.*"

In the midst of this leap year and in light of Easter, I hear God calling us to focus not so much on what we can accomplish with our Capital Campaign but on the "abundantly far more" that God can bring about in and through us.

Wouldn't it be great if, at the conclusion of our Campaign on Pentecost Sunday, we found ourselves shaking our heads in joyful response to the resurrection power at work within us? And wouldn't it be a marvelous leap of faith if, even now as we begin our Campaign, we exchanged our present hopes for this church's future for the higher expectations God has for us? To that end I pray we will resolve, in the words of Robert Schuller, to do something great for God and fail rather than do nothing and succeed!

As a dear pastor friend once reminded me, "Sometimes you have to jump and let the angels catch you!"

So, how will we know this promise to be true unless we take a leap of faith...?

And if not now, when...?

“The Rock” is a newsletter for and about the Rockledge Presbyterian Church



Deadline for articles *hand-written/typed* or *e-mailed to us in Word format* is the *20<sup>th</sup> of each month*. Articles will be accepted after the 20<sup>th</sup> but will be published only as room permits. To assure that your article gets in the newsletter please have them to us by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Marty Lampson  
Pete Aude`  
Joyce Roth  
Carole McKinley  
Jeanne Ryder  
Leeta Witherspoon

Jane Rowe  
Tim Burr  
Della Rose  
Helene Munson  
Marcia Wilcox  
Cindy Mercer



### Session Elders

Tom Milsap  
Bill Carson  
Bob Trujillo  
Kimberly Prosser  
Kim Workman

Richard Waters  
Phil Rose  
Catherine Shelton  
Steve Mercer

### Please call the church office:

- **When** a member of you family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified
- **When** your committee or group plans a meeting, so that it can be placed on the church calendar
- **When** you move, or your phone number is changed, so that it can be changed on the church records
- **When** there is a new baby in your family
- **When** there is a death in your family
- **When** a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence
- **When** you feel the church can assist you in any way

### Congratulations

to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes who were married by Pastor George on February 2nd. Robert and Andrea are living in the Tampa area and Robert is hoping to start graduate school in music performance at FSU in the fall.



### A Note of Thanks

Dear Ones, What a wonderful church family! George and I thank all of you for your love and prayers. The cards brought cheer to our hearts; the flowers brightness to our lives. Your kindness, we shall always remember. George is now at Cedar Creek. God has truly blessed us with such wonderful, caring friends, and I know He blesses you. With Love, Marlene Wells



## RPC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.....

RPC's Capital Campaign is gearing up, with the commissioning of the campaign committee chairpersons on February 17th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The theme for our capital campaign, which will begin this month, is "Above and Beyond". The word "above" refers to the new roof over Rockledge Presbyterian Church, which was installed in 2006 and for which we have a mortgage. The "and beyond" refers to the many other repairs and improvements to RPC which will be made possible through the funds raised via this capital campaign. From life safety issues to electrical repairs, air conditioning and heating replacements to a narthex refurbishment, these long-awaited enhancements will not only bring our beloved church "up to code" but to a place where we can comfortably and proudly welcome others to join in worship. Please join the capital campaign committee in our prayerful and enthusiastic efforts.

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## TIME FOR PEACE.....

*The Peace Columns are written in memory of Ruth Smith, a loving and caring advocate for Peace*

In a recent statement from the American Friends Service Committee, they claimed we need healing and we need Peace. In the nation's peace movement, their work is very important. Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela and countless others throughout history have worked tirelessly for peace and justice. Today we follow the same difficult path. But our advantage is that we share our mission with those who care about creating a better world, not just for us but for our children. In short, we have each other.

We must work toward a more just and compassionate society. Peace evolves. It won't happen overnight, but it will happen provided we continue to stand together and achieve economic justice to ensure the presence of fairness and respect in even the most embittered and needy places.

We must heal the sorrow that violence brings. We must work together to bring peace, justice, and healing to our world. The spirit of love unites every heart, blessing the planet with peace.

Peace be unto you. Irene Ney

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## RPC SCHOOL NEWS

### 2006-07 Test Score Kindergarten Readiness

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RPS VPK TEACHERS, CINDY MERCER AND TARRA BERTRAM AND DIRECTOR, JAN TAFFER!!**



We are second in Brevard County in Ranking. There are four schools with perfect score of 300 and two with 292. We are in the 292 group along with Brevard Christian. The rest are below 292.

State wide we are ranked 8th. There are 123 with perfect scores. There are 157 who made higher than we did and 4439 who ranked lower.

*Thanks to all the wonderful staff at RPS who nurture the children all the way through to VPK. We are blessed to have such a wonderful pre-school at RPC.*



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....

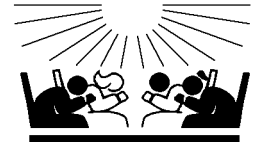
Rockledge P.W. sponsored our Annual Blanket Sunday in January. Thus far, we have received \$1,140 for blankets, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. That's 228 blankets!

January 30th was the date of a covered dish luncheon in Calvin Hall. Sebber Banda was the speaker. She is a public health nurse in Mozambique, and was in Florida as part of the BIRP Mission Team. Sebber was impressive as she related the circumstances in which she works. We have no idea how fortunate we, in this country, are until we hear plight of the natives of her country. Sebber is not only a nurse, but a teacher, and a single mother of two. Her husband was killed several years ago. Rockledge P.W. will show support for her tireless work by putting some money where our mouths are.

The luncheon was also an occasion to show our support to Duvall Home. We host an annual shower for the Home, giving them games, film cassettes, books, crayons, puzzles, and toys. In addition, over \$300 was given to them.

The four Circles are studying the book of Ruth. We welcome newcomers. Abigail Circle meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in members' homes. Mary Martha Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Calvin Hall. Esther Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in members' homes. Please call Jeanne Ryder (632-0929) for further information. Circles provide a wonderful way to know each other better, and we enjoy the learning experience and social interaction which a Circle provides. Come join us.

**World Day of Prayer**, sponsored by Church Women United in Central Brevard, will be held March 7, 2008 at the Salvation Army Church in Titusville. The Church is located at 1218 West Main Street. The meeting will start with registration and fellowship at 9:30, followed by the program at 10:00. Major Jack Owens will be the speaker. World Day of Prayer is an annual event, celebrated the world over, starting in Fiji, where the daylight begins long before it does in Florida. Everyone is invited to attend.



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## STEPHEN PROJECT.....



We continue to make 2 days worth of lunches (40 lunches total) each week for Labor Finders in Merritt Island. Volunteers are still needed to make lunches. Work hours are flexible as long as they are completed in time to deliver the lunches by 3:00pm on Wednesdays. As of now we have groups bagging lunches on Sunday after church, Tuesday mornings and Wednesday mornings. Please contact Catherine Shelton at 631-7275 if you can help.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.....

Linda Williams is on the Communications committee and sends RPC emails each week with bulletin news, events and prayer requests. If you would like to be included on the email list, please give Linda your email address. Either call her 631-6102 or email [WILLJLCH@aol.com](mailto:WILLJLCH@aol.com)



Just make sure you put RPC in the subject of the email message so she will recognize it and not delete it.

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS.....

## TALENT SHOWCASE - APRIL 19, 2008

The new date for the Talent Showcase is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to share your talent with us or you are part of a group that would like to perform in the show, please contact Kathy Kenny at 735-6005 or sign up on the sheet that is on the bulletin board at the church.



We welcome all ages - we would love to be surprised - discovering the talents of our members, and/or their family and friends. We also welcome any volunteers who would like to help out the night of the show.

It's *show time* at Rockledge Presbyterian!  
Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



### More Fellowship Opportunities:

**March 16** - Pot Luck Luncheon (Right after 11 am service)

**March 23** - Easter Breakfast (After Early Service)

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS.....



**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected on **Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Children attending Sunday School or Chaos will receive banks to take home and return on Palm Sunday. Look for bulletin inserts in the March 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**Habitat for Humanity** has been deeded 3 houses on Paw Paw Street in Cocoa that the city has condemned and will tear down. They hope to get permitting done and break ground in April. They will be building 4 bedroom/2 bath houses. Stay tuned for how RPC can help.

A plaque has been sent to Dr. Larry Clark acknowledging his decade of service to our Nicaragua mission.

RPC **coffee mugs** are still available in case you didn't get one for Christmas. They are \$5. Please see a committee member; Terrie Franco, Catherine Shelton, B. J. Smith or Ginnie Wright.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make the citrus **gleaning** a huge success! This is the First year RPC has partnered with the **Society of St. Andrews** and we learned from our experiences. Social Concerns has voted to partner again next year. A special THANKS to Cheryl Carson, Chair for the event. Please see the bulletin board in the "South hallway" for some great photos.

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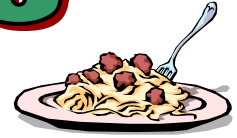
## SHARING CENTER NEWS.....

The Central Brevard Sharing Center's annual participation in the Crop Walk is on Sunday, March 30th at 2:00pm. The 2 mile walk will originate at Lori Wilson Park and participants can either walk A1A or the Beach. A sign up and sponsorship table will be set up in the South Hallway on March 9th and 16th between services. If you sponsor a walker, please make checks out to RPC and designate Crop Walk. Thank you for your continued support!



The Central Brevard Sharing Center continues to be in need of non-perishable food, especially canned meats, spaghetti sauce with meat and smaller cans of food with flip top for single people or homeless. Please drop off food in the South Hallway. Thank you for your support of the Sharing Center!

# MARCH 2008



- Sun 2** Sharing Center Sunday; RPS Spaghetti Dinner & Book Sale  
3 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN  
4 6:30pm CE (L); 6:30pm Capital Campaign (C); 7:00pm AA (K);  
5 5:30pm Chaos; 5:30pm Bell choir; 6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir  
6 6:30pm RPS Board (L)  
7 7:00pm AA (K)  
8 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)

- Sun 9**  
10 9:30am Project Day (C); 5:00pm Corp. Adm. (L); 5:45pm Scouts (C)  
6:30pm IPN; 7:00pm Abigail Circle  
11 7:00pm Session (L); 7:00pm AA (K)  
12 5:30pm Chaos; 5:30 Bell choir; 6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir  
13 6:00-9:00pm Jr. League (C)  
14 7:00pm AA (K)  
15 6:00-9:00pm Spina Bifida (C)



- Sun 16 Palm Sunday;** 4:00pm Deborah Mann Recital (S)  
17 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN  
18 10:00am Mary Martha (L); 6:30pm Social Concern (L)  
7:00pm AA (K); 7:30pm Ruth Circle  
19 10:00am Esther; 5:30pm Chaos; 5:30pm Bell choir; 6:30pm Lectio Divina;  
7:30pm Choir  
20 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Choir Service (S)  
21 **Good Friday;** 7:00pm AA (K)  
22 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)



- Sun 23 EASTER Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!!!!**  
**Sunrise service and 11:00am service (no 8:30 service)**  
24 Office Closed  
25 6:30pm Worship (L); 7:00pm Trustees (C); 7:00pm Deacons (P); 7:00pm AA (K)  
26 10:00am Ruby Wednesday (P); 5:30pm Chaos (C); 5:30pm Bell choir;  
6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir  
28 7:00pm AA (K)  
**Sun 30** Crop Walk  
31 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN



March 9, 2008

## Daylight Savings



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....

Greetings Church Family,

I'm not sure where the month of February went as March is now on our doorstep. February 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended as well as presented at the Lollapalooza event in Winter Park. Cheryl Carson and Mary Ward were also presenters on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl and I hope to plan an event, which will encompass some of the ideas we learned on that Saturday. I encourage any and all of you to attend these educational events offered by different churches in our Presbytery, as the information is very useful.

Then on February 13<sup>th</sup>, I was on my way to San Diego for my first experience with APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators). WOW! What a journey of faith, friendship, worship and workshops. Needless to say, I was exhausted when I returned in the wee hours of the 18<sup>th</sup> but filled with ideas and new missions.

Our Lenten classes are off to a fabulous start and are going strong. A gracious thank you to Karen Jolly, Pastor George and Pat Baggot for leading the classes.

Some of our Sr. High youth ventured to Camp Cederkirk for a weekend of faith and had a glorious time. Thank you to Josh Burnham and Liz Battista for being the brave chaperones.

## *CE Classifieds*



**CHAOS** – We are always looking for an adult to “be in charge” each Wednesday night. You may choose one Wednesday a month or up to all four! If you have questions, please call me and I can walk you through the duties.

– We also need help cleaning up after dinner. We have our own personal chef, but she needs help with the clean up process.

**Eggstravaganza** – March 15 from 2:00-5:00. We need volunteers to help with craft projects and hiding eggs.

**VBS** – “The Rainforest Adventure” will take place June 23-27 and we are already looking for volunteers.

**NURSERY** – Would you like to be a substitute for our nursery workers? It is rare that we need a sub, but I would like to have some names on hand just in case.

Please call CanDe with any questions you might have regarding our classified ads.

Blessings, CanDe Waters



# CITRUS GLEANING IS A SUCCESS!



The first Central Brevard Citrus Gleaning to be hosted by Rockledge Presbyterian was a huge success. An estimated 20,000 pounds of citrus were gleaned for shipment to various food banks, including our own Central Brevard Sharing Center, food banks in Tallahassee and some as far away as Mississippi.

The gleaning was part of a larger citrus drive in Brevard County sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA). SOSA was created to provide fruits and vegetables to the hungry that was previously going to waste in fields and backyards. Thank you to SOSA’s Florida Director, Barbara Sayles, for her assistance in planning and implementing the event.

Nearly 50 of our own members volunteered and several others offered their trees for picking—amazing support for this project. Thank You to the following participants: Janice & Lynwood Everson; Harry & Colin Prosser; Liz, Michael & Regina Battista (and Michael’s friend, Justin Charest); Kim, Mike, Kindell & Karson Workman; Jo Waits & Thad Martin; Al & Ginny Wright; Christina Morris; Bill, Tyler & Austin Rose; Kathy Kenny; Helene Munson & George Maciejewski; Bill & Carolyn Barnes; Jeanie Korey; Terrie Franco; Pat Baggett; Jane Rowe; Peggy, Sarah, Maya & Joelle Burley; Nancy Wingo; Ed & Jean Rogers; Alice & Bill Marzluff; B. J. Smith; Tom Stauff; Stan Larsen; Gary Pearson; David, Mary, David, Jr., and Margaret Ward; and Bill & Cheryl Carson. Several friends of our church family also volunteered: William Forney, Shannon Ackley, her husband & son (pre-school); Carol Vanevenhoven; and John Sprinkle. And a huge thank you goes to over 50 volunteers from Calvary Chapel on Merritt Island who gleaned in their members’ backyards and a huge grove on Merritt Island.

Special thanks to Debbie Lugar for her “advance” work in doing posters and the bulletin board to promote the gleaning event. Also, a huge thank you to Liz Battista and Kim Workman for planning and preparing the food for breakfast and lunch. Donations of food were received from Harvey’s Groves, Entenmanns, and Bagel World on Merritt Island—many thanks to these local businesses for their support.

Watch for additional gleaning opportunities in the future. If you sometimes feel it’s hard for one person to effect much change, gleaning is a way for one person to make a big difference in the battle against hunger.



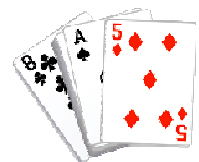
WOW! That’s a lot of fruit!



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## RETIREES .....

**Cards and Games:** Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Pinky Halvorson, 480 Sail Lane, Merritt Island in the Rec. room. Please call Billy Copeland, 639-0268 if you can come.



## **Stewardship 2008** **Summary of RPC Member Pledges**

Below is the latest summary of Church member's 2008 Pledge giving as of 2-23-2008.

### **2007 Information** (for comparison purposes only):

Total Number of Pledges = 131

Total Pledge Amount = \$298,462

### **2008 Information:**

Total Number of Pledges = **117**

Total Pledge Amount = **\$289,769**

### **Includes:**

- Number of new Pledges in 2008 = **10**
- Number of Pledge amounts in 2008 that went up compared to 2007 = **47**
- Number of Pledge amounts in 2008 that went down compared to 2007 = **11**
- Number of members that have not yet submitted a Pledge card for 2008 = **35**  
(Amount for the missing Pledges who had pledged in 2007, but have not yet pledged for 2008 = **\$23,880**)

**NOTE: If you have NOT submitted your Pledge cards for 2008, please submit it as soon as possible. Thank you.**

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### ***RPC TIME AND TALENT*** ***STEWARD OF THE MONTH***



Have you turned in your Stewardship 2008 Time and Talent Commitment form?

Each month we spotlight one of our wonderful church members who volunteered for the most church related activities on their Stewardship Time and Talent Commitment form.

**.....CONGRATULATIONS TO JANICE EVERSON.....**

Just a few of the Time and Talent activities that she has volunteered for on her RPC Time and Talent Commitment form include:

- participate in Presbyterian Women's Group
- help with Vacation Bible School
- teach a small study/prayer group
- serve on Fellowship Committee
- bake or cook for special occasions
- Plays in the Bell Choir



These, along with *many* other important Talents, make Janice our "Steward of the Month".

....A special "THANK YOU" to Janice for her wonderful Stewardship!

# The Rock

RPC News  
March 2008

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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship: 8:30am & 11:00am

Church School for all ages: 9:30am

Coffee/Fellowship in Calvin Hall: 10:30am

