

Grace United Church of Christ * 18 Court Street * Flemington, NJ 08822

March 2, 2008

Dear Friends:

Wonderful things are happening at Grace UCC. We are just opening our new offices at 18 Court Street and can provide confidential pastoral counseling, meeting space and room for Christian education. New people continue to respond to God's message of inclusion, tolerance, justice and kindness.

Our Mission projects are many; early in April you'll have a chance to work on a Habit for Humanity project. We continue to provide financial support to Messia, a girl in Zambia. On Good Friday we'll be carrying out a clothing drive to benefit the Trenton Rescue Mission. Much more is underway.

Everything we do, from helping others, to keeping the lights on in our new office, requires your financial support as well as some of your time and talent. In this Lenten Season, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you are willing to pledge to this church for the 2008 calendar year.

The Bible tells us that giving should be proportional, sacrificial, and systematic. What this means is that the more you have, the more you should give. It should pinch a bit to be generous; that's how you know it's enough. And finally, you can't forget to give if you are on vacation or away from church for a week or more. Either you make up the offering(s) that you missed when you return or mail in your check.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)."

Please fill out the following and return it to:

(Rev.) Sue Goodwin, Stewardship Chairperson
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Grace and peace,

Sue Goodwin

Family Name: _____

Financial Pledge for 2008: _____

Gifts of time and talent pledged for 2008 _____