

Offerings for March

Budget	6377.00
Received	674.37
Rental	2700.00
To Go	3002.63

Next Week's Offering: Volunteer Park Church Budget

(Please prayerfully consider giving to our Local Church Budget. We have repeatedly had a shortage for our monthly budget. The church's ministry depends on each member faithfully giving!)

To designate your offering for **Tithe or Church Budget, or any other specific need at any time**, please use a Tithe envelope located on the hymnal rack on the pew. All loose offering goes to the offering of the day.

Please place your offering in the box at each rear door of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer: Patrick Dwyer (Young-Hee's husband), Stephen Bushley; Mickey Reddy (Pastor's brother-in-law); Francisca Conde; Kania Russell and Samantha Steenberg (Jeanette's nieces); Wilbur Howell

Health Issues: Bobara Tally; Eileen Neligan's sister Joyce; David Karpilow; Cindy; Rochelle Ybarra; Thelma McAdoo; Bob Milne Jones; Annie Hurd; Sara (Cindy's cousin)

Healing: Cindy; Becky & Stephanie; Sam Chetty; Isaac Ybarra

Work: Roger Ybarra; Cindy; Linda Renfroe; Richard Mills;

Offering: The offering is no longer collected during the Worship Service. Please put your offering and tithe in an envelope marked accordingly, and place it in one of the offering boxes at each exit door to the Sanctuary. Stewardship is a heart matter. Please prayerfully consider your donations in support of the Lord's mission.

TAKE A BREAK: Social committee officers are invited to take a break from your planning and come to Sunset Lake Camp on March 21 beginning at 2:30 pm to enjoy a great afternoon of fellowship, learning, supper and more. Please RSVP to Tammi Baker at Sunset Lake Camp at (360) 829-0311. Free of charge, we want to thank you for all you do! See you there!

Vegfest Seattle - March 21,22 at Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

FUNDRAISER DINNER: The Sojourners Pathfinder Club will have a four-course candlelit Mediterranean fundraiser dinner on March 15 at 6 pm in the Kirkland Church Fellowship Hall. Contact Anita Dorland at agdnauk@comcast.net

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: Register for Washington Adventist Camp Meeting at www.washingtonconference.org/pray and to register for Sunset Lake Camp, visit www.sunsetlake.org

Amateur Hour: "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" Amateur Hour at Auburn Adventist Academy's Rainier Auditorium on March 14 at 8pm.

Concert: Singer and songwriter Kathy Schallert will perform at Tacoma Central Adventist Church on March 21 at 6:30pm (1301 S. Baltimore St, Tacoma)

Volunteer Park Community Focus

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Jeanette Mills, Editor

Glasses in China
By Harry S. Truman
Submitted by Donna Bellchambers

My mother's father worked as a carpenter. On this particular day, he was building some crates for the clothes his church was sending to orphanages in China. On his way home, he reached into his shirt pocket to find his glasses, but they were gone. When he mentally replayed his earlier actions, he realized what had happened; the glasses had slipped out of his pocket unnoticed and fallen into one of the crates, which he had nailed shut. His brand new glasses were heading for China!

The Great Depression was at its height and Grandpa had six children. He had spent \$20 for those glasses that very morning. He was upset by the thought of having to buy another pair. It's not fair, he told God as he drove home in frustration. I've been very faithful in giving of my time and money to your work, and now this.

Months later, the director of the orphanage was on furlough in the United States. He wanted to visit all the churches that supported him in China, so he came to speak one Sunday at my grandfather's small church in Chicago. The missionary began by thanking the people for their faithfulness in supporting him.

But most of all, he said, I must thank you for the glasses you sent last. You see, the Communists had just swept through the orphanage, destroying everything, including my glasses.

I was desperate. Even if I had the money, there was simply no way of replacing those glasses. Along with not being able to see well, I experienced headaches every day, so my coworkers and I were much in prayer about this. Then your crates arrived. When my staff removed the covers, they found a pair of glasses lying on top.

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March Birthdays

02 David Karpilow
15 Ivy Ybarra
27 Judie Tyrrell
28 Jeanette Mills

March Anniversaries

12 Young-Hee & Patrick Dwyer
18 Robert & Linda Renfroe
25 Sara & Wilbur Howell (70th)

If your important date is missing or if you do not want your date published, please let Jeanette Mills know by e-mailing her at millje@vparksda.com

TITHE RECEIPTS

2008 tithe and offering receipts are in the outer office and ready to be picked up. As in past years, please **only take your own** and keep it in a safe place for income tax purposes. If you know someone who has changed their address, let Sara know and **she** will mail it to them.

We ask that everyone **take your receipt** so the church doesn't have to store it!

Book Club

The Book Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8 pm at Victrola Coffee and Art at 411, 15th Ave. E. across from QFC.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
by Steig Larsson
March 2009 Book

Malawi Project

The Student National Pharmacy Association at Loma Linda University is going to Malawi this summer to open up a pharmacy at Malamulo Hospital. We will also be doing clinical rotations at the hospital, and providing the surrounding rural villages with AIDS and healthcare education. In order to raise funds we are selling beautiful t-shirts with the African continent on it. The cost of the t-shirts is \$15. If you do not wish to purchase a t-shirt but would still like to contribute, a donation would also be appreciated. There is also the option of donating online at www.justafricancrafts.com under the link *mission projects*.

Thank you for your support.

Anastacia N. Chetty
*Loma Linda University
School of Pharmac*

FOOD BANK REQUEST:

We have occasional requests for toothbrushes and Toothpaste from the homeless. Perhaps some of our members can request some from their dentist during their appointment.

Many Thanks, Loretta

Cypress Adventist School: Scholarship

Thank you so much for the contributions that have come in for the Cypress Scholarship Fund. The Cypress Scholarship campaign is ongoing. We are already raising funds for the 2009-2010 school year. The needs are great and we appreciate your help.

You can give by marking your tithe envelope "Cypress Scholarship" and placing it in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary. You may wish to give a Single Sum, or a designated monthly amount for 10 months
Thank you for contributing to Christian Education.

MARCH 2009

- 3/14 **Prayer Group 9:00 am**
Bible Study Groups 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:30 am
8-Weeks to Wellness 1:30 in the Chapel
- 3/15 Worship Committee Mtg 6pm at the church
- 3/15 Cypress School Visitation Day and International Food Fair. 4:30 – 7:30 pm
- 3/17 Bible Study – 8pm at the church
- 3/18 Financial Peace Univ. 7pm in the Chapel
- 3/19 Book Club 8pm @ Victrola Coffee & Art
- 3/20 Vespers at the church
- 3/21 **Prayer Group 9:00 am**
Bible Study Groups 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:30 am
8-Weeks to Wellness 1:30 in the Chapel
- 3/24 Bible Study – 8pm at the church
- 3/25 Financial Peace Univ. 7pm in the Chapel
- 3/26 "Purls" knitting group 7pm at the church
- 3/27 Vespers at the church
- 3/28 **Prayer Group 9:00 am**
Bible Study Groups 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:30 am
8-Weeks to Wellness 1:30 in the Chapel
6pm – Potluck Celebration of Sara & Wilbur Howell's 70th anniversary (Rm 115)
- 3/31 Bible Study – 8pm at the church

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET ???

Go to www.seattlereframe.com

Do it today!!!

There are only 183 seats left
and it is opening to the public soon!

Glasses in China - continued

The missionary paused long enough to let his words sink in. Then, still gripped with the wonder of it all, he continued: "Folks, when I tried on the glasses, it was as though they had been custom made just for me! I want to thank you for being a part of that."

The people listened, happy for the miraculous glasses. But the missionary surely must have confused their church with another, they thought. There were no glasses on their list of items to be sent overseas. But sitting quietly in the back, with tears streaming down his face, an ordinary carpenter realized the Master Carpenter had used him in an extraordinary way.

There are times we want to blame God instead of thanking him! Perhaps we ought to try to thank Him more often.

May GOD bless your week. Look for the perfect mistakes. People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

Howell's 70th Anniversary Celebration

Volunteer Park Church Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 28, 6:00 pm
Everyone Welcome!
Requested no gifts but cards are welcome!

This is the **March Potluck meal** so come, celebrate, and bring food!