

*We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church. You are welcome here.*

**Erica Durham -Interim Minister**  
 office hours:  
 Monday and Tuesday  
 Mornings

**Carolyn MacVicar -Secretary**  
 Monday-Wednesday-Thursday  
 8:00-2:00



# University Presbyterian Church

December 16, 2007

## News and Information

### Congregational Meeting

A Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, December 16th to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

### Give a gift this Christmas

The sign-up sheet to purchase a gift or a coat for a child in our church community is on the bulletin board. Unwrapped gifts should be brought to the church office no later than December 20th. If you are unable to get out to purchase a gift contact Pat Dunbar at 391-7309 and she will be happy to arrange some help.

### U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots

The staff at the university libraries is sponsoring Toys for Tots toy collection on the university campus. You can drop off a toy at any university library or give a toy to Nancy Dupree and she can drop it off for you.

**Mission Yearbooks**- The 2008 Mission Yearbooks are in. If you ordered one, stop by the office to pick it up.

**Attendance:** December 2nd - 33 + 2 nursery, December 9th - 31 + 2 nursery and 40 during the Lessons and Carols service.

**Christmas Joy Offering, December 16th** -Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to an Advent offering. The Christmas Joy Offering dates back to the 1930s when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. The Christmas Joy Offering recognizes the faithfulness of current and retired church workers by providing funds to help them through difficult times. To help retired church workers and their surviving spouses, the board offers Income Supplements to raise incomes to a level where retirees can live modestly and continue to maintain their independence.

