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2008 Annual Report

# Message to the Shareholders of First United Corporation

*Dear Fellow Shareholder,*

2008 will go down in history as one of the most economically chaotic years in the last century. It will be the subject of extensive research and debate. First United Corporation was not immune from the impact of this serious recession. For the reasons outlined in my letter, we saw our earnings finish at \$1.45 per share, down sharply from the \$2.08 we earned in 2007. Let's explore some of the major reasons for this decline, and how your Company is positioning itself for the future.

The first and most significant factor was the many fold increase in our loan loss provision, which grew from \$2.3 million to \$12.9 million last year. The provision is made up of actual loan losses we incurred, losses we reasonably believe could occur, and changes in various factors which cause us to increase our loan loss allowance for potential future losses which are not yet apparent. How did these losses, and possible losses come about? While I refer you to our 10-K for specifics, I believe there are several reasons for this deterioration of credit, all overshadowed by the economic downturn. First, a good portion of our lending is in the area of land development. This is born out of the fact that we have our highest market concentration in an area driven by the tourism industry. Over the years, we have developed several products and services aimed at this type of lending, and it has historically served us very well. The recession has sharply impacted the success of these developments. While relatively few of the developments have actually failed, all are well behind their projections and are struggling to make it through this downturn. We are working closely with our customers to help them, while at the same time preserving our rights as creditors.

A second factor impacting earnings is the fact that, for the first time, your Company was subjected to significant fraud losses in some of its loan participations. We entered the participation market in 2006, during a period of time when loan demand slacked in our markets. We were able to connect with upstream correspondents and purchase parts of loans, known as participations. The loan participations were carefully underwritten, and complied with all regulatory standards. What we had not banked on was dealing with people who were less than honest. Bernie Madoff, it turns out, was not the only person taking advantage during this turndown. During 2008, we charged off \$3.9 million related to the fraudulent and unethical behavior of other parties.

A third area of loss has to do with the ill conceived notion of mark-to-market accounting. This idea is to require institutions to adjust the value of securities to what the market value may be at a given point in time. While this appears to be good on paper, and in the interest of transparency, it is truly distortive of earnings, and unnecessarily burns capital. As you know from your readings, your Company has investments in securities known as trust preferreds. With the economic downturn, the liquidity in the market for these securities dried up. While the securities continue to perform at, or very near their earlier projections, the illiquidity of the market has forced us to take unrealistically large losses, under the doctrine that they are "other than temporary impaired". On securities with a face value of \$3.1 million, we were required to take a loss of \$2.7 million, or 87% of its value, notwithstanding the fact that 90% of the bank collateral underlying the securities were performing according to contract. Much has been written recently on the devastating impact of this accounting guidance. I believe we will soon see that it has destroyed more capital than the government's Troubled Asset Recovery Program (TARP) created. It is worth noting that our country did once have mark-to-market accounting. It was during the Depression. It existed until 1938 when a frustrated President Roosevelt unilaterally suspended it. It is also worth noting the number of comparisons to where we are now and the Depression era. It is high time for someone in Washington to step forward with the same coverage as Roosevelt, and eliminate this misguided accounting rule.

Speaking of TARP, you know by now of our decision to participate in the Capital Purchase Program. This program was created to inject capital into healthy banks to facilitate both their strength and future lending. What has been lost to Congress is that the program was their own idea, designed only for healthy banks, and strongly endorsed by regulators everywhere. Despite our well capitalized position, we were encouraged by our state regulator to examine CPP. It is only because of the vagaries of "mark-to-market" accounting, and its ability to destroy capital, that your Company decided to participate.

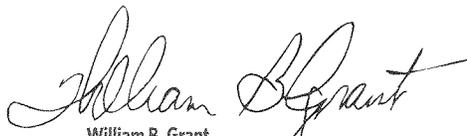
The last area of emerging impact was the increase in our FDIC insurance premium. The cost of FDIC insurance is born by banks, and not the taxpayer. Just like your own auto policy, premiums go up when there is increased coverage and numerous claims. Deposit insurance increased from covering deposits of \$100,000 to \$250,000, and even more on some transaction accounts. At the same time, there have been several bank failures which will result in claims on the Fund. As a result, our premiums grew from \$223 thousand in 2007 to \$479 thousand in 2008. I need to tell you that they are heading even higher in 2009, potentially in excess of \$1,700,000.

But, what of our future? Your Company is moving strategically to prepare itself for a return to strong earnings and good market performance as the economy recovers. Our best forecasts indicate that 2009 will continue many of the challenges of 2008. Many of our developers will continue to adapt to the slow economy, we are seeing more foreclosures and troubled loans, FDIC insurance will go up, and no one, other than the American Bankers Association, in Washington seems willing to deal with mark-to-market accounting. Because of the very strong capital position of First United, we are confident that we will weather the storm.

We continue to be excited about the long term prospects of the diverse markets we serve. Our focus on community oriented business owners is working very well. Over the last year, we have seen a steady rise in both the number of business customers we are serving, as well as the number of services our customers are utilizing. Our commitment to bringing together a team to serve our customers is giving us an advantage. When we meet with customers, we are able to bring to them a team of lenders, trust professionals or brokers, insurance associates, and retail experts who can evaluate their needs and deliver solutions that are tailored to their goals. This is behind much of the success we have had with community oriented business owners.

I think our financials provide some great news. I would encourage you to focus on the core earnings portion of our 2008 financials. There, you will find that we significantly increased our net interest income, our non-interest income and even our interest margin. Further, we controlled expenses very well, and had an efficiency ratio of -59.85%. All of this bodes well for the future performance of the Company.

I am pleased to tell you that your Board, your executives, and all associates of First United are focused on the future. That is why we will be opening two new offices in 2009, one in Morgantown, West Virginia and the other in Frederick, Maryland. I want to thank both the Board of Directors and all associates of your Company for all their hard work in 2008, and I want to thank all Shareholders for their ongoing support.

  
William B. Grant  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer



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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-14237

**FIRST UNITED CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

52-1380770

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

19 South Second Street, Oakland, Maryland

(Address of principal executive offices)

21550-0009

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 470-4356

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class:

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered:

NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosures of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (Section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. (See definition of "accelerated filer", "large accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). (check one): Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's outstanding voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2008: \$106,519,790.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of February 28, 2009: 6,122,411

**Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

# First United Corporation

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Annual Report of First United Corporation (the “Corporation” on a parent only basis and “we”, “our” or “us”, on a consolidated basis) filed on Form 10-K may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Readers of this report should be aware of the speculative nature of “forward-looking statements”. Statements that are not historical in nature, including those that include the words “anticipate”, “estimate”, “should”, “expect”, “believe”, “intend”, and similar expressions, are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about, among other things, the industry and the markets in which the Corporation operates, and they are not guarantees of future performance. Whether actual results will conform to expectations and predictions is subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties discussed in this report; general economic, market, or business conditions; changes in interest rates, deposit flow, the cost of funds, and demand for loan products and financial services; changes in our competitive position or competitive actions by other companies; changes in the quality or composition of loan and investment portfolios; the ability to manage growth; changes in laws or regulations or policies of federal and state regulators and agencies; and other circumstances beyond our control. Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this document are qualified by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results anticipated will be realized, or if substantially realized, will have the expected consequences on our business or operations. For a more complete discussion of these and other risk factors, see Item 1A of Part I of this report. Except as required by applicable laws, the Corporation does not intend to publish updates or revisions of forward-looking statements it makes to reflect new information, future events or otherwise.

## **PART I**

### **ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

#### **General**

The Corporation is a Maryland corporation chartered in 1985 and a financial holding company registered under the federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the “BHC Act”). The Corporation’s primary business is serving as the parent company of First United Bank & Trust, a Maryland trust company (the “Bank”), First United Insurance Group, LLC, a Maryland insurance agency (the “Insurance Group”), OakFirst Loan Center, Inc., a West Virginia finance company, and OakFirst Loan Center, LLC, a Maryland finance company, (together with OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. the “OakFirst Loan Centers”). OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. has one subsidiary, First United Insurance Agency, Inc., which is a Maryland insurance agency.

At December 31, 2008, the Corporation had assets of approximately \$1.64 billion, net loans of approximately \$1.12 billion, and deposits of approximately \$1.22 billion. Shareholders’ equity at December 31, 2008 was approximately \$73 million.

The Corporation maintains an Internet site at [www.mybankfirstunited.com](http://www.mybankfirstunited.com) on which it makes available, free of charge, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to the foregoing as soon as reasonably practicable after these reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

#### **Banking Products and Services**

The Bank operates 26 banking offices, one call center and 32 Automated Teller Machines (“ATM’s”) in Allegany County, Frederick County, Garrett County, and Washington County in Maryland, and in Berkeley County, Mineral County, and Monongalia County in West Virginia. The Bank is an independent community bank providing a complete range of retail and commercial banking services to businesses and individuals in its market areas. Services offered are essentially the same as those offered by the regional institutions that compete with the Bank and include checking, savings, and money market deposit accounts, business loans, personal loans, mortgage loans, lines of credit, and consumer-oriented retirement accounts including individual retirement account (“IRA”) and employee benefit accounts. In addition, the Bank provides full brokerage services through a networking arrangement with PrimeVest Financial Services, Inc., a full service broker-dealer. The Bank also provides safe deposit and night depository facilities, and a complete line of insurance products and trust services. The Bank’s deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the “FDIC”).

**Lending Activities**--The majority of the Corporation's lending activities are conducted through the Bank.

The Bank's commercial loans are primarily secured by real estate, commercial equipment, vehicles or other assets of the borrower. Repayment is often dependent on the successful operation of the borrower and may be affected by adverse conditions in the local economy or real estate market. The financial condition and cash flow of commercial borrowers is therefore carefully analyzed during the loan approval process, and continues to be monitored by obtaining business financial statements, personal financial statements and income tax returns. The frequency of this ongoing analysis depends upon the size and complexity of the credit and collateral that secures the loan. It is also the Bank's general policy to obtain personal guarantees from the principals of the commercial loan borrowers.

Commercial real estate loans are primarily those secured by land for residential and commercial development, agricultural purpose properties, service industry buildings such as restaurants and motels, retail buildings and general purpose business space. The Bank attempts to mitigate the risks associated with these loans through low loan to value ratio standards, thorough financial analyses, and management's knowledge of the local economy in which the Bank lends.

The risk of loss associated with commercial real estate construction lending is controlled through conservative underwriting procedures such as loan to value ratios of 80% or less, obtaining additional collateral when prudent, and closely monitoring construction projects to control disbursement of funds on loans.

The Bank's residential mortgage portfolio is distributed between variable and fixed rate loans. Many loans are booked at fixed rates in order to meet the Bank's requirements under the Community Reinvestment Act. Other fixed rate residential mortgage loans are originated in a brokering capacity on behalf of other financial institutions, for which the Bank receives a fee. As with any consumer loan, repayment is dependent on the borrower's continuing financial stability, which can be adversely impacted by job loss, divorce, illness, or personal bankruptcy. Residential mortgage loans exceeding an internal loan-to-value ratio require private mortgage insurance. Title insurance protecting the Bank's lien priority, as well as fire and casualty insurance, are also required.

Home equity lines of credit, included within the residential mortgage portfolio, are secured by the borrower's home and can be drawn on at the discretion of the borrower. These lines of credit are at variable interest rates.

The Bank also provides residential real estate construction loans to builders and individuals for single family dwellings. Residential construction loans are usually granted based upon "as completed" appraisals and are secured by the property under construction. Site inspections are performed to determine pre-specified stages of completion before loan proceeds are disbursed. These loans typically have maturities of six to 12 months and may have a fixed or variable rate. Permanent financing for individuals offered by the Bank includes fixed and variable rate loans with three, five or seven year adjustable rate mortgages.

A variety of other consumer loans are also offered to customers, including indirect and direct auto loans, and other secured and unsecured lines of credit and term loans. Careful analysis of an applicant's creditworthiness is performed before granting credit, and on-going monitoring of loans outstanding is performed in an effort to minimize risk of loss by identifying problem loans early.

An allowance for loan losses is maintained to provide for anticipated losses from our lending activities. A complete discussion of the factors considered in determination of the allowance for loan losses is included in Item 7 of Part II of this report.

Additionally, we meet the lending needs of under-served customer groups within our market areas in part through OakFirst Loan Center, Inc., located in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and OakFirst Loan Center, LLC, located in Hagerstown, Maryland.

**Deposit Activities**—The Bank offers a full array of deposit products including checking, savings and money market accounts, regular and IRA certificates of deposit, Christmas Savings accounts, College Savings accounts, and Health Savings accounts. The Bank also offers the CDARS program to municipalities, businesses, and consumers, providing them up to \$50 million of FDIC insurance. In addition, we offer our commercial customers packages which include Treasury Management, Cash Sweep and various checking opportunities.

**Trust Services**--The Bank's Trust Department offers a full range of trust services, including personal trust, investment agency accounts, charitable trusts, retirement accounts including IRA roll-overs, 401(k) accounts and defined benefit plans, estate administration and estate planning.

Information about our income from and assets related to our banking business may be found in the consolidated statements of financial condition and the consolidated statements of income and the related notes thereto included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report. At December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the total market value of assets under the supervision of the Bank's Trust Department was approximately \$472 million, \$547 million and \$502 million, respectively. Trust Department revenues for these years may be found in the Consolidated Statements of Income under the heading "Other operating income", which is contained in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

### Insurance Activities

We offer a full range of insurance products and services to customers in our market areas through the Insurance Group and First United Insurance Agency, Inc. Information about income from insurance activities for each of the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 may be found under "Other Operating Income" in the consolidated statements of income included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

### COMPETITION

The banking business, in all of its phases, is highly competitive. Within our market areas, we compete with commercial banks, (including local banks and branches or affiliates of other larger banks), savings and loan associations and credit unions for loans and deposits, with consumer finance companies for loans, with insurance companies and their agents for insurance products, and with other financial institutions for various types of products and services. There is also competition for commercial and retail banking business from banks and financial institutions located outside our market areas.

The primary factors in competing for deposits are interest rates, personalized services, the quality and range of financial services, convenience of office locations and office hours. The primary factors in competing for loans are interest rates, loan origination fees, the quality and range of lending services and personalized services.

To compete with other financial services providers, we rely principally upon local promotional activities, personal relationships established by officers, directors and employees with its customers, and specialized services tailored to meet its customers' needs. In those instances in which we are unable to accommodate a customer's needs, we attempt to arrange for those services to be provided by other financial services providers with which we have a relationship.

The following table sets forth deposit data for the Maryland and West Virginia Counties in which the Bank maintains offices as of June 30, 2008, the most recent date for which comparative information is available.

	Offices (in Market)	Deposits (in thousands)	Market Share
<i>Allegany County, Maryland:</i>			
Susquehanna Bank	5	\$ 224,368	36.72%
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company	7	172,975	28.31%
<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>126,714</b>	<b>20.74%</b>
PNC Bank NA	3	51,300	8.39%
Standard Bank	2	35,746	5.85%

Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report

***Frederick County, Maryland:***

PNC Bank NA	20	1,015,594	32.82%
Branch Banking & Trust Co.	12	593,671	19.18%
Frederick County Bank	4	225,184	7.28%
Bank Of America NA	5	222,764	7.20%
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company	6	185,296	5.99%
Chevy Chase Bank FSB	6	152,430	4.93%
Woodsboro Bank	7	150,069	4.85%
Middletown Valley Bank	4	131,044	4.23%
SunTrust Bank	3	121,831	3.94%
<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>103,390</b>	<b>3.34%</b>
Sandy Spring Bank	4	65,731	2.12%
Provident Bank of Maryland	2	34,602	1.12%
Damascus Community Bank	2	22,152	0.72%
Wachovia Bank NA	1	16,287	0.53%
Columbia Bank	2	16,197	0.52%
Sovereign Bank	3	15,887	0.51%
Graystone Bank	1	11,591	0.37%
BlueRidge Bank	1	11,166	0.36%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

***Garrett County, Maryland:***

<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>579,636</b>	<b>74.84%</b>
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.	5	95,043	12.27%
Susquehanna Bank	2	70,569	9.11%
Clear Mountain Bank	1	25,408	3.28%
Miners & Merchants Bank	1	3,861	0.50%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

***Washington County, Maryland:***

Susquehanna Bank	10	607,697	30.67%
Hagerstown Trust Co.	11	398,102	20.09%
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company	12	386,594	19.51%
Sovereign Bank	4	195,022	9.84%
PNC Bank NA	6	153,804	7.76%
<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>68,526</b>	<b>3.46%</b>
First National Bank of Greencastle	3	46,069	2.33%
Centra Bank	2	37,928	1.91%
Chevy Chase Bank FSB	3	37,310	1.88%
Citizens National Bank of Berkeley Springs	1	30,892	1.56%
Orrstown Bank	1	10,706	0.54%
Jefferson Security Bank	1	5,983	0.30%
Middletown Valley Bank	1	2,777	0.14%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

***Berkeley County, West Virginia:***

Branch Banking & Trust Co.	5	311,844	30.97%
Centra Bank Inc.	3	217,491	21.60%
<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>118,775</b>	<b>11.80%</b>
City National Bank of West Virginia	4	106,957	10.62%
Susquehanna Bank	4	102,314	10.16%
Jefferson Security Bank	2	59,555	5.92%
Bank of Charles Town	2	42,352	4.21%
Citizens National Bank of Berkeley Springs	3	35,157	3.49%
Summit Community Bank	1	9,117	0.91%
MVB Bank Inc.	1	3,221	0.32%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

***Hardy County, West Virginia:***

Summit Community Bank, Inc.	2	308,677	65.58%
Capon Valley Bank	3	111,206	23.63%
Pendleton Community Bank, Inc.	1	23,493	4.99%
<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16,188</b>	<b>3.44%</b>
Grant County Bank	1	11,148	2.37%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

***Mineral County, West Virginia:***

<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>82,627</b>	<b>33.08%</b>
Branch Banking & Trust Co.	2	80,665	32.29%
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.	2	49,596	19.85%
Grant County Bank	1	36,905	14.77%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

***Monongalia County, West Virginia:***

Centra Bank, Inc.	6	461,896	28.39%
Huntington National Bank	5	389,495	23.94%
Branch Banking & Trust Co.	5	342,964	21.08%
United Bank	4	183,521	11.28%
Wesbanco Bank, Inc.	5	85,731	5.27%
Clear Mountain Bank	5	77,151	4.74%
<b>First United Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40,264</b>	<b>2.48%</b>
First Exchange Bank	2	23,804	1.46%
Citizens Bank of Morgantown, Inc.	1	21,991	1.35%

*Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Report*

For further information about competition in our market areas, see the Risk Factor entitled “*We operate in a competitive environment*” in Item 1A of Part I of this annual report.

**SUPERVISION AND REGULATION**

The following is a summary of the material regulations and policies applicable to the Corporation and its subsidiaries and is not intended to be a comprehensive discussion. Changes in applicable laws and regulations may have a material effect on our business.

## **General**

The Corporation is a financial holding company registered with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “FRB”) under the BHC Act and, as such, is subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the BHC Act and the regulations of the FRB.

The Bank is a Maryland trust company subject to the banking laws of Maryland and to regulation by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of Maryland, who is required by statute to make at least one examination in each calendar year (or at 18-month intervals if the Commissioner determines that an examination is unnecessary in a particular calendar year). The Bank also has offices in West Virginia, and the operations of these offices are subject to West Virginia laws and to supervision and examination by the West Virginia Division of Banking. As a member of the FDIC, the Bank is also subject to certain provisions of federal law and regulations regarding deposit insurance and activities of insured state-chartered banks, including those that require examination by the FDIC. In addition to the foregoing, there are a myriad of other federal and state laws and regulations that affect, impact or govern the business of banking, including consumer lending, deposit-taking, and trust operations.

All non-bank subsidiaries of the Corporation are subject to examination by the FRB, and, as affiliates of the Bank, are subject to examination by the FDIC and the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of Maryland. In addition, OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. is subject to licensing and regulation by the West Virginia Division of Banking, OakFirst Loan Center, LLC is subject to licensing and regulation by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation of Maryland, and the Insurance Group and First United Insurance Agency, Inc. are each subject to licensing and regulation by various state insurance authorities. Retail sales of insurance products by these insurance affiliates are also subject to the requirements of the Interagency Statement on Retail Sales of Nondeposit Investment Products promulgated in 1994 by the FDIC, the FRB, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

## **Regulation of Financial Holding Companies**

In November 1999, the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the “GLB Act”) was signed into law. The GLB Act revised the BHC Act and repealed the affiliation provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933, which, taken together, limited the securities, insurance and other non-banking activities of any company that controls an FDIC insured financial institution. Under the GLB Act, a bank holding company can elect, subject to certain qualifications, to become a “financial holding company.” The GLB Act provides that a financial holding company may engage in a full range of financial activities, including insurance and securities sales and underwriting activities, and real estate development, with new expedited notice procedures. Maryland law generally permits state-chartered banks, including the Bank, to engage in the same activities, directly or through an affiliate, as national banking associations. The GLB Act permits certain qualified national banking associations to form financial subsidiaries, which have broad authority to engage in all financial activities except insurance underwriting, insurance investments, real estate investment or development, or merchant banking. Thus, the GLB Act has the effect of broadening the permitted activities of the Corporation and the Bank.

The Corporation and its affiliates are subject to the provisions of Section 23A and Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act. Section 23A limits the amount of loans or extensions of credit to, and investments in, the Corporation and its non-bank affiliates by the Bank. Section 23B requires that transactions between the Bank and the Corporation and its non-bank affiliates be on terms and under circumstances that are substantially the same as with non-affiliates.

Under FRB policy, the Corporation is expected to act as a source of strength to the Bank, and the FRB may charge the Corporation with engaging in unsafe and unsound practices for failure to commit resources to a subsidiary bank when required. In addition, under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (“FIRREA”), depository institutions insured by the FDIC can be held liable for any losses incurred by, or reasonably anticipated to be incurred by, the FDIC in connection with (i) the default of a commonly controlled FDIC-insured depository institution or (ii) any assistance provided by the FDIC to a commonly controlled FDIC-insured depository institution in danger of default. Accordingly, in the event that any insured subsidiary of the Corporation causes a loss to the FDIC, other insured subsidiaries of the Corporation could be required to compensate the FDIC by reimbursing it for the estimated amount of such loss. Such cross guaranty liabilities generally are superior in priority to obligations of a financial institution to its shareholders and obligations to other affiliates.

## **Federal Banking Regulation**

Federal banking regulators, such as the FRB and the FDIC, may prohibit the institutions over which they have supervisory authority from engaging in activities or investments that the agencies believe are unsafe or unsound banking practices. Federal banking regulators have extensive enforcement authority over the institutions they regulate to prohibit or correct activities that violate law, regulation or a regulatory agreement or which are deemed to be unsafe or unsound practices. Enforcement actions may include the appointment of a conservator or receiver, the issuance of a cease and desist order, the termination of deposit insurance, the imposition of civil money penalties on the institution, its directors, officers, employees and institution-affiliated parties, the issuance of directives to increase capital, the issuance of formal and informal agreements, the removal of or restrictions on directors, officers, employees and institution-affiliated parties, and the enforcement of any such mechanisms through restraining orders or other court actions.

The Bank is subject to certain restrictions on extensions of credit to executive officers, directors, and principal shareholders or any related interest of such persons, which generally require that such credit extensions be made on substantially the same terms as are available to third parties dealing with the Bank and not involve more than the normal risk of repayment. Other laws tie the maximum amount that may be loaned to any one customer and its related interests to capital levels.

As part of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (“FDICIA”), each federal banking regulator adopted non-capital safety and soundness standards for institutions under its authority. These standards include internal controls, information systems and internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth, and compensation, fees and benefits. An institution that fails to meet those standards may be required by the agency to develop a plan acceptable to meet the standards. Failure to submit or implement such a plan may subject the institution to regulatory sanctions. We believe that the Bank meets substantially all standards that have been adopted. FDICIA also imposes new capital standards on insured depository institutions.

The Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”) requires the FDIC, in connection with its examination of financial institutions within its jurisdiction, to evaluate the record of those financial institutions in meeting the credit needs of their communities, including low and moderate income neighborhoods, consistent with principles of safe and sound banking practices. These factors are also considered by all regulatory agencies in evaluating mergers, acquisitions and applications to open a branch or facility. As of the date of its most recent examination report, the Bank has a CRA rating of “Satisfactory”.

The Deposit Insurance Fund was created pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, which was signed into law on February 8, 2006. Under this new law, (i) the current \$100,000 deposit insurance coverage will be indexed for inflation (with adjustments every five years, commencing January 1, 2011), and (ii) deposit insurance coverage for retirement accounts was increased to \$250,000 per participant subject to adjustment for inflation. In addition, the FDIC will be given greater latitude in setting the assessment rates for insured depository institutions which could be used to impose minimum assessments. Effective October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the “EESA”) was enacted to temporarily raise the basic limit on federal deposit insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor. The legislation states the limit will return to \$100,000 after December 31, 2009. The coverage for retirement accounts did not change and remains at \$250,000. The Bank is required to pay semi-annual deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC. The Bank paid \$.5 million in FDIC premiums during 2008. Further information about deposit insurance premiums is provided in Item 7 of Part II of this report under the heading “Recent Developments”.

On October 14, 2008, the FDIC announced the creation of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (the “TLGP”) to decrease the cost of bank funding and, hopefully, normalize lending. This program is comprised of two components. The first component guarantees senior unsecured debt issued between October 14, 2008 and June 30, 2009. The guarantee will remain in effect until June 30, 2012 for such debts that mature beyond June 30, 2009. The second component provides full coverage for non-interest bearing transaction deposit accounts, IOLTAs, and NOW accounts with interest rates of 0.50 percent or less, regardless of account balance, until December 31, 2009. The Bank elected to participate in both programs and expects FDIC premiums to increase in 2009 as a result of its participation.

## **Capital Requirements**

FDICIA established a system of prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of undercapitalized institutions. Under this system, the federal banking regulators are required to rate supervised institutions on the basis of five capital categories: “well capitalized,” “adequately capitalized,” “undercapitalized,” “significantly undercapitalized,” and “critically undercapitalized;” and to take certain mandatory actions (and are authorized to take other discretionary actions) with

respect to institutions in the three undercapitalized categories. The severity of the actions will depend upon the category in which the institution is placed. A depository institution is “well capitalized” if it has a total risk based capital ratio of 10% or greater, a Tier 1 risk based capital ratio of 6% or greater, and a leverage ratio of 5% or greater and is not subject to any order, regulatory agreement, or written directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure. An “adequately capitalized” institution is defined as one that has a total risk based capital ratio of 8% or greater, a Tier 1 risk based capital ratio of 4% or greater and a leverage ratio of 4% or greater (or 3% or greater in the case of a bank with a composite CAMEL rating of 1).

FDICIA generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distribution, including the payment of cash dividends, or paying a management fee to its holding company if the depository institution would thereafter be undercapitalized. Undercapitalized depository institutions are subject to growth limitations and are required to submit capital restoration plans. For a capital restoration plan to be acceptable, the depository institution’s parent holding company must guarantee (subject to certain limitations) that the institution will comply with such capital restoration plan.

Significantly undercapitalized depository institutions may be subject to a number of other requirements and restrictions, including orders to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately capitalized and requirements to reduce total assets and stop accepting deposits from correspondent banks. Critically undercapitalized depository institutions are subject to the appointment of a receiver or conservator; generally within 90 days of the date such institution is determined to be critically undercapitalized.

Further information about our capital resources is provided in the “Capital Resources” section of Item 7 of Part II of this annual report. Information about the capital ratios of the Corporation and of the Bank as of December 31, 2008 may be found in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

#### **USA PATRIOT ACT**

Congress adopted the USA PATRIOT Act (the “Patriot Act”) on October 26, 2001 in response to the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. Under the Patriot Act, certain financial institutions, including banks, are required to maintain and prepare additional records and reports that are designed to assist the government’s efforts to combat terrorism. The Patriot Act includes sweeping anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws that require additional regulations, including, among other things, standards for verifying client identification when opening an account and rules to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism or money laundering.

#### **Federal Securities Law**

The shares of the Corporation’s common stock are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The Corporation is subject to information reporting requirements, proxy solicitation requirements, insider trading restrictions and other requirements of the Exchange Act, including the requirements imposed under the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Among other things, loans to and other transactions with insiders are subject to restrictions and heightened disclosure, directors and certain committees of the Board must satisfy certain independence requirements, and the Corporation is generally required to comply with certain corporate governance requirements.

#### **Governmental Monetary and Credit Policies and Economic Controls**

The earnings and growth of the banking industry and ultimately of the Bank are affected by the monetary and credit policies of governmental authorities, including the FRB. An important function of the FRB is to regulate the national supply of bank credit in order to control recessionary and inflationary pressures. Among the instruments of monetary policy used by the FRB to implement these objectives are open market operations in U.S. Government securities, changes in the federal funds rate, changes in the discount rate of member bank borrowings, and changes in reserve requirements against member bank deposits. These means are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth of bank loans, investments and deposits and may also affect interest rates charged on loans or paid on deposits. The monetary policies of the FRB authorities have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to have such an effect in the future. In view of changing conditions in the national economy and in the money markets, as well as the effect of actions by monetary and fiscal authorities, including the FRB, no prediction can be made as to possible future changes in interest rates, deposit levels, loan demand or their effect on the business and earnings of the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

## SEASONALITY

Management does not believe that our business activities are seasonal in nature. Deposit, loan, and insurance demand may vary depending on local and national economic conditions, but management believes that any variation will not have a material impact on our planning or policy-making strategies.

## EMPLOYEES

At December 31, 2008, we employed approximately 485 individuals, of whom 380 were full-time employees.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our financial condition and results of operations are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties and could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks and uncertainties. The risks and uncertainties that we believe are the most significant are discussed below. You should carefully consider these risks before making an investment decision with respect to any of the Corporation's securities. This annual report also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks faced by us described below and elsewhere in this report.

### **Risks Relating to the Corporation and its Affiliates**

#### **The Corporation's future depends on the successful growth of its subsidiaries.**

The Corporation's primary business activity for the foreseeable future will be to act as the holding company of the Bank and its other direct and indirect subsidiaries. Therefore, the Corporation's future profitability will depend on the success and growth of these subsidiaries. In the future, part of the Corporation's growth may come from buying other banks and buying or establishing other companies. Such entities may not be profitable after they are purchased or established, and they may lose money, particularly at first. A new bank or company may bring with it unexpected liabilities, bad loans, or bad employee relations, or the new bank or company may lose customers.

#### **Interest rates and other economic conditions will impact our results of operations.**

Our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected by changes in prevailing economic conditions, including declines in real estate values, rapid changes in interest rates and the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government. Our profitability is in part a function of the spread between the interest rates earned on assets and the interest rates paid on deposits and other interest-bearing liabilities (*i.e.*, net interest income), including advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (the "FHLB") of Atlanta. Interest rate risk arises from mismatches (*i.e.*, the interest sensitivity gap) between the dollar amount of repricing or maturing assets and liabilities and is measured in terms of the ratio of the interest rate sensitivity gap to total assets. More assets repricing or maturing than liabilities over a given time period is considered asset-sensitive and is reflected as a positive gap, and more liabilities repricing or maturing than assets over a given time period is considered liability-sensitive and is reflected as negative gap. An asset-sensitive position (*i.e.*, a positive gap) could enhance earnings in a rising interest rate environment and could negatively impact earnings in a falling interest rate environment, while a liability-sensitive position (*i.e.*, a negative gap) could enhance earnings in a falling interest rate environment and negatively impact earnings in a rising interest rate environment. Fluctuations in interest rates are not predictable or controllable. There can be no assurance that our attempts to structure our asset and liability management strategies to mitigate the impact on net interest income of changes in market interest rates will be successful in the event of such changes.

#### **The majority of our business is concentrated in Maryland and West Virginia; a significant amount of our business is concentrated in real estate lending.**

Most of our loans are made to Western Maryland and Northeastern West Virginia borrowers, and many of these loans are secured by real estate, including construction and land development loans. Accordingly, a decline in local economic conditions may have a greater effect on our earnings and capital than on the earnings and capital of larger financial institutions whose loan portfolios are geographically diverse. Moreover, the national and local economies have significantly weakened during the past two years in part due to the widely-reported problems in the sub-prime mortgage loan market. As a result, real estate values across the country, including in our market areas, have decreased and the

general availability of credit, especially credit to be secured by real estate, has also decreased. These conditions have made it more difficult for real estate owners and owners of loans secured by real estate to sell their assets at the times and at the prices they desire. In addition, these conditions have increased the risk that the market values of the real estate securing our loans may deteriorate, which could cause us to lose money in the event a borrower fails to repay a loan and we are forced to foreclose on the property. There can be no guarantee as to when or whether economic conditions will improve.

Additionally, the FRB and the FDIC, along with the other federal banking regulators, issued final guidance on December 6, 2006 entitled "Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending, Sound Risk Management Practices" directed at institutions that have particularly high concentrations of commercial real estate loans within their lending portfolios. This guidance suggests that institutions whose commercial real estate loans exceed certain percentages of capital should implement heightened risk management practices appropriate to their concentration risk and may be required to maintain higher capital ratios than institutions with lower concentrations in commercial real estate lending. Based on our commercial real estate concentration as of December 31, 2008, we may be subject to further supervisory analysis during future examinations. We cannot guarantee that any risk management practices we implement will be effective to prevent losses relating to our commercial real estate portfolio. Management cannot predict the extent to which this guidance will impact our operations or capital requirements.

**The Bank may experience loan losses in excess of its allowance.**

The risk of credit losses on loans varies with, among other things, general economic conditions, the type of loan being made, the creditworthiness of the borrower over the term of the loan and, in the case of a collateralized loan, the value and marketability of the collateral for the loan. Management of the Bank maintains an allowance for loan losses based upon, among other things, historical experience, an evaluation of economic conditions and regular reviews of delinquencies and loan portfolio quality. Based upon such factors, management makes various assumptions and judgments about the ultimate collectability of the loan portfolio and provides an allowance for loan losses based upon a percentage of the outstanding balances and for specific loans when their ultimate collectability is considered questionable. If management's assumptions and judgments prove to be incorrect and the allowance for loan losses is inadequate to absorb future losses, or if the bank regulatory authorities require us to increase the allowance for loan losses as a part of its examination process, our earnings and capital could be significantly and adversely affected. Although management continually monitors our loan portfolio and makes determinations with respect to the allowance for loan losses, future adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used or adverse developments arise with respect to our non-performing or performing loans. Material additions to the allowance for loan losses could result in a material decrease in our net income and capital, and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

**The market value of our investments could decline.**

As of December 31, 2008, we had classified 100% of our investment securities as available-for-sale pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 115 relating to accounting for investments. SFAS No. 115 requires that unrealized gains and losses in the estimated value of the available-for-sale portfolio be "marked to market" and reflected as a separate item in shareholders' equity (net of tax) as accumulated other comprehensive income. There can be no assurance that future market performance of our investment portfolio will enable us to realize income from sales of securities. Shareholders' equity will continue to reflect the unrealized gains and losses (net of tax) of these investments. Moreover, there can be no assurance that the market value of our investment portfolio will not decline, causing a corresponding decline in shareholders' equity.

Our investments include stock issued by the FHLB of Atlanta. As a member of the FHLB of Atlanta, we are required to purchase stock of that bank based on how much we borrow from it and the quality of the collateral that we pledge to secure that borrowing. In recent months, the banking industry has become concerned about the financial strength of the banks in the FHLB system, and some FHLB banks have stopped paying dividends on and redeeming FLHB stock. On January 30, 2009, the FHLB of Atlanta announced that it was deferring the declaration of a dividend on its stock for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 until it completes its year-end analysis of other-than-temporary impairment which is critical to its net income determination. The FHLB of Atlanta stated that it anticipates a decision regarding the dividend to be made in March 2009. Accordingly, there can be no guaranty that the FHLB of Atlanta will declare a dividend on its stock for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 or for any future quarter.

Management believes that several factors will affect the market values of our investment portfolio. These include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates or expectations of changes, the degree of volatility in the securities markets, inflation rates or expectations of inflation and the slope of the interest rate yield curve (the yield curve refers to the differences between shorter-term and longer-term interest rates; a positively sloped yield curve means shorter-term rates are lower than longer-term rates). Also, the passage of time will affect the market values of our investment securities, in that the closer they are to maturing, the closer the market price should be to par value. These and other factors may impact specific categories of the portfolio differently, and management cannot predict the effect these factors may have on any specific category.

**We operate in a competitive environment.**

We operate in a competitive environment, competing for loans, deposits, and customers with commercial banks, savings associations and other financial entities. Competition for deposits comes primarily from other commercial banks, savings associations, credit unions, money market and mutual funds and other investment alternatives. Competition for loans comes primarily from other commercial banks, savings associations, mortgage banking firms, credit unions and other financial intermediaries. Competition for other products, such as insurance and securities products, comes from other banks, securities and brokerage companies, insurance companies, insurance agents and brokers, and other non-bank financial service providers in our market area. Many of these competitors are much larger in terms of total assets and capitalization, have greater access to capital markets, and/or offer a broader range of financial services than those that we offer. In addition, banks with a larger capitalization and financial intermediaries not subject to bank regulatory restrictions have larger lending limits and are thereby able to serve the needs of larger customers.

In addition, current banking laws facilitate interstate branching, merger activity among banks, and expanded activities. Since September 1995, certain bank holding companies have been authorized to acquire banks throughout the United States. Since June 1, 1997, certain banks have been permitted to merge with banks organized under the laws of different states. As a result, interstate banking is now an accepted element of competition in the banking industry and the Corporation may be brought into competition with institutions with which it does not presently compete. Moreover, the GLB Act revised the BHC Act in 2000 and repealed the affiliation provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933, which, taken together, limited the securities, insurance and other non-banking activities of any company that controls an FDIC insured financial institution. These laws may increase the competition we face in our market areas in the future, although management cannot predict the degree to which such competition will impact our financial conditions or results of operations.

**The banking industry is heavily regulated; significant regulatory changes could adversely affect our operations.**

Our operations will be impacted by current and future legislation and by the policies established from time to time by various federal and state regulatory authorities. The Corporation is subject to supervision by the FRB. The Bank is subject to supervision and periodic examination by the Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation, the West Virginia Division of Banking, and the FDIC. Banking regulations, designed primarily for the safety of depositors, may limit a financial institution's growth and the return to its investors by restricting such activities as the payment of dividends, mergers with or acquisitions by other institutions, investments, loans and interest rates, interest rates paid on deposits, expansion of branch offices, and the offering of securities or trust services. The Corporation and the Bank are also subject to capitalization guidelines established by federal law and could be subject to enforcement actions to the extent that either is found by regulatory examiners to be undercapitalized. It is not possible to predict what changes, if any, will be made to existing federal and state legislation and regulations or the effect that such changes may have on our future business and earnings prospects. Management also cannot predict the nature or the extent of the effect on our business and earnings of future fiscal or monetary policies, economic controls, or new federal or state legislation. Further, the cost of compliance with regulatory requirements may adversely affect our ability to operate profitably.

**Our regulatory expenses will likely increase due to the enactment of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act and related government programs.**

Among other things, the EESA included a provision to increase the amount of deposits insured by FDIC to \$250,000. The TLGP provides, until December 31, 2009, unlimited deposit insurance on funds in non-interest-bearing transaction deposit accounts and certain IOLTAs and NOW accounts not otherwise covered by the existing deposit insurance limit of \$250,000, as well as a 100% guarantee of the newly issued senior debt of all FDIC-insured institutions and their holding companies issued between October 14, 2008 and June 30, 2009. All eligible institutions will be covered under the TLGP for the first 30 days without incurring any costs. After the initial period, participating institutions will be

assessed a charge of 10 basis points per annum for the additional insured deposits and a charge of 75 basis points per annum for guaranteed senior unsecured debt. We elected to participate in both portions of the TLGP, so we expect to incur additional regulatory fees associated with our participation.

**Customer concern about deposit insurance may cause a decrease in deposits held at the Bank.**

With recent increased concerns about bank failures, customers increasingly are concerned about the extent to which their deposits are insured by the FDIC. Customers may withdraw deposits from the Bank in an effort to ensure that the amount they have on deposit with us is fully insured. Decreases in deposits may adversely affect our funding costs and net income.

**Our funding sources may prove insufficient to replace deposits and support our future growth.**

We rely on customer deposits, advances from the FHLB, lines of credit at other financial institutions and brokered funds to fund our operations. Although we have historically been able to replace maturing deposits and advances if desired, no assurance can be given that we would be able to replace such funds in the future if our financial condition or the financial condition of the FHLB or market conditions were to change. Our financial flexibility will be severely constrained and/or our cost of funds will increase if we are unable to maintain our access to funding or if financing necessary to accommodate future growth is not available at favorable interest rates. Finally, if we are required to rely more heavily on more expensive funding sources to support future growth, our revenues may not increase proportionately to cover our costs. In this case, our profitability would be adversely affected.

**The loss of key personnel could disrupt our operations and result in reduced earnings.**

Our growth and profitability will depend upon our ability to attract and retain skilled managerial, marketing and technical personnel. Competition for qualified personnel in the financial services industry is intense, and there can be no assurance that we will be successful in attracting and retaining such personnel. Our current executive officers provide valuable services based on their many years of experience and in-depth knowledge of the banking industry. Due to the intense competition for financial professionals, these key personnel would be difficult to replace and an unexpected loss of their services could result in a disruption to the continuity of operations and a possible reduction in earnings.

**We may lose key personnel because of our participation in the Troubled Asset Relief Program Capital Purchase Program.**

On January 30, 2009, we participated in the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“TARP”) Capital Purchase Program (the “CPP”) adopted by the U.S. Department of Treasury (“Treasury”) by selling \$30 million in shares of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the “Series A Preferred Stock”) to Treasury and issuing a 10-year common stock purchase warrant (the “Warrant”) to Treasury. As part of these transactions, we adopted Treasury’s standards for executive compensation and corporate governance for the period during which Treasury holds any shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and/or any shares of common stock that may be acquired upon exercise of the Warrant. On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “Recovery Act”) was signed into law, which, among other things, imposes additional executive compensation restrictions on institutions that participate in TARP for so long as any TARP assistance remains outstanding. Among these restrictions is a prohibition against making most severance payments to our “senior executive officers”, which term includes our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and, generally, the three next most highly compensated executive officers, and to the next five most highly compensated employees. The restrictions also limit the type, timing and amount of bonuses, retention awards and incentive compensation that may be paid to certain employees. These restrictions, coupled with the competition we face from other institutions, including institutions that do not participate in TARP, may make it more difficult for us to attract and/or retain exceptional key employees.

**Our lending activities subject us to the risk of environmental liabilities.**

A significant portion of our loan portfolio is secured by real property. During the ordinary course of business, we may foreclose on and take title to properties securing certain loans. In doing so, there is a risk that hazardous or toxic substances could be found on these properties. If hazardous or toxic substances are found, we may be liable for remediation costs, as well as for personal injury and property damage. Environmental laws may require us to incur substantial expenses and may materially reduce the affected property’s value or limit our ability to use or sell the affected property. In addition, future laws or more stringent interpretations or enforcement policies with respect to existing laws

may increase our exposure to environmental liability. Although we have policies and procedures to perform an environmental review before initiating any foreclosure action on real property, these reviews may not be sufficient to detect all potential environmental hazards. The remediation costs and any other financial liabilities associated with an environmental hazard could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

**We may be adversely affected by other recent legislation.**

As discussed above, the GLB Act repealed restrictions on banks affiliating with securities firms and it also permitted bank holding companies that become financial holding companies to engage in additional financial activities, including insurance and securities underwriting and agency activities, merchant banking, and insurance company portfolio investment activities that are currently not permitted for bank holding companies. Although the Corporation is a financial holding company, this law may increase the competition we face from larger banks and other companies. It is not possible to predict the full effect that this law will have on us.

The federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires management of publicly traded companies to perform an annual assessment of their internal controls over financial reporting and to report on whether the system is effective as of the end of the Company's fiscal year. Disclosure of significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls could cause an unfavorable impact to shareholder value by affecting the market value of our stock.

The federal USA PATRIOT Act requires certain financial institutions, such as the Bank, to maintain and prepare additional records and reports that are designed to assist the government's efforts to combat terrorism. This law includes sweeping anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws and required additional regulations, including, among other things, standards for verifying client identification when opening an account and rules to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism or money laundering. If we fail to comply with this law, we could be exposed to adverse publicity as well as fines and penalties assessed by regulatory agencies.

**We may be subject to claims and the costs of defensive actions.**

Our customers may sue us for losses due to alleged breaches of fiduciary duties, errors and omissions of employees, officers and agents, incomplete documentation, our failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations, or many other reasons. Also, our employees may knowingly or unknowingly violate laws and regulations. Management may not be aware of any violations until after their occurrence. This lack of knowledge may not insulate us from liability. Claims and legal actions may result in legal expenses and liabilities that may reduce our profitability and hurt our financial condition.

**We may not be able to keep pace with developments in technology.**

We use various technologies in conducting our businesses, including telecommunication, data processing, computers, automation, internet-based banking, and debit cards. Technology changes rapidly. Our ability to compete successfully with other financial institutions may depend on whether we can exploit technological changes. We may not be able to exploit technological changes, and any investment we do make may not make us more profitable.

**Risks Relating to the Corporation's Securities**

**The Corporation's shares of common stock, Series A Preferred Stock, and the Warrant are not insured.**

The shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, the warrant, and the shares of common stock for which the warrant may be exercised are not deposits and are not insured against loss by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental or private agency.

**The Corporation's ability to pay dividends is limited by applicable banking and corporate law.**

The Corporation's ability to pay dividends to shareholders is largely dependent upon the receipt of dividends from the Bank. Both federal and state laws impose restrictions on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends. Federal law generally prohibits the payment of a dividend by a troubled institution. Under Maryland law, a state-chartered commercial bank may pay dividends only out of undivided profits or, with the prior approval of the Commissioner, from surplus in excess of 100% of required capital stock. If however, the surplus of a Maryland bank is less than 100% of its required

capital stock, cash dividends may not be paid in excess of 90% of net earnings. In addition to these specific restrictions, bank regulatory agencies also have the ability to prohibit proposed dividends by a financial institution which would otherwise be permitted under applicable regulations if the regulatory body determines that such distribution would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. Because of these limitations, there can be no guarantee that we will declare dividends in any fiscal quarter.

**Because of the Corporation's participation in TARP, it is subject to several restrictions relating to shares of its capital stock, including restrictions on its ability to declare or pay dividends on and repurchase its shares.**

As stated above, the Corporation recently issued 30,000 shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant to purchase 326,323 shares of common stock. Under the terms of the transaction documents, the Corporation's ability to declare or pay dividends on shares of its capital stock is limited. Specifically, the Corporation is unable to declare dividends on common stock, other stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock ("Junior Stock"), or preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock ("Parity Stock") if the Corporation is in arrears on the dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock. Further, the Corporation is not permitted to increase dividends on its common stock above the amount of the last quarterly cash dividend per share declared prior to October 14, 2008 without Treasury's approval until January 30, 2012 unless all of the Series A Preferred Stock has been redeemed or transferred. In addition, the Corporation's ability to repurchase its capital stock is restricted. Treasury's consent generally is required for the Corporation to make any stock repurchase until January 30, 2012 unless all of the Series A Preferred Stock has been redeemed or transferred. Further, shares of common stock, Junior Stock or Parity Stock may not be repurchased if the Corporation is in arrears on the Series A Preferred Stock dividends.

**The Corporation's ability to pay dividends on its securities is also subject to the terms of its outstanding debentures.**

In March 2004, the Corporation issued approximately \$30.9 million of junior subordinated debentures to First United Statutory Trust I and First United Statutory Trust II (the "Trusts"). The Trusts are Connecticut statutory business trusts, with all outstanding common stock owned by the Corporation, that issued mandatorily redeemable preferred capital securities to third party investors. In December 2004, the Corporation issued an additional \$5.0 million of debentures. The terms of the debentures require the Corporation to make quarterly payments of interest to the holders of the debentures, although the Corporation has the ability to defer payments of interest for up to 20 consecutive quarterly periods. Should the Corporation make such a deferral election, however, it would be prohibited from paying dividends or distributions on, or from repurchasing, redeeming or otherwise acquiring any shares of its capital stock, including the common stock and the Series A Preferred Stock. Although the Corporation has no present intention of deferring payments of interest on its debentures, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will not elect to do so in the future.

**There is no market for the Series A Preferred Stock or the Warrant, and the common stock is not heavily traded.**

There is no established trading market for the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock or the Warrant. The Corporation does not intend to apply for listing of the Series A Preferred Stock on any securities exchange or for inclusion of the Series A Preferred Stock in any automated quotation system unless requested by Treasury. The Corporation's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, but shares of the common stock are not heavily traded. Securities that are not heavily traded can be more volatile than stock trading in an active public market. Factors such as our financial results, the introduction of new products and services by us or our competitors, and various factors affecting the banking industry generally may have a significant impact on the market price of the shares the common stock. Management cannot predict the extent to which an active public market for any of the Corporation's securities will develop or be sustained in the future. Accordingly, holders of the Corporation's securities may not be able to sell such securities at the volumes, prices, or times that they desire.

**The Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Maryland law may discourage a corporate takeover.**

The Corporation's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended, contain certain provisions designed to enhance the ability of the Corporation's Board of Directors to deal with attempts to acquire control of the Corporation. First, the Board of Directors is classified into three classes. Directors of each class serve for staggered three-year periods, and no director may be removed except for cause, and then only by the affirmative vote of either a majority of the entire Board of Directors or a majority of the outstanding voting stock. Second, the Board has the authority to classify and reclassify unissued shares of stock of any class or series of stock by setting, fixing, eliminating, or altering in any one or more respects the preferences, rights, voting powers, restrictions and qualifications of, dividends on, and redemption, conversion, exchange, and other rights of, such securities. The Board

could use this authority, along with its authority to authorize the issuance of securities of any class or series, to issue shares having terms favorable to management to a person or persons affiliated with or otherwise friendly to management. In addition, the Bylaws require any shareholder who desires to nominate a director to abide by strict notice requirements.

Maryland law also contains anti-takeover provisions that apply to the Corporation. Maryland's Business Combination Act generally prohibits, subject to certain limited exceptions, corporations from being involved in any "business combination" (defined as a variety of transactions, including a merger, consolidation, share exchange, asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities) with any "interested shareholder" for a period of five years following the most recent date on which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder. An interested shareholder is defined generally as a person who is the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation after the date on which the corporation had 100 or more beneficial owners of its stock or who is an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% percent or more of the voting power of the then outstanding stock of the corporation at any time within the two-year period immediately prior to the date in question and after the date on which the corporation had 100 or more beneficial owners of its stock. Maryland's Control Share Acquisition Act applies to acquisitions of "control shares", which, subject to certain exceptions, are shares the acquisition of which entitle the holder, directly or indirectly, to exercise or direct the exercise of the voting power of shares of stock of the corporation in the election of directors within any of the following ranges of voting power: one-tenth or more, but less than one-third of all voting power; one-third or more, but less than a majority of all voting power or a majority or more of all voting power. Control shares have limited voting rights.

Although these provisions do not preclude a takeover, they may have the effect of discouraging, delaying or deferring a tender offer or takeover attempt that a shareholder might consider in his or her best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the common stock. Such provisions will also render the removal of the Board of Directors and of management more difficult and, therefore, may serve to perpetuate current management. These provisions could potentially adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

#### **ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

The headquarters of the Corporation and the Bank occupies approximately 29,000 square feet at 19 South Second Street, Oakland, Maryland, a 30,000 square feet operations center located at 12892 Garrett Highway, Oakland Maryland and 8,500 square feet at 102 South Second Street, Oakland, Maryland. These premises are owned by the Corporation. The Bank owns 19 of its banking offices and leases seven. During the fourth quarter 2008, the Corporation entered into a lease agreement for an office building to house specialists for lending and insurance and a retail branch site, both in Frederick, Maryland. The Corporation also leases eight offices of non-bank subsidiaries. Total rent expense on the leased offices and properties was \$.54 million in 2008.

#### **ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are at times, in the ordinary course of business, subject to legal actions. Management, upon the advice of counsel, believes that losses, if any, resulting from current legal actions will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

#### **ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

## PART II

### ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Shares of the Corporation's common stock are listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "FUNC". As of February 28, 2009, the Corporation had 1,988 shareholders of record. The high and low sales prices for, and the cash dividends declared on, the shares of the Corporation's common stock for each quarterly period of 2008 and 2007 are set forth below. On March 3, 2009, the closing sales price of the common stock was \$8.98 per share.

2008	High	Low	Dividends Declared
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	\$20.85	\$17.01	\$.200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	19.98	18.04	.200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	20.73	16.01	.200
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	20.00	13.00	.200
2007	High	Low	Dividends Declared
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	\$23.49	\$21.72	\$.195
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	24.00	19.26	.195
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	21.50	17.95	.195
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	21.95	18.70	.200

Cash dividends are typically declared on a quarterly basis and are at the discretion of the Corporation's Board of Directors. Dividends to shareholders are generally dependent on the ability of the Corporation's subsidiaries, especially the Bank, to declare dividends to the Corporation. The ability of these entities to declare dividends is limited by federal and state banking laws, state corporate laws, and the terms of our other securities. Further information about these limitations may be found in Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and in the risk factors contained in Item 1A of Part I under the heading "Risks Relating to the Corporation's Securities", which are incorporated herein by reference. There can be no guarantee that dividends will be declared in any fiscal quarter.

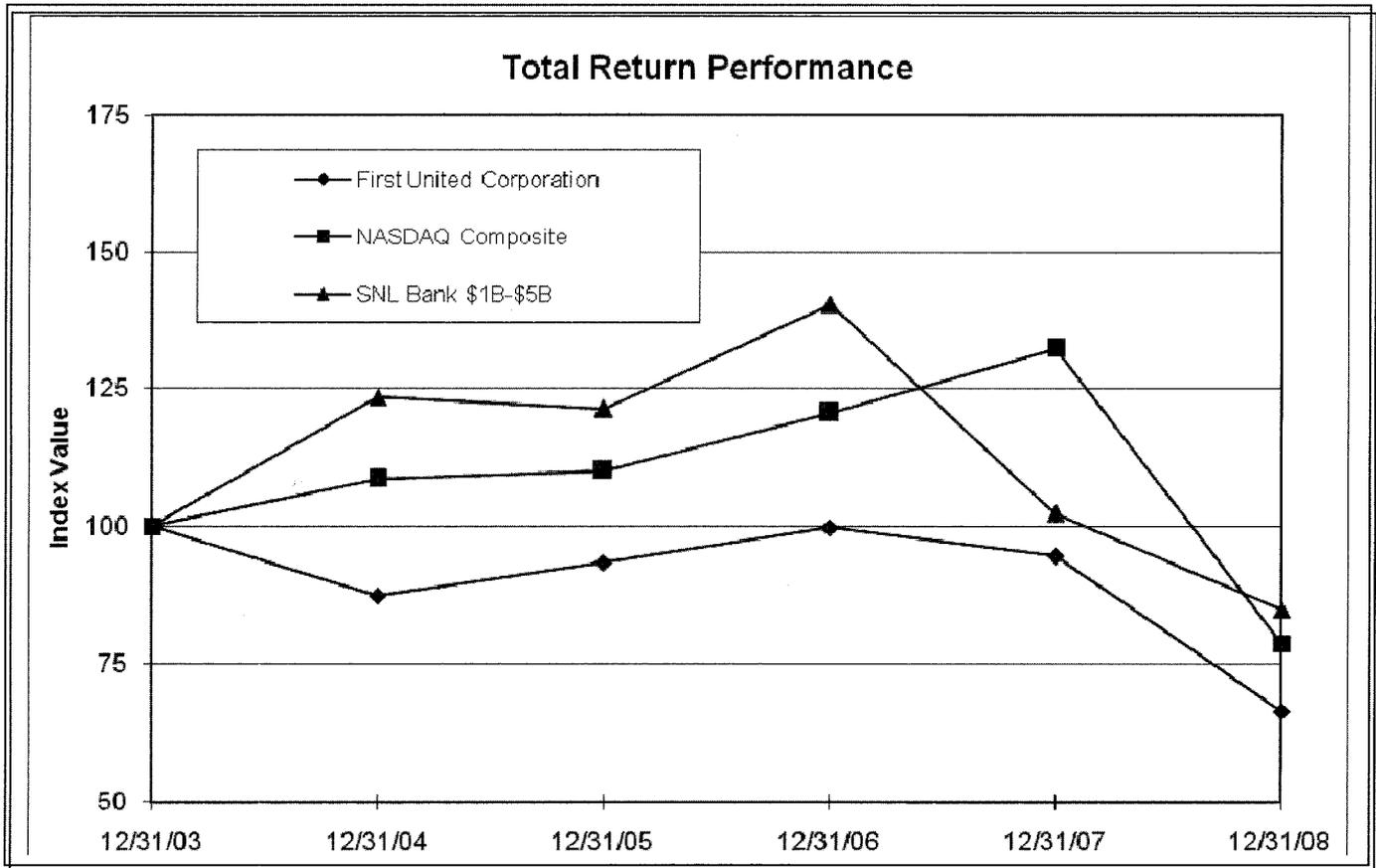
Market makers for the Corporation's common stock are:

**SCOTT AND STRINGFELLOW, INC.**

909 East Main Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804)643-1811  
(800)552-7757

### First United Corporation Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the yearly percentage change in the cumulative total return for the Corporation's common stock for the five years ended December 31, 2008. This data is compared to the NASDAQ Composite market index and the SNL \$1 billion to \$5 billion Bank Index during the same time period. Total return numbers are calculated as change in stock price for the period indicated with dividends being reinvested.



<i>Index</i>	<i>Period Ending</i>					
	12/31/03	12/31/04	12/31/05	12/31/06	12/31/07	12/31/08
First United Corporation	100.00	87.28	93.37	99.75	94.56	66.46
NASDAQ Composite	100.00	108.59	110.08	120.56	132.39	78.72
SNL Bank \$1B-\$5B Index	100.00	123.42	121.31	140.38	102.26	84.81

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

At the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Corporation's shareholders approved the First United Corporation Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), which authorizes the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, stock units, performance units, dividend equivalents, and other stock-based awards. Stock compensation expense for 2008 was \$.1 million. The following table contains information about the Omnibus Plan as of December 31, 2008:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)(1)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	22,257	\$18.85	162,743
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<u>22,257</u>	<u>\$18.85</u>	<u>162,743</u>

### Note:

- (1) In addition to stock options and stock appreciation rights, the Omnibus Plan permits the grant of stock awards, stock units, performance units, dividend equivalents, and other stock-based awards. Subject to the anti-dilution provisions of the Omnibus Plan, the maximum number of shares for which awards may be granted to any one participant in any calendar year is 20,000, without regard to whether an award is paid in cash or shares.

## Issuer Repurchases of Securities

The following table provides information about shares of common stock purchased by or on behalf of First United Corporation and its affiliates (as defined by Exchange Act Rule 10b-18) during the quarter ended December 31, 2008:

### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
October 2008	4,416	18.78	4,416	209,672
November 2008	1,471	17.12	1,471	208,201
December 2008	-	-	-	208,201
<b>Total</b>	<u>5,887</u>	<u>\$18.50</u>	<u>5,887</u>	<u>208,201</u>

### Note:

- (1) All shares were purchased under First United Corporation's repurchase plan that was adopted effective August 15, 2007. The adoption of this plan was publicly announced on August 21, 2007. The plan authorizes the repurchase of up to 307,500 shares of common stock in open market and/or private transactions at such times and in such amounts per transaction as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First United Corporation determines to be appropriate. The repurchase plan was suspended during the fourth quarter 2008 for the period of time that the Corporation is participating in the Capital Purchase Program.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth certain selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 2008 and is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements, including notes thereto, included elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this annual report.

(In thousands, except per share data)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Total Assets	\$ 1,639,104	\$ 1,478,909	\$ 1,349,317	\$ 1,310,991	\$ 1,233,901
Net Loans	1,120,199	1,035,962	957,126	954,545	904,635
Investment Securities	354,595	304,908	263,272	230,095	210,661
Deposits	1,222,889	1,126,552	971,381	955,854	850,661
Long-term Borrowings	277,403	178,451	166,330	128,373	175,415
Shareholders' Equity	72,690	104,665	96,856	92,039	86,356
<b>Operating Data</b>					
Interest Income	\$ 95,216	\$ 93,565	\$ 80,269	\$ 69,756	\$ 60,682
Interest Expense	<u>43,043</u>	<u>49,331</u>	<u>39,335</u>	<u>29,413</u>	<u>24,016</u>
Net Interest Income	52,173	44,234	40,934	40,343	36,666
Provision for Loan Losses	12,925	2,312	1,165	1,078	2,534
Other Operating Income	13,769	15,092	14,041	14,088	12,971
Other Operating Expense	<u>40,573</u>	<u>38,475</u>	<u>35,490</u>	<u>34,654</u>	<u>35,969</u>
Income Before Taxes	12,444	18,539	18,320	18,699	11,134
Income Taxes	<u>3,573</u>	<u>5,746</u>	<u>5,743</u>	<u>6,548</u>	<u>3,507</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 8,871</u>	<u>\$ 12,793</u>	<u>\$ 12,577</u>	<u>\$ 12,151</u>	<u>\$ 7,627</u>
<b>Per Share Data</b>					
Net Income	\$1.45	\$2.08	\$2.05	\$1.99	\$1.25
Dividends Paid	.80	.78	.76	.74	.72
Book Value	11.89	17.05	15.77	15.04	14.17
<b>Significant Ratios</b>					
Return on Average Assets	.55%	.90%	.96%	.95%	.65%
Return on Average Equity	9.31%	12.70%	13.07%	13.61%	8.91%
Dividend Payout Ratio	55.17%	37.50%	37.07%	37.44%	58.00%
Average Equity to Average Assets	5.95%	7.10%	7.35%	7.00%	7.28%
Total Risk-based Capital Ratio	12.18%	12.51%	12.95%	12.66%	12.24%
Tier I Capital to Risk Weighted Assets	10.59%	11.40%	11.81%	11.45%	10.81%
Tier I Capital to Average Assets	8.10%	8.91%	9.08%	8.64%	8.44%

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2008, which appear in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

### Recent Developments

**Capital Purchase Program** - As discussed above, on January 30, 2009 the Corporation participated in the TARP CPP by issuing 30,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, having a liquidation amount of \$1,000 per share, and the Warrant covering 326,323 shares of common stock to the Treasury for a total sales price of \$30 million. The Warrant may be exercised at any time until January 30, 2019 at an exercise price of \$13.79 per share, or an aggregate exercise price of approximately \$4.5 million. The Series A Preferred Stock qualifies as Tier 1 capital and pays cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per annum until February 15, 2014. The Warrant counts as tangible common equity.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive if, as and when declared by the Board of Directors, out of assets legally available for payment, cumulative cash dividends at a rate per annum of 5% per share on a liquidation amount of \$1,000 per share of Series A Preferred Stock with respect to each dividend period from January 30, 2009 to, but excluding, February 15, 2014. From and after February 15, 2014, holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at a rate per annum of 9% per share on a liquidation amount of \$1,000 per share with respect to each dividend period thereafter. Under the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, on and after February 15, 2012, the Corporation may, at its option, redeem shares of Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, for cash at a per share amount equal to the sum of the liquidation preference per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends to but excluding the redemption date. The terms of the Series A Preferred Stock further provide that, prior to February 15, 2012, the Corporation may redeem shares of Series A Preferred Stock only if it has received aggregate gross proceeds of not less than \$7.50 million from one or more qualified equity offerings, and the aggregate redemption price may not exceed the net proceeds received by the Company from such offerings. The redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock requires prior regulatory approval.

Until the earlier of (i) January 30, 2012 or (ii) the date on which the Series A Preferred Stock has been redeemed in full or Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock to non-affiliates, the terms of the Series A Preferred Securities prohibit the Corporation from increasing its quarterly cash dividend paid on common stock above \$0.20 per share or repurchasing any shares of common stock or other capital stock or equity securities or trust preferred securities without the consent of the Treasury. Accordingly, the Corporation's previously-announced common stock repurchase plan has been suspended effective January 30, 2009.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the Recovery Act into law. The Recovery Act permits any institution that receives assistance under TARP (including pursuant to the CPP), after consultation with the appropriate banking regulators, to repay any such assistance at any time notwithstanding any repayment restrictions contained in the instruments defining such assistance. Recent guidance issued by Treasury states that, as a general rule, any partial repayment must equal at least 25% of the outstanding assistance. Treasury may waive this minimum repayment amount. Accordingly, the Corporation may, at any time and notwithstanding the restrictions on redemption discussed above, and assuming its regulators do not object, repay all of or a portion of (in 25% increments, unless waived by Treasury) the \$30 million it received as consideration for the Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant. If the Corporation were to repay any assistance, it could also repurchase any or all of the portion of the Warrant that relates to the repayment. Any portion of the Warrant that relates to the repayment that the Corporation chooses not to repurchase must be liquidated by Treasury, at the current market price.

**FDIC Deposit Insurance Fund Restoration Plan Announced** – On February 27, 2009, the FDIC announced a proposed rule outlining its plan to implement an emergency special assessment of 20 basis points on all insured depository institutions in order to restore the Deposit Insurance Fund to an acceptable level. The assessment, which would be payable on September 30, 2009, would be in addition to a planned increase in premiums and a change in the way regular premiums are assessed which the FDIC also approved on February 27, 2009. In addition, the proposed rule provides that, after June 30, 2009, if the reserve ratio of the Deposit Insurance Fund is estimated to fall to a level that the FDIC believes would adversely affect public confidence or to a level which is close to or less than zero at the end of a calendar quarter, then an additional emergency special assessment of up to 10 basis points may be imposed on all insured depository institutions. If this rule is adopted as proposed, it could increase the Bank's FDIC premiums in 2009 by approximately \$2.5 million.

## Overview

The Corporation is a financial holding company which, through the Bank and its non-bank subsidiaries, provides an array of financial products and services primarily to customers in four Western Maryland counties and four Northeastern West Virginia counties. Its principal operating subsidiary is the Bank, which consists of a community banking network of 26 branch offices located throughout its market areas. Our primary sources of revenue are interest income earned from our loan and investment securities portfolios and fees earned from financial services provided to customers.

Consolidated net income for 2008 totaled \$8.9 million or \$1.45 per share, compared to \$12.8 million or \$2.08 per share for 2007. The decrease in net income resulted primarily from an increase in the provision for loan losses to \$12.9 million in 2008, compared to \$2.3 million for 2007 and a \$2.7 million non-cash other-than-temporary impairment charge on the investment portfolio. The increase in the provision in 2008 is due to increased net charge offs, an increase in the level of non-accrual loans, loan growth during 2008, specific allocations for impaired loans and changes in the qualitative factors used in the overall assessment of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. Specific allocations have been provided in instances where losses may occur. Approximately \$4.0 million of the recorded expense is attributable to a real estate and development loan in Hardy County, West Virginia and deterioration in a group of loan relationships outside of the Corporation's market area. Additional provision expense was also recorded because the company that services a loan in which the Bank holds a participation interest failed to remit \$1.2 million in principal payments made by the borrower. The Bank is reviewing its rights with respect to its insurance carriers and the servicing company's insurance carriers and bonding companies, but there can be no assurance that the Bank will ultimately recover any of this loss.

During 2008, earnings on interest-earning assets increased primarily as a result of an investment portfolio restructuring and an overall increase in average earning assets. Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$6.3 million due to the decline in interest rates during 2008 as well as the enhanced efforts of an internal treasury committee. As a result, the net interest margin increased to 3.68% in 2008 from 3.51% in 2007.

Operations in 2008 were impacted by the following factors and strategic initiatives:

**Increased Loan and Deposit Growth/Impact on Net Interest Margin** – We experienced a significant increase of \$91.3 million in loans in 2008 when compared to 2007. The residential mortgage portfolio grew \$21.0 million and the commercial portfolio increased \$83.7 million as a result of in-house production and commercial participations with other financial institutions. We experienced growth in both fixed rate and adjustable rate products. These increases were offset by a decline of \$13.4 million in the installment loan portfolio. Interest income on loans in 2008 decreased from the amount generated in 2007 by \$2.7 million (on a fully taxable equivalent basis) due to the decrease in interest rates. Interest income on investment securities increased by \$4.8 million (on a fully taxable equivalent basis) due to a \$79 million increase in the portfolio. (Additional information on the composition of interest income is available in Table 1 that appears on page 25).

Funding costs in 2008 decreased as a result of the declining interest rate environment and the enhanced efforts of the internal treasury committee. Deposits at December 31, 2008 increased \$96.3 million when compared to deposits at December 31, 2007, primarily from an \$86.6 million increase in our IRA products and brokered products.

The decline in the interest rate environment decreased deposit interest expense by \$7.0 million when compared to 2007. Although net borrowings increased by \$94.3 million in 2008 when compared to 2007, we realized a minimal increase in interest expense on these borrowings. The combination of increased loan and deposit growth, declining interest rates on our assets and liabilities, and the increased level of debt resulted in an increase in net interest income on a tax equivalent basis of \$8.1 million (18%) in 2008 when compared to 2007.

The overall net interest margin increased during 2008 to 3.68% from 3.51% in 2007 on a fully taxable equivalent basis.

**Other Operating Income/Other Operating Expense** -- Other operating income decreased \$1.3 million in 2008 when compared to 2007. Service charge income increased \$.5 million, due primarily to increased customer usage of an account overdraft product. This increase was offset by decreases in trust department income, insurance commission income, and realized losses on our investment portfolio.

Trust department income is directly affected by the performance of the equity and bond markets and by the amount of assets under management. Although we have experienced favorable sales production in our trust department, unfavorable market conditions have reduced the fees and commissions on our existing accounts under management

resulting in slightly lower income when compared to 2007. Declining market values negatively impacted the value of assets under management at year-end. Assets under management were \$472 million, \$547 million and \$502 million for years 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Insurance commissions also decreased in 2008 when compared to 2007 due to a soft insurance market resulting in lower premium income and a reduction in the amount of contingency income received in 2008. Contingency income is received from the insurance carriers based upon claims histories and varies from year to year. In December 2008, the insurance agency acquired substantially all of the assets of three insurance agencies, which should enable the agency to expand its business into central West Virginia. Information about these acquisitions may be found in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report under the heading "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". The increase in 2007 as compared to 2006 was due to the acquisition of two books of business during 2007.

Securities gains (losses) are the most variable component of other operating income. During 2008, we recorded a non-cash charge of approximately \$2.7 million as a result of an other-than-temporary impairment analysis performed on our investment portfolio at year-end. This process is described more fully in the Investment Securities section of the Consolidated Balance Sheet Review. This charge was offset by gains realized from sales of investment securities and calls on fixed-income bonds.

Other operating expenses increased \$2.1 million in 2008 when compared to 2007. This increase is attributable to an increase of \$.9 million in salaries and wages in 2008 when compared to 2007. Other expenses such as marketing, membership fees and licenses, and information system conversion costs increased by \$.7 million in 2008 when compared to 2007.

**Dividends** -- The Corporation continued its tradition of paying dividends to shareholders during 2008, increasing them to \$0.80 per share, a 2.6% increase from \$0.78 per share in 2007. The Corporation has paid quarterly cash dividends consistently since 1985, the year in which it was formed. However, as noted above, the Corporation is generally prohibited from increasing this dividend, unless prior consent from Treasury is given or until the earlier of (i) January 30, 2012 or (ii) the date on which the Series A Preferred Stock has been redeemed in full or Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock to non-affiliates.

**Looking Forward** -- We will continue to face risks and challenges in the future, including: changes in local economic conditions in our core geographic markets; potential yield compression on loan and deposit products from existing competitors and potential new entrants in our markets; fluctuations in interest rates and changes to existing federal and state legislation and regulations over banks and financial holding companies. For a more complete discussion of these and other risk factors, see Item 1A of Part I of this annual report.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

This discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent liabilities. (See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.) On an on-going basis, management evaluates estimates, including those related to loan losses and intangible assets. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. Management believes the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

#### *Allowance for Loan Losses*

One of our most important accounting policies is that related to the monitoring of the loan portfolio. A variety of estimates impact the carrying value of the loan portfolio, including the calculation of the allowance for loan losses, the valuation of underlying collateral, the timing of loan charge-offs and the placement of loans on non-accrual status. The allowance is established and maintained at a level that management believes is adequate to cover losses resulting from the inability of borrowers to make required payment on loans. Estimates for loan losses are arrived at by analyzing risks associated with the specific loans and the loan portfolio, current and historical trends in delinquencies and charge-offs, and

changes in the size and composition of the loan portfolio. The analysis also requires consideration of the economic climate and direction, changes in lending rates, political conditions, legislation impacting the banking industry and economic conditions specific to Western Maryland and Northeastern West Virginia. Because the calculation of the allowance for loan losses relies on management's estimates and judgments relating to inherently uncertain events, actual results may differ from management's estimates.

The allowance for loan losses is also discussed below in this Item 7 under the caption "Allowance for Loan Losses" and in Note 4 to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

#### *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, Accounting for Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, establishes standards for the amortization of acquired intangible assets and the non-amortization and impairment assessment of goodwill. We have \$1.0 million of core deposit intangible assets and \$3.4 million related to acquisitions of insurance "books of business" which are subject to amortization. The \$11.9 million in recorded goodwill is primarily related to the acquisition of Huntington National Bank branches that occurred in 2003, which is not subject to periodic amortization.

Goodwill arising from business combinations represents the value attributable to unidentifiable intangible elements in the business acquired. Our goodwill relates to value inherent in the banking business and the value is dependent upon our ability to provide quality, cost effective services in a highly competitive local market. This ability relies upon continuing investments in processing systems, the development of value-added service features and the ease of use of our services. As such, goodwill value is supported ultimately by revenue that is driven by the volume of business transacted. A decline in earnings as a result of a lack of growth or the inability to deliver cost effective services over sustained periods can lead to impairment of goodwill, which could adversely impact earnings in future periods. SFAS No. 142 requires an annual evaluation of goodwill for impairment. The determination of whether or not these assets are impaired involves significant judgments. Management has completed its annual evaluation for impairment and concluded that the recorded value of goodwill was not impaired. However, future changes in strategy and/or market conditions could significantly impact these judgments and require adjustments to recorded asset balances.

#### *Other-Than-Temporary Impairment of Investment Securities*

*Securities available-for-sale:* Securities available-for-sale are stated at fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) in shareholders' equity.

The amortized cost of debt securities classified as available-for-sale is adjusted for amortization of premiums to the first call date, if applicable, or to maturity, and for accretion of discounts to maturity, or in the case of mortgage-backed securities, over the estimated life of the security. Such amortization and accretion, plus interest and dividends, are included in interest income from investments.

Management systematically evaluates investment securities for impairment on a quarterly basis. Declines in the fair value of available for sale securities below their cost that are considered other than temporary declines are recognized in earnings as realized losses in the period in which the impairment determination is made. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Corporation to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. This process is described more fully in the Investment Securities section of the Consolidated Balance Sheet Review. Gains and losses on the sale of securities are recorded using the specific identification method.

#### *Fair Value of Investments*

Our entire investment portfolio is classified as available-for-sale and is therefore carried at fair value. We have determined the fair value of our investment securities in accordance with the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, "Fair Value Instruments." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP and expands the disclosures about fair value measurements. The Corporation measures the fair market values of its investments based on the fair value hierarchy established in SFAS No. 157. The determination of fair value of investments and other assets is discussed further in Note 15 to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

### *Pension Plan Assumptions*

Our pension plan costs are calculated using actuarial concepts, as discussed within the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 87, *Employers Accounting for Pensions*, SFAS No. 132 (R) and as amended by SFAS No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Deferred Benefit Pension and Other Post Retirement Plans.* Pension expense and the determination of our projected pension liability are based upon two critical assumptions: the discount rate and the expected return on plan assets. We evaluate each of these critical assumptions annually. Other assumptions impact the determination of pension expense and the projected liability including the primary employee demographics, such as retirement patterns, employee turnover, mortality rates, and estimated employer compensation increases. These factors, along with the critical assumptions, are carefully reviewed by management each year in consultation with our pension plan consultants and actuaries. Further information about our pension plan assumptions, the plan's funded status, and other plan information is included in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

### *Recent Accounting Pronouncements and Developments*

Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8, Part II of this annual report discusses new accounting pronouncements that when adopted, may have an effect on our consolidated financial statements.

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME REVIEW**

### **Net Interest Income**

Net interest income is our largest source of operating revenue. Net interest income is the difference between the interest earned on interest-earning assets and the interest expense incurred on interest-bearing liabilities. For analytical and discussion purposes, net interest income is adjusted to a taxable equivalent basis to facilitate performance comparisons between taxable and tax-exempt assets by increasing tax-exempt income by an amount equal to the federal income taxes that would have been paid if this income were taxable at the statutorily applicable rate. The table below summarizes net interest income (on a taxable equivalent basis) for the years 2006-2008 (dollars in thousands).

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Interest income	\$97,062	\$95,286	\$81,838
Interest expense	<u>43,043</u>	<u>49,331</u>	<u>39,335</u>
Net interest income	<u>\$54,019</u>	<u>\$45,955</u>	<u>\$42,503</u>
Net interest margin %	3.68%	3.51%	3.52%

Net interest income increased \$8.1 million (18%) in 2008 over the same period in 2007, due to a \$1.8 million (1.9%) increase in interest income coupled with a \$6.3 million (12.7%) decrease in interest expense. The increase in interest income resulted from an increase in average interest-earning assets of \$158.9 million (12%) during 2008 when compared to 2007. The increased level of interest earning assets is attributable to the growth that we experienced in our loan and investment portfolios during 2008. The declines in the interest rates throughout 2008 contributed to the decrease in the average yield on our average earning assets of 67 basis points, from 7.29% in 2007 to 6.62% in 2008 (on a fully tax equivalent basis). The average yield on loans decreased by 81 basis points and the yield on investment securities as a percentage of interest earning assets was stable in 2008. Although we experienced an increase in average interest-bearing liabilities of \$212.9 million in 2008, interest expense decreased \$6.3 million due to the decline in interest rates and the enhanced efforts of the internal treasury committee. Average deposits increased in 2008 by approximately \$146.7 million. Effective management of both retail and wholesale interest rates resulted in a 110 basis point decrease in the average rate paid on our average interest-bearing liabilities from 4.21% for 2007 to 3.11% for 2008. The net result of the aforementioned factors was a 17 basis point increase in the net interest margin at December 31, 2008 to 3.68% from 3.51% at December 31, 2007.

Comparing 2007 to 2006, net interest income increased \$3.5 million (8%) due to a \$13.4 million (16%) increase in interest income offset by a \$10.0 million (25%) increase in interest expense. The increase in interest income resulted from an increase in average interest-earning assets of \$100.0 million (8%) during 2007 when compared to 2006. The increased level of interest earning assets is attributable to the growth that we experienced in our loan and investment portfolios during

2007. Emphasis on adjustable rate loan products and the investment portfolio restructuring contributed to the increase in the average yield on our average earning assets of 50 basis points, from 6.78% in 2006 to 7.29% in 2007 (on a fully tax equivalent basis). The average yield on loans increased by 48 basis points and the yield on investment securities as a percentage of interest earning assets increased 90 basis points from 2006 to 2007. Interest expense increased during 2007 when compared to 2006 due to the higher interest rate environment, and an overall increase in average interest-bearing liabilities of \$74.2 million. Deposits increased in 2007 by approximately \$121 million due to successful retail growth in money market products and the purchase of \$85 million in brokered money market funds. The combined effect of the competitive retail rate environment and the volume increases in our average interest-bearing liabilities resulted in a 62 basis point increase in the average rate paid on our average interest-bearing liabilities from 3.59% for 2006 to 4.21% for 2007. The net result of the aforementioned factors was a 1 basis point decline in the net interest margin at December 31, 2007 to 3.51% from 3.52% at December 31, 2006.

As shown below, the composition of total interest income over the three-year period from 2006 to 2008 shows a gradual increase in interest on investments and a corresponding decline in interest and fees on loans. This shift is attributable to the leverage strategies implemented throughout 2007 and 2008. Leverage strategies are the purchase of investment securities funded by borrowings of matched terms and durations. The difference between the rate earned and the rate paid has resulted in additional earnings. Management has more control over the rates, duration and structure of the investment portfolio as compared to the loan portfolio which is customized to the individual needs of each borrower. As such, the investment portfolio is used as a supplement to our asset liability management process.

	<b>% of Total Interest Income</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Interest and fees on loans	78%	82%	85%
Interest on investment securities	22%	18%	15%

Table 1 sets forth the average balances, net interest income and expense and average yields and rates for our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities for 2008, 2007 and 2006. Table 2 sets forth an analysis of volume and rate changes in interest income and interest expense of our average interest-earning assets and average interest-bearing liabilities for 2008, 2007 and 2006. Table 2 distinguishes between the changes related to average outstanding balances (changes in volume created by holding the interest rate constant) and the changes related to average interest rates (changes in interest income or expense attributed to average rates created by holding the outstanding balance constant).

**Distribution of Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity  
Interest Rates and Interest Differential – Tax Equivalent Basis  
(Dollars in thousands)**

**Table 1**

	2008			2007			2006		
	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	AVERAGE YIELD/RATE	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	AVERAGE YIELD/RATE	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	AVERAGE YIELD/RATE
<b>Assets</b>									
Loans	\$ 1,081,191	\$74,415	6.88%	\$ 1,003,854	\$77,158	7.69%	\$ 957,709	\$69,049	7.21%
Investment Securities:									
Taxable	285,382	16,848	5.90	215,756	12,474	5.78	171,720	7,699	4.48
Non taxable	<u>82,844</u>	<u>5,229</u>	6.31	<u>73,467</u>	<u>4,847</u>	6.60	<u>65,902</u>	<u>4,399</u>	6.67
Total	368,226	22,077	6.00	289,223	17,321	5.99	237,622	12,098	5.09
Federal funds sold	368	4	1.09	285	11	3.86	463	1	.21
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	3,691	77	2.09	5,135	241	4.69	2,811	165	5.88
Other interest earning assets	<u>13,235</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>3.69</u>	<u>9,363</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>5.93</u>	<u>9,231</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>5.68</u>
<b>Total earning assets</b>	1,466,711	97,062	6.62%	1,307,860	95,286	7.29%	1,207,836	81,838	6.78%
Allowance for loan losses	(9,002)			(6,584)			(6,245)		
Non-earning assets	<u>142,076</u>			<u>118,780</u>			<u>110,098</u>		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$1,599,785</u>			<u>\$1,420,056</u>			<u>\$1,311,689</u>		
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>									
Interest-bearing									
demand deposits	\$ 414,750	\$6,906	1.67%	\$ 333,443	\$9,752	2.92%	\$ 285,250	\$6,405	2.25%
Savings deposits	80,812	1,035	1.28	42,123	1,445	3.43	47,779	462	.97
Time deposits:									
Less than \$100	239,211	10,220	4.27	234,439	10,429	4.45	229,829	8,439	3.67
\$100 or more	339,110	12,621	3.72	317,219	16,132	5.09	273,305	12,043	4.41
Short-term borrowings	55,243	1,022	1.85	70,474	2,903	4.12	107,430	4,429	4.12
Long-term borrowings	<u>254,680</u>	<u>11,239</u>	<u>4.41</u>	<u>173,208</u>	<u>8,670</u>	<u>5.01</u>	<u>153,089</u>	<u>7,557</u>	<u>4.94</u>
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<u>1,383,806</u>	<u>43,043</u>	3.11%	<u>1,170,906</u>	<u>49,331</u>	4.21%	<u>1,096,682</u>	<u>39,335</u>	3.59%
Non-interest-bearing									
Deposits	106,124			133,509			107,595		
Other liabilities	14,595			14,885			11,189		
Shareholders' Equity	<u>95,260</u>			<u>100,756</u>			<u>96,223</u>		
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<u>\$1,599,785</u>			<u>\$1,420,056</u>			<u>\$1,311,689</u>		
Net interest income and Spread		<u>\$54,019</u>	3.51%		<u>\$45,955</u>	3.08%		<u>\$42,503</u>	3.19%
Net interest margin			3.68%			3.51%			3.52%

**NOTES:**

--The above table reflects the average rates earned or paid stated on a tax equivalent basis assuming a tax rate of 35% for 2008, 2007 and 2006. The fully taxable equivalent adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$1,846, \$1,721, and \$1,569, respectively.

--The average balances of non-accrual loans for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, which were reported in the average loan balances for these years, were \$23,517, \$4,167, and \$2,705, respectively.

--Net interest margin is calculated as net interest income divided by average earning assets.

--The average yields on investments are based on amortized cost.

**Interest Variance Analysis (1)**  
(In thousands and tax equivalent basis)

**Table 2**

	2008 Compared to 2007			2007 Compared to 2006		
	Volume	Rate	Net	Volume	Rate	Net
<b>INTEREST INCOME:</b>						
Loans	\$5,323	(\$8,066)	(\$2,743)	\$3,547	\$4,562	\$8,109
Taxable Investments	4,111	264	4,375	2,546	2,229	4,775
Non-taxable Investments	592	(210)	382	499	(51)	448
Federal funds sold	1	(8)	(7)	(7)	17	10
Other interest earning assets	140	(370)	(230)	261	(155)	106
Total interest income	<u>10,167</u>	<u>(8,390)</u>	<u>1,777</u>	<u>6,846</u>	<u>6,602</u>	<u>13,448</u>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE:</b>						
Interest-bearing demand deposits	1,354	(4,200)	(2,846)	1,058	1,873	2,931
Savings deposits	495	(905)	(410)	(194)	1,177	983
Time deposits less than \$100	204	(413)	(209)	205	1,785	1,990
Time deposits \$100 or more	815	(4,326)	(3,511)	2,233	1,856	4,089
Short-term borrowings	(282)	(1,598)	(1,880)	(1,019)	(91)	(1,110)
Long-term borrowings	3,595	(1,026)	2,569	1,007	106	1,113
Total interest expense	<u>6,181</u>	<u>(12,468)</u>	<u>(6,287)</u>	<u>3,290</u>	<u>6,706</u>	<u>9,996</u>
Net interest income	<u>\$3,986</u>	<u>\$4,078</u>	<u>\$8,064</u>	<u>\$3,556</u>	<u>\$ (104)</u>	<u>\$3,452</u>

**Note:**

- (1) The change in interest income/expense due to both volume and rate has been allocated to volume and rate changes in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of the change in each.

**Provision for Loan Losses**

The provision for loan losses was \$12.9 million for 2008, compared to \$2.3 million for 2007. The increase in the provision in 2008 was due to increased net charge offs, an increase in the level of non-accrual loans, loan growth during 2008, specific allocations for impaired loans and changes in the qualitative factors used in the overall assessment of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. We have closely reviewed and applied sensitivity analysis to the collateral values related to our loan portfolio to adequately measure potential future losses. Specific allocations have been provided in instances where loans have been considered impaired and collateral analysis indicates that losses may occur. Approximately \$4.0 million of the recorded expense is attributable to a real estate and development loan in Hardy County, West Virginia and deterioration in a group of loan relationships outside of the Corporation's market area. Additional provision expense was also recorded because the company that services a commercial loan in which the Bank holds a participation interest failed to remit \$1.2 million in principal payments made by the borrower that were due to the Bank. The Bank is reviewing its rights with respect to its insurance carriers and the servicing company's insurance carriers and bonding companies, but there can be no assurance that the Bank will ultimately recover any of this loss.

The provision for loan losses was \$2.3 million for 2007, compared to \$1.2 million for 2006. The increase in the provision in 2007 was due to increased net charge offs, an increase in the level of non-accrual loans, loan growth during 2007, and changes in the qualitative factors used in the overall assessment of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses.

## Other Operating Income

The following table shows the major components of other operating income for the past three years (dollars in thousands) and the percentage changes during these years:

	2008	2007	2006	2008 VS. 2007 % CHANGE	2007 VS. 2006 % CHANGE
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$ 5,835	\$ 4,955	\$ 4,630	17.8%	7.0%
Other service charge income	1,639	1,994	1,637	-17.8%	21.8%
Trust department income	3,912	4,076	3,671	-4.0%	11.0%
Insurance commissions	2,143	2,529	1,573	-15.3%	60.8%
Securities (losses)/gains	(1,997)	(1,605)	4	-24.4%	*
Bank owned life insurance (BOLI)	704	1,114	848	-36.8%	31.4%
Brokerage commissions	745	734	501	1.5%	46.5%
Other income	<u>788</u>	<u>1,295</u>	<u>1,177</u>	-39.2%	10.0%
Total other operating income	<u>\$13,769</u>	<u>\$15,092</u>	<u>\$14,041</u>	-8.8%	7.5%

\* not meaningful

As the table above illustrates, other operating income decreased by \$1.3 million in 2008 when compared to 2007. This compares to a \$1.05 million (7.5%) increase in 2007 over 2006.

Service charges on deposit accounts increased in 2008 versus 2007 and in 2007 versus 2006. These increases are due primarily to increased customer usage of an account overdraft product. Service charge related income constitutes 54%, 46%, and 45% of other operating income in 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively.

Trust department income is directly affected by the performance of the equity and bond markets and by the amount of assets under management. Although we have experienced favorable sales production in our trust division, unfavorable market conditions have reduced the fees and commissions on our existing accounts under management resulting in slightly lower income when compared to 2007. Declining market values negatively impacted the value of assets under management at year-end. Assets under management were \$472 million, \$547 million and \$502 million for years 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Insurance commissions also decreased in 2008 when compared to 2007 due to a soft insurance market resulting in lower premium income and a reduction in the amount of contingency income received in 2008. Contingency income is received from the insurance carriers based upon claims histories and varies from year to year. The increase in 2007 as compared to 2006 was due to the acquisition of two books of business during 2007.

Securities gains (losses) are the most variable component of other operating income. During 2008, we recorded a non-cash charge of approximately \$2.7 million as a result of an other-than-temporary impairment analysis performed on our investment portfolio at year-end. This process is described more fully in the Investment Securities section of the Consolidated Balance Sheet Review. This charge was offset by gains realized from sales of investment securities and calls on fixed-income bonds.

During 2007, we recorded a non-recurring pre-tax charge of approximately \$1.6 million (\$1.0 million or \$.18 per share, net of tax) associated with the transfer of certain investment securities from the available-for-sale category to the trading category during the first quarter of 2007 and the subsequent sale of those securities during the second quarter. This sale of securities was part of our overall restructuring of the investment portfolio designed to improve overall earnings from the portfolio.

We experienced a decline in other income during 2008 primarily due to reduced secondary market fees as a result of a shift to in-house portfolio loans. The decline in the earnings on our bank owned life insurance (BOLI) is attributable to the overall decrease in the interest rate environment throughout 2008.

## Other Operating Expense

Other operating expense for 2008 increased \$2.1 million (5.5%) when compared to 2007, compared to an increase in 2007 of \$3.0 million (8%) over 2006. The following table shows the major components of other operating expense for the past three years (in thousands) and the percentage changes during these years:

	2008	2007	2006	2008 VS. 2007 % CHANGE	2007 VS. 2006 % CHANGE
Salaries and employee benefits	\$21,531	\$20,628	\$19,084	4.4%	8.1%
Other expenses	11,264	10,563	9,900	6.6%	6.7%
Equipment	3,364	3,224	3,011	4.3%	7.1%
Occupancy	2,693	2,388	2,043	12.8%	16.9%
Data processing	<u>1,721</u>	<u>1,672</u>	<u>1,452</u>	2.9%	15.2%
Total other operating expense	<u>\$40,573</u>	<u>\$38,475</u>	<u>\$35,490</u>	5.5%	8.4%

Salaries and employee benefits represent approximately 53% of total other operating expenses in 2008 compared to 54% in 2007 and 2006. Salaries and wages increased slightly by \$.9 million in 2008 over 2007, and \$1.5 million in 2007 over 2006. The increase in 2008 when compared to 2007 is primarily attributable to normal merit increases and new hires to support on-going operations and production. This increase was offset slightly because no executive bonuses were paid for 2008.

Other expenses increased slightly by \$.7 million in 2008 when compared to 2007 due to increases in marketing, membership fees and licenses and miscellaneous conversion costs as a result of our core processor conversion completed in April. Comparing 2007 to 2006, other expenses increased by \$.7 million due to increases in marketing, insurance, and contribution expenses.

Occupancy and equipment expenses increased by \$.4 million from 2007 to 2008 and \$.6 million from 2006 to 2007. These increases relate to the growth and expansion of the Bank's retail network and the opening of our operations center during 2007.

## Applicable Income Taxes

Income tax expense amounted to \$3.6 million in 2008 and \$5.7 million in 2007 and 2006. The resulting effective tax rates were 28.7%, 31.0% and 31.3% for 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate from 2007 to 2008 is due primarily from reduced income and the proportionate share of tax-exempt income to total income.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

### Overview

Our total assets reached \$1.64 billion at December 31, 2008, representing an increase of \$160 million (10.8%) from year-end 2007.

The total interest-earning asset mix at December 31, 2008 shows a comparable percentage of loans and investments as a percentage of total assets over the past three years, as illustrated below:

	Year End Percentage of Total Assets		
	2008	2007	2006
Net loans	68%	70%	71%
Investments	22%	21%	20%

The year-end total liability mix has remained consistent during the three-year period as illustrated below.

	<b>Year End Percentage of Total Liabilities</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Total deposits	78%	82%	78%
Total borrowings	21%	17%	21%

### **Loan Portfolio**

Through the Bank and the OakFirst Loan Centers, we are actively engaged in originating loans to customers primarily in Allegany County, Frederick County, Garrett County, and Washington County in Maryland, and in Berkeley County, Hardy County, Mineral County, and Monongalia County in West Virginia; and the surrounding regions of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. We have policies and procedures designed to mitigate credit risk and to maintain the quality of our loan portfolio. These policies include underwriting standards for new credits as well as continuous monitoring and reporting policies for asset quality and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. These policies, coupled with ongoing training efforts, have provided effective checks and balances for the risk associated with the lending process. Lending authority is based on the type of the loan, and the experience of the lending officer.

Commercial loans are collateralized primarily by real estate and, to a lesser extent, equipment and vehicles. Unsecured commercial loans represent an insignificant portion of total commercial loans. Residential mortgage loans are collateralized by the related property. Any residential mortgage loan exceeding a specified internal loan-to-value ratio requires private mortgage insurance. Installment loans are typically collateralized, with loan-to-value ratios which are established based on the financial condition of the borrower. We will also make unsecured consumer loans to qualified borrowers meeting our underwriting standards. Additional information about our loans and underwriting policies can be found in Item 1 of Part I of this annual report under the caption "Banking Products and Services".

Table 3 sets forth the composition of our loan portfolio. Historically, our policy has been to make the majority of our loan commitments in our market areas. We had no foreign loans in our portfolio as of December 31 for all of the periods presented.

**Summary of Loan Portfolio  
(Dollars in thousands)**

**Table 3**

	<b>Loans Outstanding as of December 31</b>				
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Commercial	\$ 575,962	\$ 492,302	\$408,361	\$404,681	\$373,893
Real Estate – Mortgage	403,768	384,420	359,601	337,559	319,033
Consumer Installment	140,234	153,593	181,574	193,275	199,862
Real Estate – Construction	14,582	12,951	14,120	25,446	18,196
Lease Financing	--	--	--	--	466
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>\$1,134,546</b>	<b>\$1,043,266</b>	<b>\$963,656</b>	<b>\$960,961</b>	<b>\$911,450</b>

During 2008, gross loans increased by \$91 million, or 8.8%, over 2007. This growth was focused in our commercial (\$84 million) and residential mortgage (\$21 million) loan portfolios, offset by a decline in installment (\$13 million) and remains consistent with management's objectives over the past several years. Continued efforts were made to increase the percentage of loans in the portfolio with adjustable interest rates. At December 31, 2008, adjustable interest rate loans maturing within one to five years were 60% of total loans, compared to 55% at December 31, 2007.

Commercial loans increased 17% in 2008, following a 20.6% increase in 2007. The growth in the commercial portfolio is a result of both in-house production and participations with other institutions. Commercial loans secured by real estate were 74% of total commercial loans at December 31, 2008, compared to 81% and 82% at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Residential mortgage loans increased by \$21 million, or 5%, in 2008 when compared to 2007. This follows a 7% increase in 2007 over 2006. The growth in the residential portfolio consists of both adjustable and fixed rate products.

Fixed-interest rate loans made up 38% of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2008, compared to 42% and 59% of total loans at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Consumer installment loans in 2008 decreased by \$13 million, or 8.7%, when compared to 2007. This decrease reflects management's continued shift toward more commercial loans with less emphasis on the highly competitive consumer loan market and indirect car dealer loans. Indirect auto loans comprise the largest percentage of installment loans, 74% at December 31, 2008, and 85% at December 31, 2007 and 2006.

The following table sets forth the remaining maturities, based upon contractual dates, for selected loan categories as of December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

**Maturities of Loan Portfolio at December 31, 2008**

**Table 4**

	<b>Maturing Within One Year</b>	<b>After One But Within Five Years</b>	<b>Maturing After Five Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commercial	\$ 299,951	\$ 238,281	\$ 37,730	\$ 575,962
Real Estate – Mortgage	121,824	106,595	175,349	403,768
Installment	6,511	101,428	32,295	140,234
Real Estate – Construction	--	14,582	--	14,582
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b><u>\$ 428,286</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 460,886</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 245,374</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,134,546</u></b>
<b>Classified by Sensitivity to Change in Interest Rates</b>				
Fixed-Interest Rate Loans	\$ 39,868	\$ 166,462	\$ 229,440	\$ 435,770
Adjustable-Interest Rate Loans	<u>388,418</u>	<u>294,424</u>	<u>15,934</u>	<u>698,776</u>
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b><u>\$ 428,286</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 460,886</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 245,374</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,134,546</u></b>

Our policy is to place loans on non-accrual status, except for consumer loans, whenever there is substantial doubt about the ability of a borrower to pay principal or interest on the outstanding credit. Management considers such factors as payment history, the nature of the collateral securing the loan, and the overall economic situation of the borrower when making a non-accrual decision. Management closely monitors the status of all non-accrual loans. A non-accruing loan is restored to accrual status when principal and interest payments have been brought current, it becomes well secured, or is in the process of collection and the prospects of future contractual payments are no longer in doubt. Generally, consumer installment loans are not placed on non-accrual status, but are charged off after they are 120 days contractually past due. Table 5 sets forth the historical amounts of non-accrual, past-due and restructured loans (in thousands) for the past five years:

**Risk Elements of Loan Portfolio**

**Table 5**

	<b>At December 31</b>				
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Non-Accrual Loans	\$24,553	\$5,443	\$3,190	\$2,393	\$3,439
Accruing Loans Past Due 90 Days or More	3,476	3,260	619	989	1,105
Restructured Loans	468	0	522	532	544
Other Real Estate Owned	2,424	825	23	133	226

Interest income not recognized as a result of placing loans on a non-accrual status was \$.4 million during 2008 and \$.2 million during 2007 and 2006.

## Allowance for Loan Losses

An allowance for loan losses is maintained to absorb losses from the loan portfolio. The allowance for loan losses is based on management's continuing evaluation of the quality of the loan portfolio, assessment of current economic conditions, diversification and size of the portfolio, adequacy of collateral, past and anticipated loss experience, and the amount of non-performing loans.

We use the methodology outlined in FDIC Statement of Policy on Allowance for Loan Losses. The starting point for this methodology is to segregate the loan portfolio into two pools, non-homogeneous (i.e., commercial) and homogeneous (i.e., consumer and residential mortgage) loans. Each loan pool is analyzed with general allowances and specific allocations being made as appropriate. For general allowances, the previous eight quarters of loss activity are used in the estimation of losses in the current portfolio. These historical loss amounts are modified by the following qualitative factors: levels of and trends in delinquency rates and non-accrual loans; trends in volumes and terms of loans; effects of changes in lending policies; experience, ability, and depth of management; national and local economic trends and conditions; and concentrations of credit in the determination of the general allowance. The qualitative factors are updated each quarter by information obtained from internal, regulatory, and governmental sources. Specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses are made for those loans on the "Watchlist" in which the collateral value is less than the outstanding loan balance with the allocation being the dollar difference between the two. The Watchlist represents loans, identified and closely monitored by management, which possess certain qualities or characteristics that may lead to collection and loss issues. Allocations are not made for loans that are cash secured, for the Small Business Administration and Farm Service Agency guaranteed portion of loans, or for loans that are sufficiently collateralized.

The allowance for loan losses is based on estimates, and actual losses will vary from current estimates. These estimates are reviewed quarterly, and as adjustments, either positive or negative, become necessary, a corresponding increase or decrease is made in the allowance for loan losses. The methodology used to determine the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is consistent with prior years. An estimate for probable losses related to unfunded lending commitments, such as letters of credit and binding but unfunded loan commitments is also prepared. This estimate is computed in a manner similar to the methodology described above, adjusted for the probability of actually funding the commitment.

The balance of the allowance for loan losses increased to \$14.3 million at December 31, 2008, from \$7.3 million at December 31, 2007. Several factors contributed to the \$7 million increase in the balance of the allowance in 2008, including: a significant increase in the balance of non-accrual loans, from \$5.4 million in 2007 to \$24.6 million in 2008; changes to the qualitative factors which are reviewed quarterly; an increase in impaired loans from \$6.9 million in 2007 to \$83.3 million in 2008; and an increase in the percentage of net charge-offs to average outstanding loans from .15% in 2007 to .54% in 2008. Non-accrual loans and impaired loans consist primarily of real estate development loans and commercial real estate that have experienced a slowdown in the level of sales activity during the current year. All of these types of credit facilities were thoroughly reviewed by management during the fourth quarter of 2008 as to the adequacy of the collateral, the valuation of collateral, secondary sources of repayment, and other credit quality attributes. Collateral valuations were also subject to a sensitivity and shock analysis in order to identify loans that may not have sufficient collateral in the event of a significant decline in the market value of the collateral. As a result of this extensive review, some specific allocations of the allowance were made to several of these loans. At December 31, 2008, the balance of the allowance was equal to 1.26% of total loans, which was 2.4 times the amount of net charge-offs for the year.

Performing loans considered impaired loans, as defined and identified by management, amounted to \$56.5 million at December 31, 2008. Loans are identified as impaired when the loan is classified as substandard and management determines that it is probable that the borrower will not be able to pay principal and interest according to the contractual terms of the loan. These loans consist primarily of acquisition and development loans. The fair values are generally determined based upon independent third party appraisals of the collateral or discounted cash flows based upon the expected proceeds. Specific allocations have been made where management believes there is insufficient collateral and no secondary source of repayment is available.

During 2008, there was significant coverage in the media regarding the topic of "sub-prime" loans and the resulting increase in loan delinquencies and foreclosures. A sub-prime loan is defined generally as a loan to a borrower with a weak credit record or a reduced repayment capacity. These borrowers typically pose a higher risk of default and foreclosure. We generally do not make sub-prime loans. If credit is extended to a sub-prime borrower, the decision to lend is based on the presence of facts and circumstances that management believes mitigate the risks inherent in this type of loan. As of December 31, 2008, management believes that our exposure to sub-prime loans is very minimal.

The balance of the allowance for loan losses increased to \$7.3 million at December 31, 2007, from \$6.5 million at December 31, 2006. Several factors contributed to the \$.8 million increase in the balance of the allowance in 2007, including: a 71% increase in the balance of non-accrual loans (from \$3.2 million in 2006 to \$5.4 million in 2007); changes to the qualitative factors which are reviewed quarterly; an increase in impaired loans from \$.1 million in 2006 to \$6.9 million in 2007; and an increase in the percentage of net charge-offs to average outstanding loans from .11% in 2006 to .15% in 2007. Non-accrual loans and impaired loans consist primarily of real estate acquisition and development loans that have experienced a slowdown in the level of sales activity during the current year. All of these types of credit facilities were thoroughly reviewed by management during the fourth quarter of 2007 as to the adequacy of the collateral, the valuation of collateral, and other credit quality attributes. Collateral valuations were also subject to a sensitivity and shock analysis in order to identify loans that may not have sufficient collateral in the event of a significant decline in the market value of the collateral. As a result of this extensive review, some specific allocations of the allowance were made to several A&D loans. At December 31, 2007, the balance of the allowance was equal to .70% of total loans, which was five times the amount of net charge-offs for the year.

As a result of management's evaluation of the loan portfolio using the factors and methodology described above, management believes the allowance for loan losses is adequate as of December 31, 2008.

Table 6 presents the activity in the allowance for loan losses by major loan category for the past five years.

**Analysis of Activity in the Allowance for Loan Losses**  
(Dollars in thousands)

**Table 6**

	For the Years Ended December 31				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Balance at Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 7,304	\$ 6,530	\$ 6,416	\$ 6,814	\$ 5,974
<b>Loans Charged Off:</b>					
Commercial	3,936	540	359	557	808
Real Estate – Mortgage	743	103	89	162	153
Installment	1,408	1,171	1,127	1,171	1,244
Deposit Overdrafts	508	408	--	--	--
Total Charged Off	<u>6,595</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>2,205</u>
<b>Recoveries of Loans:</b>					
Commercial	147	45	110	8	22
Real Estate – Mortgage	39	17	11	59	67
Installment	375	380	403	347	422
Deposit Overdrafts	152	242	--	--	--
Total Recoveries	<u>713</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>
Net Loans Charged Off	5,882	1,538	1,051	1,476	1,694
Provision for Loan Losses	12,925	2,312	1,165	1,078	2,534
<b>Balance at the End of Period</b>	<u>\$ 14,347</u>	<u>\$ 7,304</u>	<u>\$ 6,530</u>	<u>\$ 6,416</u>	<u>\$ 6,814</u>
Loans at End of Period	<u>\$ 1,134,546</u>	<u>\$ 1,043,266</u>	<u>\$ 963,656</u>	<u>\$ 960,961</u>	<u>\$ 911,450</u>
Daily Average Balance of					
Loans	<u>\$ 1,081,191</u>	<u>\$ 1,003,854</u>	<u>\$ 957,709</u>	<u>\$ 954,784</u>	<u>\$ 861,255</u>
Allowance for Loan Losses to Loans					
Outstanding	<u>.126%</u>	<u>.70%</u>	<u>.68%</u>	<u>.67%</u>	<u>.75%</u>
Net Charge Offs to Average Loans					
Outstanding	<u>.54%</u>	<u>.15%</u>	<u>.11%</u>	<u>.15%</u>	<u>.20%</u>

Table 7 presents management's allocation of the allowance for loan losses by major loan category in comparison to that loan category's percentage of total loans. Changes in the allocation over time reflect changes in the composition of the loan portfolio risk profile and refinements to the methodology of determining the allowance. Specific allocations in any particular category may be reallocated in the future as needed to reflect current conditions. Accordingly, the entire allowance is considered available to absorb losses in any category.

**Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses**  
(In thousands at December 31)

**Table 7**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>% of Total Loans</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>% of Total Loans</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>% of Total Loans</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>% of Total Loans</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>% of Total Loans</u>
Commercial	\$ 9,002	51%	\$3,825	47%	\$2,983	42%	\$2,777	42%	\$3,050	41%
Real Estate- Mortgage	3,326	37%	1,716	38%	1,512	39%	1,504	38%	1,454	37%
Consumer Installment	2,015	12%	1,763	15%	1,934	19%	2,060	20%	2,246	22%
Lease Financing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	--
Other	4	--	0	--	101	--	75	--	49	--
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$14,347</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$7,304</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$6,530</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$6,416</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$6,814</u>	<u>100%</u>

**Investment Securities**

Our entire investment portfolio is categorized as available-for-sale. Investment securities classified as available-for-sale are held for an indefinite period of time and may be sold in response to changing market and interest rate conditions or for liquidity purposes as part of our overall asset/liability management strategy. Available-for-sale securities are reported at market value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as a separate component of other comprehensive income included in shareholders' equity, net of applicable income taxes. We do not currently purchase securities with the intent to resell and, therefore, do not own any securities classified as trading securities. For additional information, see Notes 1 and 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which are included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

The following sets forth the composition of our securities portfolio, reported at fair value, by major category as of the indicated dates (in thousands):

	<b>December 31</b> (fair value)					
	<u>2008</u>	<u>As % of Total</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>As % of Total</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>As % of Total</u>
Securities Available-for-Sale:						
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 113,645	32%	\$ 90,768	30%	\$ 97,490	37%
Mortgage-backed securities	123,199	35%	60,939	20%	50,829	19%
Obligation of states and political subdivisions	93,485	26%	85,893	28%	68,432	26%
Corporate and other debt	<u>24,266</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>67,308</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>46,521</u>	<u>18%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 354,595</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 304,908</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 263,272</u>	<u>100%</u>

Total investment securities increased \$50 million (16%) in 2008 when compared to 2007. Mortgage-backed securities increased by \$62 million and U.S. Government agencies increased by \$23 million while Corporate and other debt decreased \$43 million. The Corporate portfolio consists primarily of Preferred Term Securities which are pools of debt issued by various banks. The decrease in this sector is due to a decline in the market value of these securities directly attributable to the current economic and financial environment.

Total investment securities increased \$42 million (16%) in 2007 when compared to the 2006 year-end balance. The increase in our investment portfolio since year-end 2006 is primarily due to the purchase of \$25 million in corporate bonds during the first quarter of 2007 as part of a leverage strategy originally implemented during the fourth quarter of 2006 and the purchase of additional securities in September 2007. Mortgage-backed securities increased by \$10 million and tax exempt municipal bonds increased by \$17 million while U.S. Government agencies decreased \$7 million.

At December 31, 2008, the securities available-for-sale balance included a net unrealized loss of \$55.7 million, which represents the difference between fair value and amortized cost. The comparable amount at December 31, 2007 was a net unrealized loss of \$4.2 million. The fair values of securities available-for-sale will generally decrease whenever interest rates increase, and the fair values will typically increase in a declining rate environment. However, fair values have been largely affected in 2008 by factors such as marketability, liquidity and the current economic environment.

As more fully discussed in Note 15 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report, effective January 1, 2008, we began measuring fair market values based on the fair value hierarchy established in SFAS No. 157 and in Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position (FSP) No. FSP 157-3. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Level 3 prices or valuation techniques require inputs that are both significant to the valuation assumptions and are not readily observable in the market (i.e. supported with little or no market activity). These Level 3 instruments are valued based on both observable and unobservable inputs derived from the best available data, some of which is internally developed, and considers risk premiums that a market participant would require.

Approximately \$24.3 million (7%) of our securities available-for-sale were classified using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 assets). These securities were Preferred Term Securities classified as corporate securities and contributed approximately \$27 million to the unrealized loss reported in our accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the Statement of Financial Condition. The underlying issuers for these securities are primarily financial institutions and insurance companies. Preferred Term Securities contractually allow an issuer to defer interest payments for up to twenty quarters. Although there have been deferrals and defaults of some of the underlying issuers, the structured securities held in our portfolio are generally secured by over-collateralization or default protection provided by subordinated tranches.

Management evaluates on a quarterly basis each security in an unrealized loss position for other than temporary impairment. In its evaluation, management considers such factors as the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been below cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, including specific events which may have influenced the operations of the issuer, and our intent and ability to hold the security to an expected recovery in market value. Due to the duration and the significant market value decline in our Preferred Term Securities, we performed more extensive testing on these securities for purposes of evaluating whether an other than temporary impairment has occurred.

#### **Length of Time and Extent that Market Value is Less Than Cost**

Twenty-one of the Preferred Term Securities in our portfolio have been in an unrealized loss position for over 12 months and three have been in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months. Although some of the securities have been in a loss position for over one year, this is not an automatic indication of an other-than-temporary impairment. Rather, individual facts and circumstances may indicate that a decline in fair value longer than 12 months may be temporary. Given the extraordinary market conditions prevalent during 2008, particularly during the third and fourth quarters, additional consideration has been given to the length of time the securities have been in a loss position and the likelihood that a market recovery will be longer than an otherwise orderly market would dictate.

Factors to be considered in an impairment judgment may be both subjective and objective and include knowledge and experience about past and current events as well as assumptions about future events. In the case of the Preferred Term Securities, the decline in fair value is attributable to adverse conditions in the market, adverse conditions in the financial industry, as well as adverse conditions related to the underlying issuers of the securities (all of whom operate in the financial industry).

## **Financial Condition and Near-Term Prospects of the Issuers**

The current economic and financial environment, driven primarily by the significant delinquencies and foreclosures of subprime loans and the banking crisis, has led to unprecedented events in the financial industry. During 2008, we have witnessed a significant decline in housing prices, the collapse of Bear Stearns, Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual and Indymac Bank, a federal takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the acquisitions of Countrywide and Merrill Lynch by Bank of America, just to mention a few headline events. All of these events have contributed to a national and worldwide liquidity and credit crisis. During this same time period, the Federal Reserve Bank cut interest rates by 400 basis points and the U.S. government announced a \$700 billion bailout plan for financial institutions.

The underlying issuers of the Preferred Term Securities in our portfolio all operate in some realm of the financial industry, most of them community banks. Due to the factors previously discussed, the current market for Preferred Term Securities is virtually non-existent. There were no new pooled trust preferred issuances during 2008 and trading activity for this class of securities (buy side) shows total quarterly trades in 2008 at 116, 44, 10 and 4 trades, respectively. The volume has declined from a high of \$376 million in the first quarter of 2007 to just \$1 million in the quarter ended December 31, 2008. This is clearly indicative of an inactive and inefficient market leading to the depressed pricing on these securities.

All of the above mentioned issues – sub-prime housing, lack of liquidity and credit in the banking industry, coupled with the general interest rate environment – have a direct, and in some cases indirect, affect on the underlying banks and insurance company issuers in the Preferred Term Securities. A few of the underlying institutions have deferred payment of the interest (as described above) on their securities and some have defaulted.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) require management to consider all available evidence in its evaluation of the realizable value of its investment. Judgment is required to determine whether factors exist that indicate an impairment loss has been incurred at the end of a reporting period. The judgment may be based on both subjective and objective factors. In its analysis, management considered the credit ratings along with all other available information to evaluate the credit quality of the underlying collateral. Several shocks of the collateral were performed in order to determine how much stress the security could withstand before a break in principal would be experienced.

In addition, the securities subject to Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 99-20, “Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Retained Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets” (EITF 99-20), are monitored for significant adverse changes in cash flow projections. On January 12, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FSP EITF 99-20-1, “Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF 99-20”, effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2008. The purpose of this guidance is to better align the impairment guidance and assessment of an other-than-temporary impairment with the related guidance in FASB Statement No. 115, “Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities.” The primary change in the new guidance is the removal of the requirement to estimate cash flows from the views of a market participant but rather to base the estimate of cash flows on current information and events. Further, in making the other-than temporary assessment, the holder should consider all relevant information about past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts when estimating future cash flows. This information should include remaining payment terms of the security, prepayment speeds, the financial condition of the issuer(s), expected defaults, and the value of any underlying collateral.

EITF 99-20-1 requires that the present value of the current estimated cash flows be compared to the present value of cash flows at the last reporting date. If the present value of the original cash flows estimated at the initial transaction date (or at the last date previously revised) is greater than the present value of the current estimated cash flows, the change is considered adverse (that is an other-than-temporary impairment should be considered to have occurred under the consensus in this Issue). As of December 31, 2008, there was no adverse change in the estimated cash flows noted for the securities in an unrealized loss position held subject to EITF 99-20.

On October 13, 2008, as part of the government’s economic stabilization plan, the Treasury announced two plans, the CPP and the TLGP. The regulators highly encouraged participation in the programs in order to build capital levels, supply additional liquidity to the banking industry, and improve financial ratios for the large regional and national banks and the community banks. Many of the banks who issued the Preferred Term Securities have announced participation in the CPP. Management believes that these programs should help to bolster confidence in the industry. However, due to the early stages of both programs, a long recovery is still anticipated as the liquidity works its way through the banking system.

### **Intent and Ability to Retain Investment**

The risk-based capital ratios require that banks set aside additional capital for securities that are rated below investment grade. Two of our Preferred Term Securities have been downgraded and management feels that additional downgrades may be possible. However, based upon models and testing performed on our investment portfolio, management feels that the Company has adequate capital to sustain future downgrades. We maintain sufficient capital and liquidity to cover operating expenses and we do not anticipate any material commitments or expected outlays of capital in the near term. The decline in fair market value of these securities does not have a material impact on the operations, liquidity or the capital resources of the Company.

### **Other-Than-Temporary Impairment Charge**

Based upon our review of credit quality and the cash flow tests performed, management determined that two of our Preferred Term Securities were other-than-temporarily impaired. As a result of this assessment, we recorded a \$2.7 million loss on these securities as of December 31, 2008. We have both the intent and ability to hold the remaining securities in our portfolio for the period of time necessary to recover their amortized cost or until maturity and do not believe that those securities are other-than-temporarily impaired.

During 2007, we restructured our investment portfolio by replacing certain securities with securities having a longer duration. We determined that the securities earmarked for sale would, if retained, have subjected our earnings to higher volatility in a declining interest rate environment. The restructure resulted in a pre-tax loss of approximately \$1.6 million in earnings. The securities sold had an average book yield of 4.28%. The proceeds from the sale of these securities were reinvested in securities having an average book yield of approximately 5.55%. The restructuring of our investment portfolio enabled us to rebalance the portfolio and restructure the maturity schedule of the portfolio to mitigate the effects of premium and call risk and to manage our future interest rate risk and effective tax yield.

There continues to be ongoing media attention regarding “sub-prime” mortgage investments. “Sub-prime” mortgages with similar characteristics can be packaged together and sold as investments. We believe that we do not have significant exposure to these types of securities.

We manage our investment portfolio utilizing policies which seek to achieve desired levels of liquidity, manage interest rate sensitivity, meet earnings objectives, and provide required collateral support for deposit activities and treasury management overnight investment products.

Table 8 sets forth the contractual or estimated maturities of the components of our securities portfolio as of December 31, 2008 and the weighted average yields on a tax-equivalent basis.

**Investment Security Maturities, Yields, and Fair Values at December 31, 2008**  
**(Dollars in thousands)**

**Table 8**

	<b>Within 1 Year</b>	<b>1 Year To 5 Years</b>	<b>5 Years To 10 Years</b>	<b>Over 10 Years</b>	<b>Total Fair Value</b>
Securities Available-for-Sale:					
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 1,731	\$ 46,527	\$ 18,633	\$ 46,754	\$ 113,645
Mortgage-backed securities	806	122,393	--	--	123,199
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	2,462	6,548	12,047	72,428	93,485
Corporate and other debt	--	--	--	24,266	24,266
Total	<u>\$ 4,999</u>	<u>\$ 175,468</u>	<u>\$ 30,680</u>	<u>\$ 143,448</u>	<u>\$ 354,595</u>
Percentage of total	1.41%	49.48%	8.65%	40.46%	100.00%
Weighted average yield	5.85%	5.47%	5.82%	5.78%	5.63%

We held two securities in the name of one issuer exceeding 10 percent of shareholders' equity, excluding securities issued by U.S. government agencies. These securities are Wells Fargo mortgage-backed securities with an aggregate book value of \$23.8 million and fair value of \$18.8 million at December 31, 2008.

## Deposits

Table 9 sets forth the average deposit balances by major category for 2008, 2007 and 2006:

	2008		2007		2006	
	Average Balance	Average Yield	Average Balance	Average Yield	Average Balance	Average Yield
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 106,124	--	\$ 133,509	--	\$107,595	--
Interest-bearing demand deposits	414,750	1.67%	333,443	2.92%	285,250	2.25%
Savings deposits	80,812	1.28%	42,123	3.43%	47,779	.97%
Time deposits less than \$100K	239,211	4.27%	234,439	4.45%	229,829	3.67%
Time deposits \$100K or more	<u>339,110</u>	3.72%	<u>317,219</u>	5.09%	<u>273,305</u>	4.41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,180,007</b>		<b>\$1,060,733</b>		<b>\$943,758</b>	

Total deposits increased \$96.3 million in 2008, or 8.6%, when compared to 2007. This compares to a \$121.4 million (12.5%) increase during 2007 over 2006. On an average balance basis, total deposits increased \$119 million (11.2%) in 2008 versus 2007, following a \$117 million (12.4%) increase in 2007 versus 2006.

The increase in deposits resulted primarily from growth in in-house Prime Saver and retirement accounts as well as brokered certificates of deposit and money market products. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, brokered certificates of deposit amounted to \$168.6 million and \$120.8 million, respectively, or 14% and 11% of total deposits at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The following table sets forth the maturities of time deposits of \$100,000 or more (in thousands):

	December 31, 2008
Maturities	
3 Months or Less	\$ 205,725
3-6 Months	39,970
6-12 Months	50,573
Over 1 Year	<u>38,147</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 334,415</b>

The Bank has opted to maintain relatively short maturities in its time deposits of \$100,000 or more to directly match the re-pricing characteristics of a portion of our investment portfolio and in anticipation of an extended time period of low interest rates.

## Borrowed Funds

The following shows the composition of our borrowings at December 31 (in thousands):

	2008	2007	2006
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$ 41,995	\$ 34,112	\$ 74,879
Short-term FHLB advances	<u>8,500</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>24,500</u>
Total short-term borrowings	50,495	55,112	99,379
Long-term FHLB advances	241,474	142,522	130,401
Junior subordinated debentures	<u>35,929</u>	<u>35,929</u>	<u>35,929</u>
Total long-term borrowings	<u>277,403</u>	<u>178,451</u>	<u>166,330</u>
Total borrowings	\$ <u>327,898</u>	\$ <u>233,563</u>	\$ <u>265,709</u>
Average balance (from Table 1)	\$ 309,923	\$ 243,682	\$ 260,519

Total borrowings increased by \$94.3 million or 40% in 2008 when compared to 2007, while the average balance of borrowings increased by \$66.2 million during the same period. Total borrowings decreased by \$32.1 million or 12% in 2007 when compared to 2006, while the average balance of borrowings decreased by \$16.8 million during the same period. During 2008 and 2007, the Corporation took advantage of opportunities to borrow long-term FHLB advances and match these borrowings with specific interest earning assets where possible.

Management will continue to closely monitor interest rates within the context of its overall asset-liability management process. See the "Interest Rate Sensitivity" section of this Item 7 for further discussion on this topic.

At December 31, 2008, we had additional borrowing capacity with the FHLB totaling \$9.0 million, an additional \$25 million of unused lines of credit with various financial institutions and \$31 million through wholesale money market funds. See Note 8 to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report, for further details about our borrowings and additional borrowing capacity, which is incorporated herein by reference.

## Capital Resources

The Bank and the Corporation are subject to risk-based capital regulations, which were adopted and monitored by federal banking regulators. These guidelines are used to evaluate capital adequacy and are based on an institution's asset risk profile and off-balance sheet exposures, such as unused loan commitments and stand-by letters of credit. The regulatory guidelines require that a portion of total capital be Tier 1 capital, consisting of common shareholders' equity, qualifying portion of trust issued preferred securities, and perpetual preferred stock, less goodwill and certain other deductions. The remaining capital, or Tier 2 capital, consists of elements such as subordinated debt, mandatory convertible debt, remaining portion of trust issued preferred securities, and grandfathered senior debt, plus the allowance for loan losses, subject to certain limitations.

Under the risk-based capital regulations, banking organizations are required to maintain a minimum 8% (10% for well capitalized banks) total risk-based capital ratio (total qualifying capital divided by risk-weighted assets), including a Tier 1 ratio of 4% (6% for well capitalized banks). The risk-based capital rules have been further supplemented by a leverage ratio, defined as Tier I capital divided by average assets, after certain adjustments. The minimum leverage ratio is 3% (5% for well capitalized banks) for banking organizations that do not anticipate significant growth and have well-diversified risk (including no undue interest rate risk exposure), excellent asset quality, high liquidity and good earnings. Other banking organizations not in this category are expected to have ratios of at least 4-5%, depending on their particular condition and growth plans. Higher capital ratios could be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profile of a given banking organization. In the current regulatory environment, banking organizations must stay well capitalized in order to receive favorable regulatory treatment on acquisition and other expansion activities and favorable risk-based deposit insurance assessments. The Corporation's capital policy establishes guidelines meeting these regulatory requirements, and takes into consideration current or anticipated risks as well as potential future growth opportunities.

At December 31, 2008, the Corporation's total risk-based capital ratio was 12.18%, which was well above the regulatory minimum of 8%. The Corporation's total risk-based capital ratio for year-end 2007 was 12.51%. As of December 31, 2008, the most recent notification from the regulators categorizes the Corporation as "well capitalized" under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. See Note 2 to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report, for additional information regarding regulatory capital ratios.

Total shareholders' equity decreased \$32 million to \$72.7 million at December 31, 2008, from \$104.7 million at December 31, 2007 primarily due to \$41 million of accumulated other comprehensive loss resulting from reduced income in 2008. The return on average equity (ROE) for 2008 decreased to 9.31% from 12.70% for 2007.

Cash dividends of \$.80 per share were paid during 2008, compared with \$.78 and \$.76 paid in 2007 and 2006, respectively. This represents a dividend payout ratio (cash dividends per share divided by net income per share) of 55.17%, 37.50%, and 37.07% for 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively.

As discussed above, the Corporation participated in the CPP by issuing \$30 million in Series A Preferred Stock together with a related Warrant to purchase 326,323 shares of common stock on January 30, 2009. The proceeds of the sale will count as Tier 1 Capital and the Warrant will qualify as tangible common equity.

## **Liquidity**

The Asset and Liability Management Committee of the Corporation seeks to assess and manage the risks associated with fluctuating interest rates while maintaining adequate liquidity. This is accomplished by formulating and implementing policies that take into account the sources and uses of funds, maturity and repricing distributions of assets and liabilities, pricing strategies, and marketability of assets.

The objective of liquidity management is to maintain sufficient funds to satisfy the needs of depositors and borrowers. The principal sources of asset liquidity are cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits in banks, federal funds and investment securities available-for-sale that are not pledged. At December 31, 2008, such liquid assets totaled \$173 million. While much more difficult to quantify, liability liquidity is enhanced by a stable core deposit base, access to credit lines at other financial institutions, and the Corporation's ability to renew maturing deposits. The Corporation's ability to attract deposits and borrow funds depends primarily on continued rate competitiveness, profitability, capitalization and overall financial condition.

When appropriate, we take advantage of external sources of funds, such as advances from the FHLB, lines of credit at other financial institutions and brokered funds. These external sources often provide attractive interest rates and flexible maturity dates that better enable us to match funding dates and pricing characteristics with contractual maturity dates and pricing parameters of earning assets. At December 31, 2008, our available borrowing capacity through the FHLB and other financial institutions was approximately \$34 million. In addition, we had approximately \$31 million available funding through brokered money market funds.

We actively manage our liquidity position under the direction of the Asset and Liability Management Committee of the Corporation's Board of Directors. Monthly reviews by management and quarterly reviews by this Committee under prescribed policies and procedures are intended to ensure that we will maintain adequate levels of available funds. Management believes that we have adequate liquidity available to respond to current and anticipated liquidity demands, which could include future branch expansion. Management anticipates opening additional branches or expanding current facilities in its existing market footprint annually or bi-annually for the next several years.

At the holding company level, the Corporation uses cash to pay dividends to shareholders and to service its junior subordinated debt. The main sources of funding for the holding company include dividends from the Bank and access to the capital markets. As discussed in Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report, the Bank is subject to significant regulation and, among other things, may be limited in its ability to pay dividends or transfer funds to the holding company. Accordingly, consolidated cash flows as presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows may not represent cash immediately available to the holding company. During 2008, the Bank declared and paid dividends of \$5.9 million. As of December 31, 2008, the amount of additional dividends that the Bank could have paid to the Corporation without regulatory approval was \$15.0 million.

## Interest Rate Sensitivity

Our primary market risk is interest rate fluctuation. Interest rate risk results primarily from the traditional banking activities that we engage in, such as gathering deposits and extending loans. Many factors, including economic and financial conditions, movements in interest rates and consumer preferences affect the difference between the interest earned on our assets and the interest paid on our liabilities. Interest rate sensitivity refers to the degree that earnings will be impacted by changes in the prevailing level of interest rates. Interest rate risk arises from mismatches in the repricing or maturity characteristics between interest-bearing assets and liabilities. Management seeks to minimize fluctuating net interest margins, and to enhance consistent growth of net interest income through periods of changing interest rates. Management uses interest sensitivity gap analysis and simulation models to measure and manage these risks. The interest rate sensitivity gap analysis assigns each interest-earning asset and interest-bearing liability to a time frame reflecting its next repricing or maturity date. The differences between total interest-sensitive assets and liabilities at each time interval represent the “interest sensitivity gap” for that interval. A positive gap generally indicates that rising interest rates during a given interval will increase net interest income, as more assets than liabilities will reprice. A negative gap position would benefit us during a period of declining interest rates. During 2008, we remained negatively gapped although our focus was shifted to begin moving to a more neutral position in anticipation of rising interest rates.

In order to manage interest sensitivity risk, management formulates guidelines regarding asset generation and pricing, funding sources and pricing, and off-balance sheet commitments. These guidelines are based on management’s outlook regarding future interest rate movements, the state of the regional and national economy, and other financial and business risk factors. Management uses computer simulations to measure the effect on net interest income of various interest rate scenarios. Key assumptions used in the computer simulations include cash flows and maturities of interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities, changes in asset volumes and pricing, and management’s capital plans. This modeling reflects interest rate changes and the related impact on net interest income over specified periods. Management has not historically used derivative financial instruments to manage its interest rate sensitivity. At December 31, 2008, the static gap analysis prepared by management indicated that we remained slightly liability sensitive over the next year. In computing the effect on net interest income of changes in interest rates, management has assumed that any changes would immediately affect earnings. Normally, when an organization is liability sensitive there is a negative impact to net interest income when interest rates increase. Based on the simulation analysis performed at December 31, 2008 and 2007, management estimated the following changes in net interest income, assuming the indicated rate changes:

	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
+200 basis point increase	\$ (1,272)	\$ (3,337)
+100 basis point increase	\$ (257)	\$ (1,693)
-100 basis point decrease	\$ 551	\$ 640

This estimate is based on assumptions that may be affected by unforeseeable changes in the general interest rate environment and any number of unforeseeable factors. Rates on different assets and liabilities within a single maturity category adjust to changes in interest rates to varying degrees and over varying periods of time. The relationships between lending rates and rates paid on purchased funds are not constant over time. Management can respond to current or anticipated market conditions by lengthening or shortening the Corporation’s sensitivity through loan repricings or changing its funding mix. The rate of growth in interest-free sources of funds will influence the level of interest-sensitive funding sources. In addition, the absolute level of interest rates will affect the volume of earning assets and funding sources. As a result of these limitations, the interest-sensitive gap is only one factor to be considered in estimating the net interest margin.

*Impact of Inflation* – Our assets and liabilities are primarily monetary in nature, and as such, future changes in prices do not affect the obligations to pay or receive fixed and determinable amounts of money. During inflationary periods, monetary assets lose value in terms of purchasing power and monetary liabilities have corresponding purchasing power gains. The concept of purchasing power is not an adequate indicator of the impact of inflation on financial institutions because it does not incorporate changes in interest rates, which are an important determination of the Corporation’s earnings.

## Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The following table presents, as of December 31, 2008, significant fixed and determinable contractual obligations to third parties by payment date and amounts and expected maturities of significant commitments. Commitments to extend credit and letters of credit are legally binding, conditional agreements generally having fixed expiration or termination dates. These commitments generally require customers to maintain certain credit standards and are established based on management's credit assessment of the customer. The commitments may expire without being drawn upon. Therefore, the total commitment does not necessarily represent future funding requirements. Further discussion of the nature of certain obligations and commitments is included in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements referenced in the table below, which are included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report.

Contractual Obligations (in millions)	Note Reference	Payments Due by Period				
		Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Long term debt	8					
FHLB Advances		\$ 241.5	\$ 14.0	\$ 82.0	\$ 44.25	\$ 101.25
Junior subordinated debt		35.9	--	--	--	35.9
Operating leases	5	2.8	.7	1.1	1.0	--
Data processing and telecommunications services	5	7.8	2.2	2.9	2.7	--
Time Deposits	7	576.6	449.0	120.0	7.5	.1
Pension/SERP	11	10.4	.6	1.3	1.6	6.9

Commitments (in millions)	Note Reference	Commitment Expiration by Period				
		Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Loan commitments	4	\$ 142.3	\$ 10.0	\$ 16.7	\$ 16.8	\$ 98.8
Letters of credit	4	5.9	5.9	--	--	--

At December 31, 2008, our off-balance sheet arrangements were limited to loan commitments and letters of credit discussed above.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information called for by this item is incorporated herein by reference to Item 7 of Part II of this annual report under the caption "Interest Rate Sensitivity".

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
First United Corporation  
Oakland, Maryland

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition of First United Corporation and subsidiaries ("Corporation") as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008. The Corporation's management is responsible for these financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of First United Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Corporation changed its method of accounting for its defined benefit pension plan in 2006.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), First United Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 4, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion.



Beard Miller Company LLP  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 4, 2009

**First United Corporation and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 18,423	\$ 24,316
Interest bearing deposits in banks	882	1,486
Investment securities available-for-sale (at fair value)	354,595	304,908
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	13,933	9,863
Loans	1,134,546	1,043,266
Allowance for loan losses	<u>(14,347)</u>	<u>(7,304)</u>
Net loans	1,120,199	1,035,962
Premises and equipment, net	31,124	31,407
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net	16,322	14,560
Bank owned life insurance	29,743	29,039
Deferred tax on investments	22,460	1,712
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	<u>31,423</u>	<u>25,656</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,639,104</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,478,909</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Non-interest bearing deposits	\$ 107,749	\$ 97,976
Interest bearing deposits	<u>1,115,140</u>	<u>1,028,576</u>
Total deposits	1,222,889	1,126,552
Short-term borrowings	50,495	55,112
Long-term borrowings	277,403	178,451
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	14,529	12,895
Dividends payable	<u>1,098</u>	<u>1,234</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,566,414</b>	<b>1,374,244</b>
<b>Shareholders' Equity:</b>		
Preferred stock-no par value; authorized and unissued 2,000 shares		
Capital stock-par value \$.01 per share; authorized 25,000 shares, issued and outstanding 6,113 in 2008 and 6,138 in 2007	61	61
Surplus	20,520	21,400
Retained earnings	93,092	88,859
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>(40,983)</u>	<u>(5,655)</u>
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b><u>72,690</u></b>	<b><u>104,665</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,639,104</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,478,909</u></b>

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

**First United Corporation and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Income**  
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	<b>Year ended December 31</b>		
	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>
<b>Interest income</b>			
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 74,398	\$ 77,132	\$ 69,019
Interest on investment securities:			
Taxable	16,848	12,474	7,699
Exempt from federal income taxes	<u>3,400</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>2,860</u>
	20,248	15,626	10,559
Other	<u>570</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>691</u>
Total interest income	95,216	93,565	80,269
<b>Interest expense</b>			
Interest on deposits	30,782	37,759	27,349
Interest on short-term borrowings	1,022	2,902	4,429
Interest on long-term borrowings	<u>11,239</u>	<u>8,670</u>	<u>7,557</u>
Total interest expense	<u>43,043</u>	<u>49,331</u>	<u>39,335</u>
Net interest income	52,173	44,234	40,934
Provision for loan losses	<u>12,925</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>1,165</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	39,248	41,922	39,769
<b>Other operating income</b>			
Service charges	7,474	6,949	6,267
Trust department	3,912	4,076	3,671
Insurance commissions	2,143	2,529	1,573
Net securities (losses)/gains	(1,997)	(1,605)	4
Debit card income	1,215	1,111	899
Bank owned life insurance	704	1,114	848
Other	<u>318</u>	<u>918</u>	<u>779</u>
Total other operating income	13,769	15,092	14,041
<b>Other operating expense</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits	21,531	20,628	19,084
Equipment	3,364	3,224	3,011
Occupancy	2,693	2,388	2,043
Data processing	1,721	1,672	1,452
Other	<u>11,264</u>	<u>10,563</u>	<u>9,900</u>
Total other operating expenses	<u>40,573</u>	<u>38,475</u>	<u>35,490</u>
Income before income taxes	12,444	18,539	18,320
Applicable income taxes	<u>3,573</u>	<u>5,746</u>	<u>5,743</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 8,871</u>	<u>\$ 12,793</u>	<u>\$ 12,577</u>
Earnings per share	<u>\$ 1.45</u>	<u>\$ 2.08</u>	<u>\$ 2.05</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding	<u>6,112,808</u>	<u>6,149,125</u>	<u>6,129,612</u>

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

**First United Corporation and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	<b>Capital Stock</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</b>	<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>
Balance at January 1, 2006	\$ 61	\$ 20,946	\$ 73,012	\$ (1,980)	\$ 92,039
Comprehensive income:					
Net income for the year			12,577		12,577
Unrealized gain on securities available-for sale, net of income taxes of \$682				1,265	1,265
Adjustment to initially adopt SFAS No. 158 net of income taxes of \$2,619				(4,865)	(4,865)
Comprehensive Income					8,977
Issuance of 23,241 shares of common stock under dividend reinvestment plan		502			502
Cash dividends-\$.76 per share			(4,662)		(4,662)
Balance at December 31, 2006	61	21,448	80,927	(5,580)	96,856
Comprehensive income:					
Net income for the year			12,793		12,793
Unrealized loss on securities available-for sale, net of income taxes of \$1,228				(1,815)	(1,815)
Change in accumulated unrealized losses for pension and SERP obligations, net of income taxes of \$1,178				1,740	1,740
Comprehensive income					12,718
Issuance of 22,824 shares of common stock under dividend reinvestment plan		476			476
Repurchase of common stock		(524)			(524)
Cash dividends-\$.78 per share			(4,861)		(4,861)
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 61	\$ 21,400	\$ 88,859	\$ (5,655)	\$ 104,665
Comprehensive loss:					
Net income for the year			8,871		8,871
Unrealized loss on securities available-for sale, net of income taxes of \$20,748				(30,660)	(30,660)
Change in accumulated unrealized losses for pension and SERP obligations, net of income taxes of \$2,784				(4,668)	(4,668)
Comprehensive loss					(26,457)
Issuance of 25,814 shares of common stock under dividend reinvestment plan		362			362
Repurchase of common stock		(1,391)			(1,391)
Stock based compensation		149			149
Cash dividends-\$.80 per share			(4,638)		(4,638)
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ 20,520</u>	<u>\$ 93,092</u>	<u>\$ (40,983)</u>	<u>\$ 72,690</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**First United Corporation and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(In thousands)

	Year ended December 31		
	2008	2007	2006
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net Income	\$ 8,871	\$ 12,793	\$ 12,577
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for loan losses	12,925	2,312	1,165
Depreciation	2,834	2,581	2,486
Stock Compensation	149	--	--
Amortization of intangible assets	684	656	504
Net accretion and amortization of investment security discounts and premiums	(514)	145	175
Loss (gain) on sale of investment securities	1,997	1,605	(4)
Deferred Income Taxes	(3,147)	557	(530)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable and other assets	(7,287)	(3,744)	(1,987)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	1,634	(1,307)	(443)
Earnings on bank owned life insurance	(704)	(1,114)	(848)
Net cash provided by operating activities	17,442	14,484	13,095
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Net decrease in interest bearing deposits in banks	604	977	2,538
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities available-for-sale	78,223	45,190	56,196
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities held-to-maturity	9,000	--	--
Proceeds from sales of investment securities available-for-sale	43,008	--	548
Purchases of investment securities available-for-sale	(224,110)	(163,246)	(88,004)
Purchases of investment securities held-to-maturity	(8,700)	--	--
Proceeds from sales of investment securities held for trading	--	71,611	--
Net increase in loans	(97,162)	(56,193)	(2,726)
Purchase of mortgage loans	--	(24,955)	--
Net increase in FHLB stock	(4,070)	(243)	(1,570)
Acquisition of insurance business	(2,446)	(680)	--
Purchase of premises and equipment	(2,551)	(4,135)	(5,287)
Purchase of bank owned life insurance	--	--	(2,839)
Net cash used in investing activities	(208,204)	(131,674)	(41,144)
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Net increase in deposits	96,337	155,171	15,527
Net decrease in short-term borrowings	(4,617)	(44,267)	(22,560)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	115,000	73,500	55,000
Payments on long-term borrowings	(16,048)	(61,379)	(17,043)
Cash dividends paid	(4,774)	(4,796)	(4,662)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	362	476	502
Stock repurchase	(1,391)	(524)	--
Net cash provided by financing activities	184,869	118,181	26,764
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,893)	991	(1,285)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	24,316	23,325	24,610
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 18,423	\$ 24,316	\$ 23,325
<b>Supplemental information</b>			
Interest paid	\$ 44,399	\$ 48,790	\$ 38,363
Income taxes paid	7,280	5,620	7,860
<i>See notes to consolidated financial statements</i>			

## **First United Corporation and Subsidiaries**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### **1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **Business**

First United Corporation (“Corporation”) is a registered financial holding company that was incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland. It is the parent company of First United Bank & Trust (“Bank”), First United Insurance Group, LLC (“Insurance Group”), a full-service insurance agency, OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. and OakFirst Loan Center, LLC, both consumer finance companies. OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. owns all of the outstanding stock of First United Insurance Agency, Inc. The Bank provides a complete range of retail and commercial banking services to a customer base serviced by a network of 26 offices and 32 automated teller machines. This customer base includes individuals, businesses and various governmental units. The Insurance Group is a full-service insurance agency. The Corporation and its subsidiaries operate principally in four Western Maryland counties and four West Virginia counties.

##### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles that require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, the assessment of other than temporary impairment pertaining to investment securities, potential impairment of goodwill, and the valuation of deferred tax assets. For purposes of comparability, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2008 presentation. Such reclassifications had no impact on net income.

The Corporation determines whether it should consolidate other entities or account for them on the equity method of accounting depending on whether it has a controlling financial interest in an entity of less than 100% of the voting interest of that entity by considering the provisions of Accounting Research Bulletin 51 (ARB 51), “Consolidated Financial Statements”, or a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity (“VIE”) by considering the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 46R (“FIN 46R”), “Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities.” Under FIN 46, a VIE is a corporation, partnership, trust or any other legal structure used for business purposes that either (a) does not have equity investors with voting rights or (b) has equity investors that do not provide sufficient financial resources for the entity to support its activities. Under FIN 46R, an entity that holds a variable interest in a VIE is required to consolidate the VIE if the entity is subject to a majority of the risk of loss from the VIE’s activities, is entitled to receive a majority of the entity’s residual returns or both. ARB 51 is considered for entities in which the total equity investment at risk is sufficient to enable the entity to finance itself independently and provides the equity holders with the obligation to absorb losses, the right to receive residual returns and the right to make financial and operating decisions.

As discussed further in Note 8, the Corporation formed statutory trusts for the purpose of issuing securities which qualify as regulatory capital. These trusts are considered VIEs, but are not consolidated, based on the criteria established in FIN 46. The Corporation’s investment in non-consolidated VIEs is accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

##### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation include the accounts of the Bank, the Insurance Group, OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. and its subsidiary, and OakFirst Loan Center, LLC. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

##### **Significant Concentrations of Credit Risk**

Most of the Corporation’s relationships are with customers located in Western Maryland and Northeastern West Virginia. Note 3 discusses the types of securities in which the Corporation invests and Note 4 discusses the Corporation’s lending activities. The Corporation does not have any significant concentrations in any one industry or customer.

##### **Investments**

*Securities available-for-sale:* All securities as of December 31, 2008 were classified as available-for-sale, and as such are stated at their fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in shareholders’ equity. The fair values of publicly traded investments are determined using quoted

market prices. The fair values of investments are based upon information that is currently available and may not necessarily represent amounts that will ultimately be realized, which depends on future events and circumstances.

The amortized cost of debt securities classified as available-for-sale is adjusted for the amortization of premiums to the first call date, if applicable, or to maturity, and for the accretion of discounts to maturity, or in the case of mortgage-backed securities, over the estimated life of the security. Such amortization and accretion is included in interest income from investments. Interest and dividends are included in interest income from investments. Gains and losses on the sale of securities are recorded using the specific identification method. Management systematically evaluates the securities for impairment on a quarterly basis. Declines in the fair value of available for sale securities below their cost that are considered other than temporary declines are recognized in earnings as realized losses in the period in which the impairment determination is made. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Corporation to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. This process is described more fully in the Investment Securities section of the Consolidated Balance Sheet Review.

*Securities held for trading:* Securities that are held principally for resale in the near future are reported at their fair values as investment securities – trading, with changes in fair value reported in earnings. Interest and dividends on trading securities are included in investment income.

## **Fair Value**

During 2008, the Corporation adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements.” SFAS No. 157 defines the term of “fair value” and provides improved guidance for how to measure it. The Corporation has utilized the fair value criteria in determining the value of its investment securities and certain other assets. Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements includes the Corporation’s fair value disclosures.

## **Restricted Investment in Bank Stock**

Restricted stock, which represents required investments in the common stock of a correspondent bank, is carried at cost and, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, consists of the common stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) of Atlanta and Atlantic Central Bankers Bank.

Management evaluates the restricted stock for impairment in accordance with Statement of Position (SOP) 01-6, “Accounting by Certain Entities (Including Entities With Trade Receivables) That Lend to or Finance the Activities of Others.” Management’s determination of whether these investments are impaired is based on their assessment of the ultimate recoverability of their cost rather than by recognizing temporary declines in value. The determination of whether a decline affects the ultimate recoverability of their cost is influenced by criteria such as (1) the significance of the decline in net assets of the Bank as compared to the capital stock amount for the Bank and the length of time this situation has persisted, (2) commitments by the Bank to make payments required by law or regulation and the level of such payments in relation to the operating performance of the Bank, and (3) the impact of legislative and regulatory changes on institutions and, accordingly, on the customer base of the Bank.

On January 30, 2009, the FHLB of Atlanta announced that it was deferring the declaration of a dividend on its stock for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 until it completes its year-end analysis of other-than-temporary impairment which is critical to its net income determination. The FHLB of Atlanta stated that it anticipates a decision regarding the dividend to be made in March 2009.

Management believes that no impairment charge in respect of the restricted stock is necessary as of December 31, 2008.

## **Loans**

Loans and leases that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or full repayment by the borrower are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balance, adjusted for any deferred fees or costs pertaining to origination.

## **Interest and Fees on Loans**

Interest on loans and leases (other than those on non-accrual status) is recognized based upon the principal amount outstanding. Loan fees in excess of the costs incurred to originate the loan are recognized as income over the life of the loan utilizing either the interest method or the straight-line method, depending on the type of loan. Generally, fees on loans with a specified

maturity date, such as residential mortgages, are recognized using the interest method. Loan fees for lines of credit are recognized on the straight-line method.

A loan is considered to be past due when a payment has not been received for 30 days after its contractual due date. It is the Corporation's general policy to discontinue the accrual of interest on loans (including impaired loans), except for consumer loans, when circumstances indicate that collection of principal or interest is doubtful. After a loan is placed on non-accrual status, interest is not recognized and cash payments received are applied to the principal balances. A non-accruing loan is restored to accrual status when principal and interest payments have been brought current, it becomes well secured or is in the process of collection and the prospects of future contractual payments are no longer in doubt.

Generally, consumer installment loans are not placed on non-accrual status, but are charged off after they are 120 days contractually past due. Loans other than consumer loans are charged-off based on an evaluation of the facts and circumstances of each individual loan.

### **Allowance for Loan Losses**

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level believed by management to be sufficient to absorb estimated losses inherent in the loan portfolio. Loans deemed uncollectible are charged off against the allowance, while recoveries of amounts previously charged off are credited to it. Management's determination of the adequacy of the loan loss reserve is based upon several factors including the impact of economic conditions on borrowers' ability to repay their loans, past collection experience, the risk characteristics of the loan portfolio, estimated fair value of underlying collateral for collateral dependent loans, and such other factors which in management's judgment, deserve current recognition.

The Corporation utilizes the methodology outlined in the FDIC Statement of Policy on Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses. The starting point for this methodology is to segregate the loan portfolio into two pools, non-homogeneous (i.e. commercial) and homogeneous (i.e. mortgage, consumer) loans. Each loan pool is analyzed with general allowances and specific allocations being made as appropriate. For general allowances, the previous eight quarters of loss activity are used in the estimation of losses in the current portfolio. These historical loss amounts are modified by the following qualitative factors: levels of and trends in delinquency and non-accruals; trends in volumes and terms of loans; effects of changes in lending policies, experience, ability, and depth of management, national and local economic trends and conditions; and concentrations of credit in the determination of the general allowance. The qualitative factors are updated each quarter by the gathering of information from internal, regulatory, and governmental sources. Specific allocations are made for impaired loans in which the collateral value is less than the outstanding loan balance with the allocation being the dollar difference between the two. The Corporation maintains a watchlist which represents loans, identified and closely monitored by management, which possess certain qualities or characteristics that may lead to collection and loss issues. Allocations are not made for loans that are cash secured, for the Small Business Administration or Farm Service Agency guaranteed portion of loans, or for loans that are sufficiently collateralized.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Corporation will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and construction loans. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, the Corporation does not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment disclosures, unless such loans are the subject of a restructuring agreement.

The Corporation maintains an allowance for losses on unfunded commercial lending commitments and letters of credit to provide for the risk of loss inherent in these arrangements. The allowance is determined utilizing a methodology that is similar to that used to determine the allowance for loan losses, modified to take into account the probability of a draw down on the commitment. This allowance is reported as a liability on the balance sheet within accrued interest payable and other liabilities. The balance in the liability account was \$.1 million at December 31, 2008.

## **Premises and Equipment**

Land is carried at cost. Premises and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation. The provision for depreciation for financial reporting has been made by using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 18 to 32 years for buildings and three to 20 years for furniture and equipment. Accelerated depreciation methods are used for income tax purposes.

## **Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net assets acquired in business combinations. In accordance with SFAS No. 147 and 142 which include guidance specific to bank branch purchases that qualify as business combinations, goodwill is not amortized but is subject to an annual impairment test.

Other intangible assets with finite lives are core deposit intangible assets, which represent the present value of future net income to be earned from acquired deposits. Core deposit intangibles are being amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated life of 7.2 years. Insurance agency book of business intangibles are being amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated lives.

## **Bank-Owned Life Insurance (BOLI)**

BOLI policies are recorded at their cash surrender values. Changes in the cash surrender values are recorded as other operating income.

## **Foreclosed Assets**

Assets acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure are held for sale and are initially recorded at fair value less cost to sell at the date of foreclosure, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. Revenue and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in net expenses from foreclosed assets. Foreclosed assets are included in accrued interest receivable and other assets and were \$2,424,000 and \$825,000, respectively, at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

## **Income Taxes**

The Corporation and its subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return. The Corporation accounts for income taxes using the liability method. Under the liability method, the deferred tax liability or asset is determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities (temporary differences) and is measured at the enacted tax rates that will be in effect when these differences reverse. Deferred tax expense is determined by the change in the net liability or asset for deferred taxes adjusted for changes in any deferred tax asset valuation allowance.

The Corporation has adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards (FASB) Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" and FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FIN 48-1 "Definition of Settlement in FASB Interpretation No. 48" (FSP FIN 48-1). The Interpretation provides clarification on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. The Corporation has not identified any income tax uncertainties.

The Corporation files federal and state corporate income tax returns annually. These returns may be selected for examination by the Internal Revenue Service and the states where we file, subject to a statute of limitations. At any given point in time, the Corporation may have several years of filed tax returns that may be selected for examination or review by taxing authorities.

## **Defined Benefit Plans**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 158, "Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and other Post Retirement Plans." Effective December 31, 2006, the Corporation adopted the provisions of this Statement which resulted in the recognition of the funded status of its defined benefits pension plan as an asset, and its supplemental executive retirement plan as a liability on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition, and the recognition of unrecognized net actuarial losses, prior service costs and a net transition asset totaling \$4.7

million as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax. Refer to Note 11 for a further discussion of the Corporation's pension plan and supplemental executive retirement plan obligations.

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and due from banks in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

### **Earnings Per Share**

Earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The Corporation does not have any common stock equivalents.

### **Trust Assets and Income**

Assets held in an agency or fiduciary capacity are not assets of the Corporation and, accordingly, are not included in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. Income from the Bank's trust department represents fees charged to customers and is recorded on an accrual basis.

### **Business Segments**

As defined by SFAS No. 131, "Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," the Corporation has two operating segments, community banking and insurance. Because the operating activities of the insurance segment are immaterial to the consolidated financial statements, no separate segment disclosures for insurance operations have been made.

### **Equity Compensation Plan**

At the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Corporation's shareholders approved the First United Corporation Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), which authorizes the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, stock units, performance units, dividend equivalents, and other stock-based awards to employees or directors totaling up to 185,000 shares.

On June 18, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Corporation adopted a Long-Term Incentive Program (the "LTIP"). This program was adopted as a sub-plan of the Corporation's Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan to reward participants for increasing shareholder value, align executive interests with those of shareholders, and serve as a retention tool for key executives. Under the LTIP, participants are granted shares of restricted common stock of the Corporation. The amount awarded is based on a specified percentage of the participant's salary as of the date of grant. These shares will vest if the Corporation meets or exceeds certain performance thresholds. These performance-related shares are expensed ratably from the date that the likelihood of meeting the performance measures is probable through the end of a three year vesting period.

"In conjunction with the adoption of the LTIP, the Corporation adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), "Accounting for Share-Based Payments". SFAS No. 123(R) required public companies to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of the award, which, for the Corporation, is the market price of the stock on the date of grant. The cost will be recognized in expense ratably over the period in which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award (the vesting period)."

As of December 31, 2008, a total of 18,519 shares had been granted to executive management under the LTIP at a fair market price of \$19.02. These shares will be earned at the end of a three-year vesting period if the Corporation meets or exceeds certain performance measures.

Stock-based awards were also made to directors totaling 3,738 shares at a fair market price of \$18.69 as defined in their annual compensation package. The directors' shares were vested immediately.

Share-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$.1 million. Unamortized share-based compensation expense as of December 31, 2008 is \$.3 million. The 18,519 unvested shares did not affect the diluted earnings per share.

## **Stock Repurchases**

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, shares of capital stock that are repurchased are cancelled and treated as authorized but unissued shares. When a share of capital stock is repurchased, the payment of the repurchase price reduces stated capital by the par value of that share (currently, \$0.01 for common stock and \$0.00 for preferred stock), and any excess over par value reduces capital surplus.

## **Variable Interest Entities**

In March 2004, the Corporation issued approximately \$30.9 million of junior subordinated debentures to First United Statutory Trust I (“FUST I”) and First United Statutory Trust II (collectively with FUST I, the “Trusts”). The Trusts are Connecticut statutory business trusts, with all outstanding common stock owned by the Corporation, that issued mandatorily redeemable preferred capital securities to third party investors. The Trusts are considered special-purpose entities (SPEs). In accordance with FIN 46R, the Corporation reported the \$30.9 million of junior subordinated debentures as long-term borrowings and its \$0.9 million equity interest in the Trusts as “Other Assets” at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

These debentures and preferred securities are discussed in detail in Note 8.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 132(R)-1, “Employers’ Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets”. This FSP amends SFAS 132(R), “Employers’ Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits”, to provide guidance on an employer’s disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. The disclosures about plan assets required by this FSP shall be provided for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009. The Corporation is currently reviewing the effect this new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2008, the SEC released a proposed roadmap regarding the potential use by U.S. issuers of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). IFRS is a comprehensive series of accounting standards published by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). Under the proposed roadmap, the Company may be required to prepare financial statements in accordance with IFRS as early as 2014. The SEC will make a determination in 2011 regarding the mandatory adoption of IFRS. The Corporation is currently assessing the impact that this potential change would have on its consolidated financial statements, and it will continue to monitor the development of the potential implementation of IFRS.

In May 2008, FASB issued SFAS No. 162, “The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.” This standard identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements. This statement is effective 60 days following the SEC’s approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) amendments to AU Section 411, “The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.” The Corporation is currently evaluating the potential impact the new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 142-3, “Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets.” This FSP amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No. 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets” (SFAS 142). The intent of this FSP is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141R, and other GAAP. This FSP is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is prohibited. The Corporation is currently evaluating the potential impact the new pronouncement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

## **2. Regulatory Capital Requirements**

The Corporation and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Corporation and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of its assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Corporation and the Bank to maintain certain minimum amounts of capital and ratios of total and Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets, and of Tier I capital to average assets (leverage). Management believes, as of December 31, 2008, that the Corporation and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

As of December 31, 2008, the most recent notification from regulatory agencies categorized the Bank as “well capitalized” under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. For a financial institution to be categorized as well capitalized, total risk-based, Tier I risk-based, and Tier I leverage ratios must not fall below the percentages shown in the following table. Management is not aware of any condition or event which has caused the well capitalized position to change.

(Dollars in thousands)	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>December 31, 2008</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)						
Consolidated	\$ 148,464	12.18%	\$ 97,541	8.00%	N/A	N/A
First United Bank	131,572	10.91%	96,521	8.00%	120,652	10.00%
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)						
Consolidated	129,117	10.59%	48,771	4.00%	N/A	N/A
First United Bank	117,398	9.73%	48,260	4.00%	72,391	6.00%
Tier 1 Capital (to Average Assets)						
Consolidated	129,117	8.10%	63,751	4.00%	N/A	N/A
First United Bank	117,398	7.43%	63,205	4.00%	79,007	5.00%

(Dollars in thousands)	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>December 31, 2007</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)						
Consolidated	\$ 138,993	12.51%	\$ 88,900	8.00%	N/A	N/A
First United Bank	120,974	11.01%	87,877	8.00%	109,900	10.00%
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)						
Consolidated	126,689	11.40%	44,450	4.00%	N/A	N/A
First United Bank	113,851	10.36%	43,938	4.00%	65,940	6.00%
Tier 1 Capital (to Average Assets)						
Consolidated	126,689	8.91%	56,846	4.00%	N/A	N/A
First United Bank	113,851	8.08%	56,341	4.00%	70,427	5.00%

See Note 17 – Subsequent Event for information on the Corporation’s participation in the U.S. Treasury’s TARP Capital Purchase Program.

### 3. Investment Securities

The following table shows a comparison of amortized cost and fair values of investment securities available-for-sale (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>December 31, 2008</b>				
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 111,938	\$ 1,885	\$ 178	\$ 113,645
Mortgage-backed securities	132,107	2,222	11,130	123,199
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	95,876	705	3,096	93,485
Corporate and other debt securities	<u>70,324</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>46,058</u>	<u>24,266</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 410,245</u>	<u>\$ 4,812</u>	<u>\$ 60,462</u>	<u>\$ 354,595</u>
<b>December 31, 2007</b>				
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 89,211	\$ 1,557	\$ --	\$ 90,768
Mortgage-backed securities	60,505	450	16	60,939
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	85,896	691	694	85,893
Corporate and other debt securities	<u>73,537</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>6,277</u>	<u>67,308</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 309,149</u>	<u>\$ 2,746</u>	<u>\$ 6,987</u>	<u>\$ 304,908</u>

Proceeds from sales and calls of securities and the realized gains and losses are as follows (in thousands):

	2008	2007	2006
Proceeds	\$ 43,008	\$ 71,611	\$ 548
Realized gains	727	10	4
Realized losses <sup>1</sup>	(2,724)	(1,615)	--

<sup>1</sup> The realized loss reported for 2008 is attributable to an other-than-temporary impairment charge recognized at December 31, 2008. The associated securities were not sold.

The following table shows the Corporation's securities available-for-sale with gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized position, at December 31, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands):

	December 31, 2008			
	Less than 12 months		12 months or more	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 19,822	\$ (178)	\$ --	\$ --
Mortgage-backed securities	38,229	(9,942)	3,216	(1,188)
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	66,735	(2,781)	3,632	(315)
Corporate securities	<u>2,159</u>	<u>(5,393)</u>	<u>21,724</u>	<u>(40,665)</u>
	<u>\$ 126,945</u>	<u>\$ (18,294)</u>	<u>\$ 28,572</u>	<u>\$ (42,168)</u>

**December 31, 2007**

	Less than 12 months		12 months or more	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 1,251	\$ (2)	\$ 889	\$ (14)
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	24,103	(337)	22,681	(357)
Corporate securities	<u>36,679</u>	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>23,035</u>	<u>(2,085)</u>
	<u>\$ 62,033</u>	<u>\$ (4,531)</u>	<u>\$ 46,605</u>	<u>\$ (2,456)</u>

Management systematically evaluates securities for impairment on a quarterly basis. Declines in the fair value of securities below their cost that are considered other-than-temporary declines are recognized in earnings as realized losses in the period in which the impairment determination is made. In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Corporation to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. Management also monitors cash flow projections for certain securities in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 99-20, "Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Retained Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets" (EITF 99-20) which was amended in FSP EITF 99-20-1, "Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF 99-20", effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2008.

Based upon a review of credit quality and the cash flow tests performed, management determined that two of our Corporate Securities were other-than-temporarily impaired. As a result of this assessment, we recorded a \$2.7 million loss on these securities as of December 31, 2008. The unrealized losses on the remaining investment securities are primarily attributable to factors such as changes in market interest rates, marketability, liquidity and the current economic environment. The mortgage-backed securities portfolio was in an unrealized loss position of \$11.1 million at December 31, 2008. These securities are reviewed for factors such as loan to value ratio, credit support levels, FICO scores, geographic concentration, prepayment speeds, delinquencies, coverage ratios and credit ratings. All of our investments in states and other political subdivisions are of the highest investment grade as determined by the major rating agencies. The total \$46.1 million in unrealized losses reported for corporate securities at December 31, 2008 relates to Preferred Term Securities (PreTSLs). The Corporation has both the intent and ability to hold the impaired securities in its investment portfolio for the period of time necessary to recover its amortized cost. See Note 15 for management's methods used to determine the fair value of securities.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities available-for-sale by contractual maturity at December 31, 2008 are shown in the following table. Actual maturities will differ from contractual maturities because the issuers of the securities may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

<b>Contractual Maturity</b>	<b>(in thousands)</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Due in one year or less	\$ 4,087	\$ 4,193
Due after one year through five years	51,888	53,075
Due after five years through ten years	30,193	30,680
Due after ten years	<u>191,969</u>	<u>143,448</u>
	278,137	231,396
Mortgage-backed securities	<u>132,107</u>	<u>123,199</u>
	<u>\$ 410,244</u>	<u>\$ 354,595</u>

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, investment securities with a fair value of \$235 million and \$134 million, respectively, were pledged as permitted or required to secure public and trust deposits, for securities sold under agreements to repurchase as required or permitted by law and as collateral for borrowing capacity.

#### 4. Loans

The Corporation, through the Bank, is active in originating loans to customers primarily in Western Maryland and Northeastern West Virginia. The following table is a summary of the loan portfolio and loan commitments by principal categories (in thousands):

	December 31, 2008		December 31, 2007	
	Loans	Loan Commitments	Loans	Loan Commitments
Commercial	\$ 575,962	\$ 88,640	\$ 492,302	\$ 92,301
Real Estate – Mortgage	403,768	44,304	384,420	42,819
Consumer Installment	140,234	3,897	153,593	66
Real Estate – Construction	14,582	5,441	12,951	8,645
Commercial letters of credit	--	5,943	--	7,488
Total	<u>\$ 1,134,546</u>	<u>\$ 148,225</u>	<u>\$ 1,043,266</u>	<u>\$ 151,319</u>

Loan commitments are made to accommodate the financial needs of the Corporation's customers. Letters of credit commit the Corporation to make payments on behalf of customers when certain specified future events occur. Letters of credit are issued to customers to support contractual obligations and to insure job performance. Commitments to extend credit generally have fixed expiration dates, may require payment of a fee, and contain cancellation clauses in the event of an adverse change in the customer's credit quality. Historically, most letters of credit expire unfunded, and therefore, cash requirements are substantially less than the total commitment. Loan commitments and letters of credit have credit risk essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers and are subject to normal credit policies. Collateral is obtained based on management's credit assessment of the customer. The Corporation considers letters of credit to be guarantees and the amount of liability related to such guarantees was not significant at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

In the ordinary course of business, executive officers and directors of the Corporation, including their families and companies in which certain directors are principal owners, were loan customers of the Bank. Pursuant to the Bank's lending policies, such loans were made on the same terms, including collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons and do not involve more than the normal risk of collectability. Changes in the dollar amount of loans outstanding to officers, directors and their associates were as follows for the year ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2008
Balance at January 1	\$ 28,417
Loans or advances	3,655
Repayments <sup>1</sup>	(17,846)
Balance at December 31	<u>\$ 14,226</u>

<sup>1</sup> Amount includes a reclassification of balances due to the resignation of a director.

Activity in the allowance for loan losses is summarized as follows (in thousands):

	2008	2007	2006
Balance at January 1	\$ 7,304	\$ 6,530	\$ 6,416
Gross credit losses	(6,595)	(2,222)	(1,575)
Recoveries	713	684	524
Net credit losses	(5,882)	(1,538)	(1,051)
Provision for loan losses	12,925	2,312	1,165
Balance at December 31	<u>\$ 14,347</u>	<u>\$ 7,304</u>	<u>\$ 6,530</u>

Non-accruing loans were \$24.6 million, \$5.4 million, and \$3.2 million at December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Interest income not recognized as a result of placing loans on a non-accrual status was \$.4 million during 2008 and \$.2 million during 2007 and 2006. Accruing loans past due 90 days or more were \$3.5 million, \$3.3 million and \$.6 million at the end of 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The following is a summary of information pertaining to impaired and non-accrual loans (in thousands):

	<i>Years Ended December 31,</i>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Impaired loans without a valuation allowance	\$ 66,816	\$ 6,814	\$ -
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance	<u>16,519</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>127</u>
Total impaired loans	<u>\$ 83,335</u>	<u>\$ 6,990</u>	<u>\$ 127</u>
Valuation allowance related to impaired loans	\$ 4,759	\$ 176	\$ 127
Average investment in impaired loans	\$ 28,180	\$ 1,472	\$ 166
Interest income recognized on an accrual basis on impaired loans	\$ 4,658	\$ 225	\$ -
Interest income recognized on a cash basis on impaired loans	\$ 410	\$ 162	\$ 178

No additional funds are committed to be advanced in connection with impaired loans. A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Corporation will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial and construction loans. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Based upon the current economic environment and its effect on the overall real estate markets, the amount of impaired loans has increased significantly from December 31, 2007.

## 5. Premises and Equipment

The composition of premises and equipment at December 31 is as follows (in thousands):

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Land	\$ 8,910	\$ 8,910
Land Improvements	322	316
Premises	23,058	22,340
Furniture and Equipment	<u>21,071</u>	<u>29,475</u>
	53,361	61,041
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,237)</u>	<u>(29,634)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,124</u>	<u>\$ 31,407</u>

The Corporation recorded depreciation expense of \$2.8 million, \$2.6 million and \$2.5 million in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Pursuant to the terms of noncancelable operating lease agreements for banking and subsidiaries' offices and for data processing and telecommunications equipment in effect at December 31, 2008, future minimum rent commitments under these leases for each of the next five years are as follows: \$2.9, \$2.0, \$2.0, \$1.9, and \$1.8 million. The leases contain options to extend for periods from one to five years, not included in the aforementioned amounts.

Total rent expense for offices amounted to \$.7 million in 2008 and 2007 and \$.6 million in 2006.

## 6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill resulted from the acquisition of four branch offices and a banking center from The Huntington National Bank in July 2003 and an insurance agency in April 1999. The Corporation performed its annual impairment test as of December 31, 2008 and determined that goodwill was not impaired. There can be no assurance that goodwill impairment will not occur in the future. The Corporation will continue to evaluate goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and as events occur or circumstances change.

Effective as of December 31, 2008, the Insurance Group acquired substantially all the assets of three insurance agencies. These acquisitions resulted in an increase of \$2.4 in goodwill and intangible assets. The estimated goodwill and intangible assets are based upon a preliminary valuation and are subject to change during the allocation period as defined by SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations".

The significant components of goodwill and acquired intangible assets at December 31 are as follows (in thousands):

	2008				2007			
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Weighted Average Remaining Life	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Weighted Average Remaining Life
Goodwill	\$11,900	\$ --	\$11,900		\$11,900	\$ --	\$11,900	
Core deposit intangible assets	4,040	(3,023)	1,017	1.8	4,040	(2,465)	1,575	2.8
Insurance agency book of businesses	<u>3,651</u>	<u>(246)</u>	<u>3,405</u>	9.1	<u>1,205</u>	<u>(120)</u>	<u>1,085</u>	7.8
Total	<u>\$19,591</u>	<u>\$(3,269)</u>	<u>\$16,322</u>		<u>\$17,145</u>	<u>\$(2,585)</u>	<u>\$14,560</u>	

Amortization expense relating to amortizable intangible assets was \$.7 million in 2008 and 2007 and \$.5 million in 2006. Future estimated annual amortization expense is presented below (in thousands):

Year	Annual Amortization
2009	\$835
2010	737
2011	277
2012	277
2013	272

## 7. Deposits

The aggregate amount of time deposits with a minimum denomination of \$100,000 was \$334.4 million and \$299.6 million at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

The following is a summary of the scheduled maturities of all time deposits as of December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

2009	\$449,026
2010	44,713
2011	75,300
2012	3,251
2013	4,235
Thereafter	49

**8. Borrowed Funds**

The following is a summary of short-term borrowings at December 31 with original maturities of less than one year (dollars in thousands):

	2008	2007	2006
Short-term FHLB advance, Daily borrowings, interest rate of .46% (at December 31, 2008)	\$ 8,500	\$ 21,000	\$ 4,500
Short-term FHLB advance, Interest rate of 5.44% (at December 31, 2006) matured in May 2007	--	--	20,000
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase:			
Outstanding at end of year	\$ 41,995	\$ 34,112	\$ 74,879
Weighted average interest rate at year end	1.33%	5.99%	3.96%
Maximum amount outstanding as of any month end	\$ 47,811	\$ 70,746	\$ 84,380
Average amount outstanding	38,128	55,140	78,032
Approximate weighted average rate during the year	1.46%	3.71%	3.80%

The following is a summary of long-term borrowings at December 31 with original maturities exceeding one year (dollars in thousands):

	2008	2007
FHLB advances, bearing interest at rates ranging from 2.46% to 4.98% at December 31, 2008	\$ 241,474	\$ 142,522
Junior subordinated debt, bearing interest at rates ranging from 4.62% to 6.02% at December 31, 2008	<u>35,929</u>	<u>35,929</u>
	<u>\$ 277,403</u>	<u>\$ 178,451</u>

The contractual maturities of long-term borrowings are as follows:

	December 31			
	2008		2007	
	Fixed Rate	Floating Rate	Total	Total
	(in thousands)			
Due in 2008	-----	-----	-----	1,000
Due in 2009	14,000	-----	14,000	14,000
Due in 2010	31,000	-----	31,000	31,000
Due in 2011	51,000	-----	51,000	51,000
Due in 2012	44,250	-----	44,250	44,250
Due in 2013	----	-----	----	----
Thereafter	<u>126,843</u>	<u>10,310</u>	<u>137,153</u>	<u>37,201</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 267,093</u>	<u>\$ 10,310</u>	<u>\$ 277,403</u>	<u>\$ 178,451</u>

The Corporation has a borrowing capacity agreement with the FHLB in an amount equal to 29% of the Bank's assets. At December 31, 2008, the available line of credit equaled \$470 million. This line of credit, which can be used for both short and long-term funding, can only be utilized to the extent of available collateral. The line is secured by certain qualified mortgage and commercial loans and investment securities, as follows:

1-4 family mortgage loans	\$ 134,451
Commercial loans	14,441
Multi-family loans	2,541
Home Equity loans	11,746
Investment securities	<u>95,624</u>
	<u>\$ 258,803</u>

The collateralized line of credit totaled \$259 million at December 31, 2008, of which \$9 million was available for additional borrowings.

The Corporation also has various unsecured lines of credit totaling \$25.0 million with various financial institutions to meet daily liquidity requirements. As of December 31, 2008, the Corporation had no borrowings under these credit facilities. In addition, we had approximately \$31 million of available funding through brokered money market funds.

**Repurchase Agreements**--The Corporation has retail repurchase agreements with customers within its local market areas. Repurchase agreements generally have maturities of one to four days from the transaction date. These borrowings are collateralized with securities owned by the company and held in safekeeping at independent correspondent banks.

**FHLB Advances**--The FHLB advances consist of various borrowings with maturities generally ranging from 5 to 10 years with initial fixed rate periods of one, two or three years. After the initial fixed rate period the FHLB has one or more options to convert each advance to a LIBOR based, variable rate advance, but the Corporation may repay the advance in whole or in part, without a penalty, if the FHLB exercises its option. At all other times, the Corporation's early repayment of any advance could be subject to a prepayment penalty.

In May 2006, the Bank exchanged \$25 million of long-term FHLB advances with an interest rate of 5.01% for \$25 million of long-term FHLB advances with an interest rate of 4.69%. The exchange netted a gain of \$.2 million which is being amortized over 5 years into interest expense.

**Subordinated Debt**-- In March 2004, the Trusts issued preferred securities with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$30.9 million to third-party investors. The proceeds of issuance of the preferred securities were used to purchase an equal amount of junior subordinated debentures of the Corporation, as follows:

\$20.6 million--6.02% fixed rate for five years payable quarterly, converting to floating rate based on three-month LIBOR plus 275 basis points, maturing in 2034, redeemable five years after issuance at the Corporation's option.

\$10.3 million--floating rate payable quarterly based on three-month LIBOR plus 275 basis points (4.62% at December 31, 2008) maturing in 2034, redeemable five years after issuance at the Corporation's option.

The debentures represent the sole assets of the Trusts, and payments of the debentures by the Corporation are the only sources of cash flow for the Trusts.

In December 2004, the Corporation issued an additional \$5.0 million of debentures. The debentures have a fixed rate of 5.88% for the first five years, payable quarterly, and then convert to a floating rate based on the three month LIBOR plus 185 basis points. The debentures mature in 2014, but are redeemable five years after issuance at the Corporation's option.

The Corporation has the right to defer interest on all of the foregoing debentures for up to 20 quarterly periods, in which case distributions on the preferred securities will also be deferred. Should this occur, the Corporation may not pay dividends or distributions on, or repurchase, redeem or acquire any shares of its capital stock.

**9. Other Comprehensive Loss**

A summary of the activity in accumulated other comprehensive loss follows (in thousands):

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<u><b>2008</b></u>	<u><b>2007</b></u>	<u><b>2006</b></u>
Accumulated unrealized losses on securities available for sale at January 1, net of tax	\$ (2,530)	\$ (715)	\$ (1,980)
Net unrealized (losses)/gains for the period, net of tax	(31,851)	(2,771)	1,268
Reclassification of losses/(gains) occurring during the period, net of tax	<u>1,191</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>(3)</u>
Effect on other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	<u>(30,660)</u>	<u>(1,815)</u>	<u>1,265</u>
Accumulated unrealized losses on securities available for sale at December 31, net of tax (\$22,460) in 2008, (\$1,712) in 2007 and (\$468) in 2006	<u>\$ (33,190)</u>	<u>\$ (2,530)</u>	<u>\$ (715)</u>
Accumulated unrealized losses for pension obligation at January 1, net of tax	\$ (2,750)	\$ (2,901)	\$ -
Cumulative effect of change in accounting for pension obligation – adoption of SFAS No. 158, net of tax	-	-	(2,901)
Change in accumulated unrealized losses for pension obligation, net of tax	<u>(4,636)</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated unrealized losses for Pension obligation at December 31, net of tax of (\$3,137) in 2008, (\$1,859) in 2007 and (\$1,562) in 2006	<u>\$ (7,386)</u>	<u>\$ (2,750)</u>	<u>\$ (2,901)</u>
Accumulated unrealized losses for SERP obligation at January 1, net of tax	\$ (375)	(1,964)	-
Cumulative effect of change in accounting for SERP obligation – adoption of SFAS No. 158, net of tax	-	-	(1,964)
Change in accumulated unrealized losses for SERP obligation, net of tax	<u>(32)</u>	<u>1,589</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated unrealized losses for SERP obligation at December 31, net of tax of (\$22) in 2008, (\$255) in 2007 and (\$1,052) in 2006	<u>\$ (407)</u>	<u>\$ (375)</u>	<u>\$ (1,964)</u>
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss at December 31, net of tax of (\$25,619) at 2008, (\$3,826) at 2007 and (\$3,082) at 2006	<u>\$ (40,983)</u>	<u>\$ (5,655)</u>	<u>\$ (5,580)</u>

## 10. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes consists of the following for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2008	2007	2006
Current Tax Provision:			
Federal	\$ 5,337	\$ 4,275	\$ 5,179
State	1,383	914	1,094
	<u>\$ 6,720</u>	<u>\$ 5,189</u>	<u>\$ 6,273</u>
Deferred taxes (benefit) :			
Federal	\$ (2,699)	\$ 455	\$ (469)
State	(448)	102	(61)
	<u>\$ (3,147)</u>	<u>\$ 557</u>	<u>\$ (530)</u>
Income tax expense for the year	<u>\$ 3,573</u>	<u>\$ 5,746</u>	<u>\$ 5,743</u>

The reconciliation between the statutory federal income tax rate and effective income tax rate is as follows:

	2008	2007	2006
Federal statutory rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Tax-exempt income on securities and loans	(9.0)	(5.9)	(5.6)
Tax-exempt BOLI income	(2.0)	(2.1)	(1.6)
State income tax, net of federal tax benefit	4.7	4.0	3.5
	<u>28.7%</u>	<u>31.0%</u>	<u>31.3%</u>

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of the Corporation's temporary differences as of December 31 are as follows (in thousands):

	2008	2007
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 5,790	\$ 2,948
Deferred loan fees	271	198
Deferred compensation	613	491
State tax loss carry forwards	1,001	916
Unrealized loss on investment securities available-for-sale	22,460	1,712
Pension/SERP	428	--
Other than temporary impairment on investment securities	1,100	--
Other real estate owned	518	--
Other	113	685
Total deferred tax assets	32,294	6,950
Valuation allowance	(1,001)	(916)
Total deferred tax assets less valuation allowance	31,293	6,034
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Amortization of goodwill and core deposit intangible	(837)	(688)
Pension/SERP	--	(1,833)
Depreciation	(820)	(741)
Other	(70)	(239)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(1,727)	(3,501)
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 29,566</u>	<u>\$ 2,533</u>

State income tax expense amounted to \$.9 million during 2008 and \$1.0 million during 2007 and 2006. The state tax loss carry forwards included in deferred tax assets will expire commencing in 2019. Tax expense related to securities gains during 2008 was \$.3 million.

## 11. Employee Benefit Plans

The Corporation sponsors a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (Plan) covering substantially all full-time employees who qualify as to age and length of service. The benefits are based on years of service and the employees' compensation during the last five years of employment. The Corporation's funding policy is to make annual contributions in amounts sufficient to meet the current year's minimum funding requirements.

During 2001, the Corporation established an unfunded supplemental executive retirement plan (SERP) to provide senior management personnel with supplemental retirement benefits in excess of limits imposed on qualified plans by federal tax law. Concurrent with the establishment of the SERP, the Corporation acquired bank owned life insurance (BOLI) policies on the senior management personnel and officers of the Corporation. The benefits resulting from the favorable tax treatment accorded the earnings on the BOLI are intended to provide a source of funds for the future payment of the SERP benefits as well as other employee benefit costs.

The benefit obligation activity for both the pension plan and SERP was calculated using an actuarial measurement date of January 1. Plan assets and the benefit obligations were calculated using an actuarial measurement date of December 31. The following table summarizes benefit obligation and funded status, plan asset activity, components of net pension cost, and weighted average assumptions for the Corporation's pension and SERP plans (in thousands):

	Pension		SERP	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>				
Obligation at the beginning of the year	\$ 20,922	\$ 19,181	\$ 3,036	\$ 4,696
Service cost	923	809	106	179
Interest cost	1,263	1,155	181	256
Change in assumptions	(2,336)	--	--	--
Actuarial losses/(gains)	400	331	149	(2,069)
Benefits paid	<u>(629)</u>	<u>(554)</u>	<u>(26)</u>	<u>(26)</u>
Obligation at the end of the year	<u>20,543</u>	<u>20,922</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>3,036</u>
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>				
Fair value at the beginning of the year	27,856	21,474	--	--
Actual return on plan assets	(7,482)	1,936	--	--
Employer contribution	2,500	5,000	26	26
Benefits paid	<u>(629)</u>	<u>(554)</u>	<u>(26)</u>	<u>(26)</u>
Fair value at the end of the year	<u>22,245</u>	<u>27,856</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Funded Status</b>	<u>\$ 1,702</u>	<u>\$ 6,934</u>	<u>\$ (3,446)</u>	<u>\$ (3,036)</u>

	Pension			SERP		
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
<b>Components of Net Pension Cost</b>						
Service cost	\$ 923	\$ 809	\$ 809	\$ 106	\$ 179	\$ 138
Interest cost	1,263	1,155	1,048	181	256	200
Expected return on assets	(2,340)	(1,891)	(1,586)	--	--	--
Amortization of transition asset	(39)	(39)	(39)	--	--	--
Amortization of recognized loss	142	169	220	0	203	121
Amortization of prior service cost	10	10	10	113	113	113
Net pension (income)/expense in employee benefits	<u>\$ (41)</u>	<u>\$ 213</u>	<u>\$ 462</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$ 751</u>	<u>\$ 572</u>

### Weighted Average Assumptions used to determine benefit obligations:

Discount rate for benefit obligations	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.50%
Discount rate for net pension cost	6.00%	6.00%	6.15%	--	--	--
Expected long-term return on assets	7.75%	8.00%	8.00%	--	--	--
Rate of compensation increase	4.00%	3.00%	3.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%

The accumulated benefit obligation for the pension plan was \$16.7 million and \$16.0 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The accumulated benefit obligation for the SERP was \$3.4 million and \$3.0 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The expected long-term rate of return on Plan assets for the pension plan was determined by considering historical and future expected returns of the asset classes invested in by the Plan trustees, and the allocation strategy currently in place among those classes. The actual asset allocations for the defined benefit pension plan as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, by asset category, are as follows:

ASSET CATEGORY	Percentage of Plan Assets	
	2008	2007
Equity securities	50%	62%
Debt securities	45	32
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

The investment objective for the defined benefit pension plan is to maximize total return with tolerance for average risk. Asset allocation favors equities, with a target allocation of approximately 55% equity securities, 40% fixed income securities, and 5% cash. Due to volatility in the market, the target allocation is not always desirable and asset allocations will fluctuate between the acceptable ranges. A core equity position of large cap stocks will be maintained. However, more aggressive or volatile sectors will be meaningfully represented in the asset mix in pursuit of higher returns. Higher volatility investment strategies such as credit risk, structured finance, and international bonds will be appropriate strategies in conjunction with the core position.

It is management's intent to give the plan's investment managers flexibility with respect to investment decisions and their timing within the overall guidelines. However, certain investments require specific review and approval by management. Management is also informed of anticipated changes in nonproprietary investment managers, significant modifications of any previously approved investment, or the anticipated use of derivatives to execute investment strategies.

The following summarizes the number of shares of the Corporation's common stock and the fair value of such shares that are included in Plan assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007, as well as dividends paid to the Plan for such years (dollars in thousands):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Number of shares held	3,000	3,000
Number of shares purchased	0	0
Number of shares sold	0	0
Fair value	\$ 40	\$ 60
Dividends paid	\$ 2	\$ 2
Percentage of total plan assets	.18%	.21%

Estimated Cash Flows related to the Plan are as follows (in thousands):

Estimated future benefit payments:

	Pension Plan	SERP
2009	\$ 583	\$ 48
2010	593	48
2011	623	48
2012	640	86
2013	710	133
2014-2018	<u>5,810</u>	<u>1,136</u>
	<u>\$ 8,959</u>	<u>\$ 1,499</u>

The Corporation's contribution to the pension plan in 2009 is dependent upon market conditions and a full evaluation of the plan. The Corporation expects to fund the annual projected benefit payments for the SERP from operations.

Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, net of tax, are as follows (in thousands):

	2008		2007	
	Pension	SERP	Pension	SERP
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	\$7,470	\$104	\$2,851	\$ 14
Unrecognized prior service costs	67	303	73	361
Net transition asset	(151)	--	(174)	--
	<u>\$7,386</u>	<u>\$407</u>	<u>\$2,750</u>	<u>\$375</u>

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in other comprehensive loss during the year ended December 31, 2008 were as follows:

<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</b>	
Amortization of prior service costs	\$ (10)
Amortization of transition asset	39
Amortization of unrecognized loss	<u>(142)</u>
	\$ (113)
<b>Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan</b>	
Net actuarial loss during the period	\$ 149
Amortization of prior service costs	<u>(113)</u>
	\$ 36
	\$ (77)
Tax effect	<u>31</u>
Amount included in other comprehensive income, net of tax	<u>\$ (46)</u>

The estimated costs that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic pension cost during the next fiscal year are as follows (in thousands):

	Pension	SERP
Prior service costs	\$ 10	\$113
Net transition asset	(39)	--
Net actuarial loss	142	--
	<u>\$113</u>	<u>\$113</u>

#### 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan

The First United Bank & Trust 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan ("the 401(k) Plan") is a defined contribution plan that is intended to qualify under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The 401(k) Plan covers substantially all employees of the Bank and its affiliates. Eligible employees can elect to contribute to the plan through payroll deductions. The first 1% of contributions of an employee's base salary are matched at 100% and the next 5% are matched on a 50% basis by the Corporation. Expense charged to operations for the 401(k) Plan was \$.5 million, \$.3 million, and \$.5 million in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

#### 12. Federal Reserve Requirements

The Bank is required to maintain cash reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond based principally on the type and amount of its deposits. During 2008, the daily average amount of these required reserves was approximately \$1.6 million.

### 13. Restrictions on Subsidiary Dividends, Loans or Advances

Federal and state banking regulations place certain restrictions on the amount of dividends paid and loans or advances made by the Bank to the Corporation. The total amount of dividends that may be paid at any date is generally limited to the retained earnings of the Bank, and loans or advances are limited to 10 percent of the Bank's capital stock and surplus on a secured basis. In addition, dividends paid by the Bank to the Corporation would be prohibited if the effect thereof would cause the Bank's capital to be reduced below applicable minimum capital requirements. At December 31, 2008, the Bank could have paid additional dividends of \$15.0 million to the Corporation without regulatory approval.

### 14. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The Corporation and its subsidiaries are at times, and in the ordinary course of business, subject to legal actions. However, to the knowledge of management, the Corporation is not currently subject to any such legal actions.

Loan and letter of credit commitments are discussed in Note 4.

### 15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

As required by SFAS No. 107, "Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments," presented in the following table is fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the statement of financial condition, for which it is practicable to estimate that value. Fair value is best determined by values quoted through active trading markets. Active trading markets are characterized by numerous transactions of similar financial instruments between willing buyers and willing sellers. Because no active trading market exists for various types of financial instruments, many of the fair values disclosed were derived using present value discounted cash flow or other valuation techniques. As a result, the Corporation's ability to actually realize these derived values cannot be assumed.

The fair values disclosed under SFAS No. 107 may vary significantly between institutions based on the estimates and assumptions used in the various valuation methodologies. The derived fair values are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and significant judgment. Therefore, they cannot be determined with precision. Changes in the assumptions could significantly impact the derived estimates of fair value. SFAS No. 107 excludes disclosure of non financial assets such as buildings as well as certain financial instruments such as leases. Accordingly, the aggregate fair values presented do not represent the underlying value of the Corporation.

The actual carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Corporation's financial instruments that are included in the statement of financial condition at December 31 are as follows (in thousands):

	2008		2007	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,423	\$ 18,423	\$ 24,316	\$ 24,316
Interest bearing deposits in banks	882	882	1,486	1,486
Investment securities	354,595	354,595	304,908	304,908
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	13,933	13,933	9,863	9,863
Loans, net	1,120,199	1,125,029	1,035,962	1,037,567
Accrued interest receivable	7,713	7,713	7,478	7,478
Financial Liabilities:				
Deposits	1,222,889	1,229,834	1,126,552	1,127,172
Borrowed funds	327,898	346,110	233,563	237,428
Accrued interest payable	4,295	4,295	5,651	5,651
Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments	--	--	--	--

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Corporation in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The carrying amounts as reported in the statement of financial condition for cash and due from banks approximate their fair values.

**Interest-bearing deposits in banks:** The carrying amount of interest-bearing deposits approximates their fair values.

**Investment securities:** The Corporation measures fair values of its investments based on the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements” (SFAS 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The Corporation measures fair values based on the fair value hierarchy established in SFAS 157. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value under SFAS 157 are as follows:

*Level 1:* Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets and liabilities. This level is the most reliable source of valuation.

*Level 2:* Quoted prices that are not active, or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include “inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (for example, interest rates and yield curves at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).” It also includes “inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market-corroborated inputs).” Several sources are utilized for valuing these securities including a contracted valuation service, Standard & Poor’s (S&P) evaluations and pricing services, and other valuation matrices.

*Level 3:* Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the valuation assumptions and that are not readily observable in the market (i.e., supported with little or no market activity). These Level 3 instruments are valued based on the best available data, some of which is internally developed, and considers risk premiums that a market participant would require.

An asset or liability’s level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For assets measured at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis, the fair value measurements by level within the fair value hierarchy used at December 31, 2008 are as follows;

<b>Description</b>	<b>Assets Measured at Fair Value 12/31/08</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Investment securities available-for-sale</b>	\$ 354,595	\$ --	\$ 330,329	\$ 24,266
<b>Impaired loans<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ 11,760			\$ 11,760
<b>Foreclosed Real Estate</b>	\$ 2,424			\$ 2,424

<sup>1</sup> The impaired loans fair value consists of the impaired loans with a valuation allowance balance of \$16,519 net of the \$4,759 valuation allowance.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157 (“FSP 157-2”). FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for all non-financial assets and liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually) to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years.

FASB Staff Position 157-3, “Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset is Not Active” (FSP 157-3), was issued on October 10, 2008 and is effective for current and prior periods. The objective of FSP 157-3 is to clarify FASB Statement No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements”, in a market that is not active and to illustrate key considerations that may be used to determine the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that asset is not active. The Corporation believes that its valuation techniques are appropriate and consistent with other market participants. However, the use of different methodologies

and assumptions could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. The following valuation techniques were used to measure the fair value of assets in the table above which are measured on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2008.

**Investments available-for-sale** – The fair value of investments available-for-sale was determined using a market approach. As of December 31, 2008, Level 2 investment securities available-for-sale included U.S. Government Agencies and mortgage backed securities, private label mortgage backed securities and municipal bonds which are not as actively traded. Their fair values were determined based upon market-corroborated inputs and valuation matrices which are obtained through third party data service providers or securities brokers through which the Corporation has historically transacted both purchases and sales of investment securities. The level 3 investments consisted of Preferred Term Securities supported by Trust Preferred Securities which are issued primarily by financial institutions and insurance companies. The Corporation obtained fair values for these securities from an experienced independent third party pricing provider, Moody’s Analytics. Information such as performance of the underlying collateral, deferral/default rates, cash flow projections, related relevant trades, models and other analytical tools are utilized by the third-party in determining individual security valuations

At December 31, 2008, the Bank owned 26 pooled Preferred Term Securities with a par value of \$72.7 million and a fair value of \$24.3 million. Management has determined that the market for these securities is currently inactive. We reached this determination based on a significant decline in the trading volume of these securities relative to historical levels. The market for Preferred Term Securities is virtually non-existent at this time. There were no new pooled trust preferred issuances during 2008 and trading activity for this class of securities (buy side) shows total quarterly trades in 2008 at 116, 44, ten and four, respectively. The trading volume has declined from a high of \$376 million in the first quarter of 2007 to \$1 million in the quarter ended December 31, 2008. In management’s opinion, this is clearly indicative of an inactive and inefficient market leading to the depressed pricing on these securities. Observable prices for these securities are available based upon broker models and these inputs have been considered in Moody’s pricing models. However, the few observable transactions and market quotations that are available are not reliable for purposes of determining fair value at December 31, 2008. Accordingly, our Preferred Term Securities will be classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy because we determined that significant adjustments are required to determine fair value at the measurement date.

In determining the fair value of the securities, Moody’s Analytics utilized an income valuation approach (present value technique) which maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. This approach is more indicative of fair value than the market approach that has been used historically, and involves several steps. The credit quality of the collateral was estimated using the average probability of default values for each underlying issuer, adjusted for credit ratings. The default probabilities also considered the potential for correlation among issuers within the same industry, such as banks with other banks. The loss given default was assumed to be 95%, allowing for a 5% recovery of collateral. The cash flows for the securities were forecast for the underlying collateral and applied to each tranche in the structure to determine the resulting distribution among the securities. These expected cash flows were then discounted to calculate the present value of the security. The effective discount rates Moody’s utilized for the various securities in the present value calculation ranged from 6.78% to 34.97% and are highly dependent upon the credit quality of the collateral, the relative position of the tranche in the capital structure of the security and the prepayment assumptions. Moody’s Analytics modeled the calculations in several thousand scenarios using a Monte Carlo engine and the average price was used for valuation purposes. Due to the current market conditions as well as the limited trading activity of these securities, the market value of the securities is highly sensitive to assumption changes and market volatility.

**Impaired loans** – Loans included in the preceding table are those that are accounted for under FASB Statement No. 114 (SFAS 114), “Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan”, in which the Corporation has measured impairment generally based on the fair value of the loan’s collateral. Fair value is generally determined based upon independent third party appraisals of the collateral or discounted cash flows based upon the expected proceeds. These assets are included as Level 3 fair values, based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. The fair value consists of the loan balance less its valuation allowance as determined under SFAS 114.

**Foreclosed real estate** – Fair value of foreclosed assets was based on independent third party appraisals of the properties. These values were determined based on the sales prices of similar properties in the approximate geographic area.

The following tables show a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for fair valued assets measured using Level 3 significant unobservable inputs for the year ended December 31, 2008:

**Fair Value Measurements Using Significant  
Unobservable Inputs**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<b>Investments</b>		
	<b>Securities Available for Sale</b>	<b>Impaired Loans</b>	<b>Foreclosed Real Estate</b>
Beginning balance January 1, 2008	\$ 67,308	\$ 6,814	\$ 825
Total gains/(losses) realized/unrealized:			
Included in other comprehensive loss	(43,042)	--	--
Sales	--	--	(425)
Payments/maturities/credits	--	(6,321)	--
Properties/loans added	--	<u>11,267</u>	<u>2,024</u>
Ending balance December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 24,266</u>	<u>\$ 11,760</u>	<u>\$ 2,424</u>

**Federal Home Loan Bank stock:** The carrying value of Federal Home Loan stock approximates fair value based on the redemption provisions of the Federal Home Loan Bank.

**Loans:** For variable rate loans and leases that reprice frequently or “in one year or less,” and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. Fair values for fixed rate loans and leases and loans and leases that do not reprice frequently are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies current market interest rates being offered on the various loan products.

**Deposits:** The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and non-interest checking, savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). Fair values for fixed rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on the various certificates of deposit to the cash flow stream.

**Borrowed funds:** The fair value of the Corporation’s Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings and junior subordinated debt is calculated based on the discounted value of contractual cash flows, using rates currently existing for borrowings with similar remaining maturities. The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase approximate their fair values.

**Accrued Interest:** The carrying amount of accrued interest receivable and payable approximates their fair values.

**Off-Balance-Sheet Financial Instruments:** In the normal course of business, the Corporation makes commitments to extend credit and issues standby letters of credit. The Corporation expects most of these commitments to expire without being drawn upon, therefore the commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Due to the uncertainty of cash flows and difficulty in the predicting the timing of such cash flows, fair values were not estimated for these instruments. The Corporation did not have any derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2008 or 2007.

16. **Parent Company Only Financial Information**

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition (in thousands)

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 482	\$ 1,486
Investment securities	1,236	1,216
Investment in bank subsidiary	88,346	121,632
Investment in non-bank subsidiaries	13,247	11,923
Other assets	7,586	6,919
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 110,897</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 143,176</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity</b>		
Accrued interest and other liabilities	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,348
Dividends payable	1,098	1,234
Junior subordinated debt	35,929	35,929
Shareholders' equity	72,690	104,665
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 110,897</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 143,176</u></b>

Condensed Statements of Income (in thousands)

	<b>Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Dividend income from bank subsidiary	\$ 8,192	\$ 7,912	\$ 5,819
Other income	(34)	299	284
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>8,158</u></b>	<b><u>8,211</u></b>	<b><u>6,103</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Interest expense	2,175	2,384	2,355
Other expenses	(10)	169	142
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>2,165</u></b>	<b><u>2,553</u></b>	<b><u>2,497</u></b>
Income before income taxes and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	5,993	5,658	3,606
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries:			
Bank	2,054	5,790	8,124
Non-bank	824	1,345	847
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,871</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,793</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,577</u></b>

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2007	2006
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Net Income	\$ 8,871	\$ 12,793	\$ 12,577
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	(2,878)	(7,135)	(8,971)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(667)	124	1,208
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	(168)	(122)	138
Stock Compensation	149	--	--
Increase (decrease) in dividends payable	<u>(136)</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>6</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,171	5,725	4,958
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Proceeds from investment maturities	(20)	--	9
Net investment in subsidiaries	<u>(352)</u>	<u>(988)</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	(372)	(988)	(1,272)
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Cash dividends	(4,774)	(4,796)	(4,662)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	362	476	502
Repurchase of Common Stock	<u>(1,391)</u>	<u>(524)</u>	<u>--</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(5,803)</u>	<u>(4,844)</u>	<u>(4,160)</u>
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,004)	(107)	(474)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,486</u>	<u>1,593</u>	<u>2,067</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 482</u>	<u>\$ 1,486</u>	<u>\$ 1,593</u>

**17. Subsequent Event**

On January 30, 2009, pursuant to the U.S. Department of Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program, the Corporation issued the following securities to the initial selling security holder for an aggregate consideration of \$30,000,000: (i) 30,000 shares of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, having no par per share; and (ii) a warrant to purchase 326,323 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, for an exercise price of \$13.79 per share. The proceeds from this transaction count as Tier 1 capital and the warrant qualifies as tangible common equity. The operative documents relating to this transaction have been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and are referenced as Exhibits 4.1 through 4.4 to this annual report.

### 18. Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of the quarterly results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<b>2008</b>				
Interest income	\$ 23,858	\$ 23,851	\$ 23,777	\$ 23,730
Interest expense	<u>11,829</u>	<u>10,627</u>	<u>10,576</u>	<u>10,011</u>
Net interest income	12,029	13,224	13,201	13,719
Provision for loan losses	1,387	966	4,217	6,355
Other income	3,941	4,493	3,778	3,554
Gains (losses) on securities	399	77	-	(2,473)
Other expenses	<u>10,354</u>	<u>10,651</u>	<u>9,976</u>	<u>9,592</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	4,628	6,177	2,786	(1,147)
Applicable income taxes	<u>1,493</u>	<u>2,063</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>(904)</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 3,135</u>	<u>\$ 4,114</u>	<u>\$ 1,865</u>	<u>\$ (243)</u>
Earnings (loss) per share	<u>\$ .51</u>	<u>\$ .68</u>	<u>\$ .30</u>	<u>\$ (.04)</u>
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<b>2007</b>				
Interest income	\$ 21,418	\$ 22,841	\$ 24,262	\$ 25,044
Interest expense	<u>11,353</u>	<u>11,947</u>	<u>13,021</u>	<u>13,010</u>
Net interest income	10,065	10,894	11,241	12,034
Provision for loan losses	163	367	790	992
Other income	3,872	4,117	4,063	4,645
Gains (losses) on securities	(1,511)	(99)	0	5
Other expenses	<u>9,243</u>	<u>9,836</u>	<u>9,626</u>	<u>9,770</u>
Income before income taxes	3,020	4,709	4,888	5,922
Applicable income taxes	<u>959</u>	<u>1,504</u>	<u>1,333</u>	<u>1,950</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 2,061</u>	<u>\$ 3,205</u>	<u>\$ 3,555</u>	<u>\$ 3,972</u>
Earnings per share	<u>\$ .34</u>	<u>\$ .52</u>	<u>\$ .58</u>	<u>\$ .64</u>

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The Corporation maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Corporation's reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with the SEC, such as this annual report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in those rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, a control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

An evaluation of the effectiveness of these disclosure controls as of December 31, 2008 was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Corporation's management, including the CEO and the CFO. Based on that evaluation, the Corporation's management, including the CEO and the CFO, has concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are, in fact, effective at the reasonable assurance level.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, there was no change in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

As required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, management has performed an evaluation and testing of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. Management's report on the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and the related attestation report of the Corporation's registered public accounting firm are included on the following pages.

## Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
First United Corporation

The Corporation's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. This internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and the Board of Directors as to the reliability of the Corporation's financial reporting and the preparation and presentation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, as well as to safeguard assets from unauthorized use or disposition.

An internal control system, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation and may not prevent or detect misstatements in the financial statements or the unauthorized use or disposition of the Corporation's assets. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness of internal controls to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control--Integrated Framework. Based on this assessment and on the foregoing criteria, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2008, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

Beard Miller Company LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2008, appearing elsewhere in this annual report, and has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, as stated in their report, which is included herein.



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William B. Grant, Esq., CFP  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer



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Carissa L. Rodeheaver, CPA, CFP  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
First United Corporation  
Oakland, Maryland

We have audited First United Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). First United Corporation's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, First United Corporation maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statements of financial condition and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows of First United Corporation, and our report dated March 4, 2009, expressed an unqualified opinion.



*Beard Miller Company LLP*

Beard Miller Company LLP  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 4, 2009

## **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

## **PART III**

### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Corporation has adopted a Code of Ethics applicable to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, or controller, or persons performing similar functions, a Code of Ethics applicable to all employees, and a Code of Ethics applicable to members of the Board of Directors. Copies of the Corporation's Codes of Ethics are available free of charge upon request to Mr. Robert W. Kurtz, Secretary, First United Corporation, c/o First United Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 9, Oakland, MD 21550-0009 or on the Corporation's website at [www.mybankfirstunited.com](http://www.mybankfirstunited.com).

All other information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A.

### **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A.

### **ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The information regarding the Corporation's equity compensation plans required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to Item 5 of Part II of this annual report. All other information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A.

### **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A.

### **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A.

## **PART IV**

### **ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a)(1), (2) and (c) Financial Statements.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2008 and 2007

Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

(a)(3) and (b) Exhibits.

The exhibits filed or furnished with this annual report are shown on the Exhibit List that follows the signatures to this annual report, which Exhibit List is incorporated herein by reference.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### FIRST UNITED CORPORATION

Dated: March 2, 2009

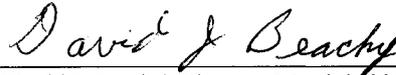


William B. Grant, Esq., CFP  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated.



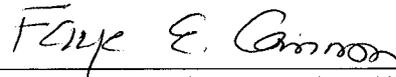
(William B. Grant) Director, Chief Executive Officer  
March 2, 2009



(David J. Beachy) Director--March 2, 2009



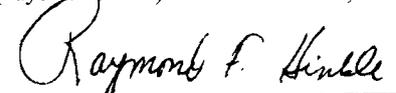
(M. Kathryn Burkey) Director--March 2, 2009



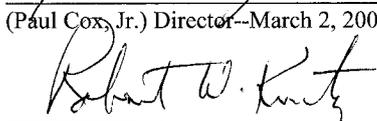
(Faye E. Cannon) Director--March 2, 2009



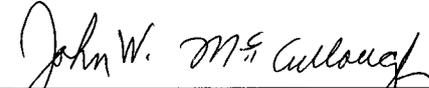
(Paul Cox, Jr.) Director--March 2, 2009



(Raymond F. Hinkle) Director--March 2, 2009



(Robert W. Kurtz) Director, President and Chief  
Risk Officer--March 2, 2009



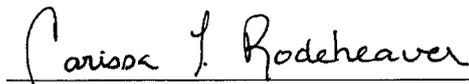
(John W. McCullough) Director--March 2, 2009



(Elaine L. McDonald) Director--March 2, 2009



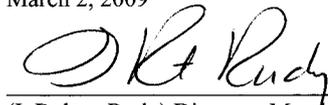
(Donald E. Moran) Director--March 2, 2009



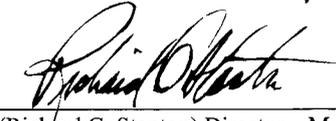
(Carissa L. Rodeheaver) EVP & Chief Financial Officer--  
March 2, 2009



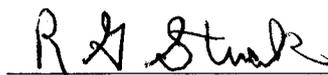
(Gary R. Ruddell) Director--March 2, 2009



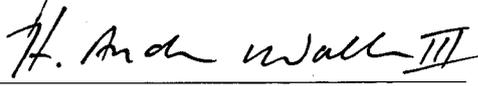
(I. Robert Rudy) Director--March 2, 2009



(Richard G. Stanton) Director -- March 2, 2009



(Robert G. Stuck) Director--March 2, 2009



(H. Andrew Walls, III) Director--March 2, 2009

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1998)
3.2(i)	Amended and Restated By-Laws (filed herewith)
3.2(ii)	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Bylaws (filed herewith)
3.2(iii)	Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Bylaws (filed herewith)
4.1	Letter Agreement, including the related Securities Purchase Agreement – Standard Terms, dated January 30, 2009 by and between the Corporation and the U.S. Department of Treasury (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Corporation's Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2009)
4.2	Certificate of Notice, including the Certificate of Designations incorporated therein, relating to the Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (incorporated by reference Exhibit 4.1 of the Corporation's Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2009)
4.3	Sample Stock Certificate for Series A Preferred Stock for the Series A Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference Exhibit 4.3 of the Corporation's Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2009)
4.4	Common Stock Purchase Warrant dated January 30, 2009 issued to the U.S. Department of Treasury (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Corporation's Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2009)
10.1	First United Bank & Trust Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 21, 2007)
10.2	Amended and Restated SERP Agreement with William B. Grant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 21, 2007)
10.3	Form of Amended and Restated SERP Agreement with executive officers other than William B. Grant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 21, 2007)
10.4	Form of Endorsement Split Dollar Agreement between the Bank and each of William B. Grant, Robert W. Kurtz, Jeannette R. Fitzwater, Phillip D. Frantz, Eugene D. Helbig, Jr., Steven M. Lantz, Robin M. Murray, Carissa L. Rodeheaver, and Frederick A. Thayer, IV (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2003)
10.5	Amended and Restated First United Corporation Executive and Director Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 24, 2008)
10.6	Amended and Restated First United Corporation Change in Control Severance Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2008)
10.7	Form of Change in Control Severance Plan Agreement with executive officers other than William B. Grant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 21, 2007)
10.8	First United Corporation Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Corporation's 2007 definitive proxy statement filed on March 23, 2007)
10.9	First United Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2008)
10.10	Restricted Stock Agreement for William B. Grant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2008)
10.11	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for Executive Officers other than the Chief Executive Officer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2008)
10.12	First United Corporation Executive Pay for Performance Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2008)
21	Subsidiaries of the Corporation, incorporated by reference to the list of subsidiaries in the discussion entitled "General" in Item 1 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

- 23.1 Consent of Beard Miller Company LLP (filed herewith)
- 31.1 Certifications of the CEO pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certifications of the CFO pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (filed herewith)
- 32.1 Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (furnished herewith)

**FIRST UNITED CORPORATION  
BYLAWS  
AS AMENDED AND RESTATED  
on December 17, 1997**

**ARTICLE I  
Stockholders**

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation shall be held on a day duly designated by the Board of Directors in the month of April in each year for the purpose of electing directors to succeed those whose terms shall have expired as of the date of such annual meeting, and for the transaction of such other corporate business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time for any purpose or purposes by the Chairman or the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the Chairman, the President, or the Secretary upon the request in writing of holders of a majority of all the shares outstanding and entitled to vote on the business to be transacted at such meeting. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting. The person to whom such request was made shall provide an estimate of the cost of the mailing and, upon payment of such cost, the notice of the meeting shall be mailed by the Corporation. If the person to whom such request in writing is made shall fail to issue a call for such meeting within ten (10) days after receipt of such request, then a majority of the Board of Directors or the stockholders owning of record a majority in amount of the stock of the Corporation, issued, outstanding and entitled to vote, may do so by giving ten (10) days' prior written notice of the time, place and object of the meeting in the manner set forth in Article 1, Section 4 hereof. Business transacted at all special meetings of stockholders shall be confined to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice of the meeting,

SECTION 3. Place of Holding Meetings. All meetings of stockholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or elsewhere in the United States as designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the stockholders shall be mailed, postage pre-paid by the Secretary, to each stockholder entitled to vote thereat at his post office address, as it appears upon the books of the Corporation, at least ten (10) days but not more than ninety (90) days before, the meeting. Each such notice shall state the place, day, and hour at which the meeting is to be held and, in the case of any special meeting, shall state briefly the purpose or purposes thereof.

SECTION 5. Quorum. The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of record of a majority of the shares of the capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereat shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders, except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. If less than a quorum shall be in attendance at the time for which the meeting shall have been called, the meeting may be adjourned from time to time by a majority vote of the stockholders present or represented, without any notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall attend. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall attend, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted if the meeting had been held as originally called.

SECTION 6. Conduct of Meetings. Meetings of stockholders shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board, or by a chairman to be elected by the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. The Secretary of the Corporation, or if he is not present, any Assistant Secretary shall act as Secretary of such meetings; in the absence of the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary, the presiding officer may appoint a person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

SECTION 7. Voting. At all meetings of stockholders, every stockholder entitled to vote thereat shall have one (1) vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the Corporation on the date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at such meeting. Such vote may be either in person or by proxy appointed by an instrument in writing subscribed by such stockholder or his duly authorized attorney, bearing a date

not more than dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed or acknowledged. All elections shall be had and all questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast at a duly constituted meeting, except as otherwise provided by law, in the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. If the chairman of the meeting shall so determine, a vote by ballot may be taken upon any election or matter, and the vote shall be so taken upon request of the holders of a majority of the stock entitled to vote on such election or matter. In either of such events, the proxies and ballots shall be received and be taken in charge and all questions touching the qualification of voters and the validity of proxies and the acceptance or rejection of votes, shall be decided by the judge. Such judge shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Board of Directors**

SECTION 1. General Powers. The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

SECTION 2. Number of Directors. The number of directors shall be three (3) or such other number, but not less than three (3) nor more than twenty-five (25), as may be designated from time to time by resolution of a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Election and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall be divided into classes as described in the Articles of Incorporation. Each Director shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which the Director is elected, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws, and thereafter until his or her successor has been elected and qualifies. Election of Directors need not be by written ballot, unless required by these Bylaws.

SECTION 4. Nomination of Directors. Nomination for election of members of the Board of Directors may be made by the Board of Directors or by any stockholder of any outstanding class of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote for the election of Directors. Notice by a stockholder of intention to make any nominations shall be made in writing and shall be delivered or mailed to the Chairman of the Board or the President of the Corporation not less than 150 days nor more than 180 days prior to the date of the meeting of stockholders called for the election of Directors which, for purposes of this provision, shall be deemed to be on the same date as the annual meeting of stockholders for the preceding year. Such notification shall contain the following information to the extent known by the notifying stockholder (a) the name and address of each proposed nominee; (b) the principal occupation of each proposed nominee; (c) the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation owned by each proposed nominee; (d) the name and residence address of the notifying stockholder; (e) the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation owned by the notifying stockholder; (f) the consent in writing of the proposed nominee as to the proposed nominee's name being placed in nomination for Director; and (g) all information relating to such proposed nominee that would be required to be disclosed by Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 14a-11 promulgated thereunder, assuming such provisions would be applicable to the solicitation of proxies for such proposed nominee. Nominations are not made in accordance herewith shall be disregarded and, upon the Chairman's instructions the Judge shall disregard all votes cast for each nominee.

SECTION 5. Filling Vacancies. In the case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors through death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause, the remaining directors, by affirmative vote of the majority thereof, may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired term of a director whose place shall be vacant until the election of his successor or until he shall be removed prior thereto by an affirmative vote of the holders of the holders of a majority of the stock. Similarly and in the event of the number of directors being increased as provided in these Bylaws, the additional directors so provided for shall be elected by the directors already in office, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and thereafter until his or their successors shall be elected. A director of the Corporation may only be removed during the director's term of office for cause, which means criminal conviction of a felony, unsound mind, adjudication of bankruptcy, or conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Corporation, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors of the Corporation ( exclusive of the director being considered for removal) or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote for the election of directors. Stockholders shall not have the right to remove directors without such cause. Any attempt or special meeting of stockholders to remove a director for cause shall be permitted only after notice to the director describing the specific charges constituting cause thereunder, and a hearing at which the director has a full opportunity to refute the charges.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS  
OF  
FIRST UNITED CORPORATION**

The Amended and Restated Bylaws of First United Corporation (the "Corporation") are hereby amended by deleting ARTICLE IV thereof in its entirety and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

**ARTICLE IV  
Capital Stock**

SECTION 1. Stock Certificates. The certificates for shares of the stock of the Corporation shall be of such form not inconsistent with the Certificate of Incorporation, or its amendments, as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. All certificates shall contain the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman or the President and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and shall contain the seal of the Corporation. All certificates for each class of stock shall be consecutively numbered. The name of the person owning the shares issued and the address of the holder shall be entered in the Corporation's books. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be canceled and, subject to SECTION 3 of this ARTICLE IV, no new certificates representing the same number of shares shall be issued until the former certificate or certificates for the same number of shares shall have been so surrendered, and canceled, unless a certificate of stock be lost or destroyed, in which event another may be issued in its stead upon proof of such loss or destruction, provided that the Corporation may require, in its discretion, the giving of a bond of indemnity satisfactory to the Corporation. Both such proof and such bond shall be in a form approved by the general counsel of the Corporation and by the Transfer Agent of the Corporation and by the Registrar of the stock.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Shares. Subject to SECTION 3 of this ARTICLE IV, shares of the capital stock of the Corporation shall be transferred on the books of the Corporation only by the holder thereof in person or by his attorney upon, surrender and cancellation of certificates for a like number of shares as hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 3. Uncertificated Stock. Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-laws, the Board of Directors may adopt a system of issuance, recordation and transfer of shares of stock of the Corporation by electronic or other means not involving any issuance of certificates, including provisions for notice to purchasers in substitution for any required statements on certificates, and as may be required by applicable corporate securities laws, which system has been approved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Any system so adopted shall not become effective as to issued and outstanding certificated shares until the certificates therefor have been surrendered to the Corporation.

SECTION 4. Registered Stockholders. The Corporation shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of any share or shares of stock as the holder in fact thereof and accordingly shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share in the name of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, save as expressly provided by the laws of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 5. Closing Transfer Books. The Board of Directors may fix the period, not exceeding twenty (20) days, during which time the books of the Corporation shall be closed against transfers of stock, or, in lieu thereof, the directors may fix a date not less than ten (10) days nor more than ninety (90) days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders or any dividend payment date or any date for the allotment of rights, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting or to receive such dividends or rights as the case may be; and only stockholders of record on such date shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting or to receive such dividends or rights as the case may be.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Miscellaneous Provisions**

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January of each year.

SECTION 2. Notices. Whenever, under the provisions of these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to the Corporation or to any director, officer or stockholder, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, such notice shall be deemed duly given if in writing, and personally delivered, or sent by telefax, or telegram, or by mail, by depositing the same in the U. S. mails, postage postpaid, addressed to the Corporation at its principal executive office, and to each director, officer or stockholder to whom such notice is given at his or her address as it appears on the books of the Corporation, or in default of any other address, to such director, officer or stockholder at the general post office in the City of Oakland, Maryland. Such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time the same is so personally delivered, telefaxed, telegraphed or so mailed. Any person may waive any notice required to be given under these Bylaws.

SECTION 3. Voting Upon Stocks. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the Chairman, the President and the Vice President, or either of them, shall have full power and authority on behalf of the Corporation to attend and to vote and to grant proxies to be used at any meetings of stockholders of any corporation in which the Corporation may hold stock.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Amendment of Bylaws**

The Board of Directors shall have full power to amend, alter or repeal these Bylaws, or any provision thereof, and may from time to time make additional Bylaws, upon approval thereof by a majority of the Board.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Indemnification**

SECTION 1. As used in this Article VIII, any word or words that are defined in Section 2-418 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Indemnification Section"), as amended from time to time, shall have the same meaning as provided in the Indemnification Section.

SECTION 2. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The Corporation shall indemnify and advance expenses to a director or officer of the Corporation in connection with a proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by and in accordance with the Indemnification Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall be required to indemnify a director or officer in connection with a proceeding commenced by such director or officer against the Corporation or its directors or officers only if the proceeding was authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Indemnification of Other Agents and Employees. With respect to an employee or agent, other than a director or officer of the Corporation, the Corporation may, as determined by and in the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, indemnify and advance expenses to such employees or agents in connection with a proceeding to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Indemnification Section.

END OF BYLAWS

other claim to or interest in such share in the name of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, save as expressly provided by the laws of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 4. Closing Transfer Books. The Board of Directors may fix the period, not exceeding twenty (20) days, during which time the books of the Corporation shall be closed against transfers of stock, or, in lieu thereof, the directors may fix a date not less than ten (10) days nor more than ninety (90) days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders or any dividend payment date or any date for the allotment of rights, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting or to receive such dividends or rights as the case may be; and only stockholders of record on such date shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting or to receive such dividends or rights as the case may be.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Bank Accounts and Loans**

SECTION 1. Bank Accounts. Such officers or agents of the Corporation as from time to time shall be designated by the Board of Directors shall have authority to deposit any funds of the Corporation in such banks or trust companies as shall from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors and such officers or agents as from time to time authorized by the Board of Directors may withdraw any or all of the funds of the Corporation so deposited in any bank or trust or trust company, upon checks, drafts or other instruments or orders for the payment of money, drawn against the account or in the name or behalf of this Corporation, and made or signed by such officers or agents; and each bank or trust company with which funds of the Corporation are so deposited is authorized to accept, honor, cash and pay, without limit as to amount, all checks, drafts or other instruments or orders for the payment of money, when drawn, made or signed by officers or agents so designated by the Board of Directors until written notice of the revocation of the authority of such officers or agents by the Board of Directors shall have been received by such bank or trust company. There shall from time to time be certified to the banks or trust companies in which funds of the Corporation are deposited, the signature of the officers or agents of the Corporation so authorized to draw against the same. In the event that the Board of Directors shall fail to designate the persons by whom checks, drafts and other instruments or orders for the payment of money shall be signed, as hereinabove provided in this Section, all of such checks, drafts and other instruments or orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the Chairman, the President or a Vice President and counter-signed by the Secretary or Treasurer or an Assistant Secretary or an Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation.

SECTION 2. Loans. Such officers or agents of the Corporation as from time to time shall be designated by the Board of Directors shall have authority to effect loans, advances or other forms of credit at any time or times for the Corporation from such banks, trust companies, institutions, corporations, firms or persons as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate, and as security for the repayment of such loans, advances, or other forms of credit to assign, transfer, endorse, and deliver, either originally or in addition or substitution, any or all stock, bonds, rights, and interests of any kind in or to stocks or bonds, certificates of such rights or interests, deposits, accounts, documents covering merchandise, bills and accounts receivable and other commercial paper and evidences or debt at any time held by the Corporation; and for such loans, advances, or other forms of credit to make, execute and deliver one or more notes, acceptances or written obligations of the Corporation on such terms, and with such provisions as to the security or sale or disposition thereof as such officers or agents shall deem proper; and also to sell to, or discount or rediscount with, such banks, trust companies, institutions, corporations, firms or persons any and all commercial paper, bills receivable, acceptances and other instruments and evidences of debt at any time held by the Corporation, and to that end to endorse, transfer and deliver the same. There shall from time to time be certified to each bank, trust company, institution, corporation, firm or person so designated the signature of the officers or agents so authorized; and each bank, trust company, institution, corporation, firm or person is authorized to rely upon such certification until written notice of the revocation by the Board of Directors of the authority of such officers or agents shall be delivered to such bank, trust company, institution, corporation, firm or person.

shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors, by the Chairman, or by the President. In case of the absence or disability of the President, the duties of that office shall be performed by any Vice President. Any Vice President may, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, be designated as " executive," "senior," or by departmental or functional classification.

SECTION 5. Powers and Duties of the Secretary. the Secretary shall give , or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of stockholders and directors and all other notices required by law or by these Bylaws, and in case of his absence or refusal or neglect to do so, any such notice may be given by any person thereunto directed by the Chairman, or by the directors or stockholders upon whose written requisition the meeting is called as provided in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall record all the proceeding of the meetings of the Corporation and shall affix the same to all instruments requiring it, when authorized by the Board of Directors, the Chairman or the President, and attest the same. In general, the Secretary shall perform all the duties generally incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, the Chairman and the President.

SECTION 6. Powers and Duties of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation, and he shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation. He shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. He shall render to the Chairman, the President and the Board of Directors, whenever any of them so requests, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond, if required by the Board of Directors, in a sum, and with one or more sureties, satisfactory to the Board of Directors, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office of all books, papers, vouchers, moneys and other properties of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation. The Treasurer shall perform all the duties generally incident to the office of the Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, the Chairman and the President.

SECTION 7. Powers and Duties of Other Assistant Officers. Each assistant officer shall assist in the performance of the duties of the officer to whom he is assistant and shall perform such duties in the absence of the officer. He shall perform such additional duties as the Board of Directors, the Chairman, the President, or the officer to whom he is assistant may from time to time assign him. Such officers may be given such functional titles as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Capital Stock**

SECTION 1. Issue of Certificates of Stock. The certificates for shares of the stock of the Corporation shall be of such form not inconsistent with the Certificate of Incorporation, or its amendments, as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. All certificates shall contain the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman or the President and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and shall contain the seal of the Corporation. All certificates for each class of stock shall be consecutively numbered. The name of the person owning the shares issued and the address of the holder shall be entered in the Corporation's books. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be canceled and no new certificates representing the same number of shares shall be issued until the former certificate or certificates for the same number of shares shall have been so surrendered, and canceled, unless a certificate of stock be lost or destroyed, in which event another may be issued in its stead upon proof of such loss or destruction, provided that the Corporation may require, in its discretion, the giving of a bond of indemnity satisfactory to the Corporation. Both such proof and such bond shall be in a form approved by the general counsel of the Corporation and by the Transfer Agent of the Corporation and by the Registrar of the stock.

SECTION 2. Transfer of Shares. Shares of the capital stock of the Corporation shall be transferred on the books of the Corporation only by the holder thereof in person or by his attorney upon surrender and cancellation of certificates for a like number of shares as hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 3. Registered Stockholders. The Corporation shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of any share or shares of stock as the holder in fact thereof and accordingly shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or

SECTION 12. Audit Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint from among its members, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, an Audit Committee, to consist of two or more of the directors of the Corporation, none of whom shall be officers or employees of the Corporation and each of whom shall be independent of management of the Corporation. The duties of this committee shall be to review annually of the affairs of the Corporation and to report to the Board of Directors on its review, including whether adequate internal audit controls and procedures are being maintained, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding changes in the manner of doing business, all as shall be deemed advisable. The Audit Committee shall also recommend to the Board of Directors on the selection of the firm of independent certified public accountants to audit the books and records of the Corporation. The Audit Committee shall review significant audit and accounting principles, policies and practices, meet with the Corporation's auditors to review the Corporation's internal auditing functions, meet with the Corporation's independent auditors to review the results of the annual examination, and review the recommendations of the auditors.

SECTION 13. Other Committees. The Board of Directors from time to time establish other committees of the Board to consist of two or more of the directors of the Corporation, and, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, provide for such committees to have and to exercise such powers and authority and to perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the Board. Such committee or committees shall have such names as may be assigned to them by the Board. The members of any such committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board and approved by the Board.

### **ARTICLE III Officers**

SECTION 1. Election and Tenure. The officers of the Corporation shall be the Chairman of the Board, a President, one or more Vice-Presidents (if so elected by the Board of Directors), a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors from time to time may consider necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Corporation. The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of stockholders. The Chairman of the Board and the President shall be directors and the other officers may, but need not be, directors. any two or more of the above offices, except those of President and Vice President, may be held by the same person, but no officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if such instrument is required by law or by these Bylaws to be executed, acknowledged or verified by any two or more offices. Except where otherwise expressly provided in a contract duly authorized by the Board of Directors, all officers and agents of the Corporation shall be subject to removal at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole board of Directors, and all officers, agents, and employees, other than officers appointed by the Board of Directors, shall hold office at the discretion of the Board of Directors and/or of the officers appointing them.

SECTION 2. Powers and Duties of the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have general charge and control of all its business affairs and properties. He shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors, except as provided in Article 1 section 6. the Chairman of the Board shall have all general powers conferred by these Bylaws or by law, including the power to sign, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Corporation all authorized bonds, contracts and other obligations of the Corporation. He shall the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the chief executive officer. The Chairman shall be ex-officio a member of all the standing committees, except any audit or examining committee. He shall do and perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Powers and Duties of the President. The President shall supervise the carrying out of the policies adopted or approved by the Board of Directors. He shall have general executive powers as well as specific powers and duties as may be conferred upon or assigned to him by the Board of Directors. In the case of the absence or disability of the Chairman, the duties of that offices shall be performed by the President.

SECTION 4. Powers and Duties of the Vice President. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Vice Presidents. Any Vice President (unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors) may sign and execute all authorized bonds, contracts, or other obligations in the name of the Corporation. Each Vice President

SECTION 6. Place of Meeting. The Board of Directors may hold their meetings and have one or more offices, and keep the books of the Corporation, either within or outside the State of Maryland, at such place or places as they may from time to time determine by resolution or by written consent of the directors. The Board of Directors may hold their meetings by conference telephone or other similar electronic communications equipment in accordance with the provisions of Maryland General Corporations Law.

SECTION 7. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board, provided that notice of every resolution of the Board fixing or changing the time or place for the holding of regular meetings of the Board shall be mailed to each director at least three (3) days before the first meeting held in pursuance thereof. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following the annual stockholders' meeting at which a Board of Directors is elected. Any business may be transacted at regular meetings of the Board.

SECTION 8. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the Chairman or the President, and must be called by the Chairman, the President or the Secretary upon written request of a majority of the Board of Directors, by mailing the same at least two (2) days prior to the meeting, or by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, telegraphing or telephoning the same on the day before the meeting, to each director; but such notice may be waived by any other director. Unless otherwise limited in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at any special meetings. At any meeting at which every director shall be present, even though without notice, any business may be transacted and any director may in writing waive notice of the time, place and objects of any special meeting.

SECTION 9. Quorum. A majority of the whole number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors, but, if at any meeting less than a quorum shall be present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time. The act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law or by the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws.

SECTION 10. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall be entitled to receive from the Corporation reimbursement of the expenses incurred in attending any regular or special meeting of the Board. The Board of Directors, by resolution of the Board, may provide for compensation to be paid to directors for their services, and may set a fixed sum for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board and of any committee of the Board on which directors serve. Such reimbursement and compensation shall be payable whether or not an adjournment be had because of the absence of a quorum. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor; provided, however, that directors who are employees of the Corporation shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for their services as directors.

SECTION 11. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint from among its members, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, an Executive Committee, to consist of two or more of the directors of the Corporation. Except to the extent specified by resolution of the Board, the Executive Committee shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors, and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending changes to the Corporation's insurance program, overseeing compliance with the Corporation's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, supervising the Corporation's CEO, recommending to the Board a compensation policy for the CEO and other executive officers of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, recommending changes to the CEO's compensation package based on performance reviews, monitoring the performance of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, recommending changes to the Corporation's and subsidiaries' personnel policies, serving as a director nomination committee, and shall function with the authority of the full Board between meetings of the Board. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Board, the President, and such other directors as may be determined by the Board. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time as may be fixed by the Committee or upon call of the Chairman of the Board. A majority of members of the Executive Committee shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the interval between the meetings of the Board of Directors as permitted by applicable law.

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS  
OF  
FIRST UNITED CORPORATION**

The undersigned Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First United Corporation (the "Corporation"), pursuant to the power vested in him by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, executes this Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation for the purpose of amending Article IV thereof to add a new Section 6, as follows:

SECTION 6. Exemption from Control Share Acquisition Act.

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2009 the Board of Directors of the Corporation approved a Certificate of Designations setting forth the preferences, rights, restrictions and other terms of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the "Series A Preferred Stock") of the Corporation, and it approved the issuance of 30,000 shares thereof to the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"); and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Designations expressly grants the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock the right to designate two directors of the Corporation in the event the Corporation fails to pay quarterly dividends thereon for six quarterly periods or more; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2009, the Board also authorized the issuance to Treasury of a warrant (the "Warrant") to purchase 326,323 shares of common stock of the Corporation (the "Warrant Shares"), and, in connection with the approval of these transactions on January 28, 2009, the Board adopted a resolution exempting the Warrant Shares from the provisions of the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, Md. Code Ann., Corps & Ass'ns §§ 3-701 *et seq.* (the "MCSAA");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Warrant Shares are exempt from the MCSAA to the fullest extent permitted by law, and that the Series A Preferred Stock is not subject to the MCSAA by virtue of the terms of the Certificate of Designations.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009



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William B. Grant  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

First United Corporation  
Oakland, Maryland

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (File Nos. 33-26248 and 333-157562), and Form S-8 (File No. 333-143296) of First United Corporation of our reports dated March 4, 2009, relating to the consolidated financial statements, and the effectiveness of First United Corporation's internal control over financial reporting, which appear in this Form 10-K.

 *Beard Miller Company LLP*

Beard Miller Company LLP  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 4, 2009

**Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer**  
**Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-1 and 15d-14**  
**As adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, William B. Grant, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of First United Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 2, 2009

By:   
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William B. Grant, Esq., CFP  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

**Certifications of the Chief Financial Officer**  
**Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-1 and 15d-14**  
**As adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Carissa L. Rodeheaver, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of First United Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 2, 2009

By: Carissa L. Rodeheaver  
Carissa L. Rodeheaver, CPA, CFP,  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

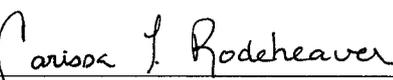
**Certification of Periodic Report**  
**Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350**  
**As adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

Pursuant to, and for purposes only of, 18 U.S.C. § 1350, each of the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) the Annual Report of First United Corporation on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and (ii) information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of First United Corporation.

Date: March 2, 2009

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
William B. Grant, Esq., CFP  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 2, 2009

By:   
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Carissa L. Rodeheaver, CPA, CFP,  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

# First United Corporation

## Summary of Selected Financial Data 1996-2008 (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	Compound Growth Rate 1996-2008	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>															
Tax-equivalent interest income	\$ 97,061	\$ 95,286	\$ 81,838	\$ 70,533	\$ 61,380	\$ 58,558	\$ 58,430	\$ 63,978	\$ 64,307	\$ 55,929	\$ 48,140	\$ 44,019	\$ 39,814	9%	
Interest expense	43,043	49,331	39,335	29,413	24,016	23,601	25,702	33,378	35,039	27,146	21,915	18,978	16,376	10%	
Tax-equivalent net interest income	54,018	45,955	42,503	41,120	37,364	34,957	32,728	30,600	29,268	28,783	26,225	25,041	23,438	9%	
Tax-equivalent adjustment	1,845	1,721	1,569	777	698	855	841	749	791	823	673	671	1,244	4%	
Provision for credit losses	12,925	2,312	1,165	1,078	2,534	833	1,506	2,926	2,198	2,066	1,176	935	749	33%	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	39,248	41,922	39,769	39,265	34,132	33,269	30,381	26,925	26,279	25,894	24,376	23,435	22,148	6%	
Noninterest income	13,769	15,092	14,041	14,088	12,971	11,867	9,007	9,314	7,789	6,936	6,091	5,967	4,869	11%	
Operating noninterest income	15,766	16,697	14,037	14,213	12,268	10,858	9,373	8,736	7,912	6,821	5,853	5,876	4,845	13%	
Non-operating noninterest income:															
Non-recurring gains on sales of assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Securities gains (losses)	(1,997)	(1,605)	4	(125)	703	1,009	(366)	578	(123)	115	238	91	24	56%	
Noninterest expenses	40,573	38,475	35,490	34,654	35,969	29,821	26,038	23,381	21,995	20,739	19,058	19,530	17,394	9%	
Operating noninterest expenses	39,889	37,819	34,931	34,095	35,410	29,587	26,038	23,346	21,956	20,722	19,058	18,976	17,121	9%	
Non-operating noninterest expenses:															
Restructuring costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 554	\$ 273	-100%
Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets	684	656	559	559	559	234	-	35	39	17	-	-	-		
Income before income taxes	12,444	18,539	18,320	18,699	11,134	15,315	13,350	12,858	12,073	12,091	11,409	9,942	9,623	3%	
Income tax expense	3,573	5,746	5,743	6,548	3,507	4,566	3,695	3,689	3,762	4,130	3,982	3,297	3,144	1%	
Net income	8,871	12,793	12,577	12,151	7,627	10,749	9,655	9,169	8,311	7,961	7,427	6,645	6,479	3%	
Dividends declared	4,774	4,796	4,662	4,544	4,424	4,291	4,166	4,047	3,908	3,791	3,781	3,609	4,243	1%	
Net income per FTE (Pre-tax)	\$ 29,414	\$ 43,829	\$ 46,262	\$ 48,317	\$ 28,696	\$ 40,517	\$ 39,499	\$ 41,746	\$ 39,713	\$ 40,570	\$ 39,892	\$ 35,386	\$ 29,793	-0%	
<b>Per Share Data:</b>															
Net income - basic	\$ 1.45	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.05	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.00	4%	
Net income - diluted	1.45	2.08	2.05	1.99	1.25	1.77	1.59	1.51	1.37	1.30	1.20	1.05	1.00	4%	
Dividends paid	0.80	0.78	0.76	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.68	0.66	0.64	0.62	0.60	0.56	0.51	5%	
Book value (at year end)	11.89	17.05	15.77	15.04	14.17	13.83	13.04	11.69	10.77	9.55	9.50	9.05	8.82	3%	
Tangible book value (at year end)	9.36	14.68	13.81	12.66	11.69	11.29	12.91	11.56	10.64	9.41	9.50	9.05	8.82	1%	
<b>Financial Condition (at year end):</b>															
Assets	\$ 1,639,104	\$ 1,478,909	\$ 1,349,317	\$ 1,310,991	\$ 1,233,901	\$ 1,108,241	\$ 954,388	\$ 818,824	\$ 848,300	\$ 793,991	\$ 641,114	\$ 569,030	\$ 523,621	15%	
Deposits	1,222,889	1,126,552	971,381	955,854	850,661	750,161	610,460	588,518	636,819	598,572	511,500	500,060	452,539	13%	
Net loans and leases	1,120,199	1,035,962	957,126	954,545	904,635	786,051	659,758	603,801	611,975	566,072	506,718	439,132	380,594	14%	
Securities	354,595	304,908	263,272	230,095	210,661	223,615	215,236	130,692	152,858	150,565	96,728	94,595	110,068	15%	
Shareholders' equity	72,690	104,665	96,856	92,039	86,356	84,191	79,283	71,076	65,511	58,096	58,474	56,714	56,815	3%	
<b>Performance Ratios (for the year):</b>															
Return on average equity	9.31%	12.70%	13.07%	13.61%	8.91%	13.10%	12.75%	13.26%	13.40%	13.56%	12.92%	11.70%	11.48%		
Return on average assets	0.55	0.90	0.96	0.95	0.65	1.03	1.13	1.11	1.03	1.12	1.24	1.21	1.29		
Yield on average interest-earning assets	6.62	7.29	6.78	5.98	5.63	6.00	7.30	8.21	8.42	8.26	8.40	8.50	8.44		
Rate on average interest-bearing liabilities	3.11	4.21	3.59	2.76	2.43	2.70	3.21	4.28	4.58	4.20	4.07	3.90	3.71		
Net interest spread	3.51	3.08	3.19	3.22	3.21	3.29	3.92	3.71	3.63	4.06	4.33	4.60	4.73		
Net interest margin	3.68	3.51	3.52	3.49	3.43	3.58	4.08	3.93	3.84	4.23	4.56	4.83	4.97		
Efficiency ratio	59.85	63.02	62.77	62.73	71.4	63.62	62.39	58.58	59.36	58.06	58.98	62.89	62.64		
Dividend payout ratio	55.17	37.50	37.04	37.19	57.48	39.65	42.76	43.71	46.72	47.69	50.00	53.33	51.00		
<b>Capital and Credit Quality Ratios:</b>															
Average equity to average assets	5.95%	7.10%	7.35%	7.00%	7.28%	7.88%	8.84%	8.34%	7.68%	8.23%	9.54%	10.35%	11.21%		
Total risk-based capital ratio	12.18	12.51	12.95	12.66	12.24	11.77	14.31	15.54	14.55	15.03	13.40	14.82	17.92		
Allowance for loan losses	1.26	0.70	0.68	0.67	0.75	0.75	0.91	0.94	0.83	0.77	0.65	0.60	0.57		
Nonperforming assets to total assets	1.71	0.59	0.36	0.26	0.37	0.36	0.35	0.54	0.30	0.14	0.16	0.20	0.31		
Net charge-offs to average loans and leases	0.54	0.15	0.11	0.15	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.37	0.25	0.18	0.11	0.11	0.19		

## Shareholder Information

### Market Summary of Stock

First United Corporation's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol FUNC. The following summary reflects the high and low trades during the period of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

2008	High	Low
1st Quarter	\$20.85	\$17.01
2nd Quarter	\$19.98	\$18.04
3rd Quarter	\$20.73	\$16.01
4th Quarter	\$20.00	\$13.00

2007	High	Low
1st Quarter	\$23.49	\$21.72
2nd Quarter	\$24.00	\$19.26
3rd Quarter	\$21.50	\$17.95
4th Quarter	\$21.95	\$18.70

Market Maker for the Corporation's Common Stock:  
 Scott & Stringfellow, Inc.  
 909 East Main Street  
 Richmond, VA 23219  
 (804) 643-1811 | (800) 552-7757

### Cash Dividends

Cash dividends were declared by the Corporation on the dates indicated in the following manner:

	2008	2007
1st Quarter	\$ .200	\$ .195
2nd Quarter	\$ .200	\$ .195
3rd Quarter	\$ .200	\$ .195
4th Quarter	\$ .200	\$ .200

*No guarantees can be made that dividends will be declared in any fiscal quarter.*

#### If you need assistance in any of the following areas:

- Change in registration
- Reporting lost certificates
- Non-receipt or loss of dividend checks
- Information on the dividend reinvestment plan

#### Please contact our transfer agent at:

Stock Trans, Inc.  
 44W. Lancaster Avenue  
 Ardmore, PA 19003  
 www.stocktrans.com

#### First United's Direct Line:

1-800-953-2593  
 TDD for Hearing Impaired 800-231-5469

#### Foreign Shareowners:

(201) 680-6578

#### TDD Foreign Shareowners:

(201) 680-6610

#### Shareholders' Meeting

The annual shareholders' meeting will be held on:  
 Thursday, May 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m.  
 Wisp at Deep Creek Mountain Resort  
 McHenry, MD 21541

#### S.E.C. Form 10-K

The Corporation files an annual report on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of this statement will be sent without charge to any shareholder who requests in writing to:

Robert W. Kurtz, Secretary  
 First United Corporation  
 c/o First United Bank & Trust  
 P.O. Box 9  
 Oakland, MD 21550-0009

The information can also be accessed on our website at:  
[www.mybank4.com](http://www.mybank4.com)

## First United Corporation Directors

### David J. Beachy

Fred E. Beachy Lumber Co., Inc.  
Building Supplies-Retired

### M. Kathryn Burkey

Certified Public Accountant Owner,  
M. Kathryn Burkey, CPA

### Faye E. Cannon

Consultant, Director of Dan,  
Ryan Builders, Inc., Former Chief  
Executive Officer and President of  
F&M Bancorp, Frederick, Maryland-  
Retired

### Paul Cox, Jr.

Owner, Professional Tax Service

### William B. Grant

Chairman of the Board/  
Chief Executive Officer First United  
Corporation and First United  
Bank & Trust

### Raymond F. Hinkle

Tax Consultant

### Robert W. Kurtz

President/Chief Risk Officer/  
Secretary/Treasurer, First United  
Corporation and First United Bank  
& Trust

### John W. McCullough

Certified Public Accountant Retired  
in 1999 as Partner of Ernst & Young,  
LLP

### Elaine L. McDonald

Realtor, Long & Foster Realtors, Inc.

### Donald E. Moran

Acting President, General Manager,  
Secretary and Treasurer, Moran  
Coal Corporation

### Gary R. Ruddell

President, Total Biz Fulfillment,  
Inc., Member, Gary R. Ruddell LLC,  
Commercial Real Estate; Member,  
MSG Glendale Properties LLC,  
Residential Real Estate; Secretary  
and Treasurer Hansa Toys USA, Inc.

### I. Robert Rudy

President, Rudy's Inc. Retail Apparel  
and Sporting Goods

### Richard G. Stanton

Retired, Served as Chairman,  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer of First United Corporation  
and First United Bank & Trust until  
1996.

### Robert G. Stuck

Vice President, Oakview Motors,  
Inc.-Retired; Realtor, Long & Foster  
Real Estate, Inc.

### Hoye Andrew Walls, III

President, Morgantown Printing &  
Binding; Member, MEGBA LLC

## First United Corporation Executive Management

### William B. Grant

Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

### Robert W. Kurtz

President, Chief Risk Officer  
and Secretary/Treasurer

### Jeannette R. Fitzwater

Senior Vice President and  
Director of Human Resources

### Eugene D. Helbig, Jr.

Senior Vice President  
and Senior Trust Officer

### Steven M. Lantz

Senior Vice President  
and Senior Lending Officer

### Robin E. Murray

Senior Vice President and  
Director of Retail Banking

### Carissa L. Rodeheaver

Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

### Jason B. Rush

Senior Vice President  
and Director of Operations  
and Support

### Frederick A. Thayer, IV

Senior Vice President  
and Director of Marketing  
and Strategic Planning

### Val J. Teagarden

President  
and Chief Executive Officer  
First United  
Insurance Group, LLC

## Advisory Council Members

### George B. Armistead

Baker & Armistead, PLLC

### John F. Barr

Ellsworth Electric Company

### Roger N. Fairbourn

Broker/Owner,  
Roger Fairbourn Real Estate

### Susan P. Kelley

Owner/Broker,  
Coldwell Banker Kelley &  
Associates

### Chris F. Lockard

Retired,  
R.C. Marker Company

### Mary Beth Pirolozzi

Executive Director,  
United Way

### Ginna Royce

President,  
Blaine Turner Advertising, Inc.

### Tod P. Salisbury

Salisbury & McLister, LLP

### Renick C. Williams

Real Estate Developer,  
Retired Farmer

### L. Hunter Wilson

President,  
Hunter Company of West Virginia  
Real Estate Development

## MARYLAND

### GARRETT COUNTY Oakland

#### Oakland Office

19 South Second Street  
Oakland, MD 21550

#### Mid-Towns Office

288 Weber Road  
Oakland, MD 21550

#### My Bank Express - Garrett Highway

12894 Garrett Highway  
Oakland, MD 21550

#### The Short-Stop, Inc.

Mid-Way Shopping Plaza  
Weber Road  
Oakland, MD 21550

### Deep Creek Lake

#### Lake Office

38 Vacation Way, Route 219  
McHenry, MD 21541

#### Arrowhead Market

Route 219  
McHenry, MD 21541

#### Deep Creek

#### Foodland Fresh

Market Square  
Route 219  
McHenry, MD 21541

#### Wisp Resort

Marsh Hill Road  
McHenry, MD 21541

#### Friendsville Office

832 First Avenue &  
Maple Street  
Friendsville, MD 21531

#### Grantsville Office

157 Main Street  
Grantsville, MD 21536

#### Grantsville Foodland

Grantsville Plaza  
3247 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Grantsville, MD 21536

## ALLEGANY COUNTY

### Cumberland

#### Bel Air Office

14300 Barton Boulevard S.W.  
Cumberland, MD 21502

#### Center City Office

115 West Harrison Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502

#### White Oaks Office

1501 Oldtown Road  
Cumberland, MD 21502

### LaVale

#### National Highway

Corner of National Highway  
and Vocke Road  
LaVale, MD 21502

## Frostburg

#### Frostburg Office

11020 New George's Creek  
Road, S.W.  
Frostburg, MD 21532

### Westernport

#### Main Street

Route 135 & Main Street  
Westernport, MD 21562

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

### Hagerstown

#### Hagerstown Office

130 South Edgewood Drive  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

#### Wesel Boulevard Office

1646 Wesel Boulevard  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

#### Smithsburg Office

100 South Main Street  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

## FREDERICK COUNTY

### Myersville

#### Myersville Office

209 Main Street  
Myersville, MD 21773

### Frederick

#### Riverside Office

Route 26  
1990 Monocacy Boulevard  
Frederick, MD 21701

#### Ballenger Creek Office

5868 Ballenger Creek Pike  
Frederick, MD 21703

#### Everedy Square

6 N. East Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

### COMING SOON!

#### Baughmans Lane Office

102 Baughmans Lane  
Frederick, MD 21701

## WEST VIRGINIA

## MINERAL COUNTY

#### Tri-Towns Office

51 Ashfield Street  
Piedmont, WV 26750

#### Keyser Office

Keyser Square Mall  
Keyser, WV 26726

## HARDY COUNTY

#### Moorefield Office

South Branch Square  
546 South Main Street  
Moorefield, WV 26836

## BERKELEY COUNTY

#### Potomac Office

U.S. Route 11 and  
Grade Road  
Falling Waters, WV 25419

#### Martinsburg Office

100 South Queen Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

#### South Berkeley Office

7736 Winchester Avenue  
Inwood, WV 25428

#### South Foxcroft Office

980 Foxcroft Avenue  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

#### Edwin Miller

Boulevard Office  
1286 Edwin Miller Boulevard  
Martinsburg, WV 25404

## MONONGALIA COUNTY

#### Sabraton Office

1951 Hunter's Way  
Morgantown, WV 26505

#### Star City Office

7 Chaplin Road  
Morgantown, WV 26501

#### Book Exchange

342 Patteson Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26505

### COMING SOON!

#### Suncrest Centre

651 Suncrest Towne Centre  
Morgantown, WV 26505

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