

Happy Birthday!



- Apr. 24 Bonnie Ferrara, Marcia Hardy,
Mike Kibler
- 25 Gray Fisher, Kent Higgins,
Joshua Hollandsworth,
Shannon Muckenfuss, Lindsay Strader
- 26 Mitchell Anderson, Carol Johnson,
David Kinsey, Jeff Shouse
- 28 Phillip Carter, Susie Hinton
- 29 Don Bryson, Margaret Morgan, Don Rice,
Peg Snider
- 30 Lee Cole, Casie Lowe, Ben Rogers, Dee Rutter

Please contact the church office if a member's birthday has been overlooked.

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Prayers of Joy

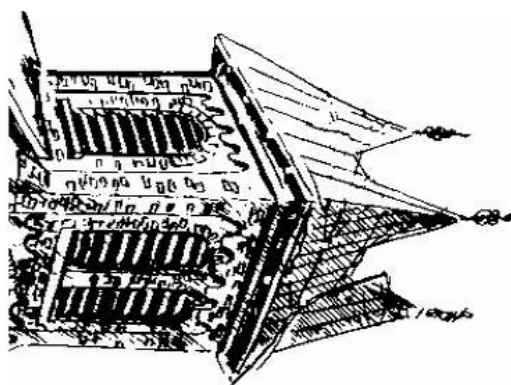
We rejoice with Grey and Tracey Young in the birth of their daughter, Harper McLaurin Young.
 Proud grandparents are Stormy and Chari Young.
 We rejoice with Karen and Nils Steika in the birth of their grandson.

Prayers of Concern

Joan Hill; Brad Kay;
 Laurie Pessier and family in the death of her stepson.
Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Extended Nursing Care

Ethel Clarke - Alterra Sterling House, Rock Hill SC
 Anne Elliott - Laurel Crest, W. Columbia SC
 Dot Hill - Westminster, Rock Hill SC
 Pug & Dot Hollis - Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton
 Alice Horten - Presbyterian Communities of SC - Clinton
 Harry Miller - Westminster, Rock Hill SC
 Buddy & Sis Moredock - Presbyterian Communities of SC- Summerville
 Trudie Robertson - Presbyterian Communities of SC - Clinton



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Unity News

April 19, 2007

Dear Friends,

Like all of you, I am stunned and saddened by the news from Virginia Tech this week. Having a son who graduated from that university, having been on the campus many times myself, and knowing other students and church members who have connections to the school brings a special personal dimension to the tragedy and loss of life. I know you join me in a commitment to pray for the university and all those touched by this terrible tragedy. The Presbyterian Church USA has already indicated its willingness to provide support as appropriate to the students, faculty, and members of the community. I will let you know of ways you might show your concern as I learn of them. Until then, I hope you will join me in a fervent prayer for an end to violence everywhere and for healing for all those touched by this loss.

In Christ's Service,

Dan

Vision Statement:

“United in Christ’s Love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people.”

Sunday Morning Information

Sunday Morning Service April 22, 2007

Nursery

8:45 am Infants:	Michelle Batchelor
2’s & 3’s:	Cathy Schaefer
11:00 am Infants:	Brent and Vonda Miller
2’s & 3’s:	Brenda Mullis

Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4 year olds:	Jennifer Bowman and Shannon Ross
5 & 6 year olds:	Terri Marshall and Vereen Brown
11:00 am 4 year olds:	Mary Shouse and Tricia Gupton
5 & 6 year olds:	Terri Marshall, Leanne Mace, Leigh Burrell

Greeters

8:45 am	Stacey Kuhn
11:00 am	Ted Benfield

Ushers

8:45 am	Mike Brown, Vaughan Batchelor, Bill Reigel, Jake Gaulden, William Reigel
11:00 am	Susan Benfield, Kearns Little, Stewart Nix, Bob Edwards, Lois Edwards, Donnie Reichenbach, Hans Reichenbach

Welcome Center

Donna Diedrich

Events & Opportunities

Lunch Bunch

Monday, April 30
12 noon
Fellowship Hall

Please join us for this time of fellowship. Bring your own sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. This month, we are pleased to host Dr. Nuhad Tomeh, our Presbyterian liaison to the vulnerable and historic Christian communities in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and the Gulf. This will be an opportunity to understand the complex nature of the religious and political struggles of the region, as well as the need for reconciliation in this volatile region.

This month, in addition to our special program, we are collecting items to prepare gift bags for the Nutrition Center to distribute. Listed below are the items needed for the gift bags. So as not to detract from our program, these items will be collected and the bags will be assembled later.

Items Needed for Nutrition Center Gift Bags

Kleenex	Canned Foods - Stews,
Toilet Paper	Soups, Etc.
Paper towels	Word Puzzles
Hand Lotion	Child Puzzles
Toothpaste	Cheese Crackers
Toothbrushes	Boost, Ensure, Etc.
Denture Cleaner	Socks
Denture Adhesive	Handkerchiefs
Sugar Free Candy	

Shampoo is not necessary - it is provided from other sources.



AIDS Walk 2007

The first Saturday in May has a special meaning for Unity's RAIN teams -- it's time for the annual AIDS Walk. This is a special event to help raise funding and awareness for RAIN, the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, in its ministries to support individuals, and their families, living with HIV/AIDS in our area. The AIDS Walk is RAIN's single largest source for fundraising; currently, RAIN does not receive funding from any state or federal funding programs. Care teams, sponsored by congregations throughout the region, are instrumental in helping RAIN make a difference in the lives of our care partners -- in compassionate support, education, and awareness. Please show your support by walking with us, sponsoring us, or helping to raise money to contribute to this effort. You can also sponsor the Unity Presbyterian team online at www.AIDSWalkCharlotte.com. Above all, we ask that you continue to support this effort by keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like further information, please contact Debbie Butler in the church office at (803) 547-5543, or look for one of the individuals in our congregation wearing a "Sponsor Me" button.

Saturday, May 5, 2007
 Gateway Village Charlotte
 Registration: 8 am
 Program: 9:30 am
 Walk: 10 am

Youth RAIN Closet Visit

Sometimes ... the wait is worth it!



Before.....

The RAIN Teams certainly hope that the members of Unity believe that. We hope that you consider this delayed THANK YOU note worth the wait – because it comes with the announcement of pictures on Unity’s website. Unity collects donations for the Catawba Care Coalition Closet

each year in January and in July. Catawba Care serves individuals diagnosed with HIV and/or AIDS and the Closet provides supplies to these individuals. These supplies are the most basic of necessities. This year, we collected in January, but we did not deliver until February. It was worth the wait - because Unity’s Senior High Youth Group was able to assist with supply collection and delivery. It was worth the wait - because of the outreach experience and learning opportunity. Please visit www.unityfortmill.org to view pictures of the Youth Group’s remarkable service to Catawba Care Coalition.

To the members of Unity - thank you for donations for this mission and for your continued prayers for and support of Unity's two RAIN Teams.

To the Senior High Youth Group – thank for carrying supplies, for stocking shelves, for including this mission in Youth Sunday, and for giving full attention to a topic that is difficult to discuss.



After.....

PW Annual Birthday Supper

You are cordially invited to attend the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Supper!

Monday May 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish to share.
We will have a birthday cake, too.

We will take up our Birthday offering and tell you about the recipients of this years offering.
Childcare will be provided.

Spring Gathering Presbyterian Women of Providence Presbytery



Purity Presbyterian Church
135 Wylie Street
Chester, SC

Saturday, April 21

Registration begins at 9:30 am/Lunch is \$5.00

Guest Speaker: Rev. Janet Alford (from Fort Mill!!!)

Topic: Creation

Workshops after lunch:
Storytelling, Missions, Spirituality, Communication

Childcare is provided

Calling all cooks!

We’re asking you to share your favorite recipes for a good cause. The York County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is developing a cookbook as a fundraiser. We are asked to submit our favorite recipes for the cookbook. You can submit your recipe entries on a regular recipe card or use the form that is available in the church office. Be sure to include the name of the recipe and your name on all entries.

Please submit your recipes by May 25, so we can ensure that Unity Presbyterian Church will be well represented in this county-wide project. Later in the year, we will have copies of the cookbook available for sale with proceeds benefiting the York County IHN program.

Please share your favorite recipes to help temporarily homeless families of York County.

April is Blue and Teal

You may notice blue and teal ribbons on the bulletin board at church and in the community and wonder what they mean. April is Child Abuse Awareness Month (blue) and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (teal), and those ribbons recognize that, and are a show of support for victims of both. There are many definitions for abuse, and there are many types of assault. Please pray for children, families, and victims, as well as the agencies who provide services to those who are abused, neglected, traumatized and victimized. In 2006, the Department of Social Services determined that 631 children in York County were the victim of abuse and/or neglect; 128 of those victims entered out-of-home care. In 2006, Safe Passage provided services to 96 victims of sexual trauma in York County.

Events & Opportunities

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Playgroup

Mark your calendar for our last playgroup before the end of the school year. We hope you will join us on April 20, at 10:00 am at Harris Street Park (*rain location: Unity Pre-school Room*). After playtime, we will share a picnic lunch together, with drinks and desserts provided. For more information, please contact Lynn Ringley at 802-4408 or at ringleymail@comporium.net.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of York County is planning a golf outing on October 5, 2007, at the Tega Cay Golf Club. The goal is to raise enough money at this outing to build a house. They are currently recruiting sponsors for the event. If you or your company are interested in contributing, please contact Penny Sheppard or Lori Benson at 803 328-1728.

IHN Yard Sale Update

We would like to thank all who donated items to the Inter-faith Hospitality Network (IHN) for their first ever community yard sale. Because of the generosity of volunteers from our church and the other 12 churches in the York County network, we were able to raise over \$1100 in one day. These monies will go to help provide shelter and training programs for homeless families.

Senior High Miami Mission Trip

Are you looking for something
exciting to do this summer?

Something meaningful?

Join the Senior Highs on a Mission trip to
Miami, Florida July 8-14! The cost is \$350.

Spots for youth and chaperones are still
available! Contact the church ASAP!

JUNIOR HIGH MONTREAT CONFERENCE

TIRED OF SITTING AT HOME ALL SUMMER?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN?

SOMETHING UNIQUE TO BEING A JUNIOR

HIGH YOUTH?

JOIN THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH AT THE
MONTREAT MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONFERENCE AT PRESBYTERIAN
COLLEGE, JULY 18-22! THE COST IS \$300.
YOUTH AND CHAPERONES WANTED!!!
CONTACT THE CHURCH ASAP!

Thank You

The 5th grade Sunday School class would like to thank everyone who contributed to their mission project of collecting Nutrition Center's Bingo prizes. Everyone from the Center was very appreciative.

Information

Attendance & Offering for April 15, 2007

8:45 am: 152	11:00 am: 230	Unity Hall: 5
Total Worship Attendance:	387	
Sunday School:	174	
Regular Offering:	\$14,289.10	
Debt Reduction:	\$2437.00	

Memorials

In Memory of:

Given By:

Building Fund

Bill Cate	Bill and Beth Reigel
Charlotte Smith	Bill and Beth Reigel
Betty Bennett	The Ficklens

Youth Fund

Christy Little	Bill and Beth Reigel
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