

Happy Birthday!



Return Service Requested

- May 1 Cecil Hinton, Amber Lawhon
- 2 Sydney Bryson, Andrew Burrell,
Judy Croucher, Philip Mace,
Brenda Marshall, Kevin McGrath,
Spencer Pecarro, Fannie Ray
- 3 William Weaver
- 4 Cleve Fisher, Michael Fritz,
Gail Lavender, Kimberly Mistler, Douglas Scott
- 5 Ryan Bunge, Shannon Burns, Margaret Evans,
Laura Matthews, Jessica Shamble, Max Windham
- 6 R.J. Bates, Patrick Bright, Rob Butler,
Ashley Groot
- 7 Sally Ficklen, Anna Mace, James Morris,
Melissa Steele

Prayers of Joy

We rejoice with John and Catherine Boetsch in the birth of their son, Anderson Cole Boetsch.
Proud grandparents are Ruth and Gary Boetsch.
We rejoice with Megan and Scott Watson in the birth of their son, James Ian Watson.

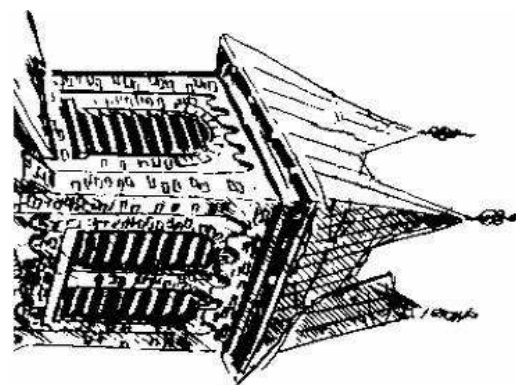
Prayers of Concern

Anne Banks; Susan Bullard's sister; Joan Hill;
Brad Kay in the death of his grandfather;
Tim McCrary; David Neel

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 26, 2007

Dear Friends,

The session has unanimously approved the establishment of an Endowment Fund for our congregation. We believe the time has come to provide a way for folks to support our church, not just today, but many years into the future. Current studies indicate that many individuals wish to support their church through their will or through special one-time gifts that are designed to assure future ministry. These same studies indicate that many of these people are especially attracted to giving through an endowment fund with designated purposes. We believe the time has come to establish such a fund for our church and to provide for God's future ministry in this place. The Stewardship Ministry Team has written, and the session has approved, a basic policy statement to guide the new endowment. The next step is to form a board of trustees for the endowment fund who will work under the oversight of the session. We are currently seeking to identify individuals whose gifts would make them strong candidates for service on this board. If you know of such people or would like to be considered for such service yourself, please share your names with me or with Bob Mobley, chair of the Stewardship Team. We hope to elect five trustees in May of this year.

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

Worship April 29, 2007



Dan’s Sermon: “The Good Shepherd in the 21st Century”
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23
New Testament Reading: John 10: 22-30

Sunday Morning Service April 29, 2007

Nursery

8:45 am Infants: Becca Bowyer
2’s & 3’s: Gretchen Whitesell
11:00 am Infants: Sara Windham, Suan Bullard
2’s & 3’s: Ashley Groot

Coordinator: Linda Bunge

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4 year olds: Michelle Kuhn and Barbara Bergvist
5 & 6 year olds: Alice White and Vereen Brown
11:00 am 4 year olds: Lorie Lower and Amber Lawhon
5 & 6 year olds: Bitsey Martin, Katharyne Tedford, Elena Bowen

Greeters

8:45 am Jeff Kimbrell
11:00 am Craig and Elaine Evans

Ushers

8:45 am Mike Brown, Vaughan Batchelor,
Bill Reigel, Jake Gauden, 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 and a very interesting program. 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. Bring your own sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided.

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.org. 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

Disciple Bible Study

Looking for an in-depth Bible Study in a small group setting? Ever wanted to read and study most of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation? The Christian Education ministry is pleased to offer you the opportunity to do just that beginning in September, 2007, with the Disciple Bible Study. Disciple is a 34-week, two-semester adult Bible Study designed for those seeking an in-depth scriptural study in a small group setting. Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study will be taught by the Reverend Janet Alford, minister at-large, Providence Presbytery and graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Disciple will be offered at the church Thursday evenings, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. There will be a \$30 charge for the Disciple study manual, and participants will need a NRSV study Bible for the course (Oxford Annotated, Interpreter's or Access Study Bibles highly recommended). Questions? Contact Janet Alford at 548-1638 or jga@comporium.net. Janet will also be available Sunday, May 6 to answer questions. Registration begins May 1. Please register at the church office and make \$30 checks payable to the church.

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.

Unity Blood Drive May 15 Donors Needed!

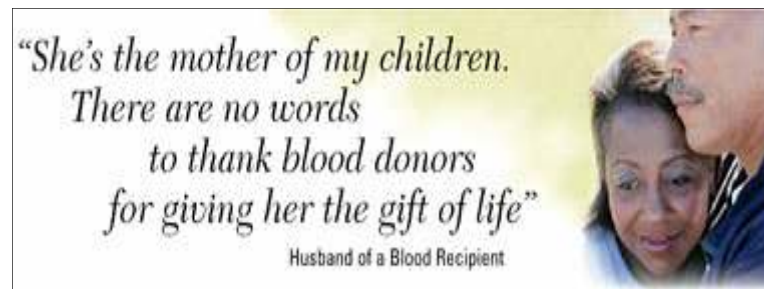


Blood saves lives—and it is always needed!

Did you know that every 2 seconds in America someone needs blood?

But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live. Imagine if giving blood was part of everyone's life. Something you did on a regular basis, like eating at your favorite restaurant. What kind of difference would that make? For nearly 5 million people who receive blood transfusions every year, your donation can make the difference between life and death. Giving blood is simple and convenient. Unity is scheduled to hold a blood drive on **Tuesday, May 15, from 3:00 pm-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship beginning on April 29, or contact the church office. Appointments are not required but recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome.

If you are unable to donate blood but would like to help, please consider providing some homemade goodies such as cookies or trail mix. These items may be left in the Fellowship Hall before the blood drive.



Bethelwoods, our Presbyterian camp in York, is currently looking for male counselors, female counselors, and lifeguards for the 2007 summer camp staff. The camp offers fun, faith-building overnight camps for children and youth completing K5-12th grade. If you know someone who is one year beyond their high school graduation and is looking for a rewarding summer, please contact Joel Winchip at (803) 366-3722 or joel@bethelwoods.org. More information and a printable application are also available at www.bethelwoods.org/summer%20staff/.

PW Annual Birthday Supper

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

Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the 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 year's offering.
Childcare will be provided.

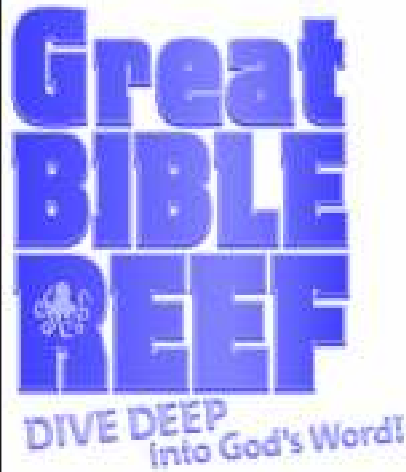
April is Blue and Teal

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

continued

Summer 2007 Vacation Bible School



Make plans now to join us at the **GREAT BIBLE REEF** where we will spend a week together **DIVING DEEP** into God's word.

This summer we will be offering a weekday morning VBS program and will spend 3 'FIN-TASTIC' hours

exploring God's word through music, art, science, games, worship, and drama. We are excited to offer this 'camp style' format during this year's unusually long summer break.

MONDAY, JULY 16 - FRIDAY, JULY 20
9 am to Noon

Programming will be offered for ages 3 through 5th grade. A nursery will be available to volunteers for their infants and toddlers.

Pre-Registration will begin on May 1. You will be able to register on-line at www.unityfortmill.org or in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Ringley at ringleymail@comporium.net or Linda Bunge at jlbunge@comporium.net.

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!

Information

Attendance & Offering for April 22, 2007

8:45 am: 163	11:00 am: 228	Unity Hall: 1
Total Worship Attendance:	392	
Sunday School:	180	
Regular Offering:	\$9,482.00	
Debt Reduction:	\$2,047.00	

Memorials

In Memory of:

Bill Cate

Guinetta Hill

Charlotte Smith
Randy Cofield
Steve McIntyre
Florence McAuley
Bonnie Hills
Randy Lawhon
Bob Bright

Given By:

Building Fund

Jean Knox
Presbyterian Women

Bob and Joyce Sullivan
Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women

Children's CE Fund

Christy Little

Jean Knox

Honorariums

In Honor of:

Ruth B. Boetsch

Joan G. Thomasson

Given By:

Building Fund

Mary Beth and Matt Cline

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