

Happy Birthday!

- May 16 Stephanie Lawhon, Rick Shannon, Elizabeth Sheets
- 17 Barbara Ennis, Tom Ferrara, Mason Hunter, Kristain McCabe
- 18 Austin Cross, Michelle Meyer
- 19 Catherine Bradford, Ben Kelly, Chalmers Rogers
- 20 Kennan Banks, Liz Hood, Jan Norman, Grey Young
- 21 Jeff Kimbrell, Alice White



Return Service Requested

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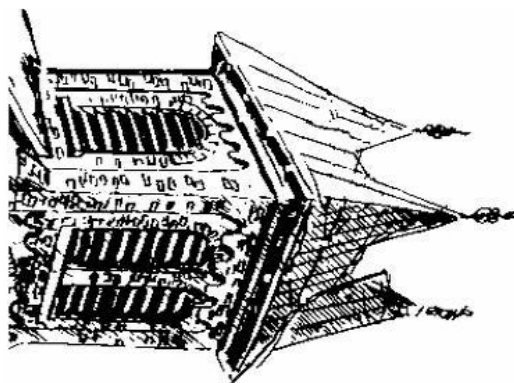
Prayers of Concern

Anita Greene; Vonda Miller's cousin;
 Bob Woodson's brother

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

May 10, 2007

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will receive our annual offering in support of the Presbyterian Communities (formerly the Presbyterian Home) of South Carolina. These retirement communities are home to almost 900 Presbyterians in six residential facilities across the state of South Carolina. The offering we receive is used to supplement the cost of providing care for those residents whose funds have run out. It currently costs more than 2 million dollars a year to provide such care. Our faithful giving means that no resident will ever have to leave their retirement home due to a lack of financial resources. What better way to care for our oldest members than through this practical gesture of support. Please give generously to help those whose need is great.

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 May 13, 2007



Jeannie’s Sermon: “All Things New”
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 67
New Testament Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7, 10, 22-22:5

Sunday Morning Service May 13, 2007

Nursery

8:45 am Infants: Vereen Brown and Jennifer Bowman
2’s & 3’s: Gretchen Whitesell
11:00 am Infants: Debbie Butler and Freda Garver
2’s & 3’s: Julia Benfield

Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4 year olds: Terri Marshall and Shannon Ross
5 & 6 year olds: Tammie Welch and Susie Hinton
11:00 am 4 year olds: Terri Marshall and Kelsey Marshall
5 & 6 year olds: Lee-Ann McGrath and Kristain McCabe

Greeters

8:45 am Denise Fox
11:00 am Betty and Philip Carter

Ushers

8:45 am Burt Welch, Bo Palmer, Susan Palmer,
Ed Wylie, John Ray Kimbrell
11:00 am Donna Diedrich, Brenda Marshall,
David Bowman, Dickie Havnaer,
Cecil Hinton, Layne Fisher, Cleve Fisher

Welcome Center

Donna Diedrich and Ted Matthews

Events & Opportunities

Attention Graduating HIGH SCHOOL Seniors

Unity’s high school graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 20, and they will be listed in Unity News. You should have already received a letter and a phone call with information about this. If you have not, please call the church office immediately (803) 547-5543 so we can add your name to the list. We do not want to leave anyone out!

Graduating COLLEGE Seniors

You should have already received a letter requesting graduation information. If you have not, please call the church office immediately (803) 547-5543, or email Brynne Fisher at brynne@yourcardsolution.com. We would like to print graduation information in Unity News, and do not want to leave anyone out!

Do you have the gifts of encouragement, healing, helper, or mercy?

Then Unity’s Care Teams might be just the ministry you are looking for. Presbyterian Care Teams are an important ministry in our congregation. Care Teams provide a coordinated way for members of our congregation to respond to the real life needs of individuals and families in our church. These teams are groups of volunteers doing what they love to do. Together, they offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to people living with illness or disability or the limitations brought on by aging or other life-challenging situations. New Care Teams will be forming in May. If you might be interested please call Ann Hudspeth at (803) 547-5404 or email at hudspeth1@comporium.net for more information.

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.
- + We all expect blood to be there for us, but barely a fraction of those who can give do.
- + Sooner or later, virtually all of us will face a time of great vulnerability in which we will need blood. And that time is all too often unexpected.
- + Healthy donors are the only source of blood.
- + 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 May 13, 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.



*Ricardo Arturo and Ricardo René, 9 years old.
Ricardo Arturo needed 8 pints of blood as a newborn.*

Blood donors gave Ricardo Arturo a second chance at life.

Give someone a second chance.

Give Blood, Give Life.

UNITY'S Sunday School

Unity's Summer Sunday School is flipped on its head! Lots of fun things will be going on this summer:

- During the months of June and August during Sunday School the children of Unity will be learning about and making Jesse Tree and Chrismon ornaments. Each child will make one ornament to take home, and one to leave at the church. The CE team hopes to decorate both a Jesse Tree and a Chrismon Tree during Advent this year.
- For adults, the CE Team is offering "The Thoughtful Christian" class. Each week, this class will look at new and thought-provoking topics that involve current events which challenge us to look deeper into our Christian faith. This class will meet each Sunday in June and August in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am for coffee and 10:00 am for the class.
- During the month of July, Sunday School will be at night! That's right! Beginning Sunday, July 8, through Sunday, July 29, Sunday School for all ages will be in the evening. Evenings will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Then at 6:15 pm, classes for children and adults will begin. The evening will wrap up by 7:30pm. So what will happen on Sunday mornings? There will still be two services (8:45 am and 11:00 am); then, during the usual Sunday School hour, a light refreshment and fellowship time will be offered in the Fellowship Hall.

The Christian Education Team is very excited about these offerings this summer, and you are invited and encouraged to join in the excitement!

Caution Needed

There have been a couple of near mishaps in the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. If you are going to be using the kitchen, please be sure to follow the guidelines posted. These guidelines are in place to protect the equipment and the people using them! Remember, SAFETY FIRST, and if you are not sure, ASK!!

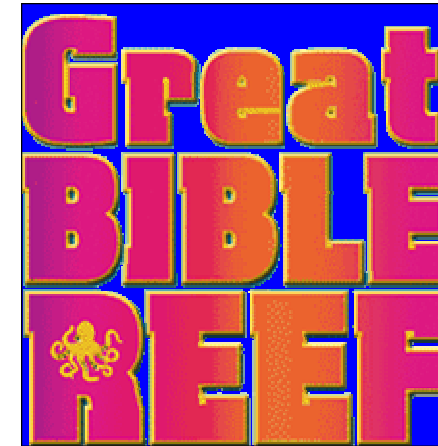
Disciple Bible Study

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. Registration begins May 1. Please register at the church office and make \$30 checks payable to the church.



Bethelwoods, our Presbyterian camp in York, is currently looking for male counselors, female counselors, and life-guards 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/.

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 children ages 3 through 5th grade.

A nursery will be available to volunteers for their infants and toddlers.

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.

Events & Opportunities

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Bandstand Tales II

The Fort Mill Community Playhouse will present *Bandstand Tales II*, a musical history of Fort Mill with several new scenes and music, at The Playhouse, 615 Banks St., May 17 – 19 at 7:30 pm and May 20 at 5 pm. Tickets are available at www.fortmillplayhouse.org or 548-8102 and Crossings on Main. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors. The script and most of the lyrics for the play were written by Unity's Mignon Ballard and much of the music was composed by our own Ray Doughty. There are also several Unity members who have roles.

Presbyterian Women's tri-annual Synod Gathering

**Epworth-by-The-Sea, St. Simon's Island, Georgia
October 26-28, 2007**

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Carol Bechtel, Author and Leader of the Horizons' 2007-08 Bible Study.

Worship leader will be Rev. Chineta Goodjoin, Knox Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles.

There are many choices for workshops and free time to explore the island or relax with friends.

REGISTER EARLY for best choices of workshops & rooms.
Registration \$70

Room & meals \$116.54 (if you have a roommate)

Contact Zeta Sistare at (803) 547-7211 or at zgsat-night@cs.com for additional information and registration forms.

Roommate Wanted: Contact Zeta Sistare

Congratulations College Graduates

Unity is proud to congratulate the following:

Sarah Jane Bergman

Sarah will graduate from The United States Naval Academy and will be commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy on May 25, 2007. She will be stationed in Annapolis, Maryland this summer, where she will train and prepare to be a member of a team of three female military officers who will represent the United States in the Military World Games in Mumbai, India, in October in the smallbore rifle competition. After returning to the US, Sarah will join her ship, the USS Cape St. George, stationed in San Diego. Her proud parents are Lynn Bergman and Jim Bergman.

Lauren Emily Epps

Lauren will graduate on May 11, 2007 from Clemson University with a degree in Graphic Communications. She is currently interviewing in the Charlotte area. Her proud parents are Chuck and Cindy Epps.

Jennifer McKelvey Fritz

Jennifer will graduate on May 12, 2007 from North Carolina State University with a Master of Science in English and an option in Technical Communication. She is married to Ed Fritz, Jr.

Site Plan

On Sunday, April 22, 2007, the Building Committee presented the Master Site during the Sunday School hour. The Site Plan presented is available on the Unity Presbyterian website, www.unityfortmill.org/buildingcommittee. You are invited to review the plan and contact the Building Committee with questions or comments via email at unitybldg@comporium.net.

Information

Attendance & Offering for May 6, 2007

8:45 am: 172	11:00 am: 246	Unity Hall: 4
Total Worship Attendance:	422	
Sunday School Attendance:	206	
Regular Offering:	\$18,268.38	
Debt Reduction:	\$3,082.00	

Memorials

In Memory of:

Given By:

Building Fund

Guinetta Hill	Bill and Liz Hood
Charlotte Smith	Jeff and Laura Hall
Randy Lawhon	Jeff and Laura Hall
James B. Cook	John and Jessie Little

Honorariums

In Honor of:

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Mary Millikin	Sandra and Luther Moore
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Newsletter Submission Deadline:

Noon Mondays

Submit to brynne@yourcardsolution.com, or to church office