

# Happy Birthday!



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| May | 22 | Clayton Cowart, Harriett Hyman   |
|     | 23 | Kate Benfield, Brenda Mullis,<br>Thomas Windell                              |
|     | 24 | Patsy Black, Margaret Macaulay,<br>Jan Smiley                                |
|     | 25 | Mark Abercrombie, Lillian Knox   |
|     | 26 | Frank Anderson, Julia Matthews   |
|     | 27 | Ben Price  |
|     | 28 | Margaret Gribble, Alice Langford, Adam Rivet,<br>Brandi Spratt, Jack Windell |

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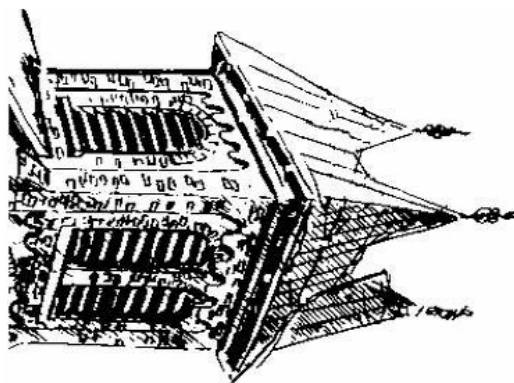
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## Prayers of Concern

*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 17, 2007

*Dear Friends,*

As previously announced, I will be on sabbatical this summer. I will be away from the church for 11 weeks beginning on May 31, with my first Sunday back in the pulpit being on August 19. During that time, Jeannie and Megan (when she returns from maternity leave) will provide pastoral leadership. I want to thank them for their extra work this summer, and also ask you to provide them a special dose of encouragement and support during this time period.

Course work is an important part of my sabbatical. Earlier this year, I participated in the Davidson Clergy Institute as a way of preparing for my time away and focusing my developmental interests and needs. Other courses that are a part of the sabbatical include courses on stewardship and conflict management. In late June, I will also be participating in the National Pastor's Sabbath Retreat in Utah, and in a pre-retirement planning event offered by our Board of Pensions for pastors within 15 years of retirement (I'm still ten years away.) I will also be visiting with pastors of several large churches on the west coast of Florida to learn from them about good things that are working in their churches. As a part of the sabbatical, I will also be doing a great deal of reading. I will be leaving a copy of my reading list in the church office prior to my departure and invite you to join me in reading any of the books that have special interest for you.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity for renewal and re-creation. The chance to recharge one's batteries is a wonderful gift and speaks volumes about the graciousness of this church. Thank you for making this possible and for all you do in our shared ministry in Christ's Name.

*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 20, 2007



Dan’s Sermon: “When the Minister was in Jail”  
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 97  
New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

### Sunday Morning Service May 20, 2007

#### Nursery

8:45 am Infants: Beth Frattaroli and Dannie Vaughn  
2’s & 3’s: Andrew Wilbanks  
11:00 am Infants: Bud and Marlyn Oehrli  
2’s & 3’s: Kate Benfield

*Coordinator: Linda Bunge*

#### Children in Worship

8:45 am 4 year olds: Jennifer Bowman and Gretchen Whitesell  
5 & 6 year olds: Alice White and Vereen Brown  
11:00 am 4 year olds: Mary Shouse and Kelsey Marshall  
5 & 6 year olds: Lee-Ann McGrath and Kristain McCabe

#### Greeters

8:45 am Gene Roper  
11:00 am Clayton Kuhn and Will Howell

#### 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

### Do you have the gifts of service and 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](mailto:hudspeth1@comporium.net) for more information.

### Christian Educator Appreciation

The Christian Education Team would like to offer a very special thank you to all of those who served as Christian educators during this academic year. Christian education touches all ages at Unity and we appreciate the role these educators play in the spiritual growth of so many. Whether you served in the nursery, Children in Worship, Sunday school, bible study, Growing Christians, Youth or Adult programming, you answered a call to serve! Your commitment to enriching the lives of those at Unity, your efforts and your gifts are examples to all. Thank you!

### GC’s Pool Party

We are celebrating the end of our year together in GC’s with a pool party at the Havnaer’s house. Join in the fun on Sunday, May 20, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Meet in the parking lot behind the Fellowship Hall @ 1pm so we can carpool to the party. Please plan to bring a side item to go with hotdogs (chips, salads, etc.) and your bathing suit, towel, a change of clothes and anything else you want to swim with! To RSVP or ask questions, contact Debbie McNair (803) 396-8924.

### 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 vie email at [zgsat-night@cs.com](mailto:zgsat-night@cs.com) for additional information and registration forms. **Roommate Wanted:** Contact Zeta Sistare

### Lunch Bunch

The monthly meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be on Monday, May 21, at 12:00 noon. This month, our speaker will be Rebecca Nelson from the American Red Cross presenting a program on "Disaster and Pandemic Preparedness". All are invited, so bring a sandwich and join us for this timely and informative program.

### Camp for Active Older Adults

Unity’s Lunch Bunch and any interested older adults are organizing a trip to *Camp Again!* this fall at Clemson University’s Outdoor Laboratory. This is a five-day, four-night adventure including meals, lodging and activities such as fishing, boating, historical tours, crafts, nature walks, apple picking, and more. Dates are available in September and October. Cost is \$300 - \$350 per person, depending on housing choice. Brochures are available in the church office. Or contact Jeannie at 547-5543 if you have any questions.

## Summer 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.

## IHN: Summer Hosting June 3 – June 10

Unity will be hosting the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families shortly after school is out. The guests will arrive on Sunday, June 3 and stay with us through Sunday, June 10. Many volunteer positions are still available. We need assistance with providing dinners, staying overnight, setting up rooms, and with providing transportation. If you can assist with one of these important positions, please contact Anne Weeks at 802-0571 or Robin Morris at 547-2915. Thank you for all of your support for the IHN program. We appreciate every way that you share Christ's love with others.

## Mark your calendars ladies!!!

### Fall Women's Spiritual Retreat

September 14-16, 2007

"Sunday is NOT Enough"

Spiritual Leader—The Rev. Pinky Bender

If you have not attended this event before, now is the time! Don't miss out on a great weekend of spiritual renewal, new friendships, fun, and, of course, food. Get your registrations in early! Registration Forms are available at the church office or register on-line at [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org).

## 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](mailto:jga@comporium.net). Registration begins May 1. Please register at the church office and make \$30 checks payable to the church.

## 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!!

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Register on-line at [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org) or in the church office.

If you have questions, please contact Lynn Ringley at [ringleymail@comporium.net](mailto:ringleymail@comporium.net) or Linda Bunge at [jlbunge@comporium.net](mailto:jlbunge@comporium.net).

# Events & Opportunities

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## Congratulations High School Graduates

Unity is proud to congratulate the following:

**Kate Benfield-** She will be spending her summer horseback riding, working at the Y, and with her friends. She will be attending Clemson in the fall. She is the daughter of Susan and Ted Benfield.

**Patrick Bright-**He will be going to Montreat with Unity's Youth Group this summer, working, and relaxing. He will attend Clemson in the fall. He is the son of Pam and Peter Bright.

**Rob Bullard**

**Maggie Carroll-**She will attend the College of Charleston in the fall. She plans to spend her summer working and preparing for college. She is the daughter of Mike and Jane Carroll.

**Lindsay Craddock-**She will spend her summer working, spending time with friends, and going to the beach. She will attend USC, majoring in business, in the fall. She is the daughter of Cindi and Gary Craddock.

**Erin Eddens**

**Walker Sharp Hobson-**He plans to spend his summer working at Montreat Conference Center. He will attend Stetson University, majoring in finance or political science, in the fall. He is the son of John and Nancy Vanderbleek and Jack Hobson.

**Madeleine Jamison-**She will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall. She is the daughter of Mike and Laura Jamison.

**Amber Lawhon**

**Lea Montague**

**James Morris-**His summer plans are working as a Lifeguard supervisor at Carowinds and as well as at Marine Corp leadership school in Hawaii. He will be attending the Citadel, and he plans to become an officer in the US Marine Corps. He is the son of Robin Morris and Don Morris.

**Hans Reichenbach-**His summer plans include working at the Y, going on a mission trip with Unity to Miami, and hanging out with friends. He is the son of Don and Denese Reichenbach.

**Sarah Simpson-**She will be spending the summer with friends and family. She will attend USC in Columbia in the fall, studying nursing. She is the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Simpson.

**Adam Thompson-**He will be spending his summer working. He will attend Clemson in the fall, majoring in engineering. He is the son of Paul and Daphne Thompson.

**Alex Windham--**She will be playing softball and working this summer. In the fall she will attend Spartanburg Methodist College, where she will play softball. Her parents are Bruce and Sara Windham.

## Congratulations College Graduates

Unity is proud to congratulate the following:

*Chris Nunnery*

Chris will graduate from University of North Carolina-Charlotte. He plans to do research in Computer Security at UNCC this summer and will attend grad school there for Information Technology. His proud parents are Ken and Cathy Nunnery.

*Steven Brown*

*Jad Griffin*

*Kent Higgins*

*Brown Hobson*

*Amy Lowe*

*Reid McGinn*

*John McIntyre*

*Will Pietkiewicz*

*Anna Rice*

*Rachel Strunk*

*Matt Wood*

## 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 through May 19 at 7:30 pm and May 20 at 5 pm. Tickets are available at [www.fortmillplayhouse.org](http://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.

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Offer only good for week of June 3 - June 10.

Sponsored by the Interfaith Hospitality Network of York County

## Information

### Attendance & Offering for May 13, 2007

8:45 am: 194	11:00 am: 233	Unity Hall: 7
Total Worship Attendance:	434	
Sunday School Attendance:	146	
Regular Offering:	\$7,752.01	
Debt Reduction:	\$830.00	

### Memorials

**In Memory of:**

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