

Happy Birthday!



Return Service Requested

- May 29 Katy Fulton, Lana McDonald,
Fran Shoemaker
- 30 Fred Langford, Steve Brown
- 31 Karen Wright
- June 1 Taylor Brown
- 2 Jennifer Bickett, Lyn Evans,
Paul McIntyre, Bob Reid, Burt Welch
- 3 Jane Godfrey, Stephen Pecarro
- 4 Megan Cross, Kimberly Flynn, Bill Fowler,
Davidson Hobson, Randy Higgins,
Andrew Rossman, Suzanne Thomas, Jay Wolf

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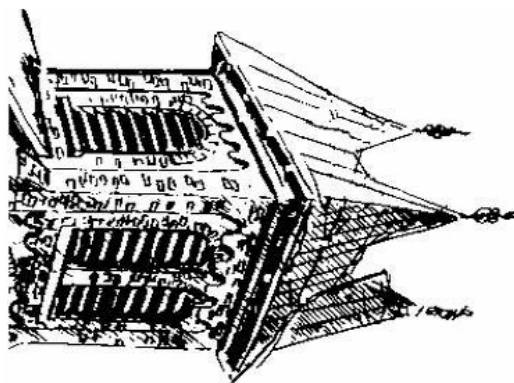
Prayers of Concern

Jeff Burrell and family in the death of his grandmother;
 Dorothy Gambrell's nieces; Anita Greene; Brad Kay

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 24, 2007

Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday is Pentecost, the day we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The liturgical color for the day is red, and you are invited to wear your brightest red as a part of the celebration. We will also share the sacrament of communion as a part of worship this week. I invite you to prepare yourself prayerfully for participation in the sacrament, and look forward to sharing this special time of worship with you. On another topic, there is an immediate need this summer for counselors at Bethelwoods, our presbytery camp located between Rock Hill and York. Camper registrations for Bethelwoods are up 20% for this summer's camp, so Bethelwoods is actively seeking additional college age students who are looking for summer employment. The minimum requirement for consideration is that the counselor be one year past high school graduation. If you know of someone who might serve in this area, please call Bethelwoods or go to their website at www.bethelwoods.org. It's a great summer job, and can make a real difference in the lives of children.

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 27, 2007



Dan’s Sermon: “The Language of God”
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9
New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Sunday Morning Service May 27, 2007

Nursery

8:45 am Infants: Donna Diedrich and Tracy Young
2’s & 3’s: Jake Gaulden
11:00 am Infants: Debbie Matthews and Doris Ussery
2’s & 3’s: Judi Griffin w/ Abbi

Coordinator: Linda Bunge

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4 year olds: Jennifer Bowman and Barbara Bergvist
5 & 6 year olds: Terri Marshall and Kelsey Marshall
11:00 am 4 year olds: Mary Shouse and Tricia Gupton
5 & 6 year olds: Terri Marshall, Leigh Burrell,
Leanne Mace

Greeters

8:45 am Toni Rush
11:00 am Tom and Alexa Spratt

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, Bob and Lois Edwards

Welcome Center

Donna Diedrich and Kim Price

Events & Opportunities

Sunday School on May 27 Summer Sunday School Kickoff

12th Grade and Younger

Join us for this Pentecost celebration! 1st grade and up will meet in Unity Hall at 10 am. 4’s and 5K will meet in Room 208; 2’s and 3’s will meet in Room 203. Dress casual for fun and games outside!

Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.

What does two thousand dollars buy?

Two thousand dollars. Is that the amount of your monthly mortgage bill? Maybe it’s the amount of all of your bills for one month. What about \$2142? Do you know what that amount is? It’s the daily cost to keep our church operating.

The annual budget for Unity Presbyterian for 2007 is \$781,771. That means it takes a little over \$2,000 a day or almost \$15,000 a week to keep our church programs running.

So what does \$2142 a day buy for you? When you come to church, the buildings are heated or cooled and the lights are on! You receive materials for Sunday School. You hear wonderful music from sheet music that is purchased through the Worship and Music budget. Many other items are covered through our annual operating budget, including staff salaries, outreach programs, youth programs, and upkeep for the buildings and grounds.

We each have a responsibility to share our treasures to glorify God. Please remember the church operating budget is a great place for us to combine our treasures to keep the lights on and to offer great programs to share the Good News that Christ is Risen!

Stewardship Ministries Team

Children in Worship Summer Schedule

Please note that **May 27** will be the **last day of Children in Worship for this school year**. We encourage you to allow your child to practice the worship skills they have been learning by remaining with you in the sanctuary during worship. The nursery is available, but please be aware that there will not be a curriculum or planned activities in the nursery. If you choose to send your child to the nursery, please complete a sticker from the back of the pew and write "Nursery" and your child's birthdate. Thank you so much!

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.

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 for more information.

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.

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.

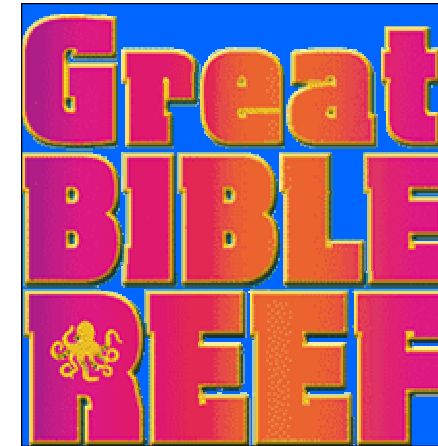
*****Valuable Coupon*****

Escape the ordinary routine of your daily grind. Spend the night in spiritual Hotel Unity! Clip this coupon and return to Anne Weeks or Robin Morris to redeem your **FREE OVERNIGHT STAY AT HOTEL UNITY!**

Act now! Limited Offer!

Offer only good for week of June 3 - June 10.
Sponsored by the Interfaith Hospitality Network of York County

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. Please register by June 16.

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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Children in Worship

Past, Present, and Future

Over 6 years ago, Unity's former DCE, Bob Lane, brought information to the Christian Education Committee about offering a worship program for young children. After researching several programs, Bob discovered a wonderful program called "Children in Worship".

In July 2002, Amanda Masters and Bob Lane attended a training seminar conducted by the CIW founder, Sonja Stewart, at the Western Theological Seminary. During the fall of 2002 and spring of 2003, a group of volunteers including Terri Marshall, Bitsey Martin, Barbara Bergvist, Susie Hinton, Tammie Welch, and others began planning, attending local workshops, and visiting area churches where the program was being taught. Under the direction of Terri, the first CIW experience was offered at Unity during the 8:45 am worship service in the fall of 2003. Because of the overwhelming response, the following year the program was offered at both services. More volunteers were recruited to serve as worship leaders, greeters, and helpers to make the program a success. By the third year, two CIW rooms were up and running at each service; one room for four year olds and one room for five and six year olds. To help with this growing program, Lee-Anne McGrath stepped up as Co-Director and has assisted Terri for the past three years.

On Sunday, May 27, Terri and Lee-Anne will be passing their leadership role forward to Leigh Burrell, Lorie Lower, and Tammie Welch. As our CIW program continues to grow, we would like to acknowledge the time, energy, love, and support that have gone into making Children in Worship such a special part of Unity's ministry. To all of those past, current, and future leaders, helpers, and greeters we offer thanks and prayers for the special role you play in our children's spiritual lives.

Congratulations High School Graduates

Unity is proud to congratulate the following:

Amber Lawhon—She will be attending Winthrop University this fall, majoring in Elementary Education. She plans to work at the beach this summer. She is the daughter of Philip and Stephanie Lawhon.

Congratulations College Graduates

Unity is proud to congratulate the following:

Brown Hobson

Brown Hobson graduated from The University of the South in Sewanee, TN on May 13, 2007. What a wonderful Mother's Day gift for Nancy Hudspeth Vanderbleek! Fourteen family members were present for the celebration. Brown is employed in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. His parents are Nancy and John Vanderbleek, and Jack Hobson.

Ryan Rush

Ryan Rush graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia on Saturday, May 12, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism Management. He is the son of Toni Rush.

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 via email at zgsat-night@cs.com for additional information and registration forms. **Roommate Wanted:** Contact Zeta Sistare

Unity Christmas Ornament

Every year the Fort Mill Downtown Association sponsors a fundraiser in which a Christmas ornament of a Fort Mill landmark is created and sold. This year Unity is the ornament! The ornament is a replica of Unity's sanctuary, done in pewter. It comes boxed with a brief history of the church. It sells for \$10.00, and is available in the church office during normal church hours. Make checks payable to: Unity Presbyterian Church. There is no limit on how many you may purchase. These make wonderful gifts. Unity is selling these as a community outreach, and we are not making any money on this. All funds from this sale go directly to the Fort Mill Downtown Association.

Information

Attendance & Offering for May 20, 2007

8:45 am: 176	11:00 am: 210	Unity Hall: 2
Total Worship Attendance:	388	
Sunday School Attendance:	152	

Regular Offering:	\$25,195.00
Debt Reduction:	\$7491.73
Debt Balance:	\$86,896.48

Memorials

In Memory of:

James B. Cook

Given By:

Building Fund

Jean Knox and family

Found

A blue and green quilt has been found in the 3rd grade Sunday School classroom. Please stop by to see if it is yours! Or contact Marion Woodson (803) 547-5229.