

# Happy Birthday!



*Return Service Requested*

- June 5 Emma Doughty, Madison Gregory, Doris Ussery, Jill Washam
- 6 Gail Ellison, Jad Griffin, William Reigel, Karen Stewart
- 7 Lauren Alexander, Laura Jamison, Daniel Rossman, Bob Woodson
- 8 Jordan Helms, Joshua McCabe, Reagan McCabe, Jeff Noel, Vera Reid
- 9 Kristin German, Tommy Hardwick, Linda Hollandsworth
- 10 David Macaulay, Travis Weldon

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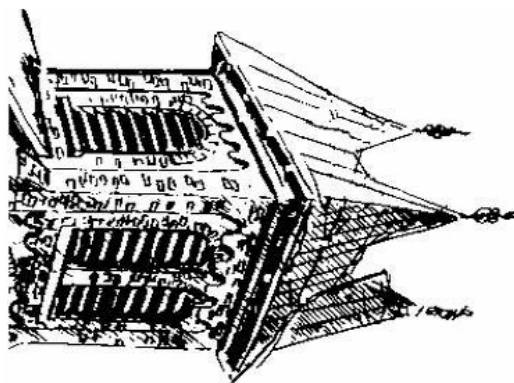
### Prayers of Concern

Dan and Carol Holloway; Bill Stroup;  
 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 31, 2007

*Dear Friends,*

This Sunday, June 3, we will welcome our own Bob Mobley as the guest preacher. Bob has filled our pulpit before and does an excellent job. His sermon on HOPE grows directly out of a recent travel experience to Chile and he's very excited about sharing this message with you. If you're in town, please support Bob with your prayers and presence. You'll be glad you were here.

Second, I want to alert you to an upcoming change with this newsletter. On the recommendation of our Communications Team, we're going to be trying a new format and mailing schedule for the summer months. We will be sending out newsletters twice a month in June, July, and August in an effort to be good stewards of our dollars and in recognition of the somewhat slower pace of church life in the summer. We're also trying a different format that we think you will find more attractive and easier to read. We welcome your input about these changes which we are trying on an experimental basis for the summer. As a reminder, please pay special attention to the deadlines for publication if you have information you want printed in these newsletters.

Finally, please know that you will be in my prayers as Carol and I travel on sabbatical. While we are excited about this opportunity for renewal and deeply grateful for this gift of time, we will also look forward to the time when we rejoin you in ministry in mid August. The peace of Christ be with you all.

*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 June 3, 2007



Bob Mobley’s Sermon: “Hope”  
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 46  
New Testament Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

### Sunday Morning Service June 3, 2007

#### Nursery

8:45 am Infants Jeff and Mary Shouse  
2’s & 3’s Patrick Wilbanks  
11:00 am Infants Leslee Walser and Cathy Weaver  
2’s & 3’s Hans Reichenbach  
*Coordinator: Lynn Ringley*

#### Greeters

8:45 am John Ray Kimbrell  
11:00 am Dan and Leanne Mace

#### Ushers

8:45 am David Bowman, Philip Carter,  
Betty Carter, Jeff Kimbrell,  
Dannie Vaughn  
11:00 am Kim Price, Mary Sue McGrath,  
Philip Mace, Dan Mace, Jean McManus,  
John McManus

#### Welcome Center

8:45 am Bill Vierstra  
11:00 am Alex Groot

## Events & Opportunities

### Summer Sunday School

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

- Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, June 3. 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. Join us beginning June 3.
- 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.

**We hope to see you often this summer!**

### Found

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

### Children in Worship Summer Schedule

Please note there is no **Children in Worship during the summer**. 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 birth-date. Thank you so much!

### What does \$2,000 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**

## Newsletter Summer Publication Schedule

**Next Issue:** Thursday, June 7  
**Deadline:** Monday, June 4 12noon (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

Issue Date: Thursday, June 14  
Deadline: Sunday, June 10 6pm (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

Issue Date: Thursday, June 28  
Deadline: Sunday, June 24 6pm (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

Issue Date: Thursday, July 12  
Deadline: Sunday, July 8 6pm (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

Issue Date: Thursday, July 26  
Deadline: Sunday, July 22 6pm (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

Issue Date: Thursday, August 9  
Deadline: Sunday, August 5 6pm (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

Issue Date: Thursday, August 23  
Deadline: Sunday, August 19 6pm (please submit to [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com))

## 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.

## American Red Cross

Unity's Blood Drive of May 15 was very successful. We had 2 first time donors, and a total of 46 units of blood were collected. Unity's continued involvement in blood drives assures the availability of a constant blood supply for local patients. Our support of patient needs through blood drives is so important in our community. We look forward to Unity's next blood drive. Thank you for your continued support, whether as a blood donor or an enthusiastic snack donor.



## 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.

### \*\*\*\*\*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 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. Please register by June 16.

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

# Events & Opportunities

*continued*

## 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.

## Disciple Bible Study

Looking for an in-depth Bible Study in a small group setting? 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 Thursday evenings, 7:00 -9:00 pm. Cost is \$30 for the Disciple study manual, and participants will need a NRSV study Bible for the course Contact Janet Alford at 548-1638 or [jga@comporium.net](mailto:jga@comporium.net). Register at the church office.

## 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.

## Thanks

Dear friends at Unity,  
Thank you for all of your cards, prayers and words of encouragement during my recurring eye problems. Even though much has been endured, and more surgeries may lie ahead, I gain strength every day from a very loving, and supportive church family. Bless you all!

*David Neel*

## 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).

## Information

### Attendance & Offering for May 27, 2007

8:45 am: 129	11:00 am: 163	Unity Hall: 0
Total Worship Attendance:	292	
Sunday School Attendance:	92	
Regular Offering:	\$5,893.50	
Debt Reduction:	\$2,220.00	
Debt Balance:	\$71,843.00	

## Memorials

### In Memory of:

### Given By:

James B. Cook

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### Building Fund

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Spratt and Sandra White  
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