



## Church Picnic September 9, 4-8 pm

Join us at Bethelwoods for this fun annual event. Fun for all includes swimming, hayrides, hiking, games, and old-fashioned fellowship. Please bring: your own lawn chair or blanket, one (1) can of food for the Fort Mill Care Center, and \$1.00. Come and go as you wish. Dinner will be served around 6 pm. Let us know you will be there by using the yellow reservation cards in the pews, call the church office (803) 547-5543, or make a reservation on Unity's website, [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org).

## Our Mission is to Care for Others

Throughout the year, we've been talking about items that are covered by the Operating Budget. We talked about power bills (lights, heating and cooling), materials for Sunday School, sheet music for the choir, staff salaries, youth programs and even the upkeep for the buildings and grounds. But we haven't yet talked about one of the largest budget items that really is at the core of who we are and what our mission is.

Benevolence comprises about 16% of our annual operating budget. According to Webster, benevolence is an act of kindness or the generous act of caring for others – the giving of aid to the poor. Christ told us that what we do “to the least of these who are members of my family, you did to me.” Matthew 25:40.

Within the 2007 Operating Budget, there are fourteen benevolent causes that our church supports. Some of them are local agencies or programs, like the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Habitat for Humanity, the Nutrition Center and the Fort Mill Care Center. Some of them are Presbyterian institutions that we support, such as Montreat and Thornwell Home. Others are more global, and provide support for missionaries and for youth mission trips. One of the largest budgeted items is for general benevolence, and goes to Providence Presbytery to support all of the programs supported by our presbytery. This allows Unity Presbyterian Church to join other churches from our presbytery to demonstrate Christ's love for all people.

We thank you for your continued support to Unity Presbyterian church with your tithes and offerings to our annual operating budget. Know that your contributions help keep our lights on, the sanctuary cool in the summer, the many programs for our members, and the many services to our brothers and sisters in need locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. We also recognize that our members serve others in the global community an untold number of hours each year. We thank you for your commitment to share the Good News that Christ is Lord of all, through your dedication and service.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for suggestions of members to be elected as deacons or elders for the church. If you would like to nominate an individual(s) for a position(s), you may submit the name(s) to the church office, use the link on the Unity website [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org), or email Robin Morris at [robin.morris@amdocs.com](mailto:robin.morris@amdocs.com).

## New and Returning College Students

The Presbyterian Women would like Unity's college students' addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and anticipated year of graduation, so that the PW can send care packages this fall. If you would like your child to receive a care package from PW please visit Unity's website at [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org) to sign up or contact Gina at the church office. This information needs to be received by September 1.

*United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture and service to all people.*

## Sunday Mornings

8:45 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service

## Nutrition Center Needs

The Nutrition Center is collecting plastic grocery bags. Please turn them in to the Nutrition Center in Unity Hall during weekday mornings, or to the Church Office. What a great way to recycle those pesky plastic bags! Also, volunteers are needed to drive people to the doctor in Fort Mill. Mileage is reimbursed. Contact Glenda at the Nutrition Center, (803) 547-6184.

## You are needed

The Children in Worship program is getting ready to begin again and YOU are needed. Storytellers are needed for both the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services. Please contact Megan Watson at (803) 547-5543 or [mgwatson@comporium.net](mailto:mgwatson@comporium.net) with interest or questions. This is a very important program that helps prepare 4-6 year olds for worship, and your participation will make a difference for Unity's young children.

## Peanut Butter & Jelly

Sunday, September 2 is Peanut Butter and Jelly Sunday for the Fort Mill Care Center, sponsored by the YANSY Circle. Everyone is encouraged to bring a jar of peanut butter and/or jelly to the collection boxes in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

## CPR and AED

**Saturday, September 22, 9am-noon**  
2nd class offered, by popular demand! Attend this class to learn CPR and how to use the simple AED pack. This knowledge could save a life! A nursery will be provided upon request. Cost: \$20 per person. Sign up at [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org) or call the church office (803) 547-5543.

## Unity Bike Ride

**Saturday, September 15 at 8 am**  
Join us for some healthy fun! Meet at the church.

## Montreat

*Crisp, cool days and nights!  
Breathtaking fall color!*

Montreat Conference Center is the perfect place to retreat for quiet time, study, reflection, and enjoyment. Fall dates are still available: October 1-5 or October 29 to November 2. \$70 plus tax per room, which includes breakfast each morning. Contact Helen at (800) 572-2257 ext. 314, or [Helens@montreat.org](mailto:Helens@montreat.org). Act now, as these dates and rates won't last long!

## Employment Opportunity

Faith Presbyterian Church, our Presbytery's new church development in the Indian area of Lancaster Co., is looking for an experienced administrative assistant/financial secretary. This is a paid, part-time, five days a week position. Call Rev. David Bender at (803) 548-8810. You are also encouraged to e-mail a resume to [dmbender33@aol.com](mailto:dmbender33@aol.com), or mail one to the Presbytery office at 515 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, SC 29730.

## Newsletter Publication

**Next Issue: Thursday, Sept. 6**  
**Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 2**  
**6 pm**

Submit information for the newsletter to: Brynne Fisher at [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com) and Gina Mitchell at [gmitchell1@comporium.net](mailto:gmitchell1@comporium.net).

## Music Ministries

*Something for everyone*

The first rehearsal for **Children's Choirs** will be on Sunday, September 16. The Cherub Choir is for children ages 4 through 1st grade, and meets on Sundays from 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm in Room 206. The Junior Choir, for 2nd through 6th grade singers, meets each Sunday from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm in the Choir Room, which is located in the hall behind the Sanctuary. Both choirs sing periodically for worship services, and provide music for the Christmas Joy Service in December. Parents will need to fill out a registration card by the first rehearsal, if possible. Please contact Patsy Black in the church office at (803) 547-5543 or at [patsyblack@comporium.net](mailto:patsyblack@comporium.net).

The **Joyful Ringers** (adult handbells) will have the first fall rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm in the handbell room. All ringing positions are currently filled, but if you are interested in ringing bells in the future or if you can serve as a substitute, please notify Patsy.

The **Chancel Choir** is ready to start its fall rehearsal schedule. We will be meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm starting on September 5. We have a lot of service music to prepare and will be beginning work on Lessons and Carols music by early October. If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir, please contact Patsy prior to coming to rehearsal. Please note that high school singers 10th grade and up are welcome to join us!

**Kindermusik** classes begin on Monday, September 10. Two levels are offered. The *Village* class, for newborn through 18 months, meets from 9:30-10:15 am. The *Our Time* class, for 18 months through 3 1/2, will be offered from 10:30-11:15 am. Brochures about the classes are available in the church office. Please contact Patsy if you are interested or have questions.

## Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Buddy Moredock	Mary T. Littlejohn Paul & Pam McIntyre Ray & Jane Gowin Buddy & Bette Jo Culp Presbyterian Women	William H. Grier, Jr.	Buddy & Bette Jo Culp
		George Gage	Buddy & Bette Culp
		Joan Hill	Bill & Janet Gaither Paul & Pam McIntyre Ray & Jane Gowin Buddy & Bette Jo Culp Murray & Joyce White Presbyterian Women Stormy & Chari Young Sis Moredock Mike & Cheryl Hill
Jim Cook, Sr.	Mary T. Littlejohn Buddy & Bette Jo Culp Presbyterian Women Susan Bates & family	David Clarke	Joe & Zeta Sistare Presbyterian Women
Bill Fowler	Paul & Pam McIntyre Joe & Zeta Sistare Buddy & Bette Jo Culp John & Mary Hallett Presbyterian Women Susan Bates & family Anita Greene	Frank Wilt	Presbyterian Women
Beatrice Higgins	Stormy & Chari Young	Jason Pessier	Presbyterian Women
Guinetta Hill	Paul & Pam McIntyre	Thelma Jones	Presbyterian Women
Andy Woodward	Buddy & Bette Jo Culp	Beatrice Higgins	Presbyterian Women

## Building Fund Honorarium

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Jeannie Bickett	Stormy & Chari Young

## Sunday Morning Service

### August 26, 2007

<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<i>Nursery Coordinator:</i> Lynn Ringley
8:45 am Infants	Jennifer Bowman, Tracy Young
2's & 3's	Jake Gaulden
11:00 am Infants	Leslee Walser, Shawn Coleman
2's & 3's	Susan Benfield
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	
8:45 am	David Kinsey
11:00 am	Carol Johnson, Bob Martin
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	
8:45 am	Mike Brown, Stacey Kuhn, Blaine Kuhn, Clayton Kuhn, Ron Ringley
11:00 am	Ted Matthews, Kearns Little, Burt Welch, David Marshall, Aaron Marshall, Will Howell, Billy Howell
<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b>	
8:45 am	James Bunge
11:00 am	James Bunge

### September 2, 2007

<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<i>Nursery Coordinator:</i> Linda Bunge
8:45 am Infants	Laura Hall with Maddison and Carson, Gretchen Whitesell
2's & 3's	Emma Bickett
11:00 am Infants	Kristi Ainsley, Kristain McCabe
2's & 3's	Elizabeth Elisha
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	
8:45 am	Michelle Kuhn
11:00 am	Travis Weldon
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	
8:45 am	Jeff Hall, Keith Griffin, Toni Rush, Freda Garver, John Garver
11:00 am	Robin Morris, Lisa Swinford, Joe Swinford, Steve Turner, Bob Martin, Carson Martin, Earl Pettit
<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b>	
8:45 am	Brenda Marshall
11:00 am	Marcia Hardy

## Happy Birthday!

Sept. 2	Bob Martin, Leslee Walser
3	Butch Martin, Cathy Schaefer
4	Annie Case, Maddison Hall, Stacey McKeithan, Ginni Stroup
5	Judy Ballentine, Chauncey Bower, Helen Cook, Danny Gambrell, Melissa Granger, Amanda Schuermann
7	Joyce Fowler
8	Jim Campbell, Edie Taylor
9	Eric Fricke, Janet Gaither, Ally McBroom, Earl Pettit, Rachel Scott
10	Jennifer Bowman, Sherry Camenisch, Butch Cowart, Gloria Honeycutt, Patrick Janzen, Amy Perkins, Paul Thompson
11	Pam Kay, Cindy Keenum
12	Kristen Domanski, Sammy Pecarro, Tracy Sullivan
13	Shawn Coleman, Caroline Ficklen, Chip Wilbanks
14	Bob Croucher, Kelly Hawkins, Georgia Sharpless
15	Lisa Cowart, Joshua Crabtree



### Prayers of Concern

Lisa Cowart's mother; Tim Hawkins; Brad Kay; Jerry Lee; Harry Miller; Debbie Morris and family in the death of her father-in-law

*Please continue to remember those with special needs.*

### Extended Nursing Care

Ethel Clarke — Alterra Sterling House, Rock Hill  
 Anne Elliott — Laurel Crest, West Columbia  
 Dot Hill — Westminster, Rock Hill  
 Pug & Dot Hollis — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton  
 Alice Horten — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton  
 Harry Miller — Westminster, Rock Hill  
 Sis Moredock — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Summerville  
 Trudie Robertson — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton

### Attendance & Offering

#### August 12, 2007

8:45 a.m.:	119
11:00 a.m.:	182
Total Worship Attendance:	301
Sunday School:	80
Regular Offering:	\$9,752.15
Debt Reduction:	\$2,077.00

#### August 19, 2007

8:45 a.m.:	165
11:00 a.m.:	235
Unity Hall:	8
Total Worship Attendance:	408
Sunday School:	137
Regular Offering:	\$14,985.00
Debt Reduction:	\$3,107.00

### Email Newsletter

To receive Unity News via email, contact Brynne Fisher at [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com), or use the sign up on the web site [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org).

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**August 23, 2007**

*Dear Friends,*

It's good to be home!

After eleven weeks on the road it's a joy to be back with our church family, and Carol and I look forward to talking with you in the days and weeks to come. It's been a wonderful experience but as they say, "There's no place like home!"



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

Learning takes place in many ways on a sabbatical. One of the things that was most educational for me was entering worship services in different churches as a visitor. What quickly became obvious is that some churches are better at welcoming visitors than others (and some don't do it at all!) It's hard to overemphasize the importance of a warm welcome to those who come among us as guests. I invite you to make a new commitment to the ministry of hospitality. A warm gesture of welcome can make all the difference for someone entering a new place, and this time of year, there will be many looking for just such a welcome.

*In Christ's Service,*

*Dan*

### **Worship**

**August 26, 2007**

Dan's Sermon:

*"The Priority of Faith"*

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

New Testament Reading:

Luke 13: 10-17

Text: *"And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"*

**September 2, 2007**

Dan's Sermon:

*"What We Work For"*

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15-16

Text: *"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for as he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'"*