



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

New Opportunity

The Congregational Care Ministry team is in the process of forming a Bereavement Support Team. This team will not be a new ministry but an extension of our current ministry to our members during this difficult time. What we would like to do is offer a choice of refreshments at the receiving of friends or a family meal (which we already offer). To be able to do this we need cookie bakers and volunteers (Bereavement Support Team) available to assist in setting up and serving during the receiving of friends or at a meal for the family, usually during a weekday. If this is something that you feel that you could do please let us know by calling the church office at (803) 547-5543, via email at dsbutler@comporium.net or email Jean McManus at McManus1001@yahoo.com or sign up on the web site www.unityfortmill.org.

Adult, Infant, and Child CPR and AED

Saturday, August 25, 9 am-noon in the Fellowship Hall

Knowing CPR can save a life. In addition, studies have shown if an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is used within 3-4 minutes after a cardiac arrest, the person's chance of recovery is much higher. Our AED is located in Unity Hall. Please consider attending 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 or by calling church office (803) 547-5543.

Blood Drive Tuesday, August 21

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. Healthy donors are the only source of blood, and giving blood is simple and convenient. Unity's blood drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 21 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on August 12 and August 19, or contact the church office to schedule an appointment. 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.

Summer Sunday School

August 12:

10 to 10:45 am Children will make Chrismon ornaments during Sunday School in August. Junior and Senior High youth will study LinC. For adults, The Thoughtful Christian class will consider "What happens when we sin?", led by Murray White in the Fellowship Hall.

August 19:

10 to 10:45 am Children will make Chrismon ornaments. Junior and Senior High youth will study LinC. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a special gathering to welcome Dan back from sabbatical! See below.

Dan's Return and Birthday Party

SHHH! It's a Surprise!

Please help welcome Dan back with a surprise birthday celebration! Join us for food and fellowship on August 19 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Mornings

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

Disciple Bible Study

Unity is pleased to announce that two classes of the Disciple 1 Bible Study will be offered this year: Mondays from 9:45-11:45 am and Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Participants sign up for one class; both will meet at the church. If you are interested in joining either class and have not already done so, please contact the church office via www.unityfortmill.org or (803) 547-5543) by August 10, 2007. Participants' fee is \$30 for the study manual (check written to the church). You will also need a NRSV Study Bible for the class. The study runs through May, 2008. Important dates to note:

- Sunday, August 19, 7:00-8:00 pm – Orientation for BOTH classes in the Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, August 23, 7:00 – 9:00 pm – First Thursday class
- Monday, August 27, 9:45-11:45 am. – First Monday class

Questions? Contact Janet Alford at 548-1638 or jga@comporium.net or Megan Watson via email at mgwatson@comporium.net.

Women's Retreat

Fees are due NOW! Please submit your check payable to Presbyterian Women, with "Women's Retreat" clearly marked in the memo section.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Tuesday, August 14 in the Fellowship Hall Parlor. Prior experience is NOT required.

Thank Offering Luncheon Sunday, August 19 at 12 noon

All women of the church are invited to attend Unity's Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Luncheon. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this annual potluck event!

AARP Opportunity

The Fort Mill AARP TaxAide Program has grown such that more volunteers are needed. The Program provides free Federal and State income tax preparation and e-filing for everyone, with special emphasis on Seniors and those with middle to low income. Both volunteer greeters and counselors are needed for the Fort Mill site at the Fort Mill Library in Baxter Village. Each volunteer should be willing to attend 40 hours of training in January and to work four hours each week for ten weeks during tax season. Counselors will be IRS certified to prepare Federal, South Carolina and North Carolina income tax returns once they complete training and pass a test. Greeters are not required to take the test. All returns are prepared on laptop computers on IRS supplied software and over 80% are efiled. If you are interested in volunteering in this important community service, or if you have questions, please contact Bill Weaver at 803-547-5442 or Lonnie Shrine at 803-547-7196.

Newsletter Publication

Next Issue:: Thursday, Aug. 23
Deadline: Sunday, Aug. 19
6 pm

Submit information for the newsletter to: **Brynne Fisher** at brynne@yourcardsolution.com and **Gina Mitchell** at gmitchell1@comporium.net.

VBS Thank You

Dear Friends,

I would like to give a very special thank you to all of those who made Vacation Bible School a success. We had a wonderful group of men, women, and youth who made VBS a great week for so many children. I was reminded of I Corinthians 12:12 throughout this experience, "*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.*" Every time we had a need, it was filled. Whether you volunteered during the week, behind the scenes, or offered your prayers of support, I thank you for playing an important role. Our teachers and staff spent the week not only teaching about discipleship, but also modeling it. I feel blessed to have been a part of such a special week and to have seen many work together as one. In whatever way you may have supported VBS, I give my sincerest thanks.

Blessings,

Lynn Ringley, 2007 VBS Coordinator

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.

AIDS Walk Update

This year's AIDS Walk faced an ambitious goal of raising \$200,000 towards support of RAIN and AIDS-related ministries. On the day of the walk, the weather added to the challenge, with thunderstorms rolling through our area. Fest-i-Fun was canceled that day, coming on the heels of Tony's Pizza burning down early that morning in the rain. Despite the weather, the AIDS Walk enjoyed its greatest turnout ever, and set a new record in raising over \$229,000 to date. Unity RAIN teams also set a new record, raising nearly \$2,000. Thank you for the continued support of this ministry, and for making this our most successful walk yet.

Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Buddy Moredock	Lee & Sharon Cole Joe & Shirley Williamson Billy & Patty Barron Jimmy & Sandy Rea	Bill Fowler	Bill & Janet Gaither Chuck & Cindy Epps Joe & Shirley Williamson Billy & Patty Barron Jimmy & Sandy Rea Miriam McCrae Sarah Gholson Dick & Wyndie Havnaer
Jim Cook, Sr.	Bill and Janet Gaither Joe & Shirley Williamson Billy & Patty Barron Jimmy & Sandy Rea Miriam McCrae Dick & Wyndie Havnaer	Joan Hill	Joe & Shirley Williamson Billy & Patty Barron Jimmy & Sandy Rea Dick & Wyndie Havnaer Sarah Gholson

Organ Fund Memorial

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Joan Hill	Tommy & Kathy Wilson

Sunday Morning Service

August 12, 2007

<u>Nursery</u>		<i>Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley</i>
8:45 am	Infants 2's & 3's	Doris Dunn
11:00 am	Infants 2's & 3's	Denise Fox
		Robin & Emily Morris, Cathy Weaver
		Ronda Williams
<u>Greeters</u>		
8:45 am		Ron Godfrey
11:00 am		Linda Turner, Travis Weldon
<u>Ushers</u>		
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
<u>Welcome Center</u>		
8:45 am		James Bunge
11:00 am		Mike Brown

August 19, 2007

<u>Nursery</u>		<i>Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley</i>
8:45 am	Infants 2's & 3's	Jeff & Mary Shouse
11:00 am	Infants 2's & 3's	Vera Reid
		Vonda and Brent Miller
		Susan Bullard
<u>Greeters</u>		
8:45 am		Theresa Higgins
11:00 am		Mott Hutchison, Marcia Hardy
<u>Ushers</u>		
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
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Email Newsletter

Would you like to "Mail Opt-OUT/ Email Opt-IN" the Unity News? If so, please email Brynne Fisher at brynne@yourcardsolution.com, or use the sign up on the web site www.unityfortmill.org.

Prayers of Concern

Susan Bullard's sister;
Tim and Nancy Deacon's grandson;
Vickey Fulton's niece;
Randy Higgins and family in the
death of his mother;
Ken Hill and family in the death of
his wife, Joan Hill;
Mary Kimbrell and family in the
death of her nephew;
Leslee Walser's father

*Please continue to remember those with
special needs.*

Happy Birthday!

August	15	Paige Carwile, Michelle Kuhn, John Morris, Kelly Wilson, Mary Windell
	16	Jonathan Alexander, William Alexander, Sandra Bonds, Liza Bowden,
	17	Pam Bright, Jeff Helms, Sean Shamble
	18	Elena Bowen, Rusty Hunter, Bob Schaefer, Harper White
	19	Dave Bowen, Dan Holloway, Dan Mummey, Carl Tisdale, Bruce Windham
	20	Pat Blackwell, Amy McBroom, Wayne Meyer, Griffin Morris
	21	John Batchelor, Julia Benfield, Roger Nelson, Dick Paul
	22	David Best, Taylor Bunge, Mia Davis
	23	Edward Ewers, Winona Kennedy, Angie McCrae, Ashley Runyon, Wade Scott
	24	Lexi Bates, Bratton Epps, Skyler Grove, Anna Thies, Julie Wells
	25	Lucille Lee
	26	Samantha Bowen, Carolyn Elisha, Lucille Ray, Mary Shouse, Catherine Tedford
	27	Grayson Ainsley, Matthew Bowman, William Bradford, Chelsea Grove, Madelyn Weeks
	28	Caroline Bowen, Anne Mack, Brent Miller, Megan Watson
	29	Don Reichenbach, Alan Schaefer
	30	Sis Moredock, Jean Thies
	31	Kristen Hill, Dena Kelly, Reid Lancaster, Lynn Ringley

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

July 29, 2007

8:45 a.m.:	154
11:00 a.m.:	201
Total Worship Attendance:	355
Evening Sunday School:	29
Regular Offering:	\$17,496.00
Debt Reduction:	\$1,800.00

August 5, 2007

8:45 a.m.:	112
11:00 a.m.:	169
Total Worship Attendance:	281
Sunday School:	66
Regular Offering:	\$16,965.32
Debt Reduction:	\$3,767.00

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Return Service Requested

August 9, 2007

Dear Friends,

As we close in on the last few weeks of summer vacation, I want to thank you all for the incredible support and encouragement you have given to me and to others on the church staff during this time that Dan has been on sabbatical study leave. Your prayers and kind words of confidence have been deeply appreciated. We look forward to welcoming Dan back into our midst on Sunday, August 19, with his sermon aptly titled, "When It's Time to Come Home."



Rev. Jeannie Bickett

In the meantime, our church is gearing up for a busy fall schedule. There are so many opportunities available for you and your family to learn, to serve, and to grow in Christ. I ask that you prayerfully consider the commitments you make and include activities which will strengthen and deepen your faith in Christ. Disciple Bible Study, Presbyterian Women Circles, Children's and Chancel choirs, Junior and Senior High Youth Groups, and Church School classes are just a few of the activities that will be starting up in the next few weeks. Look for more details on our church website www.unityfortmill.org.

And finally, please remember that many visitors will be coming through our doors in August. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to anyone you don't know.

In Christ's Service,

Jeannie

Worship

August 12, 2007

Jeannie's Sermon:

"What Not to Wear: Worry"

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

New Testament Reading:

Luke 12: 22-40

Lay Worship Leaders:

8:45 Sandy Rea

11:00 Steve Turner

August 19, 2007

Dan's Sermon:

"When It's Time to Come Home"

New Testament Reading:

Luke 15: 11-32