



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

## First 2012 Connections Class



Are you new to Unity? Visiting with us in worship? Please consider coming to our next Connections Class. The Connections Class is designed for people new to our church who may be considering becoming members. This class will provide information about the congregation, what it means to be a Presbyterian, opportunities for involvement, how to become a member, and other topics of interest and importance. It will also provide a great opportunity for you to meet some of the church staff and other church members. The Connections Class will be offered on Sunday mornings during the church school hour (10:00 - 10:40 am.) The dates and locations for this class are:

- Sunday, February 5 – Room M312
- Sunday, February 12 – Room M312
- Sunday, February 19 – Room M312
- Sunday, February 26 – Room M312

If you are interested in the Connections Class or have questions about it, please contact Jeannie Bickett, Associate Pastor, at 547-5543 or by email at [pjbickett@unityfortmill.org](mailto:pjbickett@unityfortmill.org).

## Sunday Morning January 29, 2012

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| 8:45 am  | Worship Service |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School   |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service |

## Prayers of Concern

- Libby Kern
- Don Christensen
- Joanne Kimbrell
- Bill Stroup
- Ginni Stroup
- Tom Cowell
- Christian sympathy is extended to Gretchen Whitesell and family in the death of her aunt, Doris Bunker, of New York and also to Mary M. Windell in the death of her aunt, Mary White Hinson, of Fort Mill.

*Please continue to remember those  
with special needs.*

## Leadership Retreat-What is God Calling Us to Be & Do?

February 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Discipleship Ministry Team is sponsoring a Leadership Retreat on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. Tom Norwood, a Presbyterian minister and consultant, will lead the workshop. We will be discussing what God is calling us, individually and corporately, to be and to do.

All leaders of Unity, including current and previous officers, Sunday School teachers, ministry team leaders, and anyone else who would like to participate, are invited to join us for this important retreat.

Advance registration is required because we will be ordering box lunches for participants. Childcare is available by reservation only. The deadline for registering is February 1. Registration forms may be found in the narthex and on Unity's website.

Please plan to attend to help us discern what God is calling us to be and to do.

## UNITY CONTINUES SEASON OF GIVING

Unity continues to give during the month of January. Collections will be received for Catawba Care Coalition during this entire month. Catawba Care is an agency in Rock Hill that serves individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Donations that assist with activities of daily living are appreciated. Items to be collected include shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, dish detergent, clothes detergent, bleach, toilet paper, paper towels. Bins for donations are located in the narthex and in the fellowship hall. Thank you for continuing to give as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Unity Preschool is currently accepting registration applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Please see their website for important details:  
[www.preschoolatunity.com](http://www.preschoolatunity.com)

## Peanut Butter & Jelly Sunday, February 5

Sun., Feb. 5, is Peanut Butter and Jelly Sunday for the Fort Mill Care Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring a jar of peanut butter and/or jelly to the collection boxes located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. This ministry is currently sponsored by the Love and Friendship Circle.



## Youth Corner

### High School Youth

**January 29, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm**-The Have and Have Nots, Part 2. Devotion, refreshments and games.

**February 1, 7:30-8:00 am**-Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall. (**Brenda Marshall, Tracy Little**)

**February 5**, Super Bowl party at the home of Mark and Amanda Masters.

**February 8, 7:30-8:00 am**-Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall. (**Need Volunteer**)

**February 12, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm**-Local Mission, visit shut-ins and retirement homes of Unity members.

**February 15, 7:30-8:00 am**-Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall. (**Need Volunteer**)



### Super Bowl Party

February 5th, 6:00 pm at the home of Mark, Amanda, Bailey and Dirk Masters. 1495 Altura Rd. (turn left at first fork) 548-6353. Come enjoy the game or movies. You may leave at any time, but cannot return once you have left. Please bring a canned food item and have a chance to win a prize. Menu: Ribs, mac and cheese and texas toast. You will be asked to sign up to bring something else such as; 2 liter drinks, chips, dip or dessert. Assignments will be made after sign-ups at youth meeting.

### Middle School Youth

**January 29, 5:15 pm-6:45 pm**- Program night. Devotion, (God's Will), games, dinner.

**February 5, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**- Super Bowl Party.

**February 12, To be announced**

**February 19**, Informal gathering, details to be announced.

## Blankets+



Sunday, **February 12**, will be the day when we are privileged to help support Blankets+, a special mission opportunity to assist people in need around the world. For 65 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

\*Blankets, tents, and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster

\*Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields

\*Wells to provide clean, safe water and to irrigate crops and gardens

\*Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to care for their families

Our contributions will provide the means to transform lives and communities when they are faced with an emergency or simply trying to put food on the table. Please open your hearts and give generously--let's blanket the world with love!

## Men's Breakfast

**February 14**



Men of the church, please mark your calendar for our next Men's Ministry Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., on February 14th in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a guest speaker that morning, Janet Knight, with Children's Attention Home of Rock Hill, which provides care for children of all ages that are in need of temporary care. It should be an interesting message.

Do your New Year's Resolutions include more exercise? Maybe we can help! Ken Sheets, a member of our congregation and a personal trainer, conducts several exercise classes during the week at the church. Classes are currently offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Times are flexible. If you'd like to come and try one out, the first week will be free of charge. Contact Ken Sheets about the Monday/Wednesday evening classes (548-1946) and Patsy Surratt (547-5543) about the Tuesday/Thursday morning classes. We'd love to have you join us!



## Souper Bowl Sunday

To Benefit Unity Youth, on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>TH</sup>, Chili and Chicken vegetable soups will be available for take out, beginning after the 8:45 am service. Donations will be accepted and appreciated.



## HS Youth Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast Needs

### Volunteers!

Approximately 25 High School Youth meet every Wednesday morning for breakfast and devotion in our Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to provide breakfast for them. If you can provide breakfast for our youth, please contact Kim Diedrich at [Kimberly.h.diedrich@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.h.diedrich@gmail.com).

## Sunday Morning Service

**January 29, 2012**

### Nursery

Coordinator: *Linda Bunge*

8:45 am  
 Infant Elaine Evans  
 Preschool Angela Chamberlain

11:00 am  
 Infant Gretchen Whitesell  
 Toddler Debbie Hathaway  
 Preschool *Katy Whitesell*

### Ushers-Month of January, 2012

8:45 am Jeff and Laura Hall, Ron and Brenda Mullis, Matt Lindenberg

**Offering:** *Mike Brown, Ken Bickett, Stacey, Emily, Clayton and Blaine Kuhn*

11:00 am Jessie Little, Patrick Sizemore, Tim and Katy Whitesell, Tom McElmoyle, Bruce Windham

**Offering:** *Barbara Bowden, Samantha Brickey, Lee and Sharon Cole, Terri Turner, Eli Whitesell*

### Welcome Center

8:45 am Ed and Beth Sidwell  
 11:00 am Barbara Bowden

### Attendance

#### January 22

8:45 am	199
11:00 am	346
Sunday School	192

### Greeters Month of January, 2012

8:45 am Murray and Joyce White, John Garver  
 11:00 am Lee and Sharon Cole, Barbara Bowden

## Unity Members in Extended Care Facilities

- The Lakes of Litchfield, 54 Spartina Ct., Unit 10, Pawley's Island, SC 29585-**Anne Elliott**
- Presbyterian Communities of SC Health Care, 801 Musgrove St., Clinton, SC 29325-**Pug Hollis, Alice Horten**
- Morningside Assisted Living, 1830 W. Main St., Rm. 135 Rock Hill, SC 29732-**Homer Kirkman**
- Westminster Health Care, 831 McDow St., Rock Hill, SC 29732-**Virginia Stroup #227, Rosemary Ellis #231A**

*Please contact Jeannie if there are any changes or additions to this list.*

## In Retirement Communities

- The Cypress, 1721 Cypress Crk. Ln., Charlotte, NC 28210-**Mary Hallett**
- Presbyterian Communities of SC 801 Musgrove St., Clinton, SC 29325-**Pug and Dot Hollis, Alice Horten, Trudie Robertson**
- Westminster Towers, 1330 India Hook Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732-**Winona Kennedy-523, Buddy Culp-312 Jimmy and Aggie Jones-607**
- Oakleaf Village of Greenville, 1560 Thornblade Blvd., Apt. 210, Greer, SC 29650-**Bob and Mary Lay Derrick**
- The Woodlands at Furman, 50 Arboretum Lane, Rm. 107, Greenville, SC 29617-**Carolyn Martin**
- Park Pointe Village, 3025 Chesbrough Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29732-**Maxine Nesbitt-Apt. 222, Mary T Littlejohn-Apt. 206**

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### Newsletter Publication

deadline: **Thursday, February 2 at 6 pm**  
for Issue date:

**February 9**, Please submit information to:  
**newsletter@unityfortmill.org**

## Happy Birthday!

February

- 8 Ron Godfrey, Philip Lawhon, Bob Mobley, Wes Stokes
- 9 Reid Bennett, Jim Knox, Hal Rutter, Terri Turner, Anne Weeks
- 10 Karen Chase, Lisa Lengel
- 11 Marion Bradner, Keith Griffin, Owen Kinsey, Bill White
- 12 Peter Bright, Dirk Masters
- 13 Griffin Beauregard, Anne Elliott, Hardwick Brooks
- 14 Jackson Windell, Ann Windell, John Windell



Financial Information for the period 1/13-1/18/2012	Last Week (\$)	Actual Month to date (\$)	Budgeted amount for Month (\$)	+/- \$\$	+/- %	Actual Year to Date (\$)	Budgeted Year to Date thru' Month End (\$)	+/- \$	+/- %
Operating Income	18,715	45,888	92,188	(46,300)	-50%	45,888	92,188	(46,300)	-50%
Operating Expenses	7,001	25,920	105,375	(79,455)	-75%	25,920	105,375	(79,455)	-75%
Capital Campaign Giving (Includes <i>Bridge to the Future</i> and <i>Building Unity with God</i> giving)	5,412	12,839	61,547	(48,708)	-79%	12,839	61,547	(48,708)	-79%

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY

Unity will be sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program on **February 16 and February 17, 2012 in Room M210. Call the church office (547-5543) to enroll.** This program is designed for ages 26 and above. There are 8 hours of classroom instruction, in two 4-hour sessions. Classes are from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm both days. Participants must attend both sessions. Total cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members; it goes directly to AARP. Please make check out to **AARP.** The instructors are volunteers, and AARP is a non-profit organization. Class size: 35 maximum.

### SAVE THE DATE-BENEFIT BARBEQUE



**Saturday, March 3**

The Men's Ministry Group is planning a barbeque to benefit the Kern family, members of our church. As many of you know, young Libby Kern is undergoing treatment for a rare cancer. We will be providing many more details over the next few weeks. We hope that you will be able to support this effort. We will be taking orders for either barbeque plates or cooked Boston Butts, details to follow.

### The St. Olaf Choir

The St. Olaf Choir will be performing in Charlotte on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 pm. They will be at the First United Methodist Church, 501 North Tryon St. Charlotte, NC 28202. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 1-800-363-5487 or visit website: [tickets@stolaf.edu](mailto:tickets@stolaf.edu).

An adult mission trip to Honduras has been scheduled for this summer –July 23-Aug 1. An informational meeting about the trip will be held on Jan 29 at 4pm in room M312. Please join us! If you have any questions before the meeting, please email Joyce Sullivan at:

[jsullivan@comporium.net](mailto:jsullivan@comporium.net)

### Transportation Needed:

Samantha Brickey is participating in continuing education at the Ft. Mill Family Resource Center on Banks St. every Tue., Wed. and Thur. from 8:30 to Noon. If you can help her with transportation, please contact Barbara Bowden at 548-1767 or

[babowden@comporium.net](mailto:babowden@comporium.net).

### BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

#### In Memory of:

Sis Moredock

Hoss Nesbitt

Carl Dover

Buddy and Sis Moredock

George and Nina Gage

Al Martin

Steve and Miriam McCrae

Harry and Beth Miller

Dot Hill

Betty Jo Culp

Helen Bradford

Joan Hill

Hoss Nesbitt

John Hallett

#### Given By:

Toni R. Faulkenberry

Wes and Renee Stokes

Toni R. Faulkenberry

Bob and Carol Tuthill

Jimmy and Aggie Jones

Catherine Bradford

James and Helen Hefner

### Please save the date

for our annual Mother\*Daughter\*Sister\*Friend 2012 Luncheon on Sunday, March 11 following the 11:00 worship service in the Fellowship Hall. More information coming soon!



## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

### Presbyterian Women of Unity Presbyterian Church 2012

We are currently accepting nominations for the “Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership” award. Each year, an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is conferred upon one woman in our church in recognition and celebration of their faithful service to Unity Presbyterian. Some of our past honorees include *Mary Kimbrell, Lea Shannon, Betty Kimbrell, Aggie Jones, Joyce White, Betty Bennett, Joyce Sullivan, Sue Jones, Doris Ussery, Sandy Rea, Dannie Vaughn, Ginni Stroup and Patty Barron.*

For each nomination, you should write a paragraph or list ways your nominee is faithful in her service to our church and community. Guidelines for nominees are as follows:

- Any woman who has been an active member of the church for no less than 5 years is eligible for nomination (current shut-ins who have been active are eligible).
- The lady should be no younger than 30 years of age.
- She currently may or may not be active in a PW Circle.
- Consider how this person has used her time and talents to serve God, the church, her family and the community.
- This person may or may not hold leadership, teaching or other positions within the church, but may be a silent player or contributor.
- Consider how this person’s actions exemplify her faith.

Consider how this person has been an inspiration to others. How has she made a difference?

If you need additional assistance please contact Karen Lee by telephone at 803-547-8919 or by e-mail at [key-bull\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:key-bull_98@yahoo.com). Nomination forms are available in the church office, or on Unity’s website [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org). When complete drop them at the church office, in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, or email them to Karen Lee **no later than Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Our honoree will be announced at the annual Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon, to be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012. She will receive an Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate and her name will be added to the Honorary Life Membership plaque in the Fellowship Hall Parlor.

### Unity Presbyterian Partners with Lebanese Church

Unity Presbyterian Church has established a relationship with the Alma al Shaab Presbyterian Church in south Lebanon so that our congregations will have to opportunity to communicate, pray for and support one another as we each live out our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Unity’s Outreach Ministry Team has been in contact with the church’s pastor, Rev. Ameer Isaac, and we have already exchanged several letters expressing our mutual desire and interest in establishing this relationship and engaging in a partnership of caring and prayer. The Outreach Team is now in the process of contacting different ministry areas in our church to invite various groups (Sunday School classes, youth groups, ministry teams, etc.) to take a month during 2012 to be the primary communicator between Unity and Alma al Shaab. This simply means that we will become pen pals with Alma al Shaab, with a strong focus on prayer for each other and sharing of joys and concerns. Point person on this ministry communication kickoff is Brenda Mullis ([brenmullis@yahoo.com/803-372-9934](mailto:brenmullis@yahoo.com/803-372-9934)). Contact her with any questions or concerns. Stay tuned for more information.

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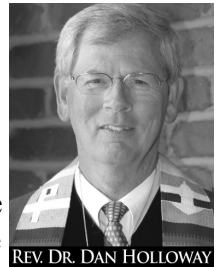
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**January 26, 2012**      *Return Service Requested*

*Dear Friends,*

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have the special privilege of having a visit from Pix Mahler. She will speak to the Sunday school class in the Fellowship Hall and preach at both worship services. It will be a great privilege to have her leadership on Sunday, and to hear her speak about our ministry in Haiti, in light of the terrible tragedies to hit that country in recent years.



Pix is the Regional Liaison/Partnership Facilitator for our denomination's ministry in Haiti. Before assuming her current responsibility for the PCUSA, Pix served as a Hunger Action Enabler with the Presbytery of the Peaks in Virginia. She is a ruling elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, serves as Clerk of Session for her home church, sings tenor in the choir, and serves on several committees when she is not in Haiti. She and her husband have been married for 42 years, and are parents of a married son. Please join me in welcoming her to Unity on Sunday.

*In Christ's Service,*

*Dan*