Unity News

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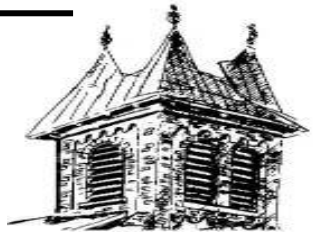

United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture and service to all people.

Congregational Dinner
Wednesday, October 10
6 pm
Fellowship Hall

Please join us for food and fellowship!

Menu:	Cost:
Eggs	$5.00 for adults
Grits	$3.00 for children under age 10
Sausage/Bacon	$20.00 maximum per family unit
Breakfast Casserole	
Danish/ Muffins	
Stewed Apples	
Coffee and Juice	

Please make reservations by completing a yellow pew card and placing it in the offering plate, on-line at www.unityfortmill.org, or by calling the church office by noon on Monday, October 8.

Great Mission Opportunity!!

On **Saturday, October 6,** there is an opportunity to work very hard and make a huge difference in the lives of the people of Romania. Ken Shultz, former Unity member and head of International Christian Enterprise, is coordinating the shipment of three forty foot containers of used furniture, clothing, office equipment and medical supplies to Romania. We need many volunteers to share the load and pack these containers in a timely fashion. Meet **in Rock Hill at the "lodge" at the old motel on Oakland Avenue**, between Union Avenue and Wilson Street, at **8:00 am** to begin assembly of things to be loaded. The first container should be there by 8:30 am and will be followed by two others at 10:00 am and 11:30 am. These supplies will be shipped to mission partners in the Romanian cities of Costanza and Dej, and to villages near the Danube River, where volunteers are building and repairing homes.

Beginning on Tuesday, October 2, Ken will be working every afternoon and through the evening preparing for loading. Anyone who can assist him in the evenings would be most welcome. Please contact Jeannie Bickett at the church office for more information.

Lunch and Learn

Life on the border with Mexico

On **Thursday, October 11**, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon for lunch and an informational program. Bring your own sandwich. Drinks, chips and cookies will be provided. Our speaker is Mark Adams, a mission co-worker with the Presbyterian Border Ministries in Agua Prieta, Mexico, where he has served since 1998. As US coordinator of the bi-national ministry, Frontera de Cristo, Mark is responsible for the coordination of six ministry areas: church development, health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education, and the Just Trade Center. He brings together people from both sides of the border, building relationships and understanding between them. Mark is a Presbyterian minister who grew up in Clover, SC. He is married and has two daughters.

Sunday Mornings

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

Prayer Shawl Team

Tuesday, October 9
10 am
Fellowship Hall Parlor

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Parlor for this fun and important ministry. Previous experience is NOT required!

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Sunday, October 7 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 located in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

Unity Play Group News!

We hope you and your little one(s) will plan to join us the second Friday of each month at 10 am for Unity Play Group. This month we will meet at the church on October 12 for a story, snack, and a pumpkin craft. We had a great kick-off at Harris Street park in September and we look forward to seeing old friends and new in October. Please contact Lynn Ringley at lhringley@comporium.net or 547-5543 for more information.

Adult Sunday School Classes

"What's Theology Got To Do With It?"

- Taught by Dan Holloway
- Fellowship Hall

"Across the Ages"

- Studying the Minor Prophets
- Taught by Emma Doughty
- Fellowship Hall Parlor

"Faithbuilders"

- Studying Parables from the Backside
- Room 210
- Rotating teachers

"Young Adults"

- Studying Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt
- Taught by Jim Boyd in Room 312

Baby Sitter's Course

Calling all potential baby sitters ages 11 - 15. Unity's Health Ministries Team will be hosting a Red Cross Baby Sitter's Course on Saturday, November 3 from 9 am until 3:30 pm in the Youth Wing. You must pre-register for this class by Friday, October 19. Cost is $35 per participant, and is limited to the first twelve sitters that register with payment. You may register at www.unityfortmill.org, by emailing dsbutler@comporium.net, or by calling Debbie Butler in the church office (803) 547-5543. Please mail checks made payable to Unity Presbyterian Church. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a packed lunch. For specific course information, please visit the Red Cross link at www.unityfortmill.org or on their web site at www.redcross.org and click on left side "Health & Safety" and then "Baby Sitting." The participants will receive basic first aid and infant CPR, along with other life skills, baby sitting responsibilities, and emergency procedures.

Note: This course is open to boys and girls.

Dimes for Hunger 2007

Sunday, October 7, is the formal conclusion of the Dimes for Hunger Campaign. Please bring your dimes, or contribution, to worship. There will be a time for you to give your donation. Also, be in prayer for those people locally and world-wide who are concerned about where their next meal will come from.

"*If you love me, feed my sheep*" John 21: 15-17

International Dinner

Sunday, November 11, 2007

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual event More details on this Junior High Youth Group event coming soon!

Stewardship Campaign

Every October, Unity members are invited to consider how they might share their gifts—both spiritual and financial— with the church. Each of us is called by God to be good stewards of all that God has given us. Prayerfully consider how you might put God first and share the good news of His love for us in 2008. Your financial commitment makes the operating budget possible, while your time and talents make Unity's ministries possible.

There are several opportunities to gratefully consider Christ's love between now and November 11. A four-part Bible study guide will be included in the Unity News in October. The first of these will be in next week's newsletter. There are several events during Commitment Week centered on stewardship and fellowship. You are warmly invited to participate in as many events as you are able.

Commitment Week

Sunday, October 28	**Ministries Fair** 9:45 am to 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, November 1	**All Saints Worship Service** 7 pm	Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 7	**Sing-a-long and Congregational Dinner** 6-7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 4	**Unity Quilt Dedication** 10 am	Fellowship Hall
	Prayer Vigil 4-7 pm (Drop in)	Sanctuary
Sunday, November 11	**Commitment Sunday** Both Services	Sanctuary

Faith Presbyterian Church Launch

Faith Presbyterian Church's first worship service will be on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 10:00 am, at the Indian Land Recreation Center. They are praying for a very large crowd to celebrate this event and to build momentum and energy. All are invited to this very special first service. Even after this first service, October will be their "launch month," and they hope to have waves of worshippers from area churches. Faith is not looking to recruit members from other churches. Rather, they are seeking our help and participation to make this an energetic, momentum-building beginning. For directions or more details on Faith, please visit their website, www.faithpresusa.org.

Volunteers are needed to help Faith launch its first worship service. Unity is Faith's first partner and we hope to make a good showing. If you can, please try to attend one or more worship services as this new church begins its ministry. Volunteers are still needed in the following areas: Set up and break down; Refreshment coordination; Outside greeters and Offering collector; Nursery helpers. If you are able to help, please call Dannie Vaughn at 547-4456.

Sunday Morning Service
October 7, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am Infants	Beth Frattaroli
2's & 3's	Andrew Wilbanks
11:00 am Infants	Brent and Vonda Miller
2's & 3's	Kristi Ainsley

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's	Kristain McCabe, Ginny Munson
5&6's	Michelle Kuhn, Beth Windell
11:00 am 4's	Tammie Welch, Wyndie Havnaer
5&6's	Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin, Renee Stokes

Greeters

8:45 am	John Schoenmaker
11:00 am	Bob and Judy Croucher

Ushers

8:45 am	Brenda Marshall, Murray White, Ronnie Dunn, Doris Dunn, Joyce White
11:00 am	Philip McNair, Alex Groot, Barry Wells, Senior High Youth Group

Welcome Center

8:45 am	Kearns Little
11:00 am	Robin Morris

Happy Birthday!

October	15	Doris Dunn
	16	Beth Eddens, Bill Fenton, Gretchen Whitesell
	17	Gary Boetsch, Cheri Gall, Lindsey Hawkins, Karen Lee, Pat McCabe, Katie Perkins, Scott Watson
	18	Willem Groot, Joyce Sullivan
	19	David Campbell, Jennifer Dressel, Sam Hooper, John Paris
	20	Maggie Thomasson, Lynn Young
	21	Rick Dammann, Kerrie Godfrey, Dot Hill, Mike Mistler, Denese Reichenbach

Prayers of Concern

Terri Marshall and family in the death of her father.

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Newsletter Publication Back to WEEKLY!!!

Next Issue: Thursday, Oct. 11
Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 7, 6 pm
Submit information for the newsletter to: **Brynne Fisher at brynne@yourcardsolution.com.**
Volunteers are needed to help prepare the newsletter for mailing on Wednesdays. Contact Gina Mitchell in the church office at 547-5543 if interested.

Attendance & Offering September 30, 2007

8:45 am:	168
11:00 am:	235
Unity Hall:	7
Total Worship Attendance:	410
No Sunday School	
Regular Offering:	$9,131.20
Debt Reduction:	$2,035.00
Building Debt:	$39,150.65
Property Debt:	$114,822.84

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

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Worship

October 7, 2007

Old Testament Reading:
Lamentations 1: 1-6, 3: 19-26

New Testament Reading:
2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Jeannie's Sermon:
"A Living Legacy"

October 4, 2007

Dear Friends,

Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, a day for remembering our relationship with Christians around the world. In addition to communion, we will also receive our Dimes for Hunger offering at both services this week. Even if you have not been collecting dimes, I hope you'll come prepared to make a special donation to this critically important ministry. Half the money stays locally to meet the needs of hungry people in our area and half goes to Central America for ministry there. I hope you'll join me in making this our best offering ever.

If you haven't heard, one of the great stories currently emerging in our church is our new Young Adult Sunday School Class. This group meets each Sunday at 10 am in room 312 under the leadership of Jim Boyd. More than 30 members are participating, and are enjoying not just Christian education, but fellowship as well. A recent progressive dinner was attended by more than 25 people, and additional monthly social events have been planned. If you're a young adult looking for a place to connect in our church, I highly recommend this group to you. If you're looking for a way to be supportive, there will be a need for childcare once a month for their social events. This is a great place to get involved and make a difference.

Finally, the session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 21, for two purposes. We will elect new elders and deacons for our church, and we will vote on the formation of a capital funds committee to secure commitments for a new sanctuary and related space. Please be in prayer daily for this important meeting.

In Christ's Service,
Dan