



## Stewardship Bible Study Meditation

*"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Luke 16:10-13*

Greetings friends! The season of stewardship has returned to Unity. It is the time to consider what talents you can share, time you can give, and financial commitment you wish to make for the upcoming year. While these things are true, stewardship is much more.

I'm sure many of you have seen us around church with our 18 month old twin daughters, Aubrey and Avery. Like most parents, we are full of stories of the funny things that our children say or do. For example, every time a phone rings our girls will put their hand to their ear and say "Hi-ya!" It is clear that simply answering the phone is enough to make a lasting impression. While this may make us laugh, it also makes us wonder what other behaviors our children will learn from us. Will they be kind to others? Will they offer their time in service to their community? How can we teach the younger generations to be good stewards with the gifts they have been given?

Stewardship is defined as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." We are told in the story of the dishonest manager in Luke Chapter 16 that God wants us to be careful with the little things He has given to us, so we are ready to accept bigger things-God's "true riches". As stewards of our time, talents, finances, homes, families, community, and church, we are asked to prayerfully consider how best to use these gifts for God's purpose. What gifts has God placed within your care? How can your gifts be used for God? Let's discuss this within our families and consider committing to a new action or activity at Unity. The next generation is counting on us to show them how to be good stewards to ourselves and each other with all the riches God has given us.

In Christ's Love,  
*Stewart and Stephanie Nix*

***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	Church School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service

## 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!

## Dimes for Hunger

Dimes For Hunger contributions are still welcome! If you would like to participate in this year's campaign, do so at the church office or in the Sunday collection plate. Please mark your donation "Dimes For Hunger." Thank you for your continued support of those in need of our help.

## Unity Playgroup 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 [lhingley@comporium.net](mailto:lhingley@comporium.net) or 547-5543 for more information.

## Hunger Matters - 30th Annual York County CROP Walk

Save the date of Sunday, October 21, for the 30th Annual York County CROP Walk. Thirty years and still walking! Registration and entertainment begin at Dinkins Student Center on the campus of Winthrop University at 2:00 PM (walk begins at 3:00). Canned food will also be collected for two emergency food organizations: HOPE in Rock Hill and the Fort Mill CareCenter. Please support the fight against hunger in our community and in our world. The goal for this year's walk is \$40,000 in celebration of our 30th anniversary. Help us meet our goal! Let's make Unity Presbyterian the #1 church giver this year! See Bitsey Martin (547-6840) or Marilyn Hagood (548-8659) for information, a sponsor sheet, or to make a donation. Unity's GC's and the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be walking in the CROP Walk.



## Habitat Work Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17. Unity will participate in building a home in Rock Hill for Andrea McCullough and her three children. We are part of a York County Habitat for Humanity "community build" financed primarily by Wells Fargo. Volunteers are needed for work and to supply food. Sign up at the Ministries Fair on October 28.

## IHN

### September Hosting

Thank you for another successful week hosting families for the Inter-faith Hospitality Network. Over 60 volunteers served four homeless families during the week by providing dinner, staying overnight, providing supplies, driving a guest, and for setting up the rooms. The generosity and compassion demonstrated by our volunteers is a joy to witness. Thank you for faithfully demonstrating the love of Christ by giving a few hours to others in need.

### December Hosting

Our next host week will be December 9 – 16. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss an opportunity to be blessed by our IHN families.

Again, thank you for your prayers for our program and for the families that we serve and for all of your volunteer time! Thank you for all you do!

*Anne Weeks and Robin Morris*  
Unity IHN Coordinators

## Young Adult Group (YAG)

Join us for food and fellowship at our next event:

Pizza and Panthers Party  
Sunday, October 14  
4-7 pm

At Judd and Lori Glasco's house

RSVP by Friday, October 12 to Kim Price (803) 396-8375 or to Megan Watson (803) 547-5543 or [mgwatson@comporium.net](mailto:mgwatson@comporium.net)

## 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/Meditation guide will be included in the Unity News in October. The first of these is on the first page of this newsletter, and the second 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

Sunday, November 4

#### Unity Quilt Dedication

10 am Fellowship Hall

#### Prayer Vigil

4-7 pm (Drop in) Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 7

#### Sing-a-long and Congregational Dinner

6-7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 11

#### Commitment Sunday

Both Services Sanctuary



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## Youth Groups

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00-6:05 pm Announcements and Prayer

6:05-6:30 pm Dinner (\$2.00 per youth)

6:30-6:45 Devotion

6:45-7:30 pm Explorations: Junior and Senior Highs split into their own groups at this time.

*Come join the food, fun, and fellowship!*

## Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of:      Given By:

Joan Hill                      Ed and Lou Wylie

Jerry Bootsma                Ed and Lou Wylie

## Children's CE Fund

In Memory of:      Given By:

Christy Little                Beth Detar

## 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](http://www.unityfortmill.org), by emailing [dsbutler@comporium.net](mailto: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](http://www.unityfortmill.org) or on their web site at [www.redcross.org](http://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.**

## Sunday Morning Service October 14, 2007

### Nursery

*Nursery Coordinator:* Lynn Ringley

8:45 am Infants Tracy Young

2's & 3's Jake Gaulden

11:00 am Infants Debbie Matthews and Freda Garver

2's & 3's Judi Griffin with Abbi

### Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Jennifer Bowman and Vereen Brown 11:00 am

5&6's Becca Bowyer and Gretchen Whitesell

11:00 am 4's Dawn Rackley and Margaret Macaulay

5&6's Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher and

Tricia Gupton

### Greeters

8:45 am

11:00 am

Murray White

Kevin and Mary Sue McGrath

### Ushers

8:45 am

Brenda Marshall, Murray White,

Ronnie Dunn, Doris Dunn,

Joyce White

Philip McNair, Alex Groot,

Barry Wells, Senior High Youth Group

### Welcome Center

8:45 am

11:00 am

Kearns Little

Robin Morris

## Happy Birthday!

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| <p>October 22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p> | <p>Patrick Bradner, Linda Bunge, Madge Hunter, Graham Lancaster, Susan Paten, Chuck Strunk, Avis Wallace</p> <p>Billy Hathaway, Sissy Martin</p> <p>Terri Barnhill, Leanne Webb, Stewart Tedford, Annsley Banks</p> <p>Steve Hardy, Cindy Epps, Steve Crutchfield, Debbie Hathaway, Laura Ewers, Jill Nordgren, Kevin Neel</p> <p>Jeff Bowyer</p> <p>Anna Epps, Russ Savage, Maggie Strader</p> <p>Ron Mullis</p> |
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## Celebrations

We rejoice with Mary and Jeff Shouse in the birth of their son, Tyson Wiles Shouse. Big brother Miller is very excited!

## 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

## Prayers of Concern

Ruth Boetsch's father;  
 Susan Bullard's sister; Hal Rutter;  
 Carla Schoenmaker's aunt;  
 Mary Shouse and family in the death of her grandmother;  
 Don Thomas; Tim Whitesell's niece;  
 Esther Withers

*Please continue to remember those with special needs.*

## Attendance & Offering October 7, 2007

8:45 am:	167
11:00 am:	164
Unity Hall:	3
Total Worship Attendance:	334
Sunday School:	210
Regular Offering:	\$13,719.00
Debt Reduction Offering:	\$119,074.84
Building Debt:	\$33,827.34
Property Debt:	\$114,822.84

## Newsletter Publication

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## October 11, 2007

*Dear Friends,*

This Sunday, we will begin our season of stewardship emphasis for our operating budget. Our theme this year is GENERATIONS OF GRATITUDE: UNITED IN CHRIST'S LOVE. It's a wonderful theme, reminding us both of our history as a church and the special gift that continues to unite us across all generations. As a part of our emphasis, we will hear from members of our church each week representing the many generations who are a part of our church today. This is always one of the highlights of the year for me, and I hope you'll be here to support your brothers and sisters in Christ as they share their story with us.



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

On a separate note, please watch your mail this week for two letters of interest and importance to our church. Both relate to our Building Fund and our upcoming vote on the formation of a Capital Funds Committee for our church. If approved, the Capital Funds Committee would seek pledges of support for the construction of a new sanctuary and related space. For any who have yet to hear the presentation by the Building Committee, you will have a final opportunity to do so this Sunday, October 14, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. I strongly encourage any who have not yet heard their presentation to do so this week. It's important that we all be fully informed as we prepare for this vote.

*In Christ's Service,*  
*Dan*

### Worship

#### October 14, 2007

Old Testament Reading:  
Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

New Testament Reading:  
Luke 17: 11-19

Dan's Sermon:  
"The Gracious Faith"

### October is Clergy Appreciation Month!

Please take the time to show  
your appreciation for  
Dan, Jeannie, and Megan.