



United in Christ's Love

Stewardship Bible Study Meditation

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6: 19-21

When I was asked to write this meditation, my initial reaction was ‘I do not want to do this. What do I know about stewardship? What can I say about tithing? Surely, there’s somebody else in the congregation who’s more knowledgeable and well-spoken than I am.’ Then, it dawned on me that the very writing of this might be considered tithing and that I can’t very well say no. One of the things I love about Unity is that its focus on tithing includes time and talent and treasure.

Unity’s nurseries, where the prayers of a former pastor for ‘more children’ have been answered – our children and the nursery workers who have cared for them for years ... **treasures in heaven.**

A little boy who comes to church and insists on sitting in the front so that he “can hear God sing” – our ministers and our ministry of music ... **treasures in heaven.**

A young girl who embraces living in a small town because she sees her teachers everywhere - at church and at school. The teacher at church asks her “how’s school?” and the principal at school says “missed you at church!” – students who need to be taught and Christian educators willing to teach ... **treasures in heaven.**

Greeting the senior high youth group as they return from a week-long mission trip, and having the feeling that the Holy Spirit has gotten out of the van with them – youth with hearts for service ... **treasures in heaven.**

Baptism of infants, of confirmands, and of adults. Baptism where believers promise to guide, nurture, and encourage this Child of God in word, in deed, and in prayer – a church family that helps a single mom raise three kids ... **treasures in heaven.**

Unity has so many opportunities to give of our time and talent and treasure. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment form. Of course this church needs your financial tithing. But you are also needed with Growing Christians ... with helping to build a house for somebody who needs shelter ... with knitting shawls or sewing nets ... with prayer breakfast ... with sending cards ... with shepherding new families ... with spending some time with a homeless family ... with sprucing up the grounds ... with supporting somebody living with HIV ... with visitation ... **There is a place for your time and your talent and your treasure here.**

In Christ's love, Susan Bullard

I believe that God has given each and every one of us a gift. Even if you don’t think that you have a gift, there is something in your life that you do exceptionally well. Your gift could be anything. Your gift could be something as simple as having the ability to make people smile, or it could be something more complex. No matter what type of gift you have, it has been given to you for a reason.

For me, I enjoy helping people in all different ways. I did not realize this gift until I was in high school and was given the opportunity to go on my first mission trip with the youth group of this church. Now, I had seen my sister go on these trips and had heard her rave about them after she came back, but I had never really thought about the true purpose of these trips. My first mission trip was to New Mexico. One day, our youth group went to a place called Food for Sante Fe. Here, we packed bags of dry food for homeless people. At first, I didn’t really see how we were being much help because all we were doing was basically “bagging groceries”. But then, we handed the bags out to all of the people. They were so grateful to all of us for everything we had done. It was then I realized that no matter how small or trivial you think something might be, that very thing may mean the world to someone else. After I came home, I raved about the trip just like my sister had done, which in turn inspired my brother to be excited about mission trips.

Everyone has a gift, and we must use it, whether it is having the ability to make people smile or having the ability to donate money. Because according to Matthew 6:19-21, we can’t take those **treasures** with us to **heaven**; we can only take the memories of using those treasures. I ask you now to use your gifts in all ways possible. You never know what it might mean to someone else.

In Christ's love, Caitlyn Bullard

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

Sunday Mornings

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:55 am	Church School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service



Ministries Fair
Sunday, October 28
9:45 am to 12 noon
Fellowship Hall

Have you ever driven by Unity on a Monday morning and wondered why there are so many people at the church? Did you know that about 30 high school students gather for breakfast and fellowship each Wednesday morning BEFORE school? Do you know what a Care Team is? What does it take to prepare communion?

The answer to these questions and MORE will be found at Unity’s 3rd Ministries Fair. See Unity’s many ministries come to life!

Children and youth should report to their Sunday School class. Classes will tour the Ministries Fair together, and there will be a special children’s activity!

Stewardship campaign packets will be available for ‘pick up’.

Quilt Dedication
Sunday, October 28
Sanctuary

Unity’s first quilt, a project one year in the making, will be presented and dedicated during both worship services. The quilt is beautiful and is a wonderful showcase of the past, present, and future of Unity.

Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 28, 5-7 pm

For all children up to grade 6. Remember to wear your costume!

Annual Traditional Thanksgiving Cornucopia

Sunday, November 18

Suggestions for non-perishable food items: Rice, cereal, tuna, grits, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned milk, pasta, spaghetti sauce, sugar, ravioli, canned meats, dried beans, all kinds of soups, peanut butter and jelly. Everyone is encouraged to bring at least one food item. Boxes will be located in the Narthex, the hallway into the Fellowship Hall, and Unity Hall. On November 19, the collection will be taken to the Fort Mill Care Center to be distributed to local families for Thanksgiving.



Habitat Work Day

Don't forget to sign up October 28 at the Ministries Fair if you want to work at the November 17 Unity work day for Habitat. We need workers and food preparers. We will work on a home being built in Rock Hill for Andrea McCullough and her three children. We are part of a 'community build' sponsored primarily by Wells Fargo. Groundbreaking has taken place, and framing work started on October 13. We will be working on the 6th Saturday of the build. Our work will probably be inside, such as interior trim or painting. Join us. There is always something anyone can do.

Save the Date!

Monday,
December 3, 2007

Tony Dehler Circle
Annual Christmas Auction

All proceeds are divided equally between the Nutrition Center and the Fort Mill Care Center



Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of: Given By:

Joan Hill

Jean Knox

Stewardship Campaign

Commitment Week

Sunday, October 28

Ministries Fair

9:45 am to 12 noon
Fellowship Hall

Unity Quilt Dedication

During both services
Sanctuary

Thursday, November 1

All Saints Worship Service

7 pm Sanctuary *Nursery is provided*

Sunday, November 4

Prayer Vigil

4-7 pm (Drop in) Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 7

Sing-a-long and Congregational Dinner

6-7:00 pm Fellowship Hall *Nursery available upon request*

Sunday, November 11

Commitment Sunday

Both Services Sanctuary



2007 International Dinner Generations of Gourmets

The Junior High Youth Group invites you to attend the **2007 International Dinner** on Sunday, November 11. We will honor a few of our great chefs from across the generations. Almost all of this year's recipes come from the Unity Cookbook, Loaves and Fishes. Our first entrée selection is Wateree Shrimp Pot from **Buddy Moredock's** recipe. It includes shrimp, sausage, corn, and red potatoes. It is served with a chilled side dish from **Jean Knox**, Copper Carrot Pennies. A second entrée selection is Baked Pork Chops from **Mott Messer Hutchison's** recipe. It is served with Broccoli Casserole from **Lea Shannon** and Sweet Potato Casserole from **Betty Kimbrell**. A third entrée selection is **Matt Walser's** Dijon Chicken served with Squash Casserole from **Joan Hill** and **Dorothy Gambrell**, as well as Baked Grits from **Tillie Fox**. Our Vegetarian Selection, Mixed Beans, is from **Anne Lane** and is served over **Lana McDonald's** Infallible Rice with a side of Tomato Pie from **Fannie Ray**. The children's meal this year will be baked spaghetti and applesauce. A garden salad will be served with each meal. Also, we will have a selection of breads from our members' recipes. We will feature cornbread from **Ann Hudspeth** and Spoon Bread from **Marion Woodson**. By popular demand, we will also serve the Women's Retreat Biscuits. Saving the best for last, we have planned great endings to the meals. You may choose from several dessert options. These include **Sue Dye's** Pecan Pie, **Mary Kimbrell's** Pumpkin Bars, **Helen Bradford's** Chocolate Cake with sauce, and **Betty Jo Culp's** Buttermilk Pound Cake. Chocolate Chip Cookies will also be available.

Please plan to join the Junior High Youth Group for the 2007 International Dinner on November 11, as we honor the great chefs from our church. Reservation forms will be available at the Ministries Fair on Sunday, October 28 and in the bulletin on upcoming Sundays.

Congregational Dinner and Sing-a-Long

Wednesday, November 7 at 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Join us for food, fellowship, and singing!

Menu: BBQ Pork, Baked Beans,	Cost: \$5.00 for adults
Coleslaw, Corn, Garlic Bread, Variety	\$3.00 for children under 10
of Cakes, Iced Tea & Lemonade	\$20.00 max. per family unit

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, November 5.

Mission Challenge 2007

Presbyterians are at work around the world! Christ came to serve all God's people. For the last 170 years, Presbyterians have sent thousands of men and women across the globe to teach, to preach, and to heal. Today the Presbyterian Church USA works with partner churches and organizations in more than 90 countries, and missionaries serve in nearly 70 countries. Our goal is to increase the number of mission workers and partnerships in coming years. Unity has a long history of supporting mission work and missionaries. Through our annual budget, we currently give generous support to Tim and Gloria Wheeler in Honduras and to Hospital Saint Croix in Haiti, along with numerous other local and global mission ministries.

Please come by the church office and pick up a Mission Challenge 07 brochure and offering envelope if you would like make a special gift to support Presbyterian Missionaries Worldwide.

Sunday Morning Service October 28, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

8:45 am Infants Alexa Spratt

2's & 3's Travis Williams

11:00 am Infants Susan Bullard and Ashley Groot

2's & 3's Ronda Williams

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Jennifer Bowman and Linda Bunge

5&6's Amanda Masters and Cindy Keenum

11:00 am 4's Tammie Welch & Margaret Macaulay

5&6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin, and
Jenn Greemon

Greeters

8:45 am

11:00 am

Ron Mullis

Jim and Ellen Bickett

Ushers

8:45 am

Brenda Marshall, Murray White,

Joyce White, John Garver,

Freda Garver

Kearns Little, 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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| November 5 | Jason McCullough, Nancy Montague |
| 6 | Mary Lay Derrick, Denise Fox, Thomas Spratt, Darby Thompson, Jordan Thompson |
| 7 | Sarah Bergman, Stephanie Gregory, Theresa Higgins, Phil Ray, Banks Reigel, Sarah Simpson |
| 8 | Becky Diak, Dick Miller, Hans Reichenbach, Daphne Thompson |
| 9 | Bitsey Martin, Linda Turner |
| 10 | Dave Fisher, Jamie Flynn, Mike Granger, Alex Sullivan |
| 11 | Nicholas Bunge, Tom Eubanks, Brynne Fisher, Emma Flynn, Bill Hood, Marilyn Wilbanks |



Prayers of Concern

Ted Benfield and family in the death of his mother; Brad Kay; Bill Kimbrell; Barry Lambert
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

Unity Playground

Just a friendly reminder that the playground outside Unity Hall and the Fellowship Hall is for children ages 6 and under. The equipment on the playground is made to accommodate a young child's size and weight. We appreciate everyone's help in maintaining this equipment so that it is safe for the children who use it.

Attendance & Offering October 21, 2007

8:45 am:	153
11:00 am:	227
Unity Hall:	11
Total Worship Attendance:	291
Sunday School:	187
Regular Offering:	\$6,795.91
Debt Reduction:	\$525.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Nov. 1
Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 28, 6 pm
Submit information to: Brynne Fisher at brynne@yourcardsolution.com.

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October 25, 2007

Dear Friends,

The congregation took two significant actions in its called meeting this past Sunday. First, we approved the election of six new elders and seven deacons. Susan Bullard, Sandy Rea, Toni Rush, Steve Hardy, Mike Jamison, and Chappy Bradner were elected as elders, while Mike Mistler, Craig Evans, Karen Wright, Jeff Shouse, Debbie Hathaway, Tracy Young, and Bobby Martin were elected as deacons. I know you join me in expressing deep gratitude to these thirteen people who have agreed to provide leadership for our congregation for the next three years.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

The congregation also voted to form a Capital Funds Committee for securing financial pledges in support of a new sanctuary and related space. The vote was 242 in favor of the motion and 12 against the motion. I will be working with our current elders and deacons to put together a committee that can lead us in this important effort. Once the committee is formed, they will make key decisions about timelines and leadership. You will hear more from this group later in the year.

In the meantime, our season of emphasis on stewardship continues this Sunday with our Ministries Fair at 9:45 am. We have a large number of displays, and you will be greatly impressed by the breadth and depth of our ministry as you view these displays. We will also be unveiling our Unity Quilt in both services on Sunday. I believe you'll be as deeply touched by it as I was when I got a sneak peak this past weekend.

In Christ's Service,
Dan

Worship

October 28 2007

Old Testament Reading:
Psalm 65

New Testament Reading:
Luke 18: 9-14

Jeannie's Sermon:
Pride and Prejudice