



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

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.

Faith Presbyterian Church Launch

The launch date for Faith Presbyterian Church, our Presbytery's new church development in the Indian Land area of Lancaster County, has been set. Faith'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.

As Faith prepares for this October 7 service, there are many opportunities for service to this new congregation. Unity is serving as Faith's first worship "partner", which means we have the opportunity to assist in all aspects of Faith's first service. Temporary volunteer service includes: Church Liaison; Worship/Nursery Space Creator; Advertising Assistant; "Set-up" Point Person; Nursery Coordinator; Sound engineer; Tithes and offerings coordinator; set up/break down crew; refreshment coordinators; outside greeters; offering collectors; inside greeters; nursery helpers. Contact Dannie Vaughn at (803) 547-4456 if you would like to help or if you would like more information. Please also visit Unity's website www.unityfortmill.org for more detailed service information.

Looking for Sunday School Substitute Teachers

Wishing you could teach, but you can't commit to a whole year? We need YOU! The CE Team is putting together a list of substitute teachers for all ages of Sunday School. If you are interested in being on this list, please contact Megan Watson at church (803) 547-5543, via email mgwatson@comporium.net, or on the sign up on the website at www.unityfortmill.org. Please indicate what age you are willing to sub for: younger elementary, older elementary, youth and/or adult.

New Opportunity

The Congregational Care Ministry team is in the process of forming a Bereavement Support Team, which will serve as an extension of our current ministry to members during a very difficult time. We would like to offer a choice of refreshments at the receiving of friends or a family meal (which we already offer). To do this we need cookie bakers and volunteers available to assist in setting up and serving during the receiving of friends or at a meal for the family, often during a weekday. Is this something you would like to do? To sign up, contact the church office at (803) 547-5543, via email at dsubutler@comporium.net sign up on the web site www.unityfortmill.org.

Rally Day

All children, youth, and adults are invited to *Rally Day*, Unity's Sunday Church School kick off celebration, on Sunday, September 9, 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

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for suggestions of members to be elected as deacons or elders for the church. If you would like to nominate an individual(s) for a position(s), you may submit the name(s) to the church office, use the link on the Unity website www.unityfortmill.org, or email Robin Morris at robin.morris@amdocs.com.

You are needed

The Children in Worship program is getting ready to begin again and YOU are needed. Storytellers are needed for both the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services. Please contact Megan Watson at (803) 547-5543 or mgwatson@comporium.net with interest or questions. This is a very important program that helps prepare 4-6 year olds for worship, and your participation will make a difference for Unity's young children.

Newsletter Publication Back to WEEKLY!!!

Next Issue: Thursday, Sept. 13
Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 9
6 pm
Submit information for the newsletter to: Brynne Fisher at brynne@yourcardsolution.com.

Healthy Unity

Unity Bike Ride

Saturday, September 15 at 8 am

Join us for some healthy fun! Meet at the church.

CPR and AED

Saturday, September 22, 9am-noon

Knowing CPR can save a life. Attend this class to learn CPR and how to use the simple AED pack. If needed for emergency, the AED unit is found in Unity Hall, below the Sanctuary. It is in a white metal case which is mounted on the wall between the kitchen and bulletin board. If opened for emergency use, ignore the anti-theft alarm which can later be turned off with a key found in the kitchen. 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.

Stressed???

Are you dealing with stress? Then plan to attend a Stress Management Workshop offered by Hospice on Sunday, September 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up by calling the church office (803) 547-5543 or www.unityfortmill.org.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, September 30

Stop by the Fellowship Hall Parlor during the 5th Sunday Breakfast for a free blood pressure screening.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Tuesday, September 11, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall Parlor. Previous experience is NOT required. Join us!

Unity Preschool

Unity Preschool is looking for loving individuals who are interested in working with our program or serving as a substitute teacher/assistant. The preschool is open on M, T, & TH mornings from 9 am to 12 noon. Please contact Lynn Ringley at 547-5543 or via email at hringley@comporium.net as soon as possible.

Congregational Dinner

Please join us for food and fellowship on September 12!

The September Congregational Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, September 12, at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 10, maximum of \$15.00 per family unit. Menu: Salisbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Rolls, Apple Crunch, Ice Cream, Iced Tea & Lemonade. 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 at (803) 547-5543 by noon on Monday, September 10. During dinner, Unity's Building Committee will provide an update to the congregation on the committee's activities to date, including showing a schematic layout of the possible new sanctuary and related spaces, elevation drawings, and an artist's rendition on how the new sanctuary building will look with other campus buildings.

Calling All Rising 4th, 5th & 6th Graders!!!!

Like to have a little fun? Interested in learning more about the Bible? Enjoy spending time with church friends? Then GC's is for you! Growing Christians youth group (otherwise referred to as GCs) is getting ready to start back up! Our first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16, from 5:15-6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and plan to attend as we kick off the new year. Come dressed comfortably in old clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty, as you never know what we will have planned. Questions? Contact Debbie McNair @ 396-8924 or Tammie Welch at 547-3201. We look forward to seeing old and new friends!

Habitat for Humanity *A Hand Up – Not a Hand Out*

You may be surprised that one of the biggest challenges for York County Habitat for Humanity is finding qualified families to accept a new home. While homes are built with volunteer labor, Habitat does not give away homes. The recipient must pay an interest-free mortgage covering the cost of the land and materials used. It typically costs about \$60,000 to build a house worth \$100,000. *To qualify for a York County Habitat home, a person must: live or work in York County; have a need for safe, decent housing; have the ability to pay the mortgage; be willing to partner with Habitat with "Sweat Equity" in the form of attending classes and working on your house.* Need can be demonstrated if you have problems with your current home, live in an unsafe neighborhood, are renting, or have housing costs more than 30% of your income. Your ability to pay is determined by your income and credit history. Required income depends on family size. For example, a family of four should have a yearly gross income between approximately \$20,000 and \$42,000. You should have an adequate credit history or one that can be repaired by paying off debts. Willingness to partner requires completing 12 classes to learn about budgeting, home repair, and other ownership issues. And, you must help build your house. Total hours of "sweat equity" are 200 hours for each adult and 25 hours for each child age 8-18. If you qualify, you will receive a new home worth about \$100,000. In return, you are obligated to pay an interest-free mortgage of about \$60,000, a monthly payment between \$350 - \$400, depending on taxes and insurance. To find out more, attend an information session at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 15 at the York County Library, 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill. Contact Penny Sheppard, 803 328-1728, to register. Visit the Habitat web site at www.yorkcountyhabitat.org (see link on Unity web site).

Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of: Given By:

Jim Cook, Sr. Larry & Brenda Stewart
Tim & Vicki Hawkins

Bill Fowler Larry & Brenda Stewart
Tim & Vicki Hawkins

In Memory of: Given By:

Joan Hill Larry & Brenda Stewart
Tim & Vicki Hawkins

Rock Fleiss Tim & Vicki Hawkins
Buddy Moredock Larry & Brenda Stewart

Sunday Morning Service September 9, 2007

Nursery

8:45 am Infants
2's & 3's
11:00 am Infants
2's & 3's

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge
Michelle Batchelor, Dannie Vaughn
Cathy Schaefer
Brynne Fisher w/Layne,
Reid Lancaster
Ashley Groot

Ushers

8:45 am
11:00 am

Jeff Hall, Keith Griffin, Freda Garver,
John Garver, Toni Rush
Mike Brown, Kearns Little,
Steve Turner, Earl Pettit, Bob Martin,
Carson Martin, Joe Swinford

Greeters

8:45 am
11:00 am

Jamie White
Lucille Lee and Jeff Shouse

Welcome Center

8:45 am
11:00 am

Brenda Marshall
Marcia Hardy

Unity Preschool "Apple Tree" Sponsored by Presbyterian Women

What is Unity Preschool? Unity Preschool is an extension of the ministry at Unity. This year, 24 children will participate in one of our 2 or 3 day programs. We feel very blessed to be able to provide children the special opportunity of attending preschool in a loving, nurturing Christian environment. With Christ at the center of what we do, we encourage many opportunities for children to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

What is the Apple Tree? The apple tree is located in the Fellowship Hall, and is made up of a variety of items that the preschool is in need of this year. While Unity Preschool is a tuition-based program, we strive to keep our tuition rates low in order to make the Christian preschool experience available to many families. We are self-funded, and do not receive funding through the church budget. New programs endure many costs in the first few years as we purchase classroom items, playground equipment, curriculum, etc. We are so thankful for Presbyterian Women's sponsorship this year and all donated items that help make our program a success!

How can I help? Items that we are in need of are listed on cards behind each apple. Please take the card for any items you would be interested in donating. All purchased items can be returned to one of the collection boxes in the fellowship hall, narthex, or church office anytime through September 16. Please contact Lynn Ringley at 547-5543 or lhingley@comporium.net if you have any questions. Please keep Unity Preschool, its teachers, its students and their families in your prayers this year.

Happy Birthday!

Sept.	16	Ethel Clarke, Emily Cross, Will Pietkiewicz
	17	Charles Hancock, Jessie Little
	18	Freda Garver, Brown Hobson, Nicholas Kinsey, Amanda Masters
	19	Bayles Mack, Don Young
	20	Amy Benson, Dominic Frattaroli, Jason Honeycutt, Gigi Stokes
	21	Patsy Hunter, Beth McCrae, Presley Miller
	22	John Ferrara, Tommy Hagood, Jenny Heim, Andy Hill, Sam Pecarro, Patrick Thomasson
	23	Jim Boyd, Charlie Boyette, John Little, Jonathan Neel, Nils Steika

Prayers of Concern

Tim Hawkins; Betty Miller's grandson; Mike Mistler;
Carla Schoenmaker's brother and aunt; Scott Watson's father

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

Attendance & Offering

August 26, 2007

8:45 a.m.:	145
11:00 a.m.:	245
Total Worship Attendance:	390
Sunday School:	88
Regular Offering:	\$12,847.00
Debt Reduction:	\$1,585.00

September 2, 2007

8:45 a.m.:	125
11:00 a.m.:	206
Total Worship Attendance:	331
Regular Offering:	\$17,346.25
Debt Reduction:	\$1,865.00
Building Debt:	\$39,150.65
Property Debt:	\$14,822.84

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Return Service Requested

September 6, 2007

Dear Friends,

If you've checked your church calendar recently, you know what an exciting time this is in the life of our church. Just this Sunday alone we will have Rally Day for Christian Education, our Dimes for Hunger Kick-off, our church-wide picnic, and the beginning of another week as an Interfaith Hospitality Host. And that's just the beginning to a fall full of important activities! Look inside for more information about these and other important ministries.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

In order to keep you fully informed about the many important events coming up in the life of our congregation, we are returning this week to a weekly newsletter. We will continue to use this new format on a weekly basis in order to maximize our communication efforts. You are also reminded to use our church website, www.unityfortmill.org, where you can get updated information, sign up for upcoming events, and learn more about our ministries. To get information in either forum, please contact Brynne Fisher at brynne@yourcardsolution.com.

In Christ's Service,

Dan

Worship

September 9, 2007

Dan's Sermon:
"Costly Discipleship"

Old Testament Reading:
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

New Testament Reading:
Luke 14: 25-35