

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

How About Health and Fun?

The Health Ministries Team has several upcoming events!

Fun Bike Ride

Join us for a **fun bike ride** on **Saturday, April 26** at 8:00 am. We will meet at the entrance to the Greenway that leads to the Field Trial Barn. Contact Ron Godfrey for more details at 547-5787 or rgodfrey@comporium.net

Total Body Strength Training

Unity's Ken Sheets is offering a Total Body Strength Training class on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Please contact Marion Woodson at 547-5229 or via email at mswoodson@comporium.net for cost, start date, and other information.

Cookies and Snacks

We are in need of cookies and other snacks (such as trail mix) on Tuesday, May 20 for people who are giving blood during our Blood Drive. Would you be willing to help out? This is a great way to help our blood drive if you are not able to give blood. Please contact the church office 547-5543, or there will be a sign up sheet available after worship on May 4, 11, and 18.

Mother's Day

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is celebrating 50 years of ministry to South Carolina families this year. The Mother's Day offering is an opportunity for us to honor past generations and make a commitment to future generations. We will again take up a special offering on Mother's Day to provide benevolent care to our older church members who have nurtured their faith and shown us the joy of being disciples of Jesus Christ. Presbyterian Communities is home to 830 residents and about 7% of the residents will need financial assistance. Resident aid is currently given to approximately 60 residents at a cost of about \$6,000 per day, or an estimated \$2.2 million in 2008. As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, please consider prayerfully your gift that will reach out to others in Christian love. Envelopes will be provided in the backs of the pews on Mother's Day (May 11) for this special offering.

Vacation Bible School



VBS planning is well under way and we are excited about the **RAINFOREST ADVENTURE** we will be taking together.

Save the Date

We hope you will join us Sunday, June 22 through Thursday, June 26 in the evenings for a tree-top Bible blast! Specifics and registration information will be available soon!

Care to Share?

There are many different ways that you can be involved in making this summer's VBS a huge success. Please contact Lynn Ringley at lhringley@comporium.net or 802-4408 if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent.

Upcoming Workdays

Join us on April 27 from 4:30-6:00 as we gather to prepare materials, get crafts ready, and make items for VBS. Additional dates may be added later.

Sunday Mornings

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

Unity Playgroup

Unity Playgroup will be this Friday, April 25 at 10 am. Please note the change in location from Harris Street Park to **WALTER ELISHA PARK**. Rain location is still the new Chic-Fil-A. We look forward to seeing you at our last playgroup of the school year. This is a great time of fellowship and fun for children and their parents! Please contact Lynn Ringley via email at lhringley@comporium.net or 547-5543 for more information.

A Celebration of Unity

Please join us for "A Celebration of Unity," an informal worship service on Sunday evening, May 4, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This service will be led by our Cherub, Junior, and Chancel Choirs, and will include hymns, prayers and songs. It will be followed by a snack supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to participate in this special worship service and fellowship meal.

Capital Campaign Corner

Bread of Life
By Robin Morris

John 6:35: *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

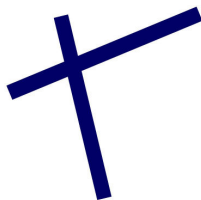
Last week, many of us had the opportunity to participate in a unique and wonderful prayer vigil. It was a prayer journey that led participants from the original site of Unity Presbyterian Church and to three other sites of our church. Participants also visited multiple locations within the current facilities, learning about when the sections were built and how they have been used across the generations.

The scripture listed above from John 6:35 was read at the first and the last scenes of the journey. At these two sites, guides held a wooden bowl filled with corn meal. This corn meal is a reminder of the grist mill that was used to grind corn and wheat in the late 1700's and early 1800's. These crops helped to sustain life in what became known as Fort Mill. But more importantly, the corn meal is a reminder that Jesus is our bread of life. That Jesus is *The* sustainer of eternal life.

On May 6, the Capital Campaign team will be holding a Leadership Commitment Dinner. This dinner is the first opportunity for members to make a financial commitment to the Sanctuary Capital Campaign. Dan and the Steering Committee are asking all leaders of our church to plan to attend and to *lead the way with the first commitments*. All current and former elders and deacons are invited to the dinner. We also invite any other members who want to be included in the early commitments to come and be a leader through your early commitment. The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. We request reservations for the dinner by May 1 via the yellow pew card, a link on our website, or by calling the church office. Childcare will be available by reservation through the church office by Thursday, May 1.

As you reflect on the John 6:35 scripture this week, thank Christ for being our bread of life and ask for His guidance on how you should support this capital campaign. Ask God to help you discern what your financial commitment should be to this Sanctuary project and to prepare your heart for the commitment.

Please continue to pray daily for the capital campaign and for the future of our church.



Blood Drive Tuesday, May 20

Donors Needed

Blood saves lives—and it is always needed. Did you know that every 2 seconds in America someone needs blood? But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood, and giving blood is simple and convenient.

Unity's blood drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on May 4, 11, and 18, or contact the church office (803) 547-5543 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are not required but recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome. Our goal is 50 pints, and with your help we can make our goal!

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AIDS Walk



On Saturday, May 3, an estimated 2,000 people will gather in Charlotte's Historic Fourth Ward for this year's AIDS Walk – the largest HIV/AIDS awareness and fundraising walk in the Carolinas. They will walk to honor those who have lost their lives to this disease, as well as in recognition of the thousands of individuals in the Carolinas who are struggling to overcome the challenges that this illness presents daily. Unity has two RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) teams, who provide assistance to a handful of families in our area who face the many obstacles of living with HIV/AIDS. Once again, we will be walking this year; once again, we welcome your support and sponsorship, and would like to extend an invitation to walk with us. Care team members will be available after service the next two Sundays if you would like further information; you can also sponsor the team online at www.aidswalkcharlotte.org, or contact Debbie Butler in the church office directly. Above all, thanks for your help in supporting this mission!

Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of: Given By:

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| Harry M. Miller, Sr. | Stormy and Chari Young |
| Emily Martin | Stormy and Chari Young |
| Harris Case | Bob and Vera Reid |
| Tim Hawkins | Bob and Vera Reid |

Building Fund Honorarium

In Honor of: Given By:

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| Sloan Marie Hardwick | Bob and Vera Reid |
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Register Early for Bethelwoods Summer Camp

Have you taken time to look at the summer camp programs offered at Bethelwoods? While June and July may seem a long way off, the staff at Bethelwoods is already gearing up for another exciting summer filled with fun and spiritual growth. Bethelwoods offers a variety of programs for campers who have completed Kindergarten through 12th grade. Whether you are a first-time camper or a veteran senior high, there is something for everyone at Bethelwoods! To sign up for camp, pick up a brochure and send in your registration today or visit www.bethelwoods.org to register online. Make your plans now to have camp be a part of your summer. Camp brochures can be found at the church or contact the Bethelwoods office at (803) 366-3722.

April Lunch Bunch

The April meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be a springtime group outing to Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center on Monday, April 28. For those who have registered, please note that we will meet at the church at 12 noon and carpool to Bethelwoods, which is about a 20 minute drive. If you have not paid already, please bring a check for lunch. The cost for lunch is \$7.25 per person and checks should be made payable to Unity Presbyterian Church. If you have NOT registered but would like to go, please contact Jeannie in the church office at (803) 547-5543 or via email pjbickett@comporium.net.

Golf Outing



The Young Adult Sunday School class would like to thank everyone who participated in Unity's Golf Outing on Sunday, April 20. Proceeds of the event will benefit Living Waters for the World.

Sunday Morning Service April 27, 2008

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

8:45 am
 Infants Michelle Batchelor
 2's & 3's Earl Williams
 11:00 am
 Infants Debbie Matthews and Ronda Williams
 2's & 3's Tracy McCullough

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Michelle Kuhn and Linda Bunge
 5's / 6's Amanda Masters and Kristain McCabe
 11:00 am 4's Tammie Welch and Kristy Ainsley
 5's / 6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin, Jenn Greemon

Greeters

8:45 am Jennifer Bowman
 11:00 am Jody Elisha

Ushers

8:45 am Jeff Hall, Bob Young, Jake Gaulden, Jimmy Rea, Sandy Rea
 11:00 am Kim Price, Craig Evans, Donna Diedrich, Cindy Epps, Linda Turner, Terri Turner, Joe Hathaway

Welcome Center

8:45 am Tracy Young
 11:00 am Bobby Martin

Happy Birthday!

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| May 5 | Ryan Bunge, Shannon Burns, Elaine Evans, Laura Matthews, Jessica Shamble, Maxwell Windham |
| 6 | R.J. Bates, Patrick Bright, Rob Butler, Ashley Groot |
| 7 | Sally Ficklen, Anna Mace, James Morris, Melissa Steele |
| 8 | Amy Buehring, Anna Matthews |
| 9 | Tyler Abercrombie, Layne Fisher, Alice Horten, Jolie Palmer, Ken Sheets |
| 10 | Vanessa Harris, Ann Neel, Eli White |
| 11 | Lorrie Trull |



Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thurs., May 1
Deadline: Sunday, Apr. 27, 6 pm
 Submit information to: Brynne Fisher via email at:
brynne@yourcardsolution.com
 Please note the following deadlines for upcoming issues of Unity News:
Deadline is Sun., May 4 for issue date May 8.

Attendance & Offering April 20, 2008

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| 8:45 am: | 171 |
| 11:00 am: | 213 |
| Unity Hall: | 19 |
| Total Worship Attendance: | 403 |
| Sunday School: | 190 |
| Regular Offering: | \$9,825.78 |
| Building Fund: | \$917.00 |

Unity has no debt as of October 10, 2007.

Prayers of Concern

- Vanessa Bergvist's sister
- Ken Bickett's brother
- Chauncey Bower
- Regina Bryson's brother
- Billy Hannon
- Bill Henry and family in the death of his wife, Louesta Henry
- Steve Simpson
- Jack Windell
- Bill Vierstra

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
 Sis Moredock — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Summerville
 Trudie Robertson — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton

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April 24, 2008

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce to our pulpit this week at both services. Dr. Boyce is the Associate Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry at Union-PSCE in Charlotte, a theological school of the Presbyterian Church USA, and one of the groups we will support through our capital funds campaign. I look forward to hearing him preach, and know you will join me in extending a warm welcome to him.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

I also offer my thanks to our Young Adult Sunday school class for their sponsorship of the 1st annual Unity Golf Tournament. Despite a hail storm at the beginning of the event, the tournament went on as scheduled, and players had a great time. Proceeds from the event went for Living Waters for the World. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this happen.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*