



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

Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar, it's Ice Cream Social time! All are invited!

Are you able to help? We need LOTS of churn makers to produce churns of ice cream. If you can make 1, 2 or many, we would appreciate it. Also, we need cookies. If you are able to help, or if you have any questions: call the church office at 547-5543, or Jan Nelson at 547-8132 or via email at ryandyrjan@msn.com.

Blood Drive Tuesday, August 19

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, August 19, 2008 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on August 17, 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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American Red Cross

Children's Choir Starts

Unity's Children's Choirs will meet for the first time on **Sunday, August 24 at 5:15 pm** (right before the Ice Cream Social). Cherub Choir will be available for children ages 4 through rising 1st grade. Children should be four years old by September 1 in order to participate in this choir this year. Junior choir is for children who will be in the 2nd through 6th grades this fall. Parents should receive a packet of information in the mail which will include information about choirs, a choir calendar for 2008-09, a volunteer information/sign up sheet, and a registration card for each Children's Choir member. This packet should be received prior to Aug. 24 so that the registration cards may be brought to the first meeting on Aug. 24. If you have not received a packet by August 21, please contact Patsy Black at the church office (803) 547-5543. We had a great year last year and are looking forward to starting back. We are looking for some new faces among our returning ones, so please make one of these choirs an important part of your church experience and involvement here at Unity!

PW "Thank Offering" Covered Dish Dinner

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall



All women of Unity are invited to attend this annual "covered dish" dinner. We will introduce our new Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team and collect and dedicate our annual Thank Offering. Our Thank Offering gifts help both domestic and international recipients, prayerfully chosen by the PCUSA Creative Ministries Offering Committee, find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development, and needs of women and children. We hope that you will join us as we begin our new Circle year with this PW tradition.

Sunday Mornings

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:50 am	Church School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service

Staff Email Addresses

Most of the staff at Unity has recently transitioned to new email addresses. Please update your contacts to reflect the following:

Jeannie Bickett	JBickett@UnityFortMill.org
Patsy Black	POBlack@UnityFortMill.org
Debbie Butler	DSButler@UnityFortMill.org
John Garver	JGarver@UnityFortMill.org
Dan Holloway	RDHolloway@UnityFortMill.org
Doris Lee	DELee@UnityFortMill.org
Gina Mitchell	GMitchell@UnityFortMill.org
Lynn Ringley	LHRingley@UnityFortMill.org
Megan Watson	MGWatson@UnityFortMill.org

Please be sure your contact information is correct for the following:

Linda Bunge	jlbunge@comporium.net
Brynne Fisher	brynne@yourcardsolution.com

Cookies & Snacks needed for August 19 Blood Drive

We are in need of cookies and other snacks (such as trail mix) on Tuesday, August 19 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 August 17.

Disciple Leader Training

Are you interested in serving as Leader of the Disciple Bible study? Join us on Sunday, August 17 at 7:00 pm for "Disciple Leader Training" by Megan Watson. Contact Megan at 547-5543 or via email at mgwatson@unityfortmill.org for more information.

Women's Retreat

Registration for Unity's Presbyterian Women's Retreat, scheduled for September 12 to 14 in Montreat, is CLOSED. We will take names for a waiting list. Please contact Karen Steika at 548-8738 or via email at steikan@comporium.net, or Stephanie Nix at 547-5961 or via email at snix@comporium.net with questions.

Habitat for Humanity

Unity has committed to provide workers and food for the next home being built by Habitat for Humanity of York County. The home will be built in Clover. Our work day will be Saturday, September 6. We should be working on the outside and inside of the house, and workers of all skill levels, age 16 and older, are needed. Call the church office or contact Steve Hardy at 547-2042 or via email stevehardy59@yahoo.com to sign up.

Building Fund Memorial

In Memory of: Given By:

Jeff Kimbrell Tom and Jane Culp

August Adult Sunday School

The Christian Education Team invites all adults to consider attending the following Sunday School classes in August:

August 17:

- "Names for God in the Bible" led by Emma Doughty, in the Fellowship Hall
- *Connections*: Prospective new members are invited to this informative 4 week class, in Room 312
- "Practices of Faith: Silence, Prayer and Holy Reading" (based on the book by Episcopalian lay leader Norvene Vest) led by Reverend Janet Alford in the FH Parlor. All are invited; this class will be helpful to Disciple participants.

August 24:

- "Should the US invade Iran?" led by Murray White in the Fellowship Hall
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THANK YOU from Unity's RAIN Teams

"Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone ... when she got there, the cupboard was bare, and so the poor dog had none."

This was the nursery rhyme that went through our minds as we entered the RAIN closet last week. The shelves were bare. **THANK YOU** to all of you who donated items for the RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) Closet. Collections were taken during Vacation Bible School and during the month of July. These donations included items essential to daily living, and thanks to you, the shelves at the Closet are no longer empty. Greg Jarrell, liaison to Unity's RAIN Teams, expressed appreciation by noting ... *"Thanks so much to all of the Unity folks that assist with this! In our current economic state, the items that you collect are more and more difficult for our clients to access. We are experiencing more and more demand, and so it has been difficult to fill the shelves lately. Thanks so much for your work in helping our neighbors living with HIV."*

Medical Supplies

The Health Ministries Team maintains a **medical equipment supply closet** with donated items such as wheel chairs, hospital beds, portable bedside commodes, toilet risers, shower chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, and other items. Please contact the church office at 547-5543 if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items.

Lost

A small black case containing hearing aids was lost on Sunday, August 10. If found, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Found

If you have lost glasses at church, please come by and check our "found area"

Dear Unity friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and concern at this difficult time. They mean so much to us. Sincerely, *Gina Mitchell and Jessica Law*

Newsletter Publication

Deadline: Sunday, Aug. 17 at 6 pm for Issue Date: Thurs., Aug. 21
Submit information to: Brynne Fisher via email at: brynne@yourcardsolution.com.
Unity News returns to an every week publication beginning publication date August 21. Note the deadline for upcoming issues of *Unity News*:

Deadline: Sun. Aug. 24 at 6 pm for Issue date: Aug. 28

Church Picnic September 7, 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.

Sunday Morning Service August 17, 2008

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am
 Infants Barbara Bergvist
 2's & 3's Ronda Williams
 11:00 am
 Infants Robin Morris and Susan Bullard
 2's & 3's Emily Morris

Greeters

8:45 am Lou Wylie
 11:00 am Debbie Matthews

Ushers

8:45 am Brenda Marshall, Jimmy Rea, Sandy Rea,
 Patrick White, Harper White
 11:00 am Mary Sue McGrath, Jeff Shouse, Steve Turner,
 Betty Carter, Phillip Carter, Bill Reigel, Ron Ringley

Welcome Center

8:45 am James Bunge
 11:00 am John Welker

Happy Birthday!



August	22	David Best, Taylor Bunge, Alexandra Cordozo, Mia Davis
	23	Edward Ewers, Winona Kennedy, Angie McCrae, Wade Scott
	24	Lexi Bates, Bratton Epps, Skyler Grove, Anna Thies, Julie Wells
	25	Lucille Lee
	26	Samantha Bowen, Carolyn Elisha, Lucille Ray, Mary Shouse, Catherine Tedford
	27	Grayson Ainsley, Matthew Bowman, Billy Bradford, Chelsea Grove, Jason Kessler, Madelyn Weeks
	28	Caroline Bowen, Anne Mack, Brent Miller, Megan Watson
	29	Don Reichenbach, Alan Schaefer
	30	Sis Moredock, Jean Thies
	31	Kristen Hill, Dena Kelly, Reid Lancaster, Lynn Ringley, Diane Yarborough

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

Attendance & Offering August 3, 2008

8:45 am:	147
11:00 am:	175
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	322
Sunday School:	134
Regular Offering:	\$21,847.33
Building Fund:	\$24,508.51

Unity has no debt as of October 10, 2007.

Attendance & Offering August 10, 2008

8:45 am:	105
11:00 am:	174
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	279
Sunday School:	110
Regular Offering:	\$7,180.90
Building Fund:	\$3,972.00

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Prayers of Concern

- The family of Floride Nims Blackmon in her death
- Bette Jo Culp
- Ronnie and Doris Dunn and family in the death of her mother
- Danny and Dorothy Gambrell and family in the death of her sister-in-law
- Jean McManus' sister
- Gina Mitchell and family in the death of her grandson
- Patrick and Jamie White and family in the death of her grandmother
- Millie Williams

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Year-to-Date Income and Expense Report

YTD Income:	\$495,119.00	YTD Expense:	\$486,765.00
<i>Through July 2008</i>		<i>Through July 2008</i>	

Email Addresses

If your email address has changed, or if you are unsure if the Church Office has your correct email address, please contact the Church Office.

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Member address label

Return Service Requested

August 14, 2008

Dear Friends,

Sunday, August 24, is our annual Ice Cream Social at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are still looking for several more families that would be willing to share a churn or two of homemade ice cream with others in their church family. Please call the church office if you are willing to do this. This is typically a very big event for our church, and lots of help is needed to make it work.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Please remember as well the Bloodmobile on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 19. There is a critical need for blood in the summer months, and this year is no exception. By giving an hour of your time you can give the gift of life. I plan to do so, and hope you will join me. See you there!

In Christ's Service,
Dan