



Annual Ice Cream Social

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

It's Ice Cream Social time! All are invited! We want to see you there!

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.

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 Suratt 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.

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.

August Adult Sunday School

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

August 24:

- "Should the US invade Iran?" led by Murray White 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.

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

Sunday Mornings

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

Adult Bible Study

All adults are invited to consider a Wednesday morning Bible study. Beginning on Wednesday, August 27, through Wednesday, May 20, this Bible study group will meet from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in Room 210. The group will study the Gospel of Matthew and selected Psalms.

Children in Worship Orientation

Children in Worship will begin September 7 for children who are entering 4 year old preschool (must be 4 by September 1), Kindergarten and First Grade. Please note upcoming important dates:

- Sunday, August 24:
CIW Parent Orientation at 5:15 pm in Room 102
- Sunday, September 7:
CIW Parent Orientation during both services in Room 102.
- CIW will begin with Children on Sunday, September 7.

What is Children in Worship?

After the Children's Sermon during both worship services, children from the ages of preK-4 through 1st grade are invited to participate in this very special worship experience. Children are taught Bible stories, using interactive props to act out Bible stories related to the Bible lessons. This worship experience allows young children to learn about the importance of worship and prepares them to worship appropriately in church.

T-Shirts

Unity t-shirts that were ordered during the Capital Campaign are now in! These include white or grey (both youth and adult) as well as youth sizes in light blue. Please plan to pick your shirts up at the church as soon as possible. All orders have been bagged and labeled by family name and are located in the 4th Grade Sunday School room on the main floor near the administrative offices. If your label shows you have a balance due, please leave cash or a check payable to UPC with Megan Watson. All orders will be available for pick up **until Sunday, September 21st**. Any orders not picked up by that time will be refunded (if money was pre-paid) and made available to other church members for purchase. We have a limited number of additional shirts available for purchase in all three colors and in both youth and adult sizes. Remember, all earnings will go back to the Capital Campaign as a donation from our youth groups, so please support their efforts! Contact Megan Watson mgwatson@unityfortmill.org if you would like buy one/more.

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.

Wedding

Patrick Thomasson and Ashley Bumgardner will be married on Saturday, August 23 at the Ryan Nicholas Inn in Simpsonville, SC. Patrick is the son of Carter and Dixie Thomasson and the nephew of Tom and Joan Thomasson. The couple will live in Greenville, SC.

Presbyterian Women Update

All women of Unity are invited to join Presbyterian Women (PW) in its work, worship and fellowship. PW meets monthly in Circles and maintains ongoing activities such as Bible Study, devotions, celebration giving, and special ministries to the congregation and the community. Our Circles are a way to assure members of love and support as they seek to serve in and beyond the church. The following five Circles meet either the first Monday or Tuesday of each month beginning this September through May:

Circle Name	Meeting Time	Meeting Day & Location	Circle Chairs
Love & Friendship*	3:45 pm	Monday – FH Parlor	Terri Turner & Marion Woodson
Tony Dehler	7:00 pm	Monday – FH Parlor	Linda Hollandsworth & Dannie Vaughn
YANSY**	10:00 am	Tuesday – Room 210	Regina Bryson
Mary and Martha***	10:00 am	Tuesday – Member's Homes	June Barnett & Liz Vierstra
Circle of Friends	7:00 pm	Tuesday – FH Parlor	Miranda Hopkins

* Love & Friendship will have their first meeting on Monday, September 8.

** YANSY will have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 9 *at a new time of 10:00 am*.

*** Mary and Martha will have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 2 at the home of Vera Reid, 1947 Old Nation Road, Fort Mill.

We hope that you will consider joining a Circle this year. If you have any questions about PW or are interested in joining a Circle, please contact Brenda Mullis at 547-6056 or via email at brenmullis@yahoo.com or Lois Edwards at 548-0526 or via email at r_edwards@comporium.net.

IHN Golf for Good

The annual IHN Golf for Good Tournament, hosted by Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 1:00-6:00 pm at Pinetuck Golf Course. The tournament will be a Captain's Choice with a shot-gun start. The registration fee is \$60 for an individual or \$200 for a foursome. The fee covers the green fees, cart, and snacks. We are also seeking hole sponsors. Please let Jennifer Coye at the York County IHN office (803.329.2456) know if your business is willing to sponsor a hole. The sponsorship costs are \$100 a hole or \$275 for a hole and a foursome. Registration forms are available in the church office or on our web site. All of the proceeds from participants and hole sponsors will go directly to the IHN operating budget. Join us as we golf for a great cause!

Unity Preschool "Apple Tree"

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women

What is Unity Preschool? Unity Preschool is a weekday extension of the Christian education ministry at Unity. This year 36 children, ages 2, 3 and 4, will participate in our Christ-centered program.

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. The donations we receive help make our small budget go a long way. 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 so thankful for Presbyterian Women's sponsorship again this year!

How can I help? Please take a card off the apple tree for the item(s) you are interested in purchasing and return it to one of the collection boxes in the fellowship hall or church office anytime through **September 14**. Please contact Lynn Ringley at 547-5543 or via email at lhingley@unityfortmill.org if you have any questions.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TEAM

Are you interested in joining Unity's Disaster Preparedness Team? The ministry of disaster preparation, mitigation and response is an active and ongoing program of our denomination. We are starting a new and exciting team at Unity in conjunction with other churches in our Presbytery. If you are curious about what we will be doing from a congregational point of view, we invite you to join us. Contact Sharon Cole at 548-2038 or via email at leeandsharon@comporium.net

Sunday Morning Service August 24, 2008

Nursery *Coordinator: Lynn Ringley*

8:45 am
 Infants Michelle Batchelor
 2's & 3's Jake Gaulden
 11:00 am
 Infants Lauren Lochel and Anne Cardozo
 2's & 3's Brandi Spratt

Greeters

8:45 am Stormy Young
 11:00 am Emily Morris

Ushers

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

Welcome Center

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

Happy Birthday!



Sept.	2	Bob Martin, Leslee Walser
	3	Butch Martin, Cathy Schaefer
	4	Annie Case, Maddison Hall, Ginni Stroup
	5	Judy Ballentine, Chauncey Bower, Helen Cook, Danny Gambrell, Melissa Granger, Amanda Schuermann
	7	Joyce Fowler
	8	Jim Campbell, Edie Taylor

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

Nursery Pagers

There are a few pagers missing from the Nursery. We are sure this is an accidental oversight by busy parents and grandparents. Please take a moment to check diaper bags and purses for nursery pagers. If found, they can be dropped off in the Nursery, *no questions asked.*

Attendance & Offering August 17, 2008

8:45 am:	122
11:00 am:	245
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	367
Sunday School:	113
Regular Offering:	\$13,898.11
Building Fund:	\$4,027.80

Unity has no debt as of October 10, 2007.

Youth Group Parent Meeting

Parents of Junior and Senior High Youth Groups are invited to an orientation meeting on Sunday, August 24 at 5:15 in the Sanctuary. This will be an opportunity to get important information and an overview on youth group events, schedules, and opportunities for 2008-09. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions, fill our important information forms, and to sign up for much needed volunteer service spots. This is going to be a great year for Unity's Youth Groups. Please plan to be a part of it!

Building Fund Memorial

In Memory of: **Given By:**

Jeff Kimbrell Tom and Jane Culp

Prayers of Concern

- Kim Hart's father
- Bobby and Bitsey Martin and family in the death of her father
- Dee Poole
- Don and Suzanne Thomas and family in the death of her brother
- Scott Watson's mother

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

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.

Newsletter Publication

Deadline: Sunday, Aug. 24 at 6 pm
for Issue Date: Thurs., Aug. 28
 Submit information to:
 Brynne Fisher via email at:
brynne@yourcardsolution.com

Note the next deadline:
Deadline: Sun. Aug. 31 at 6 pm
for Issue date: Sept. 4

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Return Service Requested

August 21, 2008

Dear Friends,

Sunday, August 24, is a busy day for Unity. Please note the following opportunities scheduled:

- **9:50 am Adult Sunday School classes**
The *Connections* class for prospective new members will meet in Room 312. Murray White will lead a fascinating discussion "*Should the US invade Iran?*" in the Fellowship Hall. The Reverend Janet Alford will lead a class on "*Practices of Faith: Silence, Prayer and Holy Reading*" in the FH Parlor. **Children's classes will meet as regularly scheduled.**
- **5:15 pm Children in Worship Parent Orientation in Room 102**
- **5:15 pm Children's Choir**
This is the first meeting of the year. The Cherub Choir will meet in Room 208, while the Junior Choir will meet in the Choir Room.
- **5:15 pm Youth Group Parent and Youth Orientation Meeting**
This meeting will be in the Sanctuary
- **6:00 pm Annual Ice Cream Social.**
EVERYONE is invited. This is a wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship, and food. Join us in the Fellowship Hall. I would love to see everyone there.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

In Christ's Service,