



## Christmas Music Opportunities

*Please plan to join us for this special music event during Advent.*



### Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16

During both worship services

Sanctuary

The full Chancel Choir will provide music, as Dan and Jeannie read scripture readings celebrating Advent.



*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

## Christmas Memorials and Honorariums



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS may be made again this year in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out a red pew card if you wish to give a gift and place it in the offering plate, along with a check made payable to Unity Presbyterian. You may also call the church office at 547-5543 or email [dsbutler@comporium.net](mailto:dsbutler@comporium.net). These will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **The deadline is December 17.**

## Unity Post

Circle of Friends is once again sponsoring Unity's Christmas Post, located in the entrance of the Fellowship Hall. All you need to do is place Christmas cards addressed to Unity's members in the alphabetized boxes (first letter of the last name,) and deposit your postage donation in the appropriate container. If you forget to deposit your postage when delivering cards, you are welcome to put a check in the offering plate (be sure to designate "for Unity Post" on the memo line). Be sure to check regularly for cards sent to you. Please take advantage of this—it is a convenience for you, and all proceeds are designated for needy families.



## Unity Playgroup



You are invited to a "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" on Friday, December 14, at 10:00 am in the Toddler Nursery Room. We will have crafts, games, stories and even a special birthday treat. Please join us as we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bunge at [jlbunge@comporium.net](mailto:jlbunge@comporium.net) or (803) 547-9898.

## Christmas Eve Worship Services

**Join us for our traditional, candlelight worship services on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2007.**

4:00 pm	Nurseries and Children in Worship will be available, soloists will provide music
6:00 pm	Nurseries and Children in Worship will be available, full Chancel Choir will provide music
11:00 pm	NO Nurseries, NO Children in Worship, soloists will provide music

**Communion will be served at all three services.**



## Lunch Bunch Christmas Party

Come and join us for the Annual Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 17 at 12 noon. Our special guests will be the *Kudzu Kuzins*, a bluegrass group, who will entertain us with a variety of musical selections. All adults are invited – this is not an exclusive group! Bring a covered dish of any type and join us! All adults are welcome for this wonderful time of food, fellowship, special music!

## Nursery

WANTED: Loving arms and a playful spirit to entertain Unity's youngest children during the 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24. We need help in both the infant and toddler nurseries during these times. Please contact Linda Bunge via email at [jlbunge@comporium.net](mailto:jlbunge@comporium.net) or 547-9898 if you are available to help us. Thanks so much.

## IHN Christmas Gifts

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift that is also a good cause? Well, we have a couple of great ideas. The York County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) has created a community cookbook. The cookbook includes recipes from members of the churches that support IHN. The cost of the cookbook is only \$10. Another great gift is the IHN Entertaining Angels Christmas CD. The CD features local musicians, including Patsy Black. The cost for the CD is \$15. However, if you buy both the cookbook and a CD, the total cost is only \$20.

If you would like to buy either of these items, please contact Anne Weeks, Robin Morris or inquire at the church office.

## What are those ornaments on the tree in the Fellowship Hall??

We are so glad you asked!! This past summer during Sunday School the children of Unity made ornaments that are both beautiful and educational. These ornaments are colorful folk-art Jesse tree ornaments. Jesse trees are decorated with ornaments that remind us of the people who came before Jesus in the faith family and waited for Jesus. The tree gets its name from Jesse, King David's father. During a time when the nation had been defeated and was living in captivity in Babylon, the prophet Isaiah said, "a shoot will grow out of the stump of Jesse." In other words, even when God's people look as dead and hopeless as an old stump, we still have God's promise that new life can come from an old stump. So, head down to the Fellowship Hall to check out all the beautiful ornaments the children of our church have made.

## Moving

Dear Unity Church family,  
It is with mixed emotions that we announce that we will be moving to Franklin, Tennessee on December 28. Melody has accepted a position with AIG American General Insurance Company in Nashville, as we are excited for the opportunity. However, we are deeply saddened to be leaving Fort Mill and the wonderful friends we have made at Unity. You will not be forgotten! Our new address is:

143 Keller Trail  
Franklin, TN 37064

Merry Christmas to everyone!

*Vann and Melody Martin*

## Christmas Communion

The Session would like to extend the opportunity to all Elders, past and present, to assist in serving Communion during the Christmas season. There are a number of opportunities in which to help. There will be three Christmas Eve services on December 24: 4 pm, 6 pm, and 11 pm, during which Communion will be shared. During the week before Christmas, the Pastors and Elders share Communion with many home bound, nursing home, assisted living, and retirement village congregational members. If you are interested in serving and sharing Communion as an Elder during this time, please contact Amanda Masters, Clerk of Session at (803) 548-6353, or sign up on line at the Unity Website. (Communion to home bound members will be coordinated at various times through Jeannie Bickett.) This is an important and meaningful ministry.

## Unity Cookbooks

Looking for a Christmas Gift for that hard-to-buy-for person? Consider the "Unity Cookbook", which includes recipes featured in our recent International Dinner. There is a limited number available for purchase in the church office for \$6. Please make your check payable to "Presbyterian Women."

## From the Financial Secretary

To ensure the deductibility of your church contribution(s), do not file your 2007 income tax return until you have received an acknowledgement of your contribution(s) from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means a check deposited in the church offering in January 2008 cannot be deducted in 2007 even if it is back-dated to 2007. One exception— checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2007 are deductible in 2007, even if not received until 2008. Please contact the John Garver or Doris Lee in the church office (803) 547-5543 if you have questions.

## Summer Mission

Unity members will join a group from Grace Presbyterian Church on a trip to Honduras July 17-26, 2008. The group will be constructing new concrete block homes for the community of Nuevo San Isidro, in the western part of Honduras. An informational meeting will be held at Unity on Jan. 8, 2008 in Room 312 at 7 pm. If you have questions before the meeting, please contact Joyce Sullivan at 547-6561 or by email at [jsullivan@comporium.net](mailto:jsullivan@comporium.net)

## Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Gertrude Huntley	Tim and Ruth McCrary	Ken Stokes	Murray and Joyce White
	Monk and Annie Case		Joe and Zeta Sistare
	Joe and Zeta Sistare	Cam Grice	Rod and Peg Snider
Becky Parsons	Joe and Zeta Sistare		Joe and Zeta Sistare
Kurt Wissing	Murray and Joyce White	Frank Burke	Tom and Marlene Beaty

## December Hosting of IHN

As Christmas draws near, we begin to think of gifts. Unity will host our next group of families during the week of December 16 to 23. We will have three or four temporarily homeless families staying in our Youth Wing each night during this week. Many volunteers are needed to support this important mission program. With only a few hours of investment, you can make a difference in the lives of a homeless family by providing dinner, staying overnight, providing transportation, providing supplies, buying groceries, setting up the classrooms, or by washing linens when the families leave our church. What a wonderful Christmas gift! If you are willing to help these families make a new beginning, please contact Robin Morris or Anne Weeks through the church office (803) 547-5543. Thank you for all you do to serve Christ by serving others.

### Sunday Morning Service December 16, 2007

<b><u>Nursery</u></b>		<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	
<i>Nursery Coordinator:</i> Linda Bunge		8:45 am	Steve Gribble
8:45 am Infants	Donna Diedrich, Brenda Marshall with David	11:00 am	Mott Hutchison and Gene Ballard
2's & 3's	Cathy Schaefer	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	
11:00 am Infants	Debbie Matthews, Leslee Walser	8:45 am	Ted Matthews, Jim Bickett, Ellen Bickett, Jeff Bowyer, Ron Mullis
2's & 3's	Linda Hollandsworth	11:00 am	Stewart Nix, Kim Price, Susan Benfield, Bill Fenton, Chuck Epps, Cindy Epps, Mike Jamison
<b><u>Children in Worship</u></b>		<b><u>Welcome Center</u></b>	
8:45 am 4's	Jennifer Bowman, Vereen Brown	8:45 am	Mike Brown
5's & 6's	Becca Bowyer, Beth Windell	11:00 am	Joe Swinford
11:00 am 4's	Dawn Rackley, Margaret Macaulay		
5's & 6's	Tammie Welch, Tricia Gupton		

## *Happy Birthday!*

- December 17 Davis Chuck, John McCrae, Shirley Williamson  
 19 Reba Anderson, Elizabeth Coles  
 20 Barbara Lore, Jim Thies  
 21 Rob Bullard, Mattie Dressel, Mary Hallett  
 22 Gabriela Chinchilla, Jane Hudson, Maxine Nesbitt, Jeanie Whitten



### Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Dec. 20  
**Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 16, 6 pm**  
 Submit information to: Brynne Fisher at [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com).  
 This is the final newsletter of 2007. The first newsletter of 2008 will have a deadline of Sunday, December 30, 2007 and will be dated Thursday, January 3, 2008.

### Prayers of Concern

- Mary Lay and Robert Derrick and family in the death of his sister
  - Jeff Kimbrell
  - Debbie Morris and family in the death of her infant granddaughter
- Please continue to remember those with special needs.*

### Joys

We rejoice with Rick and Becky Diak and family in the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Rose Licata.

### Attendance & Offering December 9, 2007

8:45 am:	187
11:00 am:	254
Unity Hall:	8
Total Worship Attendance:	449
Sunday School:	199
Regular Offering:	\$14,090.00
Building Fund:	\$2,305.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

### 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

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**Fort Mill, SC 29715**

**Permit #23**

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[www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org)

*Member address label*

*Return Service Requested*

**December 13, 2007**

**Worship**

**December 16, 2007**

*The Chancel Choir will lead us in  
the Service of Lessons and Carols at  
both 8:45 am and 11:00 am.*

*Dear Friends,*

This Sunday we will continue the celebration of the Advent season with our annual service of Lessons and Carols at both worship services. For those who may be new to our congregation, this service includes scripture lessons that tell the Christmas story, and features music by our Chancel Choir. Many in our congregation look forward to this service all year, and we expect a good number of folks to be present for both services. I know you join me in thanking the choir for all their hard work in preparation for this service.



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

Also remember that we will welcome guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network to our church on December 16. Our guests will be with us for one week, and there is still a need for additional help in hosting them. Please contact Robin Morris or Ann Weeks for more information.

Finally, a Capital Funds Committee has been formed in response to the Congregational vote to secure funding for a new sanctuary. Members of that committee are Jessie Little, Bill Hood, Bob Mobley, Steve Chase, Emma Doughty, Vaughan Batchelor, Scott Watson, and Robin Morris. Please hold these folks in your prayers as they carry out this important responsibility.

*In Christ's Service,  
Dan*