



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

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, Junior Choir 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.

Sunday Mornings

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

Angels and RAINdeer

The Mission Outreach Ministries Team wishes to thank everyone who participated in the Angel/RAINdeer project this year. Your generosity provided Christmas gifts for 19 families (66 people) and 42 RAINdeer families in our community. May you receive a very special blessing for sharing during this holiday season!

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.



Sunday School

YES! There will be regular Sunday Church School classes on Sunday, December 23. We hope to see YOU there.

Fifth Sunday Breakfast Sunday, December 30 10 am

Join us for a light breakfast and fellowship on in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School classes. We hope to see you there.

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 or 547-9898 if you are available to help us.

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 backdated 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.

Communion

When we celebrate Holy Communion this Christmas Eve, you may notice a difference in the communion bread. Our communion bread bakers will be using a new recipe, borrowed from the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk, NC. They received the recipe from one of their former members, Zane Fisher, who in turn received it from another church. The recipe is believed to be over 100 years old.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the Unity Presbyterian Church staff



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.

First Priority

A volunteer is needed to lead the First Place weight-loss program to start in January. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Marion Woodson at 547-5229 or email mwoodson@comporium.net

Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008
Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 30, 6 pm
Submit information to: Brynne Fisher at 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.

Congratulations Graduates

John McIntyre, son of Paul and Pam McIntyre, will graduate from Clemson University on December 20.
Alison McKinney, daughter of Sara Jo McKinney, graduated from Winthrop University on December 15.
Will Pietkiewicz, son of Martha Pietkiewicz, will graduate from Clemson University on December 20.

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 January 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

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."

Dancing with the Stars!

We are looking for female dancers, age kindergarten and older (including adults) to perform a praise dance at our Mother*Daughter*Sister*Friend Luncheon on Sunday, March 9, 2008. Jill Luzzi, a ballet, pointe and lyrical dance instructor from *Just Dancin'* studio in Rock Hill will lead this dance group. We anticipate three one-hour practices on Sunday afternoons in January/February. Please contact Marion Woodson 547-5229 if you are interested or email mwoodson@comporium.net.

Save the Date—March 9, 2008

Please plan to join us as we "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" at our 14th annual Mother*Daughter*Sister*Friend luncheon on Sunday, March 9, following the 11:00 am service. More details will be available in early 2008. We hope you will join us!

Welcome New Members

Kim Kniska
Hannah and David Gresham
1147 Windsong Bay Lane
Fort Mill, SC 29708
(803) 802-5883

Herbert and Joan Reid
173 Richard's Landing Drive
Rock Hill, SC 29730
(803) 329-7303

Mark and Ashley Schemine
Kathryn, Katelynn, and Kamryn
880 Hickory Stick Lane
Fort Mill, SC 29715
(803) 548-0695

Joe and Beth Simmons
Hannah
703 Rock Lake Glen
Fort Mill, SC 29715
(803) 417-6729

Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Becky Parsons	Ray and Jane Gowin
Cam Grice	Steve and Marcia Hardy
	Tom and Marlene Beaty

Youth Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Becky Parsons	Stormy and Chari Young
Sarah Derrick Pedersen	
	Stormy and Chari Young

**Sunday Morning Service
December 23, 2007**

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge
 8:45 am Infants Patty Barron and Vereen Brown
 2's & 3's Annsley Banks
 11:00 am Infants Vonda Miller and Brent Miller
 2's & 3's Ashley Groot

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Tammie Welch, Wyndia Havnaer
 5's & 6's Becca Bowyer, Gretchen Whitesell
 11:00 am 4's Lorie Lower, Kristy Ainsley
 5's & 6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin

Greeters

8:45 am Patty Barron
 11:00 am Lee and Sharon Cole

Ushers

8:45 am Ted Matthews, Jim Bickett,
 Ellen Bickett, Jeff Bowyer, Ron Mullis
 11:00 am Stewart Nix, Kim Price, Susan Benfield,
 Bill Fenton, Chuck Epps, Cindy Epps,
 Mike Jamison

Welcome Center

8:45 am Mike Brown
 11:00 am Joe Swinford

**Sunday Morning Service
December 30, 2007**

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley
 8:45 am Infants Doris Dunn and Dannie Vaughn
 2's & 3's Travis Williams
 11:00 am Infants Robin Morris w/ Emily, Cathy Weaver
 2's & 3's Ronda Williams

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's To Be Determined this week
 5's & 6's Tammie Welch, Beth Windell
 11:00 am 4's Ginny Munson, Kristy Ainsley
 5's & 6's Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher,
 Wyndie Havnaer

Greeters

8:45 am Mary Windell
 11:00 am Barry Wells and Katy Whitesell

Ushers

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Happy Birthday!

December	24	Bill Ross, Louie Smith
	25	Mike Hill, Helen Knyfd, Tara League
	26	Regina Bryson, Sue Campbell, Caroline Honeycutt, Terri Runyon, Alex Ussery, Peggy White
	27	Stephanie Ewers, Grace Howell, Bob Lore
	28	Taylor Grayson, Heather Honeycutt, Jack McCullough, Pam McIntyre
	29	Norm Ballmer, Courtney Batchelor, Ryan Rush, Melanie Sharpless, Bill Weaver
	30	Harvey Ellen Choate, Camille Hugg
	31	Jeff Hall, Bob Martin, Ian Stokes
January	1	Michelle Batchelor, Gabriella Stader-Campbell
	2	Harrison Lancaster, Bruce Marshall, Ronda Williams
	3	Colby Hice, Mary Sue McGrath, Trudie Robertson
	4	Helen Hefner, Todd Scott
	5	Anna Carroll, Pug Hollis, Christine Honeycutt, John Whitten
	6	Teri Couchenour, Williams Epps, Paul Muenow, Linda Weaver, Todd Wright
	7	Carolyn Martin, Joe Sistare
	8	Amy Bocholis, Greg Hill, Mark Masters
	9	Jay Gaither, Ray Gowin, Carson Hall, Tommy Wilson

**Attendance & Offering
December 16, 2007**

8:45 am:	279
11:00 am:	297
Unity Hall:	38
Total Worship Attendance:	614
Sunday School:	246
Regular Offering:	\$35,195.70
Building Fund:	\$2,690.00

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

Prayers of Concern

- Brad Kay
- Joanne and Bill Kimbrell and family in the death of his sister
- Jeff Kimbrell
- David Neel's mother
- John and Carla Schoenmaker and family in the death of her aunt
- Don Thomas
- Ann White

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Missed Birthday

Happy Birthday to Matt Lindenburg on December 21. We missed listing this in the last newsletter.

Happy belated birthday to Stephanie Fries, whose birthday was on November 13. We missed this in the November 1 newsletter.

Our apologies for missing these birthdays.

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Return Service Requested

December 20, 2007

Worship

December 23, 2007

Dan's Sermon:

"A Father's Story"

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 80: 1-7

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 1: 18-25

Dear Friends,

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, let me express the gratitude of our whole staff for your ongoing love and support. Unity is a remarkable church because of the amazing people that constitute its membership. In a thousand different ways, you have encouraged us and upheld us in our ministries. Likewise, you have inspired us by your own devotion to Christ and His church. We feel blessed to work and serve among you, and want you to know how much we appreciate all of you.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

I look forward to celebrating the last services of this calendar year with you. Remember that our Christmas Eve services are at 4, 6, and 11 pm. There will be a nursery available at the two earlier services only. For our new members, the two earlier services tend to be very crowded, so you are encouraged to plan accordingly.

Thanks again for being the people you are. May the blessings of God rest on all of you in this Christmas season and throughout the year to come.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*