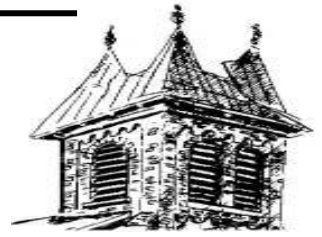


Unity News

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

Angel and RAINdeer Gifts

Special times to bring gifts to the Fellowship Hall tree will be the Christmas Joy Service this Sunday, December 9, or to the Congregational Dinner on Wednesday, December 12. Our Angel/RAINdeer families will be picking up their gifts on December 13.



Congregational Dinner

Wednesday, December 12, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Baked spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, brownies/cookies, iced tea/lemonade
Cost: \$5.00 for adults
\$3.00 for children under 10
\$20.00 max. per family unit

Please join us for food and fellowship!

Please make reservations by completing a yellow pew card and placing it in the offering plate, on-line at www.unityfortmill.org, or by calling the church office by noon on Monday, December 10.

Christmas Music Opportunities

Please plan to join us for special music events during Advent.



Christmas Joy

Sunday, December 9

6 pm

Fellowship Hall

Music provided by the Cherub and Junior Choirs



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.

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. These will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

The deadline is December 17.

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. Thanks so much.

Sunday Mornings

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

Men's Breakfast

Unity's Men are invited to a once-a-month time of home-cooked breakfast, fellowship, and devotion. The next breakfast gathering will be on Tuesday, December 11, at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. We had a great crowd last month, and we would love to see even more this month! Please join us!

Prayer Shawls

Join us for the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall Parlor. Previous experience is NOT required.

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 or (803) 547-9898.

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."

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 serving others in Christ's name.

Providence Presbytery Education Opportunity

"Immigration and the Advent of Jesus"

Immigration and the Advent of Jesus will be the topic of discussion on Monday, December 10 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, 421 Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill. The Rev. Mark Adams, son of this presbytery and missionary on the US/Mexico border, will lead our discussion. A light supper will be served. All concerned about immigration are encouraged to participate. While there is no charge for the event, you are asked to call the Presbytery Office (328-6269) if you plan to attend. You may also visit Providence Presbytery's web site through Unity's website www.unityfortmill.org.

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 John Garver or Doris Lee in the church office (803) 547-5543 if you have questions.

Bloodmobile

Unity's Bloodmobile on November 27, held in honor of Master Daniel Reeves, collected 57 pints of blood! Thanks to all who donated blood, worked at the bloodmobile, and who baked cookies for the canteen. Many cards were written to Daniel in the canteen and will be sent to his family.

Summer Mission

From July 17-26, 2008, Unity members will join a group from Grace Presbyterian Church on a trip to Honduras. 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

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.

Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Gertrude Huntley	Bob and Joan Martin	Becky Parsons	Murray and Joyce White
	Thomas and Marlene Beaty		Thomas and Marlene Beaty

Thornwell Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Gertrude Huntley	Sarah Gholson	Irene Fox Doyle	Sarah Gholson

Youth Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Gertrude Huntley	Stormy and Chari Young	Irene Fox Doyle	Stormy and Chari Young

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 Morning Service December 9, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley
 8:45 am Infants Bob Lore and Alexa Spratt
 2's & 3's Barbara Lore
 11:00 am Infants Brynne Fisher w/Layne
 2's & 3's Judi Griffin w/Abbi

Greeters

8:45 am
 11:00 am

David Coleman
 Dan and Leanne Mace

Ushers

8:45 am
 11:00 am

Ted Matthews, Jim Bickett,
 Ellen Bickett, Jeff Bowyer, Ron Mullis
 Stewart Nix, Kim Price, Susan Benfield,
 Bill Fenton, Chuck Epps, Cindy Epps,
 Mike Jamison

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Jennifer Bowman, Linda Bunge
 5's & 6's Emelia Howell, Kristain McCabe
 11:00 am 4's Amanda Masters, Ashley Groot
 5's & 6's Lori Lower, Shawn Coleman

Welcome Center

8:45 am
 11:00 am

Mike Brown
 Joe Swinford

Happy Birthday!

- December 17 Sharon Cole, Ella Knox
- 18 Lynn Bergman, Bill Boan, Brenda Campbell,
Cory Chase, Ann Hudspeth
- 19 Jerry Brady, Catherine Cole, Buddy Culp
- 20 Greg Camenisch, Paul Diedrich,
Reed Perkins, John Wolf
- 21 Bob Derrick, Emelia Howell, Ira Ussery, Jim Wilson
- 22 Matt Diedrich, Olivia Weeks
- 23 Beverly Bayne, Joe Swinford, Carter Thomasson



Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Dec. 13
Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 9, 6 pm
 Submit information to: Brynne Fisher at
brynne@yourcardsolution.com.
 Looking ahead, there will be NO newsletter the week of Christmas. The final newsletter of 2007 will have a deadline of Sunday, December 16, and will be dated Thursday, December 20. 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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Ethel Clarke
- Larry Fries sister
- Lois Grice and family in the death of her husband, Cam Grice
- Tom Horton
- Tim and Ruth McCrary and family in the death of her brother
- Harry Miller
- Julia Ringley
- Don Thomas
- Shirley Williamson

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Attendance & Offering December 2, 2007

8:45 am:	196
11:00 am:	232
Unity Hall:	7
Total Worship Attendance:	435
Sunday School:	218
Regular Offering:	\$18,966.33
Building Fund:	\$3,383.00

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

Correction

We apologize for an incorrect Prayer of Concern listed in the November 22 "Unity News".

Please keep Patsy and Larry Huntley and family in your prayers in the death of his mother.

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Return Service Requested

December 6, 2007

Dear Friends,

On Sunday night December 9, you are invited to be a part of our annual **Christmas Joy service** in the Fellowship Hall. The service begins at 6 pm and for many of us marks the official start to the celebration of the Christmas celebration at Unity.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

This service features the music of our children's choirs, as well as the reception of the Christmas Joy offering. Part of that offering goes to help retired church workers and their family members, many of whom lived on very small incomes throughout their working careers. Part of the offering also goes to provide scholarships for racial ethnic students in Presbyterian colleges and universities across the country. Our gifts provide practical help to those who need it the most.

This is also a wonderful time to bring Angel and RAINdeer gifts if you are participating in this ministry.

I look forward to sharing this annual celebration of the season with you.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*