



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

Stewardship: Sharing Abundantly

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

During the month of October, the Stewardship Ministries Team led us through our annual campaign focusing on Generations of Gratitude. As part of the campaign, Unity members made pledges of your time, talent, and treasures.

You committed to share your blessings abundantly in 2008. You have pledged to serve Christ faithfully through your time as greeters, ushers, nursery workers, youth leaders, or through the many outreach opportunities available at Unity Presbyterian Church. You committed to using the blessed gifts that you received from God—your abilities to sing, teach, lead, and nurture others. And you committed to submit your tithes and your offerings to the Unity's 2008 operating budget, fully funding the challenge budget at \$830,415.

The Stewardship Team thanks you for your responses to the call from God. We thank you for being willing to serve our members and other brothers and sisters in need. We praise you for generosity and thank God for the blessings of each member.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love abundantly!

Stewardship Ministry Team

Sunday Mornings

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

Unity Post

The Unity Post will be taken down this week, so please be sure to check in the church office for your cards. Cards will be bundled by last name and left in the church office until January 21. After that date, the cards will be donated to a charity that recycles the cards. Thank you for using Unity Post this Christmas season!



Driver Safety Program

Unity will be sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program on **February 11 and February 12, 2008**. The classes are from **1 pm to 5 pm** each day. You must attend both days to receive a certificate. **The cost is \$10.00 per person.**

The course is designed for persons 50 and over. Persons completing the course are eligible for a discount on their collision and liability premiums for a period of 3 years under SC law. The individual insurance companies determine the rate of discount.

AARP membership is not required. Individuals who completed the course in 2005 and earlier must take the course in 2008 to maintain the discount with their insurance company.

The class limit is 35. Please call the church office at 547-5543 to enroll.

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, 2008, following the 11:00 am service. More details will be available in early 2008. We hope you will join us!

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 mswoodson@comporium.net.

Ministry Opportunity

Share your extraordinary gifts! Unity will host a Hospice & Community Care Volunteer Training on Saturday, January 26 9:00 am-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for this training by calling (803) 329-1500 or 800-895-CARE.

Adult Church School Class Update

As we start afresh in the new year, three of our four adult church school classes will be studying new topics in 2008.

Across the Ages (meets in the Fellowship Hall Parlor): This class will be studying Breaking the Code, a study of the Book of Revelation by Bruce M. Metzger.

Faithbuilders (meets in Room 210, the green classroom outside the Fellowship Hall): This class will be doing a Bible Study based on the book The Gospel According to the Simpsons, by Mark Pinsky.

The Young Adult Group (meets in Room 312—The Conference Room): This class will be studying Parables from the Backside, by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Children's Choir Robes

Do you know how to sew or iron? If so, we need you to help make children's choir robes. We plan to make them in an "assembly line" manner, possibly gathering in one location for a "sewing fest" and/or taking the work to our individual homes. Our target completion date is Palm Sunday, March 16. For more information or to volunteer, please call Ann Neel at (803) 548-5449 or email her at Ann_Neel@belk.com. If you can't sew but still want to help, please contact Patsy Black about contributing money for the materials. Thank you for your stewardship!

Fruit basket turn-over time

New Supper Club Groups will be forming in the next 2 weeks. You have 2 options from which to choose: join a group of 8 who meet in each other's home; or join a group of 8 at a restaurant for "dutch treat". These groups meet once a quarter. Choose Friday or Saturday night. If you'd like to be a part of this small fun group and you haven't indicated so, or if you wish to double check that your name is on the Supper Club list, please call Ann Hudspeth (803) 547-5404. Many people did indicate "Supper Club" on the Gifts Sharing forms back in November. This notice is to catch those who missed that opportunity or whom have just decided to join. We hope you join in a Supper Club!

And now the service begins ... or continues

With memories of Advent and Christmas, and with hopes and dreams for the New Year, it is time for our church to continue its generous giving to those in need. Each January and July, Unity collects donations for the RAIN Closet. RAIN is the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, and the Closet contains items necessary for daily living provided to individuals living with HIV and/or AIDS. Bins are available in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall for collection of items such as bleach, body soap, deodorant, dish detergent, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, paper towels, razor/shaving cream, shampoo, toilet paper, and toothbrush/toothpaste. Thank you for your continued generosity as well as your ongoing prayers for Unity's RAIN teams and partners.

Providence Presbytery's E³ Event

Educating, Equipping, Empowering God's People for Ministry

Sunday, January 27, 2008

2:45 pm to 5:15 pm

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

421 Oakland Avenue

Rock Hill, SC

- What is it? *Wonderful workshops on a myriad of topics*
- Who might benefit? *Ministers, parents, educators, officers, clerks, youth leaders, children's ministry volunteers, lay leaders, etc. ALL are welcome and invited.*
- How much does it cost? *It is FREE!*

Childcare will be available by reservation only. Please contact Kathryn McGregor at (803) 328-6269 or kmcgregor@providencepres.org by Tuesday, January 22, to reserve a childcare slot.

For more specific workshop information, please visit Providence Presbytery's web site www.providencepres.org.

Presbyterian Women 2008 Honorary Life Memberships

It is time to start thinking of your nomination for the Honorary Life Member! More information will follow soon!



Sunday Morning Service January 13, 2008

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley
 8:45 am Infants Renee Stokes
 2's & 3's Caroline Ficklen
 11:00 am Infants Jan Nelson, Brenda Mullis
 2's & 3's Susan Benfield

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Michelle Kuhn, Vereen Brown
 5's & 6's Emelia Howell, Gretchen Whitesell
 11:00 am 4's Amanda Masters, Margaret Macaulay
 5's & 6's Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher,
 Jenn Greemon

Greeters

8:45 am
 11:00 am

Ushers

8:45 am

11:00 am

Welcome Center

8:45 am
 11:00 am

Jim Bickett
 Linda Turner

Steve Turner, Roger Nelson,
 Jan Nelson, Gene Roper,
 Marilyn Wilbanks
 Mary Sue McGrath, Brenda Marshall,
 Philip McNair, Ellen Bright,
 Pam Bright, Peter Bright,
 Katie Bright

Sissy Martin
 David Bowman

Happy Birthday!

January 21 Florence Bower, Jeff Burrell, H.K. Sharpless,
 Gus Sharpless
 22 Valerie Alexander, Kym Thompson
 23 Christian Fulton, Fredda Smith, Ella Sullivan
 24 Vereen Brown, Sean Lary
 25 Maggie Carroll
 26 Kellen Karr, Jimmy Knox, Marvin Smith, Scott Steele
 27 Gene Ballard, Jim Boyd, Tim Weeks



Prayers of Concern

- Tim Hawkins
- Tom Horton
- Brad Kay
- Harry Miller
- Hal and Dee Rutter's
 granddaughter
- Jaenn Smith's sister

*Please continue to remember
those with special needs.*

Attendance & Offering December 30, 2007

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| 8:45 am: | 109 |
| 11:00 am: | 192 |
| Unity Hall: | 0 |
| Total Worship Attendance: | 301 |
| No Sunday School—5th Sunday | |
| Regular Offering: | \$25,322.10 |
| Building Fund: | \$43,720.00 |

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

Attendance & Offering January 6, 2008

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| 8:45 am: | 165 |
| 11:00 am: | 254 |
| Unity Hall: | 11 |
| Total Worship Attendance: | 430 |
| Sunday School: | 244 |
| Regular Offering: | \$16,257.57 |
| Building Fund: | \$270.00 |

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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

Dear Friends at Unity,

My sincere appreciation for all your prayers, cards, concerns, memorials, and love sent to me when Buddy died and when I had my recent hospitalization. I miss you all, and want you to know that I keep you in my prayers and thank you for your continuing care. I hope you had a blessed Christmas and have a wonderful New Year!

Much love, *Sis Moredock*

Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of: Given By:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sarah Derrick Pederson | Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Nesbitt |
| Nancy Kimbrell Davis | Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Nesbitt |
| Gertrude Huntley | Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Nesbitt |

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Member address label

Return Service Requested

January 10, 2008

Dear Friends,

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 13, following both worship services to vote on changes in the financial terms of call of the ministers. The session and diaconate have approved a budget that will support these recommended changes, and support their approval. As always in the Presbyterian Church USA, the final vote on changes in terms of call belongs to the congregation.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Also on Sunday, we will ordain and install our newly elected elders and deacons. This is always a special moment in our congregational life, as a new group of leaders take their place in the great cloud of witnesses that has served our church.

Finally, thanks for your great financial support of the church in 2007 and for your commitments for 2008. We oversubscribed our 2007 budget by \$23,000, a wonderful accomplishment. And we have fully funded our 2008 budget. Well done, everyone!

In Christ's Service,
Dan