



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

Presbyterian Women

2008 Honorary Life Memberships



Nominations are being accepted for the Presbyterian Women "Honorary Life Membership" award. Each year an award is conferred upon a woman in our church in recognition and celebration of her faithful service. Please consider nominating a woman worthy of this special honor. Our 2008 honoree will be announced at the Mother*Daughter*Sister*Friend annual Luncheon to be held on Sunday, March 9. Nomination forms are available in the church office,

from Circle Chairs, and from Brenda Mullis. They are also available at our Unity website www.unityfortmill.org. The deadline for submitting a nomination to the church office is Wednesday, February 6th. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Mullis at (803) 372-9934 or email brenmullis@yahoo.com.

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.

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!

Bethelwoods Work Day

The Men's Ministry Group is working with Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in the construction of a new cabin. The slab has been poured and we are ready to start framing. A work day is scheduled for Saturday, January 26. Anyone (men, women, and youth age 16 and up) who would like to participate, please email Ken Bickett at kenbickett@bellsouth.net. If you are interested but cannot make it on January 26, please contact Ken to be put on the list for future work days.

Sunday Mornings

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

Unity Post

Please be sure to check in the church office for Christmas cards addressed to you. On January 21, any cards left in the office will be donated to a charity that recycles the cards. Thank you for using Unity Post this Christmas season!

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends will meet in the home of Toni Rush for the February meeting on February 5, at 7 pm. Please contact Toni at 802-3268 for directions.

Save the Date

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 soon.

Ministry Opportunity

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

T-Shirt Search

Do you have a t-shirt or two from Unity's *Lava Lava* VBS, offered a few years ago? We are seeking 2 *Lava Lava* t-shirts for a project and would love if someone could spare theirs. These will NOT be returned as they will become part of this project. Contact Tammie Welch (803) 547-3201.

Thanks

We want to sincerely thank the Unity family for all of the support and loving care you have shown us during Tim's ongoing battle with cancer. The prayers have been answered - Tim's cancer is in remission and there are no chemo treatments at the present time. Also, heartfelt thanks for the calls and cards in the recent death of Ruth's brother. It is a true blessing to be part of the Unity family.

Sincerely, *Ruth & Tim McCrary*

Update from the Wheelers

At year's end we can look back with a sense of 2007 being a good year, with many accomplishments both on a personal level and in our activities in Honduras. Mission teams coming to Honduras reached new heights of accomplishments in two village housing projects with the Chorti-Mayan indigenous people. Gloria's special gifts as translator, guide, planner and community worker were used to their fullest, with 15 teams coming during the first 8 months. At year's end, 60 houses had been built. Tim's role took him to Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Haiti at least twice, where he worked with national teams on improving their programs and organization. We await for the new beginning of the new year with these thoughts, "*Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord, a redeemer, a reconciler and a servant*"... and wonder of the challenges and opportunities that we all have in which we too can be reconcilers and servants to others. Perhaps our greatest personal fulfillment can come in small doses on a daily basis if we are able to do something to help someone. We give thanks for the well-being of daughters Pamela, Marsha and Grace in being able to move along with personal dedication and achievement of goals. Their presence at home for Christmas will be a special time for us all. Gloria's father, living with us, reached 95, and still likes to get up at 6 am to take a walk outside. For the most part, he is doing quite well. We wanted to let you know we are thinking of you at this time and send our wishes for peace, joy and personal satisfaction throughout the *New Year*. 2008 will take us to the U.S. during the second half of the year for mission interpretation; maybe we will be able to see you at that time.

Peace, *Tim and Gloria Wheeler*

Room at Unity Inn

There was room in the Inn – the Inn at Unity! The week before Christmas, we hosted two families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network at our church. The two families were delightful, and were enjoyed by our volunteers. Thank you for taking time during the busy week before Christmas to serve the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Once again, you demonstrated Christ's love through your time, service, and compassion. Our next hosting will be the week of March 23 – March 30. It's not too early to "claim your spot" on the volunteer schedule. Just let Anne Weeks or Robin Morris know how you'd like to assist in this outreach program.

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.

We Want YOU!

Patsy, Jeannie, Debbie, and Brynne are looking for a FEW GOOD WOMEN to join them every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for personal training and exercise with Ken Sheets. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, work very hard, and have a great time! Contact any of us for details and costs.

Exercise Instructors

The Health Ministries Team is looking for exercise instructors to lead exercise and fitness classes at Unity. If you are interested in leading such a class, please contact Marion Woodson at (803)547-5229 or via email at mwoodson@comporium.net.

Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Jerry Bootsma	Presbyterian Women
Terri Marshall's father	Presbyterian Women
Helen Benfield	Presbyterian Women
Eunice Campbell	Presbyterian Women
Gertrude Huntley	Presbyterian Women
Paul Thompson, Sr.	Presbyterian Women
Becky Parsons	Presbyterian Women

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<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Nancy Kimbrell Davis	Presbyterian Women
Kathrine Paige Morris	Presbyterian Women
Cam Grice	Presbyterian Women
Sarah Derrick Pedersen	Presbyterian Women
Kurt Wissing	Lee and Sharon Cole Presbyterian Women
Ken Stokes	Lee and Sharon Cole Presbyterian Women

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.

And now the service begins ... or continues

Each January 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 support and prayers for this mission!

Sunday Morning Service January 20, 2008

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge
 8:45 am Infants Sandy Rea
 2's & 3's Harper White
 11:00 am Infants Debbie Butler, Freda Garver
 2's & 3's Julia Benfield

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Michelle Kuhn, Ginny Munson
 5's & 6's Becca Bowyer, Gretchen Whitesell
 11:00 am 4's Amanda Masters, Kristy Ainsley
 5's & 6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin,
 Tricia Gupton

Greeters

8:45 am David Coleman
 11:00 am Lee Cole

Ushers

8:45 am Steve Turner, Roger Nelson, Jan Nelson,
 Gene Roper, Marilyn Wilbanks
 11:00 am Mary Sue McGrath, Brenda Marshall,
 Philip McNair, Ellen Bright, Pam Bright,
 Peter Bright, Katie Bright

Welcome Center

8:45 am Sissy Martin
 11:00 am David Bowman

Happy Birthday!



January	28 Bill Kimbrell, Jimmy Rea 29 Scott Couchenour 30 Sharon Simpson, Marian Strosaker, Lou Wylie, Patrick Wylie 31 David Bowman, Ken Brown, Lynn Domanski, Caitlin Hill, Eric Johnson, Jack Johnson
February	1 Kim Anderson, Andy Barbieri, Jim Cook, Ken Engle, Russell Moore, Susan Paris, Zachary Pirone, Dee Poole, Pat Proctor, Emma Smiley 2 Bob Edwards, Ben Ficklen, Terry Lowe 3 Floride Blackmon, Lucho Chinchilla, Richards McCrae, Darby Trull

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 Next Issue: Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008
Deadline: Sunday, Jan. 20, 6 pm
 Submit information to: Brynne Fisher
 via email at:
brynne@yourcardsolution.com.

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

**Attendance & Offering
January 13, 2008**

8:45 am:	162
11:00 am:	273
Unity Hall:	33
Total Worship Attendance:	468
Sunday School:	211
Regular Offering:	\$26,252.60
Building Fund:	\$1,885.00

Prayers of Concern

- Tim Hawkins
- Don Thomas

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

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www.unityfortmill.org

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Return Service Requested

January 17, 2008

Worship

January 20, 2008

Old Testament Lesson:
Isaiah 49: 1-7

New Testament Lesson:
John 1: 29-42

Dear Friends,

The Capital Funds Committee is continuing its work behind the scenes as it makes plans for our Capital Campaign this spring. Members of that committee are Vaughan Batchelor, Bill Hood, Robin Morris, Jessie Little, Scott Watson, Emma Doughty, Steve Chase, and Bob Mobley. Robin Morris and Bill Hood are serving as co-chairs of the Committee, and you will hear more from them in coming weeks. I know you will hold this group in your prayers as they do their important work.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Let me also thank you on behalf of all the ministers for your vote of confidence in the congregational meeting this past Sunday. Your continuing support for us in our shared ministries means more than you can know, and we are deeply grateful for the privilege of working with you in our shared calling from Christ.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*