



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

## Women's Retreat

Calling all ladies of Unity! Are you ready to live a *joyful* life? Maybe you want to feel more joyful, but "life" always seems to get in the way. If you are ready to find joy in life, please join us at the annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat from September 12-14 in Montreat, NC. Our Christian speaker, Andrea Haddock, will guide us through a scriptural based study of what joy is and where to find it, even during the tough times that come our way. The cost of the retreat is \$160 with half (\$80) due at registration and the remainder due by August 1. Registration forms are available online or in the church office. Space is limited, so register early to save your spot! Please contact Karen Steika at 548-8738 or via email at [steikan@comporium.net](mailto:steikan@comporium.net) or Stephanie Nix at 547-5961 or via email at [snix@comporium.net](mailto:snix@comporium.net) with questions. **Please note that there are a limited number of scholarships available. Contact Freda Garver 547-3457 for a confidential scholarship discussion.**

## Intergenerational Sunday School

The Christian Education Team invites you to the July Intergenerational Sunday School. Everyone—adults and children alike—will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School.

July 20—A visit from Abraham and Sarah

July 27—Songfest

Please come and join your fellow church members for Sunday School in July!

## New Member Shepherd Training

**Tuesday, July 22 at 2 pm or 7 pm**

Unity is blessed with many visitors and new members. A very important ministry opportunity at Unity is to assist new members in joining the Unity family and in becoming active, thriving, happy members. Do you feel called to be a part of this ministry? Join our training class to learn how you can become a shepherd to a new member. Contact Brynne Fisher (803) 547-3997 or via email at [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com) with questions.

## RAIN in July

*And now the service begins ... or continues*

Unity's RAIN teams would like to thank the participants of Unity's VBS for getting RAIN closet collections off to a great start! Unity collects items needed for the RAIN Closet each January and July. RAIN is the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, and the Closet is a component of practical care provided by Catawba Care Coalition to individuals living in York County with HIV and/or AIDS. 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 shampoo, conditioner, hair relaxant, deodorant, soap, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dishwashing detergent, bleach, paper towels, trash bags, tissue paper, bleach, dish detergent, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, paper towels, razor/shaving cream, and toilet paper. Thank you for your continued generosity, as well as your ongoing prayers for Unity's RAIN teams and partners.

## Disciple Leader Training

Are you interested in serving as Leader of the Disciple Bible study? Join us on Sunday, August 17 at 7:00 pm for "Disciple Leader Training" by Megan Watson. Contact Megan at 547-5543 or [mgwatson@unityfortmill.org](mailto:mgwatson@unityfortmill.org) for more information.

## Sunday Mornings

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:50 am	Church School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service

## Coffee Social

Visitors are invited to a Coffee Social on Sunday, July 20, at 10:00 am in Room 312. Light refreshments will be served.

## Abraham and Sarah

The Christian Education Team would like to invite you to meet some very important people from the Bible. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am this Sunday, July 20, and meet Abraham and Sarah! They will tell you their story and then you will have a chance to see how much you've learned with some activities. Hope to see everyone - children and adults - in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday to meet these guests.

## Upcoming Dates to Note

**Month of July**  
**RAIN Closet Month**

**Sunday, July 20**

10:00 am

Room 312

*Coffee Social for Visitors*

**Thursday, July 17 through Saturday, July 26**

*Adult Mission Trip to Honduras*

**Tuesday, July 22**

2pm and 7pm

Room 312

*New Member Shepherd Training Class*

## Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Mark your calendar,  
it's Ice Cream Social time!  
All are invited!

*Are you able to help?* We need LOTS of churn makers to produce churns of ice cream. If you can make 1, 2 or many, we would appreciate it. Also, we need cookies. If you are able to help, or if you have any questions: please call the church office at 547-5543, or contact Jan Nelson at 547-8132 or via email at [ryandyrjan@msn.com](mailto:ryandyrjan@msn.com)

## Medical Supplies

The Health Ministries Team maintains a **medical equipment supply closet** with donated items such as wheel chairs, hospital beds, portable bedside commodes, toilet risers, shower chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, and other items. Please contact the church office at 547-5543 if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items.

## Habitat for Humanity

Unity has committed to provide workers and food for the next home being built by Habitat for Humanity of York County. The home will be built in Clover. Our work day will be Saturday, September 6. We should be working on the outside and inside of the house, and workers of all skill levels, age 16 and older, are needed. Call the church office or contact Steve Hardy at 547-2042 or via email [stevehardy59@yahoo.com](mailto:stevehardy59@yahoo.com) to sign up.

## Mail Call

Dear Unity friends,  
Thank you very much for the calls, cards, and prayers I have received during this frustrating back pain episode. I am having some hours that are almost completely pain free, so there is improvement. I am so thankful for my friends at Unity and their support!! Progress is certainly slow and inconvenient but I am hanging in there!  
Sincerely, *Cindy Fritz*

## Disciple I Bible Study – Wednesday evenings:

Looking for an in-depth Bible Study in a small group setting? Unity is pleased to offer *Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* beginning in late August. This is a 34 week, two semester adult Bible study designed for those seeking an in-depth scriptural study in a small group setting. Disciple I will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, and taught by the Reverend Jeannie Bickett. Cost is \$30 for the Disciple study manual, and participants need a NRSV study Bible for the course. To register, please call the church office (803-547-5543) or email Megan Watson [mgwatson@comporium.net](mailto:mgwatson@comporium.net) or Jeannie Bickett at [pjbickett@comporium.net](mailto:pjbickett@comporium.net). Class space is limited.

Important dates to note:

Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 – 8:00 PM Orientation, Room 312

Wednesday, August 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM First Disciple I Class, Room 312

## Adult Sunday School Opportunities August 17 and 24

Reverend Janet Alford will be teach a two-part adult Sunday school class on Practices of the Faith: Silence, Prayer and Holy Reading (based on the book by Episcopalian lay leader Norvene Vest). All are invited; however, this class should be especially helpful to Disciple participants.

## Honduras Mission Trip Members Commissioned July 13

Unity and several other area churches are very proud to be sending a team of 21 mission workers to the Copan Ruins area of Honduras. They will be constructing houses, working side by side with the local Chorti Maya people. Concrete block houses with tin roofs will replace the stick and thatch houses they live in today. They will also be building a community building in Chonco. This is the village where Unity's Youth spent a week in mission in summer 2006, and the community building is being built on land that Unity's Youth helped purchase. Please remember the following people in the weeks to come as they give of their time, talents, and efforts in Honduras, sharing the good news of God's love for us all:

*From Unity:* Ken Bickett, Susan Bullard, Mike Fritz, Ken Hill, James Morris, Bob Sullivan, Joyce Sullivan; *from Grace:* Phil Layne, Jeff Taylor, Robin Taylor, Allison Steele, Al Steele, Susan Steele, Michelle Mathis, Keith Walters, Mary Leah Todd, Kathryn Stephens, Josh Stephens; *from Oakland Avenue:* Tina Manley, Tom Manley; *and from Indian Trail, NC:* Teresa Carey

## Building Fund Memorial

In Memory of:      Given By:

David Stewart      Stormy and Chari Young

Jeff Kimbrell      Cissy George

Harry S.  
Miller, Sr.      Cissy George

## Building Fund Honorarium

In Honor of:      Given By:

John Richards  
McCrae, IV      Stormy and Chari Young

## Newsletter Publication

**Deadline: Sunday, July 27 6 pm for Issue Date: Thurs., July 31**

Submit information to: Brynne Fisher via email at: [brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com).  
*Unity News* will begin a summer schedule of every other week publication beginning publication date June 15 through August 28. Note the deadline for upcoming issues of *Unity News*:

**Deadline: Sun., July 27  
for issue date July 31**

**Deadline: Sun., Aug. 10  
for issue date Aug. 14**

**Deadline: Sun., Aug. 17  
for issue date Aug. 21**

**Deadline: Sun. Aug. 24  
for issue date Aug. 28**

## Sunday Morning Service July 20, 2008

**Nursery** Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

8:45 am  
 Infants Sandy Rea  
 2's & 3's Cathy Schaefer  
 11:00 am  
 Infants Debbie Matthews and Ronda Williams  
 2's & 3's Tracey McCullough

**Greeters**

8:45 am Ronnie Dunn  
 11:00 am Debbie Hathaway

**Ushers**

8:45 am Philip McNair, Ronnie Dunn, Bob Young,  
 John Garver, Steve Gribble  
 11:00 am Kearns Little, Mike Mistler, Gene Ballard,  
 Debbie Hathaway, Emily Morris, Mott Hutchison

**Welcome Center**

8:45 am Alex Groot  
 11:00 am Karen Wright

## Sunday Morning Service July 27, 2008

**Nursery** Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am  
 Infants Tracy Young  
 2's & 3's Jake Gaulden  
 11:00 am  
 Infants Kathy Sizemore and Debbie Hathaway  
 2's & 3's Melanie Sharpless

**Greeters**

8:45 am Elaine Evans  
 11:00 am Mott Hutchison

**Ushers**

8:45 am Philip McNair, Ronnie Dunn, Bob Young,  
 John Garver, Steve Gribble  
 11:00 am Kearns Little, Mike Mistler, Gene Ballard,  
 Barbara Bowden, Emily Morris, Mott Hutchison

**Welcome Center**

8:45 am Alex Groot  
 11:00 am Donna Diedrich

### Happy Birthday!



July	25	Becca Bowyer, Kate Pietkiewicz, Paul Schaefer, Rachel Strunk
	26	Kim Kniska, Amy Lowe, Lynn Nolan
	27	Bobby Blackwell, Susana Chinchilla, Brielle Fox, Ginny Munson
	28	Kaylee Bergvist
	29	Heather Ilacqua, Nicole Welle
	30	Steve Gribble, Marilyn Hagood, Vann Martin, Beth Rice
	31	Matt Savage, Heather Wolf
August	1	Susan Kinsey, Jamie White
	2	Judy Cowell, Chris Detar
	3	Martha Pietkiewicz
	4	Craig Marshall, Bob Reid, Angela Sheets, Zeta Sistare
	5	Tom Beaty, Robin Carwile, Rick Fulton, Hunter Hice, Toni Rush, Eli Windham
	6	Nancy Barbieri, Ellen Bickett, Katharyne Tedford, Nancy Vanderbleek, Joyce White, Sandra White
	7	Brad Kay

### 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  
 Sis Moredock — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Summerville  
 Trudie Robertson — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton

### Prayers of Concern

- Billy Hannon
  - Betty Kimbrell
  - Bill Kimbrell
  - Homer Kirkman
  - The Mace family
  - Ira Ussery
  - Liz Vierstra's sister
  - Murray White
- Please continue to remember those with special needs.*

### Attendance & Offering July 6, 2008

10:30 am:	247
Unity Hall:	8
Total Worship Attendance:	255
No Sunday School	
Regular Offering:	\$9,340.00
Building Fund:	\$1,775.00
YTD Income	
thru June:	\$413,016.00
YTD Expense	
thru June:	\$414,267.00

*Unity has no debt as of October 10, 2007.*

### Attendance & Offering July 13, 2008

8:45 am:	100
11:00 am:	203
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	303
Sunday School: Adults:	30
Youth:	4
Children:	0
Regular Offering:	\$11,300.20
Building Fund:	\$1,150.00
Pennies for Pills:	\$1,132.00

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**July 17, 2008**

*Dear Friends,*

Churches are called to many tasks these days, but primary among those is the formation of Christian disciples. Everything we do should be dedicated to the task of shaping people in the values and practices of Jesus Christ. Decisions about ministry, finances, staff, buildings, and everything else in the congregation are centered around that basic premise. This is our calling as a Christian Church.



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

How do we form people in this way? Worship is central to that task, as is Bible study. So, also, are mission experiences that help us to serve as Jesus served. I am grateful that twenty-one people representing our church and others in our presbytery are currently serving God in mission in Honduras. Participants from our church include Bob and Joyce Sullivan, Ken Hill, Ken Bickett, Susan Bullard, James Morris, and Mike Fritz. Please hold these and all the travelers in your prayers as they serve in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ.

*In Christ's Service,*  
*Dan*