



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 or Stephanie Nix at 547-5961 or via email at 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.**

SAVE THE DATE

PW "Thank Offering" Covered Dish Dinner

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall



All women of Unity are invited to attend this annual "covered dish" dinner. We will introduce our new Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team and collect and dedicate our annual Thank Offering. Our Thank Offering gifts help both domestic and international recipients, prayerfully chosen by the PCUSA Creative Ministries Offering Committee, find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development, and needs of women and children. We hope that you will join us as we begin our new Circle year with this PW tradition.

August Adult Sunday School

The Christian Education Team invites all adults to consider attending the following Sunday School classes in August:

August 3:

- "Micah" led by Dan Holloway, in the Fellowship Hall
- *Connections*: Prospective new members are invited to this informative 4 week class, in Room 312

August 10:

- "Names for God in the Bible" Led by Emma Doughty, in the Fellowship Hall
- *Connections*: Prospective new members are invited to this informative 4 week long class, in Room 312

August 17:

- "Names for God in the Bible" led by Emma Doughty, in the Fellowship Hall
- *Connections*: Prospective new members are invited to this informative 4 week class, in Room 312
- "Practices of Faith: Silence, Prayer and Holy Reading" (based on the book by Episcopalian lay leader Norvene Vest) led by Reverend Janet Alford in the FH Parlor. All are invited; this class will be helpful to Disciple participants.

August 24:

- "Should the US invade Iran?" led by Murray White in the Fellowship Hall
- *Connections*: Prospective new members are invited to this informative 4 week class, in Room 312
- "Practices of Faith: Silence, Prayer and Holy Reading" (based on the book by Episcopalian lay leader Norvene Vest) led by Reverend Janet Alford in the FH Parlor. All are invited; this class will be helpful to Disciple participants.

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@comporium.net for more information.

Sunday Mornings

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

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Sunday, August 3 is Peanut Butter and Jelly Sunday for the Fort Mill Care Center, sponsored by the YANSY Circle. Everyone is encouraged to bring a jar of peanut butter and/or jelly to the collection boxes located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Dates to Note

Sunday, August 17

7:00 pm

Disciple Leader Training

Tuesday, August 19

3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive

Sunday, August 24

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 pm

PW "Thank Offering" Covered Dish Dinner

Sunday, August 31

No Sunday School

Fifth Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, September 7

9:45 am

Fellowship Hall

Rally Day

and

4:00 pm

Bethelwoods

Cookies & Snacks needed for August 19 Blood Drive

We are in need of cookies and other snacks (such as trail mix) on Tuesday, August 19 for people who are giving blood during our Blood Drive. Would you be willing to help out? This is a great way to help our blood drive if you are not able to give blood. Please contact the church office 547-5543, or there will be a sign up sheet available after worship on August 3, 10, and 17.

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 ryandyvjan@msn.com

IHN Summer Hosting Thank You

On June 29 – July 6, Unity hosted the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a program that serves temporarily homeless families. We were blessed with over 50 volunteers during the week, with several people participating for the first time. The family that we served was shown compassion and the love of Christ through each act of our volunteers. Unity's Coordinators, Anne Weeks and Robin Morris, thank you for your prayers and your participation in this program. Our next hosting will be the week of October 5 – 12, 2008. Please mark your calendar now so you can participate in this rewarding mission program.

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 steve-hardy59@yahoo.com to sign up.

Blood Drive Tuesday, August 19 Donors Needed

Blood saves lives—and it is always needed. Did you know that every 2 seconds in America someone needs blood? But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood, and giving blood is simple and convenient.

Unity's blood drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 19, 2008 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on August 3, 10 and 17, or contact the church office (803) 547-5543 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are not required but recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome. Our goal is 50 pints, and with your help we can make our goal!

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 or Jeannie Bickett at pjbickett@comporium.net. Class space is limited.

Important dates to note: Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 – 8:00 PM Orientation, Room 312; and Wednesday, August 27, 7:00 – 9:00 PM First Disciple I Class, Room 312

Children's Choir Starts

Unity's Children's Choirs will meet for the first time on Sunday, August 24 at 5:15 pm (right before the Ice Cream Social). Cherub Choir will be available for children ages 4 through rising 1st grade. Children should be four years old by September 1 in order to participate in this choir this year. Junior choir is for children who will be in the 2nd through 6th grades this fall. Parents should receive a packet of information in the mail which will include information about choirs, a choir calendar for 2008-09, a volunteer information/sign up sheet, and a registration card for each Children's Choir member. This packet should be received prior to Aug. 24 so that the registration cards may be brought to the first meeting on Aug. 24. If you have not received a packet by August 21, please contact Patsy Black at the church office (803) 547-5543. We had a great year last year and are looking forward to starting back. We are looking for some new faces among our returning ones, so please make one of these choirs an important part of your church experience and involvement here at Unity!

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.

Building Fund Memorial

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Lou Henry	Presbyterian Women
Caroline Olinger	Presbyterian Women
Bascom D. Cranshaw, III	Presbyterian Women
Allison Thurow	Presbyterian Women

Building Fund Memorial

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Bill Mullis	Presbyterian Women
Bill Mullis	Joe and Zeta Sistare
Ruth Smith	Joe and Zeta Sistare
Frances Robbins	Joe and Zeta Sistare

Newsletter Publication

Deadline: Sunday, Aug. 10 6 pm for Issue Date: Thurs., Aug. 14
Submit information to: Brynne Fisher via email at: 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., Aug. 17
for issue date Aug. 21**

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

Sunday Morning Service August 3, 2008

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am
 Infants Jennifer Bowman
 2's & 3's Annsley Banks
 11:00 am
 Infants Michelle Meyer and Kim Price
 2's & 3's Kim Anderson

Greeters

8:45 am Steve Gribble
 11:00 am Steve Hardy

Ushers

8:45 am Mike Brown, Jimmy Rea, Sandy Rea,
 Patrick White, Harper White
 11:00 am Mary Sue McGrath, Jeff Shouse, Steve Turner,
 Tom Spratt, Alexa Spratt, Bill Reigel, Ron Ringley

Welcome Center

8:45 am James Bunge
 11:00 am Bill Vierstra

Sunday Morning Service August 10, 2008

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am
 Infants Cynthia Keenum
 2's & 3's Renee Stokes
 11:00 am
 Infants Jan Nelson and Kristi Ainsley
 2's & 3's Ashton Wolfe

Greeters

8:45 am Ron Ringley
 11:00 am Pat McCabe

Ushers

8:45 am Philip McNair, John Garver, Sandy Rea,
 Patrick White, Harper White
 11:00 am Mary Sue McGrath, Jeff Shouse, Steve Turner,
 Betty Carter, Phillip Carter, Bill Reigel, Ron Ringley

Welcome Center

8:45 am James Bunge
 11:00 am Bill Vierstra

Happy Birthday!

August 8	Lancie Hyman, Banks McGinn
9	Sarah Macaulay, Cindy Scott
11	Bill Gaither, Holly Mularz, Tara Mummey, Frank Wallace, Hugh White
12	Krista Granger, Paige Mistler, Stewart Nix, John Oakes, Deloache Smith, Ann White
13	Anna Woodham
14	Joe McGoogan, Elizabeth Shamble, Beth Wicander
15	Paige Carwile, Michelle Kuhn, John Morris, Kelly Wilson, Mary Windell
16	Jonathan Alexander, William Alexander, Sandra Bonds, Liza Bowden
17	Pam Bright, Jeff Helms, Sean Shamble
18	Elena Bowen, Joseph Fries, Rusty Hunter, Bob Schaefer, Harper White
19	David Bowen, Dan Holloway, Dan Mummey, Bruce Windham
20	Pat Blackwell, Charlene Greyard, Amy McBroom, Wayne Meyer, Griffin Morris
21	Julia Benfield, Roger Nelson, Dick Paul



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

Attendance & Offering July 20, 2008

8:45 am:	143
11:00 am:	174
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	317
Sunday School: Adults:	67
Youth:	0
Children:	10
Regular Offering:	\$35,377.27
Building Fund:	\$32,732.80

Unity has no debt as of October 10, 2007.

Attendance & Offering July 27, 2008

8:45 am:	129
11:00 am:	217
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	346
Sunday School:	40
Regular Offering:	\$7,587.00
Building Fund:	\$4,390.00

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Prayers of Concern

- Bette Jo Culp
- Billy Hannon
- Betty Kimbrell
- Gina Mitchell's daughter
- Bill Reigel
- Joy and Marvin Smith and family in the death of his mother
- Ira Ussery
- Liz Vierstra's sister
- Tim Whitten

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Prayers of Joy

We rejoice with Tim and Nancy Deacon in the birth of their grandson,
Henry James Yingling.

We rejoice with R.J. and Denise Bates in the birth of their daughter,
Lily Kathryn Bates. Proud big sister is Lexi. Proud grandmother is Susan Bates.

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Return Service Requested

July 31, 2008

Worship

August 10, 2008

Old Testament Reading:
Genesis 37: 1-4; 12-28

New Testament Reading:
Matthew 14: 22-33

Jeannie 's Sermon:
"A Man in the Water"

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will begin a special four week Sunday School class for those considering membership in our church. We call the class "*Connections*" and it's a great way to learn basic information about our church and also to meet others who are new to our congregation. The class meets at 10 am. in room 312 on the top floor of the Ministries Building (to the right of the sanctuary), and we invite all those visiting our church right now or who have joined in recent weeks and may have missed the last "*Connections*" opportunity to be a part of this class.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Also, this Sunday I will be teaching an adult Sunday school class in the Fellowship Hall. I will be reflecting on my experience at General Assembly though the lens of Micah 6:8, the theme for this year's assembly. We will also return to our regular summer schedule for children's classes this week. I look forward to seeing you here.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*