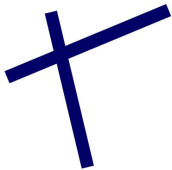


*United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people.*

## Fun Bike Ride

Our next Fun Bike Ride is scheduled for Saturday May 17, at 9:00 am. Everyone that has been promising to ride, here is your chance! We have set the time back one hour to let all the sleepyheads get their rest and then ride. We are meeting at Doby's Bridge baseball park to ride in that area this time.

## Come One, Come All To the Tent of the Lord



Please join us for the  
Capital Campaign Commitment Service  
on **May 18 at 10:30 am** under a tent  
at the site of the proposed new Sanctuary.

Come dressed casually – jeans and tennis shoes are fine!  
We will be outdoors and will walk through the mulch!  
A picnic lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall.  
For the picnic, bring lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray too  
and gather with friends and family out on the lawn.  
(Tables available inside too.)

Come on May 18 at 10:30 am  
To Worship and Answer God's Call to Commitment  
**Building Unity with God**

## Blood Drive Tuesday, May 20 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, May 20, 2008 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on May 18, 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!

## Worship Sunday, May 18 One Service at 10:30 am "Under the Tent"

Come dressed casually for worship under the tent. There WILL be chairs for the worship service! We look forward to this special service.

**No Sunday School  
Picnic to follow**

## Blood Pressure Checks Monday, May 19 11:30 am Fellowship Hall Parlor

## Lunch Bunch Monday, May 19 12 noon Fellowship Hall

Join us for food, fellowship, and a presentation on *Living Waters for the World* by Tom Ellison and Bob Hudspeth. All available adults are invited to join Lunch Bunch. Just bring a sandwich! Drinks, chips, and cookies are provided.

## Cookies and Snacks on May 20

We are in need of cookies and other snacks (such as trail mix) on Tuesday, May 20 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 May 18.

## Capital Campaign Corner

A Gift to Touch the Heart of God

By Bill Hood

The officers, pastors, and other leaders of Unity Presbyterian Church have a very important responsibility to set a positive example for the congregation to follow. As we move from a time of worship, study, and reflection in this campaign to a time of **commitment**, these leaders gathered on Tuesday, May 6, for dinner and a commitment service. Their confidential commitments submitted that night were totaled by the church business manager. He has totaled the commitments received, and has given Dan and me a total to share with the congregation. From the 98 families who chose to make early leadership commitments to this campaign, the total of commitment was \$1,355,000. We are **very** blessed with their leadership and with the example that they have set for all of us.

As we seek to build a sanctuary and additional Sunday School classrooms at a cost of around six million dollars, this is clearly the largest financial commitment our church has ever made. When future generations study the history of Unity, they will find our names and pictures in the church directory in the time capsule for this sanctuary. They will say that **we** were the ones who had the courage, the determination, and the faith to build this new sanctuary. Our leaders have shown us the way and now this week, with God's direction, the rest of us will make our personal decision of commitment and support. As we prepare for our commitment service on Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 am under the big tent on the site of the proposed new Unity sanctuary, we remember that **for a gift to touch the heart of God, it must first change the life of the giver.**

Sunday, May 18, will be *our time* to bring our estimate of giving cards and place them on the altar of God. Please plan to join your Unity family during this exciting time in the life of our wonderful church. If you know that you cannot be with us on Sunday, please prepare your commitment card and drop it by the church office so your response can be included in the commitment total that we present to the Officers on May 19.



*We pray that your gift will touch you and your family and the heart of God.*

## Vacation Bible School



Summer is just around the corner and here at Unity Presbyterian Church, we are planning an exciting VBS adventure for your kids! Are you looking for a safe, friendly, and fun environment for your kids? Then sign up today for Rainforest Adventure VBS! This fun-filled vacation Bible school is for everyone between the ages of 3 and 100. The adventure begins Sunday, June 22, 2008 and continues through Thursday, June 26, 2008. Sessions run from 6:10 pm to 8:00 pm each day, with an optional dinner at a nominal cost between 5:30 pm and 6:10 pm.

Set in the canopy of a vibrant and exciting rainforest environment, this lively VBS program will engage your kids as they discover that everyone can do their part to care for God's creation. Through kid-friendly Bible stories that emphasize stewardship, combined with a jungle of hands-on, fun-filled activities, at Rainforest Adventure kids will learn that it is fun and faithful to share the good news of Jesus' love with everyone! At Rainforest Adventure kids will hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catchy rainforest tunes, play zany games, eat yummy snacks, and make many new friends!

This year, adults and youth can also enjoy the fun by either volunteering at VBS or attending one of the Bible Study programs that will be offered. Specific information will be available shortly. Childcare for children under 3 will be provided for volunteers or those who attend an adult VBS class.

Registration is going on now **until June 1**. For more information or to register for VBS, visit Unity's website [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org) (scroll to the bottom of the home page) or complete the registration form which will be mailed soon and drop it off in the church office or in the "Rainforest Adventure" box located in the Sunday school hall by the large bulletin board. Sign up today!

*We hope to see you in the Rainforest!*

## Eyes and Ears

*Do you have eyeglasses or hearing aids that you don't use anymore?*

We are collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids to take with us on our mission trip to Honduras this summer. We would love to share the gifts of better eyesight and better hearing with others in the community in Honduras we visit this summer. A collection box is located right outside the church office. Thank you for your support!

## Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Louesta Henry	Monk and Annie Case
Louesta Henry	Tom and Donna Eubanks
Louesta Henry	Joe and Zeta Sistare
Louesta Henry	Sis Moredock
Louesta Henry	Lad Barnes
Louesta Henry	Sarah B. Gholson
Louesta Henry	Bill and Ginni Stroup
Emily Martin	Sis Moredock
Joan Hill	Tom and Donna Eubanks

## Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Cam Grice	Tom and Donna Eubanks
Gertrude Huntley	Tom and Donna Eubanks
Buddy Moredock	Tom and Donna Eubanks

## Music Fund Honorarium

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Patsy Black	Cherub Choir
Anne Weeks	Cherub Choir

## Graduation Information Needed

Are you (or your child) getting ready to graduate from high school or college? We would like to know! We plan on recognizing the significant achievements of both high school and college graduations by sharing that information in the newsletter on June 5. In addition, high school graduates will be recognized during the June 1 worship service. We do not wish to miss anyone, so please be sure you take a few moments to let us know of your graduation and your plans, either by completing the form mailed to you, completing the form on line at [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org), or by completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate. Information MUST be received by May 21.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for summer \_\_\_\_\_

Future plans \_\_\_\_\_

If HS grad, what service on June 5?      8:45    or    11:00

## GC's Pool Party

Sunday, May 18

4-6 pm

Come get wet and plan to join us for GC's end of year swim party!

Bring your bathing suits and towels!! Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Place: The Little's

1219 Honeybee Trail (in Old Orchard)

RSVP: Mrs. Tammie 547-3201

Mrs. Debbie 396-8924

**END OF YEAR POOL PARTY!**

## Sunday Morning Service May 18, 2008

10:30 am

### Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

Infants                      Gretchen Whitesell, Katie Bright, and Ellen Bright  
2's & 3's                      Lucy Hagood and Mills Reigel

### Greeters

8:45 am                      Bo Palmer and Don Young

### Children in Worship

4's                              Lorie Lower, Kristain McCabe, and Ginny Munson  
5's / 6's                      Tammie Welch, Wyndie Havnaer, and Ashley Groot

### Ushers

Mike Brown, Bo Palmer, Susan Palmer, Ken Brown,  
Jean McManus, Kearns Little, Debbie Hathaway,  
Lisa Swinford, Chris Wolfe, Jacquelyn Wolfe,  
Ashton Wolfe, Bayles Mack

### Welcome Center

Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher, and Cleve Fisher

## Happy Birthday!



May	26	Frank Anderson, Julia Matthews
	27	Ben Price
	28	Margaret Gribble, Alice Langford, Adam Rivet, Brandi Spratt, Jack Windell
	29	Katy Fulton, Lana McDonald, Fran Shoemaker
	30	Keith Brown, Fred Langford
	31	Karen Wright
June	1	Taylor Brown

## Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thurs., May 22

Deadline: Sunday, May 18, 6 pm

Submit information to: Brynne Fisher via email at:

[brynne@yourcardsolution.com](mailto:brynne@yourcardsolution.com).

Please note the following deadlines for upcoming issues of Unity News:

Deadline is Sun., May 25 for issue date May 29.

## Attendance & Offering May 11, 2008

8:45 am:	174
11:00 am:	239
Unity Hall:	14
Total Worship Attendance:	427
Sunday School:	194
Regular Offering:	\$10,486.35
Building Fund:	\$207,165.00

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

## Prayers of Concern

- Jim and Ken Bickett's brother
- Billy Hannon
- Tim McCrary

*Please continue to remember those with special needs.*

## 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

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**May 15, 2008**

*Dear Friends,*

**COME ONE, COME ALL**

**TO THE TENT OF THE LORD**

This Sunday, May 18, is truly a special day in the life of our church. This is the culmination of our **Building Unity with God** campaign, and everyone is invited to bring their financial commitment to worship on Sunday. We will worship outside under a large tent near the site of our proposed new sanctuary. We will have one service only at 10:30 am with no Sunday school this week. Please dress casually for this celebration and plan to stay afterwards for a picnic lunch that will be served from the Fellowship Hall. Extra commitment cards will be available at the service for those who might need them.



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

I offer my deepest thanks to everyone who has been a part of this effort in any way. Truly hundreds of people have contributed to this effort with their prayers, hard work, and presence at special events. Now comes the time for our commitment. I hope you'll be a part of the big event under the tent!

*In Christ's Service,*  
*Dan*

**Worship**

**May 18, 2008**

Old Testament Reading:  
Psalm 8

New Testament Reading:  
Matthew 28: 16-20

Dan's Sermon:  
*"Our Commissioning  
Service"*