

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

## Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is celebrating 50 years of ministry to South Carolina families this year. The Mother's Day offering is an opportunity for us to honor past generations and make a commitment to future generations. We will again take up a special offering on Mother's Day to provide benevolent care to our older church members who have nurtured their faith and shown us the joy of being disciples of Jesus Christ. Presbyterian Communities is home to 830 residents and about 7% of the residents will need financial assistance. Resident aid is currently given to approximately 60 residents at a cost of about \$6,000 per day, or an estimated \$2.2 million in 2008. As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, please consider prayerfully your gift that will reach out to others in Christian love. Envelopes will be provided in the backs of the pews on Mother's Day (May 11) for this special offering.

## Congregational Dinner

**Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Menu:	Baked Spaghetti	Cost:	\$5.00 for adults
	Caesar Salad		\$3.00 for children under 10
	English Peas		\$20.00 max. per family unit
	Garlic Bread		
	Variety of pies		
	Iced Tea & Lemonade		

Please make reservations by completing a yellow pew card and placing it in the offering plate, using the on-line registration form at [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org), or by calling the church office by noon on Monday, May 12, 2008.

*Join us for food and fellowship!*

## 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 11 and 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!

**TOGETHER WE PREPARE**



**American Red Cross**

## Sunday Mornings

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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry May 13

Join us for the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 10 am in the Sanctuary Parlor. Previous experience is NOT required. This is a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and doing for others. Please join us!

## PW Birthday Celebration And Covered Dish Dinner Monday, May 12 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall



All women of Unity are warmly invited to this annual dinner. Please bring a covered dish to share.

There will be a short celebration service and the new slate of Unity Presbyterian Women officers will be announced. We hope to see YOU there!

## Capital Campaign Corner

Come Worship on May 18 at 10:30 am  
By Robin Morris

Over the last few weeks, the Bradford property has been cleared so that the congregation can get a good view of the site of the proposed new sanctuary. We would like to thank Ken Bickett, Joe Sistare, and the entire Unity Men's Group for their many hours of hard labor in this endeavor.

To further assist us with understanding where the proposed sanctuary would sit, Bo Palmer, Bill Hood, and Steve Chase have marked off the perimeter of the narthex and sanctuary! Now, we can begin to envision where the sanctuary will be.

As part of the recent Prayer Journey, members walked the property and prayed there. On May 18 at 10:30 am, we will have an opportunity as a congregation to come together for one worship service on this site.

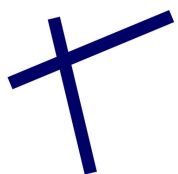
Because we will be walking through the woods, we encourage you to come dressed casually and in good walking shoes. For our members who may have difficulty walking down the path, we will have a couple of golf carts so we can take you directly to the tent. Parking spots close to the path leading to the tent will be available for those who need it.

Dan, Jeannie, and Patsy are planning a wonderful service of prayer, music, and meditation. Patsy has arranged for a brass ensemble to provide music for us.

Based on our Bible Study and our month of prayer, each family is asked to make a financial commitment to the Sanctuary Campaign. During the service on May 18, we will ask you to come forward and submit your sealed envelope. (Your commitment will be completely confidential and only the business manager will see your specific pledge.)

After the worship service on May 18, we will have a picnic lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. There will be tables set up in the Fellowship Hall, but we think it will be fun to have picnics out on the lawn too. So, please bring lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray, and sunscreen. Gather your friends and family for a fun time of fellowship.

As we move toward Commitment Sunday on May 18, please continue to pray for the future of our church, for the Capital Campaign, and for guidance from God on your financial commitment ...and for good weather on May 18!!!



Please meditate on the following scripture this week.

**Psalm 127:1**  
*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

## 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!*

## 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 11 and 18.

## 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!

## Organ Fund Memorials

**In Memory of:** Louesta Henry  
**Given By:** Tom and Jane Culp

## Building Fund Honorarium

**In Honor of:** Stormy Young  
**Given By:** Lea Shannon

## 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

## 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.  
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  
To Worship and Answer God's Call to Commitment  
**Building Unity with God**

## Sunday Morning Service May 11, 2008

### Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

8:45 am  
Infants            Beth Frattaroli  
2's & 3's        Annsley Banks  
11:00 am  
Infants            Jan Nelson and Susan Bullard  
2's & 3's        Melanie Sharpless

### Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's        Michelle Kuhn and Vereen Brown  
5's / 6's        Lauren Lochel and Cindy Keenum  
11:00 am 4's        Lorie Lower and Ginny Munson  
5's / 6's        Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher and Tricia Gupton

### Greeters

8:45 am            John Ray Kimbrell  
11:00 am          Lynn Young

### Ushers

8:45 am            Mike Brown, Bo Palmer, Susan Palmer, Ken Brown,  
Jean McManus  
11:00 am          Kearns Little, Debbie Hathaway, Lisa Swinford,  
Chris Wolfe, Jacquelyn Wolfe, Ashton Wolfe,  
Bayles Mack

### Welcome Center

8:45 am            Mary Sue McGrath  
11:00 am          Brenda Marshall

## Happy Birthday!

May 19	Catherine Bradford, Ben Kelly, Chalmers Rogers
20	Kennan Banks, Liz Hood, Jan Norman, Grey Young
21	Alice White
22	Clayton Cowart
23	Kate Benfield, Brenda Mullis, Thomas Windell
24	Beth Anderson, Patsy Black, Margaret Macaulay, Jan Smiley
25	Mark Abercrombie, R.J. Garner III, Lillie Knox, Laura Turkett



*Happy Birthday to Hannah Simmons, whose birthday was March 13.  
We apologize missing her 1st birthday.*

## Attendance & Offering May 4, 2008

8:45 am:	149
11:00 am:	198
Unity Hall:	20
Total Worship Attendance:	367
Sunday School:	167
Regular Offering:	\$20,979.33
Building Fund:	\$985.00

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

## Prayers of Concern

- Cindy Fritz
- Cissy Smith and family in the death of her sister
- Pat Welker's father

*Please continue to remember those  
with special needs.*

## Newsletter Publication

**Next Issue: Thurs., May 15**  
**Deadline: Sunday, May 11, 6 pm**  
Submit information to: Brynne Fisher  
via email at:  
**brynne@yourcardsolution.com.**  
Please note the following deadlines for up-  
coming issues of Unity News:  
**Deadline is Sun., May 18 for issue date May 22.**

## 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  
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**May 8, 2008**

*Dear Friends,*

Sunday, May 11, is not only Mother's Day but Pentecost, the day we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Red is the color of the day, and I invite you to wear your brightest red to worship this week.



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

According to the story in Acts, more than 3,000 were added to the church on the first Pentecost. Our church might not be growing that quickly, but we too are being blessed by growth right now. We have ten families participating in our class for prospective members, and expect most of those families to join our church in May. We are living the Pentecostal experience here at Unity!

How appropriate, then, that we're coming down the home stretch in our Capital Campaign **Building Unity With God**. I hope you have May 18 circled on your calendar for the "Big Event Under the Tent." On that day, we will have one worship service only at 10:30 am under a large tent on the site of our proposed new sanctuary. We hope you will come in casual clothing and will wear comfortable walking shoes. It's a day you won't soon forget!

*In Christ's Service,  
Dan*