



Vacation Bible School

Registration Deadline: June 1



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 (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!

VBS Craft Items Needed

Our Rainforest VBS team is working hard to get ready for lots of fun! We are in need of items that you may have around your house, so consider recycling/donating these items to us:

- Cardboard tubes from paper towel rolls
- LONG fabric strips (at least 4 feet long)
- Yarn
- Plastic measuring cups 1/3, 1/2, and 1/4 (we'll just borrow these)
- Plastic funnels (we'll just borrow these)
- Clean Styrofoam trays

Collections baskets/boxes will be in the church office. Thank you for your support!



Summer is just around the corner! Have you registered for camp yet? Camp brochures are available at the church, or go online to www.bethelwoods.org, or via a link on www.unityfortmill.org. You can also contact Bethelwoods at info@bethelwoods.org or (803) 366-3722 for information.

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

Sunday Mornings

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

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 1

During both worship services

There will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed sanctuary building project.

Adult Sunday School

Curriculum Fair

Sunday, June 1

During Sunday School

9:55-10:45 am

Fellowship Hall

Are you interested in finding out what is available for adult Sunday School classes? Perhaps you are interested in attending an adult Sunday School class and would like to know what is available. Or maybe you have considered leading an adult Sunday School class, and wondered what curriculum was available. This is your chance to find out! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on June 1. Light breakfast will be served. Help us set a course for next year that reflects your interests and desires.

Capital Campaign Corner Strike Up the Band

By Bill Hood and Robin Morris

What a celebration we had on Sunday with balloons, fun music, and a tent full of people! The brass band added to the excitement as the crowd of members gathered under the tent to celebrate the goodness of our Lord! Almost 500 people gathered for the Commitment Service last Sunday. The music was superb – with a brass quartet and a special anthem with an island flair that included drums and congregation participation. The three pastors led the worship service and Dan reminded us in his message that we come together as a congregation to learn to be disciples for Christ.

As part of the worship service, members brought forward financial commitments for the proposed sanctuary project. Between the leadership commitment dinner and Sunday's Commitment Service, 203 members plus 12 youth have submitted commitments. From all estimates of giving to date, the total is \$2,196,029. This has been a tremendous response from our congregation. While we are very encouraged about the commitments so far, we recognize that the campaign is not over.

Everyone's participation is critical. In the next few weeks, members who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their estimate of giving cards are encouraged to do so. These commitments are very important to the financial decisions that will be made by the Capital Campaign Steering Committee and by the Building Committee once the final building estimates are obtained. So, if you have not made your commitment yet, please know that your commitment is needed and can still be included in the Sanctuary Project.

Thank you to all who assisted with the planning and preparation for the tent service. A special thank you to all the members who came out to enjoy a cool spring morning as we worshipped in an exciting atmosphere!

As we "strike up the band" to celebrate the tremendous response that our congregation has made to the Sanctuary Project, we celebrate that this is the largest campaign in the history of our church. We celebrate the gifts that we have received from God and the many ways that our lives are blessed by our membership at Unity Presbyterian Church.

Psalm 150 verses 1 and 3: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him with trumpet sound.



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!

Mississippi Mission Trip

Joe Sistare will be going to Gulfport, Mississippi on June 22. Anyone interested in going on this weeklong mission trip should contact Joe at (803) 517-9274 by June 9.

Q: How Important Are Youth Advisors?

A: Here's what a Unity youth said...

The relationship you have with a youth advisor is very unique. Relationships with friends and family are very meaningful and important, but a youth advisor can always give you a different perspective on life or on an issue. They can teach you, not the same way as a school teacher teaches, but instead they teach you about life, death, faith and values. They exhibit a quality of trust, understanding, and honesty - qualities hard to come by these days... They teach you to pass this on, in order to make a difference in this world, no matter how big or small. —An Eleventh Grade Youth

**Could you be such a Youth Advisor for Unity's young people?
Contact Megan Watson if you feel God calling you in this area.**

Mail Call

Dear Friends,

I have received so many birthday cards that I cannot write each and every one as I would like to! You are all so kind and caring for remembering me, and I thank you and send love to all! Unity is very special! Sincerely, *Alice Horten*

Dear Unity Family and Friends,

Billy and I would like to thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, phone calls, and emails. Your kindness, love, and generosity have been overwhelming! We are now in the final stages of treatment but won't know the prognosis for several more weeks. Please continue your thoughts and prayers, and God bless you all as you continue his work. We miss Fort Mill terribly and plan to return home caner free in the near future! With our sincere love and gratitude, *Kay Hannon*

Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of: Given By:

Louesta Henry Catherine Bradford

Louesta Henry Stormy and Chari Young

Building Fund Honorarium

In Honor of: Given By:

Brandi Spratt Mr. & Mrs. J. Donald King, Sr.

Joys

We rejoice with Craig and Elaine in the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Margaret Evans. Congratulations to proud grandparents Ken and Lyn Evans.

We rejoice with Angie McCrae in the birth of her granddaughter, Katherine McCrae Mattice. Congratulations to great-grandmother, Miriam McCrae.

We rejoice with Gene and Lynda Roper in the birth of their grandson, Jackson Luke Leighton.

Welcome New Members

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members into the Unity Presbyterian Church family.

John and Anne Cardozo
Alexandra, Isabella
 5049 Crofton Dr
 Fort Mill, SC 29715
 603-930-4123 (Anne's cell)
 11:00 service
 Reaffirmation of faith
 Shepherd: Marcia Hardy

Tom and Judy Cowell
 1212 Madison Green Dr
 Fort Mill, SC 29715
 803-547-2008
 11:00 service
 Transfer: Clear Lake Pres, Clear Lake ,TX
 Shepherd: Brynne Fisher

Jim and Charlene Greyard
 101 Nims Spring Dr.
 Fort Mill, SC 29715
 803-396-8335
 11:00 service
 Shepherd: Sharon Cole

Chris and Julie Griffin
Noah, Luke
 833 Stratford Run Dr.
 Fort Mill, SC 29708
 803-548-6930
 8:45 service
 Reaffirmation of faith, from Providence Baptist,
 Charlotte, NC
 Shepherd: Barry Wells

Peggy Hamby
 899 Stratford Run Dr
 Fort Mill, SC 29708
 803-802-2246
 11:00 service
 Transfer: 1st Pres, Beaufort, SC
 Shepherd: Jean McManus

Karen Kimbrell
 2629 Nations Commons Street
 Fort Mill, SC 29715
 803-547-4502
 11:00 service
 Transfer: St. John's UMC, Rock Hill
 Shepherd: Nancy Vanderbleek

Paul and Mary Ann Long
 355 Miners Cove Way
 For Mill, SC 29708
 803-802-1553
 8:45 service
 Transfer: Wesley Memorial UMC, High Pt, NC
 Shepherd: Mike Mistler

Gene and Faye Wilson
 7028 Chelsea Day Lane
 Tega Cay, SC 29708
 803-548-0315
 11:00 service
 Gene: transfer Myers Park UMC,
 Faye: reaffirmation
 Shepherd: Ann Hudspeth

Sunday Morning Service May 25, 2008

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley

8:45 am
 Infants Patty Barron
 2's & 3's Vereen Brown

11:00 am
 Infants Judy Croucher and Mary Shouse
 2's & 3's Doris Ussery

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Jennifer Bowman and Linda Bunge
 5's / 6's Lorie Lower and Gretchen Whitesell

11:00 am 4's Leigh Burrell and Kristy Ainsley
 5's / 6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin, and Kim Anderson

Greeters

8:45 am Kevin Cramer
 11:00 am Mary Kimbrell

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!

June	2	Jennifer Bickett, Lyn Evans, Paul McIntyre, Bob Reid, Burt Welch
	3	Jane Godfrey, Stephen Pecarro
	4	Megan Cross, Kimberly Flynn, Randy Higgins, Davidson Hobson, Andrew Rossman, Suzanne Thomas, Jay Wolf
	5	Emma Doughty, Madison Gregory, Maggie Keenum, Doris Ussery, Jill Washam
	6	Gail Ellison, Jad Griffin, William Reigel, Karen Stewart
	7	Laura Jamison, Lauren Lochel, Daniel Rossman, Bob Woodson
	8	Jordan Helms, Joshua McCabe, Reagan McCabe, Vera Reid



Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thurs., May 29
Deadline: Sunday, May 25, 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., June 1 for issue date June 5.

Attendance & Offering May 18, 2008

Total Worship Attendance: 486
 No Sunday School
 Regular Offering: \$29,832.00
 Building Fund: \$61,644.00

Prayers of Concern

- Florence Bower
- Cindy Fritz
- Billy Hannon
- Tim McCrary
- Dee Poole's daughter
- Pat Welker's father

*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
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Member address label

Return Service Requested

May 22, 2008

Worship

May 25, 2008

Old Testament Reading:
Psalm 131

New Testament Reading:
Matthew 6: 24-34

Jeannie's Sermon:
"Overcoming Anxiety"

Dear Friends,

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 1, for the purpose of voting on the unanimous recommendation of the session to proceed with the construction of a new sanctuary and related space. The motion to be placed before the congregation is that we proceed with the project at a cost not to exceed \$ 5,855,000. The proposal assumes we will build the full project as previously presented to the congregation. A majority vote is required to proceed with the project, and the vote will be taken by written ballot. A final decision about the size of the project will be made after the bids are received, and any changes to the size of the project that require an increase in cost would require additional congregational approval.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

The results of the capital campaign to date show pledges and gifts of \$2,196,029. We are still awaiting responses from several of our families, and will report any additional commitments prior to the congregational meeting. I hope all those who wish to be a part of this historic effort will let us know of their intentions prior to June 1 so we can provide the fullest information possible to our congregation. Every gift matters, and every person's contribution is significant.

Thanks to all of you who have been a part of this remarkable effort on behalf of our congregation. This campaign has been a major success, both financially and spiritually, for our congregation. I am grateful beyond words for your faithfulness and love. Thank you!

In Christ's Service,
Dan