



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

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

This year, adults and youth grades 6 and higher can also enjoy the fun by either volunteering at VBS or attending one of the Bible Study programs that will be offered.

**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 (found in the narthex, the church office and in the display on the bulletin board on the Sunday School hall) 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!*

## **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.

## **Encore: Prayer Vigil/ Prayer Journey Saturday, May 31 10 am to 12 noon**

**Come to the Sanctuary to receive a map and prayer guide**  
Please join us for the prayer vigil that moves. Our church has moved through time and place, and this this prayer journey will mirror that movement through time and place. Unity began in 1788, and our sanctuary has not always been where the current sanctuary is. Come learn more about Unity and participate in this spiritually moving experience.

## **Peanut Butter and Jelly**

**Sunday, June 1, 2008, 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 in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

## Continuing with Prayer

### Prayer Journey, May 31

By Robin Morris

When we began planning for the Capital Campaign, the Steering Committee believed that we should "start with the spirit". So, the first Minute for Mission related to the Capital Campaign focused on asking the congregation to engage in prayer. The current and previous officers came together for a prayer service. We then invited the congregation to focus on prayer and Bible study during the month of April. In addition, participants came together to walk through a prayer journey that provided a glimpse into our past and envisioned our future. Because of all of these actions, we, the congregation, have been embraced in prayer.

As the Campaign begins to wind down, the Steering Committee thought that it would be a good idea to end with prayer. Because of this time of intentional prayer, many times members of the congregation, or the Steering Committee, or the Pastors have expressed feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to your prayers, God has been with us every step of every day during this campaign. So our thoughts have changed in that we don't want to end with prayer - rather we want to **continue with prayer**.

Because the Prayer Journey was such a wonderful experience for members who participated, we decided to repeat the journey this Saturday from 10:00 am to noon. This journey is a wonderful way to learn about the history of our church by visiting previous church sites and by visiting multiple locations on the current property. It is a great opportunity to have a conversation with God and to discern His will. It is a great way to "continue with the spirit." Please join us on **Saturday, May 31, from 10:00 to noon** at the sanctuary for the Prayer Journey. You will be blessed by your participation!

At home, at the prayer journey, or wherever you are this week, please pray for God's will for the Congregational Vote that will be held on Sunday, June 1. Session has called the Congregational Meeting at both services for the purpose of voting on a decision about moving forward with the Sanctuary Project. The congregation will decide if it is our time to Build Unity with God.

During this week, please continue to pray for the direction of our church and the relationship of our congregation with the Holy Spirit. And I encourage you to reflect on this scripture:

**1 Thessalonians 5: 17 & 18: Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks.**



## Children in Worship

Please note that **June 1** will be the **last day of Children in Worship for this school year**. We encourage you to allow your child to practice the worship skills they have been learning by remaining with you in the sanctuary during worship. The nursery is available, but please be aware that there will not be a curriculum or planned activities in the nursery. If you choose to send your child to the nursery, please complete a sticker from the back of the pew and write "Nursery" and your child's birth date. We look forward to seeing your children again in August for another wonderful year of Children in Worship. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us!

## IHN Summer Dates

Our next hosting for Interfaith Hospitality Network will be the week of June 29 – July 6. Please hold these dates on your calendar. Volunteer sign ups will begin next week.

## 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.

## 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!

## Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Louesta Henry	Jean Knox and family
James Fudge	Jean Knox and family
Tim Hawkins	Jean Knox and family
Harriet Hyman	Jean Knox and family
Harry Miller	Jean Knox and family
Jeff Kimbrell	Jean Knox and family

## Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Emily Martin	Jean Knox and family
Steven Pessier	Jean Knox and family

## Building Fund Honorarium

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Dan Holloway	Carol Heim
Jeannie Bickett	Carol Heim

## Newsletter Publication

**Deadline: Sunday, May 25, 6 pm for Issue Date: Thurs., May 29**

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., June 8 for issue date June 12  
Deadline: Sun., June 15 for issue date June 19  
Deadline: Sun., June 29 for issue date July 3  
Deadline: Sun., July 13 for issue date July 17

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

## Disciple Bible Study Opportunities 2008-09

Disciple groups are forming for 2008-09. Disciple II, a 32-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, will be offered at Unity. One class will meet Monday mornings from 9:45-11:45 am, and a second class will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. In addition to these two classes, we are currently exploring offering the Disciple I class for those who were unable to take Disciple I this year. Disciple I will be offered either on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings, depending on demand.

New participants are welcome to sign up for either the Monday or Thursday Disciple II classes, but encouraged to register for Disciple I, if possible. Disciple I is a 32-week survey course of the Bible; participants will read approximately 80% of Scripture and meet weekly in a small-group setting.

If you would be interested in signing up for Disciple I, please contact Megan Watson by June 15 by phone or email with your name, phone/email and your preference for a daytime or evening class (or either). Once demand for a Disciple I class is known, more details will follow.

If you would like to take Disciple II on Monday from 9:45 - 11:45 am or Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, please register through the Church Office. Participant cost is \$30 (the cost of the manual), and checks should be made out to "Unity Presbyterian Church". Class size will be limited; early registration is encouraged.

## Sunday Morning Service June 1, 2008

### Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am  
 Infants Donna Diedrich  
 2's & 3's Emma Bickett  
 11:00 am  
 Infants Bud Oehrli and Marlyn Oehrli  
 2's & 3's Layne Fisher

### Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Jennifer Bowman and Susie Hinton  
 5's / 6's Emelia Howell and Gretchen Whitesell  
 11:00 am 4's Leigh Burrell and Margaret Macaulay  
 5's / 6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin, and Kim Anderson

### Greeters

8:45 am Billy Barron  
 11:00 am Bob Croucher

### Ushers

8:45 am James Bunge, Ken Bickett, Emma Bickett, Steve Chase, Vera Reid  
 11:00 am Stewart Nix, Tracy Young, Marilyn Hagood, Lucy Hagood, Katie Bright, Ellen Bright

### Welcome Center

8:45 am  
 11:00 am Debbie Hathaway

## Happy Birthday!



June	9	Kristin German, Tommy Hardwick, Linda Hollandsworth
	10	David Macaulay, Travis Weldon
	12	Jack Smith
	13	Donna Eubanks, Kimberly Hart, Tom Kelly
	14	Bette Jo Culp, Billy Howell, Aggie Jones, Julia Ringley, Leslie Trier
	15	June Barnett, Mary Gregory, Will Howell, Benjamin Sullivan

## 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 May 25, 2008

8:45 am:	150
11:00 am:	166
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	316
Regular Offering:	\$4,260.00
Building Fund:	\$945.00

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

## Prayers of Concern

- Florence Bower
- Paul McIntyre
- Dee Poole and family in the death of her daughter
- Joe and Zeta Sistare's grand-daughter

*Please continue to remember those with special needs.*

## Unity Hall

Sunday, June 1 will be Unity Hall's last day for overflow seating until August. The exception to this will be on July 6, when Unity Hall will be open as we will worship together in one service at 10:30 am.

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**May 29, 2008**

**Worship**

**June 1, 2008**

Old Testament Reading:  
Psalm 46

New Testament Reading:  
Matthew 7: 21-29

Dan's Sermon:  
"Building God's House"

*Dear Friends,*

Greetings from Mexico! Last night we shared worship and communion with the people of the Eben-Ezer Presbyterian Church on the outskirts of Cancun. Our work team is now hard at work installing the water filtration system and teaching the people about good hygiene. Please continue to hold us in your prayers, and know that the people here are holding our church in their prayers as well.



*Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway*

This Sunday, June 1, we will have a congregational meeting during both services to vote on the proposal to build a new sanctuary and related space for our congregation at a cost not to exceed \$5,855,000. Please prepare prayerfully for this important decision. We will also elect one at-large member of our Nominating Committee so that group can begin their work for next year.

*In Christ's Service,  
Dan*