



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



Annual Traditional Thanksgiving Cornucopia Sunday, November 18

This Sunday, November 18, the collection for our Thanksgiving Cornucopia will be displayed in the church Sanctuary. It will then be taken to the Fort Mill Care Center to be distributed to local families for Thanksgiving. Our collection consists of non-perishable food items. It is not too late to add more. Each person in the congregation is encouraged to put at least one food item (more if possible) in the collection boxes. These boxes are located in the Narthex and in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for sharing.

Offering for Thornwell Home Sunday, November 18

On Sunday, November 18, we will receive a special offering for the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Since opening its doors 132 years ago, Thornwell has been the unique ministry of Presbyterians in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to hurting children and broken families. Thornwell's children come from conditions of emotional or physical abuse, family violence, neglect, or their parents' illness, alcoholism, or drug abuse. Most have not known the joys, the discoveries, or the accomplishments of a stable childhood. Through this ministry, the Church keeps its baptismal promise to care for children and to raise them to know, love, and serve the Lord. Here we offer them hope that changes their lives forever. In an age when many children's homes rely on government grants to support their programs, Thornwell remains privately funded as a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Please be generous in your support and your prayers. Make checks payable to Unity Presbyterian Church and use the special Thornwell offering envelopes provided on November 18. Together we can offer hope and change lives forever.



Sunday Mornings

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

Habitat Work Day Saturday, November 17

Unity will work in Rock Hill on a Habitat home being built for Andrea McCullough and her three children on Saturday, November 17, at 8:00 am. We will most likely be painting inside and/or installing interior trim and doors. Please contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com or at 547-2042 if you want to help.

Mission Bake Sale Sunday, November 18 During Sunday School 3rd Grade Classroom

The 3rd grade Sunday School class will hold its Annual Mission Bake Sale. Proceeds will be spent on Angel Tree presents. Be ready to eat! Thank you for your support of this mission project.

Annual Auction, Silent Auction and Sale

Monday, December 3, 2007

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Silent Auction and Sale begins

7:00 pm Auction begins



We need your help! Would you be willing to donate items for this event?
Everything must be new:

- Crafts (i.e., quilts, afghans, wreaths, pillows, etc.)
- Gift baskets (i.e., bakery or beauty items)
- Tickets to basketball or football games
- Woodworkers' creations (i.e., birdhouse, shelves, bookcases, etc.)
- Christmas crafts
- Baked goods (i.e., pies, cookies, cakes, fudge, etc.)

All proceeds will be divided equally between the Fort Mill Care Center and the Nutrition Center. Sponsored by the Tony Dehler Circle.

Nature Walk

**Sunday, Nov. 18,
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm**

We had great participation and lots of fun on our recent walk, so we are scheduling another one! Meet us in Unity parking lot and we'll enjoy an hour of exercising and viewing God's beautiful creation.

Canned Food Challenge

Results

The “donut party winners” are the 3rd grade class (Marion and Bob Woodson and Tracey Young), with 63 canned food items and the 5th grade class (Vanessa Bergvist and Susan Bullard), with an average of 4.61 cans per student. “Across the Ages” (Emma Doughty) is the adult class winner, with 77 canned food items. All totaled, this challenge in Sunday School collected over 400 cans that will be used in the Thanksgiving Cornucopia this Sunday. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

Christmas Communion

The Session would like to extend the opportunity to all Elders, past and present, to assist in serving Communion during the Christmas season. There are a number of opportunities in which to help. There will be three Christmas Eve services on December 24: 4pm, 6pm, and 11pm, during which Communion will be shared. During the week before Christmas, the Pastors and Elders share Communion with many home bound, nursing home, assisted living, and retirement village congregational members. If you are interested in serving and sharing Communion as an Elder during this time, please contact Amanda Masters, Clerk of Session at (803) 548-6353, or sign up on line at the Unity Website. (Communion to home bound members will be coordinated at various times through Jeannie Bickett.) This is an important and meaningful ministry.

Gulf Coast Mission Trip

Although Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the US Gulf Coast and Florida 2 years ago, there is still much work to be done. Consider joining Unity’s Mission trip to Gulfport Mississippi, January 20-26, 2008. Leave Sunday, return Saturday. Contact Joe Sistare 517-9274 with questions or to express interest.

Stewardship Campaign

If you have not turned in your Financial Commitment and Gifts Sharing Forms, you may still turn them into the office or in the offering plates during worship. Plans are being made for 2008, so your gifts are important. Thank you.

Blood Drive Tuesday, November 27

Donors and Snacks 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, November 27, from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on November 18 and November 25, or contact the church office (803) 547-5543 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are not required but recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome. If you are unable to donate blood but would like to help, please consider providing some homemade goodies such as cookies or trail mix. These items may be left in the Fellowship Hall before the blood drive.

Unity Christmas Ornaments



The Christmas holiday is almost here, so consider giving the gift of Unity this year! The Unity Christmas ornament, that is. Every year the Fort Mill Downtown Association sponsors a fundraiser in which a Christmas ornament of a Fort Mill landmark is created and sold. This year Unity is the ornament! The ornament is a replica of Unity’s sanctuary, done in pewter. It comes boxed with a brief history of the church. It sells for \$10.00, and is available in the church office during normal church hours. Make checks payable to: Unity Presbyterian Church. There is no limit on how many you may purchase. These make wonderful gifts. Unity is selling these as a community outreach, and we are not making any money on this. All funds from this sale go directly to the Fort Mill Downtown Association.

Angels and RAINdeers

The Angel and RAINdeer Tree is a Christmas tradition at Unity. The angels represent various family members who are clients of the Fort Mill Care Center. The Care Center is a family crisis ministry that helps our neighbors in need. There will also be RAINdeer on the tree. The RAINdeer represent individuals living with the devastating effects of AIDS. Every family is invited and encouraged to take an angel or RAINdeer and purchase a gift from the suggestions listed for that person. The trees will be decorated on November 25 and December 2. A tree will be located in the conversation area on these dates, as well as during the week. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to sign for the angel or RAINdeer that you select. Please remember to do this, as it helps us to make sure all our gifts are here for the recipients of these gifts. In case of inclement weather, both trees will be in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God’s many blessings to us with others in our community who are less fortunate. This project is sponsored by Unity’s Outreach Team. For more information on how you can help or for other questions, contact Joyce White at (803) 548-4135 or murrayw@comporium.net.



Visit to the Billy Graham Library

The Lunch Bunch and any other interested adults will visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Monday, November 26. We will meet in front of the church near the old manse/Boy Scout building at 10:00 AM and carpool together. Our tour begins at 10:30 am, where we will journey through history, from Billy Graham's humble beginnings on the family dairy farm to becoming a worldwide evangelist. We will experience state of the art exhibits, multi-media displays and films, as well as visiting Billy Graham's boyhood home and a bookstore. We will enjoy a dutch treat lunch in the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar and return to the church between 1:00 and 1:30. Please plan to join us for this special outing. If you can provide transportation for those who might not be comfortable driving to Charlotte, please contact Jeannie at 547-5543 or pjbickett@comporium.net.

Sunday Morning Service November 18, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge
 8:45 am Infants Beth Frattaroli
 2's & 3's Emma Bickett
 11:00 am Infants Kristi Ainsley and Susan Bullard
 2's & 3's Amanda Masters with Bailey

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Michelle Kuhn and Vereen Brown
 5&6's Emelia Howell and Gretchen Whitesell
 11:00 am 4's Kristain McCabe and Kathy Choate
 5&6's Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher and
 Shawn Coleman

Greeters

8:45 am Bo Palmer
 11:00 am Lyn Evans

Ushers

8:45 am Bob Schaefer, Emma Bickett, Ken
 Bickett, Charlie Boyette, Patty Barron
 11:00 am Heather Wolf, Kearns Little, Mike
 Brown, Ashton Wolfe, Kaylee Wolfe,
 Chris Wolfe, Barbara Bowden

Welcome Center

8:45 am Ron Godfrey
 11:00 am John Welker

Happy Birthday!



November 26 Sara Dressel, Tom Ellison, Lucy Hagood,
 Kay Hannon, Brenda Little, Anna Rice, Lea
 Shannon, Chari Young
 27 Matthew Wood
 28 Bill Alexander, Fred Chuck, Sarah Gholson,
 Sidney White
 29 David Choate, Lisa Crutchfield, Emily McKeithan
 30 Larry Atkins, Dave Cole, Scott Dammann, Ed Fritz, Ginny
 Holloway, Charles Keenum
 December 1 Kathy Choate, Bob Elisha, Jake Gaulden, Marc Ozburn
 2 Maggie Bowyer

Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Nov. 22
Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 18, 6 pm
 Submit information to: Brynne Fisher at
brynne@yourcardsolution.com.
 Looking ahead, there will be NO newsletter
 the week of Christmas. The final
 newsletter of 2007 will have a deadline of
 Sunday, December 16, and will be dated
 Thursday, December 20. The first
 newsletter of 2008 will have a deadline of
 Sunday, December 30, 2007 and will be
 dated Thursday, January 3, 2008.

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
 Harry Miller — Westminster,
 Rock Hill
 Sis Moredock — Presbyterian
 Communities of SC- Summerville
 Trudie Robertson — Presbyterian
 Communities of SC- Clinton

Joys

We rejoice with Beth and Ed Sidwell
 and family in birth of their daughter,
 Miranda "Randi" Grace Sidwell.
 We rejoice with Doris and Jerry Lee and
 family in the birth of their grandson,
 Parker Epps Lee.

Prayers of Concern

Cam Grice
*Please continue to remember those
 with special needs.*

Attendance & Offering November 11, 2007

8:45 am:	169
11:00 am:	206
Unity Hall:	3
Total Worship Attendance:	378
Sunday School:	243
Regular Offering:	\$8,055.46
Debt Reduction:	\$535.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

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Return Service Requested

November 18, 2007

Dear Friends,

The Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC, is a life-changing ministry for children who have come from abusive or broken homes. This residential ministry is for children from pre-school through the high school years, and provides hope to children who often would have little hope otherwise. As is our tradition on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will receive an offering this week in support of Thornwell. I hope you will give generously.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Also this Sunday, we will display our cornucopia of canned goods in the sanctuary. We've been collecting these canned goods for the last few weeks, and this will be the culmination of those efforts. Thanks to all of you who shared so freely and graciously to make this possible.

And speaking of thanks, a huge debt of gratitude is owed to our Junior High Youth and all their adult supporters and Senior High helpers who worked so hard on the International Dinner this past Sunday night. What a spectacular setting it was in our Fellowship Hall, and what a joy to taste the recipes of our own church saints. We all express our deep appreciation to those who worked so hard.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*