



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

Angels and RAINdeers

Thank you for the wonderful response to the Angel/RAINdeer trees. The trees will be available again this Sunday, December 2, in case you have not had an opportunity to select an angel or RAINdeer. This will be the last Sunday to do so. Gifts should be wrapped with the Angel or RAINdeer attached. Please tape them securely, but not permanently. These are removed and replaced with a personalized tag. You may return gifts to the Fellowship Hall at any time. Special times to do so will be at the Christmas Joy service on December 9 or the Congregational Dinner on December 12. It is imperative that gifts be brought in by December 12. We need to have them ready for pick up by our Angel/RAINdeer families on December 13.



Sunday Mornings

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

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.)
- Woodworkers' creations (i.e., birdhouse, shelves, bookcases, etc.)
- Gift baskets (i.e., bakery or beauty items)
- Christmas crafts
- Tickets to basketball or football games
- 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.

This is a great place to begin your Christmas Shopping!

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Sunday, December 2, 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.

Third Grade Bake Sale

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our Unity family for making our Third Grade Bake Sale a BIG success! Your generous donations will be used to buy some very nice presents for two children and also some books for other Angel Tree children. We had a lot of fun and we learned from YOU how to be disciples for Jesus!

Christmas Memorials and Honorariums

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS may be made again this year in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out a red pew card if you wish to give a gift and place it in the offering plate, along with a check made payable to Unity Presbyterian. You may also call the church office at 547-5543 or email dsbutler@comporium.net. These will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **The deadline for Christmas Memorials and Honorariums is December 17.**

Stewardship Update

As of November 25, \$653,810 in commitments have been received toward the 2008 budget. The 2008 challenge budget is \$837,915. If you have not yet made your commitments of time, talent, and treasure, you are encouraged to do so in the offering plates during worship.

Unity Post

Circle of Friends is once again sponsoring Unity's Christmas Post, located in the entrance of the Fellowship Hall. All you need to do is place Christmas cards addressed to Unity's members in the alphabetized boxes (first letter of the last name,) and deposit your postage donation in the appropriate container. Don't forget to check regularly for cards sent to you. Please take advantage of this—it is a convenience for you, and all proceeds are designated for needy families.

Providence Presbytery Education Opportunity

"Immigration and the Advent of Jesus"

Immigration and the Advent of Jesus will be the topic of discussion on Monday, December 10 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, 421 Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill. The Rev. Mark Adams, son of this presbytery and missionary on the US/Mexico border, will lead our discussion. A light supper will be served. All concerned about immigration are encouraged to participate. While there is no charge for the event, you are asked to call the Presbytery Office (328-6269) if you plan to attend. You may also visit Providence Presbytery's web site through Unity's website www.unityfortmill.org (see the "Links of Interest" page).

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: 4 pm, 6 pm, and 11 pm, 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.

Cornucopia

Thank you to all who helped and donated food for the Thanksgiving Cornucopia. We had a **very** successful drive, collecting over **1215 pounds** of canned goods and non-perishable items. Thanks to the Sunday school classes that participated. Your donations helped surpass the amount we have ever collected. A special thank you to those who set up and took down the cornucopia: Sue Jones, Reba and Frank Anderson, Annette, Susana and Gabriela Chinchilla, and Ken Evans. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

Lyn Evans, Unity Cornucopia Coordinator

Christmas Music Opportunities

Please plan to join us for special music events during Advent.



Christmas Joy

Sunday, December 9

6 pm

Fellowship Hall

Music provided by the Cherub and Junior Choirs



Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16

During both worship services

Sanctuary

The full Chancel Choir will provide music as Dan and Jeannie read scripture readings celebrating Advent.

Congregational Dinner

Wednesday, December 12, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Baked spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, brownies/cookies, iced tea/ lemonade

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
\$3.00 for children under 10
\$20.00 max. per family unit

Please join us for food and fellowship!

Please make reservations by completing a yellow pew card and placing it in the offering plate, on-line at www.unityfortmill.org, or by calling the church office by noon on Monday, December 10.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Join us for our traditional, candlelight worship services on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2007.

4:00 pm Nurseries and Children in Worship will be available, soloists will provide music

6:00 pm Nurseries and Children in Worship will be available, full Chancel Choir will provide music

11:00 pm NO Nurseries, NO Children in Worship, soloists will provide music



Communion will be served at all three services.

Building Fund Memorials

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Eunice Campbell	Julie Hooper	Gertrude Huntley	Julie Hooper
Bill Fowler	Julie Hooper	Gertrude Huntley	Jimmy and Aggie Jones
Gertrude Huntley	"Across the Ages" Sunday School Class	Gertrude Huntley	Ray and Emma Doughty

December Hosting of IHN

As Christmas draws near, we begin to think of gifts. Unity will host our next group of families during the week of December 16 to 23. We will have three or four temporarily homeless families staying in our Youth Wing each night during this week. Many volunteers are needed to support this important mission program. With only a few hours of investment, you can make a difference in the lives of a homeless family by providing dinner, staying overnight, providing transportation, providing supplies, buying groceries, setting up the classrooms, or by washing linens when the families leave our church. What a wonderful Christmas gift! If you are willing to help these families make a new beginning, please contact Robin Morris or Anne Weeks through the church office (803) 547-5543. Thank you for all you do to serve Christ by serving others.

Sunday Morning Service December 2, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am Infants Becca Bowyer and Melanie Sharpless

2's & 3's Theresa Higgins

11:00 am Infants Brynne Fisher w/Layne, Sara Windham

2's & 3's Susan Benfield

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Jennifer Bowman, Katharyne Tedford

5's & 6's Becca Bowyer, Cindy Keenum

11:00 am 4's Amanda Masters, Kristain McCabe

5's & 6's Bitsey Martin, Carson Martin,

Renee Stokers

Greeters

8:45 am

11:00 am

Ronnie Dunn

Tammie and Burt Welch

Ushers

8:45 am

11:00 am

Ted Matthews, Jim Bickett,
Ellen Bickett, Jeff Bowyer, Ron Mullis
Stewart Nix, Kim Price, Susan Benfield,
Bill Fenton, Chuck Epps, Cindy Epps,
Mike Jamison

Welcome Center

8:45 am

11:00 am

Mike Brown

Joe Swinford

Happy Birthday!

- December 10 Jane Culp, Lori Glasco
 11 Anna Honeycutt, Laura Honeycutt,
 Zachary Perkins, Rebekah Strunk,
 Bradley Young
 12 John Proctor
 13 Lad Barnes, Carla Schoenmaker, Morgan Wolf
 14 Susan Benfield, Charles Bergman, Catherine Ewers,
 Bryant Gregory, Kelsey Marshall
 16 Will Coles, John Hallett, Guynn Savage, Tom Spratt



Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Dec. 6

Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 2, 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

Prayers of Concern

Susan Bullard and family in the death of her sister; Ethel Clarke; Cam Grice; Tom Horton; Mary and Kevin McGrath and family in the death of his brother-in-law; Harry Miller; Don Thomas

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Attendance & Offering November 25, 2007

8:45 am:	123
11:00 am:	227
Unity Hall:	1
Total Worship Attendance:	351
Sunday School:	184
Regular Offering:	\$8,895.15
Building Fund:	\$1,335.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

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www.unityfortmill.org

Return Service Requested

November 29, 2007

Worship

December 2, 2007

Jeannie's Sermon:

"Wake Up Call!"

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 24: 36-44

Dear Friends,

"Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest." That familiar table blessing is especially appropriate for our use during this season of Advent. Advent is a time of invitation, an invitation to see again the Christ child, whose birth we celebrate and whose coming again we anticipate at history's end. It is an invitation to live by the mystery of God's grace, seeing God's presence in surprising ways and unexpected places. It is an invitation to participatory worship, to the lighting of candles and the singing of hymns in minor keys. It is most of all an invitation to live in the joy of Jesus Christ, who has come and is coming again. I look forward to sharing the four Sundays of Advent with you beginning this week.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

As always, we will have several special opportunities for worship. On December 9, we will have our Christmas Joy Service, on December 16, we will have our services of Lessons and Carols, and on December 24, we will have three Christmas Eve services at 4, 6, and 11 pm. Please mark these on your calendar now and use them as opportunities to recommit yourself to Jesus Christ. God has invited each one of us to that very task.

*In Christ's Service,
Dan*