



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY 2008

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Opportunities to share your spiritual gifts in 2008

This brochure lists most of the volunteer opportunities available at Unity Presbyterian Church. These opportunities correspond to the 2008 Individual Member Gifts Sharing Form. Please take time to consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the spiritual gifts you are able to share and the time you are able to give as you pledge to “share the ministries” in 2008.

The first thing you might do is consider what your spiritual gifts may be. Complete the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Exercise. One may be obtained in the church office, in the Narthex, or downloaded from our website www.unityfortmill.org.

Then, compare your gifts with the opportunities listed in this brochure.

Finally, complete your Gifts Sharing Form and identify or select those ministries you are committed to or interested in by marking the appropriate box.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Brynne Fisher in the Church Office, 547-5543, or via e-mail brynne@yourcardsolution.com. She will be happy to meet with you or talk with you about your gifts or how you might share your gifts.

“Now about Spiritual gifts, there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”

I Corinthians 12: 4-7

Dear Friends in Unity,

We are all called by God to share our gifts. In an effort to assist you answer that call, we are pleased to present Unity's **Opportunities for Ministry 2008** brochure.

We invite you to take time to reflect on your special talents and the time you have to share them. At the same time, ask yourself how you might put God first when it comes to sharing God's gifts. Each of us has been graciously blessed with special talents known as spiritual gifts, and the ways in which we choose to share those gifts can put us on a path to a life of meaning and fulfillment. As we share our gifts, we help to create a community of love, compassion, and joy in our church and our community.

It is our hope that the information provided in this brochure helps answer questions about the many ministries here at Unity and how your gifts might be an important part of doing God's work.

The Shared Ministries Team

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...”

Mark 10:45

“They are to do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES & SUPPORT

Mission: To take care of behind-the-scenes matters, and support the staff and other ministry teams.

Church Mice

Keep offering envelopes and Friendship Pads stocked, as well as pencils sharpened. Neaten sanctuary for church during the week prior to the Sunday service.

Contact: *Brynne Fisher* 547-3997 *brynne@yourcardsolution.com*

Worship Attendance/Visitation Recorders

Gather information from the Friendship Pads each week and record attendance information pertaining to both visitors and current members. Maintain attendance records and correspond with visitors to our congregation.

Contact: *Ruth Boetsch* 547-5222

Digital Photography

Take digital pictures of members during church events and new members on the day they join, as well as other congregational events throughout the year.

Contact: *Jeannie Bickett* 547-5543 *pjbickett@comporium.net*

Crafts

Various crafts opportunities exist, as needed, to support the many ministry teams at Unity. Banners, flower arranging, sewing, drama, poster making, photography.

Contact: *Brynne Fisher* 547-3997 *brynne@yourcardsolution.com*

Church Office Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to answer the phone, stuff inserts in bulletins, stuff envelopes, and prepare bulk mailings in support of the church office staff.

Contact: *Debbie Butler* 547-5543 *dsbutler@comporium.net*
 Gina Mitchell 547-5543 *gmitchell1@comporium.net*

Bulletin Boards

Assist with preparing Unity's bulletin boards in the Ministries Building and Fellowship Hall.

Contact: *Brynne Fisher* 547-3997 *brynne@yourcardsolution.com*

Vocational or Other Skills

Consider what skills, talents, and interests you have which are not listed in this catalog that you might like to share at Unity.

Contact: *Brynne Fisher* 547-3997 *brynne@yourcardsolution.com*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Mission: To implement educational programs for all ages that inform Unity's congregation in the knowledge, understanding, and love of God and Jesus Christ. Specific responsibilities of this ministry are church school for both children and adults, youth and teen programming, seasonal activities, and special learning opportunities, including Vacation Bible School. The Christian Education Team works closely with the Associate Pastor for Christian Education, to assure continuation of high quality education programming.

Christian Education Ministry Team

Steer, advise, and coordinate the various programs and activities of the Christian Education Ministry. Includes helping to recruit teachers, substitutes, helpers, and advisors for the many programs of this ministry.

Meetings: *Quarterly Meetings, and as needed*

Contact: *Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net*

Church School Officer

Provide leadership for the Church School, by working closely with the Associate Pastor, by checking attendance of classes, providing directions and assistance to new families and children, and taking the Church School offering.

Meetings: *Rotating Sunday mornings*

Contact: *Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net*

Church School

Teach adults, youth, and children during Sunday morning Church School, in order that faith will be an integral part of their daily lives and they might continue to grow in their knowledge of God, Jesus Christ, and the Bible. Opportunities to Serve:

Teacher: Lead Children, Youth, Confirmation and Adult Church School classes (Curriculum provided)

Substitute: Fill-in for teachers and/or helpers

Room helper: Assist teachers during class time

Meetings: Sunday mornings, 9:50 to 10:45 am

Occasional training & orientation meetings

Contact: *Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net*

Children in Worship

After the Children's Sermon during both worship services, children from the ages of 4-6 are invited to participate in a very special program called "Children in Worship". Children are taught Bible stories, using interactive props to act out Bible stories related to the Bible lessons. This is a very reverent worship experience, which allows young children to learn about the importance of worship and prepares them to worship appropriately in church. Adults are needed to serve as story tellers, greeters, and activity leaders.

Contacts: *Tammie Welch 547-3201*

Lorie Lower 802-3799

Leigh Burrell 547-8860

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Vacation Bible School

Serve by coordinating a one-week Bible school in the summer. This is a fun-filled week with food, Bible study, music, games, crafts, and activities. Teachers, assistants, meal assistants, set-up, clean up, nursery workers, supply assistants are among the positions needed.

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

Adult Bible Study

A variety of Bible studies are offered:

- Two classes of Disciple are being offered in 2007-08, with plans to offer it again in 2008-09. Contact Megan Watson at 547-5543 or via email at mgwatson@comporium.net with questions or if interested.
- A Wednesday morning Bible study is offered, contact Jerry Brady at 547-5543 for more information.
- If you are interested in starting or leading a Bible study, please contact Megan Watson at 547-5543 or via email at mgwatson@comporium.net.

Library

Update, maintain & organize materials in the library.

Contact: Rachel Scott 802-3462

Youth Prayer Breakfast

Every Wednesday morning during the school year, the Senior High Youth gather for food and fellowship. Assistance is needed in providing breakfast foods and leading devotionals.

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups

Unity's Junior High (7th and 8th) and Senior High (9th-12th) Youth Groups are very active year round. Being part of the Youth Group gives the youth an opportunity for active Christian Education, fellowship, and fun with their peers. Trips, mission and service projects, activities, dinners, and weekly meetings are just some of what the Youth Groups do. Adults oversee the Youth Council in the planning, scheduling and coordinating of events, as well as are a vital part of the weekly Youth Group meetings.

Junior High: Sundays 6-7:30 pm

Senior High: Sundays 6-7:30 pm

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Work at Youth Dinners, Trips and Lock-ins

Youth *trips* take place several times a year, and include seasonal activities, as well as fellowship opportunities and mission work. Adults are needed to assist in these by serving as chaperones and drivers. Occasionally, the Youth Groups participate in “*lock-ins*” in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are needed as chaperones for these, as well.

Meetings: *As announced*

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

Chaperone Local Youth Events

Adult chaperones are needed for local youth events. Background check and training may be required.

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

Chaperone Out of Town Youth Events

Adult chaperones are needed for out-of-town, overnight youth events. Background check and training may be required

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

Growing Christians (GC's)

This program is for youth in grades 4-6. GC's brings these youth together for some awesome Christian fellowship, helps them grow in their faith, and prepares them for Junior High Youth Group. GC's meet twice a month, and is made up of three parts: Bible drills and thrills, Christian missions in our community, and how to deal with daily problems in a Christian way. Occasional fun outings are planned throughout the year. Adult volunteers are needed to help this program succeed.

Meetings: *2 Sundays per month (schedule to be determined), 5:15-6 pm*

Contact: Tammie Welch 547-3201

Debbie McNair 396-8924

Assist with Seasonal Activities

Provide assistance with Christian Education seasonal activities and events.

Contact: Megan Watson 547-5543 mgwatson@comporium.net

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Nursery

Careful supervision of our young children is required in our nurseries. Volunteers are required in the infant and toddler nurseries during the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services. Adults are needed in both locations. Sr. Highs may volunteer in the toddler room, or with their parent in the infant nursery. Middle school youth may volunteer in either room with their parent. Nursery volunteers are needed for special services and events.

Contact: Lynn Ringley 802-4408 lhringley@comporium.net
 Linda Bunge 547-9898 jlbunge@comporium.net

New Baby Welcoming Team

This team is available to families who have a new baby. There are several opportunities available, including arranging for the sanctuary rose delivery, writing notes to parents and/or grandparents, preparing meals, and visitation.

Contact: Lynn Ringley 802-4408 lhringley@comporium.net
 Linda Bunge 547-9898 jlbunge@comporium.net

Unity Preschool

This weekday Christian Education program is one of Unity's newest ministries. Opportunities with this ministry include volunteering, substituting, and teaching in the preschool classrooms.

Contact: Lynn Ringley 802-4408

Unity's Playgroup

Are you interested in a time of play for your little one? Are you looking for a chance to meet with other parents for a time of fellowship? If so, Unity's Playgroup may be just what you are looking for. Our playgroup is for all children who are not 'school age' (ages 0-5) and, of course, their parent(s) or caregiver too! Do you have a newborn? Even if your child is too young to actively play, you and your child are to encouraged come & fellowship with other parents and their young children. Last year, some of the activities we enjoyed were play dates at the park, a pumpkin carving, bouncing at Airplay Kids, and a trip to the Strawberry Farm.

Contact: Lynn Ringley 802-4408 lhringley@comporium.net
 Linda Bunge 547-9898 jlbunge@comporium.net

Meetings: Dates and locations will be published in the newsletter and on the website.
 Meetings are generally the 2nd Friday of each month at 10am.

Willing to provide childcare for special programming as needed

Childcare is offered at many of the ministries at Unity, and volunteers are needed in the nursery during these times. Background checks and training may be required.

Contact: Lynn Ringley 802-4408 lhringley@comporium.net
 Linda Bunge 547-9898 jlbunge@comporium.net

CHURCH OFFICER MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide leadership, governing and mission responsibilities for the life of the church in its tasks of worship and service to God, within the church and in the world.

Elder

Along with the ministers, elders provide spiritual leadership for the church, and are responsible for its overall functioning. All active church members are eligible for election. Elders serve a three-year term upon the election of the congregation.

Contact: Dan Holloway 547-5543 rdholloway@comporium.net

Deacon

These officers carry out ministries of compassion within the congregation, as well as other duties assigned by the session. Among the duties currently performed by the deacons are budget management, ushering, upkeep of church property, and contact with church visitors. Deacons serve a three-year term upon the election of the congregation.

Contact: Dan Holloway 547-5543 rdholloway@comporium.net

Nominating Committee

This team places names before the congregation for election to the offices of elder and deacon. They may also be asked to bring other nominations to particular offices as needed.

Contact: Dan Holloway 547-5543 rdholloway@comporium.net

Staff Team

This team provides support and direction for members of the church staff. Includes annual review of salaries and benefits, employment recommendations of non-ordained staff, and support for staff members and their families. Working with the Head of Staff, they carry out a process of evaluation and review, so as to enhance and strengthen the work of each staff member.

Contact: Dan Holloway 547-5543 rdholloway@comporium.net

COMMUNICATION MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide a vehicle for church members to address communication issues. This group develops, maintains, and oversees standards for church communication, including church logo, newsletter, website, and email.

Communications Team

Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm
Contacts: Karen Lee 547-8919
Brynne Fisher 547-3997 brynne@yourcardsolution.com

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES

Mission: To coordinate pastoral care within the church. These teams' responsibilities includes coordinating visitation of shut-ins, providing meals to the sick, and sending cards. Fellowship opportunities are promoted through congregational dinners, picnics, congregational breakfasts, small-group dinners. This team works with the Associate Pastor to continue high-quality levels of caring within the church.

Congregational Care Ministry Team

Meetings: Quarterly and ad hoc meetings
Contacts: Jeannie Bickett 547-5543
Tommy Wilson 547-2859

Care Teams

Be part of a team that ministers to the needs of a specific church member who may be elderly, ill, or otherwise home bound.

Contact: Ann Hudspeth 547-5404

Grief Support Care Team (Caring Friends)

Offer condolences and support for members losing a family member or other crises, for a full year following the crisis.

Contact: Zeta Sistare 547-7211 zgsatnight@comporium.net

FACILITIES CARE MINISTRIES

Mission: To take care of the church property, which includes all buildings and grounds. Work is done on an “as needed” basis or during scheduled workdays. Volunteers provide the tools, expertise, and experience in maintaining the church’s facilities.

Lawn and Landscaping Care

Cut limbs, prune trees, shape bushes, and apply mulch. Transplant or plant flowers on a seasonal basis.

Contact: Robin Morris 547-2915

Gardening

Periodically check weeds, plantings, and shrubbery on grounds, including the Columbarium as appropriate.

Contact: Robin Morris 547-2915

General Maintenance

Paint, basic carpentry skills, electrical repair, and general “handyman” skills

Contact: Robin Morris 547-2915

Work Day—Fall and Spring

Come to the church and fix, prune, paint, repair, and work on all other tasks that need to be done.

Contact: Robin Morris 547-2915

Kitchen

Organize, train users, oversee clean up of Unity’s kitchen. Dishwashers are needed after Congregational Dinners.

Contact: Jimmy Knox 547-0903

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide direction and emphasis for all facets of stewardship development and growth within the church.

Stewardship Ministry Team

This team has responsibility for keeping the issue of stewardship before the congregation throughout the church year. Specific responsibilities include planning and implementation of the annual stewardship campaign, as well as support for special offerings and other issues of stewardship. They work cooperatively with the Shared Ministries Team to assure a well-rounded approach to stewardship.

Contacts:

<i>Bob Mobley</i>	<i>547-2344</i>
<i>Robin Morris</i>	<i>547-2915</i>
<i>Dan Holloway</i>	<i>547-5543</i>

Stewardship Implementation

Those involved in this ministry help to interpret stewardship opportunities throughout the congregation. Possible ways for doing this include drama, video, print materials, and electronic media, as well as personal faith-sharing.

Contacts:

<i>Bob Mobley</i>	<i>547-2344</i>
<i>Robin Morris</i>	<i>547-2915</i>
<i>Dan Holloway</i>	<i>547-5543</i>

Long-Term Financial Planning

Members involved in this ministry evaluate the long-term financial health of the church. They research and implement plans to improve the financial security of the church beyond the yearly operational budget.

Contacts:

<i>Bob Mobley</i>	<i>547-2344</i>
<i>Robin Morris</i>	<i>547-2915</i>
<i>Dan Holloway</i>	<i>547-5543</i>

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide fellowship opportunities through congregational dinners, picnics, and small-group dinners.

Supper Club

Supper Club members meet quarterly in home or restaurant for time of food, fellowship and getting to know others.

Meetings: *Quarterly, on Friday or Saturday evening*
Contacts: *Ann Hudspeth 547-5404*
Doris Dunn 548-0004

Fifth Sunday Breakfast

Purchase, prepare, and serve the Fifth Sunday Breakfast during the Sunday School hour. Four times per year.

Contact: *Lorie Lower 802-3799*

Congregational Dinners

Help out by setting up the room, work cashier table, help serve dinner, or clean up at monthly congregational dinners. This is a great opportunity for food and fellowship!

Contacts: *Valerie Petit 802-3627*
Tommy Wilson 547-2859

Ice Cream Social

Prepare ice cream or cookies for this yearly church-wide gathering, which is generally in August!

Contact: *Tommy Wilson 547-2859*

Fall Church Picnic

Plan, organize, and coordinate food, facilities, entertainment, set up, and clean up of the annual church wide picnic.

Contacts: *Ronnie Dunn 548-0004*
Tommy Wilson 547-2859

Unity's Athletic Teams

Play on Unity's men's softball team during the fall and spring, and basketball team in winter. Currently there are only men's teams, but if there is enough interest, women's teams would be formed.

Contact: *Bayles Mack 547-2819*

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide support and encouragement for the health, well-being, and wholeness of our congregation. This group recognizes the relationship between our spiritual and physical selves.

Health Ministries Team

Meet to plan activities and information-sharing opportunities.

Meetings: *Every other month*
Contact: *Bob Woodson 547-5229*

Equipment Closet

Work to increase awareness of closet to congregation and inventory closet, including taking inventory.

Contact: *Bob Woodson 547-5229*

First Aid Kits

Re-supply Unity's first aid kits, located in various places throughout the church and Ministries Building.

Contact: *Bob Woodson 547-5229*

Blood Pressure Checks

Assist with blood pressure checks during 5th Sunday Breakfasts quarterly.

Contact: *Bob Woodson 547-5229*

LONG RANGE PLANNING MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide the foresight required to anticipate future facility, financial, staffing, and program needs. To help the church leadership establish plans and strategies to meet those needs.

Long Range Planning Team

The Long Range Planning Ministries Team gathers current information and trends involving demographics, church and community needs, cultural changes, and financial requirements. This information is analyzed by keeping in mind our own church's vision and desires, to identify issues that need to be addressed in accomplishing our missions. Smaller teams or work groups are formed to explore and develop plans and strategies to deal with specific issues. The entire team critiques the smaller team reports, and helps to formulate recommendations for the church leadership to review and/or adopt. The entire team meets about once each quarter. Smaller teams or work groups meet as determined by the needs of the group.

Contact: Dan Holloway 547-5543 rdholloway@comporium.net

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide fellowship, friendship and opportunities for spiritual growth and community service.

All men of the congregation are invited for food, fellowship, and devotion on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 am to 7:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. **Devotion leaders** are needed. **Breakfast preparers** are welcome, as well. Men provide home repairs for elderly members of the congregation and for other persons in the community who need such assistance. In addition, men participate in various community projects through **Habitat for Humanity** and the church's **Helping Hands** ministry.

Meetings: *Third Thursday of the month, 7:30am*

Contacts: *Joe Bonds 547-5399*

Bill Vierstra 547-0490

MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide oversight and coordination for the outreach ministries of Unity. Works with mission workers to provide support and an exchange of information. Lifts up service ministries within the community and denomination that deserve the support of the church. Works with a pastor to assure an emphasis on this vital part of Christian ministry. Encourages church participation in mission & outreach projects.

Outreach Ministry Team

Coordinates the various mission and outreach projects. Encourages members of the congregation to participate in mission/outreach ministries.

Meetings: *Monthly as needed*
Contacts: *Joyce Sullivan 547-6561*
 Jim Boyd 396-8988
 John Welker 547-1264

Dimes for Hunger

This is a Presbytery -sponsored program to raise money for hunger programs in Honduras, Guatemala, and in our 5-county presbytery. Unity's fall program encourages individuals to give one dime per meal for one month. Volunteers are needed to help with publicity, attend the kick-off event in Rock Hill, and to be a part of this event.

Contact: *Joyce Sullivan 547-6561*

CROP Walk

This event, either a 6.2 mile walk or a 1 mile walk, takes place in October each year to raise money for hunger programs for Church World Service. 25% of the money raised in York County stays in the county for ongoing programs. A Coordinator is needed to plan for church participation; someone is needed to handle publicity for the walk; someone is needed to coordinate sign-ups for interested walkers and donors; and lots of walkers are needed. Unity has repeatedly had the highest number of walkers and raised more money than the other groups. It's good for your soles, too!

Contact: *Susan Bullard 547-2009*

Adult Mission Trips

Unity is planning several mission trips for 2008. Plans are underway for an adult mission trip to Honduras and for adult mission/work/rebuilding trips to the U.S. Gulf Coast areas hit by hurricanes. Planner, organizers, participants, and willing workers are needed.

Contacts: *Joyce Sullivan 547-6561*
 Steve Hardy 547-2042

MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONTINUED

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Unity hosts and sponsors a bloodmobile four times each year. Volunteers are needed to help with publicity, to encourage donors, to sign-up donors, to work the canteen the day of the bloodmobile, and to bake cookies for donors while they rest after giving. Most of all, Unity needs people to donate a pint of blood. This is volunteer work you can do lying down!

Contact: *Joyce Sullivan* 547-6561

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands work group is available for those in our congregation and community who need some home repair work and are unable to complete the work themselves. This group also works at Bethelwoods, our church camp, doing carpentry, building, landscaping, and clean-up as needed. It helps to have some carpentry skills, but a willingness to work and to learn on the job is also needed.

Contact: *Bill Vierstra* 547-0490

Habitat for Humanity

Volunteer to help build homes for deserving families in the York County area. Unity will be participating in the Apostles' Build program. Skilled construction workers, unskilled but willing helpers, and friendly sandwich-makers are needed.

Contacts: *Steve Hardy* 547-2042
 Joe Bonds 547-5399

Nutrition Center

This program, which meets in Unity Hall, provides a hot meal and companionship to the elderly in our community who are in need. Volunteers are needed to help with the home-delivered meals on a weekly or substitute basis and to lead activities. Volunteers are also needed to make night bakery pick-ups, which involves picking up "overages" at a local bakery and dropping them off at the Nutrition Center a few nights per week. Donations to be used as Bingo prizes are welcome also!

Contact: *Glenda Irwin* 547-6184

Seasonal Missions

The Outreach Ministry encourages participation in the Thanksgiving Cornucopia, as well as the Angel Tree and RAINdeer Tree service projects before and during Advent. Other mission projects, such as Rainbow of Caring and collections of used eyeglasses, take place each year. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate, oversee, publicize, and participate in these projects.

Contact: *Joyce Sullivan* 547-6561

MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN)

RAIN is a program which enables volunteers, working in Care Teams, to live out their faith in service to persons living with AIDS. RAIN's mission is to develop an informed, compassionate response to those persons. Unity has 2 Care Teams who are now working with their care partners. Other teams are needed, as are those who would be willing to help with driving others to doctors appointments or to the grocery. There is also a need for occasional babysitting for children while their parents are in support group meetings.

Contact: Susan Bullard 547-2009

Fort Mill Care Center

The Care Center serves those in the community who are in need. Volunteers are needed to work in the food pantry or to help interview clients. Donations of canned goods and school supplies are always welcome.

Contact: Jill Washam 548-5841

Outreach Communications

The Outreach Ministry strives to keep the congregation aware of the mission workers and projects that our church supports through bulletin board displays, newsletter articles, and our website. Volunteers are needed to provide timely communications through creating displays and writing articles.

Contact: Carol Holloway 548-7215

Interfaith Hospitality Network of York County (IHN-YC0)

IHN is a local non-profit organization that provides meals, shelter, support services, and life skills training for homeless parents and children. Unity participates in this mission by providing sleeping rooms and meals in our church to homeless families one week per quarter. The family capacity is limited to 4 families, with no more than 14 persons total. **GREETERS** are needed to welcome the families in the late afternoon and help them get settled before dinner is served. **MEAL HOSTS** are needed to cook and serve breakfast or dinner to the families. **EVENING HOSTS** are needed to come and spend time with the families after dinner and before bedtime. **OVERNIGHT HOSTS** are needed to sleep at the church overnight and see the families off the next morning. **TRANSPORTATION HOSTS** are needed to provide transportation to the day center, doctor's visits, job interviews, etc.

Contacts: Robin Morris 547-2915
Anne Weeks 802-0571

SHARED MINISTRIES

Mission: To assist all members in understanding what gifts or talents they have, and how those gifts might be used or “shared” at Unity or in the community.

Shared Ministries Team

Assists church members in identifying and utilizing their God-given gifts in and beyond the church. Assimilate new members into the life of the church.

Meetings: *Quarterly, and as needed*

Contact: *Brynne Fisher 547-3997 brynne@yourcardsolution.com*

New Member Ministry

Serve by introducing new members to the activities and opportunities available in our church. **New Member Shepherds** meet with new members on the Sunday they join, and are a point of contact for information, friendship, and fellowship for the new member throughout the year. This important ministry helps new members meet other members of the congregation and learn about the church. A **Welcome Team** member meets individually with new members on the Sunday they join to find out more about the new member and share information about the church. **Welcome Center Attendants** are needed for each service to answer questions and hand out brochures at the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is a location where both visitors and members can obtain information that will help them find their way around the church grounds, learn about the different classes and groups that are a part of the church, find out about upcoming special events, learn about the nursery, and many other items of interest.

Contact: *Brynne Fisher 547-3997 brynne@yourcardsolution.com*

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

Mission: To build an inclusive, caring community of women who meet in circles to support, up-lift, and promote the well-being of its members through on-going activities, such as prayer and/or Bible study, celebration giving, local and foreign mission interpretation, and special ministries to the congregation and community, as well as uphold the PW purpose of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Five Presbyterian Women (PW) circles meet monthly for Bible study, service, and fellowship. PW membership is open to all women in the congregation. Circle names and meeting times are listed on the Individual Gifts Sharing Form. Circles duties include: providing birthday cakes for the Nutrition Center, preparing meals for church families when needed, working on local missions, and attending PW Presbytery-wide Fall Retreat and Spring Gathering. The PW also plan and execute the following annual events: Mother/Daughter Luncheon, Father/Son event, Unity’s Women’s Retreat, Christmas Auction, Unity’s Christmas Post, sending care packages to Unity’s college students, and contributing financial and volunteer support for several local charities and scholarships.

Contacts: *Jessie Little 547-7114
Brenda Mullis 547-6056*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide worship experiences that meet the needs of all church members. This encompasses all worship and musical activity in the church, including special services, communion preparation, all choirs, special music, Kindermusik classes, sanctuary decorations, weddings, and worship leadership.

Worship and Music Ministry Team

Meetings are held four to six times per year to discuss issues and make decisions relating to worship and music ministries. This team works closely with the ministers and the Director of Music to provide meaningful and inspirational worship opportunities for people of all ages.

Contacts: Susie Hinton 548-2637
 David Neel 548-5449

Usher

Ushers are asked to serve for one month. Duties include handing out bulletins, assisting people to seats in the sanctuary or overflow space, passing the offering plate, checking pews after the service, collecting friendship pad sheets after the 11:00 am service and straightening the sanctuary after the service as needed. Assistance at funerals is also needed.

Contact: Burt Welch 547-3201

Greeter

Greeters serve on Sunday at either service and are asked to arrive in time to warmly welcome those attending worship.

Contact: Gina Mitchell 547-5543 gmitchell1@comporium.net

Seasonal Decorations

Set up, decorate, and pack up seasonal decorations for the sanctuary and in other areas throughout the church facilities, as appropriate for the season. Special projects might include setting up and maintaining the Advent Wreath, Christmas decorating in the Sanctuary as well as other seasonal decorations.

Contact: Jeannie Bickett 547-5543

Chancel Choir

This choir is open for adults and youth who are in the tenth grade or higher. The Chancel Choir provides service music for worship on a weekly basis. The choir most often sings for 11:00 am worship, but occasionally they do sing at the 8:45 am service. Special music is provided several times during the year, including the annual Lessons and Carols service in December.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Contact: Patsy Black 547-5543

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Lay Leader in Worship

Adults and youth assist in worship leadership for regular Sunday worship services and special services. A training class is offered for those who are interested in serving in this ministry. Lay leaders are scheduled to assist in worship on a rotating basis, usually no more than one or two times per year.

Contact: Jeannie Bickett 547-5543

Communion Preparation

Serve on a team to prepare the communion elements on Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. A training class is offered. Preparation occurs on the Saturday before Sunday communion, as well as before, between, and after worship on Sunday, and for special services. Teams normally prepare communion once or twice per year. Bread bakers are also needed.

Contact: Susie Hinton 548-2637

Sanctuary Brass Cleaning and Polishing

Assist with the monthly cleaning and polishing of the Sanctuary Brass.

Contact: Jane Carroll 548-2893

Unity's Vision

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

Mission Statement

The mission of Unity Presbyterian Church is:

- To provide inspired and inclusive worship of God through Jesus Christ;
- To provide opportunities for Christian Education and growth for people of all ages;
- To provide opportunities for, and encourage participation in, outreach activities to all in need of the knowledge, power, comfort, and love of Jesus Christ; and
- To provide pastoral care for those in pain and in need of comfort.

*“And he said to them,
‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news
to the whole creation.’”*

Mark 16:15