



Dimes for Hunger

"Kindness to the poor is an act of worship" Proverbs 14:31
Did you know...?

- Did you know that several members of the Unity family are featured on this year's Dimes for Hunger campaign video?
- Did you know that the Presbytery's goal for the Dimes for Hunger campaign = \$9.30 x each member. For Unity, that would equate to 987 members X \$9.30 or \$9179.10?
- How many people could we feed if that amount was raised?
- Did you know that 50% of the contributions remain in the area served by our local Presbytery? The Presbytery area includes Lancaster, Union, Chester, Kershaw, and York Counties. York County agencies receiving Dimes for Hunger funding include York County Adult Day Care, Fort Mill Care Center, York County Council on Aging (our nutrition center), Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen.
- Did you know that Unity's highest contribution in the last 10 years was in 2004? The amount raised for Dimes for Hunger that year was \$4129.33.
- Did you know that 50% of the contributions are sent for global missions? This year, countries receiving funds include Honduras, Guatemala and Malawi. Missions include Heifer International, in both Honduras and Guatemala, an orphanage in Malawi for children whose parents have died of AIDS, Project Alternatives in Honduras and scholarships for youth to continue their education.
- Did you know that Unity contributed 11% more to Dimes for Hunger in 2007 than we did in 2006? The amount raised in 2006 was \$3522.60; the amount raised in 2007 was \$3,928.63. Our goal for 2008 is \$5000.

Youth Dance Ensemble

For Youth Grades 6 to 12, Tuesdays, 7-8:00 pm

All interested youth in grades 6-12 are invited to consider joining this newly formed ensemble. Unity's Youth Dance Ensemble will meet on Tuesdays, 7-8:00 pm. The first meeting was Tuesday, September 9, but if you missed it and want to dance PLEASE join us each and every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will consider joining this ensemble. *Questions? Please contact Susan Benfield at (803) 802-5960.*

Children's Music Opportunities

Children's Choirs will meet beginning September 14. Children's Choirs are for children age 4 (by Sept. 1) through 6th grade. If you did NOT get a registration packet in the mail, please call Gina or Patsy in the church office and one will be mailed to you, or will be available for you complete on Sunday. Please come even if you missed our first meeting a few weeks ago. We look forward to a great choir year!

Good news! A newly formed youth handbell group, called the *Canterbury Bells*, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 17. This group will be for youth who are in the 5th through 8th grades. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, from 5:20 to 6:00 pm in the Handbell Room. Previous music training is not a requirement, but commitment to weekly rehearsals is a must. If you are interested, please call Patsy at the church 547-5543 or at home, 328-2349 as soon as possible. Ringing positions are on a first come, first serve basis.

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

Sunday Mornings

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:50 am	Church School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups

The first meeting of both Senior and Junior High Youth Groups for 2008-09 will be on Sunday, September 14 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All 7th-12th graders are invited to join these groups. We are looking forward to a great youth group year!

CALLING ALL 4th, 5th & 6th GRADERS

*Like to have a little fun?
Interested in learning more about
the Bible? Enjoy spending time
with Church friends?
Then GC's is for YOU!*

Growing Christians youth group (otherwise referred to as GCs) is getting ready to start back up! Our first meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 14 from 5:15-6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and plan to attend as we kick off the new year. Come dressed comfortably in old clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty, as you never know what we will have planned! We are looking forward to meeting our new 4th graders and having another great year of Bible study, service, and fellowship! *Questions? contact Debbie McNair @ 396-8924 or Tammie Welch at 547-3201.*

IHN Golf for Good

The annual IHN Golf for Good Tournament, hosted by Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 1:00-6:00 pm at Pinetuck Golf Course. The tournament will be a Captain's Choice with a shotgun start. The registration fee is \$60 for an individual or \$200 for a foursome. The fee covers the green fees, cart, and snacks. We are also seeking hole sponsors. Please contact Jennifer Coye at the York County IHN office at 329-2456 if your business is willing to sponsor a hole. The sponsorship costs are \$100 a hole or \$275 for a hole and a foursome. Registration forms are available in the church office or on our web site. All of the proceeds from participants and hole sponsors will go directly to the IHN operating budget. Join us as we golf for a great cause!

Pine Needles Are Coming!

Saturday, October 4

By Senior High Youth Group

Mark your calendars NOW! We will offer new and improved pine needles this year, so you won't want to miss out. Check back next week for specifics regarding ordering, delivery, price, and more!

New and Returning College Students

The Presbyterian Women would like Unity's college students' addresses, email addresses, college, and anticipated year of graduation, so that the PW can send care packages this fall. If you would like your child to receive a care package from PW, please visit Unity's website at www.unityfortmill.org to sign up or contact Linda Bunge at 547-9898. We need this information by 9/15.

In Last Week's Newsletter you were asked to Save the date!

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

Sunday, September 21

8:45 am & 11:00 am : Gloria & Tim Wheeler, PCUSA mission workers from Honduras, will speak briefly at both worship services.

9:50 am: *"Everything You Wanted To Know About Mission Work In Honduras But Were Afraid To Ask"* Tim & Gloria will be in the Fellowship Hall to speak with Sunday School classes. The format for this meeting will be an informal question & answer session.

6:00 pm: The Wheelers will enjoy dinner with Unity's youth groups, discuss previous youth mission trips, and talk about the 2009 youth mission trip.

Monday, September 22

12 noon: Gloria & Tim will end their time at Unity by visiting with the Lunch Bunch. Come and have a conversation with them prior to the program. Bring a sandwich and stay for lunch!

T-Shirts

Unity t-shirts that were ordered during the Capital Campaign are now in! These include white or grey (both youth and adult) as well as youth sizes in light blue. Please plan to pick your shirts up at the church as soon as possible. All orders have been bagged and labeled by family name and are located in the 4th Grade Sunday School room on the main floor near the administrative offices. If your label shows you have a balance due, please leave cash or a check payable to UPC with Megan Watson. All orders will be available for pick up **until Sunday, September 21**. Any orders not picked up by that time will be refunded (if money was pre-paid) and made available to other church members for purchase. We have a limited number of additional shirts available for purchase in all three colors and in both youth and adult sizes. Remember, all earnings will go back to the Capital Campaign as a donation from our youth groups, so please support their efforts! Contact Megan Watson at mgwatson@unityfortmill.org if you would like to buy one/more.

Lunch Bunch Fall Kick-Off Meeting Invitation

Monday, September 22 at 12:00 noon

All adults who have time available are invited to the Lunch Bunch's Fall kick-off meeting on Monday, September 22, at 12:00 noon. We are privileged to have Robert Engel, Professional Architect, author and lecturer on art and architecture history with us to speak on *"The Pilgrimage Heritage: Gothic Cathedrals"*. The talk will examine the evolution of pilgrimages in Europe during the 10th-12th Century, the changes in the Christian Church, the rise of the merchant class, and the architectural and cultural response to civic needs for a new church form to accommodate the vast numbers of pilgrims during this period. As a suggestion, should people like to do some advanced reading, he would suggest Ken Follett's book, "The Pillars of the Earth", which is set in England in the 11th Century and gives a really good view on life at that time, as well as the trials and tribulations in constructing a Gothic Cathedral. Bring your own sandwich; chips, drinks and cookies will be provided.

This just in!! *Tim and Gloria Wheeler, our PCUSA mission workers in Honduras, will be joining us for lunch that day. Plan to meet them and find out more about their ministry over lunch before the program begins.*

Sunday Morning Service September 14, 2008

Nursery

8:45 am
 Infants Vereen Brown
 2's & 3's Patty Barron
 11:00 am
 Infants Linda Hollandsworth and Gretchen Whitesell
 2's & 3's Lucy Hagood

Children in Worship

8:45 am
 4's Amanda Masters and Gretchen Whitesell
 K & 1st Gr Lori Lower and Cindy Keenum
 11:00
 4's Tammie Welch, Renee Stokes, and Caroline Welch
 K & 1st Gr Brynne Fisher and Layne Fisher

Greeters

8:45 am Cathey Miller
 11:00 am Mills Reigel

Ushers

8:45 am Heather Wolf, Jim Bickett, Ellen Bickett, Cathey Miller, Bob Bergvist
 11:00 am Lisa Swinford, Karen Wright, Mike Brown, Brynne Fisher, Cleve Fisher, Layne Fisher, Pat McCabe

Welcome Center

8:45 am Heather Wolf
 11:00 am Marcia Hardy

Happy Birthday!



Sept.	23	Jim Boyd, John Little, Jonathan Neel, Nils Steika
	24	Valerie Pettit, Cathy Weaver
	25	Joy Norton, Bill Vierstra
	26	Jodi Blackwod, Jimmy Jones
	27	Joe Hathaway, Keeghan McCormack, Lisa Swinford, Stuart Swinford, Ashton Wolfe
	28	Catherine Bowman
	29	Ron Culp, Bailey Masters, Philip McNair

Newsletter Publication

**Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 14 at 6 pm
 for Issue Date: Thurs., Sept. 18**

Submit information to:
 Brynne Fisher via email at:
brynne@yourcardsolution.com.

Note the next deadlines:
**Deadline: Sun. Sept. 21 at 6 pm
 for Issue date: Sept. 25**
**Deadline: Sun. Sept. 28 at 6 pm
 for Issue date: Oct. 2**

Attendance & Offering September 7, 2008

8:45 am:	165
11:00 am:	259
Unity Hall:	25
Total Worship Attendance:	449
Sunday School: Total:	227
Adults (FH):	70
Adults w/children:	157
Regular Offering:	\$14,486.10
Building Fund:	\$5,055.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10, 2007.

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

Prayers of Concern

- Kim Hart's father
- Peggy Hemby
- Ann and David Neel and family in the death of his father

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Building Fund Memorial

In Memory of:	Given By:
Tim McCrary	Larry & Patsy Huntley Tommy & Kathy Wilson Barbara Bowden Debbie Butler The Diedrich Family Wes & Renee Stokes
Jim Horton	Jimmy & Aggie Jones
Joyce Lineberger	Debbie Butler

Youth Fund Memorial

In Memory of:	Given By:
Jim Horton	Debbie & Rob Butler
Jean Royal	John & Jean McManus

Organ Fund Memorial

In Memory of:	Given By:
Jean Royal	Stormy & Chari Young

Prayers of Joy

We rejoice with Kevin and Jennifer Davis in the birth of their daughter, *Sadie Davis*. Proud big sister is Mia. Proud grandparents are Bob and Joyce Sullivan.

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Return Service Requested

September 11, 2008

Dear Friends,

Our congregation is led by 18 Elders and 21 Deacons who serve a three year term on a rotating basis. We elect six new elders and seven new deacons each year to replace those whose term of service has ended, and the time has come to do that again. The Nominating Committee will be working over the next few weeks to find people with the gifts and talents to serve in leadership roles.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

You are invited to suggest names of those you believe have such gifts for leadership. Please send those names to my attention. You can do so by email at rdholloway@unityfortmill.org. There will also be an opportunity to suggest names in worship over the next couple of weeks. Those to be suggested should demonstrate spiritual maturity and be active in the life of our church. They must also be able to serve a three year term beginning in January 2009. Thanks in advance for your help in suggesting qualified people.

In Christ's Service,
Dan