

Life at Unity

January 2, 2018



*United in Christ's love,
we glorify God through
worship, nurture, and*

**Celebrating 230 Years
of Mission and Ministry
1788—2018**



MORE INFORMATION ON TRANSITIONS FROM THE PASTOR

2018 brings to Unity Presbyterian Church the opportunity to look back and look forward. The 230th Anniversary of this congregation's founding will allow us to celebrate and assess the legacy we have inherited from the faithful women and men who have gone before us. At the same time, the congregation looks toward what we can become and do as faithful followers of Jesus Christ in the Twenty-first Century.

I would like to focus on a general overview of the process used in the interim period that will guide my work over the coming months.

The process involves the congregation engaging specific tasks during the interim period. Briefly, these congregational tasks include:

- Coming to Terms with History
- Affirming the Congregation's Identity
- Opening the Door to Leadership Participation
- Renewing Denominational Linkages
- Commitment to New or Renewed Directions in Ministry

The stakeholders engaged in the interim process include all members and active participants of the congregation, its officers and leaders, church staff, Presbytery (through the Committee on Ministry), the immediate neighborhood surrounding the church facility, and the larger community of Fort Mill. Through this process of wide engagement, we believe the Holy Spirit can speak to the church regarding the future focus and direction of ministry at Unity Presbyterian Church.

An extended article detailing each step in this process will be available on Unity's website later under Transitions this month for those who would like more information.

Grace and peace,

Mark Diehl
Interim Senior Pastor

P.S. This process is taken from *Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry* by Roger S. Nicholson.

P.P.S. Keep a look out for a special edition newsletter at the end of this month.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

- Josh Patterson
- Murray White
- John Young
- Pam Kay
- Jamie White
- Margaret Monroe
- Martha Broome
- Priscilla Emmert
- David Neel
- Charlee Rae Gribble*
- Dot Hollis*
- Bob Hudspeth
- Jeannie Jones*
- Bob Lane*
- Margaret Morgan*
- Trudie Robertson*
- Dee Rutter*
- Millie Williams*

*Long Term Prayer Concern

Christian sympathy is extended to the families of David Choate and Cindy Keenum.



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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO...



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - JANUARY 7

- **As a Child** – Room M206 – Revelation
- **Faith Connections** – Room M102 – Embracing a Life of Meaning
- **Fellowship** – Fellowship Hall – Grace & Gratitude
- **Holy Grounds** – Fellowship Hall Parlor – Hollywood Jesus
- **Koinonia** – Room M210 – Hollywood Jesus
- **Unity** – Room U212 – Genesis 1:1-15

YOUTH

SNOW TUBING

Save the Date: Snow Tubing @ Hawks Nest Tubing for Middle School Youth
Saturday, January 20, 9:00 am-9:00 pm
\$64 per person, includes two sessions of snow tubing.
Register online. Deadline to sign up is January 10.
In the case of inclement weather, we will reschedule for January 27.

CHILDREN

2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Vacation Bible School/Mission Camp –NEW SCHEDULE - June 10-14

All church picnic, Sunday, June 10

VBS - June 11-14, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Mission Camp MT*Th 9:00am -12:00 pm, W 9:00am-3:00pm

PASSPORT Kids! Camp – Montreat, NC July 2-5

For children & youth in completed grades 3-6

Cost \$308.00

Register Now! Registration is available at: <http://unityfortmill.org/childrens-ministries>
Registration deadline January 10th.

Bethelwoods Summer Camp, York, SC

Summer camp programs for children & youth from completed kindergarten – 12th grade.

Go to bethelwoods.org to see all the camp programs and cost.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: OVER 100 PEOPLE REGISTERED!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER

We have begun our "Year of the Bible", but it is not too late to sign up and pick up a book in the hallway by the Narthex.



CHILD OF THE COVENANT

"Child of the Covenant Sunday" will be celebrated next Sunday, January 7th at the 11:00 service. During worship that day, we will recognize all baptisms that were performed at Unity during 2017. All families with a member who was baptized in 2017 are invited to a reception in the nursery wing at 10:00 am and young children can make a tile for the new "Child of the Covenant" wall (in the stairwell going down to the nursery.) Families being recognized will have reserved seating in the sanctuary for the 11:00 am service. Please contact Kathryn McGregor at 803-547-5543 or KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEW WEBSITE UPDATES

You may have noticed something different about our website! We have performed updates and refreshes to the pages, but rest assured all of your information is still there! We have only replaced Unity's Recent News tab with the Monthly Focus page, which you can find on the home page. As an extra feature, we now have social media icons, email, and print buttons on the right hand page near your scroll bar so you can easily share information you find on our site. We hope you enjoy our new look!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school resumes next week. Make a New Year's resolution to grow in your faith by participating in one of our classes. There are opportunities for people age 2-all age adults. Need help finding the right class for you and your family? Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543.



MOM'S COFFEE

Mom's Coffee meets on Tuesday, January 9th from 9:30-10:30 am in Room M201. This is a time of fellowship and devotions for moms with babies who are available during the day. This will be the only November meeting due to the holiday schedule. Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543 for more information.

WELCOME TO UNITY COFFEE

New to Unity? Join us for our Welcome to Unity Coffee on Sunday, January 14th at 10am in room M201.

OFFICE NOTES

The staff at Unity wish to thank everyone who provided snacks, wrote cards, and shared well wishes during the Christmas season. Your generosity is appreciated.

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 am ... 95

11:00 am ... 197

Sunday School ... N/A

Visitors ... 37

Livestream ... 26

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JOIN US SUNDAY

8:45 a.m.—Worship service
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship service

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Newsletter Info Deadline:
Wednesday by 5:00 pm



[CommSpecialist@
UnityFortMill.org](mailto:CommSpecialist@UnityFortMill.org)

Return Service Requested

STAY IN TOUCH

You already know about our newsletter, but did you know there are other ways to engage with Unity Presbyterian?

- **WEBSITE:** www.UnityFortMill.org You can find all of the information about our church here, upcoming events, registration forms, and more.
- **FACEBOOK:** Unity Presbyterian Church has a Facebook page! Like us for inspirational quotes, Bible verses, event pictures, and interesting articles.
- **BLOG:** unityyouthpastor.blogspot.com
Our Youth Pastor, Lindsay White, updates her blog regularly with funny, interesting, and relevant stories and suggestions.
- **GOOGLE+:** Did you know the more reviews we have on Google, the faster our website is pulled up when someone is searching? Review us by googling Unity Fort Mill, just click the review button on the right hand side!
- **YELP:** Help new people find us by rating us on the Yelp app! Share your stories there too.

If you have any news, suggestions, or announcements, please contact commSpecialist@UnityFortMill.org

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