

Announcements

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THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING will be received today to support Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC). PCSC serves over 819 residents in its 6 different communities. 100% of the Mother's Day offering goes towards providing charitable care to seniors at these Presbyterian Communities who have outlived their financial resources. Even when someone has saved responsibly for retirement, a health crisis or an especially long life can quickly deplete resources. The average age of a senior living in a SC Home is 91 years. Your gift can offer hope, shelter and care to some of our most advanced seniors. Please consider giving generously to this offering, knowing that your gift will offer seniors and their families security and peace of mind. Special pew envelopes will be available during the month of May.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Today, May 12th: Last day of regular Sunday school

May 19th: Congregational Breakfast to honor graduates – All congregation invited

May 26th: Intergenerational Sunday school – Bible Trivia games – Everyone welcome

June 2nd: Summer Sunday school begins in the Fellowship Hall

ALL MEN OF UNITY & THEIR GUESTS are invited to the monthly Men's Ministry Breakfast, to be held on **Tuesday, May 14th, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information about the Men's Ministry Group and their many activities, contact Larry Terrell (larry.terrell@sbcglobal.net).

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES will be honored on **Sunday, May 19th**, during worship and also at a congregational breakfast. Everyone is invited to the **Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.** that day for eggs, ham, sausage, biscuits, cereal, and baked apples. There is a table in the Narthex hallway where you can write the graduates a note. Please stop by before or after worship today.

THE LUNCH BUNCH will meet on **Monday, May 20th** for their annual hot dog picnic. Vera Reid has graciously invited us to her cabin on their farm in Richburg. We will caravan from Unity at 10:30 a.m. You may want to bring a lawn chair. Directions: Take I-77 South toward Columbia. Take Exit 73 and turn left on Hwy. 901 toward Edgemoor. Follow Hwy. 901 for about 8 miles. Balloons will mark the entrance to the farm. You'll see a big red brick house on the right, and Hernandez Rd (entrance to the farm) on the left. Turn left onto Hernandez Rd., and the Reid house is the first one on the left. Call (803) 370-8185 if you have any questions.

TO CREATE A BALANCED BUDGET FOR 2019-2020, staff and ministry team leaders are working on budget cuts. If you are in a position to increase your pledge as of July 1st or make an additional gift today, please communicate that to Pam Bright, financial manager (803-547-5543; pbright@UnityFortMill.org).

YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for a variety of tasks at VBS this summer. See back page of announcements for dates and times. To see a list of volunteer positions with descriptions and sign-up, go to <http://unityfortmill.org/vacation-bible-school>.

NEEDED: 3 tailgate tents for VBS decorating. If you have one you would be willing to loan us for the weekend of June 21-23, please contact Anna Gosney and Kate Haynes at VBS@unityfortmill.org.

REGISTRATION CLOSES TOMORROW, May 13th for *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*: June 21st-23rd

Join us for the Vacation of a Lifetime at our new Intergenerational VBS. Bring your entire family to Babylon, where Daniel had courage in captivity. You'll travel back into Bible times - without setting foot outside our church. Each day, your family can become part of history as you see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Babylon! You'll explore the Marketplace shops, visit Daniel, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about Daniel's adventures in Babylon. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate! **Mark these dates on your calendar: June 21st 5:30-8:00 pm, June 22nd 9:00 am-12:00 pm, and June 23rd 10:00-11:00 am.** Register your family and/or sign up to help at: <http://unityfortmill.org/vacation-bible-school>. Cost is \$15 per child, and space is limited. Have questions or want to help? Contact your Babylon Marketplace Directors: Anna Gosney & Kate Haynes at VBS@UnityFortMill.org.

REGISTRATION OPENS TOMORROW, May 13th, for *Grands Camp: Loving God's Creation*.

Grandparents and grandchildren, ages 4 and up, will enjoy time together learning about and exploring God's creation through this new intergenerational camp opportunity August 7-9 from 9:00-12:00 each morning. Invite your grandparents or grandchildren from out of town or from just down the street to join you for this exciting new adventure. Up to 2 grandchildren may attend with each grandparent. Have more grandchildren than that? Bring an additional grandparent, either related or surrogate, or contact Kathryn McGregor to find additional surrogate grandparents. **Don't have grandparents or grandchildren who can participate with you?** Email Kathryn McGregor to sign up to be a surrogate grandparent or grandchild for another member of our congregation. **Age for Grandchild Participants:** Please note that this camp is most appropriate for children ages 4 - elementary school. There will be a limited number of slots for middle school aged youth helpers. Please email Kathryn McGregor to inquire about youth helper slot openings. Don't miss out on exploring God's love for creation and our responsibility to care for God's creation with your grandparents or grandchildren through games, crafts, stories and more this summer. Registration will run from May 13-June 3. Cost is \$30 per child. Register online at: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=oDdGqj4mlvO6jGIlzbTh9w==&site=92749&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=5704&EventID=175871&sn=92749. For more information, contact Kathryn McGregor (KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543.)

VOLUNTEER MEAL DELIVERY SUBSTITUTES are needed by the York County Council on Aging for the Fort Mill area. If you can help, please contact Ashley Bizzell at (803) 328-0197, ext. 302.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS: As advertised, each family (or individual) who sat for a photo receives a free 8x10, as well as a hard copy of the new pictorial directory. *If you ordered prints*, you should receive those by mail. The free 8x10s for those who *did not order* any additional prints are delivered to the church office. If you didn't pick them up from the Narthex on Sunday, please pick them up from the church office. A huge "THANK YOU!" to all who were able to sit for a photo! We had more participate than the company expected we would. If you did order prints and are unhappy with the product, or if you have not received them, please call Lifetouch customer service at 1-888-313-1746 and they should take care of your concerns. **NOTE:** Photographs for those whose photo session was on the "make-up" day, Monday, April 29th, may not have arrived yet. For any questions or concerns that are not product-related, contact Sally Herlong at 803-547-5543 or CongregationalCare@UnityFortMill.org.

SHARING OUR STORIES OF FAITH – A Summer Sunday School Opportunity for Adults and Youth: This summer, we will hear the faith stories of a variety of different congregation members, groups, and families in our church. Richard Morgan in his book, *Remembering Your Story*, says, "Remembering our stories is not just for our own benefit; it is a sacred responsibility to hand on our values and faith to coming generations." He believes that "Every life is a unique, invaluable story," and that "God speaks to us in our stories." He also says that "Remembering our stories creates community and a future." The report from our recent congregational Mission Study highlights that building community amongst congregation members is needed. By hearing the faith stories of a variety of people in our congregation, participants will get to know each other on a deeper level and meet others that they have not previously known at all, while growing in their faith and learning about new ways to live out their faith in their everyday lives. Join us this summer for *Sharing Our Stories of Faith*, **beginning June 2nd**. Watch the printed announcement sheet, church newsletter and website for a list of speakers.

UPCOMING CONNECTIONS CLASSES: The classes are designed for people **new to our church** who may be considering becoming members. This class will provide information about the congregation, what it means to be a Presbyterian, opportunities for involvement, how to become a member, and other topics of interest and importance. It will also provide a great opportunity for you to meet some of the Unity staff and other church members.

- Summer Class: June 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 10:00 am
- Fall Class: September 15th 12:00-3:00 pm; September 22nd at 10:00 am
- Winter Class: November 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 10:00 am

Pre-registration is required for the classes. To register or ask questions, contact Nancy Nutter (NNutter@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543).