

Announcements

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THE JUNIOR & CHERUB CHOIRS will meet for the first rehearsal of the new school year **TODAY**. The Junior Choir (grades 2 through 5) will meet in the Choir Room from 4:15 until 5:00 pm, and the Cherub Choir will meet in the Handbell Room from 5:00 until 5:45 pm. Cherub Choir is for children age 4 (by September 1st) through first grade. Parents, please plan to stay for a brief meeting at the beginning of each rehearsal. Please contact Margaret Monroe, Director of Music (mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543) with any questions.

ALL MEN OF UNITY & THEIR GUESTS are invited to the monthly Men's Ministry Breakfast, to be held on **Tuesday, September 10th, at 8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. To learn more about the Men's Ministry Group and their many activities, visit Unity's website or contact Larry Terrell (larry.terrell@sbcglobal.net or 860-989-5546).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Busy hands are happy hands. Do you know how to knit or crochet, or would you like to learn? What a tangible way to help members of our congregation when they are in need of some love and warmth. Your loving hands can make this happen by knitting a shawl. Prayer shawls mean so much to people who receive them. In the present and for years to come, recipients will know – and remember – the love and prayers from the church whenever they wrap the shawl around them. Please consider joining this group. The Prayer Shawl Team will get together to knit, along with the Creative Connections Team, on **Mondays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon** in Room M312. Knitters may come every week or join us as they are able. Please contact Paula Jackson at pkwk20@comporium.net for more information.

YOUTH SAFE PLACE TRAINING is **mandatory** for all youth in grades 6-12 who are working with children in any way (including Children In Worship, Nursery, Sunday School, Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, and any others). If you have not gone through the training previously and you currently help with (or would like to help with) any of these events, please plan to come to a Youth Safe Place Training on **Sunday, September 15th, at 4:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you're not sure whether you've been trained, please contact Lindsay to see if you are on the list.

DIMES FOR HUNGER began in our presbytery in 1977 when most of the textile mills in our area closed, and many people who lost their jobs were unable to feed themselves and their families. The plan was simple: ask each member in each of our churches to give **one dime - per meal - per day for the month of September, for a total of \$9.30 per person**. The offering would be used to help provide food for our neighbors who were hungry. Why do we continue to do this? Christ told his disciples to "give them something to eat." To show our love for Christ and for our neighbors, we give our dimes beginning on Sunday, September 8th. Our DFH offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.

UNITY'S NEW DIRECTORY is currently in the process of being reprinted, due to several omissions. Each family who had pictures taken will be given a free directory as soon as they are received. If you did not have a photo made, but would like to purchase a directory, they will be available for \$10 each. Thanks so much for your continued patience.

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.

- **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).

AFTER 28 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY (24 years at Unity,) our congregation is saying farewell to the Reverend Jeannie Bickett, Senior Associate Pastor. Everyone is invited to attend a drop-in retirement celebration in her honor on **Sunday, September 22nd, from 2:00-5:00 pm** at the Belle-Crane Inn. The inn is located at 599 Smythe Road in Fort Mill. A special “Service of Dissolution of Pastoral Call” will be held during worship on **Sunday, September 29th**. The Transition Team encourages all Unity members and friends – past and present – to join in these events.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to attend the Beach Retreat scheduled for **October 11th-13th**. We will be headed to North Myrtle Beach for a weekend of rest, fellowship, and fun. Cost is \$150 per person, which includes food, transportation, lodging, and activities for the weekend. Please register online **by October 1st** at: https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=JW45W5Qqd6T3LtarX0qWRA==&site=92749&ReturnUrl=events/%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=5704&EventID=180624&sn=92749.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Go MAD Day, an intergenerational service event open to people of all ages from 4 years old and up. Go MAD will begin with a light breakfast at **8:00 am on Saturday, October 5th**. Then, participants will split up into teams to “Go Make a Difference” in our community by doing a variety of mission projects. Registration opens TODAY.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT for *THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY*: A Lunch Bunch-sponsored trip to Narroway Productions on **November 16th** for the 5:00 pm dinner show. See your favorite Christmas scenes, hear your favorite Christmas songs, and watch with awe-stricken wonder the beautiful recreation of *The Real Christmas Story*. Cost is \$33 per person, and includes the show and a dinner meal of turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie with whipped topping, sweet tea, and water. Payments should be made to Unity Presbyterian and indicate “Lunch Bunch Trip”. Limited seats are available. Narroway Productions is in Fort Mill at 3327 Highway 51. Attendees are to arrange their own transportation to the theater. Contact Bill Vierstra at 803-547-0490 with any questions. **Ticket deadline is October 31st.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: A new class to train Stephen Ministers will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning January 7, 2020, and ending on April 21, 2020, with a break the week of Easter. Please prayerfully consider this exciting lay ministry that helps mend hurting people. What greater gift than to be a conduit through which God’s healing power can flow! Stephen Ministers may help those going through life changes such as bereavement, job loss, new baby, hospitalization, and more. This highly confidential ministry provides an invaluable service during this time of transition in our church. Training is fun, and lasting friendships may be made. If interested, please contact Debbie Matthews (803-230-0970, debbiematthews201@gmail.com) or Lynn Ringley (704-617-2853, lringley@gmail.com)

