

Announcements

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CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (CIW) is back in the Historic Sanctuary today. Parents are asked to pick up their children at the outside entrance to the Historic San under the portico after the 11:00 service. CIW resumes at both services on Sunday, August 19th.

UNITY IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A MISSION STUDY, a process that is part of faithfully following Christ and appropriately discerning the type of leadership needed for the future. During this study, it is the desire of the Mission Study Team (MST) for as many in the congregation as possible to be involved with the process of self-examination and decision-making. As part of the process of self-examination, the MST requests that each member of its congregation complete a brief survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from the congregation related to various aspects of the church and its activities and to help guide discussions during Sunday school for 4 weekly sessions that will begin on August 19th, skipping the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. These sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and no other adult Sunday school classes will meet so that everyone can participate in the discussions. The sessions will be repeated during Sunday Night Live beginning on September 16th. **The survey was sent via email to all members of the congregation on Monday, July 30th.** You can click on the following link – <https://goo.gl/forms/i98PjfDKRqlys8TM2> – or input it into the web browser of your computer, smartphone or tablet. If you wish to complete the survey manually, hard copies will be available in the Narthex at the deacons' desk. If you have any questions, please email the MST – upcmst@gmail.com. Thanks for completing the survey!

ALL RISING 6TH-12TH GRADERS are invited to sing in Youth Choir! We will rehearse on **Wednesday, August 8th and 15th** in preparation for Youth Sunday. Meet in the Choir Room at **11:00 a.m.**, and rehearsal will last 30-45 minutes. The Youth Choir will sing at both services on Youth Sunday (August 19th). If you are interested, please contact Margaret Monroe, Director of Music, at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or 803.547.5543.

SAFE PLACE TRAINING for new Children and Youth Ministry volunteers will be held **TODAY from 4:00-5:00 pm** in Room M312. Contact Kathryn McGregor for more info (KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543.)

A CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING will be held **TODAY from 5:00-7:00 pm** in Room M312. All teachers, assistants, and substitutes are encouraged to attend to receive information about our upcoming year, receive your fall curriculum, and work with your teaching team to plan your schedule.

THE SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at Unity on **Wednesday, August 8th**. Volunteers are to meet in front of the Preschool entrance **by 8:00 a.m.** Helpers are also needed to help move tables on Tuesday, August 7th. Please bring any plastic grocery bags and paper bags that you can collect from friends and neighbors. Wagons, hand trucks, wheel barrows and other wheeled vehicles will also come in handy. Contact Jim Boyd (jhboyd@comporium.net or 803-984-2277) or Cindy Epps (eppscindy@gmail.com or 803-367-1755) if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to sort the donated school supplies on **Thursday, August 9th, at 10:00 a.m.** in Room M210. Contact Cindy Epps at eppscindy@gmail.com or 803-367-1755 for more information.

PACK A BACKPACK for a child in need on **Sunday, August 12th, at 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. The Outreach Ministry Team has set a goal of providing 100 backpacks to *Classroom Ready* to be distributed to children in the FM School District. This is an intergenerational service project, and is great for families and people of all ages.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Unity will join 15 other churches and Thrivent Financial to build a new home in Rock Hill for Cesar Sleh and his children. Cesar is a native of Liberia who has been in the United States since 2004. He works in Fort Mill. The home has been started, and Unity will work on **Saturday, August 18th and Saturday, October 27th**. Unity will also donate \$7750, which will be matched by Thrivent Financial. The work on 8/18 is scheduled to be siding, metal work, shed, and interior painting; work on 10/27 will be punch list items and finish work. These work assignments may change depending on progress of the home. Please contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com if you wish to work. There is a job for everyone, ages 16 and older.

COPIES OF THE YEAR-END REPORT from Stewardship that was published in the newsletter this week can be found in the Narthex on the Deacon's desk.

KICKOFF SUNDAY is August 19th. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10:00 am. Children and youth will meet in their new Sunday school classrooms to meet their teachers and get to know their classmates. All adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an update on the Interim Process and guided discussions with the Mission Study Team.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM is excited to announce that *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (2013) will make its debut at Unity on **Sunday, August 19th**.

- Cost to donate a *Glory to God* hymnal in honor of or in memory of a loved one is \$20.
- Donated hymnals will be marked with a nameplate.
- Donation forms can be found online on the Unity website, in the Narthex, or in the church office.
- Completed forms and donation checks may be placed in the Sunday collection plate, mailed to or dropped off at the church office, or completed electronically on Unity's website.

UNITY'S ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held on **Sunday, August 19th, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Homemade ice cream will be churned by Unity members, and homemade cookies will be baked by our own special cookie-makers - a double treat that you won't want to miss! Call Gail McElmoyle (864-906-7287) or Paula Jackson (803-547-3463) if you can provide ice cream or cookies.

UNITY'S ENDOWMENT PROGRAM has surpassed the threshold set by its board to distribute funds. If your ministry has an event or program in mind that did not make the 2018-2019 budget, the Endowment Program may be able to help fund that event or program. Applications are **due by August 13th**, and can be found in the Narthex or on our website under the Stewardship/Endowment tab: <http://unityfortmill.org/Websites/UPC2017/images/APPLICATION%20FOR%20ENDOWMENT%20PROGRAM%20DISTRIBUTION2018.pdf>. The Endowment Board is truly appreciative of the more than thirty (30) DONORS whose generous cash donations have made this program distribution possible.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS for *Year of the Bible*:

- Contrary to Satan's expectations, Job does not curse god when everything is taken from him (Job 1-3)
- The leper who returned to thank Jesus for healing him is a Samaritan (Luke 17:16)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

- When Jesus is dying on the cross, who affirms that he is innocent?
- In what form does God appear to Job when God answers Job's questions?

LUNCH BUNCH BUS TRIP to Abbeville Opera House **on Saturday, November 10th: *Almost Maine***, 3:00 pm show time. A bus will be at Unity at 11:15 am and depart at 11:30 am for Abbeville, SC, with a "rest stop" on the way. Following the play, we will take a short ride to Yoder's Dutch Oven Buffet in Abbeville for an included buffet dinner. Anticipated arrival back at Unity is at approximately 9:00 pm. Cost is \$62 per person, payable to Unity (memo Lunch Bunch trip), by 10/31/18. Contact Bill Vierstra (803-547-0490) with any questions.

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