

Announcements

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ALL-CHURCH READ KICKOFF is **TODAY** from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Lynne Baab, author of the book *Sabbath Keeping*, will preach at both worship services that morning, as well as speak at the Kickoff event that afternoon. The afternoon kickoff event will be different from Sunday worship, so you are encouraged to come to both. Books are available for purchase in the hallway by the Narthex today. Discussion groups are available during a variety of days and times. Sign up for a discussion group by logging in on the Unity website and choosing "Available Small Groups" on the home page or clicking: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sgavailablegroups.aspx>. For more information, contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543.

PANCAKE SUPPER: Please join us for a congregational meal in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY between 5:00-7:00 pm**. Pancakes, sausage, and fruit salad will be served by our youth. Donations will be accepted to benefit our summer trips in 2019. No reservations are needed.

THE DEADLINE IS TOMORROW to register for the **Faith & Sexuality Retreat at Bethelwoods** for 5th-7th graders and their parents. The overnight retreat will be held **February 22nd-23rd**; cost is \$100 per youth. The event is presented by Providence Presbytery's Education and Equipping Ministry Team and Bethelwoods. Led by Chaplain Nicole Newton, this retreat is designed to open communication as your youth looks toward all the changes that are coming as she/he enters middle and high school. The goal is to help parents set these and future conversations around puberty, adolescence, and sexuality within the context of faith, and learn to share your values as you talk with your youth about these topics. **Register online by TOMORROW** at <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=465&idSession=198271&campCode=bcc>.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: Learn risk factors, warning signs, and strategies for how to help in mental health or substance use-related crises. Picking up where our Mental Health Series left off in the Fall, the Health Ministry Team is sponsoring this training on **Saturday, February 16th, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**. Space is limited, so sign up now at bit.ly/UnityMH1stAid. The deadline to sign up is noon on February 12th. *This free course is offered and led by certified trainers from Mental Health America of the Central Carolinas.*

THE BLANKETS+ OFFERING will be received on **February 17th**. Blankets+ is a program through Church World Service to provide blankets and other services to those in need around the world and in the USA. Together we can help more people stay warm this winter. A blanket is truly a "one size fits all" gift!

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH! Next **Sunday, February 17th**, the Health Ministry Team will offer **free blood pressure checks** in the Narthex hallway. Stop by and see one of our trained volunteers following the 8:45 a.m. worship service or prior to the 11:00 a.m. service.

IF YOU PARTICIPATED in the *Year of the Bible* reading during 2018, please pick up a bookmark to commemorate your experience. Bookmarks are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. If you are looking for some ideas on how to do a daily scripture reading this year, pick up the bibliography also available on the Welcome Table.

SAFE PLACE TRAINING will be offered for anyone new interested in volunteering with children and/or youth at Unity on **Sunday, February 17th**, after the 11:00 worship service in Room M210. No RSVP is necessary. Contact Kathryn McGregor at 547-5543 or KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for more information.

THE 2019 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP will be July 22nd-30th. An informational meeting about the trip - what we do, where we stay, and how we are impacted - will be held on **Sunday, February 17th, at 4:00 pm** in Room M210. Tim Wheeler, a retired PCUSA Mission worker, will be our guide on the trip. We will be hosted by the Municipality of Trinidad, Copan, Honduras, where we will be working. If you can't make the meeting and are interested, email Joyce Sullivan (jsullivan@comporium.net) to be added to the contact list.

THE SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at Unity on **Friday, February 22nd**. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Preschool entrance by 8:00 a.m. Contact Jim Boyd or Cindy Epps (jhboyd@comporium.net; 803-984-2277 or eppscindy@gmail.com; 803-367-1755) if you can help. Bring any plastic grocery bags and paper bags that you can collect from friends and neighbors. Wagons, hand trucks, wheelbarrows, and other wheeled vehicles will come in handy.

SNL Children's Opportunities:

Learning How to Pray: 2nd & 3rd graders will learn about and experience a variety of different active ways to pray.

Growing Christians (GC's) - 4th & 5th grade children will play games, fellowship with each other, and celebrate our unity and diversity as children of God. GC's will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Community Presbyterian Church, 600 N. White Street, Fort Mill, in order to provide adequate indoor and outdoor space for activities.

SNL Adult Opportunities:

2 "Sabbath Keeping" Discussion Groups: Sign up for a small group to discuss the All-Church Read, "Sabbath Keeping" by Rev. Dr. Lynne Baab, on the church website by logging in and accessing the list of "Available Small Groups." Groups begin February 17th.

You are PC(USA)! What Does That Mean?: Unity is a church in the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination. Whether you've heard it all before or need to hear it for the first time, it is always good to know, and to be reminded, what it means to be a part of this particular church and this particular denomination. These sessions will be an overview (from 10,000 feet!) of church history and how the Presbyterian denomination evolved. We'll look together at what it means to be "Reformed," what makes us unique, and how our denomination structured.

Active Prayer: Join other adults to explore active prayer such as Praying in Color, Journal-Inspired Prayer, and making and using prayer beads.

Registration is open at <http://unityfortmill.org/sunday-night-live1> or by logging into the church website and choosing "Events".

CONFIRMATION FOR OLDER YOUTH: High School youth who did not complete or attend a Confirmation program in 8th grade are invited to a 5-week class during Sunday school during the month of March (**March 3rd-31st**). If you would like to sign up for the class or have questions, please fill out the Commitment Form found at the Youth Station, or contact Lindsay White for more details.

WE WILL BE CREATING A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! All families will be photographed on one of the following dates: March 27-29, 30 and April 5, 6 & 8, 9. Our directory won't be complete without you! To sign up, go to the home page of Unity's website and click on the slide; or contact Sally Herlong (congregationalcare@unityfortmill.org or 803-547-5543.)

INTERESTED IN A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND in March of 2020? Brochures are available at the Welcome Table in the Narthex. For more information, contact Dan Rogers (rogersd@comporium.net or 864-245-3122.)

UNITY'S MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CLOSET is now available **only to our congregation and their families**. While we have been providing this service to anyone in the community, there is now a better option available. Hospice and Community Care in Rock Hill (803-329-1500) has opened "the Caring Closet," which is a durable medical equipment loan program serving the residents of York, Chester, and Lancaster counties. Their inventory is comprised of gently used equipment donated for the express purpose of "paying it forward." There is no income threshold, and the equipment is free for loan on a short-term basis to anyone who has a need. They have a well-stocked facility, staffed by a full-time person and many volunteers. Some of the items offered are ramps, wheelchairs, transfer chairs, rollators, walkers, crutches, bed rails, canes, bedside toilets, bath benches, and shower chairs.

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***** for 2/24/19 - ??/??/19 *****

UPCOMING CONNECTIONS CLASSES: The class is 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.

Connections Classes 2019:

Spring Class: March 17th 12-3:00 pm and March 24th 10:00 am

Summer Class: June 2nd, 9th, and 16th 10:00 am

Fall Class: September 15th 12-3 pm; September 22nd 10:00 am

Winter Class: November 3rd, 10th, and 17th 10:00 am

Pre-registration is required for the classes. To register or ask questions, please contact Nancy Nutter (NNutter@UnityFortMill.org or 803.547.5543).