

Announcements

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A **“WELCOME TO UNITY” COFFEE** will be held **TODAY at 10:00 am** in the Hospitality Room, M201. This is a time for new folks and visitors to come together with members to learn more about Unity Presbyterian Church. You will hear about Unity and have an opportunity to ask questions. Follow the hallway to the right as you leave the Narthex. Room M201 will be on the left. You are welcome to join us!

HELP US SAVE ON POSTAGE. Please pick up your **Stewardship packets** in the Narthex hallway. The packets contain information for Adults and Confirmed Youth about opportunities for ministry, the proposed 2019-2020 budget, and forms to communicate your ministry interests and financial giving intentions for the upcoming program year. Commitment Sunday is March 24th.

THE 25th ANNUAL MOTHER*DAUGHTER*SISTER* FRIEND LUNCH will be held on **Sunday, March 31st**, at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be the Reverend Jeannie Bickett. **Today is the last day to get tickets;** if you’ve not already done so, be sure to visit the Narthex Hallway following worship.

ALL MEN OF UNITY & THEIR GUESTS are invited to the monthly Men’s Ministry Breakfast, to be held on **Tuesday, March 12th, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information about the group and their many activities, contact Larry Terrell (larry.terrell@sbcglobal.net)

JOIN OUR ONLINE SABBATH KEEPING DISCUSSION GROUP. If none of the days and times for Sabbath Keeping discussion groups fit your schedule, join our online group. Search Facebook for "Sabbath Keeping Discussion Group" and request to join. This is a closed group where posts and comments can only be seen by those in the group. Discussion questions are posted each Sunday.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE continues today from 5:00-6:00 p.m., through Sunday, March 24th.

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:

“Sabbath Keeping” Discussion Group meets in Room M201.

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.

If you have not registered, please come and join a class.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE FAMILY MEALS: Each Sunday **TODAY through March 24th**, a group of SNL participants will help provide a simple meal at 6:00 pm. Meal reservations can be made by online at <http://unityfortmill.org/sunday-night-live1>. While there is no specific charge for the dinner, donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal, with a suggested donation of \$4 per person. **Menu for 3/17: Taco Bar. Dinner reservations for 3/17 must be made online by Wednesday, March 13th.**

LENT BEGAN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6th. Pick up your Lenten devotion booklet on the table in the Narthex Hallway.

THE MISSION STUDY TEAM has been working since last Spring collecting information from the community and church to discern what we are called to be. The team has completed its report, and has obtained approval from the Session and Providence Presbytery. The complete report can be read on Unity's website under *About Us*/"*Transitions*". The Mission Study Team will present a summary of the report at an "after-SNL session" at **6:45 pm TODAY** in Room M312.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for a Ministries Building "Paint Roller Derby" on **Friday, March 22nd & Saturday, March 23rd (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** Trade in your skates for a paint brush and roller. We are looking for volunteers to paint the 2nd level of the Ministries Building (both classrooms and hallways). We'll have all the supplies, so all you need to do is wear your not-so-Sunday-best. Let us know if you can volunteer for a two-hour shift or more. Sign up by emailing Wyndie Havnaer at whavnaer@comporium.net or text her at 803-548-3072.

EASTER MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS may be made by completing a form available in the church office, by filling out the form found in the Welcome Pad, or by downloading the form available online. Please make your check payable to Unity, and write "Easter Memorial/Honorarium" on the memo line. The deadline for these gifts is **April 7th**. These gifts will be listed in a booklet which will be available in the Narthex on April 14th.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Sign up for a photography session to be included in our new Pictorial Directory! Session times are still available. Sign up TODAY in the Narthex or online at www.bit.ly/UFMphoto. Did you know? Every participating family receives a **free 8 x 10 portrait**, a printed and electronic **copy of the directory**, a **\$30 Shutterfly coupon**, and **\$10 off additional photos**, if purchased. If you bring a non-perishable food item for the FM Care Center to your session, you will receive an **additional \$5 off photo purchase!** Discounts are available to senior citizens, military, and first responders, as well.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES and their families are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the Preschool/Nursery Wing on **Saturday, April 6th, at 10:30 am**. No registration is needed.

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.

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, contact Nancy Nutter (NNutter@UnityFortMill.org).

FAITH & SEXUALITY RETREAT RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH: The leader was ill and unable to attend the February event, so it has been **rescheduled for March 29-30**. Cost is \$100. Sign up today for this great event presented by Providence Presbytery's Education and Equipping Ministry Team and Bethelwoods. Led by Chaplain Nicole Newton, this overnight retreat for 5th-7th graders 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 at Bethelwoods.com**

PROVIDE SANCTUARY FLOWERS. Volunteers are needed to provide flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday worship. Sign up for a specific date of your choice in the book located on a stand to the left of the Welcome Table in the Narthex (on the right side as you are leaving the sanctuary). Providing flowers is not only a way to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary for our worship of the Lord, but also a wonderful way to honor someone special, to remember a loved one, or to glorify God!

AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM: Free Federal and State Income Tax Preparation is offered on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments or online reservations. You do not have to be an AARP member to use this service, and there is no age or income limit. Location: Fort Mill Library in Baxter Village, First Floor, 1818 2nd Baxter Crossing, Fort Mill (803-547-4114; yclibrary.org). Dates and times vary; please contact the library for more information. **ITEMS NEEDED:** A copy of your 2017 tax return, photo IDs, Social Security cards for all being claimed, 1099s, 1098s, 1095A forms, W2s, and any other proof of deductions or income. Bank routing and account numbers are needed for direct deposit or payment. **Joint filing requires both parties to be present for the entire tax return preparation.**

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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. **Unity will continue to accept donations of medical equipment.**