

Announcements

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THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE Sunday morning discussion group will meet on **TODAY at 10:00 a.m.** in Room U319. Anyone interested in discussing Jeremiah and the Gospel of John is welcome. Rev. Lindsay White will facilitate.

ADULTS NOT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING in a Sunday school class are invited to participate in a 6-week adult study entitled *Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear*. This short-term study will be offered on Sunday mornings at **10 am in the church library, Room U212. Open to adults of all ages, the class will meet October 28-December 9 (excluding November 25)** and will grapple with why we as a culture allow fear to play such a large role in our lives. This discussion-based study will engage participants in understanding the manipulative power of fear and how our Christian faith calls us to reject it.

HOPE & WHOLENESS: A SERIES ON MENTAL HEALTH will be held on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **October 29th:** Rev. Mark Diehl will interview Justin Perry of Perry Counseling Healing and Recovery PLLC. Mr. Perry will discuss mental health issues and challenges, as well as some of the barriers that prevent us from moving forward toward wholeness. **November 5th:** Dr. Ted Benfield, who is board certified in both Psychiatry and Neurology, will address two of the most common mental health disorders, Anxiety & Depression. **November 12th:** Beth Purdy and Martin Godwin will share their personal stories around substance abuse and bipolar disorder and their journey to becoming healthy and whole. Childcare is available by request at www.UnityFortMill.org/health-wellness. Questions? Contact LRingley@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY IS PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SUNDAY for the Fort Mill Care Center. Everyone is encouraged to bring a jar of peanut butter and/or jelly. Collection bins will be located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

ADVICE FROM 8 EXPERTS: A free professional seminar, appropriate for all ages and stages of life. Experts will provide vital financial, medical and estate information without cost or obligation. ***An exceptional complement to the Planning for Life SNL program, whether you attended or not.*** Refreshments will be provided. Location: Fellowship Hall

PLANNING FOR BEYOND - Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

- **Introduction:** *Rev. Jeannie Bickett*
- **Medical & Health Concerns:** *Dr. Ken Nunnery*
- **Funeral & Burial Services:** *Laura Roberts, Wolfe Funeral Home*
- **Estate & Legal Concerns:** *Barry Mack, Esq., Mack & Mack Attorneys*
- **Questions and Discussion**

THERE ARE STILL MANY BLUE HYMNALS AVAILABLE to any individual or group who would like them. If your team can use them for crafts or card-making in the months ahead, please help yourself! The hymnals are available in Room M207 through the end of the month.

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12 are invited to sing in Youth Choir! We will rehearse in the Choir Room for 30 minutes following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. The Youth Choir will sing in worship at both services on December 2nd. If you are interested, please sign up by emailing Margaret Monroe, Director of Music, at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org.

SAVE THE DATE! December 3, 2018 is the Tony Dehler Circle **Christmas Auction**. We would like to recruit some items for auction. If you have a beach, mountain, or lake house that you would be willing to donate for a weekend or if you have other items such as Panther tickets or boat rides, please email Dannie Vaughn at vaughndl@comporium.net or call 803-547-4456.

WHAT: 41st Annual York County CROP Walk

WHEN: Sunday, November 4th; registration begins at 2:00 pm, and the walk starts at 3:00 pm

WHERE: Dinkins Hall Lawn at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

HOW: Walk on behalf of the hungry, sponsor a walker through a donation, donate canned goods to be collected at the walk and distributed to local families in need

WHO: EVERYONE is invited to participate. This is a family event, and a great way for children to be part of making a difference in our community and the world!

WHY: Local hunger and poverty-fighting programs will receive 25% of the funds raised. The Fort Mill Care Center, Project Hope, and The Bulb will be supported by funds raised. The remaining money is used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger and poverty throughout the world. See the CROP Walk table in the Narthex/Hallway or contact Heather Honeycutt for more information.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP US write our 2018 Advent Devotions. The devotions will be written by the members of our congregation and will be available in printed booklet form and online on the church website and Facebook page. They will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd, and continue each day until Christmas day. The theme for our devotion booklet is: *Anticipating the Word Made Flesh*. These devotions will help members of our church family learn more about each other, learn from each other, and prepare for the celebration of Christmas. You are encouraged to choose one of your favorite Bible verses from your *Year of the Bible* readings this year. These devotions may be written by individuals, couples, or families of all ages. We are also looking for a cover illustration for the printed booklet; please speak to Kathryn McGregor about illustration guidelines. To participate, sign up for a particular day of Advent and post your selected scripture (see newsletter for details). **Devotions should be emailed** to Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@unityfortmill.org by **November 6th**.

SAVE THE DATE FOR INTERGENERATIONAL VBS JUNE 21-23, 2019. Mark your calendars now for a Vacation of a Lifetime next summer! 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! VBS will be held **June 21st 5:30-8pm, June 22nd 9-12pm, and June 23rd 10-11am**. Registration will begin in April of 2019. Have questions or want to help? Contact your **Babylon Marketplace** Directors: Anna Gosney & Kate Haynes (VBS@UnityFortMill.org)

UNITY WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE on **Tuesday, November 27th, from 2:30-7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Online sign-up is now available. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on November 18th and November 25th.

UNITY'S NOVEMBER CONNECTIONS CLASS is scheduled for Sunday mornings on **November 4th, 11th and 18th** at 10:00 a.m. in Room M312. The Connections Class is designed for people **new to our church** who may be considering becoming members. This class will provide information about the congregation, opportunities for involvement, spiritual growth and service, 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 church staff and other church members. **Pre-registration is required.** Contact Nancy Nutter at NNutter@UnityFortMill.org or call her in the church office at 803.547.5543 to register or ask questions.

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

- The words in Handel's Messiah, "Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow," come from Lamentations 1:12.
- Nicodemus helps Joseph of Arimathea bury Jesus. (John 19:39)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

- What two Old Testament figures does James point to as he insists that works must accompany faith?
- Which writer recommends that our long-range planning should keep in mind the saying, "if the Lord wishes"?

HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED a cane, walker, wheelchair, bedside commode, or similar device temporarily? One of the missions of our Health Ministries Team is to provide a Medical Equipment Closet with donated items. These items are available for loan, free of charge, to church members and anyone in the community who requires them. At this time, our supply is low and all of our wheelchairs are out. If you, your family, or neighbors have a device that is no longer needed, is clean and in good condition, we would greatly appreciate your donation. Wheelchairs, canes, rollator walkers with seats, and tub benches would be appreciated. Please drop items off at the church or contact the office (803-547-5543) for more information.

YEAR END GIVING CONSIDERATIONS:

Gifts of Appreciated Assets such as stocks and mutual funds

When appreciated assets are donated to a non-profit charity like Unity, two benefits are realized. First, Unity gains the full value of the donated stock. Secondly, the owner likely would not owe any tax on the increased value of the asset.

Charitable IRA Rollover aka Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

For individuals with Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), there are requirements once you turn 70½ to begin taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). Under current rules, individuals age 70½ or older may transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to a charity like Unity without recognizing the distribution as income. Such a distribution counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), the mandatory, minimum yearly withdrawals that generally must be taken starting the in the year after you turn 70½ and avoid any penalty tax that occurs by not meeting the RMD. **This is a tax benefit to the individual and also provides a benefit to Unity.**

Donor Advised Funds (DAF's)

DAF's provide a simplified way to manage charitable giving. Transfer cash or securities to an IRS approved donor fund. The donor retains flexibility to decide the amounts and timing of distributions from the fund to charitable organizations such as Unity.

It is important that you seek the advice of your tax or financial professional in any of these cases.

Matching Gifts

Please remember Unity during your 2018 benefits enrollment process. Many employers will provide a matching gift through your payroll charity giving or one-time charitable gifts.