

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES MINISTRY BOOKLET

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SHARING THE GOOD NEWS



*“United in Christ’s love, we glorify God through
worship, nurture, and service to all people.”*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

~Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)

Enclosed is a brief description of each ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church. For more detailed information regarding volunteer opportunities, visit our website at:
<https://unityfortmill.org/serve>

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ADULT GROUPS AT UNITY

Unity offers a variety of ongoing and short-term groups for fellowship, study and service. Listed below are some of those groups along with a short description. You may indicate your interest in participating in these groups on the Opportunities for Ministry Form, or you may join at any time. Information regarding these and other groups not listed here will be advertised by way of our website (UnityFortMill.org), our newsletter (Life at Unity), and our regular Sunday announcement sheet.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Creative Expressions is an ongoing team that uses creative talents such as cross-stitch, crochet, knitting, beading Christmons, quilting, etc. for our church and the community. This group provides an opportunity to connect with others at Unity.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief and Loss Support Group meets as needed. Participants will discuss the grief process and share experiences that can help comfort and reassure each other that they are not alone. Persons experiencing any form or phase of grief are encouraged to express interest.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group for adults who are free at midday. This group meets monthly for lunch, fellowship, interesting programs, and an occasional trip or tour away from the church.

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

Men's Ministry invites participation by all men of Unity and their guests. Join this group if you are interested in attending our monthly breakfast meetings where we fellowship, enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by volunteers, share a devotional and plan participation in service projects.

PRAYER SHAWL TEAM

This team gets together to knit or crochet prayer shawls for the ministers to take to people that are sick. We are starting to make some out of fabric which means you don't have to know how to knit or crochet to be a part of this group.

THEREFORE GROUP

The Therefore Group is designed especially for people who are widowed. Men and women of any age who fit this description are always welcomed. This group meets monthly on the third Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30am.

WOMEN OF UNITY EMAIL GROUP

This group is for women who are interested in receiving occasional emails about Women of Unity's important dates and events.

WOMEN OF UNITY - NEW HORIZONS CIRCLE

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month, September – May, 10:00am – 11:30am. New Horizons Circle formed to continue to support the traditions of Presbyterian Women and the Horizons Bible Study. We will nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church in the global community, work for justice and peace and build an inclusive, caring, community of women to strengthen our church. We will support the college students, homebound, and other Unity mission activities.

WOMEN OF UNITY - SISTERS IN SERVICE

If you love to serve and fellowship with amazing ladies, then Sisters in Service is the group for you! Sisters in Service gathers every other month for fellowship and to serve our local community. We are an intergenerational group of ladies who support organizations inside of York County. For more information, please contact Erin Pratt at huntererin.pratt@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF UNITY - TONY DEHLER CIRCLE

Meets the 1st Monday of each month, September – May, 7:00pm – 8:30pm. A busy, service-oriented group of women defines the Tony Dehler Circle. Monthly meetings involve prayer, Bible study and the support of college students and homebound members of Unity. This Circle sponsors the Christmas Auction, equally benefiting the Fort Mill Care Center and the Senior Nutrition Center, as well as establishing and contributing to the Hugh White Educational Scholarship Fund.

UNITY'S MINISTRIES

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES & SUPPORT

Mission: To take care of behind-the-scenes matters and support the staff and other ministry teams.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Church Office Volunteers
- Offering Counters

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Assisting with copying, organizing, preparing mailings
- Assist with front desk coverage in church office
- Maintaining bulletin boards
- Working behind the scenes
- Working with numbers

BUILDING & GROUNDS MINISTRIES

Mission: To collaborate with church staff in the care of our Unity campus which encompasses more than 51,000 square feet among multiple buildings on a 6.5 acre site that includes a Columbarium. Special work teams are organized to tackle cleaning, painting, handyman type tasks, mulching, pruning, and other related projects. Join us for fellowship and maintaining our campus for members, friends, and visitors.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Adopt a Piece of Unity
- Columbarium Care
- Landscaping Care
- Light General Maintenance
- Storm Prep/Recovery Team

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Working with your hands/do-it-yourself projects
- Gardening and/or Yardwork
- Construction/building things

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Volunteers are needed to help with behind the scenes work such as copying, laminating, and preparing materials for faith formation activities for children, youth and adults. Some projects can be done at home, while some need to be done in the church office.

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Behind the scenes work
- Organized
- Work with your hands
- Administration

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

The Adult Discipleship Ministry Team seeks to invite and inspire all people to explore their faith and find their connection to God, in order to transform their lives through the Living Word. This team plans and coordinates faith formation programs for adults of all ages.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Adult Discipleship Ministry Team
- Adult Sunday School
- Adult Weekday Studies/Small Groups
- All-Church Reads
- Retreats & Special Programs
- Seasonal Devotions

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- A desire to learn and to share
- A desire to help people grow spiritually
- A desire to help others realize their potential
- Leading/Teaching a group of adults
- Technology – basic skills
- Basic knowledge of Bible, current church and societal issues
- Interest in reviewing curriculum for adults 18->100+
- Event planning at different levels – class, small group or large group
- Coordinating people or projects
- Advertising & promotional skills
- Behind the scenes work
- Work with your hands
- Organized
- Hospitality/Welcoming others

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The Children's Ministry Team works to ensure Unity Presbyterian Church is a nurturing environment where children and their families experience God in all areas of the life of the church, and are empowered to live as disciples of Christ. This team plans and coordinates faith formation programs specifically for children birth through fifth grade and their families.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Children's Ministry Team
- Child of the Covenant Sunday
- Children in Worship
- Children's Sunday Afternoon Programs (ie: GC's, Learning to Use My Bible, Worship & Sacraments)
- Children's Sunday School
- Family Events (ie: Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt)
- Grands Camp
- Kaleidoscope Special Needs Ministry
- New Baby Welcoming Team
- Nursery
- Passport Kids! Camp
- Seasonal Devotions
- Vacation Bible School & Mission Camp
- Worship Bags

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Enjoys working with children
- Helping people grow spiritually
- Coordinating people and projects
- Special talent to share with children
- A desire to learn and to share
- A desire to help others realize their potential
- Leading/Teaching a group of children
- Basic knowledge of Bible
- Event planning
- Advertising & promotional skills
- Behind the scenes work
- Organized
- Hospitality/Welcoming others
- Interest in reviewing curriculum for children
- Working with people with special needs
- Working with your hands
- Creativity/Decorating
- Cooking
- Musical/Theatre skills
- Flexibility

CHURCH OFFICERS

Mission: Church Officers are those who are called by God and the congregation to discern the will of Christ for our church's mission and ministry. The Nominating Committee, which includes two at-large members each year, prayerfully considers all possible officer candidates and brings a slate of names to the congregation for election to service. Upon election by the congregation, Ruling Elders and Deacons serve three-year terms and provide leadership in all ministries of the church.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Nominating Committee
- Deacon
- Ruling Elder
- Homebound Communion Visits
- Serving Communion in Worship

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Prayer
- Discernment and good judgement
- Imagination
- Caring for the elderly
- Caring for and comforting others
- Helping others realize their potential
- Coordinating people or projects
- Working behind the scenes
- Leadership

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRIES

Mission: To collaborate with church staff to enhance communications within the congregation as well as expand community awareness of Unity's mission. The staff and Communications Ministry Team brainstorm, develop, and implement efforts involving the church website, broadcasting online, social media, audio and video, internal publications, bulletin boards, advertising, and other tools of communications. If you enjoy telling Unity's story, join us.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- General Audio Visual & Online Streaming
- Photography/Graphic Design
- Social Media Content/Management
- Video/Multimedia Production/Creation

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Photography
- Audio Visual Interest/Expertise
- Videography

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES

The members and staff of Unity Presbyterian Church are committed to providing love, care, and support to each other as we minister to those in need. Also, church events give opportunities for members to have fun and fellowship as they work to meet and know each other better. This team works to continue high-quality levels of caring within the church.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Bereavement Guild
- Card/Note Ministry
- Care Callers
- Congregational Breakfast/Meals
- Cookie Bakers
- Food Team
- Grief Remembrance Team
- Hospital Visitation Team
- Hospitality Corner Team
- Ice Cream Social
- Kitchen Team
- Lunch Bunch Planning Team
- Nursing Home/Homebound Visitation
- Pictorial Directory
- Prayer Chain
- Prayer Shawl
- Transportation

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Making others feel welcome
- Caring for the elderly
- Caring for and comforting others
- Listening to others
- Working behind the scenes
- Coordinating people and projects
- Cooking/Baking
- Organizational Skills

ENDOWMENT BOARD

The Endowment Board members manage the Unity Endowment Program by making investment and fund distribution decisions in accordance with the program guidelines. They also promote legacy gifts within the congregation and evaluate and make grant distribution decisions. Board members serve three-year terms, and attend about 6 meetings per year. Unity seeks a diverse board membership with one or more of the qualities listed below.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Promote legacy gifts to the Program
- Investment decisions
- Grant considerations and approval
- Recognize donors

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Coordinating people or projects
- Working with numbers and investments
- Work behind the scenes
- Communication and promotion of projects

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Mission: To provide support and encouragement for the health, well-being, and wholeness of our congregation. This group recognizes the integral relationship between body, mind and spirit, as we strive to be the persons God calls us to be.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Health Ministries Team Member
- AED Equipment Maintenance
- Assist with Blood Pressure Checks
- CPR Class Scheduler/Coordinator
- First Aid Kits – Monitor/Restock
- Medical Equipment Closet Coordinator
- Physical Fitness Activity Leader
- Serve on a Home Care Team
- Walk Leader

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Leading Fitness Activities
- Making others feel welcome
- Caring for the elderly
- Caring for and comforting others
- Listening to others
- Working behind the scenes
- Coordinating people or projects

HISTORY & HERITAGE MINISTRY

Mission: To cultivate and share the history of Unity Presbyterian Church in ways that 1) help our congregation and community appreciate our past and 2) inspire us for faithful ministry in the future.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- History and Heritage Ministry Team
- Research Church Records and History
- Cemetery Restoration Team
- Create displays about Unity’s History and Heritage

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- History
- Creativity
- Artistic Design and Display
- Community Engagement

HOSPITALITY & EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

The Hospitality and Evangelism ministry seeks to welcome those whom God has called to Unity Presbyterian Church. We provide a ministry of welcome, evangelism, information and friendship. We help encourage new members to discover and share their spiritual gifts as they join into the life of Unity Presbyterian.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Hospitality & Evangelism Ministry Team
- Connections Class Leader
- New Member Dinner
- New Member Photography
- New Member Shepherd
- Welcome Center Attendants
- Welcome to Unity Coffee

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Making others feel welcome
- Outgoing and gregarious nature
- Delights in conversation
- Enjoys establishing new friendships
- Encouraging others to get involved
- Helping others find their way
- Photography

HUMAN RESOURCES MINISTRY

Mission: To support and advise the church staff on behalf of the Session through policies, position descriptions, supporting professional growth and development, reviewing compensation, performance, evaluation, and staff support.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Human Resource Ministry Team
- Staff Luncheons
- One on One Staff Liaison
- Policy Review
- Search Teams for Vacant Positions

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Human Resources Experience
- Attention to Detail
- Policies and Procedures
- Caring for others
- Awareness of human dynamics and systems
- Discernment and good judgement
- Confidentiality
- Working behind the scenes

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry invites all men of Unity Presbyterian Church and their guests to enjoy a monthly breakfast meeting and to participate in service projects throughout the year. Our service ministry includes projects such as serving at the annual Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend luncheon, work days at Unity, Habitat for Humanity work days, Second Harvest food distribution, and the Angel Tree Christmas project. We also have a unique ministry called TOY (Thinking Of You), which delivers cookies to men who have difficulty attending church regularly. Men's Ministry also sponsors the monthly collection and delivery of peanut butter and jelly and other food and supplies to the Fort Mill Care Center.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Assist with Church Work Projects
- Attend Monthly Breakfast Meetings
- Monthly Breakfast Cook
- Monthly Devotion Leader
- Participate in Community Projects
- Participate in TOY Ministry
- PB&J Pick-up

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Caring for the elderly
- Caring for and comforting others
- Construction/building things
- Coordinating people or projects
- Disaster Relief
- Working with your hands/do-it-yourself projects
- Helping people grow spiritually
- Gardening and/or Yardwork
- Cooking/Baking

MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Mission Outreach leads Unity's efforts in ministering outside of the Unity congregation to local and international organizations, charities and projects. This Ministry strives to provide opportunities for all ages to participate in service projects as well as granting financial assistance to deserving entities.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

Local

- American Red Cross Bloodmobile
- Angel Tree
- Blankets+
- Change for the Church
- Children's Attention Home
- Christmas Joy Offering
- Classroom Ready
- CROP Hunger Walk
- Dimes for Hunger
- Family Promise of York County
- Fort Mill Care Center, including Sharing God's Bounty
- Go Make a Difference Day (Go MAD)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Mother's Day Offering
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Our Neighbors in the Paradise Community
- Pathways Community Center
- Pilgrims' Inn
- Presbyterian Disaster Relief
- Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN)
- Second Harvest Foodbank of Metrolina
- Thornwell Home for Children
- York County Council on Aging

International

- Blankets+
- Change for the Church
- CNP Haiti
- Honduras Hogar Diamante
- Honduras Mission Trip
- Honduras Project Alternatives
- La Mision Medical Clinic in Guatemala
- Living Waters for the World
- Medical Benevolence Foundation
- Missionary Support for Haiti and Honduras
- Syrian Children Support

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Making others feel welcome
- Caring for the elderly
- Empathy for neighbors near and far
- Construction/building things
- Coordinating people or projects
- Assisting those afflicted by disaster
- Listening to others
- Working with your hands/do-it-yourself projects
- Gardening and/or Yardwork
- Cooking/Baking
- Delivering food/supplies and helping those in need
- Educating families
- Teamwork

SAFETY MINISTRY

The Safety Ministry Team focuses on campus safety, emergency preparedness, and assists other ministry teams in an advisory role. The team's work includes reviewing standard operating best practices involving pandemic/infections disease protocols, evacuation plans, medical/emergency response, and sheltering-in-place. Additionally we develop training and communication plans for this effort for the congregation. Anyone who has an interest or expertise in this area is invited to join our team.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Safety & Security

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Medical Professionals
- First Responders / Law Enforcement
- Risk Management
- Insurance Professionals
- Building Inspection/Maintenance
- Welcoming people and making them feel safe & comfortable
- Working behind the scenes
- Ability to work in advisory role and assisting others

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This group of trained Care Givers are paired up one-to-one with members and non-members of our congregation who are suffering through a painful time in life. With a focus on listening, empathizing and validating, the Stephen Minister cares for the emotional and spiritual needs of the Care Receiver.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Stephen Leader
- Stephen Minister

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Making others feel welcome
- Caring for and comforting others
- Listening to others
- Working behind the scenes

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRIES

Mission: Members of this ministry team provide support and oversight of all church resources of time, talent and financial support. The team meets 10 times per year.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Year-round Financial Oversight
- Facilitate Annual Budget Process
- Ministries Fair Support
- Facilitate the Development and Design of the Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Promote Financial Gifts
- Promotion of Time & Talent Gifts

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Creative input for promotional materials
- Coordinating people or projects
- Provide financial insight on financial statements
- Initiate and implement project ideas
- Communication and promotion of projects/ministry activities

UNITY PRESCHOOL VIP

Mission: Unity Preschool's mission is to help children learn and grow through developmentally-appropriate, play-based experiences so that they may develop a lifelong love of learning. Our Volunteers Impacting Preschool (VIP) program is comprised of volunteers who are interested in helping Unity Preschool and their students. We have opportunities for volunteers to work in the classroom with our students and/or who would prefer to do "behind the scenes work." Unity

Preschool is open generally between Labor Day and Memorial Day with the same breaks as the Fort Mill School District.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Classroom Volunteers
- Behind the Scenes Volunteers

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Working behind the scenes
- Working with your hands/do-it-yourself projects
- Helping others realize their potential

WOMEN OF UNITY

Women of Unity supports and serves all women of Unity Presbyterian Church through yearly programming for study, service, outreach, and fellowship. Events include an annual ladies luncheon, two celebration and giving events, congregational and community mission projects with Sisters in Service, and women's spiritual retreats. Women of Unity actively supports the mission of the PCUSA and Presbyterian Women worldwide. The Women of Unity Coordinating Team are the elected leaders of Women of Unity. This team develops an annual budget and plans and implements all programming. Communication of important information and events occurs through monthly newsletters, weekly bulletin announcements, and social media. Three active small groups, New Horizons, Tony Dehler, and Sisters in Service provide an opportunity for worship, study, prayer, spiritual growth, service and fellowship.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Women of Unity Coordinating Team Officer
- Planning Team - The Women's Retreat
- Planning Team - Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon
- Small Group Leader - New Horizons
- Small Group Member - New Horizons
- Small Group Leader - Tony Dehler
- Small Group Member - Tony Dehler
- Small Group Leader - Sisters in Service
- Small Group Member - Sisters in Service

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Hospitality
- Coordinating projects and volunteers
- Helping others in their spiritual growth
- Praying, caring for, and comforting others

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Worship and Music Team works closely with the pastors and the Director of Music to provide meaningful and inspirational worship opportunities for people of all ages. This encompasses all worship and musical activities in the church, including special services, communion preparation, all choirs, special music, sanctuary decorations, acolytes, and lay worship leaders.

Music Ministries:

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- Chancel Choir
- Early Service Music
- Handbell Substitutes
- Instrumentalist
- Joyful Ringers

Sanctuary Guild:

List of Current Programs/Activities:

- Sanctuary Guild Coordinator
- Sanctuary Guild Member (changing paraments, filling candles, etc.)
- Banners and visual artwork
- Church Mice
- Communion Preparation
- Sanctuary Brass Cleaning & Buffing
- Sanctuary Flowers

Worship Ministries:

List of Current Programs/Activities:

- Acolyte Coordinators
- Communion Usher/ Greeter/ Offering Asst.
- Drama & Liturgical Dance
- Lay Leader in Worship
- Seasonal Decorations

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Making others feel welcome
- Working with your hands/do-it-yourself projects
- Helping people grow spiritually
- Helping others realize their potential
- Working behind the scenes
- Decorating
- Art Work / Scenery / Backdrops
- Fabric / Costumes / Banners
- Drama / Dance
- Music
- Coordinating people or projects

YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Youth Ministry Team (YMT) is responsible for the overall vision and direction of the programs of Youth Ministry for students in grades 6 - 12. YMT has determined the following goals for its programming: 1. To create opportunities for youth to develop personal relationships with God by their own initiative. 2. To give service opportunities where students may express the faith they have developed. 3. To encourage intergenerational opportunities that engage in the life of Unity Presbyterian Church. 4. To help establish a spiritual foundation grounded in Scripture. 5. To establish a safe place for welcoming and inclusive fellowship/community to occur. Adults and youth may volunteer to be on the Youth Ministry Team.

List Of Current Programs/Activities:

- College Ministry Team
- Confirmation Mentor
- Middle School Youth Group
- Middle School Youth Advisors
- High School Youth Group
- High School Youth Advisors
- Prayer Breakfast
- Prayer Breakfast Food Coordinator
- Summer Trip Chaperone
- Middle School Sunday School
- MS Sunday School Teacher / Assistant / Substitute
- High School Sunday School
- HS Sunday School Teacher / Assistant / Substitute

Examples of Gifts/Interests For Those Considering Serving Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Making others feel welcome
- Listening to others
- Helping people grow spiritually
- Helping others realize their potential
- Working behind the scenes
- Coordinating people or projects
- Cooking/Baking
- Travel



UNITY

Presbyterian Church (USA)