

Life at Unity

October 01, 2024



Since 1788...

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

For those who are fans of professional, college, and high school sports, the month of October must feel like a stimulus overload. For not only is Major League Baseball and the WNBA entering its playoff season, but this month one can also watch College football or NFL football (someday the Panthers will be good again right??). Then there is the rest of the world version of football, known here in the states as Soccer. The National Basketball Association begins its regular season this month as does the National Hockey League. Cross Country, Tennis, Volleyball, Golf, Football, Cheerleading, and Dance occupy the time of countless college and high school athletes and their families. Wow!

In the midst of this season of sports I am particularly excited for the chance to speak with US Olympic Wrestler and Bronze Medalist Aaron Brooks on **Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Aaron and I will share a fascinating conversation about his faith, his athletic achievements, his experience at the Olympics, etc. I will do my best to save some time for a few of your questions as well. But please join us for this special conversation and a particular thanks to Aaron's grandmother, Darlene Williams, who has made this possible.

Before I knew I would have the opportunity to speak with Aaron, I was asked to write an article for the October issue of The Presbyterian Outlook on the theme of faith and sports. I chose to focus on if the church might learn anything from recent rules changes in Major League Baseball. For example:

The Pitch Timer - in an effort to reduce dead time in the game, pitchers now have 15 seconds with the bases empty and 18 seconds with a runner on base to throw their next pitch to home plate. Introducing the pitch timer decreased MLB average game times by 24 minutes, helping to ensure that time spent by fans at the ballpark is well spent. What changes do you think would ensure that the church meets with purpose and is a good steward of time and resources?

Bases - In MLB the distance between the bases is 90 ft. Traditionally first, second, and third base were 15 inches square, but for the 2023 season the base size was increased to 18 inches square. While increasing safety by giving runners and fielders more room to avoid collisions at the bases, it also reduced the distance between first and second base and second and third base by 4.5 inches. That may not seem like a lot, but runners took more risks, resulting in a 41% increase in stolen bases vs. the 2022 season! What changes might the church consider to break out of the status quo and encourage faithful risk taking?

Sports can produce bitter rivalries, and they can draw together those who disagree about everything else. What connections would you suggest between faith and sports? What might we as a church learn from them? Let me know what you're thinking and who you are rooting for - and may the best team win!

See you Sunday!
Matt

The deadline to submit items for the October 15th Newsletter is **Wednesday, October 9th.**

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BY SESSION 9/23/2024:

Kevin & Brittany Hennessy
(daughter, Avery)

Sabrina & Matthew Hines
(children, Boston, Rowan & Indie)

Joseph & Krystal Melton
(daughters, Emma & Olivia)

Jake Moore

Jonathan & Kim Mikulsky
(daughters, Ava & Madelyn)

Scott Thorsell

Barry & Sherry Tuttle

STAY IN TOUCH

Whether you are looking for a specific activity or the latest news and information on children, youth, and adults, visit us at . . .

Website: www.UnityFortMill.org

Instagram: @UnityFortMill

Facebook: @UnityFortMill

Be sure to "like" our page.

LATE OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

16 -- Bella Faulkenberry; Gretchen Whitesell

17 -- Gary Boetsch; Karen Bonds; Bruce DesErmia; Cheri Gall; Pat McCabe; Davis Pratt; Scott Watson

18 -- Mike Ary; Archer Rozelle; Joyce Sullivan

19 -- Brooke Barrett; Kris Kellogg

20 -- Olivia Kuebler; Linda McMullen; Beth Trebendis; Lynn Young

21 -- Rick Dammann; Kay Iles; Abigail Lee; Jackson Lee; Denese Reichenbach

22 -- Linda Bunge; Jessica Carter; Nate Luebbe; Sharon McKown; Adam Sainz

23 -- Tori Hickerson; Chris Laviolette; Sissy Martin; Jean Nicholson; Carol Simon

24 -- Eric Cole; Stewart Tedford; Paul Whitsett

25 -- Cindy Epps; Steve Hardy; Jill Nordgren; Jessica Parise; Nolan Sova; Anthony Swainey

26 -- Karen Louthan

27 -- Stephanie Berens; Peter Olinger; Russ Savage

28 -- Alexander Bennett; John Cardozo; Josephine Ryan; Katie Windom

29 -- Mignon Ballard; Jason Gamble; Ashleigh Roberds

30 -- Mary Lou Carberry; Megan Jennings; Mary Kimbrell; Zach Nutter

31 -- Sarah Hopfer; Mary Palmer

SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

With the announcement of Jim Tyndall's retirement at the end of 2024, we are beginning the search for Unity's next Director of Operations. The Director of Operations is responsible for leading and overseeing the facilities, grounds, and technology that support the overall ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church. This management position is an exempt position regularly scheduled to work 40-hours per week during Monday through Friday. This position reports to Dr. Matt as Senior Pastor / Head of Staff and supervises facility support personnel and related contractors / vendors. If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like to recommend potential candidates, please reach out to Dr. Matt or visit <https://unityfortmill.org/about-us/careers/>.

SHARING GOD'S BOUNTY



During October, your support is needed as we begin our annual nonperishable food drive, Sharing God's Bounty, benefiting the Fort Mill Care Center. The Fort Mill Care Center will use our donated items to provide Thanksgiving meals for Fort Mill families. The items requested by the Care Center include the following: grits, pancake mix, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, pie crust mix, pie fillings (cherry, pumpkin), and evaporated

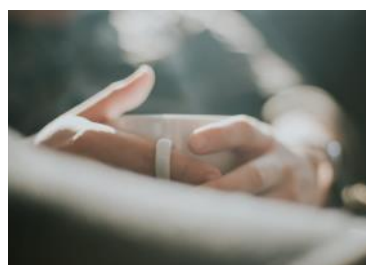
milk. Please bring an item or two any time you are on campus during October. Your donations can be added to the display down the hall from the Narthex or drop them in the donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall, Church Office, and Preschool Lobby. Thanks in advance for your support of this outreach ministry.

SIGN UP NOW FOR CPR CLASS!

Innovative Solutions will return to our campus on **Saturday, October 12th**, to offer certification in Heartsaver CPR through the American Heart Association. The class will **begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Historic Sanctuary and last approximately 2-1/2 hours**. Participants will learn CPR and choking first aid for infants, children and adults. Use of the campus AEDs will also be included. The class fee is \$50.00. Sign-up is required to ensure the correct number of instructors. However, no payment is due until the day of class. Innovative Solutions requests payment in cash. **To register**, call the church office at 803-547-5543 or Susan Benfield at 803-984-6100. You can save a life! CPR/AED training can significantly increase the chances of survival after a cardiac arrest, especially if started within the first few minutes. No excuse not to help. Good Samaritan laws protect people who administer CPR or use an AED. It's easy to learn. The person you save might be a loved one.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Ministry at Unity is open to all men of Unity and their guests. We will meet for breakfast on **Tuesday, October 8th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Come join us for food, fellowship, devotion, and service.

LUNCH BUNCH - OCTOBER 30TH



Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 12:00 Noon**, so please mark your calendar! John Lewis will be back with us again to perform a variety of music for our enjoyment. It is always fun to greet old and new friends and get acquainted with new Unity members. Please bring your sandwich or salad for this entertaining afternoon. Drinks, chips, and desserts are provided. Hope to see you on the 30th!

TONY DEHLER CHRISTMAS AUCTION: DECEMBER 2

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of dining, shopping, and fun! Hot dog dinner and Silent Auction starts at 5:30 p.m. Unity's very own auctioneers Ken Bickett and Joan Thomasson will begin the auction at 6:00 p.m. Get a head start on your holiday meals with home-baked breads, cakes, canned veggies, etc. Update your Christmas décor with framed art and wreaths. There may even be day excursions and weekend getaways offered. The possibilities are endless!



ADVENT: SAVE-THE-DATES

December 1 at 10AM - All-Church Advent Workshop
December 2 at 5:30 – Tony Dehler Christmas Auction
December 8 at 4:30-6:30PM - Congregational Caroling and Chili

December 10 at 7:00PM – Festival of Carols
December 14 at 10:00AM - Birthday Party for Jesus
December 15 at both morning worship services – Lessons and Carols

December 18 at 6:30PM – God With Us: A Blue Christmas Worship Service
December 24 Christmas Eve services:

11:00AM – Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service
4:00PM – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service With Communion
6:00PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service With Communion
11:00PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service With Communion



ANNUAL YOUTH BBQ FUNDRAISER



Tickets are going fast for our annual youth BBQ fundraiser! Stop by the Narthex after both worship services on Sunday to purchase a Boston Butt for \$50 to support the Mission of Unity Youth. BBQ pick-up is on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in



LOST & FOUND

Have you misplaced an item? It may be in our Lost & Found located in the hallway adjacent to the Sanctuary. Items remaining on October 15th will be donated to Goodwill.



TAIZÉ

Our next Taizé service will be **Sunday, October 6th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary**. A Taizé service is composed of candlelight, Scripture readings, prayer, intervals of silence, and contemplative chants. We will be continuing our celebration of World Communion Sunday by sharing the sacrament of communion. Join us for a time of quiet centering and meditation.

For more information on **“What’s Happening”** at Unity, please visit...
www.unityfortmill.org/whats-happening/

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

All high schoolers are invited to join for breakfast and devotion at **7:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday** of every month in the Youth Wing. Stop by for breakfast and a chance to explore God's word to us before the busyness of the day begins.



GCS CONCLUDES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH FOR THE FALL

Growing Christians (GCs), our 4th and 5th grade fellowship group, will conclude October 6th for the fall semester except for our GC's Night Out on Friday, November 15th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. GCs will meet this **Sunday, October 6th in the Fellowship Hall parking lot at 4:00 p.m.** to walk to the Scarecrow Crawl. We will return to church by 5:00 p.m. Make sure Ms. Kathryn has your permission slip to attend. Questions? Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Closed on Fridays)
803.547.5543
www.UnityFortMill.org

COLLEGE STUDENT CONTACT INFO

Parents of college students, please send your student's contact information to Dannie Vaughn (vaughndl@comporium.net) so they can receive care packages from Unity. Thanks!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION IS IN FULL SWING!

It's not too late for youth to jump into our fall faith formation opportunities! Middle School & High School Sunday School meet on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Wing**. Then, head back over to church in the evening for Youth Group, where we will spend the month of September focusing on *Sharing All Life Together* (SALT). What does it mean for God to be at work in the ever-unfolding story of our lives? How do our Holy Scriptures inform that story and how will you share it with others? Middle Schoolers will gather from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and High Schoolers will gather from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Wing! Questions? Contact Liz Corsig at lcorsig@unityfortmill.org.



CAMPFIRE THEOLOGY



Campfire Theology for youth kicks off on **Sunday, October 6th!** We will make s'mores around the fire pit, play some outdoor games, and explore common "Christian Cliches" in hopes of developing a deeper & more authentic understanding of God's story. Middle schoolers will gather from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and High Schoolers will gather from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Wing. (Note that MS and HS will be combined on Sunday, October 13th from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.).

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT UNITY PRESCHOOL

Unity Preschool is excited to begin our 17th year this fall! We opened the week of Labor Day with five classes, 56 students, and 14 Staff members. Here are some ways that you can support Unity Preschool during the 2024-25 school year:

- Book Fairy Campaign:** Unity Preschool recognizes the importance of reading to children from an early age. We are raising funds to give a book a month to our Preschool students. Unity Preschool has partnered with the Scholastic Classroom Counts fundraising program to raise the funds. All funds go directly to Unity Preschool (Scholastic does not make money from this) Will you be a "Book Fairy" for our preschool students and donate to our campaign? Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. You may donate online using Unity's website or you can use this link: <https://shop.scholastic.com/viewCampaign?campaignId=612b7d0a-d5a2-4339-b914-8173085285f9>. If you donate via Unity's website, please choose "Preschool" as the fund and include "Book Fairy" in the notes.
- Preschool VIP (Volunteer Impacting Preschool):** If you want to donate your time, we welcome classroom volunteers in our Fours classes and help with copying, laminating, and other special projects. We offer very flexible schedules. Please contact Linda Bunge (preschoolatunity@gmail.com) for more information about this volunteer opportunity.
- Prayer:** Prayers for a safe and healthy school year for our Staff and students are always appreciated.



COVENANT CONVERSATION EVENT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA



COVENANT NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS

Covenant Conversation: South Carolina

Making Space at the Table:
Faithfully Responding to
Gender and Sexuality



On Saturday, November 9, join Presbyterians from across South Carolina for "Making Space at the Table: Faithfully Responding to Gender and Sexuality" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This Covenant Conversation will equip faith leaders and congregation members with resources for taking the next steps in navigating important conversations and creating more welcoming spaces for LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Saturday, November 9
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Shandon Presbyterian Church
607 Woodrow St
Columbia, SC 29205



<http://tinyurl.com/CovConSC>



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. We try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside.

However, that's not God's plan.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!)

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with our referral coordinators, Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson, via email at Stephenministryreferrals@unityortmill.org or call Rev. Molly Spangler at 803-547-5543.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this meaningful conversation on **Saturday, November 9th**. As a part of the planning team, I hope you will take a look at all this conversation has to offer and put it on your calendar. It's an opportunity to learn and ask questions, to worship together and listen to stories we may not often get to hear. We are hoping for participation from all our South Carolina Presbyteries. You can register by using the QR code or by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/CovConSC>. If you have any questions about the event itself or how to register, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, Rev. Molly Spangler, at mbspangler@unityfortmill.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

Unity will join other York County churches for the Habitat for Humanity of York County 2024 Faith Build. A home will be built in York for Francesca Hardin and her four children. Unity will be working on **Saturday, October 12th from 8:00 to 3:00**. The expected work is siding, but may change depending on the progress of the home. There is a job for volunteers of all skill levels, 16 or older. Contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com or 803 579-7341 to sign up.

HOME BUYER-IN-PROCESS: THE HARDIN FAMILY



My name is Francesca Hardin, and I am a loving mother of 4 children: Precious 21, Sabirah 15, Ali 10, and Ejaz 9. My family and I are living with different medical conditions including auto-immune disorders, mixed-connective tissue disease, dysautonomia, neurological conditions, and visual impairments. These conditions present quite a challenge in daily living, but we have learned so much through these conditions: patience, endurance, love, and character. Through faith, I've often delivered the message of focusing on our abilities rather than our disabilities. Though your road may look different from the next, your destination could be the same.

For us, partnering with Habitat for Humanity will be a wonderful way of becoming homeowners. Our home will be a functional and accessible home where we can benefit from our medical equipment and live safely. This will give us all the ability to live a much fuller life and strive for a better tomorrow. Before coming to Habitat, many doors closed for me and my family due to our disabilities, but Habitat's program allows for hard work and determination to speak for itself. All the partner families who have come through the program before and with us have been so deserving; it has been amazing to share the experience with them. We appreciate the opportunity to work together as a family to accomplish this dream. At the end of our journey with Habitat, we will be able to celebrate our resilience, rejoice in our hope, and look at our family knowing that we are stronger because we did this together as a team.

Come grow in your faith

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

10:00 AM



CHILDREN

Birth-3 years - Rooms S103 & S104

4K/Kindergarten - Room M203

1st/2nd grade - Room M205

3rd - 5th grade - Room M208



YOUTH

6th & 7th grade - Room M106

Confirmation - Room M107 & Fellowship Hall

High School - Room M108



ADULTS

As a Child - Room M312

Faith Connections - Room M201

Fellowship - Historic Sanctuary

Gospel of Matthew - Room M210

Unity - Room M102



Fellowship, Gospel of Matthew, and all the youth classes will not meet in their regular rooms, but will instead attend the **Sports and Faith Conversation in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, October 6th.**



ENDOWMENT PROGRAM IMPACT: UNITY PRESCHOOL DIE CUT



Unity Preschool was the recipient of a 2023 endowment grant that we used to purchase a set of large, upper case letter, die cuts (10 inch) and storage racks for the die cuts. All of our preschool classes use large letters for various educational and craft projects. We either had to hand-cut these letters by tracing a pattern or we printed them using a Cricut machine that only cuts one letter at a time and is not very efficient when needing letters for an entire class. A full class set of letters used to take up to 30 minutes or more to make. Our new die cuts will be not only a time-saver for our Staff but will also benefit the educational needs of our students. Past endowment grants have allowed Unity Preschool to purchase new outdoor equipment, a new laminator, and build a workspace for our Staff. We are so grateful for the support of endowment grants that allow us to purchase very useful items for the preschool that we would not ordinarily be able to afford.

Please consider an estate gift to Unity. FEI: 57-0360709

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

WHAT IS A DONOR ADVISED FUND?

A donor-advised fund (DAF), offers a unique giving opportunity. It is especially appealing to individuals who are interested in staying involved in the giving process.

It is like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets to a donor-advised fund, you are generally eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Then those funds can be invested for tax-free growth and you can recommend grants to virtually any IRS-qualified public charity, including churches.

HOW DOES A DONOR-ADVISED FUND WORK?

Make a tax-deductible donation

Donate cash, stocks or non-publicly traded assets such as private business interests, cryptocurrency and private company stock to be eligible for an immediate tax deduction. Appreciated assets may be deductible at the current fair market value and will bypass capital gains tax liability.

A contribution to a donor-advised fund is an irrevocable commitment to charity; the funds cannot be returned to the donor or any other individual or used for any purpose other than grant-making to charities.

Grow your donation, tax-free

Your donation can potentially grow over time with no tax consequences for you, making available even more money for charities. Most investment organizations have a variety of investment options from which you can recommend an investment strategy for your charitable dollars.

Support charities you love, now or over time

You can support virtually any IRS-qualified public charity with grant recommendations from the donor-advised fund—including Unity Presbyterian Church.

Easy, no cost way to change charitable beneficiaries

Although the assets in the DAF cannot be removed, you control their distribution during your lifetime and can name and change any residual balance without the help of an attorney, as you would with a will or a trust.

Your financial or tax advisor can help determine if this fits your financial situation.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER SPONSOR A CHARITABLE DONATION MATCHING PROGRAM?

What are employee matching gift programs? Employee matching gift programs are corporate giving programs in which the company matches donations that employees made through payroll deductions to eligible nonprofit organizations. It's an easy way to double your charitable contributions.

How do I request a matching gift? Requesting a matching gift is normally a five-minute process which must be initiated by the donor. This is typically accomplished online via your employer's Human Resources or Payroll Department's website. Some employers still use a paper process. Your Human Resources department can assist you with understanding your employer's process.

Your financial or tax advisor can help determine if this fits your financial situation.

2024 GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT AND SUPPORT

This is the seventh year our Endowment will be making grants in ways that benefit the people within our church, and to our neighbors, here and around the world.

Our Endowment supports ministry opportunities outside of the regular general fund budget. It can support an existing ministry in a new way, give an opportunity to try something new for the congregation or support a mission or community program beyond our current mission support.

This year's grants will support the following ministries:

Ministry	Description	Amount Awarded
Congregational Enhancements - Fellowship	Zoom Technology Upgrades	\$ 5,500
Outreach	Tender Hearts Women's Shelter Playground Swing Set	4,000
Congregational Enhancements-Worship	Needlepoint Paraments	2,500
Music	Sabbatical Support - Margaret Monroe	2,400
Outreach	Bethel Men's Shelter Cots & Bedding	2,000
Outreach	Missionary Hosting	1,600
Preschool/ Christian Ed	Sensory Table & Supplies	1,200
Outreach	Family Promise Mattresses	700
Congregational Enhancements - Fellowship	Lunch Bunch Programming	400
Total		\$ 20,300

The Endowment is supported with contributions from donors who give today and by those who have included the Unity Endowment in their Estate planning. Will you consider including Unity's Endowment in your Estate plan to leave a legacy of support for our mission to generations to come?

Past 6 Years of Endowment Support

- 235 Anniversary Luncheon ▪ Life House Women's Shelter shed ▪ Utilities support – Paradise neighborhood ▪ Large alphabet die cut and related storage ▪ APCE Book Donation ▪ Historic Sanctuary Paraments ▪ Portable signs ▪ Lightweight tables for Family Promise ▪ Honduran eye clinic
- Children's Bibles ▪ Preschool COVID Support ▪ Children's Sensory Room ▪ Preschool Work Station
- Sabbath All Church Read ▪ Youth Camp Scholarships ▪ Lunch Bunch Fellowship ▪ Creative Connections Newborn Ministry ▪ Guest Preacher ▪ Christian Education Closet ▪ Disabilities Ministry Support ▪ Providence Presbytery Living Waters of the World ▪ Fellowship Hall Beverage Center
- Narthex Upgrade & Extension ▪ Christian Education Laminator ▪ Sanctuary Chrismon Trees
- Preservation of Historical Materials ▪ iPads for Medical Clinic in Guatemala ▪ iPad for Ministry Support ▪ Haitian Yard Garden Project ▪ Pilgrim's Inn Women's Shelter Renovations ▪ Home build in Guatemala ▪ Preschool Park & Playground Equipment ▪ Yale Divinity School Scholarship to Jackson Ringley ▪ All Church Read Luncheon ▪ Union Presbyterian Seminary John & Missy Kuykendall Endowment ▪ Pathways Community Center - Conference Room Upgrades ▪ Christian Ed Workroom Shelving ▪ Wheels for Refurbished Session chairs Rescued from the 2018 Fire

TYPES OF GIFTS WE RECEIVE AT UNITY

Questions often arise in the coming months about the benefits of different giving vehicles. Everyone's financial situation is different so there is no "best" answer for everyone. Below are brief descriptions of the types of gifts we receive at Unity.

TYPE OF GIFT	BENEFIT TO DONOR	BENEFIT TO UNITY
Cash, Checks, Online Donations	Deductible for income tax purposes for itemizers.	Funds available for immediate use by Unity.
Appreciated stock / other securities	Charitable deduction eligible at full fair market value. No capital gains.	Funds available for immediate use by Unity.
Retirement accounts naming Unity as a beneficiary	No income or estate taxes on donation.	Legacy funding.
IRA qualified charitable distribution (QCD) / Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)	For ages 70-1/2 & up assign a portion of the qualified distribution without recognizing income for tax purposes.	Significant support for the church.
Donor advised funds	Tax deductions when assets are transferred. Donor retains flexibility to decide amounts/timing of distributions.	Unity receives periodic fund payments.
In your will, bequest an amount or percentage of your residual estate.	Simple Beneficiary Designation. Control of assets over lifetime.	Legacy funding.
ANNUITY AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES		
Unity is named as a beneficiary of a policy.	Enables donor to make large future gift at small present cost. Donor may change beneficiary. Donor may borrow on policy.	Upon death of insured, Unity will receive the residual value of the policy.
Paid up policy is given to Unity.	Tax Deduction for value of policy when transferred.	Unity may borrow on or cash in policy, and/or receive face value of policy upon the insured's death.
Unity is made owner and beneficiary of a current policy.	Tax deduction for value of policy when transferred. Future policy premiums may be deductible.	Unity may borrow on or cash in policy, and/or receive face value of policy upon the insured's death.
PERSONAL TRUSTS		
Charitable Lead Trust	Tax advantages. Balance of trust paid to beneficiaries.	Unity receives fund payments for a period of time as defined in the trust.
Charitable Remainder Trust	Income for a fixed term to the donor or their family.	Unity receives remaining trust assets.

FOR MORE INFORMATION regarding the Endowment Program contact our Financial Manager, Pam Bright. Please consult with your legal, tax and financial professionals to provide you with guidance and educational information that may be of help for your specific choices.

2024-2025 BUDGET UPDATE

	August 2024	July 1, 2024 - Aug 31, 2024	% of Annual Budget	5-Year Average
General Fund Contributions	\$120,374	\$292,058	17.8%	\$296,144
General Fund Expenses	\$116,834	\$233,132	14.2%	\$220,939
Annual Budget		\$1,636,321	100.0%	\$1,519,243

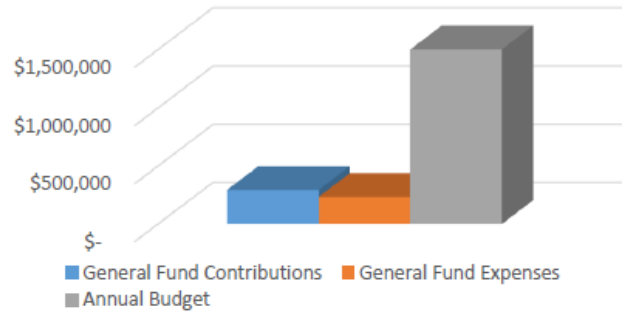
Current Status on the 2010 Sanctuary Building

Balance, August 31, 2024: \$408,700

Projected Balloon Payment: \$217,000

- Due: 6/5/2027

**Contributions & Expenses August 2024
Compared to the Annual Budget**



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JOIN US SUNDAY

8:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship/Livestream
Worship

11:00 a.m.
In-Person/Livestream
Worship

**Share Your
Tithes and Offerings
Online**



Return Service Requested

Thank you for supporting God's ministry through Unity Presbyterian Church.