

Life at Unity

November 19, 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,

Have you noticed over the last several weeks that we have been blessed with lots of baptisms? Between September 8th and December 22nd, we will celebrate 15 baptisms here at Unity Presbyterian Church! What an amazing gift!

For all of us remembering our baptism is an essential part of our Christian life. In baptism we remember who and whose we are. It is no wonder that on his most stressful days, the Protestant reformer Martin Luther was known to repeat to himself, "I am baptized. I am baptized. I am baptized."

I want to encourage all of us in this season to return to the beginnings; to remember what is essential and true. As Christians, that is our baptism, for as Pastor Cynthia Jarvis writes: "God's people have their beginnings, their genesis, in hearing the God who calls them out by name."

Before we can even begin to think about keeping a commandment, being a good steward, or engaging in ministry, we must first remember who and whose we are. To capture this, in the mid-1950's the French Reformed Church added powerful words to its baptismal liturgy:

For you, little child,
Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered.
For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary.
For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!"
For you he rose from the dead
and ascended into heaven
and there he intercedes —
for you, little child, even though you do not know it.
But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true:
"We love him, because he first loved us."

Yes, my friends, in our baptism we are reminded of the gospel, of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus is the one who not only gives the greatest commandment; he lives the greatest commandment. Thus, could that commandment be anything other than, anything less than, "We love him, because he first loved us."

See you Sunday!
Matt

The deadline to submit items for the December 4th Newsletter is **Wednesday, November 26th.**

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that Unity has an email prayer chain? If you would like to receive prayer concerns or have a concern, please contact Dannie Vaughn at vaughndnl@comporium.net.

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](https://www.instagram.com/UnityFortMill)

Facebook: [@UnityFortMill](https://www.facebook.com/UnityFortMill)

Be sure to "like" our page.

EARLY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 -- Kathy Choate; Bob Elisha; Kate Faulkenberry; Bonnie Norton
- 2 -- Joanne Blake; Landen Oltmann
- 3 -- Bob Anderson; Kayden Hughes
- 4 -- Lily Berens; Stefanie Hall; Rusty Menchaca; Alden Newberry; Tammie Welch
- 5 -- Matthew Hines; Kyle Kasik; Marilyn Mullen; Bud Oehrli; Brian Pope
- 6 -- Jade Briggs; Olivia Melton
- 7 -- Cheryl Hill; Ashley Hogon; Andrew Scott; Taylor Sheets
- 8 -- Steve Chase; Cole Martin; Stuart Thomas
- 9 -- Ellen Borland; Jeff Chmielinski; Garrett Johnson; Georgia Ryan
- 10 -- Lori Glasco; Riley Glasco
- 11 -- Anna Honeycutt; Laura Honeycutt; Tracey Templeton
- 12 -- Harris Blackwell; Bruce Delaney; Reagan Michael; John Proctor; Steve Simon
- 13 -- George Bauserman; Caroline Egnor; Mike Litrenta; Lindsey Morgan
- 14 -- Susan Benfield; Eleanor Brindisi; Bryant Gregory; Larry Stewart
- 15 -- Hicks Bowers; Savannah LaFevers

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped us pack buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Relief!

On Sunday, November 10th, volunteers gathered in the fellowship hall and filled 35 buckets to help restock PDA's warehouse. These buckets are distributed after natural disasters to aid in clean up efforts. The warehouse has needed restocking because PDA has used many buckets around the southeast for hurricane clean up in the past few months, so they were grateful for our help. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and who came to help us pack each bucket. We continue to listen and discern ways that we can support the ongoing recovery efforts around us.



THORNWELL SPECIAL OFFERING



November is the month each year that Unity Presbyterian highlights its partnership and mission support for Thornwell, which provides schooling and other assistance to struggling children and families. Thornwell's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Having successfully endured the challenges presented to the covid pandemic two years ago, Thornwell is back operating on all cylinders for those in need of their assistance.

On November 24th, we will collect our annual special offering for Thornwell during both services to assist them in the performance of this wonderful ministry.

We encourage all members to participate in learning more about Thornwell during November of this year.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, November 20th at 12:00 Noon**. Lindsay Lendyak will be our speaker this month. She is the Location Leader for the Isaiah 117 House in York County. She will be speaking on the crisis for childcare when a child is removed from their home and waiting for foster care placement. Her message is important and a much-needed service in our area. Please bring your sandwich or salad for lunch. Drinks, chips, and desserts are provided. Hope to see you on the 20th!



LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our annual service of Lessons and Carols will take place at the 8:45 and 11:00 services on **Sunday, December 15th**. Come hear the story of Christ's birth told anew through the reading of Scripture and music from our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and guest instrumentalists.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

A Festival of Carols

Join us **Tuesday, December 10th** for a special musical event. Unity's Chancel Choir will be joined by the choirs of Catawba Ridge, Fort Mill, and Nation Ford High Schools for a holiday concert. There will also be a time for the audience to sing favorite Christmas carols! The concert will take place at 7:00

p.m. in our Sanctuary. There are no tickets required, but there will be a free-will offering received to support the choral programs of the three high schools.

CHILDREN & YOUTH INSTRUMENTALISTS

Our young instrumentalists are invited to share their gifts in worship during the seasons of Advent and Christmas! Piano, band, and strings students are all invited to participate by playing a short sacred Christmas solo. Opportunities are available during Sunday morning worship at each service, or for one of our Christmas Eve services. Please contact Margaret Monroe at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org if you are interested, have any questions, or need help finding a piece to learn.



YOUTH CHOIR

All Youth grades 6-12 are invited to sing in Youth Choir! We will rehearse in the choir room after 11:00 worship on the following Sundays: November 24, December 1, and December 8. We will be singing in worship on Sunday, December 15th at both services as part of Lessons and Carols. There's no need to sign up, just come! Contact Margaret Monroe at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org with any questions or for more information.

NOVEMBER TEEN CLOTHING DRIVE FOR ISAIAH 117 HOUSE!



Caring for children awaiting foster placement

During the month of November, help Unity Youth collect NEW teen clothing to support teens who are awaiting foster care placement. The greatest needs at this time are for teen joggers, teen socks, and teen athletic shoes. Bring items with you to youth group in November or drop-off in Liz's office. Youth will organize and sort items during youth group on **Sunday, November 24th**. Contact Liz with questions.

YOUTH TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Youth spring retreat and summer trip registration is now open! There are countless opportunities for middle and high school youth to engage in meaningful outreach and faith formation trips this Spring and Summer. Youth are headed to Asheville, St. Simons, Montreat, Massanetta Springs, and more! Save your spot by registering now on Realm.



SAVE THE DATE FOR UNITY YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING!

All youth are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to serve 8-10 people and join for an evening of gratitude, games, and reflection on **Sunday, November 24th** from 4-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



UNITY YOUTH ICE SKATING AT THE WHITE WATER CENTER

All youth are invited to join us for ice skating at the Whitewater Center on **Sunday, December 1st**. More details and registration are available here:

<https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YmIxNDU2YTYtZGIwMi00ZmI3LWIzMDItYjlyNTAwZjkwY2U2>. **Registration closes on Monday, November 25th.**



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The holiday season has begun. For many of us this is a hard time because of grief or changed circumstances. Here are a few ideas for the holidays. Be kind to yourself. Notice your needs and honor them because you know yourself best. Do only what you are comfortable with and can manage. Eat well, get rest, and take care of yourself. Only take on what you can emotionally and physically handle. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Let family and friends know what you need. Create support for yourself. Sharing your pain will help ease your pain. Find someone you can talk with. Sometimes family and spouses hurt like you do and cannot be a support. This is where a Stephen Minister might help you get through the holidays.

To find out more about having a Stephen Minister contact Pastor Molly Spangler - mspanglers@unityfortmill.org, a Stephen Leader - stephenministryupc@gmail.com or call the church office at (803) 547 5543.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Birthday Party for Jesus

WHEN?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 10:00 AM

WHERE?

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for crafts, games, and activities that remind us of the birth of the baby Jesus.

Birthday presents will be donated to the Fort Mill Care Center. Diapers and pull-ups of all sizes, baby food, and formula are most needed at this time.

All are welcome! No registration is needed.



ANGEL TREE



This year the Unity Angel Tree is helping families who are clients of the Fort Mill Care Center, our RAIN (Regional Aids Interfaith Network) team partners, Isaiah 117 House foster children, and Family Promise families. **Beginning Sunday, December 1st**, the Angel Tree in the narthex will have angels with gift suggestions for children and Walmart gift cards/personal care items for adults. Angels with gift cards for RAIN team partners, Family Promise families and Isaiah 117 House children will also be on the Angel Tree. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce White (murrayw@comporium.net or 548-4135). Merry Christmas and thank you for supporting families in our community during this joyous holiday season.

A UNITY YULETIDE!

Looking for an Advent/Christmas soundtrack? Look no further! Our staff here at Unity have chosen their top favorite tunes for the season and we have put them together in one place so we can all enjoy them together. The playlist is called, "A Unity Yuletide," and it can be found on Spotify at this link: https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1XYmatk6Sw5QHpcixI49Av?si=v_INDkV8TqOMdX0UVH0g8Q. If you have never used Spotify, you can use it for free with ads. We hope you will join us as we listen to our favorite seasonal songs, and perhaps you can even figure out which songs each staff member chose. Happy Listening!



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

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As part of their Christmas gift giving each year, many members of our congregation have developed a tradition of giving a financial gift to Unity in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to make such an offering, please complete the online form at <https://unityfortmill.org/give/christmas-memorials-honorariums/>, or download it and return it to the church office with your payment. Please make checks payable to Unity and write "Christmas Memorial/Honorarium" on the memo line. If you need additional assistance, contact Anissa Lee (alee@unityfortmill.org) in the church office.

We are suggesting that your Memorial/Honorarium gifts be directed toward our "General Fund", however you will also have the option to specify another fund if you so desire. **The deadline for receipt of these gifts is December 15th.** They will be listed in a booklet which will be available in the Narthex on December 22nd.

HERE WE GO A-CAROLING!

Join us for an all-church evening of caroling, chili, bonfires, and s'mores on **Sunday, December 8th, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.** All ages and singing abilities are invited to meet on the front lawn of the church at 4:00PM. We will divide into groups to go caroling at congregation members' homes in the Fort Mill area. Then we will meet back on the front lawn for chili and s'mores around fire pits. (We will be driving to caroling locations so please plan to drive your own family.) Bring your own lawn chairs, to sit for dinner, and blankets if you get cold easily. Wear your most festive seasonal gear, sweaters, bells, hats, etc. If you are able to bring a crock pot of chili, or any sides, please visit this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CABAD28A0FE8-46038806-chili>. We hope you will come caroling with us as we start the season of Advent together! If you have any questions please contact Rev. Molly Spangler at mspangler@unityfortmill.org.



GOD WITH US: A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 6:30 PM

Christmas and the holidays are a time of joy and celebration for many. And yet they are also a time in which we are acutely aware of those who are not present with us. Whether due to death, estrangement, or distance our loved ones no longer sit beside us in the pew or at the dinner table. Once again this year, Unity Presbyterian Church will offer a "God with Us: A Blue Christmas" Service on **Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM in the Historic Sanctuary**. It will be a service of prayer, scripture, light, and hope designed to be of comfort for those who find this time of year so difficult. The service is also a time when our entire congregation can gather together to surround those in pain with our prayers and our care as together we bear witness to the light that still shines.



TONY DEHLER CHRISTMAS AUCTION: DECEMBER 2ND

The Tony Dehler Circle will be holding their annual Christmas Auction on **Monday, December 2nd.**

We are in need of items to auction. We love having home baked items, craft items and home canned items! We would also like to have a boat ride for a group, a beach or mountain house for a period of time or a home prepared meal for a group. If you have any of those items or have any questions, please contact Beverly Tysinger (cyclistmom@comporium.net) or Joan Thomasson (thomassonj@gmail.com)

The auction begins at 5:30 with a hot dog supper, sale table and silent auction. The live auction, with Auctioneer Ken Bickett, begins at 6:00. All proceeds will be divided equally between the Fort Mill Care Center and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Helene recovery. Cash, checks and QR options for payment are accepted.

For more information on "What's Happening" at Unity, please visit...
www.unityfortmill.org/whats-happening/

ADVENT: SAVE-THE-DATES

- December 1 at 10AM** - All-Church Advent Workshop
December 2 at 5:30 AM – Tony Dehler Christmas Auction
December 8 at 4:00-6:30PM - All-Church 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



UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEGACY AWARD WINNERS

Each year, the Session of Unity Presbyterian Church is invited to nominate either individuals or couples as our recipients of the Providence Presbytery Legacy of Faith Award. For 2024, we are honored to select John Ray and Mary Kimbrell and Bo and Susan Palmer. They will be recognized at a luncheon in December.

John Ray and Mary Kimbrell

John Ray was born as a member of Unity Presbyterian Church in 1935 to a family with a long history and legacy of leadership in our church. John Ray served as a deacon and an elder and brings a smile to every face, particularly as he asks the preacher about the weather each Sunday. Mary joined John Ray at Unity after they were married. They raised their three children, John, Mary Caroline, and George at Unity. Mary has served in a wide variety of roles in the church and was the first woman to be elected to serve as an elder. She is also a Presbyterian Women Honorary Life member.



Bo and Susan Palmer

Bo and Susan have been members of Unity since 1976. Both of them have served as elders and Bo served several terms as a deacon. Bo's ministry has largely been centered on buildings and grounds, serving on the committees for the construction of the Fellowship Hall and the Ministries Building. Bo then became co-chair of the new sanctuary building committee, completing that work in 2010. Susan has served as a Sunday School Teacher, is the coordinator and one of the teachers for the Wednesday Morning Bible Study, and has been active in circle and the Congregational Care Team. She served as a member of the Columbarium design team and continues to volunteer to maintain the columbarium and other church grounds as a member of the Green Thumbs.



The Kimbrells and the Palmers are an integral and beloved part of the Unity church family. We rejoice in this opportunity to recognize their life of service and are certain their work is not finished yet.

“THE BIBLE AS IF FOR THE FIRST TIME”

This 6-week adult Sunday School class will meet Oct. 20 through November 24 at 10:00 a.m.

- Do you want to know the Bible better, but you don't know where to begin?
- Have you tried reading the Bible but found it overwhelming and hard to understand?
- Do you hold back from attending Bible studies or classes because you think you'll be embarrassed by your lack of Bible knowledge?

If you feel at all like that, this is the perfect class for you!

No prior Bible knowledge required. No embarrassing questions (although you can ask all the questions you wish). Just a solid introduction to how we got the Bible, the message of the Bible, and how to study the Bible on your own. Here's what we'll cover:



The Book (Weeks 1 and 2):

- Oct. 20 **“Meeting the Bible As If for the First Time”** (a very basic overview of the Bible: its purpose, structure, and types of literature; biblical translations and choosing a Bible for yourself)
- Oct. 27 **“How We Got the Bible”** (how the Bible was written, compiled, and transmitted from its day to ours)

The Message (Weeks 3 and 4):

- Nov. 3 **“The Old Testament in 7 Sentences”** (a summary of key events and themes in the Old Testament, including a timeline)
- Nov. 10 **“The New Testament in 7 Sentences”** (similar to the previous week, but looking at the central events and themes in the New Testament)

The Practice (Weeks 5 and 6):

- Nov. 17 **“How To Study the Bible for Yourself”** (an introduction to studying the Bible; foundational principles for interpretation; resources for further study)
- Nov. 24 **“How To Hear God in the Bible”** (the Bible is the Word of God and God speaks to his people through the Bible, but often we struggle with hearing God; we'll look at how we can hear God better in the Bible, as well as how the Bible gets misused) Led by retired pastor Steve Simon, who once had to use his Bible's Table of Contents to find the Gospel of John— true story! Come and share in the joy of learning about God's Word with us!



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 - Historic Sanctuary
- Fellowship - Room M201
- Gospel of Matthew - Room M210
- Unity - Room M102



MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS

In July of this year, nine eager Unity travelers departed for the annual mission trip to the Trinidad area of Honduras. For 14 years, with only time out for an inconvenient pandemic, Unity members from youth to seniors have been making this trek to assist in constructing concrete block homes for less privileged Hondurans. This year we were joined by three volunteers from Orangewood Presbyterian in Phoenix and First Presbyterian in Sioux Falls. These sister churches share in the cost of buying materials and frequently carry out their own mission trips.

Depending on the construction status when the team arrives, the church volunteers participate in preparing foundations, laying brick walls and spreading concrete floors, duly supervised by our stalwart site foreman, Wilfredo. In addition to the physical labor, the team interacts with the community to build lasting relationships. Unity has supported vision clinics, a music school, and an English language school, as well as the new homeowners in various ways.

Next year's trip is already scheduled for July 9 – 18, 2025. An informational meeting will be scheduled for mid-January. Consider joining in this love filled endeavor and watch the bulletin and the newsletter for more information.



FAMILY PROMISE



What is Family Promise? Family Promise of York County provides a comprehensive and compassionate program of meals, shelter, and case management services to homeless families through a community network of congregations and staff that foster long-term self-sufficiency, independence, and success for families.

How is Unity involved in Family Promise? Once every 2 months Unity serves as a host site for a week from Sunday to Sunday. Families arrive at church in the evening. They are served dinner and spend the night in one of the Sunday School rooms in the Youth Wing. They leave early each morning and go to work, attend school, or work on job skills at the Family Promise Center. Family Promise is an outreach ministry coordinated by the Women of Unity - Tony Dehler Circle. We need many volunteers for the different service opportunities that it requires to host the families during our hosting weeks.

When is our next hosting? Unity has the pleasure of serving as a host church from **Sunday, November 17 - Sunday, November 24.**

How can I help? You can volunteer during our hosting week. We need over 45 people each hosting (families are welcome) to cook/serve dinner each night; help with set-up or takedown on the Sundays of our hosting week; spend the night with our families; wash laundry following our hosting week; or donate supplies to be used during hosting week. Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EA5A82DA3F85-52791170-family>

Questions? Email Dannie Vaughn (vaughndl@comporium.net). Thank you in advance for your support of this Outreach Ministry.

GIVING APPRECIATED STOCK

Gifting stock is an easy process. Some benefits of your gift are:

- Completely avoid paying capital gains tax by giving stock directly to a qualified charity.
- Receive a tax deduction up to 30% of adjusted gross income, and there is a five-year carryover
- You may be able to give substantially more with a gift of stock, for the same after-tax cost of giving cash

Example:

Charlie Johnson recently made a pledge towards his church’s capital campaign, and is considering utilizing stock he owns towards his commitment. Years ago, as a young engineer, he purchased shares of company stock for \$2,000. He since left the firm but held the shares as an investment and they now have a market value of \$10,000.

If he gives the stock to his church, he can claim a charitable deduction of the full market value of the gift (\$10,000). The church can then sell the stock and apply the full proceeds (\$10,000) towards their campaign. And, since a gift to the charity is not a sale, he will not owe any capital gains tax on the transaction.

If Charlie were to sell the stock himself, he will incur \$8,000 in capital gain (\$10,000 market value minus \$2,000 cost basis). After he pays taxes of \$1,200 (the 15 percent capital gains tax rate on the \$8,000 gain), his gift to charity and charitable deduction will be only \$8,800.

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

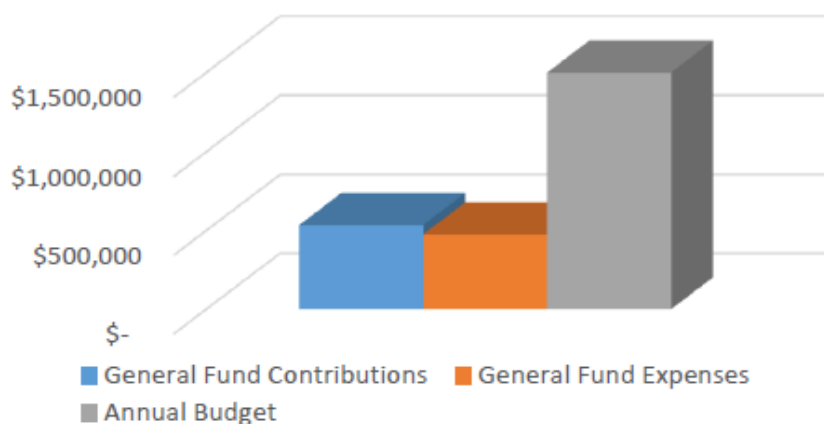
2024-2025 BUDGET UPDATE

	October 2024	Jul 1, 2024 through Oct 31, 2024	% of Annual Budget	5-Year Average
General Fund Contributions	\$ 127,642	\$ 535,783	32.7%	\$ 503,517
General Fund Expenses	120,216	476,244	29.1%	441,798
Annual Budget		1,636,321	100.0%	1,519,243

Current Status of the 2010 Sanctuary Building Debt

Balance, September 30, 2024	\$393,100
Projected Balloon Payment Due, 6/5/2027	\$206,000

Contributions & Expenses July - October
Compared with the Annual Budget



WHAT IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)?

Generally, a QCD is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA, including an inherited IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. Note that recent changes have changed the Requirement Minimum Distribution age to 73, however QCDs are **allowed for persons aged 70-1/2 and up**. Taking advantage of a QCD during those 1-1/2 years prior to turning 72 would have the positive impact of lowering your Required Distributions when they are mandated (age 72 and beyond).

A QCD excludes the amount donated from your taxable income and may keep your taxable income lower, reducing the impact of certain tax credits and deductions.

QCDs don't require you to itemize. Therefore, you may choose to take advantage of the higher standard deduction and still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Can I make a QCD?

To make a QCD, certain requirements must be met:

- You must be 70½ or older
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income and, therefore, excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. Your spouse may also be able to make a QCD from his or her own IRA in the same tax year for up to \$100,000.
- Your QCD can be made to one or more charities.
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

Why consider using a QCD?

- QCDs are tax exempt
- Distributions aren't added to your income, which may help you qualify for lower Medicare premiums and Social Security tax rates.
- You don't have to change your will or trust.
- The transactions are simple to record on your 1040 form.
- Your gifts immediately support the charity.

Tax Reporting

A QCD is reported as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-inherited IRAs. Itemization is not required to make a QCD. While the QCD amount is not taxed, you may not then claim the distribution as a charitable tax deduction.

What are my next steps?

After consulting with your tax or legal advisor, let your IRA custodian know you wish to make a QCD. Be sure to provide them with the information they request. Do not ask the custodian to send the QCD to you. They **must send the QCD directly to the charity**.



ALL-CHURCH ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 1st
10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to make an Advent wreath to use this Advent season.

No registration needed.



● Prayers and liturgy will be provided to use at home when lighting your Advent wreath.

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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**



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