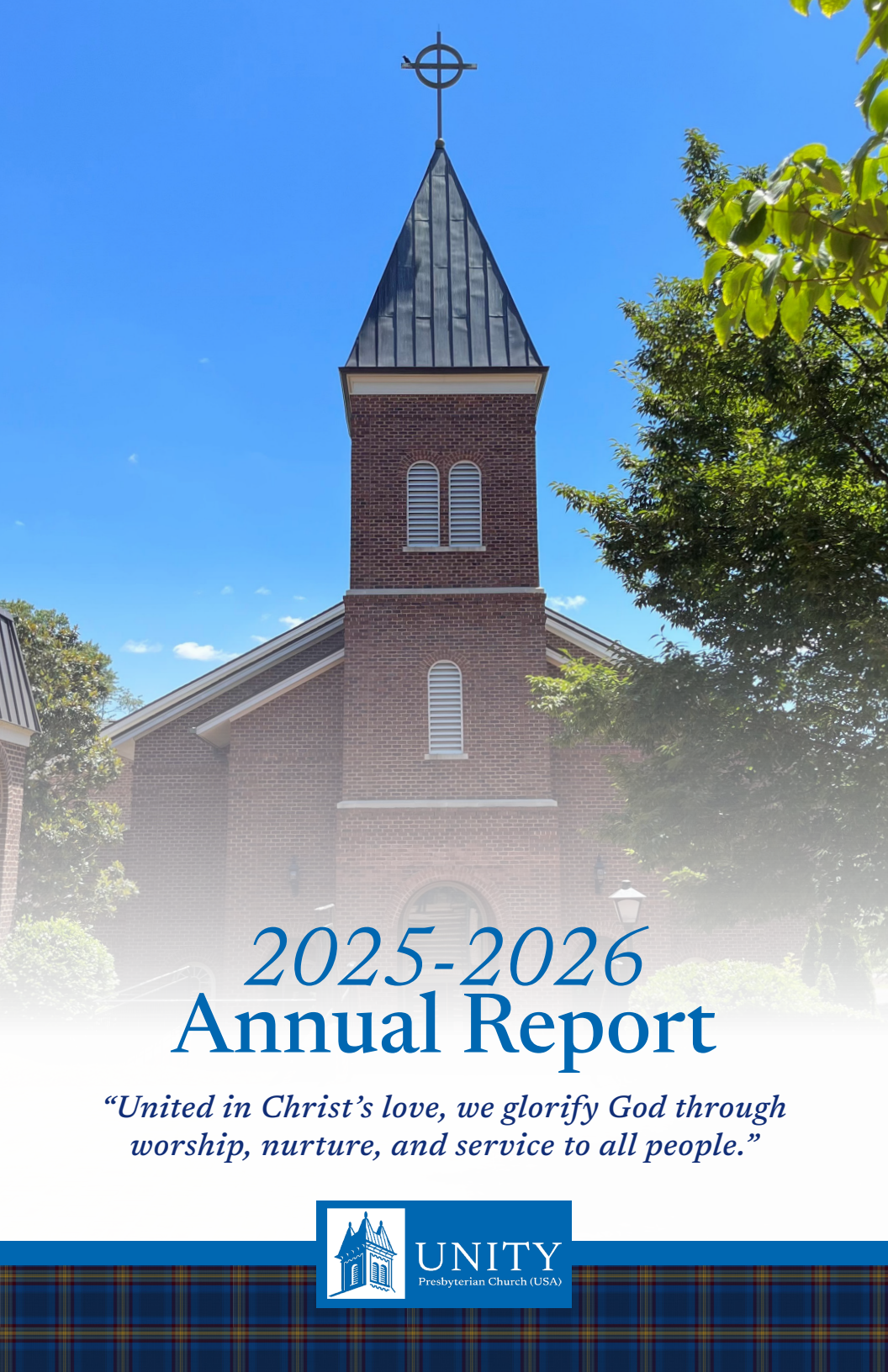




2025-2026 Annual Report

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



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AGENDA

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

August 9, 2026

10:00 AM

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Matt Rich
2. Devotion - Barry Wells
3. Report of the Session - Dannie Vaughn
 - Statistical Report (pg. 4)
4. Report of the Deacons - Elizabeth Bowers
5. Congregational Nominating Committee - Krista Renken
 - Elect Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2029 (see insert)
 - Elect a Youth Ruling Elder and a Youth Deacon to the Class of 2027 (see insert)
 - Elect Deacon to Class of 2027 - unexpired term (see insert)
6. Finance and Stewardship Report - Pam Bright and Ronnie Glenn (see pgs. 5,6,13,14,25)
7. Human Resources Ministry Team Report - Chuck Welfare
 - Pastors 2026-2027 Terms of Call (see insert)
8. Annual Meeting of the Corporation - Phil Hereford
9. Adjournment - Matt Rich

LETTER FROM MATT

Dear Friends,

I am grateful that the Annual report and meeting of the congregation come at the beginning of August each year as it gives me a chance to say thank you for the gift of six years of ministry together. I often tell new members and visitors that when I started preaching in our empty sanctuary to my cell phone, I could only dream of the life, energy, faith, spirit, and joy that God would bring forth in time. So, thank you and thanks be to God for the opportunity to serve alongside you and our amazing church staff.

Throughout this annual report you will see a snapshot of the ministry we have shared together over the last year. We have truly lived into our Annual Vision of Ministry: **We Love - "We love because God first loved us."** - **1 John 4:19**. I encourage you to take time to read the reports, look at the pictures, and perhaps find a new way that God is calling you to serve.

I am also grateful for the work this year by the Strategic Vision Team, Session, Deacons, and church staff that led adopting four strategic mission pathways to guide our ministry over the next five years:

1. Create Meaningful Worship Experiences
2. Nurture Faith Formation for All Ages and Life Stages
3. Cultivate Belonging and Commitment
4. Clarify and Deepen Community Engagement

As we live into our continued growth, the pathways are already providing a framework as we align our resources, leadership, and vision with our mission, ensuring that Unity remains

a vibrant, welcoming, and Spirit-led congregation for years to come.

With today's Annual Meeting of the Congregation, we begin a new Annual Vision of Ministry for the 2026-2027 church year:

A Place at the Table - *Luke 24:30-31*

As God invites all to new life through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, Unity Presbyterian Church seeks to respond by being and becoming a community that:

- Welcomes and creates belonging for everyone as beloved children of God (*Luke 14:20b-23* and *Hebrews 13:2*)
- Gathers to encounter Christ and grow in faith through word, sacrament, formation, and fellowship (*Luke 13:29-30* and *Hebrews 10:24-25*)
- Witnesses and engages with one another and the world through dialogue, discernment, shalom, and justice (*Isaiah 1:17*, *Matt 14:16*, and *Luke 4:16-21*)
- Celebrates the goodness of the Lord with generosity and joy (*Psalms 34:8*, *Isaiah 25:9*, and *Luke 24:52-53*)

I hope we will discover this year that hospitality and belonging are far more than merely being friendly. Instead, God is inviting us into a new way of life where we might share and learn, grow and be changed, welcome and belong, witness and celebrate. As beloved children of God, I pray that we all might trust and know that there is a place at the table for you here at Unity.

God bless,
Matt

LETTER FROM MOLLY

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for another incredible year of sharing ministry with you all here at Unity Presbyterian Church. Close to five years ago when I began my conversations with the APNC, (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee), in the fall of 2021, I was told that Unity was good at loving one another, and loving God. I have known that to be true since I arrived here, but it was even more of a joy to explore our annual vision of “We Love,” this year knowing that you all already consider love a part of your identity. It has been meaningful this year to explore with you all what love looks like as we strive to follow Christ faithfully. I am sure that what we have learned together, and the questions we have raised, will continue to help us learn and grow in the years to come.

I also have gratitude for the love that you all have shown me and my family this year as you approved my call to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Your affirmation to an adjustment of my time has allowed me to live fully into my calling both as a pastor, and as a parent and spouse. While I am still getting used to it, this transition has already been a gift to me and my family. Thank you all for your loving care and compassion.

As we celebrate all we have shared in 2025-2026, I also am already looking forward to what the year ahead will bring. I look forward to exploring our new annual vision of ministry, “A Place at the Table,” with you all. I have always loved the fact that one of the things Jesus did most with people was eat with them. The table is where we are reminded of our belonging and our belovedness; and I am excited to see where this vision will lead us as we continue to journey the way together.

Grateful for you all!

Peace and love, Rev. Molly Spangler

STATISTICAL REPORT

July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026 – Statistical Report

Membership as of July 1, 2025	1072
Gains	
New members joining	59
Confirmands	20
Members Restored	1
Total Gains	80
Losses	
Members Transferred/Removed	10
Deaths	9
Total Losses	19
 Membership as of June 30, 2026	 1133
 Additional Records	
Affiliate Members added	0
Affiliate Member deaths	0
Births	7
Baptisms	24

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2026

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES		\$ 1,697,616
EXPENSES		
COMMUNICATIONS	6,744	
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	7,620	
HEALTH MINISTRY	275	
HOSPITALITY & EVANGELISM	387	
MISSION OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCES	147,726	
WORSHIP	1,774	
MUSIC	12,360	
GIVING COSTS	11,039	
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN COSTS	1,949	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES	3,155	
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM	8,172	
YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM	17,146	
PERSONNEL	-	
SALARIES & WAGES	596,549	
MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL	1,951	
HOUSING ALLOWANCE	94,000	
INSURANCE & PENSION	218,141	
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	20,849	
FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT TAXES	51,996	
BUILDING & GROUNDS	338,827	
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	78,447	
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE	1,452	
DEBT SERVICING	-	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,620,559
Net Total		77,057
NON-BUDGETED INCOME		2,540
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES		(2,438)
Net Operating Total		\$ 77,159

SUMMARY BUDGET

For the Year Ending June 30, 2027

Income

PROJECTED GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$ 1,634,857
CARRYOVER GENERAL FUND CASH	191,338
	<u>1,826,195</u>

Expenses

COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 12,775	
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	4,450	
FELLOWSHIP	6,250	
HEALTH MINISTRY	1,150	
HOSPITALITY & EVANGELISM	1,520	
MISSION OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCE	149,950	
WORSHIP	5,100	
MUSIC	12,800	
GIVING COSTS	10,550	
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN COSTS	2,500	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES	5,050	
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM	10,100	
YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM	20,254	
PERSONNEL	-	
SALARIES & WAGES	629,454	
MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL	30,000	
HOUSING ALLOWANCE	123,987	
INSURANCE & PENSION	243,804	
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	33,050	
FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT TAXES	56,151	
BUILDING & GROUNDS	366,050	
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	95,550	
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE	5,700	
Total Expenses		<u>1,826,195</u>

Net Total	<u>-</u>
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MINISTRY REPORTS

Adult Discipleship Ministry (ADMT)

Moderator: Barry M. Wells - Elder '27

Team Members: Rev. Steve Simon, Mike Hill, Theresa Higgins, Bryan Lynch, John Lee - Elder '28

Church Staff: Kathryn McGregor - Director of Christian Education

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- 5 Adult Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes
- Sunday Morning Electives
- All-Church Read Book Study
- Mon/Tues/Wed Bible Studies
- Scotland Pilgrimage
- Faith@250 Groups
- Another Summer of All-Church Faith Formation connecting to Sunday morning worship

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Join the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team
- Serve as a Sunday Morning Faith Formation Teacher (or substitute teacher)
- Serve as a Small Group Book Study Leader
- Participate in a Book Study or Sunday Morning Elective



All Church Faith Formation
Painting



Scotland Trip

MINISTRY REPORTS

Building & Grounds Ministry Team

Chair/Co-Chair: Jon Hattaway

Team Members: Steve Chase, Larry Cooper, Lyn Evans, Phil Hereford, Matthew Hubis, Jim McMullen, Ron Ringley, Ken Tysinger, Ed Martin, Wyndie Havnaer

Church Staff: Zeno Wall - Director of Operations, Albert White - Sexton, Gloria Weathers - Sexton

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Completed installation of Door Access Control System for 8 of 45 exterior doors. All 45 exterior doors (and some interior doors) were rekeyed in the process.
- In conjunction with the Men's Ministry, held several workdays, focusing on light maintenance and landscaping endeavors.
- Replaced two 5-ton HVAC units in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen and began the process of replacing older thermostats to newer, WiFi enabled equipment.
- Cleanout of storm water culverts on Preschool parking lot side of the campus, reducing the amount of dirt/silt clogging the system.
- Assisted in installing wooden cross in the Historic Sanctuary that was crafted by Ed Martin.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- By continuing to assist in assessing the various life cycles of our physical plant's equipment and surrounding campus, focusing on making the facilities more efficient and sustainable as we move toward and through our future.
- The Building & Grounds Ministry Team is supported by several volunteer teams, with each team developing and bringing recommendations for improving our campus. Anyone with experience or interest in a specific team can be added to the team roster. The teams include
 - ◇ Columbarium Watering Team
 - ◇ Design Team
 - ◇ Green Thumbs Landscaping Team
 - ◇ Light Maintenance Team
 - ◇ Spring and Fall Workday Team
 - ◇ Storm Recovery Team.
- For more info and to sign up, email Director of Operations, Zeno Wall, at zwall@unityfortmill.org.



**Stormwater Bunker Cleanout
8+ inches of mud and muck!**

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Chair/Co-Chair: Krista Renken/Vereen Brown

Team Members: Elizabeth Bagwell, Stephanie Berens, Kate Dasher, Stacey Hentschke, Shannon Mari, Krystal Melton, Alden Newberry, Chelsea Whitten, Carolyn Wright

Church Staff: Kathryn McGregor - Director of Christian Education

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Preschool Playground/Hallway/Classrooms Project Complete
- First Children's Sabbath service
- First Sweetheart Dance

Sunday Morning Programming:

- Children in Worship each Sunday for children 4K-1st grade
- Nursery each Sunday
- Three children's Sunday Morning Faith Formation classes
- Child of the Covenant Sunday - celebrating baptisms for 2025
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Provide two age levels of worship bags for Sunday Worship

Family and Children Events:

- Fall Festival
- Sweetheart Dance
- Birthday Party for Jesus
- 2 Easter Egg Hunts (Glow-in-the Dark for older children and a regular hunt for younger children)
- Butterfly Release on Easter
- Wax Museum Bible Storytelling event
- Grands Camp

Faith Formation Programs:

- Growing Christians, a fellowship group for 4th and 5th graders
- 3rd Grade Bible Presentation and "Learning to Use My Bible" Workshop
- Worship and Sacraments Workshop
- Vacation Bible School and Mission Camp
- PASSPORT Kids Camp for 3rd - 5th graders

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Serve as a Sunday Morning Faith Formation teacher, assistant, or substitute
- Volunteer in the nursery or act as a “nursery greeter”
- Volunteer in Children In Worship (CIW) as a storyteller or greeter
- Serve as a leader for Growing Christians (GC’s)
- Train as a buddy for our Kaleidoscope Disabilities Ministry
- Help with an event such as Birthday Party for Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt, or Fall Festival
- Serve on the planning team for VBS or Mission Camp, or volunteer the week of the event
- Serve as a chaperone for PASSPORT Kids! Camp
- Serve on the planning team for Grands Camp
- Deliver gifts to new babies
- Help with prep for Children’s Ministry Team projects in the church office or at home
- Serve on the Children’s Ministry Team



Easter Egg Hunt



Sweetheart Dance

MINISTRY REPORTS

Communications Ministry Team

Chair: Jim Weller

Team Members: Steve Chase, Craig Evans, Judd Glasco, Andrew Glenn, Jason Honeycutt, Kevin Pascal, Riley Shaftner, Chuck Welfare

Church Staff: Michaela Braswell - Communications Specialist

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Refreshed the Unity Presbyterian brand identity (including updated colors, fonts, and the primary Unity logo) to ensure a welcoming and modern look across all platforms.
- Designed vibrant new logos for our youth and children's ministries to better connect with and engage the next generation.
- Optimized layouts and user experiences across our core communication channels, including the church website, The Messenger, and The Weekly Word.
- Enhanced the online worship experience by standardizing live stream graphics for a cleaner, professional presentation.
- Fine-tuned our broadcast audio and video infrastructure to deliver seamless, distraction-free streaming for our online congregation during regular services and special events.
- Safeguarded weekly worship by swiftly resolving a critical mid-broadcast technical emergency, immediately restoring the high-definition video feed for our remote church family.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- **Capture "Life at Unity":** Help us tell our story! We are looking for volunteer photographers to document the joy, fellowship, and worship at upcoming church events.
- **Serve behind the scenes:** Join our tech and media team to help run the live stream, slides, or sound board during Sunday services—no advanced experience required.

New/Updated logos



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UNITY
YOUTH



Chair: Jennifer Smith

Team Members: Janet Bassford, Vickey Fulton, Jill Grosseohme, Tori Hickerson, Theresa Higgins, Ann Hudspeth, Jean Knox, Jan Konkus, Melissa Lamprich, Denese Reichenbach, Ann Spitzer, Jean Thies, Terri Turner, Dannie Vaughn, Jamie White, Joyce White, Darlene Williams

Church Staff: Rev. Molly Spangler

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Met for quarterly meetings August 2025, November 2025, February 2026, and April 2026
- Lunch Bunch met monthly from September-May. Various programs were presented. The average attendance was 50 people.
- Food Teams continued to provide meals for families experiencing illness, new babies, or other needs. Six food teams provided this service.
- Cookie teams provided delicious goodies for social events and special meetings; this included community outreach during the Ft. Mill Christmas Parade.
- Bereavement Guild provided hospitality to families who had experienced death.
- A group of Unity members sent cards to members who were ill, hospitalized, or had deaths in the family. Congratulatory notes were sent for new babies.
- Birthday cards were sent to members 80 and older.
- Our Prayer Chain kept members in need in daily prayers. We had over 300 members maintaining prayers. The Prayer Chain was transitioned to Realm as the primary delivery method this year.
- Prayer Square ministry continued, with members encouraged to take the squares with attached prayer for themselves or to give to others.
- The Grief Remembrance committee sent remembrance cards on the 1-year anniversary of the death of a family's loved one.
- The Grief Support Group continued, while the Caregiver Support Group may be reworked moving into the new year.
- Social Events were sponsored throughout the year such as the Ice Cream Social, Lemonade on the Lawn, Congregational Breakfasts, and Caroling and Chili.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Join a food team
- Become a cookie baker
- Join one of our subcommittees who provide care and support as needed

MINISTRY REPORTS



Board Members (board members serve 3 year terms:

Philip Hereford, Chair, '28, Elder ('26)
Jason Honeycutt, Vice Chair, '28 Elder ('28)
Lauren Mobley, Secretary, at large '27
Cheryl Hill, at large '26
Steve Hardy, at large '26
Katherine Dorosh, at large '27
Dan Rogers, at large '27

Church Staff: Rev. Dr. Matt Rich; Pam Bright - Financial Manager

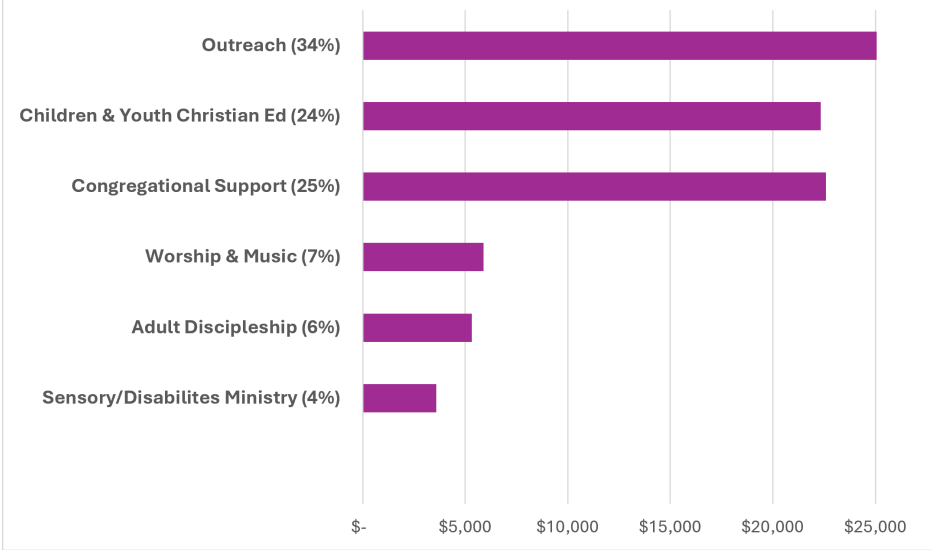
Accomplishments from 7/1/25 – 6/30/26:

- Managed 16% growth
- Provide an annual newsletter for donors
- Provide an annual report to Session
- Communicate grant impacts to the congregation
- Announced \$30,000 of funds available for distribution. Our highest offering to date. Awards will be announced on September 13, 2026
- Program grants awarded in 2025:
 - Marshall, NC Church Hurricane Recovery Support
 - Getsemaní Church Build – Guatemala
 - Preschool Park Picnic Tables
 - Youth Honduras Mission
 - Honduras 10 Home Project
 - Unity Brand Standards

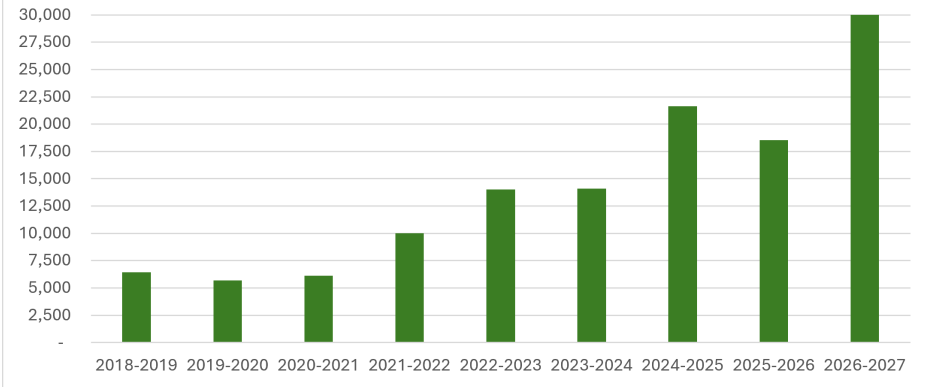
Opportunities for volunteer support:

- Members to promote and participate in the oversight of the Endowment Program
- Financial Gifts are always appreciated
- Please visit the Policies and Procedures page on our website <https://unityfortmill.org/about-us/church-documents/policies-and-procedures/>
 - Endowment Program Policies and Procedures – Appendix C
 - Endowment Investment Policy – Appendix D

8 Year - Categories of Support- \$90,062



Endowment Grant Awards By Year
(2026-2027 represents amount available for grants)



MINISTRY REPORTS

Health Ministries Team

Chair/Co-Chair: Norma Lester/Susan Mobley

Team Members: Susan Benfield, Mike Brown, Jenny Coker, Lauren Cole, Kim Dellinger, Brynne Fisher, Carol Heim, Bob Hermanns, Emily Hermanns, Cathy Nunnery, Don Rice, Christy Stephens, and Leslie Watkins

Church Staff: Rev. Molly Spangler ('24-'25), Emily Hermanns - Coordinator of Congregational Life and Engagement ('26-)

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Sponsored 2 classes of The Daniel Plan
- Sponsored QPR (Question Persuade Refer) class on suicide prevention training
- Sponsored CPR/AED class
- Sponsored 3 Care Teams to provide support and practical assistance to Unity members
- Sponsored weekly exercise classes = 2 times/week strengthening fitness, beginner's yoga, yoga for Parkinson's, Yoga Tools for Parkinson's Caregivers, Rhythm-N-Moves, and line dance
- Sponsored weekly hiking group
- Maintained 3 AED's and replenished 14 First Aid kits
- Maintained medical equipment closet for short-term use
- Added health tips to church newsletters
- Participated in Ministries Fair

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Join the Health Ministries Team; we meet every other month
- Participate in our several exercise, yoga, and dance classes or hiking group
- Take CPR/AED classes for American Heart Association certification
- Be on a Care Team, being the hands and feet of Jesus
- Coordinate, monitor, and oversee our many events and activities
- Write health tips for Life at Unity newsletters



MINISTRY REPORTS

Hospitality and Evangelism Ministry Team

Chair/Co-Chair: Cathey Miller

Team Members: Janet Bassford, Jane Boyd, Corey Cameron, Heidi Ernst, William Folsom, Emily Hermanns, Ann Hudspeth, Emily Reaves, Betty Squatriglia, Dannie Vaughn, Jim Weller, Barry Wells, Todd Wright, Brenda Young, John Young

Church Staff: Rev. Dr. Matt Rich

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- H&E hosted 4 Welcome to Unity Coffees. Twenty-three adults with 10 children attended these coffees, where along with team members, they shared their faith journeys including what led them to Unity. We had 30 adults with 4 children join us for the Connections Classes where we delved deeper into the history of Presbyterianism in America, the history of Unity and opportunities for them to become engaged in the life of Unity.
- Our team hosted a New Member Brunch, for those who joined Unity in 2025. This was the first event of its kind. We invited 67 adults with 28 children to the brunch. The turnout was incredible and the event was a huge success!!
- We helped welcome 60 new members (who brought with them 30 children and youth) plus 20 confirmands for a total of 80 new members. Team and church members, extended Christian hospitality to 2537 individuals and families who visited with us at Unity. (Information from Welcome Pads)

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- As members of Unity, all are invited to extend their hospitality to those visiting with us. Please take note of unfamiliar faces, introduce yourself and welcome them to Unity. You may find that they are long-time members, who regularly attend the other service. Pay attention to the Welcome Pad for those who indicated they were visiting.
- You are also invited to join the H&E ministry team.

New Member Brunch - April 12, 2026



Chair/Co-Chair: Chuck Welfare ('27) / Susan Bates ('27)

Team Members: John Hoffman ('26), Nim Routh ('26), Dawn Williams-Zabicki ('28), Chase Bowers ('28)

Church Staff: Rev. Dr. Matt Rich

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- HRMT began planning for upcoming staff sabbaticals, including the approval of Dr. Matt Rich's sabbatical proposal and the completion of an application for a grant from the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for renewal activities for Dr. Matt and the Congregation.
- Upon being informed of Mark Verdery's wish to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Unity as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care, the HRMT recognized Mark during both services and congregational breakfast on February 15.
- HRMT approved Jeannie Bickett as the new Parish Associate for Pastoral Care, effective April 1.
- HRMT recommended, and the Session and Congregation approved, Rev. Molly Spangler's request to adjust her call to ¾ time at Unity as Associate Pastor.
- HRMT assisted with the hiring of Gloria Weathers as part-time sexton, effective May 9.
- HRMT approved the creation of a new position, Coordinator of Congregational Life and Engagement, who will oversee the Church's ministry of helping those seeking a church home. After a search and interview process, Emily Hermanns accepted this new role.
- HRMT recommended, and the Session and Congregation approved, the terms of call for Liz Corsig as Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Liz will be ordained and installed on August 30.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Send spontaneous emails or notes of appreciation to individual staff as you observe them performing their role in exemplary ways
- Coordinate recognition events for the staff, i.e. luncheons or retirement celebrations
- Participate on hiring search committees for staff positions
- Join the Human Resources Ministry Team

Emily Hermanns - Coordinator
of Congregational Life and
Engagement (left)

Gloria Weathers - Part-Time Sexton
(middle)

Jeannie Bickett - Parish Associate
(right)



MINISTRY REPORTS

Men's Ministry Team

Chair/Co-Chair: Steve Chase/Barnes Louthan

Team Members: Men's Ministry Group - REALM

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Hosted Fort Mill Police, Fire, and Rescue teams at monthly breakfast meetings.
- Thinking of You (TOY) Ministry: Once each quarter, bake and deliver cookies to men of Unity that are unable to attend church functions.
- Coordinate and record the delivery of donations to the Fort Mill Care Center for: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sundays, Sharing God's Bounty at Thanksgiving and Second Harvest Food Distribution excess.
- Financially support: one Second Harvest Food Distribution truck per year, the annual Christmas Auction via the Hot Dog Supper preceding the auction, bicycles for the Christmas Angel Tree, tithing a portion of our monthly donations to the Emergency Needs Fund, supporting youth prayer breakfasts, ice cream sundae outings and other projects as requested.
- Physically support: GoMAD day, assembly of new furniture for the youth wing and preschool, assist with Family Promise youth wing resets, serve the Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Banquet, support Unity campus work days, support Punch List Friday projects, support larger resets of the Fellowship Hall as needed, assist with major event parking as needed.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Add your name to the Men's Ministry Group in Realm to receive email updates on all activities and opportunities to serve.
- Attend the monthly breakfast meetings – 8:00 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month – in person or via Zoom.
- Respond to "Opportunities to Serve" published in the monthly meeting minutes.
- Donate to the Men's Ministry via the on-line giving portal.

Men's Breakfast



Chair/Co-Chair: Ned Chamberlain/Steve Gribble

Team Members: Jim Boyd, Steve Hardy, Dave Johnson, Jean Nicholson, Stephanie Nix, Dave Reimer, Dan Rogers, Chris Routh, Adam Rusch, Joyce Sullivan, Larry Terrell, Elizabeth Watson

Church Staff: Rev. Molly Spangler

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

The Outreach Ministry Team continued to support Unity Presbyterian Church's mission by serving neighbors in need, strengthening community partnerships, responding to disasters, and supporting mission efforts locally and around the world. Through generous giving and volunteer service, members of the congregation helped provide food, housing assistance, family support, clean water projects, disaster recovery, and opportunities for Christian outreach.

Community Outreach and Hunger Relief

- Providing food and assistance to those experiencing hardship remains a central focus of Outreach Ministry. Unity members donated more than 7,000 pounds of food to the Fort Mill Care Center in 2025, with additional collections continuing into 2026. Through monthly food drives, PB&J Sundays, Sharing God's Bounty, and partnerships with local agencies, the church helped meet ongoing needs within our community.
- Unity also partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute additional food resources to families facing food insecurity. These efforts complemented the work of organizations such as Family Promise, the Fort Mill School Foundation, and the York County Council on Aging, which provide assistance to families, students, seniors, and individuals experiencing difficult circumstances.

Special Offerings

- Members of the congregation continued to demonstrate extraordinary generosity through special offerings supporting mission and outreach ministries. Contributions were made to programs including Money for Meals (Dimes for Hunger), Change for the Church, One Great Hour of Sharing, CWS Blankets+, Disaster Relief, Thornwell, and Christmas Joy.
- These offerings provide assistance for hunger relief, disaster recovery, children's ministries, refugee support, and many other causes. In 2025 alone, more than \$36,000 was contributed through special offerings.

Housing and Family Ministries

- Outreach continued its partnership with Habitat for Humanity of York County through both financial support and volunteer opportunities. These efforts help provide safe and affordable housing for local families and create meaningful opportunities for congregation members to serve together. The ministry supported Family Promise, Isaiah 117 House, Defend the Fatherless, and Thornwell. Each of these organizations serves vulnerable children and families by providing shelter, foster care support, advocacy, and other essential services. Through financial contributions, volunteer involvement, and prayer, Unity members continue to make a positive difference in the lives of many families.

Go MAD Sunday

- Go MAD (Go Make A Difference) remains one of Unity's signature outreach events. Approximately seventy members participated in service projects both on campus and throughout the community. Volunteers supported Habitat initiatives, prepared cards for homebound and incarcerated individuals, and participated in projects that demonstrated Christ's love through practical action.

Mission Beyond Fort Mill

- Unity's commitment to mission extends well beyond the local community. Outreach continued longstanding partnerships in Honduras, Guatemala, Syria, and Lebanon through financial support, prayer, education, advocacy, and relationship-building.
- Mission teams remained engaged in Honduras, while Living Waters for the World projects helped provide access to clean water in Guatemala. Outreach also expanded support for ministries serving communities in Syria and Lebanon.

Disaster Response and Community Health

- Outreach continued supporting disaster recovery efforts, particularly in Western North Carolina following Hurricane Helene. By working alongside Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and other partners, Unity helped support ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts. Quarterly blood drives were also hosted throughout the year.

Caring for God's Creation

- The Outreach Team moved forward with paper recycling efforts and began exploring participation in the Earth Care Congregation initiative. These efforts encourage faithful stewardship of God's creation while helping the church identify practical ways to care for the environment and reduce waste.

Outreach Ministry Partners

The Outreach Ministry Team supports numerous organizations including:

- Fort Mill Care Center
- Family Promise
- Fort Mill School Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity of York County
- Isaiah 117 House
- Defend the Fatherless
- Thornwell
- York County Council on Aging
- Living Waters for the World
- Honduras mission partners
- Syria and Lebanon ministry partners
- Western North Carolina disaster recovery ministries



Honduras 2026 - last day group photo

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

All members are invited to become involved in Outreach Ministry through volunteer service, food collections, mission projects, blood drives, special offerings, and partnerships with local agencies. Members are also welcome to attend monthly Outreach Team meetings and help shape future ministry opportunities.

MINISTRY REPORTS



Director: Linda Bunge

Church Staff: Carolyn Blair, Kellie Ellis, Becca Haltiwanger, Meghan Hoyle, Brandi Laughter, Sarah Mann, Jennifer Mertz, Alison Monahan, Maureen Nolin, Kristen Tenini, and Laura Vaughn

(Please Note: The information in this report is from an annual report that was submitted to the Preschool Advisory Board and Session in June 2026.)

Overview: Unity Preschool began in the fall of 2006 as Unity’s Parent’s Morning Out program offered two days per week with two teachers and twelve students. During the 2025-26 school year, we offered five classes, four days per week (Monday through Thursday) and served 58 children. Linda Bunge is the Director. Our classes were as follows:

Older Two’s (Fall Birthdays) Tues/Wed/Thurs 9 a.m. to Noon Monthly Tuition: \$225.00 Jennifer Mertz Meghan Hoyle 10 children	Three’s Tues/Wed/Thurs 9 a.m. to Noon Monthly Tuition: \$225.00 Brandi Laughter Laura Vaughn Becca Haltiwanger Sarah Mann 24 children	Four’s Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monthly Tuition: \$275.00 Maureen Nolin Kellie Ellis Kristen Tenini Alison Monahan 22 children
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Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Staff:** The year began with an unexpected staffing challenge as we lost two lead teachers over the summer. Our Lead Two’s teacher, Ms. Danielle Vadell, was called to serve as Support Coordinator for Isaiah’s 117 House in York County, and her assistant, Ms. Jennifer, gladly stepped into the lead role. We then hired preschool parent Ms. Meghan Hoyle as assistant, and she has been a wonderful addition to our staff. Our lead Fours teacher, Ms. Elizabeth, accepted a full-time position with Ballantyne Elementary School just two weeks before school opened in August. Her assistant, Ms. Kristen, moved into the lead role, and we were fortunate to welcome back Ms. Alison, our former Fours lead teacher, as assistant. Together, they have made a formidable team. Ms. Brandi announced her retirement at the end of this year, and we were pleased to hire Ms. Danielle back. The teamwork and dedication our staff show each day continues to be a highlight, and we genuinely enjoy working together.
- Financial:** We were again blessed by a generous donation from a church member at the start of the school year. We also received an Endowment Fund grant that we used to purchase two new picnic tables for the park. Our Book Fairy fundraiser through the Scholastic Book program raised more than \$1,000, allowing us to purchase eight books for each student throughout the year. We recognized two teachers for five years of service and two teachers for 10 years of service with \$500 bonuses. Ms. Carolyn celebrated 15 years of service, and Ms. Linda celebrated 20 years. All teachers also received a \$300 end-of-year bonus. We also recognized Pam Bright and Margaret Monroe with an end of the year gift for the faithful support of Unity Preschool. We finished the year with a balance of more than \$5,700. Last summer, with the help of Preschool Advisory Board Member, Krista Renken, and Unity’s Director of Operations, Zeno Wall, we completed two major projects: a fresh coat of paint throughout the hall and classrooms in June, and a new park installation by Carolina Urban Lumber in December. These projects were funded through support from Unity Preschool, the Building and Grounds Team, and the Children’s Ministry Team.

- **Programming:** This year, we added a biweekly music class with Mr. Music Man, which was enjoyed by all. We continued our 17-year partnership with Playball, a physical fitness program designed for preschoolers. Ms. Jane, our monthly storyteller, also continued leading a monthly science class for our Fours students and taught two science lessons for the Threes in the fall on pumpkins and in the spring on frogs. The Fours studied leaves, apples, measurement, trees, magnets and weight, construction, seeds and plants, insects, and birds. We also continued biweekly Bookmobile visits and monthly storytelling with Ms. Jane. Once a month, our students attended Chapel with support from church staff members Matt Rich and Margaret Monroe, where they learned several parables. Our Christmas program, *In the Stable*, was very well received. We also continued our monthly Spirit Days, which centered on fun themes such as Dot Day (celebrating author Peter H. Reynolds), Halloween, Thanksgiving Feast, PJ Day, Kindness Day, Valentine's Day, Easter, and Earth Day. In both the fall and spring, we held a family picnic for each class, inviting families to bring a blanket and lunch and meet their children in the park. We celebrated our largest graduation class of 28 graduates with a ceremony in the Sanctuary and closed the year with an outdoor field day featuring games, face painting, parachute activities, and snacks. Unity Preschool continues to grow and remains a healthy, vibrant ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church.
- **Future:** Unity Preschool continues to grow and remains a healthy, vibrant ministry of Unity. Our 2026-27 classes are almost full and we are fully staffed. We will continue to monitor the progress of the FMSD Pre-K facility that will serve Four's students districtwide. This may result in Unity Preschool serving different ages, but it is too soon to decide.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- **Volunteers Impacting Preschool (VIPs)** – Our VIPs are 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 volunteers who would prefer to do “behind the scenes work.” Our *Classroom Volunteers* are assigned to a Fours classroom, and they volunteer once/week or bi-weekly in the classroom during our Center Time (approx. 9:30 am – 10:30 am) assisting our students with Literacy or Math activities designed by the Lead Teacher. We are flexible if you have appointments or vacation plans. Our *Behind-the-Scenes Volunteers* help us with copying, laminating, cutting, and prepping various projects that we have throughout the year. We also have opportunities to assemble furniture and painting projects. This volunteer opportunity is very flexible, and we can send some projects home, or you can work at the Preschool in our work area. The time commitment is whatever you can give.
- **Book Fairy Campaign** – Become a “Book Fairy” and donate to our Scholastic Campaign to raise funds to provide books to our preschool students throughout the year. Information will be advertised in the September Unity Newsletter or contact Linda Bunge for details.



Troop 108 is a highly active and growing unit that emphasizes deep community involvement, extensive outdoor programs, and steady individual advancement. The troop consists of an active youth roster of 35 Scouts backed by a strong network of 43 Adult Volunteers.

Dynamic Outdoor & Service Programs: Over the tracking period, the troop balanced high-adventure outings, like the SeaBase Fishing Adventure, with vital community service initiatives, including local beach sweeps and trail maintenance.

Agressive Advancement: Youth members are moving efficiently through the ranks. Younger Scouts are mastering fundamental outdoor skills, while older Scouts are completing major Eagle-required milestones and earning the program’s highest rank.

Metric	Youth (Scouts)	Adults	Grand Total
Camping Nights Logged	895 nights	1,061 nights	1,956 nights
Service Project Hours	993 hours	1,607 hours	2,600 hours
Merit Badges Earned	158 badges	N/A	158 badges
Rank Advancements	24 ranks	N/A	24 ranks

Merit Badges Earned: The youth population earned a total of 158 merit badges.

Core Focus Areas: A large block of these were earned during a concentrated period in June 2025 at Summer Camp. Focus areas were heavily split between critical Eagle-required requirements (such as First Aid, Communication, Environmental Science, and Cooking) and outdoor electives (like Snow Sports, Shotgun Shooting, and Moviemaking).

Rank Advancement Breakdown (24 Ranks)

- Eagle Rank (3)
- Life Rank (4)
- Star Rank (5)
- First Class (4)
- Second Class (4)
- Tenderfoot & Scout (4)

We are active and vibrant and the support of the Church is very much appreciated. We remain focused “Aims of Scouting”. They are character development, leadership development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Leadership development is also one of Scouting’s eight methods contributing to both good character and good citizenship.

Pack 108 serves approximately 50 Scouts, ranging from kindergarten through 5th grade. The Pack also has 14 registered adult leaders. Cub Scouting is a very family-oriented activity and our Scouts participate in all activities with their parents or other adult partners. Pack activities focus on the key themes of Character Development, Citizenship Training, Leadership Development, and Personal Fitness.

Activities and Community Involvement: Pack 108 Cub Scouts helped clean up Myrtle Beach as part of the Beach Sweep campout, participated in the Fort Mill Christmas Parade, distributed flyers and picked up food that was donated to the Fort Mill Care Center as part of Scouting for Food, learned the value of teamwork in the Pack 108 Cub Scout Olympics, built and race Pinewood Derby cars, and many other activities throughout the year. Collectively, Scouts in Pack 108 earned 514 belt loops for completing adventures in the 2025-2026 school year.

Camping: Pack 108 also participated in 5 campouts last year. These consisted of Beach Sweep in Myrtle Beach, Gold Rush at Westminster Park in Rock Hill, Palmetto Fossil Excursion at Givhans Ferry State Park, Darlington Race Weekend at the Darlington Raceway, and Spring Family Camping at Camp Rainey Mountain.

Pack 108 greatly appreciates the support of Unity Presbyterian Church and the opportunities that support creates to serve the Scouts and community.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Stephen Ministry

Chair/Co-Chair: Beverly Tysinger

Team Members: Kathryn Glenn, Dave Johnson, Susan Mobley, and Sandra Moore

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Currently we have 21 active Stephen Ministers and 6 leaders. Our Stephen Ministers serve our church family as well as members in the community.
- From June 2025 to June 2026, fourteen Stephen Ministers have been paired one-to-one with a care receiver going through challenging times.
- Our Stephen Ministers attended and were instrumental in supporting a full day event in October at First Baptist in Fort Mill. Stephen Ministry founder, Ken Haugk, along with Stephen Ministry staff from St Louis were present at this event as several hundred Stephen Ministers from local churches came to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Stephen Ministry. It was a day of learning, fellowship and envisioning the future of Stephen Ministry.
- A Lunch and Learn continuing education took place in June as a review of Stephen Minister Supervision groups.
- Continuing Education opportunities were offered throughout the year.
- Unity's congregation continued to be made aware of Stephen Ministry through Unity's newsletters and bulletins.
- Unity hosted St Louis Stephen Ministry team in a daylong session on Mental Health sponsored by Providence Presbytery.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Pray for this caring Ministry: For the Stephen Ministers, those they care for, and Stephen Leaders
- Be aware when you come across a person who will benefit by having emotional and spiritual support offered by a Stephen Minister and make that referral to Rev. Molly Spangler, Dave Johnson, or Susan Mobley.
- Discern if you might be called to be a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader.
- Spread the word about Stephen Ministry to those you know.



MINISTRY REPORTS

Stewardship Ministry Team

Chair/Co-Chair: Elders: Emelia Howell and Laurie Rogers

Team Members: Deacon: Elizabeth Bowers; At Large: Matt Barhorst, Ronnie Glenn, Susan Hereford, Dave Reimer

Church Staff: Rev. Dr. Matt Rich, Pam Bright - Financial Manager

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

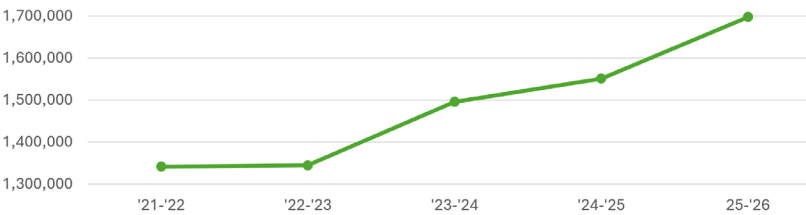


- Facilitated a Ministries Fair to share information about our ministries and programs made possible with our congregation's love and generosity
- Evaluated Unity's priorities and promoted the need to establish a multi-year plan
- Increased attention on current and future maintenance needs of our church
- Financial support for 2025-2026 increased 9.7% over last year
- Pledges for our 2026-2027 program year increased 14% over last year
- 496 volunteers have signed up to serve and participate in one or more ministry activities

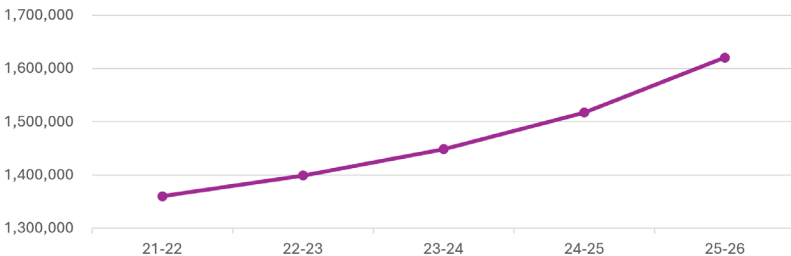
Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Share moments of Stewardship in worship
- Stewardship Campaign Support Team
- Year round financial & budgeting oversight
- Promotion of sharing time, talent and treasure
- Creative input for promotional materials

July - June General Fund Giving: 5 Year Comparison



July - June General Fund Expenses: 5 Year Comparison



Team Members: Sarah Egnor, Justin Richardson, Patrick Sizemore

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Coordinated usher/greeter volunteer groups via team leads and ensured Deacon 1 had volunteer names ahead of each service
- Introduced team lead schedules via Realm for automated reminders
- Provided a warm welcome for all members and visitors

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Sign up to be an ushering team lead or join an existing ushering team

MINISTRY REPORTS

Women Of Unity Coordinating Team (WOUCT)

Chair/Co-Chair: Emelia Howell - Moderator and Dorothy Gambrell - Moderator-Elect

Team Members: Janet Bassford, Donna Batchelor, Sara Durso, Brynne Fisher, Wyndie Havnaer, Jessie Little, Melanie Sharpless, Joyce White

Church Staff: Rev. Molly Spangler

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- WOUCT held bi-monthly meetings to guide and promote a vibrant women's ministry within the church.
- The Tony Dehler and New Horizon circles met monthly with opportunities for prayer, study, service, and fellowship. Each circle sponsored special events including
 - Tony Dehler Christmas Auction which supports the Fort Mill Care Center and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
 - New Horizon's Unity Post which generates monies to support the Emergency Needs Fund, helping individuals in the community with urgent needs.
- The Mother Daughter Sister Friend Luncheon was hosted by the WOUCT and included remarks from Sharon Collins, author of "Becoming His Masterpiece." The Men's Ministry served the attendees. The Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Member Award for 2026 was presented to Jessie Little. The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering also was received to support grants for domestic and international ministries of PW PCUSA.
- The 2025 Presbyterian Women Thank Offering included a covered dish dinner and fellowship, invitations to Riverview, Doby's Bridge, and Community Presbyterian churches to join, and collection of monies for selected projects.
- Women of Unity Benevolences included donations to Family Promise, Presbyterian Disaster Fund, Children's Attention Home, Emergency Fund, FMSD Lunch Program, and Isaiah 117 House. A gift was also given to the Men's Ministry in thanks for their service at the MDSF Luncheon.
- Continued our online presence and communications as well as increased usage of Realm for event sign-ups.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Become an active member of one of the circles at Unity:
 - The Tony Dehler Circle which meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
 - The New Horizon Circle which meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00a.m.
- Participate in a service project sponsored by Women of Unity Coordinating Team.
- Join one of our planning teams for the Women's Retreat and MDSF Luncheon.
- Serve as an officer of the Women of Unity Coordinating Team. Contact Dorothy Gambrell – incoming Moderator for 2026-2027, if God is calling you to this role with the Women of Unity.

Chair: Erin Pratt & Betsy Knight

Team Members: Audrey Allen, Sarah Egnor, Marie Gilmore, Susan Green-Grove, Dave Grove, Tori Hickerson, Miranda Hopkins, Jane Hudson, Jessie Little, Ann Mathers, Brian Rayl, Justin Richardson, Patrick Sizemore, Katherine Weller

Church Staff: Margaret Monroe - Director of Music, Rev. Dr. Matt Rich

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

- Drove consistent growth in weekly service attendance, increasing the annual average from 409 to 426 worshipers.
- We continue to grow children and youth participation in our traditional worship services by inviting them to lead the congregation as greeters, acolytes, and leaders for the call to worship, preaching, and offering. A highlight of the year was our Children's Sabbath, which created a joyful worship experience for both the participants and the congregation. Additionally, we expanded our worship opportunities this year to better serve our community, adding an evening Good Friday service and an additional Christmas Eve service; to name a few.
- During the FMSD Winter intersession, we hosted our first Music Camp. 26 campers and 25 adult and youth volunteers came together each morning for worship, music, art, recreation, and snacks. In four days, they learned, rehearsed, and performed the musical "Called" by Mark Burrows.
- In November 2025, Unity was blessed with the gift of a new Steinway Model B grand piano. When the 2010 Sanctuary was built, the hope and dream was always to obtain a fine piano that would be suitable for the size of the space. To this end, gifts were given to a Sanctuary Piano fund, and a final significant donation made it possible to obtain the Steinway. This exceptional instrument was dedicated in May 2026 with a recital by concert pianist Dr. Lawrence Quinnett.
- The Worship and Music Team and its sub-committees continue to seek to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members, guests, and visitors who worship with us.

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- **Music Support:** Lift your voice or share your instrumental talents! Our choirs have opportunities for adults, youth, and children to bring music to life in worship.
- **Worship Support:** Discover your place in worship leadership! There is a role for everyone to help lead our congregation, whether you want to read scripture, assist with the offering, usher, or welcome folks as a greeter. We have a place for you to be included.

"Called" musical at Music Camp (left)

New Steinway Model B grand piano (right)



MINISTRY REPORTS



Chair/Co-Chair: Ted Benfield, Don Reichenbach

Team Members: Melissa Barhorst, Craig Evans, Michelle Hoffman, Caroline Hoffman, Angela Pope, Jan Rogers, Jim Smith, Dannie Vaughn, Tim Whitesell, Brenda Young

Church Staff: Liz Corsig - Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults (after August 30, 2026)

Celebrations and Accomplishments from 2025-2026:

Outreach Activities

- 22 Middle School Youth served on the Charleston Mission Trip
- 19 Confirmands served on the CROSS Mission Weekend in Charlotte
- 9 High School Youth served on the Honduras Mission Trip
- 6 Summer Mid-Week Mission Projects
- Hygiene Kits packed for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Manna Bags packed for neighbors in need
- Sharing God's Bounty donations sorting & packing
- Homebound Church Member Visits
- High School Service Day at Bethel Men's Shelter

Faith Formation

- 27 High School Youth attended Montreat Youth Conference
- 15 Middle School Youth attended Massanetta Middle School Conference
- 30 youth crafted and led worship on Youth Sunday
- 19 8th graders became active members of Unity through Confirmation
- Middle & High School Youth Group weekly
- Middle & High School Sunday School weekly
- 13 High School Prayer Breakfasts
- Lent Challenge
- Faith & Mental Health Workshop

Fellowship & Hospitality

- 12 middle & high school youth served on the Youth Leadership Team, meeting monthly to make decisions and plan events for Unity Youth.
- BBQ Fundraiser
- Halloween Party
- Friendsgiving

- Christmas Party
- Chili Cook-Off
- Family Trivia Night
- High School Spring Retreat
- Pizza & Paint Party
- End of Year Party
- Renovated and redecorated the Middle School classrooms in the the Youth Wing to encourage fellowship and inclusiveness

Opportunities to join us in ministry:

- Serve as a middle or high school Sunday School Teacher or Assistant
- Mentor a Confirmand
- Spend time with youth on Sunday evenings as a middle or high school Youth Advisor
- Join the Youth Ministry Team
- Serve as a weekend retreat or summer trip chaperone
- Support our annual BBQ Fundraiser
- Encourage young people in our congregation when you see them; ask about what is going on in their lives and listen with curiosity and excitement!





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