

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**  
**to**  
**REACH UP, REACH IN, REACH OUT**  
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**REACHING UP: WORSHIP in February**

**02.04** “Be Bold: Part One” 1Corinthians 9:16-23  
(Installation of New Church Leaders)

**02.11** “Be Bold: Part Two” 2Corinthians 4:3-6

**Lent Worship Series:** But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. - Amos 5: 21-24 (CEB) Lent is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world. Our Lenten series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters." Worship without justice is not acceptable. Through biblical study and the remembrance of our rituals of baptism (the origins of Lent), this season will offer us reflection and renewed inspiration to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel-proclaiming God's love for all people.

**02.14** Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 p.m. Amos 5:21-24  
“Make Me an Instrument of Peace: Recognition”

**02.18** First Sunday in Lent Romans 8:31-39  
“Child of God: Naming Each One”

**02.25** Second Sunday in Lent Psalm 13  
“How Long? Renouncing Sin”

**REACHING OUT OPPORTUNITIES**

- \*Week of Compassion Offering
- \*Food Sunday
- \*Paper Towel Collection for Daily Bread
- \*To Our House
- \*Serve at Community Table

**REACHING IN OPPORTUNITIES:**

- \*Women’s Bible Study
- \*Perspectives Group
- \*Lent
- \*Moses Study
- \*District 2 Special Event



## WHAT'S ON WENDY'S MIND?

In 2017 we had some wonderful moments and experiences with new life. We had 2 adults and 7 youth baptized, 5 people joined the church through transfer of membership, we celebrated 3 weddings and 3 births. We also started a new outreach ministry, Project Bluefield.

We also had some staff changes in 2017; Courtney Mena was hired as our Office Administrator and Andrew Thomas as our pianist. We also made the decision to hire an Associate Pastor. Change and new life is inevitable and all around us. I am so proud of this congregation and grateful for the leadership and ministry of so many.

As we head into 2018 my prayer is that we will continue to be a transforming congregation--welcoming change as the Spirit leads, dedicated to growing in Christ personally and as a church, serving the needs of our community and beyond, worshipping with open hearts, and sharing the love of Jesus and our church with those we encounter every day.

As we continue to live into the calling of Unity Christian Church, I believe the number of baptized believers and new members will double for 2018 and weekly church attendance will reach 200. I also believe our giving and reaching out will increase, and we will have more opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and fellowship. We have a model to follow in the first-century church described in Acts 2:42-47: *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonder and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Here's to a new year of continued transformation and ministry at Unity Christian Church!

Faithfully,

Wendy

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSGAE

I want to first take a moment for all who so kindly gave me the opportunity to serve as your leader over the next two years. It is indeed an honor and I promise I will do everything within my power to live up to your expectations. We here at UCC are very fortunate, we really DON'T take full advantage of the jewel we have but have the opportunity to do even bigger, greater things for our community and for the Lord.

My "theme" for this year is **BE BOLD** in all we do. **BE BOLD** in your witnessing, in your giving of your time, talents and tithes. We can do great things but it will take a team to accomplish goals set at the leaders retreat scheduled for February 16-17.

In an effort to make daily operations move more smoothly pastor Wendy is establishing a set of deadlines for info to be included in newsletters and bulletins. These must be met in order to achieve the desired results. On another note, team leaders are going to be asked to "step up" their game in order to take some of the pressure off our office manager, Courtney. If you have a task that you can do, please do it! If you can't and need for her to do it, give her your needs but she has responsibilities that must be met so she can't just drop what she is doing right then and there to do it for you. Leave it with her and she will get it done!

I look forward to the next two years and I sincerely believe that we are on the cusp of really great advances at Unity Christian Church!

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## SECURITY AT UNITY

After the horrific shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas in November, churches are aware that we cannot take our safety in the church for granted. The property team has been in discussion on how to move forward with putting a Security Team in place. In March the police department is hosting a church safety training for all local churches. Dennis Martin, Carlton Altizer, and Wendy are planning to attend. In the meantime, know that we do have different individuals who are keeping an eye out in the hallways and the sanctuary during the worship hour. If you have thoughts and suggestions on this matter please contact Dennis or Wendy.

## SEARCH and CALL

UCC Congregation,

I wanted you to have an update on the Search and Call for the Associate Pastor. Currently we have received two profiles. Both profiles are good candidates, just not right for us. We are in contact with the Regional Church and Minister for advice and guidance. We are looking at

reaching out to Seminaries to post our call for an Associate Pastor. It is so important we select the right candidate for our church so we will need to be patient, pray and listen to God's leading. God has never steered us wrong when we actively involve him in our plans.

The current fund for the Associate Pastor stands at \$8,980.00. We are over half way reaching our goal for the 1st year. Thanks to all of you.

In addition, I wanted to advise everyone that as chair of Pastoral Relations, if any member of the congregation has a concern, issue or question regarding UCC ministers, please reach out to me. I am the liaison between the congregation and ministers. It is vital that the lines of communication be open and honest for our church to grow and fulfill our missions.

Blessings,  
Sandy Pascoe

### **LEADERSHIP RETREAT & ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a Leadership Retreat and Annual Planning meeting February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. ALL Board Officers, Team Leaders, Committee Chairs and anyone else who is interested are encouraged to attend.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Wendy's Home.**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at UCC**

**Please let Wendy know by February 7<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.**

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM REPORT**

The Congregational Care Team meets weekly on Monday mornings to send cards and to pray for visitors, the sick, the bereaved and others with special needs. Current team members are Daisy Fisher, Lila Lorton, Nancy Martin and Gina Rhea. Others are welcome to join the team. The time frame varies from twenty to forty-five minutes depending on the number of cards that need to be prepared.

You may assist in this ministry by providing addresses for those you place on the prayer list on Sundays. Those folks are prayed for whether an address is available or not, but the team would like to be able to provide tangible evidence to the recipients that they have been lifted in prayer.

In 2017, the Congregational Prayer Team sent 495 cards and emails on behalf of the congregation!

### **\*CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP\*** **C.W.F. CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Circle Meetings: Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

- OASIS (Lila): 10:30 in the Parlor
- YAH (Ruth): 1:30 Meet at Macado's (Weather permitting)
- M&M's (Janet B.): 7:00 at UCC Parlor
- C.W.F. Meeting: Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Parlor

### **PAPER TOWEL DRIVE FOR OUR DAILY BREAD:**

The CWF is collecting paper towels for Our Daily Bread on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring several rolls and place in the box under the coat rack. They are required by the Health Department to clean with paper towels so use many rolls each month. Help us support this local ministry!

### **CWF ANNUAL WEEK OF COMPASSION SOUP LUNCHEON:**

Join us for our annual Week of Compassion Soup Luncheon on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** immediately after worship. We will share bean and potato soups with cornbread as we enjoy a simple meal to commemorate the Week of Compassion. A free will offering will be collected and sent to Week of Compassion. This is a hugely popular meal so please come and share together with us.

### **CLOTHING BANK:**

UCC works the entire month of March on Thursday, Friday & Saturdays. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome center. Please take a look and commit a couple of hours when you can for this greatly needed and used local mission. See Becky for information.

### **TO OUR HOUSE**

**February 24 – March 9**, we will join with Grove United Methodist Church again this year to provide food and shelter for the To Our House Program. The first week Unity will be responsible for meals and socialization each night at Grove. The second week we will be responsible for providing two of our men to sleep there each night to be available if needs arise. We will also help with the men's laundry during their stay in Radford. We are also requesting that if you have gently used men's clothing to bring those in this month so we

can offer the clothes to the men. New Backpacks or small duffle bags would also be welcomed. Dan Cheverton and the Outreach Team will be getting more information out soon and will be signing people up to serve.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION 2018**

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Its purpose is to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Week of Compassion will be observed at UCC February 18-25. Through sharing our resources, we get a taste of the generosity of God, who does “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.” When we look at suffering in the world, we can become discouraged, unable to see past the difficulty. But when we think of the wonders God works, our imaginations go wild! Just imagine how God is bringing transformation!

That transformation occurs when WOC provides seedlings to people in Nicaragua to grow their own food producing daily sustenance and income. That transformation occurs when WOC responds to natural disasters like the recent mudslides in California or the hurricanes that devastated Haiti and parts of the U.S. last fall. God is at work doing so much more than we can imagine! When we contribute to Week of Compassion, we are part of God’s work in the world.

There are two ways you may contribute to WOC this year: (1) during Worship on February 18 and 25 (offering envelopes will be in the pew racks); and/or (2) at the Week of Compassion Soup Luncheon sponsored by the Christian Women’s Fellowship (C.W.F.) on February 25. Please give generously and compassionately.

**COMMUNITY TABLE**

Community Table is our Outreach Ministry here at UCC that serves home cooked meals every Saturday, 4-5:00p.m., in the fellowship hall, while providing a place for fellowship with others. If you are interesting in volunteering contact Sally Davis, Sandy Pascoe, or Wendy Wilson.

**MEALS SERVED THIS MONTH:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Takeout’s</u>
Jan. 6:	16	16	5	4	22
Jan. 13:	18	12	2	9	32
Jan.20:	18	13	0	3	25
Jan. 27:	16	17	0	19	18

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY/SPIRITUAL LIFE GROUP (GOD and MY GIRLFRIENDS)**

New study starting February 5<sup>th</sup> –

**“Finding I Am:**

**How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Our Heart”**

By Lysa TerKeurst. Video and Discussion.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Wendy’s House (308 Meadow Ridge, Radford)

What to Bring: Food to share, book, open heart & mind.

Book: “Finding I Am,” can be purchased from Amazon, Lifeway, and Christianbooks.com. (A book is not required to attend but would be helpful.)

**PERSPECTIVES GROUP**

The Perspectives Group meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. This is not the usual Sunday School class. We discuss different verses, parables, stories and other important events in the scriptures. We all experience God’s word in different ways and how the Holy Spirit speaks to us at different times in our journey. We all have our own unique perspective on what we hear and learn from God and that is what this group discusses. We hear and learn others views and opinions about how these experiences shape our lives as Christians. The Holy Spirit speaks to us in many different ways and sometimes the Spirit speaks to us through our fellow sojourners. Sometimes we just talk about one subject a Sunday and other times we look at verses which may take us through several weeks. We welcome all young and maybe not so young, who would like to join us and hopefully be enlightened by the discussion.

**VIRGINIA DISCIPLES WOMEN MINISTRIES**

Sunday, February 18, 2018, there will be a District 2 Special Event at Unity Christian Church starting at 3:00 p.m. Virginia Disciples Women Ministries’ present’s guest speaker, Penny Gradwell, from the Bethany Christian Church in Richmond. Penny will share her experiences on her trip to Ghana/ South Africa. All congregations (women, men, and youth) are invited to attend this very interesting and inspiring program. Light refreshments will be served. Please send a count of attendees by February 12<sup>th</sup> to Dennis Martin at [themartins@solutioninnovations.com](mailto:themartins@solutioninnovations.com) or call 540-599-3947.

**MOSES:**  
**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE**  
**RELUCTANT PROPHET**

Dennis Martin will host a study based on the book by Adam Hamilton, "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet" each Sunday beginning Feb.4<sup>th</sup> – Mar.18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00p.m.–4:00 p.m. (No Class on February 18<sup>th</sup>.) Child care will be provided.

As Adam Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and Biblical text, you will gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you will discover how you can turn your own reluctance into BOLDNESS. The class will meet in the fellowship hall.

Books for the study can be purchased from Christianbook.com, Amazon.com, and Cokesbury.com for about \$10.00 Contact Dennis for assistance ordering or for more information.

**LENT**

**Lent begins on Feb.14 on Ash Wednesday.** The first Sunday in Lent is February 18 and it runs through to Easter which is on April 1st this year.

Lent is the forty days before Easter that the Church recognizes as a time to draw closer to God and remember and experience the love of Christ we witness fully through his life, death, and resurrection. Lent is a perfect time to reevaluate our relationship with Christ, to look at our priorities and our day to day living. To help the Church grow this Lenten Season there will be devotion books for adults, youth, and children.

**NEW FOR 2018**

\*New for 2018, the church office will have strict deadlines for the newsletter and bulletin. All information for the newsletter will need to be submitted to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. All information for the bulletin will be due each week by NOON Wednesday. Anything submitted after the deadlines will be in the following publication.

\*Also new for 2018, if you need to use the church for an event, there will be a Church Usage Form that will need to be filled out completely and submitted to the church office. Courtney will then add your event to the church calendar and reserve your space.

Our goal is to ensure all information is correct and each event is given the special attention it deserves.

**CRAIG SPRINGS CAMP 2018**  
**SCHEDULE**

It's hard to believe that the old year is over and the new one has begun. It will be spring before you know it. With that in mind, it's not too early to register for camp. Registering before May 15<sup>th</sup> will save you \$40 and you get a free T-shirt!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAMP</u>	<u>TOTAL BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup></u>	<u>TOTAL AFTER MAY 15<sup>TH</sup></u>
June 25-29	Nature Camp** (Dead March 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$335	\$335
July 1-6	Special Camp	\$335	\$335
July 8-13	First Triple	\$347	\$387
July 16-21	AMPDD	\$347	\$387
July 22-27	Second Triple	\$347	\$387
July 29- August 3	New Covenant	\$347	\$387
August 3-6	Family Retreat	\$75/adult \$50 under 18 5 and under FREE	\$100/adult \$75 under 18 \$25/ 5 and under

Remember the church pays half the registration and scholarships for camp are also available through District 2 Funds. Camp packets are available at Welcome Center. If you are interested in participating, you may go to the regional website ([www.craigsprings.com](http://www.craigsprings.com)) for more information or contact Wendy.

**The MESSAGE CENTER**

Come by and check out our new Message Center, located right outside the church office. There you can find request forms, registration forms for upcoming events, monthly newsletters, church directory, vouchers, and more.

You will also find baskets to leave anything you need to give to Wendy, Courtney, or other Team members. To ensure your message is seen and given proper attention please use the baskets at the Message Center or the metal baskets on Courtney's desk when you have something to leave for Wendy or Courtney.

The Message Center is here to help you stay informed and connected with YOUR church leaders and staff.

# Thank You

✚ Dear Church,  
Thank you for the Christmas Bonus. I very much appreciated your generosity. Thanks to the Christian Women's Fellowship for the delicious cookies, and to so many church friends who gave my family and me goodies to eat and gifts to show love and Christmas blessings. We have such a wonderful and generous church and I am so blessed to be your pastor.

Love,  
Wendy

✚ Thank You To Our Church Family,  
Denise and I want to express our thanks to our Unity Church Family during the month of November, 2017, when my Mother passed away. We are thankful for the abundance of food and for the peace lily. We also appreciate all the cards, prayers and phone calls sent out to us during this time. We are very grateful to be a part of such a loving and responsive church family!

Ken and Denise Walker

✚ Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$225.00 to Radford – Fairlawn Daily Bread. We are a partner agency of the United Way of Montgomery, Radford and Floyd, through the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign. We serve the New River Valley and could not do our work without gifts and support from the local houses of worship. Your church has been extremely supportive, and we are extremely thankful. This year has been very draining due to the need in the community, and the fading economy.

On behalf of those who are served, Radford – Fairlawn Daily Bread thanks you again for your gift.

Sincerely,  
Robert H. MacLeod, Jr.  
Secretary

✚ Dear UCC Family,  
Thank you for my Christmas bonus, cards, and treats. It is heartwarming to know you took time out of your busy holiday schedule to think of me and my family. May God grace each of you in the New Year.

Love,  
Courtney

## FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

### **ACOLYTES**

02.04 Michaela Akers  
02.11 Caroline Pappas  
02.18 Emily Phillips  
02.25 Erika Akers

### **COMMUNITY TABLE**

02.03 Lemmon Team  
02.10 Cheverton Team  
02.17 Christ Church  
02.24 BCM

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

02.04 Dennis Martin  
02.11 Jackie Lemmon  
02.18 Josh Talbert  
02.25 Alyssa Wilson

### **WELCOME CENTER**

02.04 Janet Whitt  
02.11 Janice Cheverton  
02.18 Sharon Dodson  
02.25 Katie Lemmon

**Elders:** Ken Walker, Betty Jones

**Diaconate:** Katie Lemmon, Sally Davis, R.J. Phillips  
Dillon Whitt

**Narthex Greeter:** Janet Whitt

**Cares & Concerns:** Tenny Jones, Tony & Julie Akers

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

02.04 Frances Lemmon/Becky Moore  
02.11 Gary & Sally Davis  
02.18 Doyle Barton/ Dee McConnell  
02.25 Sid & Barbara Johnson/Nancy Dalton

### **CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

02.04 "Jesus in the Wilderness"  
02.11 "The Great Banquet"  
02.18 "Lenten Puzzle"  
02.25 "Jesus and the Children"  
Storytellers and Greeters will be assigned next week.

**FEBRUARY DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Date	Morning	Evening
	Matthew	Exodus
1	21:1-22	27, 28
2	21:33-46	29, 30
3	22:1-22	31, 32, 33
4	22:23-46	34, 35
5	23:1-22	36, 37, 38
6	23:23-39	39, 40
		Leviticus
7	24:1-28	1, 2, 3
8	24:29-51	4, 5
9	25:1-30	6, 7
10	25:31-46	8, 9, 10
11	26:1-25	11, 12
12	26:26-50	13
13	26:51-75	14
14	27:1-26	15, 16
15	27:27-50	17, 18
16	27:51-66	19, 20
17	28	21, 22
	Mark	
18	1:1-22	23, 24
19	1:23-45	25
20	2	26, 27
		Numbers
21	3:1-19	1, 2
22	3:20-35	3, 4
23	4:1-20	5, 6
24	4:21-41	7, 8
25	5:1-20	9, 10, 11
26	5:21-43	12, 13, 14
27	6:1-29	15, 16
28	6:30-56	17, 18, 19

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Audrey Barrow	3
Mary Ann Conrad	5
Sammy Anderson	5
Elsie Lewis	6
Rich Pappas	6
Nicole Altizer	10
Harper Hoge	12
David DeVillbiss	14
Sadie McCroskey	15
Janet Whitt	15
Dan Cheverton	16
Susan Osgood	19
Scott Gallimore	22
Annie Akers	22
Denise Walker	23
Dwight Boyd	24
Mary Lee Gill	25
Lin Martin	25
Leonard Gallimore	26

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

John & Sandy Pascoe	27
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**Sunday School Attendance:      Worship Attendance:**

<b>January 7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>January 14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>January 21</b>		<b>January 21</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>January 28</b>	<b>94</b>

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