

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

July will look a bit different this month and will keep you on your toes with a variety of worship experiences and preachers. You will not want to miss any of these opportunities to worship and hear the Good News!

07.01 “Share and Share Alike?” *Some things cannot be shared, even if we want to.*
Matthew 25:1-13 (Conclusion of Summer Sermon Series)

07.08 Dennis Martin Preaching - **“Reconsider The Holy Spirit”**
Acts 1:1-11

07.15 Camp Sharing

07.22 Andrew Thomas Preaching – **“Blessed Be the Black Sheep”**
Luke 15:3-7

07.29 Rev. Wendy Wilson - **“Cast the First Stone”**
John 8:1-11

REACHING OUT OPPORTUNITIES

- *Food Sunday
- *Serve at Community Table
- *Helping Hands
- *Holly Berry Fair
- *Neighbors in Need

REACHING IN OPPORTUNITIES:

- *Sunday School
- * Christian Women’s Fellowship



WHAT'S ON WENDY'S MIND?

In last month's newsletter I reminded us that we are a transforming congregation. I have had several ask me what does that really mean. So in the next few newsletters I will be explaining it in more detail. In the Fall I also plan to do a sermon series on what a transforming congregation looks like. The congregational transformation team and the 2018 Leadership team read and discussed the book,

Renew Your Congregation: Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead (by William T. McConnell)

I encourage you to read this book. Based on the book and other resources there are three characteristics of a transforming congregation. They are:

- Have a Purpose (other-focused)**
- Willingness to change (to accomplish purpose)**
- Leadership (Laity and clergy work together to accomplish purpose)**

A transforming congregation focuses on:

- #Developing Spiritual lives
(starts with pastor and elders)**
- #The five purposes of church—worship, evangelism, service, discipleship, fellowship**
- #Reaching out to others—it takes much effort for a church to stay outward focused**
- #Developing lay leadership**
- #Small Groups**
- #Preaching that helps—preaching is about communicating God's good news to the people. Today's people want sermons that will help them deal with life's challenges.**

A transforming church does not look like any other church. It is unique to its context. It is open to the movement of the Holy Spirit to guide new ministries and opportunities to be the church. It requires that all participants pray for the church and be a part of the ministry. In a transforming church all participants are valued, important, involved and needed. Ministry is not just for the pastor, paid staff, and the leaders but everyone.

A transforming church is in the business of making disciples for Jesus. How do you want to be a part of our transformation?

Faithfully,
Wendy

RESPECTING THE SABBATH

Please remember that Wendy's Sabbath day is every Friday and her day off is Saturday. (We all enjoy our days off to spend with family, run errands and have a life.) If you have church business to discuss with her, she is always happy to speak with you Sunday – Thursday. You are welcome to call the church office to schedule a time to meet if that works best for you. Thank you for being respectful of Wendy's time.

*"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."
Exodus 20:8*

ELDERS & DEACONS

Deacons and Elders who are serving for the month will meet every Sunday in the Parlor at 10:50 a.m. to get organized. This will also help to make sure everyone is here. We will then pray together before service.

*Remember – If you can not serve you must find your own replacement and notify the church office so the bulletin can be updated before printing on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m.

FROM THE BOARD

The board has asked for bylaws language to be drafted to create an assistant treasurer position. We hope for this to be presented at the July board meeting.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP C.W.F. CIRCLE MEETINGS

- ❖ **No Circle Meetings in July**
- ❖ **C.W.F. Meeting: No Meeting in July**

New Officers & Leaders for 2018-2020 will be installed by Jackie Lemmon on Sunday, July 1st during worship.

C.W.F Officers:

President:	Anne Chrisman
Vice President:	Charlotte McCroskey
Secretary:	Betty Jones
Treasurer:	Gina Rhea
Assistant Treasurer:	Phyllis Shumate

Circle Leaders:

OASIS:	Lila Lorton
Young at Heart:	Ruth Hinkley
Mary & Martha's:	Janet Bratton & Kelli Thomas

AUGUST KIDS PROJECT

Thanks to all who donated to this wonderful local mission that provides new school clothes for Radford students. We truly do serve God by serving others.

HELPING HANDS

WATCHING OVER OUR FLOCK

We have had great success with our newest Reach Out program at UCC. Recently we cleaned windows and planted new shrubs. If you need help around your home with small projects such as yard work, house cleaning, need a ride to the doctor, etc., sign up at the Welcome Center bulletin board. Please help us keep this very important program going. Contact Dottie Wheeler at 540-239-8222 or Ronnie Wheeler at 540-838-2047 to request the Helping Hands Team. No project is too small!

HOLLY BERRY FAIR 2018

The CWF will again have Holly Berry Fair Saturday Dec. 1, 2018. We ask as you start your spring/summer cleaning to remember this worthy cause. The items that we can take are gently used items and new items as well. We will also have a bake sale. More about that closer to fair time, but we also take home made can goods. Thanks to all who have supported this Out Reach that the CWF sponsors each year. The money made helps the CWF with our outreach programs we support in our own community.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Our Neighbors in Need fund is empty. Without your donations to this ministry, Unity is unable to assist those in need with staying cool in the summer, warm in the winter, and offer temporary shelter to our neighbors who have had a financial crisis. Please make a donation to Neighbors in Need so we can continue to share the love of Jesus Christ in our community.

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. We are hoping to add more teams to our Community Table Ministry. What does a Team Leader do? Form a team of 7-10 people committed to serving a Saturday meal 4 times a year. Then coordinate a meal plan with the help of your Steering Team representative (7-10 days prior to serving), notify your team members of the dates, have your team arrive by 1:00pm on

your scheduled Saturday. On your serving day you will organize your team members' responsibilities, cook your meal, Feed God's Sheep from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., then clean and lock up. There are easy to follow step by step instructions for you in the kitchen. In order to continue the ministry we need **4 new teams**. This is a wonderful opportunity to Reach Out and serve a great need in our community.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Table Team Leader or serving on a team contact Sally Davis, Sandy Pascoe, or Wendy Wilson. A Team Leader job description and full list of duties can be emailed for you to review. Just contact the church office at unity2012@verizon.net.

C.T. MEALS SERVED THIS MONTH:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Takeout's</u>
May 26	26	20	6	30	49
June 2	16	17	5	16	20
June 9	17	16	2	8	45
June 16	No	Info.	Recorded		
June 23					

CRAIG SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP

ATTENDEES

Please keep our campers in your prayers as they attend camps throughout the summer to learn, have fun, make new friends, and grow closer to Jesus.

Nature Camp: June 25 June 29

R.J. Phillips

Special Camp: July 1 – July 6

Alyssa Wilson Erin Wilson Katie Lemmon
Lin Martin

Triple One Camp: July 8 – July 13

Alyssa Wilson Erin Wilson McKenzie Pappas
Caroline Pappas Kayden Akers Erika Akers
Mikey Akers Andrew Thomas Wendy Wilson

New Covenant: July 29 – August 3

Alyssa Wilson

If you would like to send a card or special encouraging note to our campers and counselors from Unity, you can mail them to :

Craig Springs
30 Craig Springs Circle
New Castle, VA 24127

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
I love and miss all of you. I am still getting chemo and radiation for the face cancer, but I am hopeful. I have a phone in my room and I would love to hear from some of you. My number is: 276.226.4758. My address is: Linda G. Earles, Martinsville Health & Rehab, 1607 Spruce St., Martinsville, VA 24112.

Love,
Linda Earles

Dear UCC Family,
As I heal from my recent surgery – I feel blessed for the amazing doctor and medical staff that cared for me. Upon my return – over the days I have received so many cards, calls, meals, visits, and flowers – all from my UCC family! What a joy to be part of such an amazing Christian family! Special thanks to Rev. Wendy for getting up so early on the day of my surgery to bring comfort and prayer before surgery!

Many Blessings to all,
Pam Vicars – Runnals

Dear friends and family,
My sincere appreciation for all the cards, telephone calls, texts, etc. at the time of my recent illness and ultimate surgery. It meant so much to me and to Barbara. Special thanks to Wendy for being at the hospital and staying with Barbara and the girls. Your thoughtfulness and kindness shows that love continues to grow at UCC.

Sid

We would like to thank all who have prayed for Tenny and me during our health problems, and for all the cards, calls, visits, food, and most of all for the love shown to us.
Thank you to Wendy for the visits in hospital, your prayers and love shown to us.
We still have a ways to go, so keep on praying for us.

Thank you all and thank God!!
Norman and Tenny

Thank you all your prayers. God will give us strength to get through this most difficult time.

The Farmer Family

I want to take a moment to say thanks to UCC for the flowers sent after my surgery; they sure helped to brighten the day! Also, I want to thank each and every one that has called, emailed or sent a card to both Sharon and I over the last few months, it has been somewhat of a trying time and it is good to know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of our church family, it truly is a blessing to have friends like every one of you!! I look forward to getting back “real soon” and seeing each and every one of you in the worship services. God Bless You All!!

Sonny Dodson

Dear Unity Family,
Vinnie, Karen and I would like to thank everyone who has sent a card, email, text or phone call to check on us and let us know you were thinking of us. We appreciate every one of you. It is comforting to know that we are in the prayers of such a kind and loving church family.

Love,
Courtney Mena

Dear Unity Family,
Thank you for the many acts of kindness during my brother’s illness and his passing. The cards, prayers and hugs were greatly appreciated. The food provided by CWF was a wonderful welcome home. I am enjoying and will continue to enjoy the peace lily. Unity Church is truly a radiating center of love demonstrating God’s love in service, work and word. My family and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With Love and Appreciation,
Betty Jones

Sympathies

Deepest sympathies and prayers to those who have recently lost a loved one, including:

- Betty Jones and family for the passing of her brother, Jimmy Jones.
- The family of Mary Jane Harmon.
- Vincent, Courtney and Karen Mena for the loss of Vincent’s mother, M. Karen Mena.
- Sonny and Sharon Dodson for the loss of Sonny’s aunt, Nellie Moubray.

UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRIP TO



**BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY
AND CONCORD MALL**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018

Contact Dennis Martin at 540.599.3947

for more details.

(A disclaimer warning: Dennis is driving the bus)

Please join us!!

SERVING AT UNITY

Are you interested in serving at church on Sunday or on a ministry team? Get in touch with any of these folks and get plugged in.

UCC BOARD, TRUSTEES, ELDERS, DIACONATES, JR. DIACONCATES, AND PASTOR (EX-OFICIO) 2018

BOARD:

Chairman:	Sonny Dodson
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UCC MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS 2018

Campus Ministry Chair: Becky Moore

Christian Education Team Chair: Tammi Jackson

Christian Women's Fellowship Chair: Anne Chrisman

Congregational Care Team Chair: Gina Rhea

Evangelism Team Chair: Lori Phillips

Finance & Stewardship Team Chair: Jackie Lemmon –
per By-law as Auditor

Hospitality: Sally Davis

Bereavement: Janet Bratton and Charlotte McCroskey

Nominating Team Chair: Jenny Doud – per By-law as
Chair Elect

Outreach Team Chair: Dan Cheverton

Pastor Relations Chair: Sandy Pascoe – per By-law as
Vice-Chair

Personnel Team Chair: Jenny Doud – per By-law as
Chair-Elect

Property Team Chair: Dennis Martin

Search and Call Team Chair: Sandy Pascoe

Transformation, Vision & Mission Team Chair: Cindy
Stump Calhoun

Worship Team Chair: Denise Walker

Media: Nicole Altizer

Youth Chair: Nicole Altizer & Carlton Altizer

Ex-Officio to All Ministry Teams:

Wendy Wilson, Pastor Sonny Dodson, Board Chair

Please continue to pray for the leadership of Unity.

NEXT MONTH

Next month we will have pictures from Vacation Bible School, Project Bluefield, and our new Prayer Garden. If you have pictures of these events you would like to share, please email them to the church office at unity2012@verizon.net. June has been a very busy month. Thanks, Church for all the ministry you do! You really know how to REACH OUT!

JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

07.01 Michaela Akers
 07.08 Caroline Pappas
 07.15 Emily Phillips
 07.22 Erika Akers
 07.29 Erin Wilson

COMMUNITY TABLE

06.30 Altizer/Whitt Team
 07.07 Lemmon Team
 07.14 First Baptist
 07.21 Christ Church
 07.28 Mustard Seed Youth Group

COMMUNION PREPARATION

07.01 Gary & Sally Davis
 07.08 Buddy & Janet Johnston
 07.15 Doyle Barton / Dee McConnell
 07.22 Sid & Barbara Johnson / Nancy Dalton
 07.29 Barbara Turk

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

07.01 No CWW (Worship bags available for children)
 07.08 No CWW (Worship bags available for children)
 07.15 **“The Great Banquet”**
 Storyteller: Gloria Boyd
 Greeter: Sally Davis
 07.22 **“Follow Me”**
 Storyteller: Lori Phillips
 Greeter: Janice Cheverton
 07.29 **“Feeding of the 5,000”**
 Storyteller: Gina Rhea
 Greeter: R.J. Phillips

DEACANS

Lori Whitt
 Gary Davis
 Alyssa Wilson
 Lauren Young

ELDERS

Pam Vicars – Runnals
 Nancy Martin

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Keller	5
Danielle Hinkley	8
Darryl Altizer	10
John Johnson	11
Emily Jackson	12
Norman Jones	17
Jeff Hopkins	18
Cindy Stump	19
Richard Sandoe	19
Luke Anderson	20
Samuel Bondurant	20
Janice Cheverton	21
Taylor Chrisman	25

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Anne Chrisman	2
Richard & Karen Sandoe	12
Carl & Mildred Whitt	13
Ralph & Jenny Doud	19
Terry & Treena Stike	25

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School:

Worship:

May 27	16	May 27	87
June 3		June 3	105
June 10	20	June 10	109
June 17	23	June 17	105
June 24	28	June 24	114

JULY BIBLE READING

Date	Morning	Evening
	Acts	Job
1	10:24-48	20, 21
2	11	22, 23, 24
3	12	25, 26, 27
4	13:1-25	28, 29
5	13:26-52	30, 31
6	14	32, 33
7	15:1-21	34, 35
8	15:22-41	36, 37
9	16:1-21	38, 39, 40
10	16:22-40	41, 42
		Psalm
11	17:1-15	1, 2, 3
12	17:16-34	4, 5, 6
13	18	7, 8, 9
14	19:1-20	10, 11, 12
15	19:21-41	13, 14, 15
16	20:1-16	16, 17
17	20:17-38	18, 19
18	21:1-17	20, 21, 22
19	21:18-40	23, 24, 25
20	22	26, 27, 28
21	23:1-15	29, 30
22	23:16-35	31, 32
23	24	33, 34
24	25	35, 36
25	26	37, 38, 39
26	27:1-26	40, 41, 42
27	27:27-44	43, 44, 45
28	28	46, 47, 48
	Romans	Psalm
29	1	49, 50
30	2	51, 52, 53
31	3	54, 55, 56

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