

## SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

**Elders:** David Thompson , Ronnie Wheeler  
**Diaconate:** Lori Whitt, Ken Walker,  
Nicole Altizer, Lauren Young  
**Narthex Greeter:** Max Mottesheard  
**Cares & Concerns:** Gloria Boyd,  
Peggy Wislon

### ACOLYTES

09.03 Erika Akers  
09.10 Erin Wilson  
09.17 Michaela Akers  
09.24 Caroline Pappas

### CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

09.03 Children in Worship  
09.10 Orientation  
Storyteller: Lori Phillips  
Greeter:  
09.17 “The Light”  
Storyteller: Lori Phillips  
Greeter:  
09.24 “The Good Shephard & Lost Sheep”  
Storyteller: Alyssa Wilson  
Greeter:

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

09.03 Sandy Pascoe  
09.10 Doyle Barton/Dee McConnell  
09.17 Sid & Barbara Johnson/  
Nancy Dalton  
09.24 Betty Jones/JoAnna Fox/  
Katie Lemmon

### COMMUNITY TABLE

09.02 Steering Team  
09.09 Altizer Team  
09.16 Christ Church  
09.24 Lemmon Team  
09.30 Steering Team

### WORSHIP LEADER

09.03 Amanda Talbert  
09.10 Sonny Dodson  
09.17 Kathy Young  
09.24 Maria Dowdy

### WELCOME CENTER

09.03 Sally Davis  
09.10 Katie Lemmon  
09.17 Sally Davis  
09.24 Kathy Young

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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## REACH UP, REACH IN, REACH OUT

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## REACHING UP

### WORSHIP EMPHASIS

**My God is a Rock**

*The LORD lives! Bless God, my rock!*

*Let the God of my salvation be lifted high!*

Worshipping with the Psalms as our focal point, we will focus on the promises of God, whose love and grace are enduring features of our lives. In these days of instant gratification and fleeting interest, the Psalms reminds of the steadfast nature of God, calling each of us who are made in the image of God to be steadfast in our promises. We'll prepare ourselves for a new start for the Fall with some promises as a church, to work toward fulfilling our missional goals and being a safe haven where all can know the sure foundation of God!

September 3 – **“Solid Rock”** *The Lord is my solid rock, my fortress, my rescuer. My God is my rock-I take refuge in him. God is my shield, my salvation's strength, my place of safety. – Psalm 18*

September 10 – **“Lead Me to the Rock”** *When my heart is weak, I cry out to you from the very ends of the earth. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I am. – Psalm 61*

September 17 – **“Shelter of the Rock”** *Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during trouble times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock. – Psalm 27*

September 24 – **“My Rock and My Redeemer”** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, LORD, my rock and redeemer. – Psalm 19*

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# REACHING OUT OPPORTUNITIES

\***Fill the Cart** – The first Sunday of every month there is a grocery cart in the Welcome Center. Please bring your non-perishable food items to donate to our food pantry.

\*Church Pictures on sale for \$5. Proceeds go to Project Bluefield.

\* Back to Church September 17<sup>th</sup>

\* Project Bluefield Spaghetti Dinner September 20<sup>th</sup>

\*Help with Project Bluefield at Craig Springs. Fall Work Weekend will be October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

# REACHING IN OPPORTUNITIES

\*Dinner & Devotions on the Deck – Mondays Sept. 18-Oct. 30,

\*Thursday Night Football at Macado's

\*Noon Day Retreat – Every Wednesday 12N – 1:30p.m.

Sunday School Attendance:		Worship Attendance:	
August 6	38	August 6	112
August 13	28	August 13	118
August 20	31	August 20	99
August 27	39	August 27	116

## SEPTEMBER DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Date	Morning	Evening
	1 Corinthians	Psalms
1	12	135, 136
2	13	137, 138, 139
3	14:1-20	140, 141, 142
4	14:21-40	143, 144, 145
5	15:1-28	146, 147
6	15:29-58	148, 149, 150
		Proverbs
7	16	1, 2
	2 Corinthians	
8	1	3, 4, 5
9	2	6, 7
10	3	8, 9
11	4	10, 11, 12
12	5	13, 14, 15
13	6	16, 17, 18
14	7	19, 20, 21
15	8	22, 23, 24
16	9	25, 26
17	10	27, 28, 29
18	11:1-15	30, 31
		Ecclesiastes
19	11:16-33	1, 2, 3
20	12	4, 5, 6
21	13	7, 8, 9
	Galatians	
22	1	10, 11, 12
		Song of Sol.
23	2	1, 2, 3
24	3	4, 5
25	4	6, 7, 8
		Isaiah
26	5	1, 2
27	6	3, 4
	Ephesians	
28	1	5, 6
29	2	7, 8
30	3	9, 10

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Victoria DeVilbiss	1
Anne Chrisman	2
Scott Johnston	2
Shaun Hagy	4
Carl Whitt	4
Joe Hagy	5
Doug Chapman	5
Nancy Martin	6
Cindy Ouellette	6
Tina Cundiff	6
Grayson Scaletta	6
Aubrey Scaletta	6
Grace Barton	8
Sharon Dodson	8
Ryan Stephens	9
Candice Davis	10
Denise Parris	12
Tommy Wilson	13
Kitty Riser	14
Greg McCroskey	15
Bill Davis	15
Doug Keller	15
Terry Torrence	17
Matthew Barrow	17
Melanie W. Park	18
Kendall Akers	18
Bronte Foster	19
Karen Sandoe	20
Rebecca Shumate	20
Bob Totten	20
Junior Akers	22
Dottie Wheeler	24
Betty Johnson	24
Melissa (Missie) Foster	25
Frances Hunter	25
Aiden Clark	27
Tom Tilley	27
Cody Kesling	28
Lila Lorton	28
Michael Akers	28
Keith Whitt	29
Michaela Akers	30

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Wendy Wilson	4
Barry & Becky Moore	5
Tony & Julie Akers	5
Janet & Buddy Johnston	10
R. Wayne & Cindy Stump Calhoun	27



## WHAT'S ON WENDY'S MIND?

Can you believe it is already Fall? Summer went by in a flash. I am still on a high from VBS, Church Camp, General Assembly, and work days at Craig Springs. I am so thrilled to see the ways our church is transforming and engaging more people of ALL ages to serve and be a part of our congregation. Last Friday I assisted Becky Moore, Andrew Thomas, Randi Lemmon, and Kennise Baker with move-in day for first year students at RU. It was a wonderful day of meeting students and their families. They appreciated the water and goodies we gave them and many (specially the parents) were equally as pleased to know there was a church basically on campus that students could plug in to. We assured the parents we would take care of their kids. There was so much energy and excitement that day. With all of the activities of the summer, the excitement of RU move-in day, and the celebration of our 1 year anniversary of Children Worship and Wonder it is obvious that Unity is committed to growing disciples. Church, our future is so bright with God's light and love.

In order to continue along this transformation journey, it is time to begin the process to hire an associate pastor. I was pleased when the board voted to begin an intentional search. Hopefully by now everyone has received a letter from Sandy Pascoe (board chair) concerning this issue along with a job description and a payment plan. Sonny Dodson and Dan Cheverton have discussed in worship the importance of having a second, full time, ordained pastor. Others, including previous pastor of Unity, Gina Rhea, will also be sharing in worship reasons why we need this second pastor. I know there are some who are uncertain about this, particularly the money part. However, I truly believe in my heart that this is what God desires next for Unity Christian Church. The sale of the Carter Street building this month and the need for this position cannot be over looked. God has given us a gift to move forward in ministry. We will be wise stewards and invest in God's kingdom.

Faithfully,

Wendy

## GROWTH GROUPS

### **Growth Groups are coming!!**

In mid-September we will have new opportunities to grow and gather in small groups. We will have fun! Learn more about each other and our faith.

Watch upcoming bulletins, emails, and Facebook for details.

Please sign up by email or at the Welcome Center.

### **\* *Dinner & Devotions on the Deck***

September 18<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>

@ Wendy's house: 308 Meadow Ridge, Radford.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Monday night women's study:

“Cup of Our Life” by Joyce Rupp

( order your copy on Amazon)

Bring something to share for dinner.

Childcare provided.

### **\* *Thursday Night Football***

Every Thursday night meet at Macado's for fellowship and football.

### **\* *Noon Day Retreat***

Every Wednesday 12N – 1:30p.m.

Bring a bag lunch and then learn about the history of early Christianity through video & discussion.

# Thank You

(Thank you continued...)

- “Sometimes, God answers our prayers through special people like you.”

Thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy and care.

Sonny & Sharon

- We are so grateful for the dinner you provided for us in this time of need and the potted plant. It is sad to lose a loved one but she’s not suffering or in pain now. Again, we appreciate what the church did for us.

Love in Christ,

The Mitchells (Wayne, Jennifer, & James-Robert)

[Family of Bea Thompson]

- Dear Unity Christian,  
Thank you for your generous contribution to August Kids. It will help children concentrate on learning instead of thinking their clothing is not good enough.

Love,  
Martha Shelton

- Unity Christian Family,  
“Thanks for making a difference.”  
Thank you so much for the food, plant, cards, phone calls, and visits. As we mourn the death of Michael’s mom – your love and prayers have helped us through.

We are Blessed-  
Pam & Michael Runnals

- Dear Unity Christian Church,  
Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship. I am very grateful to such a kind and generous church family that supports me in everything I do.

Much love and thank you again!

-Justin

# Sympathy

To: The family of Bea Thompson for her passing.

To: Sonny & Sharon Dodson for the loss of Sonny’s Aunt Mildred.

To: Andrew Thomas for the loss of his great uncle, Harold Absher.

To: Ronnie Wheeler for the loss of his nephew, Mike Wheeler.

## **Bluefield Cabin Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

The project Bluefield Team is having a spaghetti dinner in Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00p.m. – 7:00.p.m.

The funds raised will be used for our cabin repairs and renovations. Plan on joining us for dinner to support our efforts. Share with your friends, family, & neighbors to come join us for dinner out!

- Spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, & cookie (using Sally's homemade sauce!!!)
- \$5 per plate (extra donations gratefully accepted!!)
- Take-outs available

This project is a huge endeavor with much work needed to bring the cabin up to acceptable standards for our youth to have a safe & pleasant living area while at camp. Folks are donating money, time, and materials to see this become a reality. Spread the word so that this will be a successful event and assist us with funding that is needed. Remember: you have to eat anyway – so come on and support Project Bluefield Spaghetti!!

## **CRAIG SPRINGS**

### **Fall Work Weekend**

**October 6-8, 2017**

Work Weekend at Craig Springs is a free event open to everyone. The camp will provide food, indoor lodging, and friendly fellowship in exchange for your labor. There are plenty of tasks suited for all skill levels.

Encourage your family and friends to join you in sharing the love of Christ and outdoor ministry.

You can find more information and registration forms at the Welcome Center. All registration forms must be turned in to by **October 1<sup>st</sup>!!**

## **\*CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP\***

### **C.W.F. CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY, September 5, 2017**

- OASIS (Lila) 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor
- YAH (Ruth) - Meet @UCC at 1:00p.m., travel to Fatz in Dublin
- M&M's (Janet B.) At Jackie Lemmon's. Meet at lower end of Walmart parking lot near Taco Bell at 6:00p.m.
- C.W.F Meeting: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p.m.

### **Hollyberry Fair**

**Hollyberry Fair**, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are in need of handmade items and gently used items (no clothes please). Please bring items when possible and place under the coat rack in the Welcome Center. If you would like to get involved with pricing and other tasks, see Anne – we need all the help we can get!! The money that the CWF makes on the event is spent within our community as 90% of our funds are used locally to benefit many groups that support local needs.

## **CHILDREN WORSHIP AND WONDER**

**Greeter training September 10 at 10:00a.m.**

**Storyteller training is coming up September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Have you been thinking and praying about whether this is something that you feel led to do? If you have questions about the training or just want to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to contact Lori Phillips or talk to her at church. You may also talk to any of the storytellers (Gloria Boyd, Carlotta Eaton, Gina Rhea, or Alyssa Wilson). Any of them will be more than happy to answer questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your continued support.

## CWW FALL STORY SCHEDULE

September 3 – Children in Worship

September 10 – “The Light”

September 24 – “The Good Shephard & Lost Sheep”

October 1 – “Creation”

October 8 – “Noah”

October 15 – “Abram & Sarai”

October 22 – “Exodus”

October 29 – “10 Best Ways to Live”

November 5 – “Ark & Tent for God”

November 12 – “Promise Land”

November 19 – “Temple house for God”

November 26 – “Exile & Return”

## UCC SOFTBALL TEAM SEASON IN REVIEW

The games began in May and ended in August, and we had our best season ever as UCC played 17 games with a record of 9-7-1. We won 4 games by the slaughter rule (ahead by 10 runs after 4<sup>th</sup> inning) and beat some teams we have never beaten in the past. It was a season full of excitement lead by our incomparable coach, Michael Davis, who ended up coaching from his scooter with a broken ankle. The story would be better if he broke it playing softball for the team, but not the case!! It was a great season, and thanks to the dedicated fans who came and supported our team!

## BACK TO CHURCH

Mark your calendars for Back to Church Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>!  
Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and strangers to come experience what you love about our church and how God is working right here at Unity!!

Stay for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following service!

\*Make sure you're here for your back to Church gift!\*

## NAME TAGS

### *Why Do We Wear Name Tags?*

We wear our name tags for NEW Participants at our church.

This is an easy way to welcome people to our faith family and let them know we want to know each other.

We will begin wearing our new name tags again on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## WENDY ON CAMPUS

Beginning August 30, Wendy will be back at The Bonnie on RU campus every Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Stop and say “Hi!”

## DIRECTORIES

Directories are in! Please sign your name on the sign out sheet when pick yours up. ONE directory per household, please.

## YOUTH NEWS

- September 10 – Youth Worship Service at Central United Methodist Church
- September 17 – Youth Kick-off Event

**More details coming soon.**