

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Serving God, Loving All.
AUGUST 2017



Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace

August Worship Schedule



August Worship 2017

August 6 -

Sacrament of Communion

Scripture Setting: Matthew 14: 13-21 - The Feeding of the 5000

Special Music Soloist: Jody Boehm - "My Song of Praise"

Morning Message: "A Feast for Many More"

August 13 -

Scripture Setting: Matthew 14: 22-33 - Walking on Water

Morning Message: "Stepping Out with the Lord"

Special Music: Joanne Bald, Jody Boehm, Randy Ide - "Peace...Be Still and Know," "Closer to You"

August 20 - Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Setting: Matthew 15: 10-28 - What Comes Out of the Mouth

Morning Message: "The Ins and Outs of the Gospel"

Special Music: Leanora Rumbaugh: "How Very Good & Pleasant"
The Strunk Family: "Amazing Grace"

August 27 - Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Setting: Matthew 16: 13-20 - Peter's Confession

Morning Message: "Kingdom Building"

Special Music: Harriette Apel, John Gottschall - "With My Whole Heart"

August Events

Wednesday, August 9th

Phillips - Hofeldt

Piano Trio Concert

7:30pm

Sanctuary

Thursday, August 17th

Faith Night at PNC Park

Van leaves church parking lot at

5:30 p.m.

Game begins 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 21st

Regular Meeting of Council

7:00 p.m. - Chapel

Wednesday, August 23rd

The Unity Soul Series

Get Out of Your Own Way:

**Overcome Self-Sabotage and Live
Your Most Abundant Life**

Janet McKee

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Events and Announcements



Remembering the Reformation *as we reform*

Join our month long celebration!
OCTOBER 2017

Historical Timeline Display • Art Exhibition •
Movie Screenings • Bibles in Various Languages •
Bag Pipes and Other Musical Performances
For a list of events visit unitypresbyterianchurch.org



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Presbyterian Church PCUSA
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Check out our latest ad in InCommunity Magazine!

Look out for our Reformation ad in the Fall edition of InChartier's Valley and InKeystone Oaks. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our month long celebration of the Reformation in October...

Reformation 500 Celebration 1517-2017
October 1- October 29 2017

Get ready to celebrate our Protestant and Presbyterian heritage!

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,
that where there is hatred,
I may bring love;
that where there is wrong,
I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;
that where there is discord, I may
bring harmony;
that where there is error, I may bring
truth;
that where there is doubt, I may bring
faith;
that where there is despair, I may
bring hope;
that where there are shadows, I may
bring light;
that where there is sadness, I may
bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to
comfort than to be comforted;
to understand, than to be understood;
to love, than to be loved.
For it is by self-forgetting that one
finds.
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.
It is by dying that one awakens to
Eternal Life.

This beautiful prayer most commonly called "The Prayer of St. Francis" is actually an anonymous text dating back to 1912. It was first published in a French Catholic magazine called "La Clochette (The Little Bell)", and it is believed it may have been written by the publication's founder, Father Esther Bouquerel. In 1986, Pope John Paul II recited the prayer in bidding farewell to the global religious leaders he hosted for the first "World Day of Prayer for Peace", in Assisi at the Basilica of St. Francis. Indeed, the prayer "over the years has gained a worldwide popularity with people of all faiths" and in 2013, Pope Francis chose his papal name as a tribute to St. Francis, "the man who gives us this spirit of peace". It has been cited many times by international spiritual and political leaders, as it is a moving testament to the spiritual, personal and societal rewards of service to others. This prayer of peace also both grounds and frees us during times we are seized by negative spiritual energy such as anger, resentment, self-serving motivations and fear. - Facts and quotes from Wikipedia.

Events and Announcements



Phillips-Hofeldt Piano Trio Concert

August 9, 2017
7:30 PM



Unity Presbyterian Church
(Formerly Wallace Memorial)
1146 Greentree Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Classical Music
of
Felix Mendelssohn and
Antonin Dvorak

Free Admission

A free-will offering will be
taken to support the church's
concert series.

Reception to follow concert.



**Wallace Concert Series: Phillips-Hofeldt Piano Trio Concert,
Wednesday, August 9, at 7:30 in the evening.**

"Why do we do these concerts?" To provide options, to provide beauty, to share with the community, to rejoice in God's goodness, to have a night out, to evangelize with others. Pick your reason; but share in the joy that Unity is sharing in the community. It is your church, your programming, your joy when we are together in community, one with another! Piano, cello, and violin will delight us with some wonderful music. It will conclude with a lovely reception. Bring a friend and see what God has in store for all of us. Please be sure to invite others and bring guests!

Proverbs 22:6 – Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

The Unity Preschool has been a mission of the church for over 60 years. For 60 plus years we have provided preschool learning and development in a Christian environment. We follow a play cognitive curriculum for children ages 3-5. While here at school the children make friends, play (the work of children) and learn. Through gym, music, snack, free play, circle and story time the children have the chance to develop their self-esteem, competence, independence, and confidence that they need to become lifetime learners.

You can actively participate in the mission of Unity preschool by making a contribution to the scholarship fund. Any amount donated is greatly appreciated. We use this money to help families that can't afford tuition. This year we anticipate giving \$3,000.00 dollars in scholarship money. Checks can be made payable to Unity preschool. Cash contributions can be placed in an envelope and marked for Unity preschool.

Our lives are deeply enriched by the variety of children and families in our ministry and care. When a child comes into this building on a regular basis, that family identifies with this building and all it represents. Just as Jesus gathered all children with loving arms, so we too seek to do the same.

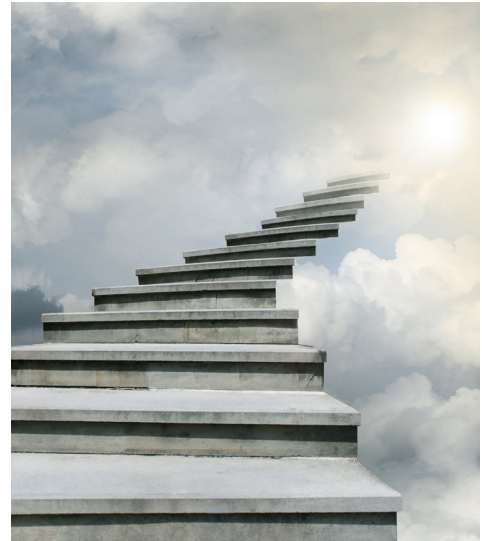
The preschool families, teachers and board members thank you for your continued support!

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Make Sure You've Joined The Realm! Our church has moved to Realm for church record keeping. Everyone in the church gets a unique Realm profile. It's important that we have correct information for you. To see your profile in

Realm if you already set up your Realm account last year, go to your internet browser and type onrealm.org. Best browsers to use are Chrome, Firefox and Microsoft Edge. At the Sign In screen, enter your log-in email address and password, then click Sign In. If you can't remember your password, click Forgot password? And follow the instructions for creating a new one. If you haven't logged in to Realm yet, you'll soon receive an email invitation to join. When you do, follow the instructions in the email. If you need help, please call Pam Frost at the Church Office or contact her at pfrost@unitypresbyterianchurch.org to help get your account set up

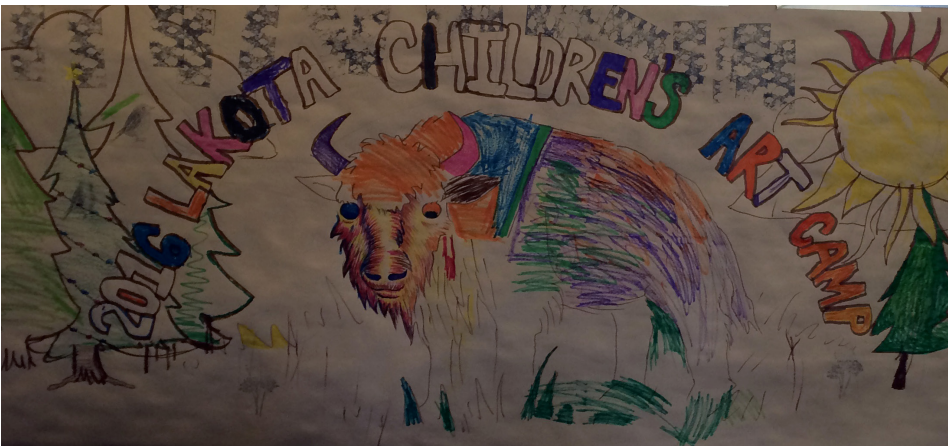


Stairway To Heaven

The concrete portion of the construction has been completed and the railings have been installed. Make sure that you check out the completed project.

The current total for the Stairway to Heaven capital project is \$28435!!! That represents 71% of our goal of \$40,000. **A large, GENEROUS donation was made during July. A special thank you to all that have contributed. Keep it coming.....**

Capital funds have been used to pay for this project. The Stairway To Heaven fund is designed to replace those funds so that future capital projects can be completed. There is a sizeable list of projects waiting to be started.



Please visit the display of photos and materials from the recent Lakota Art Camp Mission trip. It was a very impactful trip, and any members who made the journey would be willing to share the highlights and answer any questions. (Eunice Nasri, John Connolly, Terry Oberst, Terri Molnar, Pastor Dennis). You can also read the daily blog summary of the trip at warriorsofthelakota.org.

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We Are Hiring

It is with great regret our current Director of Communications, Meredith Barrett, is resigning at the end of August. She and her family are in the process of relocating closer to Indiana, PA. Please help us in our search to find a fantastic new candidate!

JOB TITLE: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Unity Presbyterian

JOB SCOPE: Salaried, part-time exempt, 60 hours per month (average of 15 hours per week). Tasks may be done from a remote site, but 2-4 hours per week are required in the church office for staff coordination.

Unity Presbyterian Church is seeking a person of personal faith in Jesus Christ, with a desire to serve Him and His Church by developing and implementing our church growth and marketing program. The successful candidate will possess good organizational skills, with the desire and ability to work efficiently as part of a church team. Effective communication and delegation skills are needed.

The following skills are required:

- Copy-writing, editing skills and press release development
- Current working knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Adobe InDesign, and photo editing software
- Poster design and other promotional materials
- Familiarity with social media formats such as Facebook

A primary responsibility of The Director of Communications is sending regularly scheduled and special "e-blasts" as well as timely updating of social media and webpage content. SEO/SEM is an additional beneficial skill for a candidate.

The Director of Communications reports directly to the Senior Pastor, but will also work closely with Church Staff and Church committees.

Interested candidates may send their resumes ASAP, to Pastor Dennis Molnar: dmolnar@unitypresbyterianchurch.org

Calling All Gardeners and Volunteers!

A Message from Sally Petro...

Calling All Unity Gardeners! Unity Food Pantry continues to welcome numerous new clients each month, which makes it difficult for us to have adequate supplies of produce on hand to distribute each week. If you have a garden and enjoy growing fruits and vegetables, please consider sharing some of your harvest with the Food Pantry this year! Produce can be left on the Pantry table on Sunday or delivered to the pantry any Tuesday morning. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors in need!

Unity Food Pantry Needs Volunteers to help make large pickups of food from the Food Bank on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning August 1. These volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at 7:15 am and take the church van to Duquesne, where they will load the van with food for the Unity Food Pantry. Once back at the church, the volunteers will help to unload the van and take the food down to the pantry. Total commitment will be about three hours each time. Volunteers should be healthy and able to lift up to 50 pounds. Food received from the Food Bank makes up over 75% of the food we distribute to clients, so these pickups are an essential part of us being able to provide ample nutritious food for our ever-growing client base. If you can help out with one or more first-Tuesday pickups, please contact Sally Petro at sarpetro@msn.com or 412-531-2868. Thank you for helping keep this vital ministry to our community going!



The Unity Soul Series



2017

The Unity Soul Series

A gym for your spiritual fitness.



wise, loving mother who emphasized anything he wanted was within his grasp - and he believed her. His below average IQ turned out to be his biggest asset because he didn't have the intelligence to second guess himself. Forrest naturally kept things simple, he didn't think very hard about things, he just did them. He also knew how to channel his pain and negative emotions into something positive - running.

So many of us in life are haunted by a negative voice in our head that says "you can't, that's not possible, play it safe..." Much of this can be fueled by traumatic and negative experiences as we move through life. Fear is also a huge proponent of self-defeat. How many times have we talked ourselves out of things like starting a business, taking an exotic trip or going after something we want? How often have we turned our pain inward on ourselves resulting in depression, anxiety or addictions that cripple us? We especially have more ways of subtly defeating ourselves such as staying up too late, procrastination - perhaps even working too much?

The greatest wish of God, our loving Creator, is for us to live lives that are happy, joyous and free. Often time



Wednesday, August 23, 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

**Get Out of Your Own Way:
Overcome Self-Sabotage and Live
Your Most Abundant Life**

-with Janet McKee - founder of local health and wellness company "Sana-view", MBA, Author, Producer, Farm Owner, Certified Holistic Health Counselor, Life Coach and Motivational Speaker

How many of you remember the 1994 Robert Zemeckis film Forrest Gump? Almost everyone over the span the last twenty years or so has seen it as it's one of the most endearing and original movies in American history. It won a whopping six major academy awards including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director. By all means Forrest, the main character played by Tom Hanks, should have grown up to lead a restricted and challenged life. He inherited some major disadvantages from the moment of his birth. Born to a single mother in 1944, Forrest only had an IQ of 75, designating him below average in intelligence. He also had physical disability that required him to wear braces on his legs for a large duration of his childhood. Forrest was bullied and ostracized, barely scraping through elementary school.

Amazingly, despite these setbacks, Forrest went on to become a high school football star, winning himself a scholarship to college. His life continues a trajectory through a long line of successes - he becomes a Vietnam War hero, an international ping pong champion and founder of a very successful shrimping business. Forrest developed his own cult following as he became famous for literally running across America. He also somehow manages to become involved in major historical events of the 60s and 70s, shaking hands with JFK and eventually marrying his childhood sweetheart and the woman of his dreams, Jenny.

Granted Forrest Gump is a fictional story, but a latent and meaningful message exists in the context of his life. We sense on some level it's most definitely possible for a man like Forrest to accomplish so much... but how??? Despite his impediments Forrest had a few major things going for him - a heart of gold, innate spirituality, a childlike innocence never spoiled by the world, and a very



Music Ministry



Unity Presbyterian Church 2017-2018 Concert Series



Friday, September 8th
Amury Morales,
Latin American pianist

12:30pm

Friday, January 12th
The Zephyrs
Woodwind Trio

12:30pm

Friday, October 13th
Stephen Schall and friends
"Warm as the Autumn Light"

12:30pm

Saturday, February
Pittsburgh Ensemble
TBA

7:00pm

Sunday, October 15th
Presbyterian Combined Choirs
Reformation Anniversary

3:00pm

Friday, March 9th
"Bach Birthday Bash"
Sandy Rubright
Unity Presbyterian Church organist

12:30pm

Friday, November 10th
Dr. Christine Clewell
IUP organist

12:30pm

Saturday, April
Cello Fury
Cellos & Percussion Rock Ensemble

7:00pm

Friday, December 15th
Unity Christmas Concert
Festival of the Nativity Weekend
Featuring Adult & Children's Choir,
Choirchimes and Instrumentalists

7:00pm

Friday, May 11th
Larry Allen
Mount Lebanon Lutheran organist

12:30pm

Saturday, December 16th 10:00am-7:00pm
Guest Musical Artists
Concerts every half hour

**All concerts take place in the Unity
Presbyterian Church Sanctuary.**

(Soul Series continued.)

the biggest thing standing in the way of this is ourselves. It's really only the dark spiritual forces that want us to think we are insignificant, that we don't matter and we have no impact. Satan wants the world to break us.

Come join us the fourth Wednesday in August as we discuss with Janet McKee the major and subtle ways we prohibit ourselves from living our most abundant lives. We will discuss how to end things like self-doubt, self-sabotage and self-defeating thinking so we can get out of our own way and live the life God wants for us!

Janet's seminar last year, "Food For Life", on holistic and medicinal eating was big success that inspired many attendees! This is also your chance to meet a pioneer in the health and wellness industry. To learn more about Janet visit our Unity Soul Series webpage. She is in the previous speakers from 2016, and we will be updating the website shortly.

We will be expanding our Children's Music Ministry to be inclusive of **UNITY-IN-THE-COMMUNITY** down **GREENTREE RD.!!!** All children grades 2-5 are invited to come sing and play games on Thursday evenings from 4:45 – 5:30 at Unity Presbyterian Church. The children will take turns singing at various churches in the area. There will be an opportunity for you to volunteer as a "POD" (Parent on Duty) and provide guidance during the rehearsals. Sandy is also looking for a teen volunteer who would like to be a helper. We are also looking for a pianist who would like to work with Sandy and learn the tricks-of-the-trade. If you know of an individual who loves to accompany, then send them Sandy's way, so they can converse.

Youth and Christian Education



Unity Preschool is looking for a few good subs!

Substitute teachers get paid \$40.00 dollars for working 8:45-12:00, and \$60.00 dollars for working 8:45-2:00. The preschool has a friendly atmosphere and is an invigorating way to spend part of your day. If you are interested you can email Lynn Wren at wmns.lwren@gmail.com.

A patient attitude with children 3-5 yrs. of age is a must!



The teens here at Unity went grocery shopping for 35 children of our food pantry clients. The funds from the Souper Bowl was used to support this cause. The teens felt that hunger is a huge concern for these families with children during the summer months as the need for food dramatically increases with their children home from school. Thank you to all the teens for raising the funds at the Souper Bowl and a special thanks to Olivia Dewick and Aubrey Rieger for doing the shopping with Mrs. Schultz. You have made a difference in the lives of many children!

Stewardship Snapshot



The following table summarizes envelope giving for the first four weeks of July:

The goal is for envelope giving to equal or exceed our operating expenses. When that goal is achieved, we can provide the support needed for the ministries and missions of Unity Presbyterian Church.

Currently 40 percent of our expenses must be paid using reserve funds or other sources of income.

Online Giving- We understand that worship attendance drops during the summer months. Online giving would be an excellent way to keep up with your support for the ministries and missions of the church. For the month of June 8 % of our "envelope giving" was made through online giving.

Per Capita- To date, 148 members of the church have submitted their Per Capita Apportionment. If you haven't made your payment, please make it soon while you are thinking about it. It is too easy to let it slip and then forget about it.

Date	Envelop Giving	% of Expense Budget
7/2/17	\$8800	105%
7/9/17	\$3848	46%
7/16/17	\$3074	38%
7/23/17	\$2856	34%
7/30/17	\$5064	60%
July Online	\$2050	
Year-to-Date	\$159,525	61%

More Water

We know that water is essential to life (as we know it). We know that our bodies are mostly composed of water. We also know that water is abundant on the earth (although droughts exist in many locations). Often, when things are abundant, we don't value them as much as we should.

In examining our water bill, I have found that we consistently use about 3000 gallons of water per month. That is 1000 gallons for each family member. We know that we are supposed to drink 8 classes of water per day. That's less than 23 gallons per month. How do we use the other 977 gallons?

- We could flush the toilet 610 times (for a high efficiency toilet)
- We could run the dishwasher 244 times (current models of dishwasher)
- We could wash 24 loads of clothes in the washing machine (48 loads with a high efficiency unit)
- We could take about 200 cold showers... or about 25 leisurely hot baths.
- We could make about 125,000 average sized ice cubes.

We use water to wash our cars, water our lawns or sometimes just to have water battles with our kids. Think about others throughout the world that must carry the water that they use from a river or stream or well. How far do they have to travel? 1000 gallons of water weighs about 833 pounds. Would we value this precious commodity more if we had to carry it ourselves?

Water is just one example. We have a surplus of things. Do we use them wisely? Are we good stewards?

Birthday Fund 2017:

Raise the Roof!



The Birthday Fund is an opportunity to give back for the blessing of life, and to help us save for a rainy day! This year again the focus of the birthday fund will be "Raising the Roof!" During your birthday month, we ask that you consider giving one dollar for each year of your age in celebration of your years. But it is not limited to those celebrating a birthday during any given month - not at all! Do you see a name of a dear friend on the list below, or someone who has inspired you in your faith journey? Make a gift in honor of his or her birthday.

Gifts can be submitted on Sundays, using the blue envelopes located in the sanctuary pews (please indicate "Birthday Fund" on your check or envelope), or submitted at any time in person or through the mail - simply complete the form below with your info, and return it to the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THOSE BORN IN AUGUST

8/1	Jason Halley	8/19	Kassidy Heidkamp
8/2	Kristopher Heidkamp	8/20	Jordan Gaefke
	Jennifer Madge	8/21	John Gottschall
8/5	Joan Humphrey		Avery Growall
8/6	Chelsea Bryan		Robin Tarbi
	Simone Stevenson	8/23	Robert Sullivan
8/7	Paige Scholz	8/24	Lynn Wren
8/9	Jillian Figorski	8/26	Pat Lundgren
8/10	Ronald Coperich		Deborah Hartman
8/11	Linda Aspinall		James McKenney
	Christine Brussemi		Foster Hartman
	Cathy Scorzafave	8/29	Emily Kottner
8/12	Robert Miller	8/30	Matthew Scorzafave
	John Lydon		
8/13	Tina DeMarco		
8/14	Ken Apel		
8/15	Michael Sams		
8/16	Janet McKenney		

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 • Yes, I am grateful for the blessing of life, and am happy to be a
 • part of the Birthday Fund!

• Name: _____

• Gift Amount: _____

• This is a:

• _____ Gift for my birthday month

• _____ Gift in honor of the birthday of:

• _____

• _____

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