

# Unity Presbyterian Church

## Yoke Newsletter ~ November 2016

### Church Calendar:

<http://unitypresbyterian.net/page/calendar>

### Prayer Concerns:

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## From Pastor Andrew :

### Dedication

Friends in Christ,

This is an exciting month in the life of Unity Presbyterian Church as we finally start using our new Bell Tower. I hope everyone will join us for the dedication events and celebrations on Sunday, November 13th. The bell is a piece of our congregation's history, a symbol of our faith to the community, and the sound of our praise and thanksgiving to God. Raising the bell has taken perseverance, patience, and dedication. We are extremely grateful for the time, talent, and treasure that many have offered for God's glory to make this event possible.

Raising the Bell is the realization of a dream our congregation has had for many years. Last year we offered to God several dreams for Unity's future during our annual stewardship campaign and pledge dedication. Along with the bell tower we dreamed of several ways our church could grow including growing our congregation, growing our mission efforts, growing in the Spirit, and increasing the ways we show God's love to the community and the world. How wonderful it is to see dreams becoming realities.

Over the past year we have been blessed to see the Bell Tower completed, the arrival of a pipe organ, and four new members have joined the church. We have increased our donations for the Potts Food Pantry, started a community garden, and offered our facility as a gathering place for community support groups, scout troops, fellowship events, and worship services. Some of our dreams have

come true, while other dreams still need a lot of time, talent, and treasure offered for God's glory so they might become realities too. Through our giving and with God's help our dreams can become realities.

Our annual stewardship campaign kicked off on October 30th and will culminate on November 13th as we offer and dedicate our pledges for 2017. Until then I hope we will all prayerfully discern how God calls us to use the blessings we have received to serve the church. The ministries and services Unity performs in response to Jesus' call to spread the Good News and care for least requires a financial commitment. Without generous giving we wouldn't be able to maintain our facility, operate our food pantry, or support the staff who make our worship and ministry possible.

God also asks us give of ourselves, to offer our spiritual gifts, and to give generously of our time. Dedicating ourselves to following Jesus, allows our current ministries to thrive and grow and new ministries to be revealed. I hope we will all prayerfully discern how God calls us to actively participate in the mission and service of Unity.

When we offer and dedicate our time, talent, and treasure with grateful hearts God can use Unity Presbyterian Church, and each of us, to fulfill God's dream for the world.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,  
Rev. Andrew Black

### **Worship Schedule**

**November 6th — All Saints Remembrance  
Service of Word and Table**

**Sermon: "Spending the Inheritance" Rev. Andrew Black  
Inspired by Ephesians 1:11-23**

**November 8th — Election Day Prayer  
Pastor Andrew will be available in the sanctuary from 9-10:30  
for anyone who wishes to join him to pray for discernment,  
the election, our leaders, and the nation.**

**November 13th — Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Dedication Sunday**  
**Sermon: "No Idle Hands" Rev. Andrew Black**  
**Inspired by 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

**November 13th 1:00 PM — Bell Tower Celebration**

**November 20th — Reign of Christ**  
**Sermon by Dr. Roland Kohr**

**November 27th — 1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Hanging of the Greens**  
**Sermon: "Watching" Rev. Andrew Black**  
**Inspired by Matthew 24:36-44**

**Where in the World is Pastor Andrew?**  
**Pastor Andrew will be out of the office for a family vacation from**  
**Nov 18th - Nov 26th, please contact the office if you have any**  
**urgent needs.**

**Thanks for all you do for the Potts Food Pantry**

**Our community is in need and many of us dream that our food pantry could do more. If we want to reach more people we will need more volunteers to help with the shopping, packing, and distribution. Our current dedicated group of volunteers is amazing, but they need YOUR help. There are many creative ways that you can offer your time to assist in this important work of the church. How is the Spirit calling you to aid in the efforts of this vital mission?**

**Please let Pastor Andrew, Dawn Chapman or Jan Buffington know if you are interested in doing something to help us continue to answer Christ's call to care for and love our neighbors.**

**I continue to be amazed at the extravagant generosity of our congregation that helps keep the shelves of our food pantry full. Keep watching the weekly bulletin insert for suggestions of the items the Food Pantry needs most. The approaching holidays remind us that we have been richly blessed, but there are many in our community still in great need. If we work together we can share Christ's blessings with everyone. ~Pastor Andrew**

## **Lew Hackleman**

will be playing Jacob, the grandfather, in a play by Clifford Odets titled "Awake and Sing". It is set in The Bronx borough of New York City, New York, in 1933. It concerns the impoverished Berger family, who all live under one roof, and their conflicts as the parents scheme to manipulate their children's relationships to their own ends, while their children strive for their own dreams. Odets brings to the table the issues of the importance of appearances in relation to respectability in society - how we appear to society is how we improve and gain status - as well as the contrasting worlds of idealism and realism. Odets also presents the contrasting of materialistic ideals and the importance of money in society. Through his writing, he zooms in on the economic burden that is placed on society and how it affects the lives of humans and the way they live their lives. He also shows how values can become blurred and perceptions can change with experience. There are lots of parallels to our current times.

It runs at ISU new theatre 7:30 Wednesday-Saturday from November 9 to 12 and Sunday afternoon at 4 pm. The title is taken from a prayer psalm: Isaiah 26:19.

## **Rummage Sale, Saturday, November 5**

**There will be a rummage sale during the Chicken Noodle Dinner, Saturday, November 5 -- maybe partly outdoors, weather permitting, as we have a lot of donated items already! I will be supervising this, so if you have items to donate, or if you can help for part of the afternoon/evening, let me know. You may bring items in the week before the sale, or by early afternoon on Saturday. If possible, have items priced - I will also have price stickers if you need. -- Karen Walker 812-243-2526**

## **Morning Glories**

**The Morning Glories will continue our Bible Study on Tuesday, November 8, at 10:30 am at the church. We will study lesson four. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us!**



**Save the front of your greeting cards as a mission/recycling project. There is a box in the back of the church where you can leave your cards.**

## View from the Inside by Camille Church Mouse



Fall is here! Take time to enjoy the colors on the trees. Watch out for the squirrels getting ready for winter . I'm getting by costume ready for the Trunk or Treat. I have my bucket ready for candy. See if you can find me. I have been ready for the Bell Tower and the "ding dong" to ring. A dream came true during the worship service October 30, when Gary pressed the button to ring the bell. It was a beautiful sound! Sell your tickets for the chicken noodle dinner. This is always a great event and the food is delicious. Take my word for it!

The choir is busy working on the Christmas Cantata. They will fill our church with beautiful music. Be sure to be there.

Watch your bulletin for things to come. Better yet...come and join us! Happy Thanksgiving!!

God's blessings and joy to all of you!! Peace and love!

Meet our newest member, CANDI HAMILTON, she is the mother of two sons, Jacob (wife Kelly) and John (wife Christy). She married Brian Hamilton August 8, 2011. Candi taught grades 8-12 for 11 years. The last four years she has been working at Thyssenkrupp located at the Industrial Park south of town as an SQT.



Her other interest is Mary Kay Products, Candi has worked for herself as an independent beauty consultant for the last 3 years. She enjoys the outdoors, travel, time with family and charity work.

We appreciate her sharing her talents to teach Sunday School, also.

### STAFF GIFTS

Christmas will be here NEXT MONTH! As in the past, many of us want to honor our staff with a monetary gift at Christmas. If you would like to help with this gift, please give your cash donation to Jan Buffington. If you need to write a check, make it out to Jan Buffington and write "Unity Staff Christmas Gifts". on the memo line. All gifts will be recorded on your donation record. Please remember, we have several staff members so you are as generous as possible.

Thanks,  
Jan Buffington, Financial Secretary

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE  
CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION  
OF OUR NEW BELL TOWER

*Sunday, November 13th, 2016 at 1:00 pm*  
*Reception Following*

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great  
in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:5-6

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## Green Corner

I hope you are enjoying all of the beautiful fall colors. It is such a wonderful time of year. It's just too bad that it doesn't last long.

Yesterday in Sunday School we talked about the beautiful colors and how much we enjoy them. We also talked about how trees are a gift from God and that we need to do all we can to protect them. Listed below are some of the ways we can help to protect and use less trees. Please help our kids put these into practice. At the same time let's all try to use some of these tips to help save trees!!!

1. Use paper wisely.
2. Play and create with trash. (Sounds like fun!!)
3. Borrow, share and donate books.
4. Plant a tree.
5. Visit the forest.
6. Stay on trails when you are in the forest.
7. Dedicate a spot in your home for reusable paper.
8. Use scrap paper (preferably recycled).
9. Use both sides of paper.
10. Use cloth napkins.
11. Choose a reusable lunchbox and water bottle.
12. Be careful in the forest with fires, get your "Smoky" on.

Let's all work together to save our trees!!!!!!!

# **CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER**

**Unity Presbyterian Church**

**1207 E. Springhill Drive**

**Saturday,**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2016**

**4 —7 p.m.**



**CARRY OUTS  
AVAILABLE**

**Tickets: \$9.00 Each**

**\$4.00 Children 5 and Under**

**Includes: Mashed potatoes, chicken and noodles, cranberry sauce, cole slaw, green beans, dessert, and a beverage.**

