



Are you ready to party like it's 2012? Well, we know we can't do that right now, but we are getting ready to have a big celebration. On January 1, 2022, Unity Christian Church will be 10 years old!! So, on Sunday, January 2, 2022, the festivities will begin. The Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia, Bill Spangler-Dunning, will preach. The Rev. Dr. R. Wayne Calhoun, Evangelism Executive for the Division of Homeland Ministries of the denomination and UCC's transformation coach, will also participate. Worship will include other special moments, so plan to be present either in person or online to enjoy it all. There will be a reception following Worship catered by All Caked Out (Dani Hinkley's business).


It has been a whirlwind decade full of changes, but through it all UCC has relied on the Holy Spirit to guide us into ministries that make a difference for Christ in our community and in the world. Thanks be to God!!

Special Offerings in January

We will continue collecting monies for Week of Compassion/Tornado Relief Jan 2nd and 9th

We will collect monies for our Neighbors in Need Fund to help assist those in community who need assistance with bills, food, housing, gas, etc. on Jan 23rd and 30th

*See pages 4&5 for giving opportunities in 2022

Wishing you
a Happy 
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NEAR-NORMAL,
NORMAL-AS-
THERE-IS...
CLOSE TO
NORMAL
New Year!

What's on Wendy's Mind?

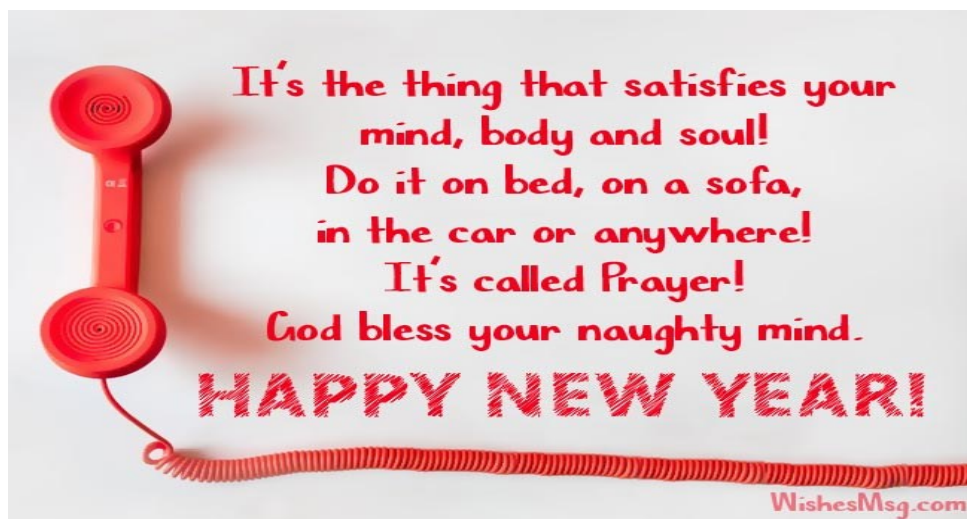
Our theme this year will be
"52 in 22: Growing in Faith One Step at a Time."

One thing that has been clear over the past two years as we have been forced to simplify what we do as a congregation is how important it is to get down to the basics of our faith. This year, we will focus more intentionally on what it means to be a follower of Jesus, how to study and apply scripture to our lives, the gifts of being a part of a faith community, the power of prayer, and the importance of outreach and evangelism as a way of growing the Kingdom of God. My prayer is that the entire congregation will be a part of this journey and make growing in faith a priority.

We will begin by taking a look at the seven basics of belonging to a church, based on a book with a similar title, "7 Basics of Belonging: The Meaning of Church Membership," by Sam Rainer. I encourage you to purchase and read the book. We will have some small group discussions based on the book in mid January. In February we will begin a "Read the Bible in a Year Challenge." The resource we will use is "The Bible Year: A Journey Through Scripture in 365 Days," by Magrey R. Devega. We will also have small groups that we will share this journey together both in-person and virtually. We will have sign ups and book orders for this in mid January. Keep a watch for that in weekly communications.

Looking forward to journeying with you in 2022 with renewed energy towards growing in faith together.

Faithfully,
Wendy



January Daily Bible Readings		
Date	Morning	Evening
	Matthew	Genesis
1/1	1	1, 2, 3
1/2	2	4, 5, 6
1/3	3	7, 8, 9
1/4	4	10, 11, 12
1/5	5:1-26	13, 14, 15
1/6	5:27-48	16, 17
1/7	6:1-18	18, 19
1/8	6:19-34	20, 21, 22
1/9	7	23, 24
1/10	8:1-17	25, 26
1/11	8:18-38	27, 28
1/12	9:1-17	29, 30
1/13	9:18-38	31, 32
1/14	10:1-20	33, 34, 35
1/15	10:21-42	36, 37, 38
1/16	11	39, 40
1/17	12:1-23	41, 42
1/18	12:24-50	43, 44, 45
1/19	13:1-30	46, 47, 48
1/20	13:31-58	49, 50
	Exodus	
1/21	14:1-21	1, 2, 3
1/22	14:22-36	4, 5, 6
1/23	15:1-20	7, 8
1/24	15:21-39	9, 10, 11
1/25	16	12, 13
1/26	17	14, 15
1/27	18:1-20	16, 17, 18
1/28	18:21-35	19, 20
1/29	19	21, 22
1/30	20:1-16	23, 24
1/31	20:17-34	25, 26

REACH UP

ATTENDANCE

Date	In House	FB Reached	FB Engaged	YouTube
11/28	71	200	89	9
12/5	66	131	59	1
12/12	89	106	26	10
12/19	75	104	62	16
12/24	90	89	64	6
12/26	51	—	—	—

Reconnect/Reach In

Donna Webster, former UCC member and soon-to-be-graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary, will be ordained in our sanctuary on **Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.** It is a great honor and privilege for our congregation to host this monumental event in the life of one of God's faithful servants. It is always a moving experience to witness an ordination service. Mark your calendar now so that you can be present to celebrate with Donna and her family.

In Sympathy and With Thanks

Our heartfelt sympathy to:

Family of Bill Davis

Randolph Altizer



Giving in 2022

Throughout the year we always take up special offerings. Most of the time it is a set schedule. Sometimes this has been communicated and sometimes it has not. I wanted to share with you as we begin the year what special offerings are already planned so you will know as you plan your giving for the year. The special offerings are always in addition to our regular tithes and offerings. I invite you to pray about which special ministries you would like to give to.

January 16-30, 2022 Neighbors in Need (Funds for assisting church members, friends, and neighbors in need of extra assistance with utility bills, rent, gas, and groceries.)

February 20-27, 2022 Week of Compassion (Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that focuses on relief, refugee, and missions to alleviate suffering throughout the world. weekofcompassion.org)

Easter Offering April 10 -17, 2022

The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church. General ministries serve across the United States and Canada, and around the world. General Ministries also partner in ministry with a variety of far-reaching and unique organizations.

Pentecost Offering May 29-June 5, 2022

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the **New Church Ministry**.

Thanksgiving Offering November 13-20, 2022

The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church

Christmas Offering December 11-25, 2022

The Christmas Offering supports **regional ministries**. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

(For More information on these offerings you can go to <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/>)

Mother's Day Special Offering—As a congregation we also take up a special offering in honor and memory of special women in our lives for Church World Services Blanket Ministry—May 1-8, 2022

Father's Day Special Offering—As congregation we also take up a special offering in honor and memory of special men in our lives for Church World services Tools for

Hope Ministry – June 12-19, 2022

(For more information you can go to cwsglobal.org)

Poinsettias and Community Table Offering— December 4-11 we will take up offerings for poinsettias and the Community Table ministry in honor or in memory of special people in our lives.

In November and December we typically take up a special offering for the **Shelf Elf** and gifts for the **Women's Resource Center**.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** also provides many opportunities for us to give and share throughout the year (both money and items)

We try to REACH OUT with giving to all these various ministries—some are local, denominationl, and global.

The needs are great. God help us to do what we can.

Greetings from the Chair

It's a new year and so many things are changing. We say goodbye to 2021 remembering our hope a year ago that our world would get back to "normal." It hasn't happened, but we as a church are striving to continue forward with our ministry looking for ways to safely change and adapt to the new normal of 2022.

Please join me in thanking our outgoing Board Chair Jenny Doud and Pastor Wendy Wilson for their strength and courage as they guided us through the hills and valleys Unity has encountered these last 2 years. New ideas and protocols were put into action to safely remain a viable ministry in Radford. We are back to in-person worship, Children's Worship & Wonder and Mustard Seeds on Sundays. Choir is singing and meeting Wednesday nights; Community Table continues to feed many every Saturday and a successful Holly Berry Fair was held in December. Zoom Bible studies took place throughout the year.

Thank you to The Board of Directors, Trustees, Elders, Deacons, and many teams who stepped up whenever needed. A special shout out to the Media Team for keeping us connected and Teresa Orange who worked so hard behind the scenes. Unity "Reaches Up, Reaches In, and Reaches Out", even in the most difficult of times.

I am honored to have been elected your Board Chair and am excited for us to work together to continue Unity's ministry.

We are still in a pandemic, unsure of what tomorrow will bring, but we place our faith in God, knowing he will continue to be our guide.

With Peace and Love to all,

Pam Vicars-Runnals

Board Chair 2022

Disaster Relief:

How can we help those affected by the tornadoes?

–We will continue to collect bottled water, tarps, and plastic totes that will be delivered to Jonathan and Donna Webster in Princeton, KY.

–Make donations to Week of Compassion either through the church or their website. If writing a check to the church put in the memo-WOC.

- If you want to send cards of love and encouragement, Jonathan's address is PO Box 574, Princeton, KY 42445

Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way. UCC always goes above and beyond!



Grayson and Aubrey Scaletta danced in *The Nutcracker* at the Moss Center in Blacksburg in December.

Ethan Moore has been accepted into the RHS Jazz Band. Way to go, Ethan!!

Taylor Chrisman ran a marathon in Kiawah Island, SC, in December.

Michael Davis ran a half-marathon in the Hokie Half in October.

We are excited to welcome our newest members,
Rev. Scott and Jeanne Thayer.

TORNADO RESPONSE UPDATE

A group from UCC went on a shopping spree at Rural King on December 16th to purchase tornado recovery supplies for western Kentucky. On December 17 a first load of those supplies was transported to Jonathan Webster, Pastor of First Christian Church, Princeton, KY. A second load went out on Monday, December 19th. Princeton sustained significant damage during the December 10 tornado outbreak. Because of the outpouring of money and supplies, we were able to send totes, tarps, water, duct tape, work gloves and a significant amount of cash. Jonathan has located places to stay for people who have been displaced—the money will be used to pay rent so that folks are safely housed during the recovery period. Thanks to shoppers Betty Jones, Becky Moore, Gina Rhea, Maria Shepherd, Pam Vicars-Runnals, Dottie Wheeler, Ron Wheeler, Wendy & Wes Wilson and to EVERYONE who contributed!!!

You may continue to contribute by making a gift to Week of Compassion. If you designate it for tornado relief, every penny will be used that way. Make your check to Unity Christian Church and mark it Week of Compassion: tornado response.



CWF (Christian Women’s Fellowship) is open to ALL women within Unity. We have 2 circles (day & night meetings) so you can choose the one that fits your schedule. If interested in more information concerning what we do, please reach out to President Anne (anne@prestarpackaging.com or 540-239-1633). We would love for you to join this active and energetic (& a bit crazy) group of ladies!

ANGEL TREE: Thanks to all who participated by purchasing gifts for our families housed at The Women’s Resource Center. You have touched lives in such a wonderful way! There truly are “Angels Among Us”!!

LOCAL DONATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY: The CWF gave \$100 EACH to 4 local organizations to assist with Christmas holiday needs of their patrons: Fairview Home in Dublin, The Women’s Resource Center, DSS for Foster Care Children & NRVCS. We continue to support our local agencies especially during the holidays!

HOLLYBERRY FAIR: A BIG thank you to Charlotte for being our team leader of the event as well as basket designer extraordinaire; Pam, Penny & Betty for heading up our pack up team; Ruth for our baked goods & Janet & Ken for our lunch crew. There were so many that helped starting back in the summer all the way through. What a team effort!! Our profit was \$2,281. Thanks to all!!

BABY SHOWER: CWF is hosting a baby **GIRL** shower for Renee, Kevin & Hailey Law on Sunday, January 16th from 2-3:30 in the fellowship hall. Details will follow concerning where she is registered. Please join us as we celebrate with the family on the new arrival!!

UCC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The CWF will be providing the plates, cups & napkins for our 10th anniversary celebration January 2nd.

Circle Meetings on Tuesday, January 4th:

OASIS (Gina): 10:30 in Parlor

M&M’s (Janet B): 7:00 at Anne Chrisman’s home (403 9th St)

CWF Meeting: **DINNER OUT!!! THURSDAY**, January 13th at 6:00 at Sal’s, JR (NOTE: date & location: near Walmart). **Please let Anne know by the 9th if you will attend.**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/5	Ray Singleton	1/18	Harriet Anderson
1/6	Brigham Doud	1/19	Audrey Knepper
1/10	John Pascoe	1/21	Brandy Barrow
1/10	Lori Whitt	1/24	Jenny Doud
1/13	Daisy Fisher	1/25	Dax Sutherland
1/14	McKenzie Pappas	1/27	Barbara Turk



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/19	Scott & Jennifer Akers
1/28	Alban & Phyllis Shumate





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REACHING UP: Worship in January:

**Jan 2 10 Year Anniversary Celebration
The Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning preaching**

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 "52 in 22"

**Jan. 9–The ordination service of Donna Webster, 3:00 pm
Jan. 16–Blessing and Commissioning of new officers, trustees,
elders, and deacons**