



What is on Wendy's Mind?

Last week I noticed that a friend of my who serves a church in Iowa posted a question on Facebook: "How would you complete the following sentence? I dream of a church _____."

Some of the responses:

- Where everyone is welcome.
- That dare to do things differently as the Holy Spirit guides us.
- Dinner, mission trip
- Where everyone chips in to help.
- That doesn't try to sway you politically.
- Community that is doing missions locally on a daily basis and making the poorest of the poor welcome...all children welcome...and even retired clergy welcome.
- That stands with the marginalized.
- Where the Eucharist is embodied and not merely a ritual.
- That is loving.
- That makes a positive difference in Christ's image.
- That is always evolving.
- Filled with youth, hungry for the Spirit.
- Ice cream social with homemade ice cream.
- Margarita Machine.

How would you answer that question? What are your personal thoughts and dreams for what Church could and should be/look like—the Universal Church, and Unity Christian Church?

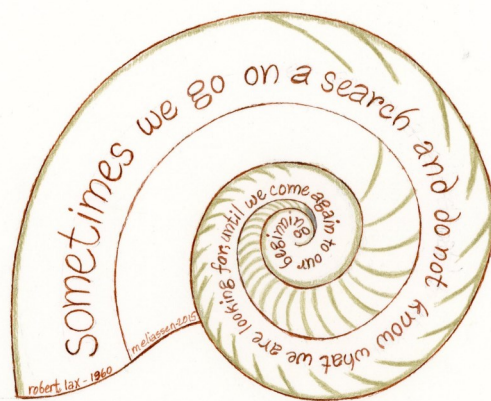
Last spring we sent out surveys

and interviewed many of our church members to see what is going well with our church and what needs improvement. The Covid Crisis has caused us and all churches to reflect on who we are, who we should be, and what we need to do to be the most effective church for this new reality we are living in.

Summaries were compiled of the survey and the task force team is still going through your suggestions and thoughts to see what is next. While I was away on sabbatical the vision team met regularly to discuss some of these issues. Now that I am back we will begin piecing all of our information together. Please be patient as we sort through our new reality and figure out what is next. The way we do leadership, eldership, worship, finances, etc. is all under review.

Please continue to pray for our church daily, share your thoughts and concerns, give financially. We are all needed and wanted as we remain faithful to God's call to be Church—the Body of Christ here in Radford and beyond.

Faithfully,
Wendy



REACH UP

ATTENDANCE

Date	In House	FB Reached	FB Engaged	YouTube
8/29	71	171	78	13
9/5	42	—	—	—
9/12	64	253	174	6
9/19	89	114	95	22

October Daily Bible Readings		
Date	Morning	Evening
Ephesians		
10/1	4	11, 12, 13
10/2	5:1-16	14, 15, 16
10/3	5:17-33	17, 18, 19
10/4	6	20, 21, 22
Philippians		
10/5	1	23, 24, 25
10/6	2	26, 27
10/7	3	28, 29
10/8	4	30, 31
Colossians		
10/9	1	32, 33
10/10	2	34, 35, 36
10/11	3	37, 38
10/12	4	39, 40
1 Thessalonians		
10/13	1	41, 42
10/14	2	43, 44
10/15	3	45, 46
10/16	4	47, 48, 49
10/17	5	50, 51, 52
2 Thessalonians		
10/18	1	53, 54, 55
10/19	2	56, 57, 58
10/20	3	59, 60, 61
1 Timothy		
10/21	1, 2	62, 63, 64
10/22	2	65, 66
Jeremiah		
10/23	3	1, 2
10/24	4	3, 4, 5
10/25	5	6, 7, 8
10/26	6	9, 10, 11
2 Timothy		
10/27	1	12, 13, 14
10/28	2	15, 16, 17
10/29	3	18, 19
10/30	4	20, 21
Titus		
10/31	1	22, 23

Welcome to Carolyn McFall!

Carolyn joined Unity on Sept. 19. We are so pleased that she has made the official commitment to serve alongside us. If you would like to send her a note, her address is:
5931 Graysontown Road, Radford VA 24141

Reconnect/Reach In

God and My Girlfriends

Monday, Oct. 11, 18 & 25 (6:30 - 8:00 pm) We will meet at Carolyn McFall's farm to continue our study with spiritual practices.

Opportunities for Reaching In and Study Coming Up:

--We plan to do some form of study or retreat on Contemplative Prayer. More info to come.

--Lisa Wilson Davison (Peggy Wilson's daughter) has published a new book titled, "More than A Womb: Childfree Women in the Hebrew Bible as Agents of the Holy." We will have the opportunity to read the book and share in a discussion with Lisa on Zoom. More info on that to come as well.

REACHING IN OPPORTUNITIES:

- * Sunday School
- * Christian Women's Fellowship
- * Youth Group
- * God And My Girlfriends
- * Congregational Care
- * Mustard Seeds/ Families with Children Events
- * Young Adult Bible Studies

COMMUNITY TABLE MINISTRY NEWS

We are rejoicing that Grove United Methodist Church has re-joined our Community Table ministry. They will be preparing and distributing meals every other month (i.e. Grove teams will do meals in October; UCC teams will do November; etc.). UCC will continue to deliver to our members each month no matter who is preparing the meals. Betty Jones will continue to schedule community members to deliver to the Women's Resource Center. The meal preparation teams will deliver to Ridge-wood each Saturday. If you have friends or relatives at Grove, please express your appreciation to them for supporting this very important ministry for our neighbors in need.

REACHING OUT OPPORTUNITIES

- * Food Sunday
- * Helping Hands
- * Serve at Community Table
- * Help with Project Bluefield at Craig Springs
- * Radford Clothing Bank
- * Choir/ Handbells
- * Congregational Care
- * To Our House (Meals)
- * Elf Shelf
- * Special Offerings

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

The Property Team has been busy over the last several months. The rock wall at the corner near the Clement Street entrance has been repaired. The original bell from the Carter Street location has been moved to a place of prominence facing Tyler Avenue and that area beautified with lovely landscaping. The closets on the fellowship hall balcony have been cleaned out and the closets in the parlor/library have been de-cluttered. The team also made a recommendation to the Board to replace the sanctuary air-conditioning units after significant repair needs were discovered in the annual inspection of the current units. If you notice something that the Property Team needs to address, please contact Gina Rhea (g4462@aol.com or 540.230.0225) and she will communicate it to the team.

In Sympathy and With Thanks

Dear Unity Christian Church,

We received your most kind and loving note on the occasion of John's passing. He was a beautiful person and leaves a light for those of us who knew and loved him.

With most sincere gratitude for your note that brings comfort,

Catherine and John



Our heartfelt sympathy to:

Family of Lila Lorton
Family of Faye Dukes

Family of Geneva Mottesheard
Family of Timmy Graham



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!

CIRCLE MEETINGS: Tuesday, October 5th:

OASIS 10:30 in UCC Parlor

M&M's (Janet B.): 7:00 in UCC Fellowship Hall (work on HB Fair)

CWF MEETING: Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall

Hollyberry Fair: Saturday, December 4th. **NEW HOURS: 9:00 – 1:00.** We are in need of handmade items and gently used items (no clothes please). We also need baskets and items for the baskets for women, men and children (lotions, candles, mugs, tools, gloves, kids small toys, coloring books, crayons, etc). Please bring when possible and place under the coat rack in the welcome center area. There is a group heading up the “pack up/take down” team. If you would like to get involved with this group, pricing or other tasks, see Charlotte or Anne – we can use all the help we can get!! The money that the CWF makes on this event is spent within our community as 90% of our funds are used locally to benefit many groups that support local needs. Join us for lunch: **Hot Dog, Chips & Drink.**

Board Update:

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, Sept. 12 and reviewed the year-to-date report of current finances. Due to lower than expected gifts and tithes for the year, the Board approved sending a letter to the congregation seeking increased giving to cover operational expenses for the remainder of the year. The Trustees' Quarterly Report August 30, 2021 showed a net gain of \$XXXX for the year. Total funds held by the Trustees were \$XXXX. The Property Team requested an expenditure of up to \$XXX from the Trustees funds for installation of heat pumps to replace the current 25-30 year-old system. The new system will be installed by McGrady-Perdue. The next Board meeting is November 14, 2021.

A Message From the Chair:

“... Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6 – NIV

October is traditionally a time to begin thinking of our harvest. Fall harvest is the busiest time of the year for many farmers in our region. They're harvesting corn, planting winter wheat, and planning crops and seed purchases for the spring. Local farmers markets are brimming with harvests of late season fruits and vegetables.

Fall is also a very busy time for Unity Christian Church. Much like the farmer, we're taking assessment of the seeds that have been planted. So many seeds have been planted for training leaders, programming, and spiritual growth for all ages. Investment of seeds planted in 2019 for media equipment and training have provided for regular delivery of sermons and outreach by streaming on Facebook Live YouTube. It's now a part of how we worship. We're so thankful for this opportunity and the dedication of members of the Media Team. In September our music ministry staff was recognized for over 75 years of combined service. The music program recently received a special gift to purchase a sound system to further enhance the music and streaming broadcasts. Investments have been made into the physical building and infrastructure. The most recent are the heating and cooling systems.

Members are the foundation to the seed sowing at Unity and continuing God's work. Everyone is being asked to assess individual priorities for sowing seeds of faith and growing the vision of Unity Christian Church. Together we're harvesting a strong and vibrant faith family which will celebrate Unity's Tenth Anniversary on January 2, 2022. Join us in celebration of our harvest and hope for the future.

Peace,

Jenny Doud, Chair

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Nick Gill	10/16	Dennis Hunter
10/2	Gary Davis	10/16	Jackie Lemmon
10/3	Sid Johnson	10/24	Amanda Talbert
10/5	Haven Barrow	10/25	Wyatt Gill
10/6	Haley Stike	10/26	Delaney Akers
10/8	Preston Chrisman	10/27	Scotty Whitt
10/8	Barbara Johnson	10/29	Cheri Torrence
10/9	Gina Rhea	10/30	Ed Jervey
10/11	Noah Bondurant	10/30	Beth Johnson
10/12	Delilah McConnell	10/31	Scott Akers
10/14	R. Wayne Calhoun, Sr.	10/31	Natasha Pappas
10/15	Wendy Wilson	10/31	Kylee Talbert

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/5	Ben & Brandy Bondurant
10/12	Gary & Sally Davis
10/12	Kevin & Renee Law
10/15	Scott & Lori Whitt
10/16	Bob & Bronte Foster
10/17	Josh & Amanda Talbert
10/29	Robert & Cheri Torrence

SERVING IN OCTOBER

ELDERS

Sonny Dodson
Johnny Cole






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The sanctuary and gathering area look so lovely with all the fall decorations. Thanks to Lisa Damboise who keeps everything decorated and in season.

REACHING UP: Worship In October

We will continue with the worship series “Altars In The World” Oct. 3-24. On Oct. 31 we will have a special “All Saints Service” when we will remember the dear saints of our congregation who have passed away this year and will give thanks for their lives.

Oct 3: *Encountering Others* Matthew 25:34-37

Oct 10: *Getting Lost* Genesis 12:1-9

Oct 17: *Present To God* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Oct 24: *Pronouncing Blessing* Numbers 6:24-26

Oct 31: All Saints Service - More than Just a Letter 2 Timothy 1:1-14