

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3	
9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
10:00 A.M.	Worship
11:00 A.M.	Boyce Circle
5:00 P.M.	Children/Youth
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5	
7:00 P.M.	Stewart Circle

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

- Mitchell Starnes - cancer
- Dana Tyson - recovery
- Bobby Hughes - recovery from heart ablation
- Mark Huey - recovery
- Diana Hallman - ALS
- Karen Thomas - recovery
- Jennifer Deason - recovery
- Shut-Ins:
- Linda Henderson

Al Starnes

Robert and Nancy Watterson

Jean Stogner

Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<u>NURSERY</u>	
08/03:	Chandler K./Debbie C.
08/10:	Wanda I./Lisa M.
<u>SAFETY PATROL</u>	
08/03:	Tommy Deason
08/10:	Tommy Deason
<u>DEACON OF THE MONTH</u>	
Greg Brasington	
<u>ELDER OF THE MONTH</u>	
David Cox	
<u>USHERS:</u>	
Pat Lee, Mike Wells,	
Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

** If you haven’t been receiving text messages from us recently, please contact the pastor. We have had several people mention that they haven’t been receiving notifications.

** We are celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year!! If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the 150th Anniversary Celebration, that would be greatly appreciated. Please use a pew envelope or your offering envelope and mark it “150th Anniversary” and place them in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!!

** Planning is underway for the church’s 150th Anniversary Celebration and the committee is seeking your help! If you have church history items/artifacts or photos that you would like to share and display throughout the year, please contact Robin Cox.

FROM OUR CORNER

*** This item was written while Jennifer was out of the office. Many of our readers did not receive their newsletters during that period, so we are doing reprints of a selected few.

I have a vignette concerning our daughter, Courtney Ann, but the memory really centers more around our caring community and the sweet caring people who have always lived here. Courtney was within a few weeks of her wedding to our now son in-law, Christopher Zammiello, and the Boyce Circle had just hosted a bridal shower in her honor on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, she answered the doorbell and greeted the smiling face of Mr. Fred Hughes. Courtney said she noticed as he stepped inside he was holding a gift. Mr. Fred told her that Mrs. Edith was not well and was unable to attend the bridal shower, nor able to shop for a gift. She, however, wanted Courtney to have a gift from her. Mrs. Edith chose a lovely crystal candy dish with a beautiful lid. Mr. Fred had wrapped the gift for her and was making the delivery. He shared that the candy dish had been a wedding gift to them decades earlier. Courtney says she often serves seasonal candies in the lidded dish, but just as often uses it bowl with its pretty fluted edge for dips without the cover when she entertains. Then she added, with a catch in her voice, “The candy dish is beautiful, but knowing that sweet couple cared enough for me, and took the time with Mrs. Edith so sick, is even more precious. I think of them both each time I use the dish.” We never know how our acts of kindness create memories, for the receiver, which last a lifetime... **and a perfect example of God’s love being glorified in His followers!**

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$220,170
OFFERING TO DATE	\$210,680.25
BEHIND	\$9,489.75
NEEDED 07/27	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 07/27	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$5,656.03
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$300
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$5,956.03

In memory of Francis Bell by Jack Marsh
In honor of The McCain Reunion by The John McCain Family
In loving honor of Reggie Starnes for his birthday, July 30th, by Glenn and Marcie McCain
In honor of The McCain Family by Bobby and Mary Collins

BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$6,484.17
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 07/27	\$232.56

In honor of Nancy Watterson by Sara Logan

AUGUST CALENDAR

Ushers:	Pat Lee, Mike Wells, Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes
Elder of the Month:	David Cox
Nursery:	August 3 - Chandler Kirkley/Debbie Crenshaw
	August 10 - Wanda Ingram/Lisa Muennich
	August 17 - Karen Baxley/Robin Cox
	August 24 - Lisa Clawson/Jena Dean
	August 31 - Chandler Kirkley/Debbie Crenshaw
Safety Patrol:	August 3 - Tommy Deason
	August 10 - Tommy Deason
	August 17 - Pat Lee
	August 24 - Pat Lee
	August 31 - Pat Lee
August 3:	11:00 a.m. - Boyce Circle
August 5:	7:00 p.m. - Stewart Circle
August 10:	8:00 a.m. - Deacons (Conference Room)
August 12:	11:30 a.m. - WW Club (Wagon Wheel)
August 17:	9:00 a.m. - Rally Day
	11:00 a.m. - Session (Conference Room)
	4:00 p.m. - Ragsdale Circle
August 24:	10:00 a.m - Memorial Association Meeting
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	12:30 p.m. - Lunch
	2:00 p.m - 150th Anniversary Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, August 24th will be Homecoming. This will be an especially exciting event as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. We will begin the day at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a brief meeting of the Memorial Association, followed by a Psalm Sing. We will follow at 11:00 a.m. with our worship service where our own Rev. Hammond will be our minister. In honor of our 150th celebration, we are asking each family to provide a side dish and/ or dessert for lunch. Chicken and ham will be provided. If you can’t bring food, please don’t let that stop you from attending. We will join together in the fellowship hall at 12:30 for our meal. Please plan to stay and join us at 2:00 p.m. as we will have a special service to commemorate our 150th anniversary. There will be historical displays and our cemetery map will be available for those seeking info on current plots. We are excited about this special day in the life of our church and hope you can be part of it. More info will be mailed out soon!

PLANNING TO JOIN US FOR
BONCLARKEN WEEKEND?

This year, Bonclarken Weekend is scheduled for October 10th-12th. Considering the 150th Celebration, we are trying to determine if we should go to Bonclarken that weekend or have a celebration here at home. There will be an insert in Sunday’s bulletin where you can indicate if you plan to go to Bonclarken or prefer having something here at Unity. Simply fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate. (The cost for Bonclarken Weekend will be printed on the insert.)