

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 17</u>	
8:00 A.M.	Chancel Choir
9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
9:30 A.M.	Session
10:00 A.M.	Worship
11:00 A.M.	Session
5:00 P.M.	Children/Youth
<u>TUESDAY, AUGUST 19</u>	
11:00 A.M.	WW Club
<u>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20</u>	
11:00 A.M.	Adult Prayer/Bible Study

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>	
08/17:	Karen B./Robin C.
08/24:	Lisa C./Jena D.
<u>SAFETY PATROL</u>	
08/17:	Pat Lee
08/24:	Pat Lee
<u>DEACON OF THE MONTH</u>	
Steve Willis	
<u>ELDER OF THE MONTH</u>	
David Cox	
<u>USHERS:</u>	
Pat Lee, Mike Wells, Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes	

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BONCLARKEN SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out our Bonclarken Weekend survey. We had 36 responses involving 76 people in total. Here are the results:

Plan on attending Bonclarken Weekend this year:	21
Would prefer to have activities at Unity and plan to attend:	41
Unable to attend either of these activities	14

The session will review/discuss this information and come up with a plan for celebrating in October.

NO RALLY DAY

Since we have no children moving to different classes this year, we will not have a Rally Day. Sunday School will be on normal schedule this coming Sunday.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Those who are planning to unite with our congregation, please make plans to meet with our elders this coming Sunday, August 17th at 9:30am in the Men’s Bible Class.

FROM OUR CORNER

As many of you know, I have been working on a companion volume to continue Gladys Huey Cox’s Unity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: A History, 1875-2000. The new volume will continue our history through 2025. I have enjoyed reading the earlier vignettes and reminiscences as I researched. I want to share one of these with you as it brings a smile and a little pang of sadness as I realize how much we miss beloved church family members who have gone ahead of us. Billie Steele, who had served as past president of Catawba Presbyterial and Unity ARP Women of the Church, reminisced about the years in which she attended the Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken. She stated that she had missed attending the conference only one year since the church purchased the “Unity Dwelling” in 1978 and had attended many years prior to that. She recalled the time she and Mrs. Essie Thomas had stayed on the third floor of the hotel, which had no elevator or air conditioning! She said they learned to limit trips to their room each day. She also recalled the year she and Betty “Lake” McCain attended the conference when the lake was under construction. Before any water was added, Betty and Billie decided to walk across the entire lake area so that they could tell their children, in later years, that they had “walked across the entire lake.” Betty had evidently forgotten to share this adventure, and Karen was delighted to have this new memory of her mother. Mrs. Essie, Billie and Betty “Lake” will never be old in our eyes. They were each interested in living life, and sharing love, laughter and joy with the rest of us... just more of God’s bountiful blessings

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$234,848
OFFERING TO DATE	\$230,139.44
BEHIND	\$4,708.56
NEEDED 08/10	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 08/10	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$5,565.63
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$5,565.63

In loving honor of Chad Pinkston for his birthday, August 13th, by Glenn and Marcie McCain
In memory of Francis Bell by Steve and Lisa Willis
In honor of Henry Evan Helmlinger by Joseph and Patricia McCain
150th ANNIVERSARY
In honor of Sara Logan and Libby Thomas for their August birthdays by Mike and Donna Hagins
DUFFIE MISSION TRIP
In honor of Sara Logan, Libby Thomas, Marveine Miller, and Joan Barrett for their birthdays
by Sarah Robinson

BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$6,674.84
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 08/10	\$124.52

In memory of Bruce Craig by Richard and Patty Carter

CALLED MEETING OF THE SESSION

The Session will have a called meet at 9:30am on Sunday, August 17th, in the Men’s Bible Class to receive new members. The Session will also have their stated meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Please make plans to join us for prayer and Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 11am in the church sanctuary. We will begin a new series as we study the book of Jeremiah.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I once saw a quote that said, “the only way to achieve immortality on this earth is to teach others what you know”.

We currently have opportunities for that statement to become true. There are several openings for teachers/leaders especially with our Middle School group on Sunday Morning and Night.

The opportunity to share your knowledge is wonderful but to share the Word of God is so much better.

If God is working with you (or you even feel like he may be) please contact Rev. Hammond or any member of the CE committee. We would love to let you know of the great opportunities we have with our programs and how you can truly influence the life of our young people.

Thank you,

Billy Carnes, Chair of the CE Committee.

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.

WW Lunch

The WW Group has rescheduled the Wagon Wheel lunch for Tuesday, August 19th. We will meet at the church at 11am. If you would like to meet us there, plan on being there at 11:30am.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH
8:00 A.M.