

THE CHURCH CALENDAR	
<b><u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23</u></b>	
8:00 A.M.	Chancel Choir
9:00 A.M.	Sunday school
10:00 A.M.	Worship
3:00 P.M.	Christmas Decorating
4:30 P.M.	Thanksgiving Service
5:00 P.M.	Soup Dinner
<b><u>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27</u></b>	
8:30 A.M.	Senior Adult Breakfast
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
<b><u>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28</u></b>	
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

- Family of Barbara Khoury (Trish McCain’s mom)
- Jeff Dean (Jad’s father) - prostate cancer; surgery recovery
- Shirley Carnes (Billy Carnes’ mom) - Hospice care
- Wayne Willis - recovery
- Byran Thomas - recovery from stroke
- John Robinson - recovery from bladder cancer surgery
- Mark Huey - recovery
- Diana Hallman - ALS
- Shut-Ins:
- Linda Henderson

Al Starnes

Robert and Nancy Watterson

Jean Stogner

Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	
<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>	
11/23: Lisa C./Jena D.	
11/30: Chandler K./Debbie C.	
<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>	
11/23: Karen Baxley/Chandler Kirkley	
11/30: Paula and Destiny Peasley	
<b><u>SAFETY PATROL</u></b>	
11/23: Darin Robinson	
11/30: Darin Robinson	
<b><u>DEACON OF THE MONTH</u></b>	
Sam Tyson	
<b><u>ELDER OF THE MONTH</u></b>	
Tim Hallman	
<b><u>USHERS:</u></b>	
Pat Lee, Mike Wells,	
Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes	

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FROM OUR CORNER

I plan to write about our 150th Anniversary Sabbath next week, but for now I think we should celebrate the twenty years + some months our church family has been able to enjoy our time with the Hammond family. After having been blessed with Guy and Betsy Smith for three decades, we were going to have adjustments to make. The adjustments began on the first morning of the new “regime” when Charles arrived at the church office on a skateboard! Richard came in laughing and said, “Charles doesn’t go to work the same way as Guy!” My first thought was how many ways can anyone use to travel from the manse to the church? We watched Chip and Sharon grow up in our community and go off to college and become professionals. We were now blessed with two precious little girls who would once again help us see the world through the eyes of children. A couple of years later, Alex would complete the family as a bonus surprise! Michelle brought her own mindset and gifts that complemented and grounded Charles. She brought sunshine and laughter and a servant’s heart to our congregation. The Hammonds have spoiled us just as the Smiths did. Unity Church has been blessed through the years as God has sent His hand-picked families to see us through transitions and also help us maintain the traditions that identify our heritage and carry His Mission. At this season of the year, we thank the generations of ministers and their families for being a part of our Church family and community. As we close, we also need to say, Happy 33rd Anniversary and Congratulations on gaining a new son, Saturday afternoon, as Jeffrey and Emma pledged to love each other in a God centered home. Please know that your family is in our hearts and prayers as you continue to lead us in GOD’S WAY.

PROJECT HOPE

November is one of our months to support Project HOPE. Please place items in the breezeway entrance. Current needs at this time include:

1. Assorted vegetable in the 14-15oz can

2. Instant potatoes

3. Canned fruit

4. Instant stuffing

5. Macaroni and cheese such as Kraft, any brand will work

6. Pasta in any shape variety BUT spaghetti

7. Stew in a 28 oz can such as Dinty Moore, any brand will work

We will accept donations through Sunday, November 30th. You may also make a monetary donation if you wish.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE/GROUNDS DECORATING

Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 23rd, for our annual Thanksgiving service and church decorating. We will begin decorating the buildings and grounds for Christmas at 3:00 p.m. At 4:30 we will have a special Thanksgiving program, followed by a soup supper. Please bring a pot of your favorite soup and a dessert. We will have some soups prepared as well. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and giving thanks for all the Lord has provided our congregation this year.

SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 27th  
8:30 A.M. (Please note time change)

All Sr. Adults ages 55 and over are invited

CHURCH 89

OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$337,594.00
OFFERING TO DATE	\$327,294.72
BEHIND	\$10,299.28
NEEDED 11/16	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 11/16	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$6,504.32
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$150
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$6,654.32

In memory of Philip Helms for his birthday by Luray Johnson  
In honor of Patty Carter’s birthday by Don and Karen Baxley  
In memory of Barbara Khoury by Don and Karen Baxley  
In memory of William Robinson by Ervin Robinson  
In memory of Martha Sullivan Robinson by Ervin Robinson  
In loving honor of Mandy Baibak for her birthday, November 21st, by Glenn and Marcie McCain  
In memory of Barbara Khoury by Glenn and Marcie McCain  
In memory of Barbara Khoury by Steve and Elaine Carnes  
In memory of Barbara Khoury by Rita Jamison  
MEMORIAL GARDEN  
In memory of Claude Steele by Julie Taylor  
ENDOWMENT  
In honor of Reba Hallman by Joe and Toni Flynn

BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$9,197.33
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 11/16	\$325

In honor of Toni Flynn, Debbie Williams, Betty Starnes Curry, and Patty Carter by Sarah Robinson

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tickets are now available for the Annual Christmas Dinner from any member of the Men’s Breakfast Group and the Church Office.

The dinner is Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 PM and the cost is \$20.00 per ticket. The meal will once again be catered by Rhonda Steele. The menu is Fried Chicken, Pork Loin, Potato Casserole, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, with Apple and Peach Cobbler for dessert.

Entertainment is being provided by Gary Neil and Friends.

WE NEED YOU!

We need volunteers for the nursery and for children’s church for 2026. If you are currently volunteering and would like to continue to do so, or if you would like to begin volunteering in either capacity, please contact Chandler Kirkley by mid-December. This will allow time to get schedules generated before the first Sunday in January. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve our babies and children.

POINSETTIAS

It’s time to order poinsettias for the Christmas season. Order forms are in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$15 and will be available in red or white. You can place a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one if you wish. **Make checks payable to Unity ARP** and give all order forms to Sara Logan no later than Sunday, November 23rd.

ATTENTION CHANCEL CHOIR

Please note the following schedule as we prepare for Christmas:

Sunday, November 23rd @8:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 30th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Christmas party to follow)

Sunday, December 14th @ 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

A note to thank everyone that texted, called, emailed, sent cards, asked about me at Church, or prayed for me during my recent surgery and recovery.

The surgery went well, and recovery has gone extremely well, and I am sure that is a result of your prayer. Thank you for being such a loving and caring Church.

Billy Carnes

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Contribution envelopes will be in the bulletin on Sunday, November 23rd, for our annual Synod-wide Thanksgiving offering. We will also collect on Sunday, November 30th. This offering benefits the Synod Christmas Benevolent Fund, Erskine College, and Erskine Theological Seminary.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, December 10th. We will have our annual Happy Birthday Jesus celebration. As a special treat, our children’s choir will be performing “Kids Sing Christmas”. There will also be a special visit from Santa Claus. Look for more details coming soon!