

Unity Lamplighter

April 14-20, 2025

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Announcements

Saturday April 19, 11 am-1 pm
Easter Egg Hunt

Join us this Sunday, **April 20th**, for our **Easter Services**. The adult choir will present an Easter Cantata. There will be no Sunday School classes as we will begin with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am followed by worship in the Sanctuary at 10 am.

Sunday April 27 Children's Choir Sings during Worship

Sunday May 4, 4-6 pm
Children's Choir practice, dinner provided

There will be **NO** Wednesday **Bible Study/Prayer Service** on Wednesday, April 23rd.

April is our month for **HOPE**
Current needs are Grits, Beef Stew, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta
A box will be placed in the church for your donations.

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery:

4/20 Lisa Muennich/Wanda Ingram
4/27 Karen Baxley/Robin Cox

Children's Church:

4/20 Dayna Jacobs/Teresa Hallman
4/27 Karen Baxley/Chandler Kirkley

Safety Patrol:

4/20 Mike Hagins
4/27 Mike Hagins

April Memory Verse

*"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."
1 John 4:4*

Elder of the Month:

Phil Cox

Deacon of the Month:

Mike Hagins

Ushers of the Month:

Jamie McCowan
Darin Robinson
Bryan Walker
Tommy Deason

Prayer Requests

Family of Philip Helms

Jennifer Deason – chemo treatments

Mark Huey – recovery from liver transplant

Glenn Ribelin – chemo treatments

Diana Hallman – ALS

Karen Thomas – recovery

Linda Henderson, Al Starnes, Robert and Nancy Watterson, William Robinson, Jean Stogner, Gail and Joanne Dailey

Giving 4/13:

General \$6,913.48
Building \$584.54

Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of Philip Helms by:
John and Rhonda McCain
Fran Melton
Reggie and Vivian Starnes
Tony and Vicky Langley
Bill and Linda Carraway

In memory of Ruby Harpher by Richard and Patty Carter
In memory of Brenda Davenport by Doug and Debra Eudy
In memory of Uncle Donald and Aunt Jean on their anniversary by Ken and Lisa Muennich
In memory of James Robinson by Bill and Linda Carraway
In honor of Jennifer Deason by Glenn and Marcie McCain
In honor of our anniversary by Bill and Linda Carraway

From Our Corner

Karen McCain Baxley was recognized for her 17 years of service as treasurer of Unity Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. During those years Karen helped in the planning of each of the annual church budgets. She also chaired the endowment scholarship funds, interviewing students, and distributing funds. Karen was a major leader in planning the funding for the construction of the Fellowship Hall. Her assistance in this major building project was innovative in that most of the money borrowed came from two existing church funds and was repaid, with interest, strengthening both the endowment and cemetery accounts.

Most of us have no idea of the hours Karen spent in overseeing the paperwork required for maintaining a tax free church status with the IRS. There were also checks to be written, bills to be paid and money to be counted. Elder, Tim Hallman and Rev. Charles Hammond made the presentation of a plaque and gift on behalf of the congregation. In her acceptance, Karen expressed thanks to those who had assisted her with counting the tithes and offerings each Monday and making the deposits of money.

During this tenure, Karen also served as president and vice president of the Unity Women's Ministries, where she served as a part of the planning committee for hosting Catawba Presbyterian Women's Ministries Meeting. During this same period of time, Karen and Don also lovingly cared for their daughter, Bailey, and welcomed three grandsons born to daughter, Chandler and son-in-law, Donald Kirkley... as well as having a professional career.

For those who may not know, Karen was born and grew up here at Unity. She has been a blessing to our church family and is a loving child of God. We give thanks to our Lord for this gift to our community! As an after note, I thought I would mention that in the history of our church, we have had only five treasurers: Mr. Sam Walkup, his son, Mr. Charles Henry Walkup, Mr. Addison Thomas, Mrs. Karen McCain Baxley and Mr. Steve Willis. All have served us well and to God's glory!