

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19	
8:00 A.M.	Chancel Choir
9:00 A.M.	Sunday school
10:00 A.M.	Worship
11:00 A.M.	Session
11:00 A.M.	Children’s Choir
11:00 A.M.	UWM Quarterly Meeting
4:00 P.M.	Deacon Finance Committee
4:00 P.M.	Ragsdale Circle
5:00 P.M.	Children/Youth
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22	
11:00 A.M.	Adult Prayer/Bible Study
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24	
3:00 P.M.	Family Fun Fall Festival

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

- Family of Mitchell Starnes
- Family of Joann Funderburk (Terri Robinson’s grandmother)
- Family of Edith Workman (Toni Flynn’s sister)
- Billy Carnes - recovery from sinus surgery
- Lake Kirkley - recovery from tonsillectomy/adenoid removal
- Violet Belk - recovery
- Wayne Willis - recovery
- Terri Robinson - recovery from surgery
- Don Baxley - recovery from stent placement
- Byran Thomas - recovery from stroke
- John Robinson - recovery from bladder cancer surgery
- Bobby Hughes - recovery from stent placement
- Mark Huey - recovery
- Diana Hallman - ALS
- Shut-Ins:
- Linda Henderson

Al Starnes

Robert and Nancy Watterson

Jean Stogner

Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

NURSERY	
10/19:	Karen B./Robin C.
10/26:	Lisa C./Jena D.
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	
10/19:	Mary Ann W./Mandy W.
10/26:	Debra E./Avery R.
SAFETY PATROL	
10/19:	Mike Walters
10/26:	Mike Hagins
DEACON OF THE MONTH	
Mike Wells	
ELDER OF THE MONTH	
Joe Flynn	
USHERS:	
Jamie McCowan, Darin Robinson,	
Bryan Walker, Tommy Deason	

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FROM OUR CORNER

Our Unity Church family has been supportive of the Girl Scout Cluster of Troops which have met here for more than sixty years, and I thought I would share the service projects that we are in the process of carrying out from summer and into May of 2026. Over the summer, we supported the Cooling Center with cases of water and Girl Scout Lemonade Cookies. In November, we will be making and delivering homemade packs of cookies and handmade appreciation cards to one hundred of our Veterans. The cluster of troops have already begun to gather items for bags to be delivered to the Warming Center in January. These bags will contain washcloths, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, some hard candies, and a box of socks in sizes varying from children to adults. In celebration of Mother’s Day, the girls will send baby bottles, diapers of varying sizes, and baby wipes to the Lancaster Women’s Enrichment Center to be given to young women who have completed courses in parenting and earned “Baby Bucks” they can use for needed baby supplies. These service projects are financed by money from the cookie sales that you support. The older Girl Scouts will also enjoy a trip to Greenwood, South Carolina to celebrate the Connie Maxwell Children’s Home Christmas Open House, visit the Tree of Lights and attend the Children’s Theater and see the play, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Our younger Daisy, Brownie and Junior troops are planning a camp-out at Cane Creek Park for early November. All of the above activities are educational and also teach the girls to be aware of the needs of others. They learn so much about budgeting their troop funds, managing time and are exposed to non-digital entertainment. YOU make these opportunities possible for them. THANK YOU!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sunday, October 19th
8:00 A.M.
Breakfast provided

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee of the Board of Deacons will meet Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Class.

UWM QUARTERLY MEETING

Sunday, October 19th
11:00 A.M.
Fellowship Class

All ladies are encouraged to attend

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

The Children’s Choir will practice on Sunday, October 19th, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR
OCTOBER 12, 2025

CHURCH 97

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$300,899.00
OFFERING TO DATE	\$293,816.13
BEHIND	\$7,082.87
NEEDED 10/12	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 10/12	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$5,235.63
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$100
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$5,335.63
BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$8,257.03
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 10/12	\$145

In memory of Carolyn Plyler by Richard and Patty Carter
In honor of Charles and Michelle by Don and Karen Baxley

FROM THE PASTOR

Help Wanted

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Even before becoming pastor at Unity, one of the things that stood out to me was this church’s unwavering commitment to its children and youth. For generations, Unity has invested in helping young people grow in their relationship with Christ.

I often hear adults speak with deep gratitude for their former youth leaders—those who took the time to teach them, pray for and with them, and show them what it means to follow Jesus. Perhaps you, too, remember the impact of retreats, trips, or deep conversations with leaders who cared for you.

That same opportunity to shape lives is before us again. We are in need of Sunday School teachers for our middle and high school students, as well as advisors for our middle school group on Sunday evenings.

You don’t need to be an expert—just someone with a heart to see our young people know Christ and grow in Him. Would you prayerfully consider stepping into this important ministry?

YOU’RE INVITED!

Please join us for a drop-in

celebrating

Patricia Carter’s 80th Birthday

Saturday, November 8th
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Unity ARP Fellowship Hall

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for the calls, cards, text, and many acts of kindness shown towards me during my recent stroke and recovery. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring church family.

Byran Thomas

Thank you to all who helped out at the workday at the church: John McCain, Sam Tyson, Chris Thomas, Charles Hammond and Steve Willis.

Tommy Deason, Deacon Chair

FAMILY FUN FALL WEEKEND

Saturday, October 25th fun begins at 3pm

Traditional Fall games, Corn Hole, Connect Four, Costume Judging, Bouncy House (for little ones), Pumpkin Design Contest, Kickball game (young vs old), Hamburgers and Hot Dogs as well as many other games for ALL AGES.

BAKERS NEEDED for Apple Baking Contest & Dessert Walk

Apple Baking Contest-Make your best APPLE recipe. It can be a pie, cake, muffins, anything that has apple in it. These will be served as desserts for Saturday night. The item with the most tickets wins.

Dessert Walk-Make your favorite dessert. Contestants who land on the lucky item wins the dessert.

If you would like to prepare a dessert for the Apple contest or Dessert walk, please contact the church office or Angie at 803-320-7392.

Do you have a favorite UNITY MEMORY? Could be a Bonclarken Weekend, Youth Retreat, or Church Gathering, the sky is the limit. If you would like to share your favorite memory or two, please contact Angie at 803-320-7392. We will be recording and gathering these memories on Saturday during the festival. If you are camera shy, you can submit your written memory to Angie.

We will be ending a fun filled night under the stars with a movie, hot chocolate, & popcorn.

Sunday, October 26th

Gather for Fellowship at 10am followed by a casual worship service. We will end our fun filled weekend with a favorite Bonclarken Weekend memory, a KFC lunch. Signup sheets for lunch are in the narthex, or you can contact the church office or Angie at 803-320-7392.

Come one. Come all. Join in this Fall Celebration of the