

# *The Voice of Unity*

## Unity Lutheran Church

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October 24, 2018

Dear Believers Who Worship at Unity,

I am sure you are aware that at the end of the service on Sunday, Oct 21, Pastor Kate announced she had decided not to renew her contract with Unity ELCA. She will fulfill the current contract by staying Unity's pastor through sometime in January 2019.

### **Planting Hope/Holy Conversations**

We need your input on the future direction of Unity. As part of the Planting Hope process, we will be having "holy conversations" with members.

Maurice Huffman, Elaine Huffman, Bea Isenhour and I will be available after worship on November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> for these conversations. Our questions for members: "What vision do you have for Unity and how do we get there?"

Pray and ponder on those questions. Please have a short conversation with one of the four us on either November 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> and help us chart the future path for Unity.

### **Bishop Visit/What Now**

We are having a Congregational meeting at 2:00 on November 11<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Tim Smith. He will be here to help us answer the question, "What now?" He will walk us through the processes and possibilities as Unity moves forward without Pastor Kate. I urge you, strenuously, to attend this meeting. Listen to what the Bishop has to say and express your feelings as we seek Bishop Tim's advice and God's will for Unity.

### **Other Topics**

- **Time of Christmas Eve Service:** The Worship and Music Committee is asking input from the congregation of the time for our Christmas Eve Service. The choices are 5:30 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:30 pm. Please fill out the form during the service on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> and drop your choice(s) in the collection plate.
- **Serving on Council:** The congregation's constitution states that the council shall have no more than nine members. It does not suggest a minimal number of members. With a congregation our size, I believe five to seven servants should suffice. If you are willing to have your name put forward by Council during the upcoming council elections, please talk/phone/email me.

Sincerely,

Ted Neely  
Council President, Unity ELCA  
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**Join us Sunday, November 18th for a  
Joint Thanksgiving Feast & Worship Service  
with Mt. Pisgah  
Dinner 5:15 Worship 6:30 pm**



### **Angel Tree**

Unity is adopting a family for Christmas! The ages range from 4 - 80 years old. The tree will be placed in the Narthex by the end of November with information for each family member. Please help if you are able.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

<b><u>Reader/Assisting Minister</u></b> 4 - Tinita Stoker 11 - Bea Isenhour 18 - Adrian Jones 25 - Ruie Jones  <b><u>Communion Assistant (C/A)</u></b> 25 - Joy Burns	<b><u>Organist</u></b> 4 - open 11 - Chuck Lindler 18 - Frances Whitener/Chuck Lindler 25 - Frances Whitener
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Shirley Shannon/Tinita Stoker <b>Ushers:</b> Donna Huffman/Joy Burns <b>Counters:</b> Joy Burns/Donna Huffman <b>Property:</b> Maurice Huffman	<b><u>Flowers</u></b> 4 - Peggy Bolick 11 - Harold Shook 18 - Ralph Adcock 25 - open



**Birthdays**  
9 - Harold Shook  
19 - Olivia Neely  
25 - Steve Isenhour  
29– Sylvia Prince

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30– Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	5	6	7	9	0	10
11 9:30– Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 9:45– Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 12:30 – Church Council	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25 9:30– Sunday School 10:30 - Worship/ Communion	26	27	28 6:00 pm - Lutheran Men in Mission			