



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

June 1, 2017

The Journey is Unity's chapel theme this year.

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22: 12-13

Our theme for May has been: Are We There Yet? Thinking of the Christian life as a journey through the world offers us a helpful way to visualizing the life of faith. It reminds us that we are going somewhere and we have a destination. It encourages us to think ahead and look forward with anticipation to the joy of arrival. In chapel, we celebrate the fact that someday we will finally be with God and see Him face to face.

1. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!** Unity graduated 168 seniors in the Unity gymnasium on Wednesday, May 17.
 - Valedictorian was Michael Piechocki and Salutatorian was William VanZytveld.
 - The class song was "Find Us Faithful" by Steve Green.
 - The class Scripture text was Romans 12.
 - Mr. Bob Bakker, English teacher, gave the graduation address.

Diplomas will be mailed to seniors in mid-June. If you ordered a DVD of the graduation ceremony, an email will be sent when they are ready for pick up. If you did not order a DVD and would still like one, please call or email Krista Bosscher at 669-1820 or unity@unitychristian.org by June 10.

2. **2017/2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** We have included the 2017/18 school calendar at the end of this Home Bulletin. Student schedules will be mailed in early August. Please review school dates as Unity will begin school on Monday, August 21. **Unity's graduation date will be Monday, May 21** (please note this is a change from the calendar previously published).

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3. **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Unity's summer office hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - noon

4. **2017/18 ENROLLMENT:** Enrollments for the 2017/18 school year were due May 5. If you have not already sent in your enrollment or enrolled through your church, please turn in your enrollment forms as soon as possible. Enrollments are needed to confirm course registration and to develop student schedules.

If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please call Sandy or Mary in Unity's office (669-1820).

5. **CHOIR NEWS:** On March 24 and 25, many soloists and ensembles performed at State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Paw Paw High School. All participants received either a "1" or "2" rating; this is an outstanding testament to the talent and hard work of Unity students. The Treble Ensemble was nominated for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival again this year. Also, Amber DeGraaf and Brooke Van Wyk performed at the All-State Honors Choir May 18-19 at Western Michigan University. This is the highest choral honor in our state. Congratulations to you all!

On May 10, all the choirs performed for the annual Spring Choral Concert. They performed festival repertoire and sacred selections in the first half, and then switched to selections from musicals for the second half of the evening. Each choir performed choreographed numbers individually and combined at the end.

6. **FALL MUSICAL INFORMATION:** The fall musical for 2017 has been chosen. Unity students will be performing West Side Story. This American classic is full of amazing music, challenging dances, and a heart-wrenching story. It is a great reminder for the entire family. Auditions for leads were before finals week. There are dozens of other parts to be cast in the fall, including more "leads." Auditions will be the week of Labor Day, September 5-8.

7. **STUDENT COUNCIL** membership for the 2017-18 school year has been determined. Natalie Schuitema (President), Becca Ziel (Vice-President), Britta DeLong (Secretary), and Taya Koetsier (Correspondent) make up the Executive Committee. The remaining Student Council memberships includes:

Camden Andringa

Jordan Bruckbauer

Andrew DeBruin

Colin Dral

Cassidy Folkert

Ally Hoekstra

Caleb LaClear

Nicole LeFebre

Sophie Pleune

Isaac TeSlaa

Shannon VanFarowe

Kennedie VanKoevering

Lydia Wiersma

Emily Wolters

Before disbanding for the summer, one of Student Council's final acts was to donate money to Women at Risk. The total amount collected from pop can returns was \$398.

8. **SPRING SPORTS AS OF May 30, 2017**

Baseball – Varsity 15 – 18

ALL CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION: Jake Schut

Baseball – JV 21 – 10

Baseball – Freshman 15 – 10 – 3

Golf – Varsity 6 – 0

1st, 4th, 2nd, 4th, 2nd in League Jamborees
4th in the OK Green Conference
3rd Place at Regional Match: Qualified for State
on June 9-10th

ALL CONFERENCE: Blake Bruursema & Ben Byker

ALL CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION: Max Vos

Golf – JV 2 – 3

Lacrosse – Boys 10 – 6

(with Holland Christian H.S.)

Lacrosse – Girls 7 – 11

(with Hudsonville H.S.)

Soccer – Varsity 15 – 0 – 4

ALL CONFERENCE: Grace DeYoung, Katrina Goebel, Alexis Ponstein, Emily
Ponstein, McKenna VanKoevering

ALL CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION: Rylee Vruggink

Soccer – JV 9 – 7 – 2

Softball – Varsity 20 – 6 Co-OK Green Conference Champions

ALL CONFERENCE: Ellie Borst, Hannah Van Manen

ALL CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION: Megan Driesenga, Josie Roon

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE AWARD

Softball – JV 27 – 5

Tennis – Varsity 1 – 5

6th in the OK Green Conference

ALL CONFERENCE: Jenna Darby

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE AWARD

Tennis – JV 8 – 7

Track – Boys 0 – 6 7th in the OK Green Conference
ALL CONFERENCE: Gideon DeGraaf
Brett DeBoef qualified for the State Finals in Discus and will compete June 3rd.

Track – Girls 0 – 6 7th in the OK Green Conference
ALL CONFERENCE: Katlyn Koetsier
Kaitlyn Koetsier qualified for the State Finals in the 200M Dash and will compete June 3rd.

Track – Girls 2 – 3 4th in the OK Green Conference
13th at the Regional Meet
ALL CONFERENCE: Alyssa Horstman, Ellie TeSlaa

9. **EQUESTRIANS:** Anyone interested in joining the Equestrian Club should contact Coach Lynn Kamps at lynnkamps@yahoo.com for information. Equestrian practice will start in mid to late July.

10. **SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM HOURS:** May 30 through August 19, 2017
Monday – Friday mornings: 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Monday – Thursday evenings: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
The weight room will be closed during MHSAA Dead Week (July 3-7)

11. **CONCESSION HELP:** *Are you looking for a way to be involved at Unity? Do you enjoy working with people?*

Please consider helping out the athletic boosters by becoming a concession leader. A concession leader is trained to be in charge of concessions 3 – 4 times per season. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Doug VanderPloeg in Unity’s athletic office, 669-1820 or at dvanderploeg@unitychristian.org.

12. **6 v 6 SOCCER TOURNAMENT:** Reserve the dates of July 28 and 29 for this year’s 6 v 6 Soccer Blast tournament. Age divisions are from 3rd grade through Open. Information and registration forms are posted on Unity’s website:
<http://www.unitychristianathletics.org/main/otherbooster/id/39729887>

13. **SPORTS ADVERTISING:** Would you like to have your business advertised in Unity’s sports programs? Contact Nick Balcer at 662-4011 or nbalcer@unitychristian.org for information on how you can be included in next year’s programs.

14. **SUMMER CAMPS:** It's not too late! Despite being past the registration deadline, we are still enrolling in our summer camps. Please register for summer camps as soon as possible. Click the link to go directly to registration:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/UnityChristianHighSchool/2017UCSummerCamps>
15. **REVIVE:** Revive needs cashiers! This volunteer position is such a joy if you like working with people, greeting customers, and helping them with their purchases. Their registers are very easy to use and no experience is required. We will train you until you are comfortable, and often a second cashier will work alongside you to help. Revive needs cashiers for 2-5 hour shifts on a weekly and a monthly basis as well as on-call cashier subs. We will work with any time commitment you can to give! Revive welcomes high school age volunteers and older for this position. Please call the Revive managers at 662-3375 or email revive@unitychristian.org for more information or to discuss your interest. It's a great way to serve our schools, fill your time, and add to your resume!
16. **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- LaGrave CRC is seeking to fill some custodial positions (full-time 2nd shift custodian, or part-time day custodian along with evening greeters and an alternating Sunday custodian). The full job descriptions can be found at: www.lagrave.org/AboutUs/JobOpenings.aspx. Inquiries and resumes should be sent to Ruth Ringnalda at rringnalda@lagrave.org.
 - Your sponsorship and/or participation at CLC Network's annual Golf Outing on Thursday, June 15, provide essential funds to help *create inclusive communities* for all individuals. Your support of CLC Network (also known as the Christian Learning Center) enriches the lives not only of persons with disabilities, but also those in the communities where they live. Visit CLC Network's website (www.clcnetwork.org/golfouting) to learn more about sponsorship opportunities or sign up to attend the event, held at Pilgrim's Run Golf Club (Pierson, MI).
17. **PRAYER CALENDAR:** The June Prayer Calendar is located on our website under the "News & Events" tab.

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

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School is not in session on shaded days. Please see below for explanation of any days that have an asterisk.

Important Dates

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| Aug. 16 | Staff Orientation |
| Aug. 17 | Faculty Orientation |
| Aug. 21 | 1 st day of school (12:25 p.m. Dismissal) |
| Aug. 25 | Fr. Mixer/Sr. Kickoff (12:25 p.m. Dismissal 10 th /11 th) |
| Sept. 1-4 | Labor Day Vacation |
| Sept. 11 | Open House |
| Oct. 9, 12, 13 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Oct. 13 | 12:25 p.m. Dismissal |
| Oct. 19 & 20 | CEA Convention – No School |
| Nov. 23, 24 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec. 20, 21, 22 | Finals |
| Dec. 22 | End of 1 st Semester |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 7 | Christmas Break |

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| Jan. 8 | 2 nd Semester Begins |
| Jan. 13 | Winter Dance |
| Feb. 9 | Winterfest (Early Dismissal) |
| Feb. 23, 26 | Winter Break |
| March 12, 15, 16 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| March 16 | 12:25 p.m. Dismissal |
| March 30-April 8 | Spring Break |
| April 20 | Prom (12:25 p.m. Dismissal) |
| May 11 | Last Day for Seniors |
| May 21 | Graduation |
| May 23, 24, 25 | Finals |
| May 25 | Last Day of School |
| May 28 | Memorial Day |
| May 29 | Records Day |