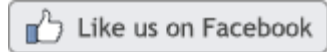
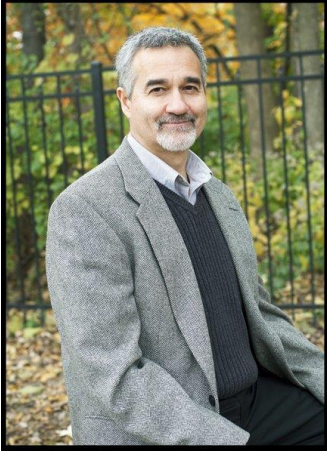




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**Meet Our New Development Director**  
 As we knew He would, God has provided a very special person to take on the role of Development Director at Unity. Meet Dr. Bruce McLaughlin! God's timing was perfect as He provided Dr. McLaughlin during the week preceding Mr. Miller's retirement. We are grateful and excited.

Dr. McLaughlin has extensive experience as an educator. Over the past thirty years he has served as a middle school classroom teacher, public elementary and middle school administrator, and online high school administrator with Kaplan Virtual Education. He has also served as an education consultant with Riverside Publishing and Edison Learning.

Dr. McLaughlin has been a featured speaker and workshop presenter on educational and leadership issues across the U.S. and in the Middle East. His educational background includes degrees in music, psychology, education and counseling from SIU and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Saint Louis University.

Dr. McLaughlin lives in Highland with his wife, Becky. They have been married almost 38 years and have three adult children and five grandchildren (with number six due in September). Dr. McLaughlin is also an avid musician performing in a variety of settings on guitar, drums, percussion, and vocals.

"I am elated to be on the staff at Unity. The opportunity to be a part of the Unity staff has been a tremendous blessing for me. Education is about serving God through serving others, be they students or the community at large. Unity School is a wonderful asset for this community."

**Classes Begin Monday!**

The mission of reaching children and families for Jesus in East St. Louis continues for the *fifteenth* year next Monday, August 14. Everyone involved needs you to pray for them. Pray that God's Word will be taught and heard for another year. Thanks!

**Wish List**

At Unity, we provide school supplies for all our students each year. This is a tremendous blessing to the parents, students, and teachers. 95% of the school supplies are donated!

School supplies needed for the coming year:

- Pencil pouches and boxes
- #2 pencils
- Black, blue, and red pens
- Spiral notebooks and journals
- Pocket folders
- Looseleaf paper
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Pink erasers
- Glue sticks

For teachers:

- New staplers and boxes of staples
- Dry-erase markers

*Maybe you could organize a collection at your church or school or office! Thanks!*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**"WHEN I'M 64"**

Saturday, September 9, 2017  
Noon - 9 p.m.

Prairietown Fireman's Park  
**Seven Bands playing nothing but the Beatles!**

Check out our Facebook Link:

"When I'm 64"

Be there! Tell your friends!  
Lots of fun!

## **A Message From Dr. McLaughlin**

Dear Unity Friends and Families,

I write this note to you during my first week of transition as the new Development Director at Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School. The two words that best describe my thoughts and feelings at this writing? - Gratitude and Blessed. It is a tremendous blessing for me personally and professionally to have the opportunity to participate as a believer and as an education professional in working toward the fulfillment of Unity's mission.

As you well know, the mission of Unity is to "equip and empower students to be disciples for Jesus". We do this by providing a safe and stable environment. We do this by teaching and modeling God's Word. And we do this through the practice of healthy relationship skills. This relationship component is best demonstrated by your commitment and your support of the Unity mission. Thank you and bless you.

I look forward to getting to know you and working with you as we continue to use the resources with which we are blessed to develop and maintain the next generation of responsible, equipped, and enabled Christian citizens.

In Service,  
Dr. Bruce McLaughlin

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