

# Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN



## Getting Started

I am excited to send you our first Unite Norcross/Peachtree Corners Newsletter – just in time to end the year off right! There are so many exciting things that have happened throughout this year with the help of you and your congregations, so I wanted to take time to celebrate 2019 and give you a glimpse of happenings in 2020.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, we launched Unite – Norcross/Peachtree Corners and have hit the ground running! While we have been in the discovery period learning about the assets and challenges in our community, connections have already begun to flourish. We have definitely been busy the past 6 months - from the Norcross City Police Chief reaching out to us to help a family find shelter, to being a part of the solution in the new Motel to Home Pilot Program that will launch in the new year, as well as being invited to be part of various roundtable discussions on issues we face in our community, all thanks to your help!

There will be many opportunities for our churches to connect with people in our community in 2020 to share the love of Christ through our words and deeds. There are some opportunities still in the planning stages, so I am unable to share those currently, however I am eager to give you details on other opportunities that are coming up in the first quarter. There is a lot of information in our first newsletter but bear with me – you don't want to miss these!

Blessings, Terri Hoye

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# YOUNIQUE

Caleb Panter, Executive Minister at Campus Church, invited me to participate in Younique 360 last fall. To be honest, I went in with no expectations but found the journey to be very fruitful and it affirmed what God has called me to focus on in all areas of my life during this season.

You may be thinking, “Terri, I know my calling! My call is to be in ministry to God.” I agree with you 100%, but this journey takes you much deeper and helps you focus on the specific call God has for you. This tool will not only be a benefit for you personally but will equip you as you lead your congregations.

This course is typically \$2,000, but Caleb is offering this to our Unite Church Leaders for \$499 per person – a fraction of the cost! This event is open to Pastors and/or any of your staff members.

Check out their website to learn more about this program:

<https://lifeyouunique.com/>

## Younique : It's Your Call Dates:

Journey 1: February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Journey 2: March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

90 Day Launch – Virtual

Cost per person - \$499

Minimum of 10

**RSVP to:**

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# Poverty Simulation



Your congregation is invited to participate in this Poverty Simulation! All of us can be guilty of being the sideline quarterback when we see families experiencing poverty. This UGA Extension offers a Poverty Simulation tool to educate everyone on typical day to day strategies of low-income families trying to survive, with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. I participated in this program this fall and can testify that this is one of the best simulations that I have seen. This is an actual simulation – not a game!

**Please let me know how many from your congregation will be participating.**

You can email me at [terri.unitenpc@gmail.com](mailto:terri.unitenpc@gmail.com) .

## *When:*

*Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Volunteers Arrive: 8:15 am*

*Participants Arrive: 8:45 am*

*Simulation: 9 – 11:30am*

## *Where:*

*Norcross First United Methodist  
Church, Family Life Center*

*2500 Beaver Run Road,  
Norcross, GA*



## Motel to Home Program

The City of Norcross, United Way, St. Vincent de Paul, and Unite – Norcross/Peachtree Corners have come together to work on a Motel to Home Program that will Launch in January!

Under this Program we will be identifying up to 20 families that are currently living in Extended Stays within the Norcross City Limits. They have been given an application to complete and if they qualify for this program, they will begin a one-year program that places them in affordable housing.

St. Vincent de Paul will be providing a case worker for each family, but we are still in need of churches who would like to adopt a family and walk this journey with them. Many who are homeless or living in extended stays lack a sense of community and this is where churches can come alongside them. We are looking for churches to help encourage and empower them with tools and resources that they will need as they get back on their feet.

### *When:*

*Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>*

*1:00pm*

### *Where:*

*Norcross Community Center*

*10 College St. NW, Norcross*

*We will be in one of the rooms on the lower level of the Community Center – please look for signs!*

## Norcross Census

The City of Norcross has the two highest poverty census tracts in Gwinnett County. The Poverty Level in those two tracts is 24.1% (City of Atlanta's Poverty is 25%).

The Census data is used to determine our representation in Congress and the Georgia Legislature, as well as how our tax dollars are spent for schools, roads, hospitals, and more. We need YOU and YOUR HELP to ensure that everyone in our Norcross Community is counted. Approximately 27% of the residents in these two census tracts responded to the 2010 census which does not accurately represent the people who reside in this area.

The Mayor has established the Norcross Complete County Committee, of which I was asked to Co-Chair, to help ensure we get the word out to the residence of the importance in completing the census. Norcross High School students who are bilingual or take upper level Spanish language classes will be canvassing the two census tracts in Norcross with us. **We need ADULT (over 18) volunteers to walk with them through these neighborhoods.**

The work is simple: walk, talk (briefly), hand out a flyer in English or Spanish, and repeat. We are scheduling canvassing sessions on Saturday mornings/afternoons, and Sunday afternoons in early January. To sign up please go to: <https://signup.com/go/KFRQFJT>

At Unite, our mission is to help everyone in our community be able to flourish. This is one way that you're able to help us on this journey to be sure that we can get all the allocated funding to help bring the resources that are needed into this area. It is also a great way to meet members of our community!

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**EVERYONE  
COUNTS!**



## Final Thoughts

As Unite – Norcross/Peachtree Corners continues moving forward, we anticipate that we will have more and more information to share with you. I want to be respectful of your time so here are some ways that I will be getting the news out to the churches in our community:

1. Quarterly Newsletters
2. Email Updates, when needed
3. Monthly Coffee get togethers (beginning February/March)
4. Luncheons

If you have other members of your staff or congregation that you would like to be included on the correspondence, please let me know!

If you have any questions or need to connect with me, please feel free to contact me at 678-699-0111 or [terri.unitepc@gmail.com](mailto:terri.unitepc@gmail.com)

My prayers are with each of you and your churches as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to testify of His goodness and grace to a community that needs to hear!

*Merry Christmas!*

*Terri Hoye*

*City Flourishing Catalyst*

*Unite – Norcross/Peachtree Corners*

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