

The Unifier



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was packing up my office as I was leaving my last appointment, I came across a book of poems by Helen Steiner Rice. This was a special book that was given to me by my best friend, Margaret Spracklen, in high school for graduation. The Thanksgiving Poem is one I would like to share with you.

Thanksgiving Poem by Helen Steiner Rice

Thank you, God, for everything,
The big things and the small,
For "every good gift comes from God" ...
The giver of them all.
And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise,
The gifts God sends as blessings, each day in many ways.
And so at this Thanksgiving Time, we offer up a prayer...
To thank you, God, for giving us a lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little things
That often come our way,
The things we take for granted
But don't mention when we pray,
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.
Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces
That come to us with "sweet surprise"
From never-dreamed-of places.

Then, thank you for the "Miracles"
We are much too blind to see,
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee,
And help us to remember that the Key of Life and Living
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of Thanks
And every day Thanksgiving.

My friend, Margaret and her husband, Martin, live in Las Vegas. Over the last several years, we have not been able to meet together much, but keep connected by Facebook. She is a strong woman of faith, and I thank God for her friendship. Let us focus on being thankful people this month.

Blessings,
Pastor Joan

Class Notes... November, 2017



Dear Members and Friends,

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.... The United Protestant Church has been richly blessed year after year with AMAZING volunteers. As DCE, I am especially thankful for those who say YES to working in our teaching ministries. Won't you please seek out some of the folks on this list and say THANK YOU for helping to spread God's Word in our community?

Sue Schmidt Katelyn Rasmussen Linda Rambo Paula Rothacker

Karen Thoms Jennifer Cooper Darlene George Craig Amanda Bartz

Mark Rasmussen Karen Knapp Dian Weinkauf Lexie Craig

Carol R-R Emma Craig Cathy Vick Rose Craig Tyler

Karen Runyon Heather Eisenhour Ruth Gheysen Joe Hobson

Steve Bullmer Jon Amy Pastor Joane Jasmine Walker

Amanda Garcia Brad Walker Cyndi Ryckman Laurel Bruggen

Kim Fletcher Orrell Ruth Tiffany Rasmussen Cinda Bartz

Dave Bartz Will Meyer Rachel Meyer

THANK YOU teachers and child care providers! You are a blessing.

Carol R-R

M&I invites UPC members and friends to a Fall Painting Party at Artist at Heart, located at 253 Peterson Road in Libertyville, on Friday, November 10 beginning at 7 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship as you paint a fall picture on canvas. Cost is \$35/person.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Transportation will also be provided from the church parking lot if needed.

Please RSVP by November 5 to Tracy Celeslie at 847-722-7962.



UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

~ CIRCLE MEETINGS~

“Welcoming all women 18 to 108!!! Come Join Us!!

**Watch the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday emails, and the *UNIFIER* for other notifications. WCF Brochures are on the rack by the Mission Table.

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Nov. 7	7:30 p.m.	Small Meeting Room at UPC	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Nov. 1	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Nov. 2	11:30 p.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Nov. 14	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10	Sun., Nov. 26	11:30 a.m.	Church Parlor	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech

Mark your calendars now for WCF's 16th Annual Cookie Walk being held at UPC on Saturday, December 2 from 9-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We invite all members and friends of UPC to look through their recipes of Christmas cookie favorites and bake a batch or more to sell at this annual fundraiser. We need your help to make this event a success. The more cookies baked, the more we have available to sell. Items may be brought to the UPC kitchen between 4-7 p.m. on Friday, December 1. All proceeds benefit WCF's missions and UPC. Please contact Sue Schmidt at 847-367-1701 or schmidt6134@comcast.net with any questions.

BUNCO!!! TWENTY LADIES gathered for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship as they relaxed and became better acquainted with each other. Thanks to Circle 4/5 for taking charge of the afternoon, to Sue Schmidt who guided us through the “rules & procedures” to follow, and to all the circle members who brought treats. If you missed this event, be sure to watch for our next BUNCO afternoon which will be held in February.



PADS UPDATE

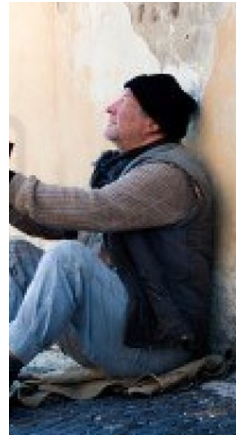
This month's article looks much like last month's. One reason is that the PADS Outreach number has changed, and it's really important that you have the correct one! Another reason is that we have had **NO response** regarding our needs for **volunteers who can work just once, twice or up to six times between now and the end of April**. Can you or someone you know help? Check out the needs below!! Spread the word!!!!

CHANGE IN OUTREACH PROGRAM NUMBER!!!

The number to call when you see someone who appears to be homeless or is asking for money has CHANGED...the **NEW NUMBER is 847-616-5557**.

If you give the location of the individual, it allows the PADS Outreach Program worker the opportunity to get the help they really need. As it says on the Outreach Program info page at www.padslakecounty.org,

“Seeing someone ask for money is difficult. You want to help, so maybe you give them a few bucks. Maybe a few others do too. The individual might even make enough money to stay in a hotel or get a warm meal. But have they been helped? People panhandle because it works for the moment. It helps satisfy some basic needs. But it doesn't help in the long-term. It can be difficult to say no. But that is the best answer to give. Direct that individual to PADS. Call our Outreach Hotline. Get that person the assistance they really need so they do not have to continue panhandling.”



Onsite Volunteer Needed:

3rd shift male 3 to 7 a.m. 4th Thursday of month January thru April.

2nd shift male volunteer 1st Thursday of month November thru April.

All shifts have openings on November 30/Dec.1 and March 29/30.

Substitutes who are trained to fill in when their schedules allow so our regular volunteers don't have to work more than once a month. Please spread the word for volunteers who could work one of the following shifts on a Thursday night/Friday morning when they are available.

1st shift: 5:30 to 11 p.m.

2nd shift: 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 3 a.m.

3rd shift: 3 or 4:30 a.m. to 7 a.m.

General Site Cleanup: 4:45 to 7 a.m.

Morning Kitchen Cleanup: 6 to 7:30 a.m.

For information or training, contact Rose Pech, pads_at_upc@hotmail.com

or 847-356-35

Celebrating Birthdays in November:

11/02 Thompson, LaVerne
11/05 Higdon, Philip
Wharton, Wynelle
11/07 Clark, Stephanie
Kuckla, Dorothy
Markham, Vickie
11/09 Becker, Candi
11/12 Rarick, Steve
11/13 Johnson, Emily
Ruth, Orrell
11/14 Bethmann, James
Neilsen, Jennifer
11/16 Sparkman, Kaila
11/19 Weichman, Barbara
11/21 DelGrosso, Heather
Hobson, Sue
Johnson, Jake
11/22 Becker, Adam
Carlson, Lauren
Michalsen, Tom
Schmidt, Sue
11/23 Gwaltney, Vivian
Haley, Travis
11/24 Yoder, Anna
11/25 Fischel, Craig
11/27 Selinger, Katelyn
Stetz, Mary
11/28 Neilson, Daniel
Peters, Judy

Celebrating Anniversaries in November:

11/15 Denise and Jamie Fuller
11/24 Gail and Ralph Gotlund
Jill and Gregg Helm
11/30 Melanie and Richard Carlson

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: Jerry Baraksa, Jerry Beck (son of Ruth and Al Beck), Harry Carnes, Patricia Cartwright (friend of Karen Caviness, recovering from lung cancer surgery), Christian and Seth, Darlene (in hospital in Florida – sister of Marcia Ruth), Valerie Elwood (passing of her mother from cancer), Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Bill Erickson (brother-in-law of Lil Eldridge), Kara Ferrel (friend of Lil Eldridge), Charles Fuller (stroke, father of Jamie Fuller), Steve Gates (friend of Cyndi Ryckman), Suzanne Havlicek (mother of Heather DelGrosso), Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Karen Hord (inoperable cancer, mother of friend of Sarah Grubbs), Olivia Love, Charles Madsen (brother of Karen Caviness), Skip Madsen (nephew of Karen Caviness), Mary Mason (sister of Loretta Dodson), Gloria Meier (sister-in-law of Ann Thompson), Marjorie Miller, Jodi Pech, Stephen Peregrin (Leukemia, son of Greg Peregrin), John Reinhart (final stage of heart failure, friend of Darlene George Craig), Karen Runyon (stroke), Orrell Ruth, Kim Schwaderer, Jim Smith (stroke), family and friends of Gene Svendson (passed away, friend of Linda Markham's son), Pat Wackerlin, Laurie Wade-Higdon and her children, and Carol Zeloof (cousin of Brian Batteiger).

Long term prayers Marno Benande, David Boccaleoni (brother of Rose Pech), Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Julie Brown (hospice, grandmother of Brad Walker), Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Joshua Duran (cousin of Jasmine Walker), Carla Flok, Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Gerald Gray (cousin of Rose Pech), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Jae, Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Jean Korell, Dorothy Kuckla, Vivian Kuzelka, Howard and Edna Munsinger, Tom Nellesen (hospice, brother of Margie Scheibler), Pat Nowak (waiting for a kidney, sister-in-law of Joann Baraksa), Don Piester (brother-in-law of Darwin Schwaderer), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Belkis Plancon (mother of Denise Fuller), Susan Reed (sister of Rick Burg), Sandra Richard, Judy Ruhnke, Marcia Ruth, Rosie Schick & family (friend of Linda Batteiger), Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), Robert Stewart, Bobbie Weichman, Betty Vares, and Tracie Yoder (friend of Jackie Ianson).

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are currently serving their country: Andrew Vick (son of Cathy and Don Vick), Derek Robb, Abraham Lam Yuen, Justin Krumes (brother of Melissa Becker), Bob Sisco (brother of Lexie Craig), Dennis Jackson (friend of Lexie Craig), Philip Norton (grandson of Joyce and Terry Norton), and Duneley Rochino.

To Access UPC's On Line Calendar, click below:

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Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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