

The Unifier



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Advent Season and Study

The season of Advent is upon us. Advent is the first season in Christian year and begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. (Christmas is of course a day in the life of the Church, but also a season lasting 12 days). This Advent I want to invite you to a special Advent Study that I will be teaching at the education hour from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings. This study will run the Sundays of December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Below is a short overview of the topics covered. This study will also go along with the sermon series for Advent.

Advent is a special time in which we look back and anticipate the coming of the Christ child. Advent is, however, not only a looking back, but also a looking forward. We consider and prepare our lives not only for the coming of the Christ child, but also Christ coming again. Advent is to prepare us now, both for Christ's presence in our lives, but also for His coming reign. It is a wondrous time filled with mystery, but also filled with hope, peace, joy, and love, all rooted and centered in Christ.

Hope- For what do we hope and where do we find? Where does our culture search for hope and say that they have hope?

Peace- In our world filled with struggle and unrest, where do we find peace? What is peace? Is peace an absence only of strife?

Joy- How does joy differ from happiness? What relationship does joy have with circumstance? Can we know lasting joy apart from the conditions of this world?

Love- Is love truly more than a feeling? How do we know love? Does love last?

Christ- At the center of it all, and the ultimate answer for our hope, peace, joy, and love.

Come join us for this time of study together as a church family at UPC.

Pastor Ryan

Join our Adult Education Committee
for a
Pastor's Advent Study



Sundays at 9:15am in the Parlor

December 2 through 23, 2018



Christmas Eve

**5 PM Children's "Do It Yourself
Christmas Pageant"**

**7 PM Worship Service with Communion
and Candlelight**

**11 PM Worship Service with Communion
and Candlelight**

**Office Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas
Day**



Home Team Luncheon

A very special thank you to everyone who helped make the Senior Citizen Fall Luncheon such a special occasion. Everyone had such a wonderful time because of these good people. Thank you to Candi Becker and Rosanne Taylor for preparing such a delicious meal for everyone. With homemade soups made by Rosanne. Thank you to the Home Team members for all of their labor of love to make the luncheon so great! Our youth volunteers that helped set up tables and serve the meals were Rosanne’s granddaughters. Thank you Emma, Olivia, Sofia and Ava Henne and Leah Taylor for all you did to help make the luncheon special. Thank you Ted Becker and Lloyd Lowe for setting up the tables and chairs and much more welcomed help you both provided. Most of all we want to thank our seniors for joining in on the fun, food and fellowship. You are very special to us! We hope to see all of you at our Spring Luncheon.

Christmas Greetings from the Home Team

The Home Team wishes everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas and grace and peace in the New Year.



Greeters

January—March

	8:15	10:30
January 6	Rick Burg	Alice Broadhurst, Laurel Bruggen
January 13	Jay and Lil Eldridge	Rose Pech, Doris Craig
January 20	Mary Ann McDowell	Dian Weinkauff, Sue Harvey
January 27	Ken and Sarah Press	Carol R-R, Marie Frandsen
February 3	Bill Churchill	William Pfel, Judy Ruhnke
February 10	Felix Flok	Susan Green, Pat Barker
February 17	Darwin Schwaderer	Donna Obrechert, Kori Henne
	Kim Schwaderer	
February 24	Rosanne Taylor	Linda Markham, Sharon Michalsen
March 3	Rick Burg	Pat Barker, Doris Craig
March 10	Wende Fry	Loretta Dodson, Rose Pech
March 17	Felix Flok	Cathy Vick, Susan Green
March 24	Joyce and Terry Norton	Alice Broadhurst, Marie Frandsen
March 31	Felix Flok	Rick Burg, Rose Pech



Dear Friends,

With the addition of Holy Communion to our worship services every Sunday, I feel called to share some wise words from one of my favorite spiritual teachers, Frances Chan, from his book *Letters to the Church*.

God designed Communion to be an intimate act of remembering His flesh and blood.

If Communion has become boring for us now, it could be that we've lost sight of the value of Jesus' sacrifice.

Remember that Jesus had just washed the disciples' feet and commanded them to love one another just as He loved them. It was after this that He taught them to stare at His broken body and blood to remind them of how He loved them. As we consider the cross and look around the room, we should ask ourselves, 'Am I willing to love the people in this room to that extent?' Just imagine if the Church was made up of people who would literally go to the cross for one another. This is what unbelievers should see when they watch us break bread with one another.

If Communion feels like a curious add-on to our church services rather than the very core of everything we're about, then we're missing the point of Church.

This Advent I am grateful to Pastor Ryan for making Holy Communion the highlight of each Sunday's worship, to Frances Chan for reminding me of what is important in my faith walk and to Jesus the Christ for EVERYTHING.

God's Peace,

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and the phone calls I received. The ride to the hospital was also appreciated very much. UPS is a great Christian church. Thank you again,

Alice Broadhurst

Thanks to all who participated in Hanging of The Greens. We need the same awesome response to the Unhanging of The Greens on 01/06/18. We will do this immediately following 10:30 service. The more helpers the quicker we will be done.



Adult Education

2019 UPC Winter/Spring

Sunday Adult Education at
9:15 a.m.

Dates	Class	Location
January 6-February 10	Bible Study: <i>Simon Peter: An Ordinary Fisherman Who Heard An Extraordinary Call</i> Text available: \$13.50	106
February 17-March 3, April 28-May 5	Topical Study: <i>Liking Jesus: Intimacy and Contentment in a Selfie-Centered World</i> Study Guide: \$7	106
March 10-April 14	Lenten Study: TBD	TBD



**UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**



WCF CIRCLE MEETINGS~

Watch the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday emails, & the *UNIFIER* for other notices.

Take a WCF Brochure from the wall rack left of the Mission Table.

JOIN US IN DECEMBER—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Dec.4	7:30 p.m.	Lilac Apts. Fox Lake	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Dec. 5	12:30 a.m.	Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Dec. 6	11:30 a.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Dec. 11	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli- Rasmussen
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech



Photo taken December 2, 2017

Thanks to all who contributed to the 17th Annual WCF Cookie Walk!!! Watch for what you helped us earn for missions in our January *UNIFIER* article!

**WISHING ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY
A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

&

A VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR!

From WCF Members

UPC PADS UPDATE



artwork by Evan

MERRY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU ALL

FOR GIVING OF YOURSELVES FOR OTHERS!

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTINUE GOING "ABOVE & BEYOND" ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE FILLING OUR OPENINGS IN ADDITION TO WORKING REGULAR SHIFTS!

(We hope you won't have to do it much longer!)

SOMEONE STEPPED UP TO FILL THE 3RD SHIFT POSITION FROM JANUARY THROUGH APRIL!



Welcome people who are experiencing homelessness as they work to find a "Happy Home"!

Artwork by Evan)



ONE OF OUR 2ND SHIFT VOLUNTEERS HAD TO QUIT!

2ND SHIFT ONSITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(11p.m. to 3 a.m.)

1ST week: Dec.– Apr. – 1 male

3RD week: Dec. – Apr. –1(male or female)

(Numbers as of November 14, 2018) Volunteers ARE needed to substitute for the shifts listed above AND for the other main shifts:

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

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

Morning Kitchen Cleanup (6 to 7 or 7:30 a.m.)

Training session can be arranged with any volunteer. To RSVP or for more info, contact Rose Pech at pads_at_upc@hotmail.com or 847-356-3577.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

Take a copy of our "UPC PADS Wish List" from the bulletin board at the

Mission table in the narthex. Items in each area are listed in order of need.

(Always need men's stick deodorant, travel shaving cream, men's razors!)

Backpacks

Wal-Mart & Sam's Club gift cards for food, kitchen

supplies, shoes, & clothing

\$5 McDonald's gift cards for Christmas gifts

--On behalf of those experiencing homelessness, Rose Pech

Can you hear Me now?



A silent, spiritual retreat has been scheduled for 18 members and friends of the UPC at the beautiful Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, IL for *Friday, January 18, 4pm, to Saturday, January 19, 2pm*. The cost for the retreat is \$98 which covers 3 delicious meals, a private bedroom with bathroom, all materials, retreat leader and the use of the lovely building and grounds which include a small library, sanctuary, chapel, 2 lounges, walking trails and spectacular wildlife. Space fills up fast. Contact Carol R-R, retreat leader, at carolrr@upcgl.org with questions and/or to register.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

Birthdays:

Melanie Carlson	12/01	Sue Carroll	12/25
Sue Sweeney	12/01	Darlene George Craig	12/26
Craig James	12/02	Jessica Baillargeon	12/27
Sunny Muehleman	12/02	Joshua Mall	12/27
Doris Craig	12/03		
Emma Henne	12/03		
Katie Gheysen	12/04	Anniversaries:	
Venessa Eldridge	12/09	Julius and Alva Mall	12/05
Nancy Johannsen	12/09	Shelly and Felix Kutsin	12/13
Susan Green	12/11	Aimee Divis and Dennis Wong	12/14
Kathleen Baillargeon	12/13	Richard and Nancy Johannsen	12/16
Julius Mall	12/13	Dustin and Sarah Helvie	12/26
Sue Harvey	12/15	Simon and Samia Mall	12/28
Polly Muehleman	12/15		
Marno Benande	12/16		
Douglas Waddelow	12/18		
Jackie Ianson	12/20		
Kathy May	12/20		
Christopher Sparkman	12/20		

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: Judy Baird suffering from cancer (wife of Bruce Baird), Jodi Briedis, Harry Carnes, Christian and Seth, Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Rev. Tom Neuffer Emswiler, Mary Friis, Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Lynne Henne (mother of Brett Henne), Jae, Charles Madsen (brother of Karen Caviness), Skip Madsen (nephew of Karen Caviness), Mary Lynn Madsen (sister-in-law of Karen Caviness, cancer), Mary Mason (sister of Loretta Dodson), Gloria Meier (sister-in-law of Ann Thompson), Pat Mielke, Marjorie Miller, Judy Ruhnke, Darwin Schwaderer (fall), Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), and Stephen (26 year old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer).

Long term prayers: James Barker (son-in-law of Vivian Gwaltney), Marno Benande, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Gerard Gray (cousin of Rose Pech), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Jean Korell, Dorothy Kuckla, Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellessen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Pat Nowak (beginning dialysis, sister-in-law of Joann Baraksa), Don Piester (brother-in-law of Darwin Schwaderer), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Sandra Richard, Orrell Ruth, Marcia Ruth, Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), Bobbie Weichman, and Betty Vares.

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

**With the Holiday Season arriving we often think of how we can help others. Or maybe you make a resolution to volunteer or want an organization to support. Well Feed My Starving Children just might be the right place for you. Join us the first Friday of each month. Sign up sheet is kept on Mission table.
Lillian Eldridge coordinator**



We're having a **Children's Do-It-Yourself Christmas Pageant!** December 24 the United Protestant Church will once again be offering a do-it-yourself pageant at our 5pm worship service. Children from 3 years of age (or younger if accompanied by a sibling/parent) through high school are invited to take part in our spontaneous celebration of Christmas! **NO PRACTICE REQUIRED!** All interested children and their families should arrive at the UPC **no later**

than 4:45pm for the **5pm Christmas Eve** service so that we can get children into costume and provide simple directions prior to the commencement of the pageant. **All children are welcome to participate!** Call Carol R-R (223-8131) with questions.



Wishing you a blessed Christmas season from the UPC Staff!

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

[http://
www.mychurchevents.com/
calendar/calendar.aspx?
ci=L6F0H2O9G1F0O9L6I3](http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6F0H2O9G1F0O9L6I3)

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

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