

The Unifier



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Come and See

In the gospel of John we encounter one of my favorite stories of Jesus. In John 1 (starting in verse 35), Jesus comes by as John (the baptizer) is standing there with two of his disciples. Now Jesus has just been baptized the day before and John has already said of Jesus, "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." John again says, "Look, the Lamb of God!" So the two disciples of John hear this again and decide to follow Jesus. Jesus turns to ask what they want. I can only imagine the two are caught a bit off guard as they respond, "Where are you staying?" Jesus replies, "Come, and you will see."

What Jesus does here, for those who are curious about him is to extend an invitation to come and see. To come and participate. To come and be with. To come and experience. To come and question and wrestle and wonder. These two disciples of John certainly didn't have it all figured out about Jesus, but Jesus invites them to come and see.

Now think to the final chapter of the gospel of Matthew. Jesus, post resurrection states that "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given" to him. And because Jesus has this authority he calls us to go and make disciples. Jesus calls us to go and not unlike him to invite. To call people to come and see. To come and see what the Church is. To come and see who Jesus is. To come and participate. To come and be with. To come and experience. To come and question and wrestle and wonder.

In Luke 5, Jesus tells some fisher folks, that he was going to make them be catchers of people instead of catchers of fish. We do this best when we invite. In real estate is said, "location, location, location." In discipleship and in growing God's Kingdom, it might be said "invitation, invitation, invitation."

As a people, may we be a place of invitation. I invite us all to be people who invite people to worship, and to UPC events, and into conversations with Jesus. We invite people to eat with us in our homes, or go to restaurants. We invite them to spend time with us in recreation and that as they get to know us we get to know them. Let us be people of invitation.

Pastor Ryan

Class Notes

It's 2019, and I have begun my 24th year as Director of Christian Education at the UPC. With support from the staff and volunteers, this work has been a blessing.

In 2018 my job responsibilities included the following: to administer all education programs, to support the parents and teaching staff, to teach children and adults, to facilitate PUSH, to consult with all age levels in the areas of curriculum selection and program support including the All-Church Lenten Study, to find and/or write education programs for the edification of our membership including spiritual retreats, and to provide publicity for children's and adult's programs. I was able to teach JIF workshops, Worship Readiness classes, to direct Vacation Bible School, to lead adult classes such as the Lenten study, *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*, *When God's People Pray*, and *Crazy Love*. I was also able to attend an 8-Day Ignatian Spiritual Retreat in Barrington, IL where I was immersed in silence and study of the Word with the local Jesuits.

PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens) continued to be my small group support for my ministry and life. PUSH, which began as a prayer/Bible study group for UPC teachers, is now a small covenant group that has been together for sixteen years and is involved in intercessory prayer and study of the Word. In 2018 we once again prayed for hundreds of concerns.

In 2018 it was my privilege to partner in ministry with our devoted church staff including Pastor Ryan, Joann Baraksa, Rose Craig Tyler, Jasmine Walker, Kelly Truckenbrod, Sean Del Grosso, Karen Knapp and Marcia Twadell.

May 2019 find you continuing to love, obey and serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

In God's Service,

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
Director of Christian Education



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.

WELCOMING ALL WOMEN!!!

CHECK THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY—CIRCLE 2 WILL NOT MEET IN FEBRUARY.

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Feb.	No Mtg.	N/A	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Feb. 6	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Feb. 7	11:30 a.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Feb. 12	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

FEBRUARY FOR WCF LADIES MEANS...BUNCO!!

Mark your calendar now!

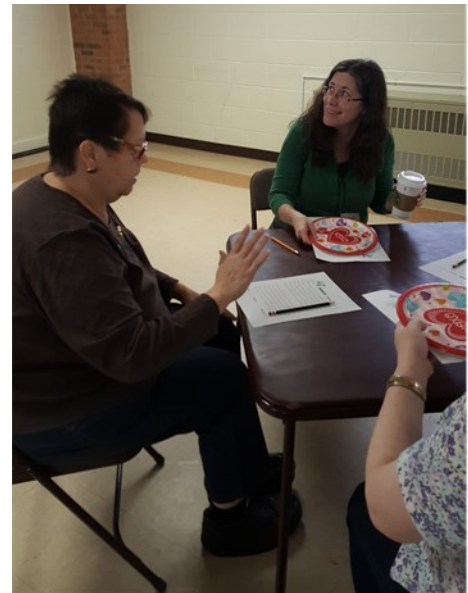
Saturday, February 16

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join in the fun!

Check out the article in this *UNIFIER* for details and info to contact Sue Schmidt if you have any questions.

See you there!!





Join **Barbara Ackles**, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and the Adult Education Committee of the United Protestant Church in **Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 17, 2019, 11:45am-1:45pm.**, for a workshop on DEPRESSION, its diagnosis, prevalence, suicide risks, and other features. A question and answer session is included.

Additional DETAILS...

A Subway lunch will be offered from 11:45am-12:15pm.

The program, including questions, will run from Noon to 1:30pm.

Child care, no charge, is available from 11:45am-1:45pm. (Prior notification is required by March 10.)

A \$5 free will offering is suggested.

Registration is required.

Email Carol Roselli-Rasmussen, Director of Christian Education, at carolrr@upcgl.org , call the church office at 847/223-8131 or sign-up in the Narthex on the Mission Table **by March 10.**



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WCF invites all women of UPC and their friends to join us for another BUNCO event on Saturday, February 16th from 1-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the fellowship of other women as we play BUNCO, converse and have refreshments. Never played before? It's an easy game to learn, so come and try it!

Contact Sue Schmidt at 847-367-1701 or schmidt6134@comcast.net with any ques-

Greeter Schedule

	8:15	10:30
February 3	Bill Churchill	William Pfeil, Laurel Bruggen
February 10	Felix Flok	Pat Barker, Susan Green
February 17	Kim Schwaderer	Donna Obrecht, Kori Henne
February 24	Rosanne Taylor	Linda Markham, Sharon Michalsen
March 3	Rick Burg	Pat Barker, Doris Craig
March 10	Wende Fry	Loretta Dodson, volunteer needed
March 17	Felix Flok	Cathy Vick, Susan Green
March 24	Joyce & Terry Norton	Alice Broadhurst, Marie Frandsen
March 31	Felix Flok	Rick Burg, Rose Pech
April 7	Dot & William Betke	Pat Barker, Need volunteer
April 14 (Palm Sunday)	Linda Markham	Sue Harvey
April 21 (Easter)	Dian Weinkauf	Kori Henne
April 28	Jeff Ziegler	Barb Fischel, Craig Fischel



Adult Education

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

UPC PADS UPDATE



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

Artwork by Evan)

UPC PADS UPDATE

Joel Williams, Executive Director, Leaves PADS in March

We will greatly miss the leadership of Joel Williams, but we wish him the best as he accepts a position elsewhere. Joel leaves PADS Lake County after six years of service. Thank you, Joel, for all you've done for those experiencing Homelessness in Lake County!



Meghan Powell-Filler, currently Assistant Executive Director, will become PADS Interim Executive Director. We look forward to continuing to work under Meghan's leadership as she assumes her new role.

UPC NOW HAS TWO (2) OPENINGS FOR MALES!

1ST SHIFT (5:30 – 11 P.M.) Third week of month

3rd SHIFT (3 – 7 A.M.) Fourth week of month

****PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL TO VOLUNTEER AND...**

PLEASE HELP FIND A VOLUNTEER OR BE ONE!!!

CAN YOU FIND TIME TO VOLUNTEER MONTHLY

...OR TO SUBSTITUTE OCCASIONALLY?

SUBSTITUTES ARE STILL NEEDED!

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

2nd shift (11 p.m. to 3 a.m.)

3rd shift (3 to 7 a.m.)

Late 3rd shift (4:45 to 7 a.m.)

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

Training session can be arranged.

****To RSVP or for more info, contact Rose Pech, pads_at_upc@hotmail.com or 847-356-3577.**

--On behalf of those experiencing homelessness, Rose Pech

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

Birthdays:

Ruhnke, Judy	2/1	Eishenhour, Madison	2/22
Tyler, Rose Craig	2/1	Adams,Michelle	2/23
Alvin, Hal	2/2	Bell, Warren	2/23
Sandoval, Nicholas	2/2	Bartz, Amanda	2/24
Schmidt, David	2/2	Garbutt, Kara	2/28
Lowe, Cherlyn	2/3	Holliman, Wendy	2/28
Singh, Prashant	2/4		
Richards, Kamrynn	2/5	Anniversaries:	
Miller, Marjorie	2/7	Andrew and Diane Sawicki	2/5
Rambo, John	2/8	Karen and David Runyon	2/18
Betke, William	2/9	Craig and Barb Fischel	2/22
McDowell, Dan	2/9	Dale and Nancy Message	2/26
McDowell, Kelly	2/9		
Lil Eldridge	2/10		
Leishman, Jean	2/15		
Richardson, Sarena	2/15		
Eisenhour, Heather	2/16		
Muehleman, James	2/17		
Mall, Alva	2/21		

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 Neufer Emswiler, Mary Friis, Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Lynne Henne (mother of Brett Henne), Jae, Trish Jelinek (friend of Rose Pech), 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 Nellesen (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.

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

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