

The Unifier



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“By the patient teaching and work of Christ, God has disclosed his character to the world. And God’s patient character has deep consequences for (all) Christians...For this reason, Christians don’t need to get frantic. Christians do what they can to share their faith and bring through baptism into the life of God’s people. But Christians are not impatient. They entrust all things, including their own lives and the salvation of all people, to the God who is patiently making all things new.”

(-Alan Kreider in *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*)

Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and from Jesus Christ, AMEN.

In the first couple weeks of our married life together, my wife, Stephanie, turned me on to a new book, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*, by missiologist and Church Historian Alan Kreider. Stephanie herself is a scholar of early church history. She would be the first to tell you that there is not a lot of space at this point for anything new or truly novel to come out of rigorous scholarship regarding the earliest centuries of the Christian Church. Yet, that is precisely what she has found in Kreider’s new book. Kreider offers a compelling and rigorous demonstration of the indispensable importance of patience, as a virtue and characteristic of the early Christians, that has been largely ignored and underappreciated in the dominant narrative of the first believers.

The early Christians preached, practiced and stressed patience as a primary virtue of God. First and foremost, God’s long, patient activity in the creation is reflected in the Holy Scriptures. More importantly, the Incarnation itself, further illuminated in Jesus’ actions, teachings, and life reveal the remarkable reality of divine patience. Ultimately, the shocking good news of the cross, death, and resurrection of Jesus humbly bestowed into the hands of imperfect (all too often highly impatient!) humans revealed that for the early believers the indispensable necessity of patience for all Christian communities seeking to partner with God’s activity in the world.

Patience was indispensable to the early Christians. First and foremost this was because the Scriptures reveal patience to be a primary and defining attribute of God. However, patience was equally important because it contrasted with the world. Secular philosophers of the first centuries utterly ignored and derided patience. Two thousand years later, today’s cultures and leaders continue to utterly deride patience. Throughout history, patience is slandered (by the impatient) as weak, ineffective, lazy and risky.

But for Christian Discipleship, patience is powerful, precisely because it leaves time and space for God. Among the virtues, patience is subversive because it sees the weakness and faithlessness in anxious human action and chooses to endure the risks of waiting on God. Patience alone empowers and liberates faith by stretching beyond the disappointing limits and insufficiency of the present moment, knowing that God will act on God’s time alone. The patient believer knows that in the ultimate scheme of things, time is God’s secret weapon. Patience thus demands that the Christian prioritize the patient witness of deeds over words. We live our faith humbly and patiently, trusting God’s timing to convert, transform, provide and resurrect.

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As we head into a new year, I would suggest that UPC could not do much better than to focus on patience as an area of growth and focus. I mean this both as individual believers and as a community. One need not look further than this year's annual meeting to see the real and practical providence that reveals itself only in God's time. Take, for example, the member roles. There was much stress and worry about the process of cleaning the roles. Yet, now on the other side of that project we are blessed with clarity and peace that comes from order and organization.

Better yet, take last year's budget. I arrived just as we were finishing the budget process. We were just coming out of pandemic, had no active stewardship committee and had just been through countless transitions in the prior 12 months. We brought a (less than ideal) \$-80,000 negative variance budget to the annual meeting and passed it. Precisely because the immediate situation was so fraught, it seemed more prudent to risk the imperfect budget than to force hasty, and possibly irrevocably damaging, budget cuts. In the months that followed, we witnessed the Above and Beyond Fund arise, purely out of God's providence and the generosity of our members. We also saw the effective efforts of a revitalized stewardship team. Last year at this time, no one could have possibly imagined that God would provide these blessings. Today we are celebrating a drastically improved fiscal outcome for the year, and have our finances headed in the right direction. This is the very real power of patience to make room for God!

Let us look ahead to the coming month. This month, we have new member classes on February 11 and 18. We anticipate the largest new member class since before pandemic with some wonderful and faithful new members. What is more, we have a slate of newly-elected leaders who will, if nothing else, see old problems from new angles.

On Wednesday, February 14, we will enter the season of Lent as we observe Ash Wednesday with a brief Imposition of Ashes Service at 7 a.m. and a traditional Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. Lent is a time that calls us to grow in patience through 6 weeks of self-examination, prayer, and intentional repentance. It is time to remember that we are not the point of the story. Rather, we seek to set our clock by God's time. Patience is hard. It is hard, in part, because discerning when one needs to take responsibility and when one needs to wait on God is not often obvious. Even more so, patience is hard because it demands one endure anxiety and uncertainty in the moment. It is my prayer that all of us might strive to reclaim this remarkable virtue throughout Lent and continuing into the coming year.

The Christian is called, above all else, to make the time and space to wait on God. Let us strive as a Church to practice patient faith together, in word and deed, so that we offer our surrounding community nothing less than the Divine!

In Christ,

Rev. Jason Okrzynski, PhD
Senior Pastor



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Church Family,

On February 14th, we will begin our season of Lent. I have joked about how Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day is such a romantic thing. So, if you are looking for an idea for Valentine's Day, stop by the church for one of our Ash Wednesday Services.

This year, we are entering into holy week for our Lenten Study through *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. As she states in her introduction, "This Lenten journey challenges us to examine our consciences and find out how deepening our relationship with Jesus and the Bible brings us into closer relationship with others and the world." This struck me in connection with a part of what N.T. Wright states in *Simply Christian*. Wright talks about how growing in our relationship and understanding of God is like getting to know a person. It takes time and practice. And the way that we understand God shapes the way that we relate to those around us and to his creation.

Wright also talks about how Christianity provides that best answers to the echoes of God's voice that exist around us every day: echoes of justice, relationship, spirituality, and beauty. They all point us to God, specifically through Jesus's life, death, resurrection, and glorification. As we walk through Jesus's final week on earth, we will be reminded of how the Gospel writers make clear who Jesus is and that in and through him we see the intersection of the storylines of God, Israel, and the World. All of holy week points us to the cross and resurrection. In his death and resurrection, Jesus makes all things right and begins the process of restoration promised from the beginning of Genesis. I hope that you will join us on this journey. Books will be available on Sunday February 11th.

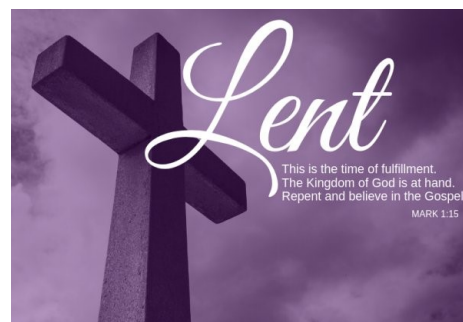
For our Children's Ministry, we are hosting a movie night for the kids on February 9th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. There will be pizza, a movie, and fun activities. Invite families you know to join us. Also, if you are interested in helping or have a teenager who would be interested in volunteering, let me know. I need RSVPs by February 5th, so that I know how much food to get. Email me at ryanaubrey@upcgl.org to register or if you have any questions.

On the family front, we had a wonderful time over winter break. We played many family games, saw lots of family, and everyone received wonderful presents. The recent polar vortex temperatures were a disappointment to our kids. William especially was initially disappointed that he had to wear his winter coat every time he went outside. So, recently when the temperatures returned to just above freezing, he was helping take out some recycling and since it is not a far walk, he was not asked to put a coat on. He stepped outside, and almost immediately with excitement talked about how warm it was and how glad he was to not have to put on a coat. He claims that in the 35-degree weather if he were to go to the bus stop, he would be sweating a lot if he was wearing his winter coat. I am sure that is what would happen. Unfortunately for him, we live in Illinois, so the necessity of winter coats will not go away.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey

Director of Christian Education



KIDS NIGHT OUT

Save the Date!

**Friday,
February 9th**

5:30-8pm



Join us for pizza,
a movie, and
fun games/activities for
kids in 1st-6th grades!

RSVP to ryanaubrey@upcgl.org

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COMING SOON



**EASTER PARTY & EGG HUNT
MARCH 30TH AT 2 PM**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE
MARCH UNIFIER**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS



Dear Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, THANK YOU to all members and friends who supported the UPC with your pledges, contributions, special offerings and volunteer hours in 2023. As we enter 2024, we ask that you continue your generosity and service on behalf of our Lord as we carry on our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In 2024, the Stewardship Committee intends to maintain the same level of sharing information and education we began in 2023 including monthly Unifier articles, budget blurbs in the bulletins, testimonials from the pulpit, publicity fliers highlighting the work being done for Christ by our members and friends, an updated narrative budget and consistent efforts of sharing our sincere appreciation with our hardworking leaders and volunteers.

Currently, some new endeavors we hope to initiate include:

- Encouraging a return to stewardship education for our children and youth;
- "Providing parents with practical ideas, guidance, and simple tools to foster generosity for children and youth of all ages" (R. Schnase, [Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation](#));
- Offering a Stewardship Event for adults in some area of personal finance, planned giving/ estate planning or basic stewardship education on the topic of tithing, pledging and volunteerism.

We look forward to your partnership along this journey!

Trusting Our God Who Provides,

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
Stewardship Chairwoman





Ash Wednesday is February 14 and is the start of the Lenten season. There will be a brief Imposition of Ashes service at 7 a.m., as well as a traditional worship service at 7 p.m. Come join us and prepare your heart for confession and repentance.

WCF invites women of all ages and their friends for an afternoon of BUNCO on Saturday, February 24 from 1-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments and prizes will be provided. Never played before? It's an easy and fun game to learn. Contact Sue Schmidt at churchsec@upcgl.org with any questions.



New Members Classes will be offered on Sunday, February 11 and February 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are new to UPC and wish to learn more about us, or have been attending regularly and wish to become a member, please plan to attend these informational meetings. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Sue Schmidt at churchsec@upcgl.org by Monday, February 5 so we know how many people to expect and how much food to prepare.



Membership & Outreach will be hosting Fellowship Dinners on Saturday, March 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in various members' homes. This is a potluck-style dinner where the host provides the main dish and beverages and the participants bring a side dish or dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to share in fellowship and learn more about each other. Please see the sign-up forms on the table in the parlor. Contact Emily Aubrey for more information at emilyaubrey@gmail.com.



FEBRUARY 2024

UPC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	2	3
4 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service	5 7:00pm Stewardship Committee (MR) 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	6 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105)	7 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Board of Review (101) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	8 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Budget & Finance (MR) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	9 5:30-8:00pm Kids Night Out (FH, 101, 102, Parlor)	10
11 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am New Members Class (FH)	12 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	13 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 5:30pm Circle 9 (Mrs. V's) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105) 7:00pm Nami Family Support Group (MR) 7:00pm Troop 451 Committee Meeting (101)	14 7:00am Ash Wednesday Ashes & Scripture Service 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH)	15 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	16	17
18 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am New Members Class (FH)	19 7:00pm Ad Council (FH) 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	20 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 6:30pm Pack 451 Pack Meeting (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105)	21 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	22 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	23	24 1:00pm BUNCO (FH)
25 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service & Welcome New Members	26 7:00pm Mission Committee (Parlor) 7:00pm Worship Committee (MR) 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	27 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm Membership Cultivation Committee (MR) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105)	28 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	29 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)		

FEBRUARY JOY SHARING

YOU can Help Eliminate Physical & Spiritual Poverty!

God called Tyler & Brittany to work with the unreached in West Africa through a Demonstration Farm alongside Bible Translation



The Kon are in Physical & Spiritual Poverty:

- No Church or Scripture in their language
- 68-82% of children under 5 in our region suffer from Severe Child Food Poverty (UNICEF: they only ate from 0-2 of 8 food groups the previous day*)

Our **Demonstration Farm** has a Dual Focus:

1. Cashews - Cash Crop
2. Fruit Trees, Greens, & Beans – Local Nutrition

Our goal is to provide year-round access to an increased variety of nutrients

ONE PERSON *Really* Can Help Transform Lives by Providing Access to NUTRITION & GOD'S WORD in Kon!

Strategic Prayer Requests:

1. **TEAMMATES:** God to provide a *Nanny* (3+ month commitment), *MK Teacher* (Long-Term), & *Agriculture/ Garden Teammates* (Long-Term)
2. **TREASURE:** *Full Financial Support* as Farm & Family Grow; 3 new partners giving \$100/month & one-time needs of \$5,000



JOIN OUR *ENGAGEMENT TEAM*:

1. *PRAY* Regularly; get Weekly Updates so you can pray informed
2. *GIVE* Occasionally to fill the gap when one-time needs arise
3. *GIVE* Monthly to sustain our work as an Essential Partner
4. *GO* Short- or Long-Term to develop shared experiences with the unreached; you'll never see life the same



ADULT MISSION TRIP

This year we are returning to Mayfield, KY to help build new homes. On our previous trips there, we worked on repairing existing structures damaged by the December 2021 EF4 tornado that ripped through downtown. This year we are joining the **Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build** where they build as many as 5 homes in 2 weeks. **Sign up on their website at www.BlitzHomeBuilders.org by February 15.** We may have free breakfasts at our hotels depending on the hotel they can find. Most likely lunches will be provided. We are responsible for all suppers. There is a \$100 registration fee due when you register to hold your place. You can pay with PayPal or a credit card. Hotel costs will be \$50 to \$70 per night per person double occupancy.

All levels of expertise are welcome and they will train you on site. If you are interested, please register as soon as possible. If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Rick Burg and he will coordinate that part of the mission trip. Volunteers 14 to 18 years old can participate with restrictions based on their age group. Details can be found on the registration page. Drive time is about 8 hours. Rick will drive down on Monday, June 10 and work through Thursday, June 20 and attend the house dedications on Friday, June 21. He will return on Saturday, June 22. (NOTE: He originally was not going to work the entire build but has been convinced to extend through the whole project). You may only want to work one week and that is no problem. Just show them the dates when you register. Please text or call Rick at 224-612-2409 or email rickburg10@gmail.com with any questions.

Key Dates:

Prebuild (For House and Team Leads): Monday, June 10, 2024

Build Start (All volunteers): Tuesday, June 11, 2024

BHB Annual Dinner: Saturday, June 15, 2024

House Dedications: Friday, June 21, 2024

IMPORTANT: They are CLOSING Registration on February 15. It is imperative that you get your registration in before that date.

Feed My Starving Children

The next UPC packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 6 from 7:00-8:45 p.m.** If you are interested in participating, please contact Cinda Bartz at bartzc@sbcglobal.net.

Operation Christmas Child

For February, we would like to collect hair accessories, combs and brushes, small stuffed animals, baseballs and softballs to fill 250 shoe box gifts.



UPC Shopper



Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Consider shopping with gift cards or give them as gifts to that someone special. We offer gift cards to restaurants, movie theatres, clothing stores, and many more. If you don't see what you need in stock, place a special order.

Other News

The Mission Committee would like us all to embrace the slogan "We can do more in 2024." Please consider trying a new mission or participating more frequently in an old one. Check out our web page under Missions at www.upcql.org or chat with a member of the committee for some ideas.

In keeping with our new slogan, the Mission Committee wants to let you know about some changes to our Joy Sharing calendar. In addition to our monthly Joy Sharing recipients, we are highlighting 3 "Fifth Sunday Item Donation" recipients. These are organizations that we already sponsor with year-round collections. We want to highlight them and hopefully gain more support for these amazing missions: Northern Illinois Food Bank, PADS, and Soles for Jesus. Keep an eye out for our first "Fifth Sunday" in March!

Companions Journeying Together



Write messages inside Christmas cards!

986 unsigned Christmas cards were sent for incarcerated people to send to those they love, but **only 131 cards were signed** to be sent to those who would otherwise not receive a Christmas card. **We can do more in 2024!**

Take a pack of 10 cards from the decorated box on the UPC Mission counter in the Nathex. Sample messages are at the front of each pack. Write messages while you wait for appointments or wait when picking up the kiddos, during ads on TV, or any time you're just sitting. Choose one that's provided or one of your own (not preachy) to write inside each card, sign your first name and United Protestant Church, then put each card inside a blank envelope provided, and place the completed cards into the plastic container at the top of the Mission counter OR turn them into the church office. Contact Rose Pech or Cinda Bartz if you have any questions.

DONATE UNUSED CARDS: Christmas cards, Birthday cards, & Mother's Day cards that do NOT have multiple layers, glitter, glued items, stickers, or added decorations can be sent to be used for imprisoned people. Cards may be brought to the church office if they don't fit into the container on the Mission counter.





PADS LAKE COUNTY UPDATE: **400+** PADS clients are now staying in **5** Lake County motels. **More than 100** of these clients rely on PADS donations in general **and on the food and other needed items being dropped off by churches as the source of their daily meals and other necessities.** Any of these items can be donated at UPC or delivered to 1800 Grand Avenue in Waukegan. Non-food items currently on the PADS Lake County Wish List:

- New Toddler and Kids Winter Coats
- Men's and Women's sweatpants and sweatshirts, M-XL
- New Women's underwear and sports bras, S-2XL
- New Men's underwear/boxers, M-2XL
- New Men's and Women's T-shirts, M-2XL
- New Long johns-thermals (various sizes)
- Tents, Sleeping Bags
- Duffle Bags, Backpacks (larger size)

Nonfood & Food Items Needed by Clients & Requested by Case Managers:

- Baby socks: Small and Toddler 6t-7t
- Diapers: size 3 to 6, and pull-ups for toddlers
- Clothes size 6,7,9 and 11
- Children's socks
- Shelf stable milk
- Baby Food for
 - 3 children 6-8 months old
 - 5 children 18-24 months old
 - 12 children 2 years of age
 - 2 children 3 years of age

Food Items Currently on the PADS Lake County Wish List:

Shelf-stable items in microwavable ready bowls:

- Easy Mac, Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore meals
- Cup of Soup, Ramen Cups

UPC PADS UPDATE: UPC plans to continue collecting healthy shelf-stable and microwavable food items year-round. **Everyone can be involved in helping those without a home.** **Buy just one extra food item each week for PADS clients when you shop.** Use the list above or take a more extensive list from behind the label in the plastic sleeve on the PADS food container. NOTE: TWO PADS donation containers are now located near the Director of Christian Education's Office in the Narthex. Don't want to shop? Donate a gift card purchased here at UPC. The volume of food items received does not require volunteers for sorting food. Both sorting and delivery of donated items is currently being done by Mary & Bob Zorc. However, **as donations increase and schedules change, more volunteers will be needed to deliver** the food to 1st Presbyterian Church in Libertyville. If you're interested in helping, please contact Rose Pech 847-682-2837 or pads_at_upc@hotmail.com.

HOLIDAY CHEER FOR PADS CLIENTS!

PADS staff and volunteers offered holiday cheer to the over 400 clients in motels on December 16. 250 men, women and children enjoyed a delicious buffet style meal, received socks and coats if they needed them, and received bags of food to take back to the motels. The children were given presents that had been donated for the occasion. PADS staff is working as quickly as possible to find housing for the people, but there is not enough affordable housing, and many landlords don't want to rent to people with vouchers.



PADS staff serving meal.

Food bagged and boxed for clients to take.



Presents I handed out for 5-12 year-olds.





WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR BUNCO!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1-3 PM

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WCF?

Contact Sue Schmidt, Catherine Vick, Ruth Gheysen, Rose Pech, or call the church office 847-223-8131 for more info! See the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday, and UNIFIER updates.

Circle 2 will not meet in February. Regular meetings will resume at **11:30 AM in the UPC Meeting Room on March 10**. Contact Catherine Vick.

Circle 4/5 meets on the first Wednesday of the month, and the next meeting will be at **11:30 AM on February 7 at Culver's** in Grayslake. Contact Sue Schmidt.

Circle 9 meets year-round at 5:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Hillside Restaurant is no longer open for dinners, so the Circle meeting for February 13 will be at Mrs. V's on Rollins Road in Round Lake Beach**. Occasionally, a meeting must be cancelled so please check with Ruth Gheysen or one of the Circle 9 members prior to going to a meeting.

Circle 10 does not meet in person on a regular basis, but members are in contact with each other on Facebook. Contact Jasmine Walker.

Check the table below for meeting information and choose what works for you!

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Sun., March 10	11:30 AM	UPC Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Feb. 7	11:30 AM	Culver's in Grayslake	Sue Schmidt
9	Tues., Feb. 13	5:30 PM	Mrs. V's in Round Lake Beach	Ruth Gheysen
10	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jasmine Walker

Tyler, Brittany, Danielle, & Joanna give praise for Tyler's father's being home where he is recovering after having his liver transplant. Pray for his comfort and continued recovery. Cards and messages are welcome, but in-person visits must wait for at least two months. Praise for Brittany's mother's recent visit and safe return home. During her visit, she gained a renewed appreciation and respect for workers in developing countries, saying life is simple, but NOT easy! Praise also for two college students who have agreed to be nannies for two months this summer. Prayer requests include wisdom in creating their village routine as a family of 4 and an upcoming project to hire someone to tile the two new houses for their teammates. **February's UPC Joy Sharing is for Tyler and Brittany. Please give generously!**

February Birthdays

2/1 Frank Garnier
2/1 Rose Craig Tyler
2/2 Dave Schmidt
2/3 Cherlyn Lowe
2/4 Timothy Knapp
2/7 Marjorie Miller
2/10 Lillian Eldridge
2/11 Jeffrey Taylor
2/12 Garrett Fries
2/17 James Muehleman
2/21 Alva Mall
2/23 Michelle Adams
2/23 Warren Bell
2/28 Wendy Holliman
2/28 Matthew Thoms



February Anniversaries

2/18 David & Karen Runyon
2/22 Craig & Barb Fischel
2/26 Ken & Anne Craig
2/26 Dale & Nancy Message



UPC's Continued Prayers for Members, Relatives, and Friends:

Members: Marie Frandsen, Susan Green, Joan Hendricks, David Holliman, Joanne Lawrence, Marjorie Miller, John Porteous, Dan Watkins, Bobbie Weichman, and Dian Weinkauf.

Mission Partner: Chris Baker from INK180

Tyler, Brittany & Danielle, & Joanna: request prayers for more farm teammates, good growth and protection from fire for their trees, and financial aid as their farm continues to grow. See other praises and prayer requests mentioned in the WCF article on page 13.

Relatives & Friends: Allen Anglin, Kathy Behm, Joe Boccaleoni, Kathy Weichman Bradley, Lorine Cooper, Patricia Davis, Judy Hendrickson, Mary Mason, Gloria Meier, Pat Mielke, Tommy Nellessen, Sohail Rana and the Alam family, Gary Sadlack, Stephan, Erik & Kacie Stanley, their son & Erik's mother, Diane.

Long-term prayers: Bruce Baird, Flora Boehm & family, Betty Bournes, Thomas Bournes, Mary Brase, Don & Tina Busch, Brad Fuller, Trish Jelinek, Rick Juern, Conny Kappler, Ben Kelly-Fuller, David Novak, Sue (PADS friend), Wendy (friend of Rose Pech), and Michelle (friend of Linda Markham).

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



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Line**

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

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