

The Unifier



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July 2022

Greetings!

Thank you for the great turnout in worship on July 3rd! A great crowd on a holiday weekend. It was such a fun morning getting to meet you and eating delicious cake provided by Barb and the Worship Committee. Last Friday I had created a Facebook video introducing my family and myself to UPC. Unfortunately, I lost it somewhere in cyber space! So, I thought I would tell you briefly about my family and me.

I am a former school teacher (6th grade) and taught in Seymour, IN for nine years. I entered seminary and served as an associate minister while attending seminary. I was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1991. So, I am entering my thirty-second year of ordained ministry. I served as a settled pastor for over twenty years until I received training to be an intentional interim pastor.

I have standing with the United Church of Christ and have been serving over ten years as an intentional interim pastor.

I am married to my high school sweetheart and we celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary in June. We have two grown daughters who have blessed us with two great son-in-laws and three awesome grandkids.

So much for a brief introduction. I hope as time goes by to meet as many of you as possible outside the church setting. Remember, if you are in need of prayer, a visit, or hospitalization, please don't hesitate to call. My cell phone number is 847-707-5601.

My office hours will normally be Monday-Wednesday, 10am-2pm; Thursday is my remote day and will work from home or do visitations; Friday is my Sabbath day.

Below is the sermon outline for the remainder of July:

07.10.22- *Where Do We Go from Here?* Colossians 1:1-14 Amos 7:7-17

Decisions about the church **today** should be made with an eye toward people's needs **tomorrow**.

07.17.22- *Just Words* Psalm 52

Words can wound. They can also heal. Often, the difference is whether our words are just.

07.24.22- *Ecology for Colossians* Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19

Christians grow when they are rooted in Christ and connected through an ecosystem of communication, nourishment and sacrifice.

07.31.22- *Was Jesus Anti-Rich?* Luke 12:13-21

Jesus wanted us to simplify our lives. We tend to make life complicated.

Pastor Steve

Dear Church Family,

On June 21-23, we held VBS. The kids had a wonderful time learning about how we make waves. How do we make waves in the world around us? We accomplish this through sharing and showing who God is to those around us. We discovered that God made people with a purpose, that you can trust Jesus with your life, and God's Spirit helps you change the world around you. I want to say thank you so much to the volunteers and those who helped by providing donations. We could not have held VBS without your support. Most of all, thank you to all who pray for our children and volunteers here at UPC.

I so value and covet your prayers over the educational ministries at our church. As we talked about on Thursday in VBS, God helps us change the world by sending us His Holy Spirit. When we grow in our faith, fruit is produced. This fruit is demonstrated by a changed heart, so when we read the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 – 23, it is important to recognize it as the result of a maturing and growing faith. Like a plant, only living plants produce fruit. It continues to be my prayer that our kids and adults will be growing and maturing in their faith, so that we will see fruit that only comes from God produced in our lives. This is how we know that hearts are being changed.



As we move toward our new ministry year, I would like to put a call out for ideas for our adult opportunities. We typically do one topical series and one series working through a portion of Scripture. If there are any topics you would like to explore or portions of Scripture you would like to walk through, please contact me.

I hope that you all are enjoying your summer. If you have any questions, need any resources, or would like to meet with me, please let me know. I am happy to provide any help that I can.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey
Director of Christian Education

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Joy Sharing on July 17 benefits World Relief. Refugee and immigrant family services, DuPage/Aurora joins with 250 churches and over 1,100 volunteers annually to serve 5,500 immigrants and refugees. Services include refugee reception, legal services, employment, education, counseling, children and youth services. We would like to get more involved with this organization. For more information or for volunteering, please call 630-462-7566, ext. 1046 or email World Relief at worldreliefdupageaurora.org.

UPC is scheduled to help at Feed My Starving Children on the **first Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 to 8:45pm**. The next opportunity to serve is August 2. Feed My Starving Children is located at 742 E. Park Avenue in Libertyville. You can pack food, help with the warehouse or put labels on bags (a sit-down job). Please use the sign-up sheet on the missions table in the church narthex. If you have questions, please contact Cinda Bartz at bartzc@sbcglobal.net or (847) 727-1552. FMSC is a great place to spend a couple hours and know you have truly made a difference in people's lives!



PADS UPDATE



July 2022

PRAYERS REQUESTED AS PADS LAKE COUNTY SEEKS EMERGENCY SHELTER SITES FOR FALL:

As of the end of June, PADS was having meetings and discussions with two potential new church sites in hopes they will serve as emergency shelters for the 2022-2023 Emergency Shelter Season. In addition to these, at least one or two more sites will be needed to fully meet the needs of PADS guests this fall. Shelter Project Manager Julie Kovacs has requested “prayers and crossed fingers” that the two prospective sites will join us as we offer shelter to those in need. Please also share the need and pray for additional sites to be located.

PRAYERS REQUESTED AS UPC PADS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR FALL:

PLEASE SHARE OUR UPC PADS NEEDS & PRAY that our site will find a Volunteer Coordinator and enough volunteers for our UPC PADS ministry. PRAY about whether YOU are one of those whom God is calling to serve others in this way. SHARE the needs mentioned in this article with people you meet each day: family members, friends, co-workers, club members, and other acquaintances. If St. Mary of Vernon can recruit all the volunteers needed AND if all needs are met here at UPC, our UPC PADS Site will be open each Thursday night/Friday morning from October 6/7, 2022 thru April 27/28, 2023.

Both onsite & offsite opportunities exist. Most onsite volunteers are scheduled for shifts as listed below from approximately 4:30 PM Thursday until about 7 AM on Friday. Volunteers are scheduled for 7 or fewer times, usually once a month during the season.

ANTICIPATED FALL PADS ONSITE SHIFT NEEDS:

- **PADS SITE SETUP (4:45-5:45 PM):** Need youth, adults, families, groups
- **KITCHEN CLEANUP (6:00-8:30 PM):** Need high school youth
- **FIRST SHIFT (5:30-11:00 PM):** Need several adult males & a few adult females
- **SECOND SHIFT (11 PM-3 AM):** Need adults (need 1 or 2 for 11 PM-1AM also)
- **THIRD SHIFT (3:00-7:00 AM):** Need adults
- **LATE THIRD SHIFT (4:30-7:00 AM):** Need adults
- **MORNING KITCHEN CLEANUP (6-7 AM):** Need adults

Some opportunities to serve our PADS Site can be scheduled on other days and times. The volunteer coordinator works from home and has flexible hours. Contact Rose Pech at pads_at_upc@hotmail.com or 847-223-8131, ext. 17 for more information.

THANK YOU for your continued prayers and other support! — UPC PADS Site Leadership Team

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

JULY 2022

WCF WELCOMES ALL WOMEN 18 & OVER!! PLEASE JOIN US!!

Contact info for chairpersons can be found in our church directory or contact Rose Pech 847-682-2837 or rose4nonna@hotmail.com for this & more information.

CIRCLE NEWS:

Circle 2: Meetings will be held on July 17 & August 7 this summer & continue through December.

Circle 4/5: Monthly meetings will resume on the first Wednesday of each month starting September 7.

Circle 9: Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month to enjoy time with members and friends who can come for food and fellowship at Hillside Restaurant in Grayslake. Check with Ruth Gheysen to confirm prior to meeting date because occasionally meetings are cancelled due to members having other commitments.

WCF MISSION FUND: DONATE NOW!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO UPC with WCF MISSION FUND written in the memo.

The year is more than halfway over, and our WCF Mission Fund needs contributions to send to Tyler and Brittany for their 2023 budget. Donations may be made at any time. Checks made out to UPC & marked for the WCF Mission Fund or labeled envelopes with cash should be put into the church offering plate or given to Janet Kendrick on Sunday mornings. Checks may also be mailed to United Protestant Church, % Janet Kendrick, 54 S. Whitney Street, Grayslake, IL 60030. The amount in the fund at the end of December 2022 will be sent to help support the projects undertaken in West Africa during 2023.

See chart below for July meeting information for the circles.

Watch for more detailed information regarding other circle meetings in the Tuesday Newsday emails, weekly church bulletin, & our monthly UNIFIER articles.

| Circle | Day/Date | Time | Place | Contact |
|--------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2 | Sun., July 17 | 11:30 a.m. | Rose Pech's home | Catherine Vick |
| 4/5 | No Meetings until September 7 | | | Sue Schmidt |
| 9 | Tues., July 12 | 5:30 p.m. | Hillside Restaurant | Ruth Gheysen |
| 10 | TBD | TBD | TBD | Jasmine Walker |

Praying everyone is enjoying a happy, safe and blessed summer, Rose Pech

July Birthday List

7/3 Joanne Lawrence
7/3 Tim Pech, Sr.
7/5 Joan Hendricks
7/5 Christopher Message
7/8 Tammy Hernandez
7/8 Dan Watkins
7/9 Laurel Bruggen
7/10 Veronica Mussay
7/11 Antoinette Mussay
7/13 Jill Selinger
7/14 Dave Bartz
7/14 Katelyn Rasmussen
7/17 Amber Baillargeon
7/17 Michael Higdon
7/20 Kelsey Helm
7/20 Ann Thompson
7/23 Karen Knapp
7/27 Katherine Christensen
7/28 Vaughn Muehleman
7/28 William Weller
7/31 Brooke Wilt

July Anniversaries

7/11 Ryan & Emily Aubrey
7/12 Carlos & Jane Sandoval
7/14 Josh & Sarah Grubbs
7/30 Wende & Helene Fry

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

Patricia Davis (friend of Bob and Pat Mielke), Joel Gray, Loretta Dodson, Marie Frandsen, Sue Harvey, Judy Hendrickson, Mary Mason, Gloria Meier, Marjorie Miller, Gary Sadlack, Larry Smith, Eddie Smith, and a friend of UPC recovering from surgery.

Long term prayers:

Tyler, Brittany & Danielle; Bruce Baird, Flora Boehm & family, Betty Bournes, Thomas Bournes, Mary Brase, Don & Tina Busch, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Brad Fuller, Susan Green, Carl Heiler, Trish Jelinek, Rick Juern, Tom Nellessen, Chester Pinkowski, Joanne Lawrence, Bobbie Weichman, Sue (PADS friend), Wendy (friend of Rose Pech), and Michelle (friend of Linda Markham).

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Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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