

The Unifier



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June 2022

These past four years my family and I have been shaped by the people of UPC. From the first time I worshipped with you, sneaking into the balcony before my first official visit, to what will soon be my last sermon preached here, time and people have changed us. We have been through a great deal together. We have celebrated marriages, celebrated the earthly lives of those saints who have now gone to glory before us. We have baptized babies and confirmed young adults into the church as they have accepted faith for themselves.

Then there was COVID. I had to double check this, but more than half of our time in ministry together has been during COVID. We have had to re-examine how we are in relationship with one another. We have learned how to Zoom and stream, and upload, and download, and be creative. We have had the sorrow of being apart, and the joy of returning. Much has happened here in the last years.

I write these things with the full knowledge that my words here are inarticulate and inadequate to express the fullness of my emotions and the memories that I will ever cherish.

I want to leave with a few exhortations. Love God and love each other. It really does boil down to that. But lean into one another. Support one another. Attend worship regularly. I can't express to you how the community is stronger and you will be strong when you worship together. Attend Christian education classes. Don't become stagnant in your faith or believe that you know all you need to know. Keep learning. Keep growing. Keep daily walking with God.

Somewhere along the way I met a fellow who said he would never say good-bye. He would instead say, 'until we meet again'. I think it is a wise word. So UPC, until we meet again.

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

After weeks of questioning whether (or we could write “weather”) Summer would arrive, it is here. With summer comes changes to our educational ministries, and while we do pause our Sunday morning activities, we are still actively preparing for our Summer as well as the Fall. In this month’s newsletter, I would like to run down a few upcoming activities for our church.

First off, we are opening the Summer with an event on the front lawn in conjunction with the Grayslake Art Festival. Join us on the lawn for fun art activities and take advantage of the playground and gaga pit. Also, June 21st – 23rd is VBS! I am really excited to explore how our faith and our lives **Make Waves** in our families, community, and wider world. If you read this, before June 19th, I would encourage you to register your child or a child you know for our VBS program. The registration link is available on our website. If you are reading this after June 19th, I encourage you to bring your child or a child you know to one of our other summer opportunities.

In July, we will be inviting the families in our church and their friends to meet at a playground for fun and fellowship. I really look forward to getting together more casually watching our kids play. Be watching for more details on this opportunity in the coming weeks.

As August rolls around, we begin to get ready for the Fall. Part of that is a Back-to-School event. We will offer this event once again. It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the summer as well as begin to prepare for the Fall ministry offerings.

On the family front, recently the kids were staying with my parents overnight. In the morning, they were both helping with some yardwork. Anabelle helped my mom weed and William moved some sticks onto their stick pile. Throughout the morning, there was a light rain, so William decided he was done helping and went inside to play. Anabelle decided to continue weeding. When we came to pick-up the kids, each child was paid for their work. Anabelle got a dollar and William got 50 cents. As we were getting into the car, William kept insisting that he got more money, because Anabelle only got one, but he got 50. I think we might need to work a little more with money.

As always, if you have any questions or if there are ways that I can support you or your family this summer, please let me know. Also, if you have any ideas of topics for our adult opportunities in the coming year, please connect with me.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey

Director of Christian Education

Our June 19th Joy Sharing will be Adult Mission Trip

It will be to Mayfield, Ky. Graves county, leaving June 26th returning July 2nd. They suffered severe storms with terrible age. The cost will be \$25.00 a day, \$125.00 for room and board. Let Rick Burg know if cost a problem. If you'd like to join the crew going let Rick know asap. Being a part of past mission trips was truly a blessing, I think more for those of us helped those we helped. So if you've never gone on one before, think about it and join in! Connect with mission members or for more info. Judi Becker...847-362-4134 or Rick 224-612-2409

June, 2022

PADS LAKE COUNTY SLEEPOUT FOR SHELTER: THANKS TO FRIENDS & FAMILY MEMBERS: \$2,242 was donated to Rose Pech's fundraising account. Rose is **hoping many others will join in this fundraiser next May!** Watch the live event video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2991lqwM-mw&t=4s>

“HULA FOR OUR HELPERS:”

Was the theme of the Volunteer Appreciation Event on Saturday, May 21, as PADS LAKE COUNTY honored VOLUNTEERS who served during the 2021-2022 PADS Emergency Shelter Season. More than 40 of our UPC PADS volunteers worked monthly at St. Mary of Vernon, agreed to substitute, or prepared & delivered the evening dinner once a month at that site. Names of these volunteers were read and letters of gratitude were handed to those who were present. Letters for the others will be delivered. Two adjacent photos show some of our UPC PADS volunteers and the new Shelter Project Manager, Julie Kovacs. Julie oversees all the church shelter sites and hotel accommodations and led in organizing the event.



VOLUNTEERS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR STILL NEEDED FOR UPC PADS:

PLEASE SHARE OUR NEEDS & PRAY that personal contacts being made by so many of us will provide UPC with 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. If St. Mary of Vernon can recruit all the volunteers they need 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. Onsite volunteers are scheduled for shifts of various lengths from approximately 4:30 P.M. Thursday until about 7 a.m. on Friday. Volunteers are scheduled for 7 or fewer times (usually once a month) during the season. 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, pads_at_upc@hotmail.com or 847-223-8131, ext. 17 for more info.

THANKS SO VERY MUCH for your prayers and other support. There are no words to thank you enough!
--UPC PADS Site Leadership Team



WCF NEWS JUNE 2022

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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 will continue meeting throughout the summer with dates varying according to schedules. Mark your calendars now for June 5, July 10, & August 7 when we'll be meeting here at UPC in the parlor or outside on comfortable sunny days.

Circle 4/5: Watch for monthly meetings to resume on the first Wednesday in September.

Circle 9 had to cancel the May meeting due to members having other commitments, but plans are to meet on 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.

WCF MISSION FUND: DONATE NOW!

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

The year is halfway over, and our WCF Mission Fund is empty because all of last year's contributions were sent to Tyler and Brittany for 2022. The money we put into this fund from now until the end of 2022 will go toward helping Tyler & Brittany meet their budget for 2023. Donations may be made at any time by marking them for the WCF Mission Fund and putting them into the church offering plate, giving the check or labeled envelope with cash to Janet Kendrick on Sunday mornings, or mailing the check 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 June meeting information for the circles.

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

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Sun., June 5	11:15 a.m.	UPC Parlor	Catherine Vick
4/5	No Meetings until September			Sue Schmidt
9	Tues., June 14	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Ruth Gheysen
10	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jasmine Walker

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and blessed summer, Rose Pech

June Birthday List:

06/04 Brandon Gregory
06/04 Cally Hayes
06/04 John Richardson
06/09 Barb Fischel
06/09 Andrew Schmidt
06/10 Cami Adams
06/13 Shane Runyon
06/16 Rosanne Taylor
06/19 Denise Fuller
06/23 Spencer Craig
06/23 Dan Powers
06/23 Roger Richardson
06/23 Diane Trowitch
06/26 Patricia Barker
06/30 Cathy Vick

June Anniversaries

06/11 William & Marie Weller
06/15 Craig & Janet James
06/21 Gretchen & Jerome Jagla
06/30 Jeff & Monique Taylor

UPC is again organizing volunteers to help at Feed My Starving Children once a month. Mark your calendar for June 7 July 5, and August 2 from 7:00pm until 8:45. 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 sign up by contacting Mary Ann McDowell at either 630-294-7224 or maryann.mcdowell@icloud.com. FMSC is a great place to spend a couple hours and know you have Truly made a difference in people's lives.

Dear friends at UPC Grayslake:

Thank you so much for adopting May 6th at our shelter. On this day, one of our residents graduated from our program and moved into an apartment of her very own! Because of your support, this was possible. Thank you!

Lake County Haven

**To Access UPC's Calendar On
Line**

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

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Church Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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