

The Unifier



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March, 2022

Join Us For Lent and Holy Week:

Lenten Study:

9am in the parlor each Sunday in Lent

(Journey to the Cross by Paul Tripp)

9am Children's Education

Easter Egg Hunt

9am April 16th 2-4 pm

Holy Week Worship (April 10-17)

Palm Sunday 10 am

Holy Monday 7 pm

Holy Tuesday 7 pm

Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Good Friday 7pm

Easter Sunday 7am and 10am

Easter Breakfast Between Services Easter Sunday

Worship

Worship is an inevitable part of human existence. In fact, more than that, worship is at the heart of what it means to be human. We all worship something or someone. This is simply unavoidable. I think back to Bob Dylan's "Gotta Serve Somebody". Here are some (but not all) of those lyrics:

*You may be an ambassador to England or France
You may like to gamble, you might like to dance
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls*

*But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed
You're gonna have to serve somebody
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody*

*You might be a rock 'n' roll addict prancing on the stage
You might have drugs at your command, women in a cage
You may be a business man or some high-degree thief
They may call you doctor or they may call you chief*

*But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes you are
You're gonna have to serve somebody (serve somebody)
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody*

I think Bob was on to something when he penned these words. He was speaking to the basic condition of the human heart. We all have affections. The question we must all answer, and daily, is to what will be direct our affections. Our directing of affections goes by this other name: worship.

As we are journeying in Lent, may we take the time to daily consider the direction of the affections of our hearts.

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

The Season of Lent is just beginning. I am grateful to all who are participating in our Nehemiah study. It has been wonderful to work through Nehemiah. He is a great example of godly leadership. We will be returning to this study after Easter. The second half of the study, and the book of Nehemiah, address the topic of Nehemiah rebuilding the community of God. We have seen how he led the people in his first rebuilding task, the walls of Jerusalem, and will now see how he goes about the task of rebuilding God's people. I encourage you to join us after Easter.

As I think about this year's Season of Lent, I want us to think about it as an opportunity to create belonging. We will be reading Paul Tripp's *Journey to the Cross*. It is a 40-day Lenten Devotional. When we are all read the same passages each day and come together each week to discuss them is a great way to begin to create a sense of belonging.

For our Children's Ministry, we continue to explore the big question of *how do I fit into God's family*. It is important that we think about how God created us to be in community with one another, and to recognize that even from an early age, He has a place for us in His family. Also, beginning this month, we will also be offering a lesson sheet for families who are not able to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship for Sunday School. If you are interested in participating in this, please let me know. I am excited to be able to offer this to families, so that they can continue faith conversations together at home.

On the family front, Emily has been teaching our kids piano for the past several years. Most weeks they enjoy it. Recently, she has established a reward for practicing five days a week. If they accomplish that, they receive a special sticker, and if they practice seven days, they receive two fancy stickers. This week, from the very start, Anabelle is determined to practice seven days because she really wants two special stickers. It is amazing how a small piece of sticky paper can provide such motivation.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our educational offerings so far. I have really enjoyed our time together and look forward to completing our various opportunities this Spring. Finally, if there is something we, as a church can do to better demonstrate care to you or your family, please let me know. God wants us to be a community where people experience belonging, are growing in their belief, and are becoming more like Christ each day.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey



PADS UPDATE

March, 2022



UPC PADS SITE MAY OPEN IN OCTOBER

Our UPC PADS Leadership Team & the UPC Administrative Council have given conditional approval for opening UPC as an emergency shelter site for the PADS Lake County Emergency Shelter Program 2022-2023 Emergency Shelter Season from October 2022 through April 2023.

As stated in the February PADS UPDATE, UPC and St. Gilbert Parish are committed to opening our UPC PADS Site **IF** we have a volunteer coordinator for the main shifts, enough volunteers & leaders for all shifts, & can follow the guidelines set by our UPC Site Leadership Team, UPC Administrative Council using input from CDC, Federal, State, & PADS Lake Co.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, SHIFT LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS!

IT IS VITAL that we have the essential leaders and other volunteers!! **PRAY** for this ministry, **PRAY** for a volunteer coordinator, **PRAY** that enough volunteers will step up, **PRAY** about whether **YOU** are one of those who God is calling to serve & meet one of these needs.

If these needs are met, our UPC PADS Site will be open each Thursday night/Friday morning from October 6/7, 2022, thru April 27/28, 2023. Many opportunities exist, some onsite and some offsite. The first onsite volunteers arrive at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays, & the last onsite volunteers leave the site about 7 a.m. on Fridays. Volunteers are scheduled for various shifts throughout the evening, night, & morning. 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.

HOTELS CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE MAIN PADS SHELTER

From now until the end of the PADS Emergency Shelter Season April 30, guests will still be housed in hotels with some guests who go to the PADS Lake County office between the hours of 8a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday being transported by PADS to the church shelter site that is open that night. Guests who are dropped off by the police after the church site opens are also served by the site that is open that night. All church sites will close the end of April, and some clients will have to find other places to stay until they get into regular housing or until the Emergency Shelter Season opens again in October.

Plans are to open two or three church sites each night in October for clients who are not eligible to stay in hotels that will house only families, elderly & health-compromised clients.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SEVERAL CHURCH SHELTER SITES

1st Presbyterian Church Site on Wednesdays: Use the sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4bafa722a3f49-pads7>

Chapel Libertyville on Fridays & Chapel of Grayslake on Saturdays: This link takes you to sign-up for both sites; click on link for site where you wish to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49ADA628A5FC1-pads1>

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Grayslake on Mondays: Use PADS signup at the church's website: www.shepherdofthelakes.org

THANKS SO VERY MUCH for your continued support! --UPC PADS Site Leadership Team



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WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP*



WCF NEWS—MARCH 2022

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

BUNCO IS BACK—MARCH 12—MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

YES, IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!!! And **we're hoping to see you** and have a good turnout for our upcoming BUNCO on Saturday, March 12, from 1 to 3 PM for an afternoon of fellowship & fun!! Refreshments will be served using safety precautions.

WCF MISSION FUND:

Donations may be made at any time throughout the year, and the amount in the fund at the end of December 2022 will be sent to help support the projects undertaken by Tyler & Brittany in West Africa during 2023.

CIRCLE NEWS:

Circles 2 & 4/5 will resume regular meetings in March. See chart below for March date & time. Watch for 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., Mar. 6 | 11:15 p.m. | UPC Parlor | Catherine Vick |
| 4/5 | Wed., Mar. 2 | 12:30 p.m. | UPC Parlor | Sue Schmidt |
| 9 | Tues., TBD | 5:30 p.m. | Hillside Restau- rant | Ruth Gheysen |
| 10 | TBD | TBD | TBD | Jasmine Walker |

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

Birthday List:

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| 03/01 | Steve Howard | 03/21 | Max Mansell |
| 03/03 | David Holliman | 03/22 | Gregg Helm |
| 03/04 | Kim Fletcher | 03/22 | Samia Mall |
| 03/06 | Evelyn Munts | 03/25 | Lindsey Helm |
| 03/06 | Pat Wackerlin | 03/29 | Donna Obrecht |
| 03/06 | Jeff Ziegler | 03/29 | Sandy Sparkman |
| 03/09 | Richard Carlson | 03/30 | Doris Hanke |
| 03/09 | Brian Divis | 03/31 | Kaitlyn Fuller |
| 03/11 | Pat Curnow | 03/31 | Mitchell Fuller |
| 03/11 | Andrew Vick | | |
| 03/12 | Tom Christensen | | |
| 03/12 | Cynthia Ryckman | | |
| 03/14 | Marie Frandsen | | |
| 03/15 | Lauren Bunke | | |
| 03/15 | Kim Lenzen | | |
| 03/17 | Tessa Fuller | | |
| 03/17 | Tessa Richardson | | |
| 03/19 | Janet James | | |
| 03/19 | Mary Richardson | | |
| 03/19 | Donald Vick | | |
| 03/20 | Beth Floral | | |
| 03/20 | Wendell Fry | | |
| 03/20 | Christina Harris | | |
| 03/20 | Carl Heiler | | |
| 03/21 | Lloyd Lowe | | |

March Anniversaries:

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| 03/24 | Terese & Warren Bell |
| 03/30 | Cynthia & Richard Floral |

Our Joy Sharing for March will support the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The mission of the Northern Illinois Food Bank is to provide nutritious food and resources for our neighbors, with dignity, equity, and convenience, through partnerships and innovation. The Northern Illinois Food Bank serves our neighbors in 13 counties, providing 250,000 meals per day. They partner with over 900 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth and senior feeding programs to provide nutritious meals and resources. 97% of the resources go directly to nourishing the community. Solving hunger is possible with your generous support.

**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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