

The Unifier



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May 2024

Grace to you and Peace,

All Saints Day is 184 days away but it somehow feels close. As a faith community we have seen a half dozen members or friends of UPC become blessed memories in the past month. It is a lot to make sense of in a short amount of time. It is also a reminder that every one of us has been gifted with a finite number of days.

There is no greater privilege for ministers than being invited into the dying and grieving process. I have been blessed and matured by all I have witnessed and learned through these processes. I have learned that if you are invited to someone's death bed: go. I have learned that the dying have choices in how and when they let go, even when they have been unresponsive for days or weeks. I have learned not to be afraid of death. I have learned the importance of making peace with others while I have time. I have learned the power of Christian faith in helping people lead a meaningful life, and that it is much easier to let go of a life lived by those criteria. I have learned that God holds us all in God's grace far more than we realize. Perhaps most importantly, I have learned that people most certainly can die with dignity.

Dying well is a result of living well. Our relationship with God and our sacred stories give us the criteria for living well. Regular daily acts of worship, prayer, study, service and acts of mercy and reconciliation pave the way to a peaceful and dignified death bed, not just for ourselves but for those who will grieve us: our family and loved ones. This fall we will be hosting a seminar on aging, death and dying. This seminar will include practical advice on the business of planning for dying well. In the meantime however, the way we walk faithfully each day with God and our neighbors is creating the story that we will reconcile with in our final days.

This Sunday, May 5th, we will gather to confirm the baptisms of three of our young men. Baptized as infants, confirmation comes at a moment in life when our young adults begin to make decisions that will launch them into adulthood. This is primarily about asking our young people to take responsibility for the Christian faith they were baptized into, and for the promises made to God on their behalf. It is also an opportunity for the community of faith to recognize the importance of religious education. From baptism forward, it is the church's responsibility to raise our babies in the faith. This is the literal process by which we pass on those same criteria of a life well lived in Christ. Please join us this Sunday to celebrate this rite of passage with our confirmands and their families.

In closing, please receive a profound word of gratitude for the time, talents and treasure you give to United Protestant Church to raise our children in the Christian faith, and to provide a place where people of all ages can get support in living good and faithful Christian lives across the life cycle.

In Christ,

Rev. Jason Okrzynski, PhD
Senior Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Church Family,

As we approach the first Sunday of May, we take time to recognize our 8th graders and all the work they have put in over the past two years during Confirmation. They have grown in faith, and we pray that in the years to come, they will continue to grow and take ownership of their faith. This year's group is Soren Okrzynski, Charlie Craig, and Gavin Fries.

We once again come to the end of our ministry year, and I would like to thank you all for your support in keeping our Children's and Adult Ministries operating. We had a great year in both these ministries.

Our Children's Ministry spent the year exploring the theme of Covenant throughout the story of the Bible. We saw how God's story from creation through Jesus's ministry can be tied together by understanding the various covenants God made with His people throughout Scripture. I look forward to our next year of Children's ministry beginning in the Fall. In the meantime, we will be hosting VBS this summer, June 24th – 27th. I hope that you will join us during that week to learn about Jesus our solid rock. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let me know. We will need some donations and a few more volunteers. Also, invite friends or family to join us for the week. There is a registration link available on the website, and I will have paper registration forms available by Sunday, May 5th.

Our Adult Ministry explored two major themes throughout the ministry year. A first major theme that we explored was the ministry of Jesus. Building off that theme, we discussed, and are finishing a discussion of taking Jesus's ministry into our everyday life. We have had wonderful discussions throughout the year. Thank you to all who have participated and helped teach. I look forward to continuing our learning in the Fall. I am thinking about the possibility of holding an adult education opportunity during the summer, so if you would be interested in hearing more about that possibility, please let me know.

On the family front, the kids began the Spring soccer season. It is always fun to watch the kids each Saturday, especially if it is not cold and/or rainy. So far, we have managed to avoid such weather. William moved to a new team, and I forgot how fun it is to watch the younger kids blob to the soccer ball. William is so far enjoying his games and has scored several goals for his team. Anabelle continued with the same team from the Fall. They have all seemed to improve from then, and they have so far played quite well. While she has not scored any goals, as she prefers to play defense, she has had several assists and good passes that started her team's offensive pushes.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional resources or ideas to continue your Spiritual growth, please let me know. I would be happy to meet with you or provide you with some ideas.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey

Director of Christian Education



BREAKER ROCK BEACH

VBS
2024

JUNE
24-27

10AM-NOON

**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

 **United
Protestant
Church**
of Grayslake

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*Register your children, friends, grandchildren
ages preschool through 6th grade now through
June 17th at www.upcgl.org or fill out a
registration form located in the UPC parlor.*

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Ryan Aubrey at:

ryanaubrey@upcgl.org

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Dear UPC Members and Friends,

Today I am sharing good news with you in the form of a chart that depicts the commitments many of our families have made to God and to benefit His church, United Protestant, through our 2024 Pledge Drive. As you peruse the chart, please be reminded that we are called to give to the church as a way of demonstrating gratitude for all the blessings we receive.

When we give liberally, we are giving back to God just a portion of what He has given us. Through our gifts, we honor Him and concede that everything we have belongs to Him. However, giving generously is more than just a duty, it is an act of faith. When we trust God enough to give abundantly, we are sowing seeds of blessing that will one day yield a harvest.

2024 United Protestant Pledges

Yearly giving total	Number of giving units
\$15,000 and up	3
\$10,000-\$14,999	2
\$5,000-\$9,999	7
\$1,000-\$4,999	26
\$500-\$999	7
\$100-\$499	9

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

Trusting Our God Who Provides,

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen



*Please remember the
United Protestant Church
in your Estate Planning.*



Testimonial of Carol Roselli-Rasmussen given on April 28, 2024

Good morning. Today I am happy to share my testimonial of how being a member of the United Protestant Church for 30 plus years has enhanced my life.

Peter, in his letter to Jewish Christians scattered throughout Asia minor, said in 1 Peter 3:15-16: *You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your HOPE as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*" Here is part of my explanation.

The UPC has changed my life for the better in too many ways to mention in a few minutes. So, here are the bullet points:

- I learned the best economics lesson when immersed in Bible studies as I read Jesus' words in Mark 8:36: *For what will it profit [you] to gain the whole world and forfeit [your] life?* This lesson led my husband and me to tithe and reminded me that every good gift is God's and to be used for His glory. To me, this is the meaning of an abundant life.
- As the DCE at UPC from 1996 to 2019, through study, I became acquainted with some of my favorite Christian authors who have contributed to my Christian worldview such as Thomas a Kempis, Richard Foster, Jim Cymbala, and GK Chesterton. Most recently from Chesterton, who was a late-19th early-20th writer, I became aware of an irrefutable argument in support of Christianity, its end result: JOYFUL Christians of which I consider myself one.
- As an employee of the UPC, I was consistently encouraged to develop myself as a contemplative through study and retreat during which I learned to listen deeply for God through the spiritual disciplines of SILENCE/SOLITUDE/STUDY.
- Because of my involvement at the UPC, I learned to pray without ceasing, developing a great love of the Jesus Prayer.
- At this church, which I unreservedly refer to as my second home, I have developed some of the most amazing friendships. There is NO DOUBT in my mind that within these walls lives my second family.
- As a volunteer, this church, with arms wide open, allowed me to utilize my spiritual gifts of faith, teaching and administration through service in some of our many ministries for over 30 years and counting.
- I have ALWAYS felt trusted, loved and encouraged by our members and leaders here.
- I am certain that God called me here to share the hope found in following Christ which was always my mission as a Christian educator.
- Furthermore, it is here at the UPC that I cultivated a strong desire to unite Christians from varying backgrounds such as Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Baptist by emphasizing what we have in common—**our love for Jesus**—rather than what separates us. Jesus himself prayed "that they may be one".
- I learned how to fast at UPC, and to recognize its many benefits.
- I learned how to LOVE God's Word, acknowledging that thousands of questions do not equal one doubt, and that in the light of faith, EVERYTHING makes more sense.
- Finally, to me, the United Protestant Church is a microcosm of the Kingdom of God. Together, whether conservative or liberal, former Catholic or Jew, large families or single adults, we work together peacefully, lovingly and sharing the mission Christ gave to us through his Word: **We** are making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It doesn't get any better than that.



MAY 2024

UPC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30am Circle 4/5 (Culver's) 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:15pm Troop 451 Board of Review (101)	2 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 7:00pm Staff Parish (MR) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	3 5:00pm Troop 671 Pancake Breakfast Setup (FH/Kitchen)	4 6:00am-3:00pm Troop 671 Pancake Breakfast (FH/Kitchen)
5 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Adult Education Committee Meeting (FH) 11:30am Circle 2 (MR)	6 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	7 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 5:30pm Circle 9 (Mrs. V's) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm Communications Team Meeting (MR) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105)	8 7:00pm PUSH (Parlor) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH)	9 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)	10 6:00-8:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting (FH-Aubrey)	11 10:00am-12:00pm Laurel Bruggen Visitation 12:00pm Bruggen Memorial Service 1:00pm Bruggen Family Luncheon (FH)
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY No Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service	13 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	14 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 6:30pm North Star District Commissioners Meeting (MR) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 PLC (101)	15 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH)	16 9:00am Park District Preschool (202) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	17	18
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MAY JOY SHARING

malaria Malaria is one of the world's most common and serious tropical diseases, with about half the world's population at risk of being **NO MORE** infected with malaria. Although preventable and treatable, malaria causes significant morbidity and mortality, with the greatest numbers of cases and deaths in resource-poor regions and among young children.

- **Globally in 2022, there were an estimated 249 million malaria cases and 608,000 malaria deaths in 85 countries.**
- **The WHO African Region carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden. In 2022, Africa was home to 94% of malaria cases (233 million) and 95% (580,000) of malaria deaths.**
- **Children under 5 accounted for about 80% of all malaria deaths in Africa.**

There is a connection between climate change and malaria. Changes in temperature, humidity and rainfall can influence the behavior and survival of the malaria-carrying *Anopheles* mosquito. Extreme weather events, such as heatwaves and flooding, can also directly impact transmission and disease burden. Catastrophic flooding in Pakistan in 2022, for example, led to a five-fold increase in malaria cases in that country.

In addition to extreme weather events, other drivers of malaria epidemics and spikes in malaria cases include humanitarian crises, biological threats such as drug and insecticide resistance, and socioeconomic constraints.

There are, however, grounds for optimism. Successes include, among others: the roll-out of the world's first malaria vaccine and the recommendation by WHO of a second safe and effective vaccine; the current availability of a new generation of dual-active ingredient insecticide-treated nets; the scale-up of seasonal malaria prevention for children at high risk of severe malaria; and progress towards or the achievement of malaria elimination in a widening circle of countries.

By donating to Malaria No More, you can help work towards the day when malaria is eliminated in other countries as it was in the US in 1951. In 1900, malaria was present in approximately 53% of the world. In 2022, that number had shrunk to 27%.

World-wide elimination is possible. Won't you please help?

Joy Sharing Sunday is May 19.

MISSIONS

Feed My Starving Children

The next UPC packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7 from 7:15-8:45 p.m.** If you are interested in participating, please contact Cinda Bartz at bartzc@sbcglobal.net.

Operation Christmas Child

During the month of May, we would like to collect toothbrushes, wash cloths, paddle balls, and dolls to fill 250 shoebox gifts.

Companions Journeying Together

Packets of 10 Christmas cards with a paper of sample messages attached are always available in the decorated box on the UPC Mission counter. **Thank you** to those of you who are taking them to write notes to prison inmates who may not otherwise know that anyone is even thinking of them. If you haven't done so, pick up a pack of cards today. Write while sitting and waiting in any setting...even during the TV commercials. Put completed cards into the container on the Mission counter marked "Companions Journeying Together."

One person accepted the Lenten Challenge and **wrote 40 cards in 40 days!**

Companions Journeying Together sends over 8,000 Christmas cards each year, spreading joy to people who are imprisoned in Illinois-- **thanks to people like YOU!** Contact Rose Pech or Cinda Bartz for more information.



UPC Shopper

Not sure what to get mom for Mother's Day? Why not give her a gift card and let her pick out something special, such as Bath & Body Works, Ulta Salons, DSW Shoes, local theatres, Starbucks or Barnes and Noble. Want to make it more personal? Buy a gift card and use it to purchase her present, possibly at Kohl's, Spafinder, Mario Tricoci, Express, JC Penney, iTunes, Macy's, Michael's or Jo-Ann Fabrics.

Taking mom out to dinner so she doesn't have to cook on Mothers' Day? We have gift cards for a variety of restaurants and can order many others. Plain or fancy, expensive or inexpensive—Taco Bell to Lou Malnati's Pizza to Maggianos to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse—just ask Dian if you need help. If we don't have what you are looking for in stock, ask Dian to order it for you (1-2 week notice requested).

Did you know that the profits from the UPC Shopper will be going to help pay the shipping for our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes? We hope to ship 250 boxes which would amount to \$2,500 in shipping fees and a lot of very happy children. If you love OCC, please consider purchasing gift cards to help support the cause.

Lake County Haven

The Mission Committee is starting a new ministry to prepare dinners for Lake County Haven women's shelter. We plan to deliver a meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner) for the 10 women in the house every other month. If you would like to help prepare the meal, provide some of the food, or participate in the delivery, contact a member of the Mission Committee.

Curt's Café in Highland Park

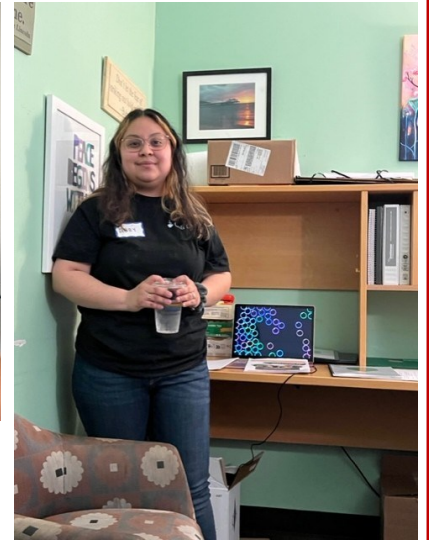
On April 20, a small group of members of UPC attended the Curt's Café Spring Social (Justice) 12th Anniversary Celebration in Highland Park. We spent two hours "behind the scenes" learning what a new student experiences there. We were also taught certain skills used in the café, such as making latte's. We heard from the Social Services personnel, and also considered how we might attempt to write a mission statement for our life, including creating a board of directors. These are a few pictures from that event. Maybe you will join us next year!



Instructions on making latte's



Kitchen staff and students



Social worker

*Come for lunch
and support
this worthwhile
mission.*



Part of the spread, all prepared at Curt's Café

*Dine in or
carry out.*

Visit Curt's Café at their 2 locations:

1766 2nd Street in Highland Park OR 2922 Central Street in Evanston

Visit www.curtscafe.org for directions

Open Tuesday through Saturdays 8 AM to 3 PM
Closed Sundays and Mondays

LEARN MORE ABOUT AVON TOWNSHIP...

Avon Township is home to the villages of Round Lake, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, Hainesville, Grayslake, and Third Lake. For over 160 years, Avon Township has provided general and emergency assistance to Avon Township residents. Our Avon Township Assessors provide residents with property assessment and are responsible for assessing the property uniformly according to the value. Our Highway Department oversees the construction, maintenance, and repair of roads within the unincorporated areas of the district. Every four years, registered voters of Avon Township elect a Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Assessor, and four Trustees. Our elected Avon Township Supervisor, Michele Bauman continuously introduces new and exciting events for Avon Township's residents as well as programs and services aiming to serve the needs of our community members. This year we introduced our New to Me free clothing section. This service assists those in need of gently used clothing, always free, 100% provided by community donations. Avon Township also offers several other programs and services to our residents. Our Avon Township Food Pantry is located within our township walls, providing residents with a safe space to receive food items. Our Medical Lending Closet provides access to gently used medical equipment ranging from wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, and more, for a period of up to 90 days for Avon Township residents and non-township residents. We also offer Flood Mitigation Equipment including generators, fans, and wet vacs, all available free of charge; just give us a call. On Wednesdays from 9am to 1:30pm, Representative Brad Schneider, Caseworker Manager, Laura Hoyne is in the Supervisor Office assisting residents. Throughout the week, our community rooms host a variety of community classes ranging from kids' classes to senior classes. Ask us how you can book one of our community rooms including our newest addition to Avon Township, the Outdoor Educational Classroom, contact us at (847)-546-1446 or Mbauman@avonil.us. This is merely a highlight of all the programs, services, and resources offered through our township doors. To stay in the loop of all things Avon Township check us out on our social media pages @avontownship on Facebook and Instagram; or better yet, stop into our Avon Township Supervisor Office and see for yourself (you might even catch a tour with Supervisor Bauman)!



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 due to the Memorial Day holiday.



LATEST NEWS FROM PADS LAKE COUNTY:

- **PADS NEEDS ARE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE! 500 or more PADS clients in motels and other clients are receiving PADS services.**
- An updated list of current needs continues to be sent weekly to PADS leaders who are coordinating donations in their local churches. At times these donations are falling short of what is needed, and additional requests are sent. These needs include lunch and dinner items and baby food previously listed, as well as gift cards and other non-food items. Items always needed include microwavable lunch and dinner meals, Walmart gift cards, gas cards, and fast-food cards.

UPC PADS UPDATE:

- **UPC PADS** delivered **5 carloads** of food to First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville during April in response to requests for additional food items. This food was purchased using gift cards donated by both St. Gilbert Church and additional cards bought at UPC using our UPC PADS Fund.
- A list of currently needed food items will be shared weekly in the Tuesday Newsday email for everyone who wishes to donate at UPC. Items donated at UPC are delivered to First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville by Mary and Bob Zorc. This is in addition to the food purchased and delivered by our other shoppers.
- **Remember,** UPC Shopper gift cards purchased for a PADS donation allow you to give twice—locally and internationally—without any extra cost to you. A small percentage from each purchase goes into our Operation Christmas Child fund (OCC), helping to pay for shipping the OCC boxes to children overseas, while the entire amount of the gift card helps PADS clients—AND you don't have to go shopping! All this, by just purchasing the UPC Shopper cards for Walmart to donate for UPC PADS or cards for gas stations or fast-food places for PADS Lake County. Please indicate where you want the cards to be donated: UPC PADS or PADS Lake County. Rick Burg coordinates the use of UPC PADS Walmart cards and Rose Pech delivers the cards to PADS Lake County.
- Your donations are helping to clothe, feed and provide needed supplies and services to the **500 or more PADS clients in motels and to other clients who receive PADS services.** Watch the Tuesday Newsday emails for specific updates.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND OTHER SUPPORT!

Contact Rose Pech 847-682-2837 or pads_at_upc@hotmail.com for more info.



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WCF? *Contact Sue Schmidt, Catherine Vick, Ruth Gheysen, Rose Pech, or call the church office at 847-223-8131 for more info. See the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday, and UNIFIER for updates.

Circle 2: Meetings are held at **11:30 AM in the UPC Meeting Room** one Sunday each month from March through December. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 5**. Contact Catherine Vick. Circle 2 members will be sorting and shelving food at the **Avon Township Food Pantry at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 15**. **Contact Rose Pech to help.**

Circle 4/5: Luncheon meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be **at 11:30 AM on May 1 at Culver's** in Grayslake. Contact Sue Schmidt.

Circle 9: Meetings are held year-round on the second Tuesday of each month at **5:30 PM at Mrs. V's on Rollins Road in Round Lake Beach**. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 7**. Occasionally, a meeting must be cancelled, so please check with Ruth Gheysen or one of the other Circle 9 members if you plan to attend.

Circle 10: does not meet in person. 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., May 5	11:30 AM	UPC Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., May 1	11:30 AM	Culver's in Grayslake	Sue Schmidt
9	Tues., May 7	5:30 PM	Mrs. V's in Round Lake Beach	Ruth Gheysen

*Contact information is available online in the **Instant Church Directory** or at the UPC office.

Tyler, Brittany, Danielle, & Joanna are so thankful for the tremendous blessings of support they receive through prayers, messages, and donations. Their current prayer requests are for Translation—Brent's exegetical check while Luke and Solo draft, Treatment—good health and availability of Malaria Vaccine, Treasure—increase monthly funds by \$325, favor in having trench dug to connect new teammates' houses to town water, creativity and energy for healthy cooking with limited ingredients, all projects to increase progress rate to complete at least 4% of a Bible/year, pray for physical recovery of a colleague who had to prematurely return home because of health issues exacerbated by the heat and whose plans of returning are unknown, and the goal of networks of churches using Kon scripture to grow and multiply.

May Birthdays

5/3 Anne Craig
5/6 Jennifer Cooper
5/8 Richard Craig
5/9 Mary Ann McDowell
5/16 Terese Bell
5/17 Emily Aubrey
5/17 Jasmine Walker
5/19 Richard Dzwonkiewicz
5/23 Carolyn Korell
5/24 Drew Madden
5/26 Lexie Craig
5/26 Jill Helm
5/29 Joshua Grubbs
5/29 Dale Message
5/30 Phil Bjerning

May Anniversaries

5/10 Donald & Cathy Vick
5/12 James & Laurie Bethmann
5/13 Brett & Kori Henne
5/26 Mark Rasmussen & Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
5/30 David & Wendy Holliman



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

Members: Marlene Badgerow, Marie Frandsen, David Holliman, Joanne Lawrence, Mary Ann McDowell, Marjorie Miller, John Porteous, Linda Rambo & family, Dan Watkins, Bobbie Weichman, and Dian Weinkauf.

Tyler, Brittany & Danielle, & Joanna: give praise for all the support they receive as they also celebrate Danielle's capital favorites of swimming, ice cream and trampoline; being encouraged by the "Beloved" theme at Spiritual Retreat; new teammates' solar batteries getting out from port; Joanna sleeping through the night and taking good naps. Challenges include the need to make an additional trip to the capital before July because their biovisa machine is broken; teammate's need to see a chiropractor after more than a month of back pain; hard transition from friends, catered meals, childcare, swimming, trampoline, and air conditioning at night in the capital to the heat and monotony of the village; and Joanna only eating finger foods and options there are limited so her eating is still inconsistent. Prayer requests for this month are favor on Brent's 2-week trip to work in-person with national translators and favor as they are approaching fruit tree planting, a busy season for Tyler.

Relatives & Friends: Allen Anglin, Kathy Behm, Joe Boccaleoni, Kathy Weichman Bradley, Lorine Cooper, Patricia Davis, Cliff & Peggy Grost, Caleb Harris & family, 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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ci=L6F0H2O9G1F0O9L6I3](http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6F0H2O9G1F0O9L6I3)

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