

# The Unifier



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## Where Does My Help Come From?

It is in the moments of our greatest desperation, that reaching out, we will find that God is close and powerful as well as loving.

There is much in this world that we seem to rely on rather than relying on God. It seems far too true that we are a people who see power around us, but we often forget or neglect the power of the Holy Spirit in us. We don't see because we do not look. We don't understand because we have simply failed to ask God for wisdom and understanding. Perhaps we could and should all ask ourselves on a regular basis what we rely on that isn't God. All else will fail in this world. But we must remember God who in the greatness of His love and mercy did not spare us even His own Son. May we think deeply on these things, drink them in deeply, and ponder them in our hearts.

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

“We don’t grow in our love for Him by His simple presence but by the determined effort of seeking Him.” The Apostle Paul says it a slightly different way in his letter to the church in Philippi, “So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence” (Philippians 2:12). The way of a disciple is one of work and constant movement. For example, Peter’s path is one marked by ups, downs, and significant change. The man eating with Gentiles in Acts is the same man who was called as a fisherman and the same man who denied even knowing Christ. We can divide the development of Peter the disciple into 5 stages: Curious, Convinced, Confident, Consecrated, and Courageous.

Over the next five months, we will take a look at each of these stages as exemplified in the life of Peter. We do this, so that as we think and talk about our future opportunities here at United Protestant we can examine how they move us along in our journey of faith. At the same time, we recognize that this is not something that will be perfected in our lives. Though Peter, as we see and will explore in more detail, became courageous in his faith, actively serving and building the Kingdom of God, his sanctification was not complete. Discipleship is a lifelong task. I pray that the various ministries and ministry opportunities here at United Protestant Church move each of us, children, youth, and adults, along in becoming grounded in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and transformed by God into the likeness of Christ.

I thought I would take another opportunity for you to get to know my family, so at the end of each of my newsletters, I will include something from the home. This month, I thought I would share a little more about our daughter, Anabelle, though really, she will be sharing with you. I did a little interview with her, and this is what we got. I hope you enjoy. Our daughter’s name is Anabelle. She is five years old. Her favorite thing in Kindergarten is recess, because it is on the playground. Anabelle’s favorite color is pink. Her favorite food is lemon sauce stir-fry, because of the lemon sauce. Anabelle enjoys playing outside, climbing on the roof of our playhouse, and biking to the park. Her favorite animals are butterflies and flamingos. She likes butterflies because they are colorful, and she likes flamingos because they are pink. Anabelle enjoys reading books. Some of her favorites are *I Spy* books and *Where’s Waldo* books. Anabelle has a great imagination, and she said that for fun she enjoys playing with her stuffies (stuffed animals). In the middle of talking with me, Anabelle sat on the floor on her knees with her head on the ground. When I asked her what she was doing, she said that she was just sitting like a rock. I asked her why, and she said, “Just because.” I hope that you enjoyed learning a little bit more about Anabelle. I hope that you all have a great day.

Blessings,  
Ryan Aubrey

**Thanks to our volunteers’ support of Feed My Starving Children we are helping to end world hunger. All ingredients to make food packages are donated. Packages of food are put together by volunteers. That’s us! For this organization to continue to succeed in their mission, we, as a congregation, need to support them. With our prayers and our time. Volunteers are needed on the first Friday of each month at 8pm. A sign up sheet is conveniently located on the Mission Table.**



# UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



### UMW Elgin District Annual Meeting:

Three of our members attended the UMW Annual Meeting which was held in Libertyville in September. After delivering the donations of board books and diapers/pullups from UPC, we registered, received a 150 year UMW pin, and enjoyed chatting over coffee/tea until time for the program. It was a joy to see fellow members from the surrounding area, especially those whom we've known from past programs and meetings. The program about the Deaconesses and Home Missioners Ministry was presented by Deaconess Catherine Insera of ChildServ and was very informative. These are "laywomen and laymen who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together they form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope and global in out-reach" as defined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. The worship service that followed was especially meaningful as we honored members of our district women's groups who've passed away during 2019. A candle was lit and a star added to a large poster as the name of each deceased member was read. Mary Friis from UPC WCF was our honored member.

### Upcoming Changes:

WCF members were notified in October that the WCF Board had voted to discontinue our annual Cookie Walk and spring Silent Auction. Instead we are having a simpler fundraiser. The notice read, "Due to limited participation in fundraising efforts, WCF will not be offering the annual Cookie Walk in December or the Silent Auction next spring. Instead, we would like to hold a voluntary "No Bake" Bake Sale. This means that the money you normally would spend on the ingredients to make cookies or other baked goods for the Cookie Walk would be donated directly to WCF. This money will help support our ministries for 2020 on a reduced budget. If you are interested in participating in this, please submit your cash or check (payable to WCF) to Sue Schmidt by November 17. Once funds have been received, we will be able to finalize our budget for next year. Thank you!" UPC will be having a bake sale on December 7 with total church participation. For more information, please contact Diane Kiblinger.

## WCF CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Nov. 5	7:30 p.m.	Small Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Nov 6	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Nov 7	11:30 a.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Nov. 12	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Candi Becker
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech

## UPC PADS UPDATE

### UPC “BACK TO PADS” SOUP/CHILI & SALAD DINNER & TRAINING



More than 60 volunteers gathered in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 26 for the “kick off” of our 29<sup>th</sup> PADS Season at UPC. After Rose Pech welcomed everyone, Pastor Ryan Kiblinger offered a blessing for the PADS volunteers and guests, for the PADS Season, and for the food and those who prepared it. Following the meal, Suzanne Christensen, Director of Shelters for PADS Lake County, gave a brief description of the PADS programs and answered questions from the group. New volunteers then received site orientation and training while experienced volunteers received updates and discussed procedures for the coming season.

**STATUS OF VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** The shifts at UPC are almost completely filled with volunteers; however, we do have a few openings and we REALLY need substitutes for ALL of the shifts. **IF YOU CAN'T VOLUNTEER YOURSELF, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND PRAY FOR GOD TO TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO CAN!**

#### **Monthly onsite volunteers we need:**

1<sup>st</sup> shift (5:30 to 11 p.m.) –1 male for Oct.31, Jan. 30, Apr. 30

2<sup>nd</sup> shift (11p.m. to 3 a.m.) – 2 males & another person for Oct.31, Jan. 30, Apr. 30

3<sup>rd</sup> shift (3 to 7 a.m.) – 1 male monthly; 2 males & another person for Jan. 30, Apr. 30

Late 3<sup>rd</sup> shift (4:45 to 7 a.m.) – 2 people for Jan. 30, Apr. 30

Morning kitchen cleanup (6 to 7:30 a.m.) - 2 volunteers for Jan. 30

**When regular volunteers call off, substitutes are needed for every shift listed above. For more information about our needs or ways to help,**

**contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or [pads at upc@hotmail.com](mailto:pads@upc@hotmail.com)**

**--On behalf of people experiencing homelessness...UPC PADS Site Team**

**November birthdays:**

Philip Higdon	11/05
Wynelle Wharton	11/05
Stephanie Clark	11/07
Doreen Churchill	11/08
Candi Becker	11/09
Marissa Churchill	11/13
James Bethmann	11/14
Kaila Sparkman	11/16
Kenneth Parrish	11/17
Barbara Weichman	11/19
Tom Michalsen	11/22
Sue Schmidt	11/22
Vivian Gwaltney	11/23
Craig Fischel	11/25
Katelyn Selinger	11/27
Judy Peters	11/28

**Anniversaries:**

Ken and Carol Parrish	11/10
Jamie and Denise Fuller	11/15
Ralph and Gail Gotlund	11/24
Gregg and Jill Helm	11/24
Richard and Melanie Carolson	11/30

**Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members:** Carla (in ICU and unresponsive following brain aneurysm, friend of Spencer Craig), Desiree Helgren Anderson (bone marrow transplant), Judy Baird (cancer, wife of Bruce Baird), Christian and Seth, Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Loretta Dodson (chronic pain), Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Lynne Henne (mother of Brett Henne), Jae, Charles Madsen (brother of Karen Caviness), Skip Madsen (nephew of Karen Caviness), Mary Mason (sister of Loretta Dodson), Gloria Meier (sister-in-law of Ann Thompson), Pat Mielke, Marjorie Miller, Linda Papesh (cancer, mother-in-law to the Fischel's daughter), Judy Ruhnke, Darwin Schwaderer. Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), Stephen (26-year-old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer), and Martha Walker (grandmother of Alisha, Gabby and Caroline Walker).

**Long term prayers:** Marno Benande, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Betty Bournes (sister of Rose Pech), Jodi Briedis, Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Trish Jelinek (friend of Rose Pech, severe cellulitis in leg), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellesen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Sandra Richard, Orrell Ruth, Marcia Ruth, Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), and Bobbie Weichman.

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are currently serving their country: All First Responders, Andrew Vick (son of Cathy and Don Vick), Abraham Lam Yuen, Bob Sisco (brother of Lexie Craig), Dennis Jackson (friend of Lexie Craig), Philip Norton (grandson of Joyce and Terry Norton), Duneley Rochino, and Michael Nilles (great-nephew of Barb and Craig Fischel).

## Greeter Schedule

	8:15	10:30
November 3	Jeff Ziegler	Sue Harvey, Cathy Vick
November 10	Felix Flok	Rose Pech, Jerry Wessale
November 17	Wende Fry	Cathy Vick, Alice Broadhurst
November 24	Bill Churchill	Joyce and Terry Norton
December 1	Felix Flok	Craig and Barb Fischel
December 8	Rosanne Taylor	Linda Markham, Donna Obrecht
December 15	Wende Fry	Alice Broadhurst, Cathy Vick
December 22	Terry and Joyce Norton	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
Christmas Eve	7pm <b>volunteers needed</b>	
	11pm Jerry Wessale and <b>additional Volunteers needed</b>	
December 29	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	Sue Harvey, <b>Volunteer needed</b>
January 5	Mary Ann McDowell	Doris Craig, Pat Barker
January 12	Kori Henne	Dian Weinkauff, <b>volunteer needed</b>
January 19	Linda Rambo	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
January 26	Bill Churchill	Rose Pech, Sharon Michalsen
February 2	Jeff Ziegler	Dian Weinkauff, <b>volunteer needed</b>
February 9	Kim Schwaderer	Laurel Bruggen, Pat Barker
February 16	Rosanne Taylor	Alice Broadhurst, Marie Frandsen
February 23	Wende Fry	Rose Pech, <b>volunteer needed</b>

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