

The Unifier



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November 2023

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and from Jesus Christ,

You likely noticed the snow flurries yesterday. I know I did. I heard a lot of alarm about it from multiple people. I want to admit that I was the flake (pun intended!) who was grateful for the snow. Until about the middle of January, I take great delight in the snow. I share this only because it was a tangible sign that November is upon us.

For Christians, November is the final month of the church year, and we spend this month focused on being grateful. The first Sunday in November we gather to give thanks to “the saints”. Put simply, a saint is someone who went before us in the faith. A saint is one who loved us and showed us what it means to live as a friend to God. We give thanks for all those who have died this last year and gone before us into eternity before that. This year, we will be lighting candles for the following saints who have entered the life eternal in the last year:

Barry Craig
David Craig
Doris Craig
Patricia Figge
Lynne Fuller
Carl Heiler

Walter Message
Ken Press
Sarah Press
Eddie Smith
Priscilla Wackerlin
Wynelle Wharton

We acknowledge the deaths of these former members as well: **Patricia Curnow, Sandy Findlay, John Harnagel, Vuel Smith.**

Throughout the month of November, United Protestant offers a number of opportunities for folks to express their gratitude through action. This month’s Joy Sharing will again be an opportunity to give thanks for those who have served their country in the Armed Forces by supporting our Veterans through the Veteran’s tree. The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, on November 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is an opportunity to express gratitude for what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, while also proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ by packing shoeboxes of care and witness to send throughout the world.

November is, of course, the month that our nation celebrates Thanksgiving. While Thanksgiving is not technically a church holiday, the theme of gratitude is essential to Christian faith that our community, like most, include Thanksgiving in their church programming in November. Sunday, November 19th, we will be celebrating together as a church with a Thanksgiving Potluck. Later that week, United Protestant Church is playing host to the Grayslake Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year. On Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m., members of St. Gilbert’s and St. Andrew’s gather with us to share a service of worship and thanksgiving.

Finally, we close the month with Reign of Christ Sunday. It is a day in which we proclaim the true Lordship of Jesus Christ above all other powers. It is, however, also a day that is essential about expressing gratitude for who God has made Godself known to be in Jesus Christ.

Of course, when December arrives, next it brings Advent and Christmas and likely full of winter weather. I am incredibly eager to celebrate Christmas with you all! However, I invite us all to take this month to slow down and maybe even take a minute to stop and smell the snow flakes ...or at least turkey; and even more so, to let our hearts be filled with gratitude. Maybe the snow can remind us that we will begin on our journey to the manger soon enough!

In Christ,

Rev. Jason Okrzyński, PhD

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to believe, I know, but Advent is just one month away. Coming off our survey of the book of Hebrews, one of the main themes in Hebrews is that God has spoken to us in the past through the prophets, but in these last days, He has spoken to us through His son, Jesus. The book of Hebrews stresses that God speaks to us through His son, Jesus Christ and that in Christ we have the ultimate and final word of God. One of the challenges for us, then, is are we able to hear His voice. That is the purpose of our current adult study on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. We are exploring the steps of the Lectio Divina: Read, Meditate, Pray, and Contemplate.

John 10:27 says, “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.” Knowing and recognizing the voice of the shepherd takes practice. The more we hear Him, the easier it becomes to recognize God’s voice to us. That is one of the purposes of the Lectio Divina. This ancient method of Bible reading and prayer is one way that we can get into the practice of slowing down and taking time to listen for God’s voice in and through Scripture. Hearing God’s voice is not just so that we know more about who He is, but it leads to belief that is visible in the way we live and interact with the world around us. Hearing God’s voice reorients our hearts, so that we come to place God at the center of reality rather than ourselves. This is my prayer for the next month as we not only prepare our hearts for what God might have to say to us this Advent season, but also so that we would be prepared to listen to Him throughout the rest of our lives. That our lives might be continually being reoriented to Him and that we would live in obedience to His call upon our lives.

On the family front, sometimes having children makes you face difficult realities and forces you to accept facts related to aging that you would rather put off or ignore all together. We were recently eating a meal outside, enjoying some of the last warm weather. While we were talking, William, who because of the size of our picnic table sits on the table part, not the bench, leans over to me just to remind me about the skin part on top of my head that is getting larger. Yes, William, I am losing my hair. Thank you for reminding me.

Anyway, thank you all for reading, and I hope that you will all practice listening for God’s voice, so that we might know the voice of our shepherd, Jesus Christ. As always, if you have any questions or need any resources, feel free to contact me. I would love to help you in any way that I can.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey
Director of Christian Education



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Five Practices of A Fruitful Congregation



Dear Members and Friends,

This month we conclude our profiles of the 5 practices that yield a fruitful congregation with **EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**. As Christians we acknowledge that generosity is far more than an obligation. We are asked to give liberally of our time, talent and treasures NOT because we have to but because we are made in the image of the God of generosity who, using the phrase often said by John Hammond in Jurassic Park, "spares no expense"!

As Robert Schnase claims in *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, "the followers of Jesus see in the gracious and costly gift of His sacrifice and death the ultimate self-revelation of God. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son' (John 3:16)."

If we find it hard to give extravagantly in return, it is likely because we are allowing society's values to shape our thinking more than our faith's values do. The more we as a church nurture steadfast and charitable giving, the more we are able to accomplish for Christ. Please be reminded that "we have worshipped in sanctuaries that we did not build and drunk from wells we did not dig (R. Schnase)." It is now our time to step forward in confidence and give of ourselves compassionately as we partner with Christ to establish His kingdom with the gifts He has bestowed upon us.

If you are interested in reading the *Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation*, please contact me at Rasmuss4@aol.com, and I will see that you receive one of the books we have to loan.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor. 9:11)

Trusting Our God Who Provides,

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
Stewardship Chairwoman



STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Presented by Rick Burg on October 8th

I am Rick Burg and would like to speak about my journey of faith.

My walk with Christ started at a young age. I grew up in a small rural Wisconsin EUB church which melded into a United Methodist church during my youth. I continued attending church services through my college years. While co-opting in Cincinnati, I was able to talk a Jewish friend into attending with me a couple of times. Recently, 50 years later, he has actually come to believe in Jesus as Christ. A friend of his in Cincinnati actually convinced him, so not much input from me.

I moved quite a bit in my early career years, attended various Methodist churches but never really got heavily involved in any of them. When I came to UPC, that changed. It was most likely from the family feel of UPC and its many dedicated members.

At UPC I have experienced many firsts. After many years at UPC I finally decided to join the choir. It was the first choir I had been in since high school.

I joined the Administrative Council and learned much about the inner workings of a church. What I expected to find was a fight between egos and agendas, but what I found was a group dedicated to Christ that left their egos at the door.

I also signed up for Buildings and Grounds and found that to be an area that I could contribute to the church. I am now heading the Operations Commission that is directly connected to Buildings and Grounds.

I had never been on a mission trip until UPC and have been able to pursue that for a number of years. It is a fulfilling feeling to see what a group of committed people can do in a week to improve others' lives.

Another big first was working with PADS at the UPC site, trying to improve the lives of the homeless. It was an eye-opening experience to see how many blessings I have versus others.

Another first was going to the adult education classes offered by UPC over the years. It is an excellent way of growing in faith.

Over the years I have had multiple heroes in faith at UPC that I look up to. I try to emulate them as much as I can. My current heroes include Rose Pech, Carol Roselli-Rasmussen, Sue Schmidt, Dennis Craig, and Jackie Ianson. I could list quite a few more! These folks put in huge amounts of time in the service of the church and God.

During the writing of this talk, I came to realize that I have spent more than half my life at this church and it continues to be a very rewarding experience.

I have found that to really grow in Christ you need to become involved in the church. I challenge everyone reading this to find where they can offer help to this family.

My hope is that you can all contribute to UPC in your time, talents and monetary support. This is a great church and it needs all of us to move forward!

REPAIR THE HARM TO CHILDREN

As part of the bankruptcy settlement with the Boy Scouts of America Survivor Trust Fund, the United Methodist Church is committed to contribute \$30 million to the fund.

All conferences in the United Methodist Church were allocated a portion of this settlement. The Northern Illinois Conference share is \$754,348 over 3 years — 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Similar to the allocations assessed by the BSA National Council to all the local councils in the United States, the amount of the allocation is based on the number of survivors in the lawsuit identified with that local council.

There are 184 Troops in the Northern Illinois Conference and 150 churches in the conference that chartered those Troops. United Protestant Church is one of those churches. We are not aware if any of the abuse survivors were associated with the Troop we charter, but being a Christian means caring for all those harmed and offering compassion.

The Conference has asked each church to pledge \$1,350 per year, or \$4,050 over the 3 years. If every member of UPC pledged approximately \$15 per year, that would cover the obligation to the Conference.

The Northern Illinois Conference also mentioned if every member of all the conference churches pledged \$10 or \$3.33 per year, that would cover the Northern Illinois Conference obligation to the Trust Fund.

The campaign for pledging and contributing to the Northern Illinois Conference share to the Survivor Trust Fund is called Repair the Harm to Children.

If you wish to make a pledge or contribution, the check should be payable to Northern Illinois Conference and should note or indicate on the check “**BSA**” or “**Repair the Harm**” and mailed directly to:

Northern Illinois Conference
303 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 2020
Chicago, IL 60601

Online payments or questions are directed to:
[UMCNIC.org/RepairtheHarm](https://umcnic.org/RepairtheHarm)

Thank you for your consideration and generosity to help these survivors.



NOVEMBER 2023

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 Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm PADS (Parlor) 7:00pm Troop 451 Board of Review (101) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	2 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 4:00pm PADS (FH) 6:00pm Tech-Wise Family (Parlor) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:00pm Staff Parish (MR) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	3	4
5 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Circle 2 (MR)	6 7:00pm Stewardship Committee (MR) 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	7 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105)	8 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm PUSH (Parlor) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	9 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Budget & Finance (MR) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	10 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting—Aubrey (FH)	11
12 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting (Parlor)	13 7:00pm Children's Ministry Committee (MR) 7:30pm AA (106, 105) 8:00pm Christian Ed. Commission (MR)	14 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 5:30pm Circle 9 (Hillside) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Committee Meeting (101) 7:00pm Troop 451 PLC (MR)	15 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	16 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	17 9:00am Set up for OCC Packing Party (FH)	18 9:30am-3:00pm OCC Packing Party (FH)
19 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Thanksgiving Potluck (FH)	20 7:00pm Ad Council (FH) 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	21 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 6:30pm Pack 451 Pack Meeting (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105) 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm Nami Family Support Group (MR) 7:00pm Troop 451 Committee Meeting (101)	22 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 7:30pm AA (106,105)	24	25 Set up for Hanging of the Greens
26 9:00am Education Hour 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary/Parlor)	27 7:00pm Mission Committee (Parlor) 7:00pm Worship Committee (MR) 7:30pm AA (106, 105)	28 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 6:30pm Pack 451 Den Meetings (FH) 7:00pm AA Ladies (106, 105) 7:00pm Membership Cultivation Committee (MR)	29 6:00pm Confirmation Class (Loft) 7:00pm Alanon (106, 105) 7:00pm Troop 451 Meeting (FH) 7:00pm Youth Group (Loft)	30 9:00am Park District Pre-school (202) 7:00pm Grace Notes (Choir Room) 7:30pm AA (106,105)	1	2 9am-4pm Piano Recital (Sanctuary—Veritas Music Center)

SAVE THESE DATES

- Sunday, November 5:** All Saints Worship Service 10 AM
- Sunday, November 12:** Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting 11:30 AM in the Parlor
- Saturday, November 18:** Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 10 AM—2 PM
- Sunday, November 19:** Thanksgiving Potluck 11 AM in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, November 21:** Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7 PM at UPC
- Sunday, November 26:** Hanging of the Greens 11 AM



REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to change your clocks (fall back one hour) on Saturday night, November 4.

Join us on **Sunday, November 19** immediately following the worship service for a **Thanksgiving potluck** in Fellowship Hall. Turkey, paper products, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign up on the table by the front door so we know how many people and how much food to expect. Contact Barb Fischel with any questions.

UPC will host an **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on **Tuesday, November 21** at 7 p.m. We are partnering with St. Andrew Episcopal Church and St. Gilbert Catholic Church of Grayslake. All are welcome to attend.



Hanging of the Greens will begin immediately following the worship service on **November 26**. Lunch will NOT be provided this year. Many hands make light work, so please stay and help decorate our church for Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3.

MISSIONS

UPC Joy Sharing News



The Veteran's Giving Tree will be the focus for November's Joy Sharing. Wende Fry is currently working with the VA to get requests from the veterans for Christmas gifts. This year we will once again be placing gift tags for the veterans on a Christmas tree in the parlor. Once the tree is up and gift tags are available, you are encouraged to select one or more gift tags and shop for the items requested on the tags. Gifts must be wrapped and brought to UPC to be delivered to the VA facility. The tag must be attached to the wrapped package. A deadline for the gifts to be

dropped off at UPC has yet to be determined. Watch for more information in future Tuesday Newsday emails and Sunday bulletins.

The September Joy Sharing raised \$819.49 for INK180. Chris Baker will use those funds to help former gang members or victims of human trafficking, self-harm or domestic abuse, turn their lives around and rebuild their self-esteem by removing or covering the visible scars from their abusers. Thank you, UPC, for playing a part in their rebirth. Donations marked INK180 are still being accepted.

Feed My Starving Children

The next UPC packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 7** from **7:00-8:45 p.m.** If you are interested in participating, please contact Cinda Bartz at bartzc@sbcglobal.net.

Operation Christmas Child

The OCC Packing Party at UPC will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. Our goal is to pack 200 shoeboxes with gifts for boys and girls ages 2-14 years old. Many of these children live in extreme poverty and may never have received a gift before. We want to supply them with toys, personal care items, school supplies and accessories. We have many of the items we need to pack these boxes, but are still lacking enough balls and dolls. Other small toys such as jacks, yo-yo's, slinky, kaleidoscopes, fishing kits, playdough, small puzzles or small board games would also be helpful. Please donate if you are so led by the Holy Spirit.



UPC Shopper

When buying your Thanksgiving turkey and all the fixings, don't forget to plan ahead and use some UPC Shopper gift cards. We carry many grocery stores like Jewel, Garden Fresh, Mariano's, Peapod, Meijer's and Sunset Foods, as well as Target and Walmart. If you are heading out for some early Christmas shopping, pick up some UPC Shopper gift cards to use for your purchases. Don't see cards for a store you shop at? Ask the sales person to request a special order. Many more stores are available than just what we keep in stock. Special orders are usually available within 2 weeks and do not cost extra.

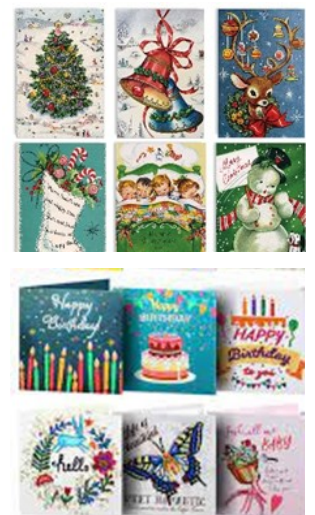
Did you know that this year the profits from the UPC Shopper will be going to help pay the shipping for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes? We hope to ship 200 boxes which would amount to \$2,000 in shipping fees and a lot of very happy children. If you love OCC, please consider purchasing gift cards to help support the cause.

Start your Christmas shopping early with UPC Shopper's movie sale. All in stock movie theatre gift cards (Regal, Marcus, CineMark and Classic) will be 5% off now through November 12. They make great stocking stuffers. Support Operation Christmas Child and provide the gift of entertainment or just treat yourself to a movie.

Companions Journeying Together—1,352 cards sent from UPC!

Thanks to you, 986 unsigned Christmas cards were sent for imprisoned people to send to those they love, and 131 signed cards are going to those who would otherwise not receive a Christmas card. (Thank you, Susan Green, Joan Hendricks, Kim Lenzen, and Rose Pech for writing messages.) Our donation included other assorted greeting cards, including Birthday cards and cards that are blank inside for writing personal messages. We greatly surpassed last year's donation of unsigned cards. However, we were 47 cards short of the number of signed cards sent last year. **PACKETS OF CARDS FOR SIGNING AND SAMPLE MESSAGES ARE ON THE MISSION TABLE, SO YOU CAN WRITE ANY TIME FOR NEXT YEAR!**

CJT is an Illinois nonprofit organization. Sharing information from their website: We serve hundreds of imprisoned people and their families through innovative programs. Each year, over 8,000 Christmas cards along with 3,500 or more unsigned cards are sent for people who are imprisoned to send to their families. Spreading joy to them and allowing them to spread joy back to their families. Birthday, Mother's Day, and Christmas cards are sent. Holidays away from loved ones are hard! Birthdays can come and go without acknowledgement. Imagine a Mother's Day when a mother can't hold her child, or a Christmas when one is struggling to find the joy and celebration. **THANKS TO THE LATE PAT CURNOW FOR SUGGESTING ANOTHER WAY FOR UPC TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD!**



TYLER & BRITTANY

END OF YEAR DONATIONS NEEDED!

Message from Tyler & Brittany: We're always amazed at how God provides for all our additional needs through supporters like YOU who partner with us for year-end giving! You are such a blessing, and we cannot thank you enough. Thank you!

2023 had some unique expenses since this is the first time that we had 2 U.S. to West Africa trips. This is also our third and final time importing Tropical Fruit Trees, which provides a foundation for further multiplication, giving access to many people in our region.

Donations may be made online. Contact the UPC office for more information at 847-223-8131.

Checks payable to ILAD can be mailed to:

ILAD
 Attn: D2002
 PO Box 383153
 Duncanville, TX 75138-3153

Please PRAY about supporting our Demonstration Farm	
U.S. to West Africa Flights	\$3,230
Charter MAF Plane to Village	\$2,000
140+ Tropical Fruit Trees	\$5,270
Tree Label Printer & Supplies	\$2,850
Tyler's Mac Mini & Monitor	\$1,500
ECHO Conference	\$620
MI/Chicago Trip	<u>\$1,100</u>
Subtotal	\$16,570
10% Admin Fee	<u>1,657</u>
TOTAL	\$18,227

FALL FEST FUN – OCTOBER 28, 2023





WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



VISITORS WELCOME!!

LADIES! Have you visited one of the WCF circles yet?

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US! Talk with Sue Schmidt, Catherine Vick, Ruth Gheysen, Rose Pech, or call the church office 847-223-8131 for more information! See the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday, and UNIFIER for updates.

Circle 2 will meet at **11:30 A.M. in the Meeting Room on November 5 and December 17.** This group will not meet in January or February. Meetings will resume in March. Contact Catherine Vick.

Circle 4/5 usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month, and meetings are scheduled for **November 1 and December 6 at 11:30 A.M. at Culver's** in Grayslake. Contact Sue Schmidt.

Circle 9 meets most months year-round at 5:30 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Hillside Restaurant on Rt. 83 in Grayslake. Occasionally, a meeting must be cancelled so please check with Ruth Gheysen or one of the Circle 9 members prior to going to Hillside. Meetings for the remainder of this year will be at **5:30 P.M. on November 14 and December 12 at Hillside.**

Circle 10 does not meet in person on a regular basis, but members are in contact with each other on Facebook. Contact Jasmine Walker.

See this chart to find out which day and time work for you!

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Sun., Nov. 5	11:30 AM	UPC Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Nov. 1	11:30 AM	Culver's in Grayslake	Sue Schmidt
9	Tues., Nov. 14	5:30 PM	Hillside Restaurant	Ruth Gheysen
10	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jasmine Walker

Tyler, Brittany, Danielle, & Joanna are preparing to return to West Africa, are thankful for the support we give, and are making a special request because of the unique expenses they've had in 2023. **See itemized list and other details on posters in the UPC hallways.** They need \$18,227 to cover year-end expenses. We encourage those who can donate to do so by either going online (Church office 847-223-8131 has online link info.) or by paper check payable to ILAD with D2002 written in the memo. Mail to ILAD, Atten: D2002, P.O. Box 383153, Duncanville, TX 75138-3183.

--Yours in Christ,
Rose Pech



WELCOME ALLEN SWILLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PADS LAKE COUNTY.



In October’s UNIFIER, the introductory email from PADS Executive Director Allen Swilley was shared. In it, he explained the past awesome support of the church sites, what’s happening now with clients having better access to services in hotel shelters, and current plans as PADS begins working with communities which are needed to “rally round our shared community challenge that we call homelessness by supporting PADS in the development of the county’s much needed fixed housing resource center where families and neighbors can begin to thrive with dignity and compassion.”

WHERE ARE WE NOW? Many of the more than 300 clients in the hotels need food and other necessities. Therefore, PADS has sign-up links on www.padslakecounty.org where some churches, organizations, and individuals have already signed up to help. Needed food and clothing are also listed on the website and can be delivered to the Resource Center at 1800 Grand Avenue, Waukegan. Our UPC PADS leaders and others have been taking needed clothing, boots, shoes and other items directly to this office. Donations made to UPC PADS are funding this. Another link provides sign-up to deliver either hot evening meals on specific days or 10 bags of shelf-safe food weekly, each with enough to feed an individual for a week. **St. Mary of Vernon is preparing 30 hot meals each Thursday and delivering them to the Super 8 Motel in Mundelein. Volunteers from UPC and St. Gilbert can contact the St. Mary of Vernon volunteer coordinator to help do this.** Get contact information from Rose Pech, pads_at_upc@hotmail.com.

WHAT WILL WE (UPC PADS) DO?—FIRST, PRAY!

No longer is UPC PADS a place where we welcome guests to our church site on Thursday nights from October 1 through the end of April. **NOW UPC PADS IS ALL OF US JOINING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE HELP ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS FOR OUR LAKE COUNTY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO ARE IN NEED.** Read PADS Updates each week as we finalize plans and share ways in which all ages can volunteer your time, talents, or treasures to help. Ask God to guide you as you choose how you (and possibly your family) will participate. Planning meetings for UPC PADS will be held on October 31 with the UPC Mission Committee, November 1 with the UPC PADS Leadership Team, and November 2 with Allen Swilley. We hope to have lists of suggested food items and containers for food collection in the UPC narthex by mid-November.

—UPC PADS LEADERSHIP TEAM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR AWESOME SUPPORT!

November & December Birthdays

11/7 Sofia Henne
11/8 Doreen Churchill
11/9 Candi Becker
11/14 James Bethmann
11/17 Cheyenne Grubbs
11/19 Barbara Weichman
11/20 Leah Taylor
11/22 Sue Schmidt
11/25 Craig Fischel
11/28 Judy Peters
12/3 Emma Henne
12/4 Katie Gheysen
12/5 Reese Divis
12/9 Charlie Grubbs
12/9 Jackson Grubbs
12/9 Nancy Johanssen
12/11 Susan Green
12/13 Kenneth Madden
12/13 Julius Mall
12/15 Sue Harvey
12/15 Polly Muehleman
12/20 Jackie Ianson
12/21 Nolan Mussay
12/26 Darlene George Craig
12/27 Joshua Mall
12/31 John Porteous

November Anniversaries

11/15 Jamison & Denise Fuller
11/24 Gregg & Jill Helm

December Anniversaries

12/5 Julius & Alva Mall
12/13 Shelly & Felix Kutsin
12/14 Aimee Divis & Dennis Wong
12/16 Richard & Nancy Johanssen
12/28 Simon & Samia Mall



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

Members: Bill Churchill, Marie Frandsen, Susan Green, Joan Hendricks, David Holliman, Joanne Lawrence, Marjorie Miller, John Porteous, Ann Thompson, Dan Watkins, Bobbie Weichman, and Dian Weinkauf.

Tyler, Brittany & Danielle, & Joanna: had a total of 13 vaccines the week of October 23 in preparation for their return to West Africa in one month. The girls did fine, but Tyler and Brittany have been recovering from fever/coughs, etc. Prayers are requested for a full and quick recovery for Tyler and Brittany during their busy final month and for time management during this last month in the U.S.

Relatives & Friends: Allen Anglin, Kathy Behm, Joe Boccaleoni, Kathy Weichman Bradley, Megan Brown, Lorine Cooper, Patricia Davis, Judy Hendrickson, Mary Mason, Gloria Meier, Pat Mielke, Tommy Nellessen, Sohail Rana, Gary Sadlack, Leslie Stahl, Stephan, Erik & Kacie Stanley, their son & Erik's mother, Diane; and Kevin Stelton & family.

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, Sue (PADS friend), Wendy (friend of Rose Pech), and Michelle (friend of Linda Markham).

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

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

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Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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