

# The Unifier



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## What God Has Done In You: Your Story

If you know Jesus Christ and are a Christian, then you have a personal story to tell. What has God done for you? Here I don't mean some rehearsed universal story that might be true (in fact, the story of Jesus is just such a grand and very true story). I am talking about what God has done for you. If you can sit and think for just a few moments about all God has done for you, then why aren't you regularly telling others of the big and small things God has done. Has God rescued you from addiction? Has God saved your marriage or restored a relationship with a child? Has God healed you physically? Can you look back and see how God got you in the just the right place at just the right moment?

If you can then there are three reasons you need to think on these things God has done and you need to tell others.

1. When you tell others you rehearse and remember what God has done for you. Quite honestly it is far too easy for us who have encountered a living God to get busy in life and forget all He has done for us.
2. It causes us to pay attention to ways in which God is currently working or will work in the future. It gives us a fresh view to be on the look out for God in our current moments and in our futures.
3. It opens God's story in your story to others that they might experience the goodness of our God. Far too many people don't know that God is real and that God is alive. They think of some dead and wooden religious doctrine or an angry God when they think upon Him. Tell your story so that they might know the very real presence of God with them.

These are three good reasons to share your story of what God has done and is doing in you! Go tell of His marvelous works! Go tell of His faithfulness in the midst of our unfaithfulness. Shout to the world of the greatness of the story of God as He reveals Himself to us.

Pastor Ryan

Join our Adult Education Committee  
for a  
*Pastor's Advent Study*



Sundays at 9:15am in the Parlor

December 2 through 23, 2018

## A Reprised "Class Notes"



Dear Friends,

This month I share an old *Class Notes* I wrote years ago that bears repeating. May you count your blessings this fall and find yourself surrounded by abundance!

*As I was ending my fast with prayer today I sat in our sanctuary and found myself thanking God for this church and our church family. I looked around and reflected on how the UPC has been- for me- a holy place where I have learned to love God with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength and to follow His son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ to the best of my ability as I grow in faith. As God and I continued our talk I realized that along with my place on Garfield Boulevard, the UPC is my earthly home.*

*Then my thoughts turned to thankfulness and how truly thankful I am for our church, and I was reminded of a term I read in The Glorious Pursuit, a book PUSH read as we endeavored to grow in Christian virtues. The term is "spiritual air freshener", and it's one I think most of us can use. What is the virtuous spiritual air freshener? THANKFULNESS.*

*When you come into the UPC, do you look for what you are unhappy with or do you thank God for the beauty of a vision started over 60 years ago and still going strong? Do you see a building in need of repair or do you thank God for the improvements made and plans dreamed by our Covenant Campaign/Construction management team and funded by faithful giving? Are you upset that there are just too many changes or not enough change? Do you feel the moving of the Holy Spirit as the leadership does their best to act on His prodding? When you disagree with someone, either staff or member, do you get angry and demand your way or do you remember that we are all here to praise the one true God and to follow His Son? The rest are just minor details, differences of opinion, since God in His goodness decided to make us all a bit different.*

*I am THANKFUL for the UPC, for our amazing volunteers, for our church school, for our youth, for our dedicated leaders, for my sister and brother staff members and for our wonderful facilities. More importantly, I am thankful that God loves us so much that He sent Christ to lead us. I am thankful that even though we have the best example in Christ when we stray from His path God still loves us! As for me, friends, here at the UPC, the glass is always half full.*

*With a heart full of THANKSGIVING,*

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen

It's that time of the year when you start wondering what to get for most everyone on your list. Have you considered a gift card? The UPC shopper cards are a great way to give gifts and the church will receive some money back to be used for the shipping costs for the OCC/OCH program. Don't see a store you are looking for? Ask the sellers for a list of participating retailers and place your orders for Christmas early! Just think how much fun it would be to watch everyone else run around trying to get everything done and you can sit back and enjoy the season!



I'm looking for a few people who would be interested in selling the shopper cards after both the 8:15 and 10:30 services. It is a great way to meet people. Time commitment is usually once a month for 15-20 minutes after the service. Please see Dian Weinkauff if interested or send me an email at [dianweinkauff@att.net](mailto:dianweinkauff@att.net)

### Greeters

#### November—December

Date	8:15	10:30
November 4	Darwin Schwaderer	Laurel Bruggen, Volunteer Needed
November 11	Bill Churchill	Craig and Barb Fischel
November 18	Mary Ann McDowell	Rick Burg, Cynthia Lee
November 25	Orrell Ruth	Dian Weinkauff, Alice Broadhurst
December 2	Jeff Ziegler	Terry and Joyce Norton
December 9	Rosanne Taylor	Judy Ziegler
December 16	Darwin Schwaderer	Rose Pech, Felix Flok
December 23	Orrell Ruth	Laurel Bruggen, Rick Burg
December 30	Jay and Lil Eldridge	Cynthia Lee, Dian Weinkauff

The next scheduled date for **FMSC is November 2 at 8pm in Libertyville.** You are a vital part of this organization's continued success. Please consider signing up to volunteer to work. We are there the first Friday of each month. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Table. God bless you, Lillian Eldridge, coordinator.



Mark your calendars now for WCF's 17th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK being held at UPC on Saturday, December 1 from 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall. We invite all members and friends of UPC to look through their recipes of Christmas cookie favorites and bake a batch or more to sell at this annual fundraiser. We need your help to make this event a success. The more cookies baked, the more we have available to sell. Items may be brought to the UPC kitchen between 4-7 pm on Friday, November 30. All proceeds benefit WCF's missions and UPC . Please contact Sue Schmidt at 847-367-1701 or [schmidt6134@comcast.net](mailto:schmidt6134@comcast.net) with any questions.

### What is the mess in the Parking Lot?

The city is in the midst of a parking lot beautification project. They are installing islands with shrubs in the unused spots around the parking lot. There will also be lighted posts installed and a pole mounted light. All costs and maintenance will be at the expense of the city.

Rick Burg





**United Protestant Church**  
**Women's Christian Fellowship**



**WCF CIRCLE MEETINGS~**

Watch the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday emails & the *UNIFIER* for other notices. Take a WCF Brochure from the wall rack left of the Mission Table.

**JOIN US IN NOVEMBER—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!**

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Nov. 6	7:30 p.m.	Small Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Nov. 7	12:30 p.m.	Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Nov. 1	11:30 a.m.	Whitney Street Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Nov. 13	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech

**BUNCO & MISSION EVENT A SUCCESS!**

WCF members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and sharing as they gathered in Fellowship Hall on October 13. The ladies enjoyed treats and laughter during the relaxing afternoon. Much needed items were collected and later delivered to The Lake County Haven.

**WCF 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COOKIE WALK:** Mark your calendar now & begin baking and/or saving for the WCF 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk. Set up will be on Friday, November 30, and the sale will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1. Come and buy your Christmas treats early! See details in the article included in this month's UNIFIER.

# UPC PADS UPDATE



Welcome people who are experiencing homelessness as they work to find a "Happy Home"!

Artwork by Evan)

**THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE GOING "ABOVE & BEYOND" BY FILLING OPENINGS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SHIFTS IN ADDITION TO WORKING THEIR SHIFTS!!**

(We hope you won't have to much longer!)

**ONSITE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!**

1 male 2<sup>nd</sup> shift (11 p.m. to 3 a.m.) 1<sup>ST</sup> week Nov.–Apr.

1 male 3<sup>rd</sup> shift (3 to 7 a.m.) 3<sup>rd</sup> week Nov. – Apr.

(Numbers as of October 18, 2018)

**Volunteers needed to substitute for**

the shifts listed above **AND** for

1<sup>st</sup> shift (5:30 to 11 p.m.)

General Site Cleanup (4:45 to 7 a.m.)

Morning Kitchen Cleanup (6 to 7 or 7:30 a.m.)

Training session can be arranged with any volunteer. **To RSVP or for more info, contact Rose Pech at [pads\\_at\\_upc@hotmail.com](mailto:pads_at_upc@hotmail.com) or 847-356-3577.**

## **OTHER WAYS TO HELP:**

Take a copy of our "UPC PADS Wish List" from the bulletin board at the Mission table in the narthex. Items in each category are listed in order of need. (Always need men's stick deodorant, travel shaving cream, and razors!)

**Backpacks**

**Wal-Mart & Sam's Club gift cards for food, kitchen supplies, shoes, & clothing**

**\$5 McDonald's gift cards for Christmas gifts**

--On behalf of those experiencing homelessness, Rose Pech



# *Can you hear Me now?*



A silent, spiritual retreat has been scheduled for 18 members and friends of the UPC at the beautiful Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, IL for *Friday, January 18, 4pm, to Saturday, January 19, 2pm*. The cost for the retreat is \$98 which covers 3 delicious meals, a private bedroom with bathroom, all materials, retreat leader and the use of the lovely building and grounds which include a small library, sanctuary, chapel, 2 lounges, walking trails and spectacular wildlife. Space fills up fast. Contact Carol R-R, retreat leader, at [carolrr@upcgl.org](mailto:carolrr@upcgl.org) with questions and/or to register.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

### Birthdays:

Philip Higdon	11/05
Wynelle Wharton	11/05
Stephanie Clark	11/07
Dorothy Kuckla	11/07
Candi Becker	11/09
Emily Johnson	11/13
Orrell Ruth	11/13
James Bethmann	11/14
Kaila Sparkman	11/16
Barbara Weichman	11/19
John Harris III	11/20
Sue Hobson	11/21
Jake Johnson	11/21
Adam Becker	11/22
Lauren Carlson	11/22
Tom Michaelson	11/22
Sue Schmidt	11/22
Viv Gwaltney	11/23
Anna Yoder	11/24
Craig Fischel	11/25
Katelyn Selinger	11/27
Mary Stetz	11/27

### Anniversaries:

Steven Kick and Susan Young	11/09
Jamie and Denise Fuller	11/15
Ralph and Gail Gotlund	11/24
Gregg and Jill Helm	11/24

**Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members:** Judy Baird suffering from cancer (wife of Bruce Baird), Jerry Beck (son of Ruth and Al Beck), Jodi Briedis, Harry Carnes, Christian and Seth, Darlene (sister of Marcia Ruth), Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Mary Friis, Steve Gates (friend of Cyndi Ryckman), 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 Lynn Madsen (sister-in-law of Karen Caviness, cancer), Mary Mason (sister of Loretta Dodson), Gloria Meier (sister-in-law of Ann Thompson), Pat Mielke, Marjorie Miller, Gene P. (lyme disease and mini stroke, brother of Donald Vick), Stephen Peregrin (leukemia, son of Greg Peregrin), Ken Pidgeon (knee replacement, brother of Bobbie Weichman), John Reinhart (final stage of heart failure, friend of Darlene George Craig), Rhonda (stage 4 cancer throughout her body), Judy Ruhnke, Orrell Ruth, Jim Smith (stroke), Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), and Stephen (26 year old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer).

**Long term prayers:** James Barker (son-in-law of Vivian Gwaltney), Marno Benande, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Joshua Duran (cousin of Jasmine Walker), Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Gerard Gray (cousin of Rose Pech), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Jean Korell, Dorothy Kuckla, Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellesen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Pat Nowak (waiting for a kidney, sister-in-law of Joann Baraksa), Don Piester (brother-in-law of Darwin Schwaderer), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Susan Reed (sister of Rick Burg), Sandra Richard, Marcia Ruth, Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), Robert Stewart, Bobbie Weichman, and Betty Vares.

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), Derek Robb, Abraham Lam Yuen, Bob Sisco (brother of Lexie Craig), Dennis Jackson (friend of Lexie Craig), Philip Norton (grandson of Joyce and Terry Norton), and Duneley Rochino.

To Access UPC's On Line Calendar, click below:

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calendar/calendar.aspx?  
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