

The Unifier



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Dear members of UPC,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Director of Christian Education. This week, I was reading in *New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional* by Paul David Tripp, and was reminded of an exciting and difficult aspect of our time here on Earth. Tripp writes:

“You see, a sound biblical doctrine of the future is the only way to arrive at a sound biblical understanding of the present. If there is a final glorious destination for all God’s children, then this time is not a destination, but a preparation for a final destination. There is meaning and purpose in everything we are going through. In a real way, God is using all the difficulties of life in this fallen world to change and mature us, making us ready for the world that is to come.... Who are we? We are pilgrims on a journey with a glorious destination assured. What have we been given? Well, the guarantee of the future grace of eternity assures us that we will have all the grace we need in the present or we would never have what we need to finish the journey.”

An exciting element of discipleship is that as God’s children, we have a final glorious destination to look forward to, and that our time on Earth is not wasted time but is preparation for living eternally in God’s presence. This idea of preparation, though, is often quite difficult. We still live in a world that is not as intended. Our heart’s desire is to turn this present world into our eternal reality. It is easy to lose focus on our true eternal destination and see our present circumstances as our eternal reality. Our family recently watched a new animated movie of the classic book, *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. In the beginning, as Christian is contemplating leaving the City of Destruction, this is one of the realities with which he wrestles. Christian continues to battle losing focus on the Celestial City throughout the rest of the book, but in the end overcomes and enters into the promise. The difficulties faced by Christian are the same as the ones we continue to experience today. We are sojourners, pilgrims on a journey. Our focus is to be on the promised glorious destination in the presence of God. I look forward to sojourning with you as we seek to be transformed in the image of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now, I would like to tell you a little about myself and my family. I enjoy golfing, reading - particularly about history, following the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Twins, travelling, and camping with my family. My wife, Emily, and I celebrated our 10 year anniversary earlier this year. We moved to the area eight years ago so that I could begin my Master of Divinity at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and currently reside in Mundelein, where we enjoy the parks and community offerings of Lake County. Emily is an elementary music teacher in Vernon Hills. We enjoy cooking good meals and playing board games when we get the chance. We have two energetic children and we all like spending time together as a family. Anabelle is five and loves kindergarten (especially recess), pretend play, and spends a good portion of her day singing. Three year old William builds an impressive block tower, will climb anything in his path, and loves playing with his sister. Usually, the feeling is mutual. We look forward to connecting with you as our church family.

Ryan Aubrey

September 19 Stewardship Article

Pray

The work of ministry is not rooted in our ability or in our desire, but rather in the nature and character of God Himself. God never calls us to a ministry that we can accomplish on our own and without Him. The purpose of God in ministry is for God to be made known. God is made known not by what we do, but what He does. This is one reason the work of ministry is rooted not in our plans or preparation, but in our prayer.

When we consider all that God has accomplished through His people (and we might truthfully say in spite of His people), we see that God is the primary agent and actor. Consider the covenant with Abram that made him into Abraham, the father of Israel. Consider Joseph being sent to Egypt before the famine to prepare a way for Israel to be saved. Consider Moses who was living a life of exile as a quiet shepherd before God called him through extraordinary circumstances (a burning bush that was not consumed) to set His people free. Consider David, whose own father Jesse didn't consider him even worthy of potential consideration when the prophet looked over his sons for a king.

So this week we pray. We thank God for all that He has done through United Protestant Church. We thank God for the providence of the union of the Methodist and Congregationalist churches of Grayslake. We thank God for the people who have heard the Gospel for decades. We thank God for those who have come and experienced His presence in worship. We thank God for the hundreds of youth who have been confirmed in our history. We thank God that He is still doing these things at UPC. We come before Him in gratitude for His work here. Let us pray this week:

Thanking God for all He *has done* through UPC and her ministries

Thanking God for all that He *is doing* through UPC and her ministries

Thanking God, in advance, for all that HE *will do* through UPC and her ministries.

UPC's October Joy Sharing opportunity is Feed My Starving Children. So you think you know everything about FMSC? Come to church October 20, and hear some interesting information about this amazing organization that feeds malnourished children around the world..



UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



What is WCF? AND What are Circles?—SIXTH in a Series of Articles! WELCOMING ALL WOMEN!!

The final small group that is a part of WCF is the WCF Task Force. This group consists of women who would like to help with various ministry activities that WCF and the church offer. However, their schedules don't allow enough time to participate in regular meetings. They notify the WCF contact person, currently Rose Pech, of the activities in which they'd like to participate. Rose then gives their names and contact information to the coordinator of the chosen activities. As of 2019, these include PADS, USHERING, and the WCF ANNUAL COOKIE WALK. If you'd like to participate in any of these three ministries or introduce a new one, please contact Rose Pech using the information following the table of October circle meetings.

This is the last of the articles describing WCF and our current groups. If you have a different idea for a small group circle that you'd like to start, please contact Rose Pech for assistance in getting started. Circle 9 started as a Career Girls' Circle in 1970. Rose was asked to help in getting that circle organized, and Candi Becker was one of the first members. The circle has evolved over the years, keeping up with the lifestyle changes of its members, and it is still a thriving circle today with Candi as its new chairperson this year. You could be the person to start a new group and who knows what that might mean for ladies now & in the future!

WCF CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Oct. 1	7:30 p.m.	Small Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Oct. 2	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Oct. 8	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

Please contact Rose Pech 847-356-3577, rose4nonna@hotmail.com, or the church office for the contact info of the chairpersons(s) of the circle(s) you wish to visit, ministries in which you'd like to participate, or for other information about WCF and our small groups.

UPC PADS SITE OPENS ON OCTOBER 3, 2019, FOR 29TH SEASON!

WITH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS & YOUR SUPPORT
WE CAN OFFER FOOD, SHELTER, & CLOTHING TO OUR GUESTS.



IF YOU CAN'T VOLUNTEER YOURSELF, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND PRAY FOR GOD
TO TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO CAN!

ONSITE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED for 2019-2020:7 times a year or less!!

Monthly onsite volunteers we need:

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

2nd shift (11p.m. to 3 a.m.) – 2 males for Oct.31, Jan. 30, Apr. 30

3rd shift (3 to 7 a.m.) –2 males for 4th week + 2 males for Oct.31, Jan. 30, Apr. 30

Late 3rd shift (4:45 to 7 a.m.)–1 person monthly & 2 people Oct.31, Jan. 30, Apr. 30

Morning kitchen cleanup (6 to 7:30 a.m.) - 2 volunteers on 4th week monthly & 2 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 who are experiencing homelessness...UPC PADS Site Team

October birthdays:

10/1	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen Nicole Scianna	10/20	Laurie Bethmann Cynthia Floral Dian Weinkauf
10/2	Bill Churchill	10/22	Jody Gerzel
10/4	Stefany Howard Marylu Rossow Carlos Sandoval	10/23	Lori Richards
10/5	Benjamin Celeslie Dennis Craig Judith Ziegler	10/24	Logan Muehleman
10/7	Kelly Truckenbrod	10/25	Dawn Boyle
10/08	Vivian Kuzelka	10/27	Bonnie Bjerning
10/10	Megan Lavery	10/31	Tracy Celeslie Mark Rasmussen
10/11	Diane Drevalas Richard Hillman		
10/15	Kimberly Gotlund		
10/16	Sarah Grubbs Rose Pech		
10/17	Chuck Trowitch		
10/18	Ken Craig William Pfeil		

October Anniversaries:

10/6	James and Mary Richrdson
10/7	Antoinette and Michael Mussay
10/9	Spencer and Lexie Craig David and Susan Schmidt
10/11	Candi and Ted Becker
10/18	Erik and Sarah Gotlund

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: 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 (fall), 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), Jean Korell, Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellessen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Sandra Richard, Orrell Ruth, Marcia Ruth, Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), 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), 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
October 6	Jay and Lil Eldridge	Craig and Barb Fischel
October 13	Mary Ann McDowell	Volunteer needed, Jerry Wessale
October 20	Orrell Ruth	Linda Markham, Donna Obrecht
October 27	Bill Churchill	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
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	Volunteer needed	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 volunteers needed	
	11pm Jerry Wessale and additional Volunteers needed	
December 29	Bill Churchill	Sue Harvey, Volunteer needed
January 5	Mary Ann McDowell	Doris Craig, Pat Barker
January 12	Kori Henne	Dian Weinkauf, volunteer needed
January 19	Linda Rambo	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
January 26	Bill Churchill	Rose Pech, Sharon Michalsen
February 2	Jeff Ziegler	Dian Weinkauf, volunteer needed
February 9	Kim Schwaderer	Laurel Bruggen, Pat Barker
February 16	Rosanne Taylor	Alice Broadhurst, Marie Frandsen
February 23	Wende Fry	Rose Pech, volunteer needed

Dear Congregation: Please don't forget Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a continuous program. UPC will be there every first Friday of the month at 8pm. We need to fill 10 spots. Sign up sheet is on the Mission Table. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

WCF invites all women of UPC and their friends to join us for another BUNCO



event on Saturday, October 19th from 1-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the fellowship of other women as we play BUNCO, converse and have refreshments.

Never played before? It's an easy game to learn, so come and try it! Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or other snack item to share with the group. Drinks will be provided. Contact Sue Schmidt at 847-367-1701 or

schmidt6134@comcast.net with any questions

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Hail Senior Citizens! Let's have a party! Your Home Team invites all Senior Citizens to your Fall Luncheon. The time is Sunday, October 27th after the 10:30 worship service. Just take the elevator down to Fellowship Hall and make yourself comfortable. Of course, you will greet your friends as they arrive, but be sure to greet others, too. We want everyone to feel welcome!

I don't know yet what the menu will be for the luncheon, but our Home Team members will be experts at cooking and decorating, so you will be glad that you came. If you choose a friend or relative that accompanies you, that guest will be welcome, but does not need to be a Senior Citizen.

We also ask of you a favor. Please sign your name on the registration poster, and the names of your guest. You will find the poster on the wall by the first floor elevator door. Then we will be sure to have enough food for everyone.

We are very excited about having this lunch for all of you, and we hope all of you will come. We'll see you there!

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Line**

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