

The Unifier



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How shall we now be the Church? Perhaps you think of the church as a building to which you go. After all, don't we say we 'go to church' on Sundays? And by that don't we mean the building? A physical place? Perhaps we also mean a worship service as well. For most of us going to church means going to a worship service on Sunday morning. So as much as 'going to church' is about the building it is also about the event.

But aren't we the church?

We live in bit of a real duality in the ways in which we use the term church, but we need to be clear in our dual usage of the word. Because while gathering together is imperative (Scripture commands us!), it is also a call and a claim for each of us to be the church as we live out our daily lives. So that the church isn't just the place we go, the church is what we bring. We bring and offer church to our family, to our friends, to our neighbours through the daily submitting to Christ and living as His disciples.

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

I hope that you all are doing well, and the beginning of Fall has not been too difficult. Over the past several weeks, it has been wonderful to both worship together and engage in our educational ministries. I have really enjoyed the discussions we had and look forward to those continuing.

One quick reminder. Tuesday October 12th is the beginning of our second adult opportunity. We will be exploring the book of James, through the Encounters With God Bible study series book. This discussion will be held on Zoom every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. I really look forward to exploring the book of James, as we continually seek to put our faith into practice.

Last year, we answered the question, "Who is God?". This semester, our Children's Ministry is continuing to explore some of the BIG questions of our faith by seeking to answer the question "Who does God say that I am?". I really look forward to our children working through this important question.

As I continue to think about discipleship, I have spent a lot of time thinking about three main questions: "Who am I?", "Where do I belong?", and "What is my purpose?". These are three questions that arise throughout our lives. As children, we begin exploring these questions, attempting to find our identity, our community, and our direction. As teenagers and young adults, we face significant transitions where our answers to these questions must become our own and can cause a lot of stress and distress. As adults, there are various moments where these questions come up. As we evaluate our jobs, where we live, and continue to grow in our relationship with others. As we reach retirement age, they come up again in similar ways as when we were younger. No longer tied to our occupations for identity, purpose, and community, we seek new answers to these questions. I am currently reading *3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager: Making the Most of Your Conversations and Connections* by Kara Powell and Brad Griffin. This book discusses these three questions and from a Christian perspective begin to provide answers to these questions shaped by how God sees us. God has answers to each of our questions. He desires us to know who we are, where we belong, and what our purpose is in life. You were created by Him, for community with Him and others. I pray that as we continue to explore God's Word and as our faith journey continues, we will find His answers to these questions.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey

Director of Christian Education

PADS EMERGENCY SHELTER SITES OPENING POSTPONED:

PADS has received funding to house most clients in hotels once again this season. In addition, a church site will be open each night to house 20 guests and police drop offs who cannot stay in the hotels. Opening date for the Emergency Shelter Sites has been postponed. The plan is for them to open on Tuesday, October 12, to give the sites time to find additional volunteers. Site locations for each night: Monday—Shepherd of the Lakes in Grayslake; Tuesday & Wednesday—1st Presbyterian in Libertyville; Thursday—St. Mary of Vernon in Indian Creek; Friday & Sunday—Chapel of Libertyville; Saturday—Chapel of Grayslake. Sign-up is available for Shepherd of the Lakes on their website & for 1st Presbyterian by using sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4bafa722a3f49-pads7>

UPC PADS SITE VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULED AT ST. MARY OF VERNON:

More than 40 of our UPC PADS Site volunteers will be volunteering at St. Mary of Vernon throughout the coming season to fill vacancies left after St. Mary volunteers were scheduled. We are happy and proud to continue serving in our ministry to PADS Lake County in this way!

PADS LAKE COUNTY HOLDS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT:

Many UPC PADS Site volunteers attended the appreciation event held for PADS volunteers at Greenbelt Forest Preserve in North Chicago on Sunday, September 18. The gathering allowed volunteers to meet volunteers from other sites as they also visited in person with fellow volunteers from our UPC site. A brief program allowed Meghan Powell-Filler, PADS Lake County Executive Director, and Nicole Harris, Shelter & Operations Manager, to thank volunteers and introduce site coordinators who presented certificates and a small gift to site volunteers who went “above and beyond” in helping meet the needs of PADS Lake County clients from the start of the pandemic until the present. Congratulations to UPC PADS Site recipients: UPC PADS Site Kitchen Crew, Mary Lou Delahanty, Laura Tusling, & Mary Zorc.

PADS LAKE COUNTY NEEDS INCREASE WITH RISE IN HOTEL NUMBERS:

Please continue to make donations to the PADS Lake County office as you’ve been doing for the past 18 months: individual, ready-made meals (i.e. Dinty Moore), Granola Bars, Pop-Tarts, Chef Boyardee Meals, Canned Soup (with pop-tops), Tuna, 90-second Rice Packets, Ramen Noodles, Easy Mac, Cereal, Instant Oatmeal Packets, Chips, Apple Sauce, Instant Coffee, Water Bottles, Gatorade, Wal-Mart & Jewel Gift cards from \$10 to \$50 and \$10 fast-food gift cards. Donations which have been made at UPC will be shared with St. Mary of Vernon and the main office.

NEED CONTINUES FOR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR UPC PADS SITE:

Please pray and advertise for this message to reach the person God wants to serve at UPC!!

As always, your prayerful support & the active participation of all of our volunteers allow PADS Lake County and all of the sites to help people experiencing homelessness in Lake County. Contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or pads_at_upc@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer. --
UPC PADS Site Leadership Team



UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



WCF NEWS—OCTOBER 2021

WCF PLANNING FOR 2021-2022 CONTINUES:

Circle members are encouraged to update their contact information with their circle chairperson or with Sue Schmidt during this month as Sue has begun working on our 2022 WCF Directory. Please check your 2021 WCF Directory and verify that the info is correct or send changes if any of your information needs to be updated.

As reported last month, funding has been received to continue sending our monthly donation to Brittany & Tyler in West Africa for the remainder of 2021. WCF members will be offered the opportunity to contribute to the **WCF Mission Fund** if they choose to help support this ministry project for 2022. All contributions need to be given to Sue Schmidt, Rose Pech or put into the church offering BEFORE December 1, 2021, in order for us to determine the amount we'll be able to send monthly. We'd love to be able to continue giving \$50/month by collecting \$600. We'll have to lower the pledge to \$25/month if only \$300 is collected. Checks should be payable to UPC with WCF MISSION FUND written in the memo.

CIRCLE NEWS:

Circle 2 will be meeting in the UPC Parlor after worship on Sunday, October 17. We are deeply saddened by the loss of two of our beloved members, Alice Broadhurst and Marcia Ruth. We celebrate their lives and the amazing example they were to all of us as they served God and others at UPC and throughout the communities in which they lived. We are keeping our honorary members who cannot attend meetings in prayer as we continue to keep in touch with them through cards with messages and with phone calls.

Circle 4/5 members are enjoying time together as they are now having their meetings on a regular basis. Contact Sue Schmidt to be notified of when & where those meetings will be held.

Circle 9 is in the process of determining who their new chairperson will be following Candi Becker's resignation from that position. We thank Candi for serving for these past several years and look forward to her continued connection with us as an honorary member of Circle 9 and WCF. Rose Pech will share communications with Circle 9 members and be in contact with them regarding any business until they have a new chairperson.

Circle 10 continues to communicate via Facebook and is not meeting in person.

WCF WELCOMES ALL WOMEN FROM 18 TO 108 & OVER. PLEASE JOIN US!!

Contact info for chairpersons can be found in our church directory or by contacting Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or rose4nonna@hotmail.com. Blessings to all, Rose Pech

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Sun., Oct. 17	11:15 a.m.	UPC Parlor	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Oct 6	12:30 p.m.	UPC Parlor	Sue Schmidt
9	TBD	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	TBD
10	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jasmine Walker

Birthday List:

10/01 Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10/01 Nicole Scianna
10/02 Bill Churchill
10/04 Stefany Howard
10/04 Marylu Rossow
10/05 Benjamin Celeslie
10/05 Dennis Craig
10/05 Judy Ziegler
10/08 Vivian Kuzelka
10/11 Diana Drevalas
10/15 Kimberly Gotlund
10/16 Sarah Grubbs
10/16 Eric May
10/16 Michelle May
10/16 Rose Pech
10/17 Chuck Trowitch
10/18 Ken Craig
10/20 Laurie Bethmann
10/20 Cynthia Floral
10/20 Dian Weinkauff
10/22 Jody Gerzel
10/22 Blake Kutsin
10/24 Logan Muehleman
10/25 Dawn Boyle
10/26 Abigail Floral

10/26 Grace Floral
10/27 Bonnie Bjerning
10/31 Tracy Celeslie
10/31 Mark Rasmussen

Anniversary List:

10/06 James and Mary Richardson
10/07 Antoinette and Michael Mussay
10/09 Spencer and Lexie Craig
10/09 David and Susan Schmidt
10/11 Candi and Ted Becker
10/18 Erik and Sarah Gotlund

October Joy Sharing: Our October Joy Sharing will support Feed My Starving Children. As a Christian nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. You have heard them say again and again: **We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed.**" This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the "least of these." They will be found and they will be fed. With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger.

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Line**

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