

# The Unifier



54 South Whitney Street, Grayslake, Illinois 60030 | (847) 223-8131 | [upc@upcgl.org](mailto:upc@upcgl.org) | [www.upcgl.org](http://www.upcgl.org) October, 2018

## Stewardship

Outside of church these days we don't much hear about stewardship. What is stewardship anyway? And what specifically do we mean in the Christian context when we say or hear the word? A steward is simply a person who has something entrusted to them for them to manage in a way that is honoring. God has granted us many good things in our lives which we should manage in a wise and God-honoring way. God has given us the resources of time, and talents, and skills, and goods through which we can honor Him. Because God is the giver of all good gifts, when we give back to God, we are giving nothing else than a portion of what He has first entrusted to us. In this way, we aren't giving God part of what we have, but rather, we are giving back to Him a portion of what is already His.

When we understand rightly that all that we have is God's, it then frees us to see that what we give is what we are able to give freely, because the impetus of giving isn't in fulfilling a duty or merely to give out of guilt, but it is to give out of a deep sense of gratitude. Thankfulness always precedes giving. This fall we will hear from various people in our church engaged in ministry that God has entrusted to us to steward. We will hear about ways in which we are called to steward our resources, to care for those in our community who are in need, how we care for the Christian educational needs of people who come into UPC, we will hear about ways in which we care for the proclamation of the Gospel, and ways in which we care for our physical building. God has indeed richly blessed us, but He has not blessed us so that we may simply delight in the good He has given us (although when we do this we call it thankfulness), but we have been blessed to be a blessing to others. May we use this Fall time of harvest to contemplate how God is calling each of us to be a steward of what He has entrusted to us.

Pastor Ryan



## Class Notes—October, 2018

Dear Members and Friends,

We have recently embarked on a new Sunday School year for ALL ages here at the UPC. Our Fall OPEN HOUSE was held on September 9 where many folks were able to register for Sunday School, learn about our various class offerings, have back packs blessed by Pastor Ryan, meet their new teachers/shepherds, eat snacks and witness the dedication of the 2018-2019 Teaching Staff. Where do we go from there?

I pray you will commit your family to the following goals:

Weekly worship at either 8:15am or 10:30am,  
Christian education at 9:15am for ALL ages (with an additional Sunday School program for 3 year olds-through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at 10:30am),  
Youth Group,  
Mission Work,  
Church Service, whether it be through a committee, choir, special project or event,  
Building relationships with other church members and friends,  
Prayer, and  
Bible reading along with the practice of other Spiritual disciplines.

Our staff and volunteer leaders are interested in helping you achieve these goals, so be sure to tap us on the shoulder if you need an assist!

The UPC is a genuinely great place to experience God and Jesus through the Holy Spirit. I am truly grateful that you and I are here together!

In God's Service,

Carol R-R, DCE



# Fall Festival

The “**Bounce On In**” Fall Fest in conjunction with Grayslake Business Trick-or-Treating and hosted by the Children’s Ministry Committee will take place on the **front lawn of the UPC between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on October 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will have hot coffee for the adults, freshly popped popcorn and lemonade for all, and our very own **moonwalk**. Trick-or-treating will be taking place at downtown Grayslake businesses at the same time. Join us!

The next scheduled date for **FMSC is October 5 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.



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC-ND](#)

WCF invites all women of UPC and their friends to join us for another BUNCO event on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will also be collecting items for Lake County Haven in Libertyville. When you come to BUNCO, bring your donated items with you and they will be delivered to this facility.

Items that can be donated include:

- All-purpose cleaner
- Bleach
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Flatware settings for 4 or 6
- Furniture polish (safe for wood)
- Garbage bags (kitchen size or larger)
- Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Jewel, Lowe's
- Hand soap
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Office supplies – copy paper, large binders
- Paper towels
- Pillowcases – new only
- Plastic hangers – 10 packs
- Postage stamps
- Train passes for Metra

Contact Sue Schmidt at 847-367-1701 or [schmidt6134@comcast.net](mailto:schmidt6134@comcast.net) with any questions.

## The UPC Concert Series

The UPC concert series continues on Sunday, October 14 at 3pm featuring singer-songwriter Nicole Kelley.



Nicole brings a light indie folk rock sound to her shows. Noted for her “thoughtful original lyrics” by UTR Media’s Dave Trout, “a warm sensitivity to what makes a song holy and human” by songwriter Matthew Clark, and “the heart of a true artist” by longtime folk artist Lisa Weyerhaeuser. Nicole tours regionally in the Midwest playing in venues such as “Uncommon Ground Chicago”, and she has toured with her band to the east coast and the south. She has also opened for other indie artists Eric Peters and Rick Lee James, among others. Her debut album, “Just Another Day”, is available on CD or iTunes download. Follow her on

Facebook@nicolekelleymusic and check out her music video at nicolekelleymusic.com Bring your family and friends and enjoy this special afternoon of music!

**Sarah Pressly writes from FMSC: "Hello UPC friends! As always, I am so grateful and thrilled to have UPC working side-by-side with us to end world hunger. Your gift last year helped us bring a great event to Lake County, the Hunger 2 Hope MobilePack, and I am excited to say it's happening again this year! I will bring information to UPC when I come visit, but you are all invited to contribute individually and to volunteer as family and friend groups along with UPC! We will be packing THREE containers this year, which is over 800,000 meals - we will need all hands and feet to make this happen! I will also bring FMSC's Annual Report from last year, and here is the link for the electronic copy: <https://www.fmsc.org/-/media/files/pdfs/2017-2018-feed-my-starving-children-annual-report.pdf?la=en>. Your love for God's kids and for this particular mission is a blessing - thank you all so very much!"**

### Senior Citizens Take Note! We're having a party!



Your Home Team invites all our senior citizens to a luncheon on Sunday, November 4 immediately after the 10:30 church service. Just take a leisurely stroll to Fellowship Hall and make yourselves comfortable.

To be certain that we have enough food for everyone, we ask you to register for the luncheon. You will find the registration sheet on the wall to the right of the elevator on the main floor. Please also register for any guest you plan on bringing.

Our meal will be a main dish, bread, salad and dessert and we think you will be very pleased. There also will be time to chat with old friends and meet new ones. The Home Team is looking forward to gathering with all of you again, and we hope that many of our senior citizens will be able to come. We'll be waiting for you!!

## UPC PADS UPDATE



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

Artwork by Evan)

**FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, WE MAY BEGIN OUR PADS SEASON USING TWO SUBSTITUTES EACH OF TWO WEEKS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SHIFTS!!**

**ONSITE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!! 1 male & 1 female monthly onsite volunteers Needed for BOTH of these two shifts:**

**7 times a year or less!!**

2<sup>nd</sup> shift (11p.m. to 3 a.m.)

3<sup>rd</sup> shift (3 to 7 a.m.)

(Numbers as of September 15, 2018)

(Watch weekly Tuesday Newsday & Church Bulletin for updates.)

**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!)

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 October

### Birthdays:

10/1	Steven Kick Carol Roselli-Rasmussen Nicole Scianna	10/23	Lori Richard
10/02	Bill Churchill	10/24	Logan Muehleman
10/04	Marylu Rossow Carlos Sandoval	10/25	Dawn Boyle
10/05	Benjamin Celeslie Dennis Craig Judith Ziegler	10/27	Bonnie Bjerning
10/07	Kelly Truckenbrod	10/31	Tracy Celeslie Mark Rasmussen Cindy Teets
10/08	Vivian Gwalney		
10/10	Megan Lavery		
10/11	Diana Drevalas Richard Hillman		
10/15	Kimberly Gotlund		
10/16	Sarah Grubbs Rose Pech		
10/17	Chuck Trowitch		
10/18	William Pfeil		
10/20	Laurie Bethmann Cynthia Floral Dian Weinkauf		
10/22	Jody Gerzel		

### Anniversaries:

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

**.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-Pech, 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), Karen Hord (inoperable cancer, mother of a friend of Sarah Grubbs), 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, Janet Morris (mother of Cyndi Ryckman), Gene P. (lime 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 Ruhneke, 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), Carla Flok, 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, Edna Munsinger, 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: 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.



## Greeters

### October—December

Date	8:15	10:30
October 7	Ken and Sarah Press	Terry and Joyce Norton
October 14	Dian Weinkauf	Rose Pech, Cynthia Lee
October 21	Judy Ziegler	Felix Flok, Alice Broadhurst
October 28	Linda Rambo	Volunteers Needed
November 4	Darwin Schwaderer	Laurel Bruggen, Cynthia Lee
November 11	Bill Churchill	Craig and Barb Fischel
November 18	Mary Ann McDowell	Rick Burg and Volunteer Needed
November 25	Orrell Ruth	Dian Weinkauf, 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 Weinkauf

## 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 OCTOBER—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!**

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

**CIRCLE MEMBERS: REMEMBER BUNCO on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with members and friends!**

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

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

## Contact Us

United Protestant Church  
54 S. Whitney Street  
Grayslake, IL 60030 Phone:  
847-223-8131

E-mail: [upc@upcgl.org](mailto:upc@upcgl.org)

Pastor: Rev. Ryan Kiblinger

[pastorryan@upcgl.org](mailto:pastorryan@upcgl.org)

Pastor Ryan's Cell  
phone:254-285-9235

Church Office Hours:  
Monday through Thursday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Address Service  
Requested

Grounded | Empowered | Transformed

United Protestant Church of Grayslake  
54 S. Whitney Street  
Grayslake, IL 60030

