

# The Unifier



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## Paul's Use of His Freedom

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 New International Version

Paul's greatest desire in ministry was that people would come to know Jesus Christ. Remember this is Saul, known for persecuting the Church. His life was one of zeal for God. Once he met Christ on the road to Damascus, his zeal turned from opposition to the Church, to building the Church. In this passage, Paul clearly is expressing his willingness to step out of his comfort zone to win people to Christ. The purpose of becoming all things to all people is singular; so that people may share in the blessings of Christ. So I have two questions for you.

Are you experiencing the blessings of Christ?

And

What are you willing to do, to win others to Christ that they may share in His blessings as well?

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

This month, we begin our educational ministries year. I am excited for what we will be offering this Fall. The last year was filled with various difficulties for doing ministry, but it gave us the opportunity to try some new things and explore a different way of offering our discipleship opportunities. We will continue utilizing some of these new methods.

Beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>, our educational ministries begin. Our Sunday School hour will begin at 9:00 AM. To begin with on Sunday mornings, we will have one offering for adults and two children's classes.

Our Sunday morning adult opportunity is an exploration of what the Bible says about [Christian Community](#). Entering this new year and being back for in-person worship, it is a great time to explore and improve our church community. God created us for relationship and, as we see throughout Scripture, discipleship is best done in community with other believers. It is my hope and prayer that this is what we will be able to build: a community of believers that seeks to grow together in relationship with God and to serve those around us in love.

We will also have a midweek opportunity on Tuesday nights. This midweek offering will be a Zoom meeting at this time. This meeting will begin in October and be held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM. In this discipleship opportunity, we will be exploring the book of James together. I really look forward to working through this book.

On the Children's Ministry side, we will begin our year with a series of Unity Sundays, and then jump into our new curriculum Dig-In: Foundations of Faith. We will be exploring and answering foundational questions of the Faith. Last year, our theme was Who is God, you can still access these video lessons on our [Children's Ministry](#) Vimeo page. I am excited to continue exploring these foundational topics in the coming year.

On the family front, Anabelle and William started school in the middle of August. William is just starting Kindergarten and was really excited for school. On his second day of school, I woke up right around 6 and heard several sounds from his bedroom. I got up, and he opens his door all dressed and ready to go. He comes down and quickly eats breakfast and gets his backpack ready, all before 6:20. I ask him what he is doing, and he says that he just wants to make sure that he is not late or has to run to the bus stop. Thankfully, he is still excited about school, and though he is now usually sleeping longer, he still wants to make sure he is not late for the bus. Thank you for reading, this month. If you have any questions about our discipleship opportunities, please connect with me. I would be happy to help or answer any questions you might have.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey  
Director of Christian Education



# UPC PADS Site



## FALL PLANS FOR PADS SHOULD BE KNOWN BY SEPTEMBER 7:

As you know, we won't know for sure exactly how we'll be serving the PADS clients this fall until PADS Lake County knows what funds they will have and then determines how best to meet the needs of the guests based on this info, the availability of church sites, and other pertinent factors. With your continued prayers and support, we will be prepared to open as an emergency shelter from the first of October 2021 through the end of April 2022 if we're needed.

As I'm writing this article on August 30, our site plans to open Thursday, October 7, 2021.

## SCHEDULING IS BEING FINALIZED: **NEED VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!**

### **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE VOLUNTEER &/OR SHARE!**

**Volunteer Coordinator** who will work with Rose Pech from UPC and Susie Manshum from St. Gilbert to send weekly reminders & schedule some substitutes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Late 3<sup>rd</sup>, & A.M. Kitchen cleanup. (Schedule for season is almost completed!)

**Due to Covid upsurge, some of the following needs have changed.**

**Adult volunteer openings** monthly for the following shifts: (as of August 30, 2021)

(Substitutes are needed for all of these shifts.)

1 <sup>st</sup> Shift: 5:30 – 11 P.M.	1 male & 2 male or female volunteers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift: 11 P.M. – 3 A.M.	1 male & 1 male or female
11 P.M. – 1 A.M.	1 volunteer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Shift: 3 – 7 A.M.	Substitutes only needed
Late 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shift: 4:30 – 7 A.M.	1 male volunteer
A.M. Kitchen Cleanup 6 – 7 A.M.	2 volunteers

**Youth, Family and Group volunteers**, such as Scouts, Confirmation, etc. for PADS Site setup from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M.—Dates vary depend on each volunteer's availability.

**High School Youth volunteers** for Kitchen Serve/Cleanup monthly 6 to 8:30 P.M.

**PADS LAKE COUNTY NEEDS:** 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.

**REMEMBER!** **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 SEPTEMBER, 2021



### WCF PLANNING FOR 2021-2022:

WCF Board Members are discussing plans for the fall season and beginning work on the 2022 WCF Directory. Please check your 2021 WCF Directory and notify your circle chairperson or contact Sue Schmidt if any of your information needs to be changed.

We'll likely be cancelling BUNCO for October. Hopefully, it can be rescheduled for early next spring if we can do it safely. This is one of many items Circle 4/5 and Circle 2 will be discussing at their September meetings.

Another item will be the WCF fund for sending \$50 monthly to Brittany & Tyler in West Africa. Thank you to all who've contributed the \$10 or \$15 originally requested and to those of you who've given above! We now have the funds needed to meet our monthly pledge to them for the rest of 2021. We will need to raise at least \$300 by December if we wish to continue this donation in 2022. The fund is being renamed **WCF Mission Fund** to avoid confusion with the Joy Sharing fund for them.

If you would like to give direct input about what I've mentioned here or any other WCF plans, please contact your chairperson or one of our officers: Rose Pech, Sue Schmidt, or Catherine Vick. We look forward to hearing from you!!

### CIRCLE MEETING NEWS:

**If you're a woman between the ages of 18 and 108, COME & JOIN US!!**

**Circle 2** will have monthly meetings in the UPC Parlor on Sunday following the worship service. The exact week of the month will vary depending on other schedules. **Circle 4/5** plans to continue holding monthly meetings. Watch the UNIFIER and Tuesday Newsday or contact the circle chairperson for details on these meetings and for meetings of any of the other circles.

Contact info for chairpersons can be found in our church directory or by contacting Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or [rose4nonna@hotmail.com](mailto:rose4nonna@hotmail.com).

### WELCOMING ALL WOMEN!!

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Sun., Sept. 12	11:15 a.m.	Church Parlor	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Sept. 1	12:30 p.m.	UPC Front Lawn	Sue Schmidt
9	TBD	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Candi Becker
10	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jasmine Walker

**TYLER, BRITTANY & DANIELLE** continue to be thankful for our monthly donation. Remember to look through their amazing THANK YOU PHOTOBOOK that is in the Mission Committee mail-

## **Birthday List:**

09/01 Loretta Dodson  
09/03 Bobby Truckenbrod  
09/04 Ruth Gheysen  
09/05 Gail Gotlund  
09/05 Dustin Helvie  
09/05 Diane Kublinger  
09/06 Tom May  
09/06 Justin Trowitch  
09/09 Mark Fletcher  
09/09 Matthew Message  
09/10 Ryan Aubrey  
09/10 Michael Mussay  
09/11 Tyler Depke  
09/13 Nicholas Celeslie  
09/20 Sarah Helvie  
09/20 Jeanne Yomine  
09/21 Emily Runyon  
09/22 Diane Sawicki  
09/24 Ann Drevalas  
09/25 Vera Morris  
09/27 Christopher Markham  
09/27 Kyle Markham

## **Anniversary List:**

09/10 Don & Heather Eisenhour  
09/19 Mark & Kim Fletcher  
09/24 Steve & Stefany Howard  
09/26 William Pfeil & Judy Ruhnke  
09/30 Cinda & Dave Bartz

## **September Joy Sharing**

We will Joy Share Ink 180 in September. Ink 180 transforms the ainfal reminders of the destructive situations into beautiful art by covering the tattoos left from a former life in a gan or enslaved by human trafficking. The goal of the Ink 180 Ministry is to oing forces with other tattoo artists and dermatology groups from across the country to provide free tattoo cover-ups or removals.

For more information check out youtubes, etc., got to [chris@Ink180.com](mailto:chris@Ink180.com)

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