

# The Unifier



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## Cherishing Christ

Do you cherish Christ? I think that often times we get wrapped up in our schedules and the hustle and bustle of activities that we have to mark off of our 'To Do' list. This can happen particularly in our moments of religious celebration. I am thinking here of Christmas, but also surely of Lent and Easter. There are so many logistical and practical items that we have to take care of. Do we have our Easter baskets, our candy, our eggs, the groceries for the Easter meal, a new spring dress, the house cleaned for guests? There is so much preparation.

But I hope that in the fervor of our preparing that we don't forget, in fact, that we place a primary importance on the attitude and affections of our hearts. Do we cherish Christ? Do we delight in Him? Do we cherish Christ above all else? Do we take the time to relax and feel the freshness of God's love for us, even as we do the mundane in preparing.

May we truly cherish Christ this Holy Season.

Pastor Ryan

**Dear Church Family,**

As we approach Easter, thank you for your participation in our Journey to the Cross. I have really enjoyed working through Paul Tripp's Lenten Devotional with you. I hope that through this journey, you have come to a greater appreciation of confession, a greater understanding of your heart, and a renewed appreciation for God's work in our lives transforming us to be more like Christ.

Beginning April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our study of Nehemiah. If you missed the first half of the study, I would encourage you to join us. Now is a great time to jump in. We are continuing working through Warren Weirsbe's book *Be Determined*. I really look forward to resuming our conversation of Nehemiah. This study will take us through the remainder of our year. I pray that as we continue to explore this book, God will give us a clear sense of

This month our Children's Ministry will be doing a Sadder meal on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a wonderful time for kids to explore Passover. Also, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be once again holding our Easter Egg Hunt! I am so excited to offer this opportunity once again. I encourage you to come and to invite families that you know to participate with us. There will be an Easter story, the Egg Hunt, and some refreshments following. Finally, be watching for more information regarding VBS! It will be a wonderful time of exploring God's Word and having fun together.

If you have any questions about the Educational Ministries here at UPC or have any ideas for future programming, please let me know. We are always looking for ways to improve or new things to try.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey  
Director of Christian Education



# *PADS UPDATE*

## *April, 2022*



### **PADS LAKE COUNTY SLEEPOUT FOR SHELTER: SATURDAY, MAY 14, 6PM -7AM**

Raise consciousness & solidarity (& life-saving funds) for Lake County folks experiencing homelessness by joining the sleepout either in person at Joy Lutheran Church in Gurnee to enjoy games & food at the church & sleep in your tent or car, or virtually by camping out in your backyard/living room/ campground or by hosting a digital fundraiser. **Consider joining Rose Pech & others at Joy Lutheran, or you can give Rose donations made out to PADS Lake County if you choose not to participate in any of the suggested ways.**

See posters at UPC, special emails from UPC, or contact Rose Pech for more details.

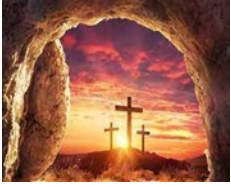
### **SAVE THE DATE! FOR THIS SEASON'S VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION EVENT**

**PADS Lake County Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from noon until 4 P.M.** Invitations are being sent by Evite with details included. If you volunteered for PADS this season & don't receive a personal evite, please contact Rose Pech so you can be included! **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO'VE SERVED DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME!**

### **NEEDED: VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, SHIFT LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS!**

**PRAY** for our UPC PADS ministry; **PRAY** for a volunteer coordinator; **PRAY** that enough volunteers will step up; **PRAY** about whether **YOU** are one of those whom God is calling to serve & meet one of these needs. **VOLUNTEER TO HELP ANY WAY YOU CAN!**

If these needs are met, our UPC PADS Site will be open each Thursday night/Friday morning from October 6/7, 2022, thru April 27/28, 2023. Many opportunities exist, some onsite and some offsite. The first onsite volunteers arrive at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays, & the last onsite volunteers leave the site about 7 a.m. on Fridays. Volunteers are scheduled for 7 or fewer times during the season for various shifts throughout the evening, night, & morning. Some opportunities to serve our PADS Site can be scheduled on other days and times. The volunteer coordinator works from home and has flexible hours. Contact Rose Pech, [pads\\_at\\_upc@hotmail.com](mailto:pads_at_upc@hotmail.com) or 847-223-8131, ext. 17 for more info.



# *UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP*



**PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY  
HE IS RISEN!! HAPPY EASTER!!**

**WCF NEWS—APRIL 2022**

**WCF WELCOMES ALL WOMEN 18 & OVER!! PLEASE JOIN US!!**

**BUNCO WAS ENJOYED BY ALL ON MARCH 12—MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW  
FOR OCTOBER 15!**

Our March 12 BUNCO event was a great afternoon of fun & fellowship as we caught up on news from members and friends whom we hadn't been with in ages! It was great to welcome some ladies who joined us for the fun even though they aren't members of UPC. As we've advertised, we welcome all ladies from the age of 18 and up! We're hoping to have a great turnout for our **next BUNCO on Saturday, October 15, from 1 to 3 PM**. You won't want to miss another afternoon of fellowship & fun!! Refreshments will be served, and we hope to see many of you then! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & WATCH FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

### **WCF MISSION FUND:**

Donations may be made throughout the year, and the amount in this fund at the end of 2022 will be sent to help support projects undertaken by Tyler & Brittany in West Africa during 2023.

### **CIRCLE NEWS:**

Circles 2, 4/5, & 9 held regular meetings in March.

Circle 2: Members met following worship on March 6 when they discussed upcoming events, general WCF business, & future meeting dates and mission projects. Refreshments were served while the members visited & signed cards for honorary members & friends who were ill. Linda Markham presented meaningful devotions on prayer. Circle 2 will meet monthly throughout the rest of the year, but will not meet during January & February of 2023.

Circle 4/5: Members met on the first Wednesday in the church parlor & enjoyed fellowship time, discussed plans for BUNCO, other WCF business, & their annual May meeting where they traditionally go to a restaurant.

Circle 9: Members met for the first time since the start of the pandemic, and it was great to visit in person & catch up on everyone's news. Meeting time has changed to 5:30 because Hillside closes at 7. Members enjoyed the food, & especially the fellowship, after being apart for so long!

See the chart below for April dates & times for all Circles. **NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR CIRCLE 9.** Watch for detailed information regarding all circle meetings in the Tuesday Newsday emails, weekly church bulletins, & our monthly UNIFIER articles.

**Birthday List:**

**04/01 Cinda Bartz**  
**04/08 Jerry Wessale**  
**04/11 Aimee Divis**  
**04/11 Brett Henne**  
**04/12 Griffin Ryckman**  
**04/15 Cynthia Lee**  
**04/18 Mila Kutsin**  
**04/19 Emma Craig**  
**04/19 Linda Rambo**  
**04/23 Jamie Fuller**  
**04/23 Carter Trowitch**  
**04/24 Matthew Craig**  
**04/28 Doug Thompson**

**Wedding Anniversary:**

**04/03 Lil and John Eldridge**

**To Access UPC's Calendar On  
Line**

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www.mychurchevents.com/  
calendar/calendar.aspx?  
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