

The Unifier



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With Some Urgency

For those of you who know me well, my driving style might be described as ‘with some urgency’. I generally like to get to the places I am going and to not mess about in my going. I am generally not out for the proverbial ‘Sunday drive’. Now, Sunday drives do have their purpose and often times in life we are far too rushed about how we go about our daily living. But I want to address, not rushing or hurry, but rather the term ‘urgency’.

In his gospel, Mark uses the Greek word for ‘immediately’ or ‘straight away’ more than forty times. Jesus isn’t ever rushed or in a hurry, but He is always intently focused upon the ministry which the Father has given to Him. His is a gospel demonstrating the motion and the movement of God. Jesus is always about the business of His Father. Are we?

We see in Acts chapter 8, that after Philip explains the Gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch, the eunuch sees some water and declares, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized.?”

The eunuch hears the Gospel, responds in belief, and that response is followed by an urgency to be baptized.

So where is your sense of urgency with the Gospel? With its proclamation and your response. How are you telling and inviting others? How are you growing in your faith? As we continue to emerge from the pandemic we are setting patterns of behaviour for ourselves. We have all gotten out of what were normal routines for us. Let us be deliberate in our urgency.

Let us take steps to grow in faith ourselves. And let us also continue to reach out to others. Reach out to fellow church members, to friends, to neighbours. Most people come to church not because of a pastor or preacher, not because they saw an ad, but because someone who is a friend or a family member invited them. Be a person of invitation today. Who will you pray for and invite to worship? The time is now.

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

As we approach the beginning of another year of educational ministries, I want to encourage you between now and the middle of September to pray and think about in what area of your life do you need to continue to grow. This week, I was reading the opening chapters of Isaiah in my personal devotions, and chapter 3 really stuck out to me. In this chapter, God, through His prophet, Isaiah, talks about coming judgement and the prideful attitudes of the people of Israel. The people of Israel oppose God and openly rebel against God's commands. Isaiah 3:9 states that like Sodom, they "openly boast of their sin". God is removing these things of security because they have come to rely upon them more than they rely upon God. People, things, and the gods of the land have replaced God.

They have set numerous idols before their hearts and eyes. We too set idols before our hearts and eyes. Idols are first a condition of the heart before they become a tangible figure of worship. What is the condition of our hearts? The life of a disciple is one of continually seeking the Holy Spirit to reveal to us areas of our hearts and lives that are not submitted to God. This is where it relates to our coming year. Like Israel, we each have things or people that we turn to for security, and while that is not necessarily a problem, where it does become a problem is when it comes to replace our trust and faith in God. I encourage you to pray, read Scripture for yourself, and meditate upon the areas of your life that need to be given over to God. He desires and demands all of your heart, mind, and life.

We will soon be holding Vacation Bible School, here at United Protestant Church. It will be held August 3rd through August 5th from 10:00 AM to Noon. If you are interested in registering, please contact me or follow this link to the registration [website](#). Please be in prayer for our VBS program this year. Pray that God would make himself known to our volunteers and kids. I pray that God will use this in the life of our church to strengthen and grow the faith of the children and volunteers who attend.

On the family front, at the beginning of July, we moved out of our rental home into our first house. I am hopeful that I will not need to go through the process of purchasing a home very many more times, but God was good to us, and it was a great opportunity for our family to grow in our faith. Anabelle and William were very excited about the whole process. If you just ask Anabelle, she will tell you her favorite part is her pink bedroom. William was excited about the playground in the backyard and the green walls in his room. Emily and I are enjoying the little bit of extra space in the kitchen and for hosting people in our home in the future.

I look forward to another year of ministry with you all. There will be an ice cream social at church on August 8th, and I encourage all of you to attend as we continue to build community and grow together as a church.

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey

Joy Sharing for July 18th, World Relief DuPage/Aurora

Refugee Reception

Supports the stability of newly arriving refugees through housing, case management, cultural orientation, and connections to community resources that result in a pathway toward healthy integration into local communities. More info can be found at worldreliefdupageaurora.org

UPC PADS UPDATE

CURRENT INFO FOR PADS IN LAKE COUNTY:

PADS had **110 clients** in 70 rooms in the three hotels as of June 9, 2021. PADS has enough money to keep these rooms throughout the next shelter season, ending April 30, 2022. The rooms will be used for families with minor children, the elderly, and those with severe underlying conditions. The current plan is for the rotating church sites to provide shelter and food for others who are in need. This may change depending on several factors, and final plans are expected to be known by September.

PADS LAKE COUNTY'S GREATEST NEEDS:

\$10 to \$50 Gift cards to Jewel or Wal-Mart \$10 Gas cards and \$5 or \$10 fast food gift cards

Contact **Nicole Harris** at 847-689-0541 or nharris@padslakecounty.org regarding needs.

PHONE NUMBERS TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE:

Anyone needing shelter or in danger of homelessness: 847-689-4357

Living outside: 847-616-5557

PADS IS CURRENTLY PLANNING ON SHELTER SITES OPENING OCTOBER 1:

UPC PADS SHELTER SITE plans to welcome 16 guests each Thursday night from October 7, 2021 through April 30, 2022 based on CDC, State of IL, Lake County, PADS, and local Church and UPC site leadership guidelines. (Numbers may change as guidelines change.)

PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS POSSIBLE! UPC NEEDS:

A volunteer coordinator for main shifts (We have an experienced assistant.) Flexible hours; mostly emailing; about 2 hours/week in Aug./Sept. & 45 min. to 1 hour/week Oct. thru April; training provided & assistance with setup & throughout the season.

Shift leader for main shift

Onsite volunteers for all shifts

We have many past volunteers returning; however, several cannot help because of changes in locations, jobs, health, or schedules. Training & support are provided for ALL positions.

WATCH TUESDAY NEWSDAY EMAILS FOR CURRENT INFO.

UPC PADS CURRENT NEEDS IN PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE REOPENING OUR SITE:

Disposable face masks

Hygiene gloves (M,L,XL),

Large bottles of hand sanitizer (64/67 oz)

Donations can be delivered to UPC on Sunday mornings or on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10 and 2. If needed, contact Rose Pech to set a more convenient delivery time.

Donation requests will be updated in the Tuesday Newsday emails and future *UNIFIER* articles.

DO NOT BRING ANY CLOTHING DONATIONS TO UPC!! UPC WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTING CLOTHING! ALL CLOTHING DONATIONS MUST BE MADE AT THE MAIN OFFICE AFTER FIRST CONTACTING Nicole Harris to determine PADS guests' clothing needs. See her info above.

Contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or pads_at_upc@hotmail.com for other information.

—On behalf of those without homes, The UPC PADS Site Leadership Team



United Protestant Church
Women's Christian Fellowship



WCF NEWS JULY 2021

CIRCLE MEETING NEWS: **GREAT NEWS!!!** Two of our circles are planning to meet in July!!! If you're a woman between the age of 18 and 108 and are able to join us, we'd love to have you visit!!

Circle 4/5 will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6 on the front lawn of UPC, weather permitting. Contact Sue Schmidt for more information.

Circle 2 will meet on Sunday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. following the worship service in the parlor of the church. Contact Catherine Vick or Rose Pech for more info.

Masks are optional for the outdoor meetings. Indoor meetings follow UPC Administrative Council guidelines based on CDC & State of Illinois regulations.

Most circles don't normally meet in August, but we hope all circles will begin their normal schedules in September. Watch Tuesday Newsday emails & UNIFIER articles for information, or call the chairperson for a circle's plan. Contact info for chairpersons is in our church directory, or Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or rose4nonna@hotmail.com

WELCOMING ALL WOMEN!!

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Sun., July 11	11:00 a.m.	Church Parlor	Catherine Vick
4/5	*Tues., July 6	12:30 p.m.	UPC front lawn	Sue Schmidt
9	Tues., TBD	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Candi Becker
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
*Weather permitting!				

UPDATE ON TYLER & BRITTANY & DANIELLE: Tyler, Brittany, & Danielle worshipped with us at UPC on Sunday, June 20 and gave an update on their projects and plans. They plan to return to West Africa the end of July. Prayers are needed for logistics to work out well with those who have volunteered to help Tyler and Brittany in West Africa, for more agricultural teammates and for a six-month helper. Prayers are also needed for their continual funding and support. The WCF Depke Fund for our WCF monthly donation is close to having enough to continue our support for 2021. Please consider making a donation to complete this year's funding. We'll be contacting members soon to decide on continuing this fund in 2022. Please prayerfully consider this worthwhile outreach!! Donations can be given to Sue Schmidt or be given as a check to UPC with WCF Depke Fund in the memo.

Blessed to be a part of UPC & WCF!-- Rose Pech

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: Fred Berchtold (abdominal cancer), Christian and Seth, Alice Desiree Craig, Shelly Kutsin's goddaughter), Loretta Dodson (chronic pain), Marie Frandsen, Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Norean Hill, Charles Madsen, Skip Madsen, Mary Mason (sister of Loretta Dodson), Gloria Meier (sister-in-law of Ann Thompson), Marjorie Miller, Rev Tom Neufer Emswiler, Terry Norton, (Lymphoma cancer), Linda Papesh (cancer, mother-in-law to the Fischel's daughter), Judy Ruhnke, Gary Sadlack, (cousin to Judy Ziegler), and Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann).

Long term prayers: Bruce Baird, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Betty Bournes (sister of Rose Pech), Thomas Bournes (brother-in-law of Rose Pech) Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Susan Green, Carl Heiler, Trish Jelinek (friend of Rose Pech), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellessen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Darwin Schwaderer, Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Orrell Ruth, Marcia Ruth, and Bobbie Weichman.

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), 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).

July Birthdays:

06/04	Brandon Gregory
06/04	Cally Hayes
06/07	Cody Harris
06/09	Barb Fischel
06/10	Cami Adas
06/13	Shane Runyon
06/14	Annette WaddelowRefugee Reception
06/15	Norean Hill
06/16	Eric Schmidt
06/16	Rosanne Taylor
06/19	Denise Fuller
06/23	Spencer Craig
06/23	Roger Richardson
06/23	Diane Trowitch
06/24	Wesley Garbutt
06/26	Patricia Barker
06/30	Cathy Vick

July Anniversaries:

06/11	William and Marie Weller
06/15	Craig and Janet James
06/21	Gretchen and Jerome Jagla
06/30	Jeffrey and Monique Taylor

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

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

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