

# 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 2020

## How Do We Know What We Know?

The area of philosophy that deals with this question, “How do we know what we know?” is called epistemology. Epistemology isn’t about what we know. It is concerned with how we can know information or facts or truth at all. So why am I here talking about epistemology? Well, because I think knowing matters. And I am convinced that knowing how we know what we know also matters.

Sometimes faith is pitted against science in our world today, but I believe this is a false opposition that is born out of lack of properly understanding epistemology. I think knowing is important. I also am firmly convinced that the think that we most need to know; that is all of us need to know is God.

If God is what or Who we need to know most of all, then the question should be put to us, and how do we know God? We know God because God has revealed Himself to us, and He continues to reveal Himself to us. This is why practice of the Spiritual Disciplines, or what Anglican/Wesleyan types call the ‘means of grace’ are so vital. I would both invite and encourage you to watch the teachings that Ryan Aubrey and I will be posting to our Youtube page in October and November (we will also have these linked on our webpage and emails will be sent out when new teachings post). I also hope that you will participate in either the Zoom discussions on Wednesday evenings or in person on Sunday after 10 am worship.

Pastor Ryan

## Dear Church Family,

After a long wait, our ministry year is finally beginning. This month, our Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry, Confirmation, and Youth Ministry begin offering spiritual education opportunities. This month, I am going to provide a brief update on what will be offered this Fall. We have spent a lot of time thinking through how all of these opportunities will work, and even with that planning, we understand that all these plans are held loosely. We hope that you all find time to participate in one or multiple opportunities.

This year in Children's Ministry, we will provide packets with supplies for a lesson and an activity to go alongside prerecorded video lessons starting twice per month. Our desire is to also do a Unity Sunday like event once per month via Zoom, to provide an opportunity to for kids to connect with each other as well as with the facilitators. We hope that this will provide families with sufficient flexibility to allow as many as possible to continue engaging in our Children's Ministry.

Confirmation will be meeting on Sunday evenings at 5 pm. They will begin on Zoom. This year we will be working through the Heidelberg Catechism in our Confirmation class to explore the basics of the faith in more depth. If you are interested in getting a taste of what our confirmands will be learning, I encourage you to watch Pastor Ryan's teachings through the Heidelberg Catechism. They can be found on the church [YouTube channel](#) and our [website](#).

Adult Education is offering two classes to begin our year. The first is a class taught by Pastor Ryan and I working through *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney. This will be a series of video lessons followed by opportunities for discussion, in-person on Sundays and on Zoom Wednesday evening. This class will last seven weeks and provide an exploration of the spiritual disciplines that help us grow our faith. It is built off of our cancelled summer retreat. The second opportunity is a book club style discussion of the book *Generous Justice* by Tim Keller. It explores issues related to social justice and explores ideas related to showing love to our neighbors. For this study, people will read the book *Generous Justice* and we will then hold a discussion on the book at the beginning of November. Emily Aubrey will facilitate this discussion.

Now is a perfect time to jump into any of our ministries. I hope that you will look to participating in our ministry offerings this year. Those who have not had the opportunity to participate in our Adult Ministry opportunities, I encourage you to join in this year. If you have any questions or need anything, please contact me: [ryanaubrey@upcgl.org](mailto:ryanaubrey@upcgl.org).

Blessings,

Ryan Aubrey



**UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH**  
**WCF NEWS—KEEPING IN TOUCH**



**MAJOR CHANGES IN WCF:**

WCF is facing many changes which have been shared with circle members by their chairperson and with Task Force members by Rose Pech. Some of these require changes in the WCF Constitution and/or By Laws. WCF members should expect to receive an email, or a letter if they don't use email, sometime soon if they haven't already. The suggestions for revisions will be noted in each attached document, and each member is asked to reply promptly to the email, voting for or against the recommended changes.

The WCF Board is proposing to no longer have dues or a budget, but we hope to have individual members contribute enough that we continue the support that we've been giving to Tyler and Brittany. Individual circles will decide on any other specific ministries/missions they wish to support.

Another major change is the dissolution of Circle 6. Most members of Circle 6 are no longer physically able to participate in the monthly lunch meetings. Many will continue to be honorary WCF members, just as members of other circles have done in the past.

An additional change will be the dissolution of the Task Force with its members also being able to be honorary members of WCF. The purpose of the task force has been to provide an opportunity for members who couldn't meet monthly to still participate in the service & fundraising activities of WCF. This is no longer necessary since WCF is not doing fundraising, and the service opportunities are available through other avenues.

Our WCF Directory is being updated for 2021, members are asked to share any changes in their contact information with their circle chairperson or with Sue Schmidt who is making the revisions for us.

**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

As we continue into the fall, Circle meeting times and locations will still be determined by individual circles following the UPC Administrative Council guidelines. The adjacent chart lists the circles and gives the names of each chairperson. If you're interested in visiting one of the groups, contact information for each chairperson may be found in the church directory or by contacting Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 [rose4nonna@hotmail.com](mailto:rose4nonna@hotmail.com).

Circle	Contact
2	Catherine Vick
4/5	Sue Schmidt
9	Candi Becker
10	Jasmine Walker

**STAYING CONNECTED!**

USE your WCF or Church Directory to reach out to others by email, text, phone call, a card, or a quick note. Not all members have the internet, so they don't get a lot of UPC info. Please share with them via phone calls or regular mail. -Blessings, Rose Pech

## UPC PADS UPDATE

The most recent info from PADS Lake County staff as of mid-September reported 150 guests still housed in 3 hotels and supported with laundry supplies and food while they continued to receive other PADS services.

PADS will not be operating any rotating sites this year. The decision has also been made that it would be the safest for our guests and volunteers to start the season without a fixed site option. **PADS will be offering emergency shelter through hotel stays that can be accessed at any time.** If we find that the need for emergency shelter is too great, we do have the option to open a small fixed site as a plan B.

Emergency services will have access to an on-call number that can be called at any time to help a client access shelter until they can connect with our main office and be added into one of our three main hotels. Once the final plan is operationalized, site leaders will receive an email with information so they can all connect someone to emergency shelter or feel confident if someone comes to a site this fall. A sign on the outside doors of UPC will let people know that our site is closed for the season and will direct them to the Grayslake Police Department so they can be assisted

Nicole Harris, Shelter Operations manager says “a HUGE thank you to everyone who has organized drives this summer, shopped, made lunches, and overall kept PADS in the forefront of your minds. We truly could not have given our clients the quality food, hygiene items, McDonald’s cards, or PPE/cleaning supplies without your generous support. THANK YOU!!!”

A few new ways of helping PADS clients are listed here. A complete listing of the previously suggested ways to help is also included in this UNIFIER. All of these are possibilities for people to help those who are in a housing crisis during the 2020-2021 PADS season.

### **Hot Meals for Weekends beginning October 1, 2020:**

Individual dinners need to be made and dropped off at the hotels on weekends for guests from October 1 thru April 30. The organization delivering meals on weekdays has committed to doing this through December. PADS will have an online signup for this soon. You may also contact Nicole Harris at [nharris@padslakecounty.org](mailto:nharris@padslakecounty.org) or at 847-689-0541 to participate in this.

### **Housewarming Project Items:**

Clients who are being housed need items for their apartments. A large group might want to put together laundry baskets/cleaning buckets containing some of the smaller items or to donate some of the larger priced items. Follow the directions below to get more information.

Go to [www.padslakecounty.org](http://www.padslakecounty.org)

Click on “Get Involved” at the very top of the page where the dropdown menu will include “Housewarming Project”

Click on “Housewarming Project” and you will find instructions on how to make up a “Housewarming Kit” and an email address to contact PADS and receive a list of suggested items to include in the kit.

**For more information regarding hotel item donations,** please contact Nicole Harris at [nharris@padslakecounty.org](mailto:nharris@padslakecounty.org) or at her office phone number 847-689-0541.

Please contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or [pads\\_at\\_upc@hotmail.com](mailto:pads_at_upc@hotmail.com) for other information .

--The UPC PADS Site Leadership Team

## How to Help PADS Lake County Clients

**Food items that can be donated** for PADS staff to pack into boxes for clients include the following:

(MOST NEEDED are Canned pop-top items and individual snack and breakfast items)

- Microwavable meals in pop-top cans (chili, chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore meals, Chunky soup, Ravioli, Spaghetti and Meatballs)
- Microwavable soups in containers or pop-top cans
- Small jars of peanut butter and/or jelly
- Mac 'n Cheese cups
- Ramon cups
- Beef Jerky, Slim Jim, Meat Sticks. Spam Packets, Tuna Packets
- Breakfast Cereal bars or granola bars, small sized boxes of cereal, Pop Tarts
- Fruit cups, applesauce cups or Pudding cups
- Boxes of microwavable Oatmeal packets
- Crackers in boxes with separate packs
- Granola bars
- Pop tarts
- Small bags of chiips or cookies

\$10 McDonald gift cards are also helpful because clients can use these to get a special treat once a week.

If you wish to make up boxes that are ready for PADS staff to give to the clients, each box would ideally include the following items:

- 1 jar Peanut butter
- Three packs of crackers
- 5 granola bars
- 3-4 canned goods (chili, chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore meals, Chunky soups)
- 2 poptarts
- 2 packs oatmeal
- 2 cups applesauce/fruit cups
- 4-5 small bags chips or one large bag

Continue on next page

This would be the “ideal” box and can be modified if need be. This is what we have been providing based on what we are seeing come in with donations.

**What else you can do to help:**

--Create “COVID Kits” – kits to be distributed with 2 reusable or several disposable masks, hand sanitizer, a few pairs of hygiene gloves

--Collect cleaning supplies for PADS- we are distributing cleaning supplies to those in our hotels and are going through what little we are able to order very quickly. Biggest needs: disinfecting wipes, disinfecting sprays, paper towels, bleach etc. (Lysol spray, especially)

--Donating PPE – we are still using cloth masks and handing them out to our clients who need them!

--If you or someone you know are crafty, we are always accepting cloth masks and other donations of PPE.

Donations can be dropped off at PADS, 1800 Grand Avenue in Waukegan on Monday – Friday, between 8am and 4pm. You will not need to enter the building. Staff members can “grab and go” from your car. Just pull up & ring the bell at the door. Someone will come to get the donations from you.

**Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members:** Fred Berchtold (abdominal cancer), Alice Broadhurst, Christian and Seth, Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Takara Dalton (fluid on the brain, Shelly Kutsin's goddaughter, Loretta Dodson (chronic pain), Barb Fischel (back pains), Curt Grabo (Bob Mielke's cousin, recovering from open heart surgery), Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Lynne Henne (mother of Brett Henne), Norean Hill (cancer), 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), Marjorie Miller, Linda Papesh (cancer, mother-in-law to the Fischel's daughter), Bonnie Ross (pancreatic cancer, friend of Karen Caviness), Judy Ruhnke, Andrew Sawicki, Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), Stephen (26-year-old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer), Martha Walker (grandmother of Alisha, Gabby and Caroline Walker), and David Walters (friend of Bob Mielke, recovering from a stroke), Nancy Weinkauf (Dian's mother)

**Long term prayers:** Bruce and Judy Baird (cancer), Marno Benande, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Betty Bournes (sister of Rose Pech), Thomas Bournes (brother-in-law of Rose Pech) Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Trish Jelinek (friend of Rose Pech, severe cellulitis in leg), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Vivian Kuzelka, Tom Nellessen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Darwin Schwaderer, Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Sandra Richard, 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).

October Birthdays:

10/01 Carol Rosekku-Rasmussen  
 10/01 Nicole Scianna  
 10/02 Bill Churchill  
 10/04 Stefany Howard  
 10/04 Marylu Rossow  
 10/04 Carlos Sandoval  
 10/05 Benjamin Celeslie  
 10/05 Dennis Craig  
 10/05 Judy Ziegler  
 10/07 Kelly Truckenbrod  
 10/08 Vivian Kuzelka  
 10/10 Megan Lavery  
 10/11 Diana Drevalas  
 10/15 Kimberly Gotlund  
 10/16 Sarah Grubbs  
 10/16 Rose Pech  
 10/17 Chuck Trowitch

October Anniversaries

10/18 Ken Craig  
 10/18 William Pfeil  
 10/20 Laurie Bethman  
 10/20 Cynthia Floral  
 10/20 Dian Weinkauf  
 10/22 Jody Gerzel  
 10/23 Lori Richard  
 10/24 Logan Muehleman  
 10/25 Dawn Boyle  
 10/27 Bonnie Bjerning  
 10/31 Tracy Celeslie  
 10/31 Mark Rasmussen

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

**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)

## 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.

Grounded | Empowered | Transformed

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

