

The Unifier



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Love and Peace in a Time of Outrage

There is much in this world to be rightly angry about. As Christians though, I wonder what we ought to do even with our righteous anger. In his letter to the church in Ephesus Paul writes, "In your anger do not sin." (Ephesians 4.26a). Our world today seems to take anger and to channel it into outrage. There are so many who seem so mad about something so very often. So how should we as Christians live in light of the anger in our world and even our own anger?

Galatians 5 gives us two alternatives. Paul outlines how we might live by the Spirit or how we might live by the flesh. Among other things, Paul lists, 'hatred, discord, and fits of rage' as acts of our sinful nature. Alternatively, Paul lists the outcomes of living a Spirit filled life. These include, love, patience, gentleness, and self-control. Now those who know me well know that these are not my natural way of being. But this is true not just of me, but really of us all as we all have a sinful nature. What the world needs is more Spirit controlled Christians. For us to be able to be those who love and show patience in the midst of the chaos of this broken and fallen world. Patience and love are both active (as is self-control). Christianity doesn't expect that love is inactive or that it simply sits on the sidelines. Quite the opposite. It does mean that we shouldn't be prone to quick actions that may be detrimental to the long term good.

I will say one final word here in the midst of what is a short writing simply to get us to think about how we allow the Spirit control. And that final word is prayer. We simply do not pray enough. We ought to spend hours praying each day. There is plenty for us to pray for. Pray for your family. Pray for your community, Pray for our government officials. Pray for God to act. Pray for the Spirit to change our own heart so that you are Spirit controlled and not led by the sinful nature. For us to act, let us pray.

Pastor Ryan

Dear Church Family,

Our Fall is beginning, and it looks a little different this year. It was sad to not be able to hold our normal registration and kick-off events. Our education committees have put in lots of work trying to figure out how we are going to approach this ministry year. I hope that you are all able to participate in the various opportunities we offer over the coming year. It is taking lots of adjusting as we try new ways of helping you grow in discipleship.

It is important that we continue to work toward becoming more like Christ. One of the great opportunities we had over the summer was to develop the habit of reading a Bible story together as a family most days each week. We had some wonderful conversations with our kids about sin, Satan, Ahab, creation, where the chariot and horses of fire that took away Elijah, the remnant, and whatever other questions they had. It was truly a wonderful time of having faith conversations. Some nights were certainly more productive than others, but to develop the habit and create a safe environment for faith conversations is well worth the time we spent. This is what we desire to create through our ministry offerings both now, and in the future. I hope that we can develop a community that welcomes and explores questions together. We are all walking the life of a disciple. It is not easy and is not to be done alone.

This month represents one year since my family has joined the congregation. It is hard to believe that it has already been a year. It has been a very strange year, especially since March, but it was a good year. I have enjoyed worshipping with you, having the opportunity to teach and plan our discipleship opportunities, and to grow spiritually alongside of you. I look forward to that continuing this year. Though our educational offerings will look different, especially this Fall, I hope that you all will consider participating in our educational ministries this year. I am excited for what we are planning on doing. As always, if you have any questions, need any resources, or anything else, do not hesitate to ask. I am happy to help, ryanaubrey@upcgl.org.

On the family front, as I write this, Emily is beginning work teaching music again, William went back to preschool, and Anabelle begins 1st Grade. Ever since the decision was made by Anabelle's school district to begin the year remotely, when the topic of going back to our various places, Anabelle would express sadness about not being able to go to class in person and William would say in a mildly bragging voice that he gets to go back to preschool in person. That was a consistent conversation for about a month. That all changed, when Anabelle's school district provided her with a basic laptop for her Zoom classes. William then began crying because he wants to do preschool on a computer. Have I mentioned that William has a thing for any type of screen? Thankfully, he did not bring it up today when I dropped him off this morning. He was glad to be going to preschool. I look forward to his full report of his day.

Blessings,
Ryan Aubrey



UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

WCF NEWS—KEEPING IN TOUCH



CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR FALL:

As we move into fall, Circle meeting times and locations will be determined by individual circle members and their chairperson following the UPC Administrative Council guidelines. The chart below 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 or rose4nonna@hotmail.com.

Circle	Contact
2	Catherine Vick
4/5	Sue Schmidt
6	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Candi Becker
10	Jasmine Walker

BUNCO CANCELLED FOR OCTOBER 2020:

Current regulations and those expected for the foreseeable future will not permit our holding the WCF gatherings for BUNCO. We hope to resume BUNCO in the fall of 2021 when we can all enjoy each other's company as we toss the dice, taste some snacks, and tell each other our latest news. Please keep in touch with our fellow WCF and UPC members in the meantime!!

CONTINUING OUR SUPPORT OF THE DEPKES:



WELCOME DANIELLE, BORN July 20th!

Introducing you to the newest member of the Tyler and Brittany Depke family, Danielle Jubilee Depke. Photo thanks to Brittany & Tyler who are very grateful for our continued support!

You can be a prayer partner and receive their weekly email updates if you aren't already doing so. Check with Rose Pech for more information.

STAYING CONNECTED!

During this time apart, PLEASE use your WCF or Church Directory to reach out to each other by phone, a card, or a quick note. Some of our circle members don't have the internet, so it would be especially nice for the rest of us to find out what's happening in their lives and to let them know what's happening in our lives and in the life of UPC.

--Blessings to all, Rose Pech

UPC PADS UPDATE

PADS Lake County staff and PADS Emergency Shelter Site leaders held our most recent ZOOM meeting on August 12. As of then, 137 guests were still being housed and fed in hotels while they continue to receive PADS services. Thankfully, in coordination with various housing agencies in Lake County, more clients are being helped to find housing!

In addition to providing continued assistance for the clients who are in hotels, all church sites are asked to assist with volunteers, food, and other necessities for guests at a fixed site location primarily for walk-ins and police drop offs from October 1, 2020, thru April 30, 2021. The number of guests would vary each night with a maximum of 20 anticipated. More information on location, schedule, and specific needs is yet to come. The manner of food delivery will be different regardless of where we serve it as we follow the regulations that are then in place.

Our next PADS ZOOM meeting is scheduled for September 9. We will give an update in the Tuesday Newsday email after that meeting, and our October UNIFIER article will give you any new information. We will provide additional updates as they are received.

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORTING PADS!

Olivia Wong made and donated 118 cloth masks which will be used for PADS during the 2020-2021 season. She is one of the many amazing supporters that enable UPC and PADS Lake County to provide emergency food and safe shelter to people who are experiencing a housing crisis in Lake County.

Thanks to Olivia, to the Exchange Club of Grayslake for their generous monetary donation, to those who contributed to the annual Joy Sharing for PADS in August, and to all of you who help support the PADS Shelter Program. Donations are always welcome and enable us to continue serving those in need.

For information about our current needs, please see the list below or contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or pads_at_upc@hotmail.com



CLOTHING DONATIONS: UPC will not be accepting clothing donations until further notice. Inquiries about clothing donations should be made by contacting PADS Lake County directly at 847-689-4357 to learn their needs & arrange for delivery when clothing is needed.

We want to continue providing help for the guests who are in hotels. The greatest needs are pop-top canned meal items (Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore meals, chili, chunky soup), Easy Mac, Cup-o-Soup, granola bars, individual bags of chips, pop tarts, oatmeal packets, peanut butter, and individual fruit cups/applesauce. Masks, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies for sanitizing are a constant need. Gift cards to McDonalds (\$10) and to Walmart (\$25) are still welcomed.

For more information regarding hotel item donations, please contact Nicole Harris at nharis@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 for other information or to volunteer.

--On behalf of those experiencing a housing crisis in Lake County,
The UPC PADS Site Leadership Team

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: Fred Berchtold (abdominal cancer), 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 Papesch (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 Weinkauff (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).

September Birthdays:

9/1	Brian Batteiger	9/22	Diane Sawicki
9/1	Loretta Dodson	9/24	Ann Drevalas
9/3	Bobby Truckenbrod	9/25	Vera Morris
9/4	Linda Batteiger	9/27	Christopher Markham
9/4	Ruth Gheysen	9/27	Kyle Markham
9/5	Gail Gotlund		
9/5	Dustin Helvie		
9/6	Tom May	September Anniversaries	
9/6	Justin Trowitch	9/4	Brian and Linda Batteiger
9/9	Mark Fletcher	9/10	Don and Heather Eisenhour
9/9	Matthew Message	9/19	Mark and Kim Fletcher
9/10	Ryan Aubrey	9/24	Steve and Stefany Howard
9/13	Nicholas Celeslie	9/26	William Pfeil and Judy Ruhnke
9/20	Sarah Helvie	9/30	Cinda and Dave Bartz
9/20	Jeanne Yomine		
9/21	Emily Runyon		

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