

# The Unifier



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## Enjoying God

I have a question for you today. Perhaps it is a question that you have never pondered before. Often in church we might be asked questions such as, “Do you believe in God?” Or “Do you fear God?” or maybe, “Do you love God?” Those are all not only fairly common questions, but they are good questions. Everyone in the world should take note of those questions, and wrestle with them, and answer them.

But today I have a different question for you. Do you enjoy God? This might be a question you have never really considered. It might even sound odd to you. God is many things, but is God someone to be enjoyed? I believe He is. God made us to be in relationship with Him and with one another. If God made us to be in relationship with Him, don't you believe that He wants us to enjoy that relationship? And if God desires us to enjoy our relationship with Him, what about that relationship does God desire us to enjoy? Surely, it is God's desire that we enjoy God Himself. We are to enjoy God, primarily, for who He is, and not for what He does. All good relationships are like that aren't they? We enjoy the relationship for the person we are in relationship with.

Today I invite you to get alone with God. To get alone with Him, and enjoy Him. Sit in silence and simply be with God.

Pastor Ryan



## Class Notes... September 2018

From the desk of Carol Roselli-Rasmussen, DCE

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**Ready or not, we're BACK! Make sure to be in church on September 9!**

**Christian education classes** start up this month on September 9 when we return with our **Fall OPEN HOUSE at 9:15 a.m.**

ALL ages are encouraged to come to the OPEN HOUSE to register for our programs, meet staff, and view this year's curriculum.

Students will also be able to have their backpacks blessed so that they can be reminded that Jesus is with them all school year!

**Regular classes at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings will begin on September 16 for ALL ages.** Here is a preview of our first Education Hour attraction **for our ADULTS this FALL:**

The engaging 10-week study written by Frances Chan, ***Crazy Love***, will be the sole Sunday morning offering to kick off the 2018-19 Adult Christian education programs. Through this study you will be challenged to your core by Pastor Chan as he calls us to face our lukewarm culture and answer it with a red hot passion for Christ! Carol R-R, our DCE, will facilitate this class.

Books for this class will be available for purchase at the September 9 Open House.

This year, ***JIF, Journeys in Faith***, features themes that help our 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders witness God's presence.

The 2018-2019 **CONFIRMATION** program with Pastor Ryan and Ms. Rose (Craig Tyler) at the helm begins on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a 15 minute parent meeting in Room 101 at 9:15am.

The 10:30 a.m. **UPC Kids!** Program for 3 year olds (toilet-trained) 2<sup>nd</sup> graders starts on 9/9!

**Worship Readiness!** for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders will commence on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. You can learn more about the UPC and our upcoming events by checking out the church website at [www.upcgl.org](http://www.upcgl.org)!

**Start the new year off on the right foot, the one that leads you to worship and study with your church family at United Protestant!**

**In God's Service,**

**Carol Roselli-Rasmussen (CR-R), Director of Christian Education**

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**WHAT:** Back to Sunday School OPEN HOUSE

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am to 10:15am

**WHO:** All areas/ages groups of our education programs will be represented

**WHERE:** At the United Protestant Church, of course!

Adults: *West Entrance*

Youth (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades): *Loft*

Children (3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> grade): *Fellowship Hall*

Infants-3s: *Nursery*

**WHY:** To have the opportunity to:

Register for the 2018-2019 classes and youth groups

Check out the curricula

Meet the teaching staff

Reconnect with friends

Eat!

**HOW:** Just show up! There is NO FEE for Christian education at the UPC.  
Invite friends who are looking for a meaningful way to learn about what it means to be Christian!

**WHAT ELSE:** Children and Youth can have their school backpacks blessed by our Pastor and receive a key chain to hang on their backpack as a reminder that Jesus is always with them!

**Questions:** Call Carol R-R at (847) 223-8131 or E-mail at [carolrr@upcgl.org](mailto:carolrr@upcgl.org)



# UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP September, 2018



## ~ WCF CIRCLE MEETINGS~

Come Join Us!! We Welcome All Women!!

Watch the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday emails, & the *UNIFIER* for other notices. Take a WCF Brochure from the wall rack left of the Mission Table.

**Note: Regular Circle Schedules Have Resumed!!**

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues. Sept 4	7:30 pm	Small Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed. Sept 5	11:30 am	Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs. Sept 6	11:30 am	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues. Sept 11	5:30 pm	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects	Ministries	To help; no meeting	Rose Pech



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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**Is your calendar marked for the  
ELGIN DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION?**

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Time: 8:30 am—1 pm

Place: Memorial UMC, Zion  
2935 Sheridan Rd, Zion, IL 60099

Rides can be provided.

Contact Rose Pech for a ride &/or more info:  
[rose4nonna@hotmail.com](mailto:rose4nonna@hotmail.com) or 847-356-3577.

A note from Kim Schwaderer:

I'd like to say a word of thanks to my UPC family for their encouraging thoughts, cards, emails, visits and especially prayers during my lengthy dental adventure. There is still some tweaking needed, but we're coming to a successful close! I'm getting back to my normal picky diet! God has been so good to me on this journey!

Blessings to all!

Kim Schwaderer

The next scheduled date for **FMSC is September 7 at 8pm in Libertyville**. You are a vital part of this organization's continued success. Hunger doesn't stop during the summer months. Please consider signing up to volunteer to work. We are there the first Friday of each month. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Table. God bless you, Lillian Eldridge, coordinator.

**September's Joy Sharing Mission is Operation Christmas Hope! Similarly to Operation Christmas Child, Operation Christmas Hope (OCH) provides shoebox gifts for children in need during the Christmas season. OCH partners with homeless missions, transitional living facilities, and domestic abuse shelters around the country to bring Christmas joy to children in crisis. Within each shoebox, children receive hygiene products, school supplies, toys, and other accessories while also learning about the love of God. The Operation Christmas Hope Joy Sharing Sunday will take place on September 16 during both services. Thank you for supporting the mission of the UPC Youth!**



WCF invites all women of UPC and their friends to join us for another BUNCO event on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the fellowship of other women as we play BUNCO, converse and have refreshments. Never played before? It's an easy game to learn, so come and try it! Contact Sue Schmidt at 847-367-1701 or [schmidt6134@comcast.net](mailto:schmidt6134@comcast.net) with any questions.

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# UPC PADS UPDATE



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IF WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED US!!**

**ONSITE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!**

**Monthly onsite volunteers we need:**

**7 times a year or less!!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> shift (11p.m. to 3 a.m.) –5 Needed!**

**3<sup>rd</sup> shift (3 to 7 a.m.)—1 male needed**

(Numbers as of August 20, 2018)

(Watch weekly Tuesday Newsday & Church Bulletin for updates.)

**Volunteers needed to substitute for All shifts listed above AND**

1<sup>st</sup> shift (5:30 to 11 p.m.); General Site Cleanup (4:45 to 7 a.m.)

Morning Kitchen Cleanup (6 to 7 or 7:30 a.m.)

**Welcome people who are experiencing homelessness as they work to find a “Happy Home”!**

**Artwork by Evan)**

Thursday, Sept. 27 in UPC Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m., or a separate training session can be arranged if this date/time isn't convenient. **To RSVP or for more info, contact Rose Pech at pads\_at\_upc@hotmail.com or 847-356-3577.**

**Join us for training at our “Back to PADS” Soup & Salad**

## **SHARING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

During August Joy Sharing, thanks to the help of Dennis Craig, we shared a video of a woman who'd been living on the streets for almost a year until someone called the PADS Outreach Program phone number and reported her and her location. Melvin Ford, PADS Outreach Program Manager, went to talk with the woman and helped her get into the PADS program where she was able to stay in emergency shelters like ours while PADS helped her find housing. People who gave her food or bought her a meal while she was on the streets kept her alive as she slept out in the cold and the rain, but it wasn't until someone called the PADS Outreach Program at **847-616-5557** that she was led to a place where she could have help finding a home. Please save this phone number in your phone or have it available in another place. **CALL , report the location & give a brief description of anyone you see who appears to be homeless in Lake County!** Your call could be the one that leads another person to the place where s/he can get help to find a “Happy Home”!

--On behalf of those experiencing homelessness, Rose Pech

# *Can you hear Me now?*



A silent, spiritual retreat has been scheduled for 18 members and friends of the UPC at the beautiful Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, IL for *Friday, January 18, 4pm, to Saturday, January 19, 2pm*. The cost for the retreat is \$98 which covers 3 delicious meals, a private bedroom with bathroom, all materials, retreat leader and the use of the lovely building and grounds which include a small library, sanctuary, chapel, 2 lounges, walking trails and spectacular wildlife. Space fills up fast. Contact Carol R-R, retreat leader, at [carolrr@upcgl.org](mailto:carolrr@upcgl.org) with questions and/or to register.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

09/01	Loretta Dodson	09/24	Ann Drevalas
09/02	Theresa Harvey	09/25	Vera Morris
	David Stetz	09/27	Kyle Markham
09/03	Bobby Truckenbrod		Christopher Markham
09/04	Ruth Gheysen	09/29	Nancy Tedesco
09/05	Gail Gotlund		
09/05	Dustin Helvie		
09/06	Tom May	<b>Anniversaries:</b>	
	Justin Trowitch	09/05	Steve and Dot Betke
	Matthew Message	09/10	Don and Heather Eisenhour
09/10	Michael Mussay	09/13	Tim and Kristen Johnson
09/13	Nicholas Celeslie	09/19	Kim and Mark Fletcher
09/16	Harry Carnes	09/20	Joe and Sue Hobson
09/19	Dorotha Betke	09/26	William Pfeil and Judy Ruhnke
09/20	Sarah Helvie	09/30	Cinda and Dave Bartz
	Jeanne Yomine		
09/21	Emily Runyon	<b>May She Rest in Peace: Beth Bishop, long time member of UPC</b>	
09/22	Laurie Caputo		
	Diane Sawicki		

**.Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members:** Judy Baird suffering from cancer (wife of Bruce Baird), Jerry Beck (son of Ruth and Al Beck), Candi Becker, Jodi Briedis-Pech, Harry Carnes, Christian and Seth, Darlene (sister of Marcia Ruth), Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Mary Friis, Steve Gates (friend of Cyndi Ryckman), Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Karen Hord (inoperable cancer, mother of a friend of Sarah Grubbs), Jae, 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), Pat Mielke, Marjorie Miller, Janet Morris (mother of Cyndi Ryckman), Gene P. (lime disease and mini stroke, brother of Donald Vick), Stephen Peregrin (leukemia, son of Greg Peregrin), Ken Pidgeon (knee replacement, brother of Bobbie Weichman), John Reinhart (final stage of heart failure, friend of Darlene George Craig), Rhonda (stage 4 cancer throughout her body), Judy Ruhnke, Orrell Ruth, Jim Smith (stroke), Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), and Stephen (26 year old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer).

**Long term prayers:** James Barker (son-in-law of Vivian Gwaltney), Marno Benande, Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Karen Caviness, Barry Craig, Pat Curnow, Joshua Duran (cousin of Jasmine Walker), Carla Flok, Elaine Francis, Brad Fuller (stroke, brother of Jamie Fuller), Gerard Gray (cousin of Rose Pech), Susan Green, Vivian Gwaltney, Carl Heiler, Tucker Hupp (grandson of the Lockhart's), Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Jean Korell, Dorothy Kuckla, Vivian Kuzelka, Edna Munsinger, Tom Nellessen (brother of Margie Scheibler), Pat Nowak (waiting for a kidney, sister-in-law of Joann Baraksa), Don Piester (brother-in-law of Darwin Schwaderer), Chester Pinkowski (relative of Maureen Daly), Susan Reed (sister of Rick Burg), Sandra Richard, Marcia Ruth, Elsie Shaheen (cancer, cousin of Judy Ziegler), Robert Stewart, Bobbie Weichman, and Betty Vares.

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are currently serving their country: Andrew Vick (son of Cathy and Don Vick), Derek Robb, Abraham Lam Yuen, Bob Sisco (brother of Lexie Craig), Dennis Jackson (friend of Lexie Craig), Philip Norton (grandson of Joyce and Terry Norton), and Duneley Rochino.



## **Greeters**

### **September—December**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Dot and William Betke</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Bill Churchill</b>	<b>Dian Weinkauf, Rick Burg</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>Linda Rambo</b>	<b>Alice Broadhurst, Laurel Bruggen</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Darwin Schwaderer</b>	<b>Craig and Barb Fischel</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>Orrell Ruth</b>	<b>Rose Pech and Volunteer needed</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Ken and Sarah Press</b>	<b>Terry and Joyce Norton</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Dian Weinkauf</b>	<b>Rose Pech, Cynthia Lee</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Judy Ziegler</b>	<b>Felix Flok, Alice Broadhurst</b>
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Linda Rambo</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Darwin Schwaderer</b>	<b>Laurel Bruggen, Cynthia Lee</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Bill Churchill</b>	<b>Craig and Barb Fischel</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Mary Ann McDowell</b>	<b>Rick Burg and Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>Orrell Ruth</b>	<b>Dian Weinkauf, Alice Broadhurst</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>Jeff Ziegler</b>	<b>Terry and Joyce Norton</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Rosanne Taylor</b>	<b>Judy Ziegler</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Darwin Schwaderer</b>	<b>Rose Pech, Felix Flok</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>Orrell Ruth</b>	<b>Laurel Bruggen, Rick Burg</b>
<b>December 30</b>	<b>Jay and Lil Eldridge</b>	<b>Cynthia Lee, Dian Weinkauf</b>

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www.mychurchevents.com/  
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