

The Unifier



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A New Year

What do I want to communicate to the congregation? How can I best articulate that God has called each of us into ministry? How can I communicate that UPC is a place that is permission giving in desiring to see all people equipped to live into the calling God has made on their lives? These are just some of the questions with which I wrestle and think through as I write this article and think about another year of ministry at UPC.

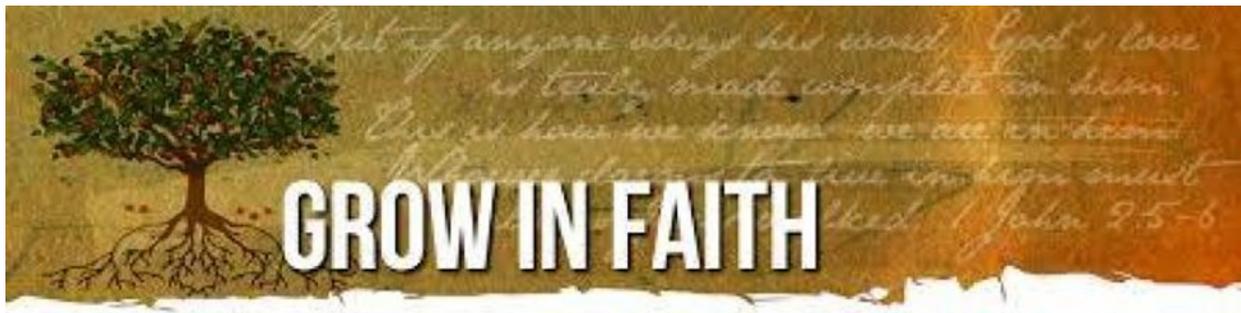
I am genuinely excited for what God is doing at UPC. I want to invite us all into the full (and deeper) participation in the life of the church, because participation in the life of the church is one significant and central way in which we grow closer to God. Will you commit this year to being present in worship whenever possible? Will you commit to participation on Christian education? Will you come and learn more about the Lord? Will you serve? Will you give of your time and talents to be involved in the mission life of UPC? And will you give? Will you contribute to the financial life of the church through your regular and cheerful giving?

Every once in a while we need to take stock. We need to look again at the priorities and commitments we have made.

Pastor Ryan

September Joy Sharing

This month's Joy Sharing, on September 15th, will benefit a special United Church of Christ mission entitled Neighbors in Need (NIN). This mission supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of the NIN funds supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering are used by UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants.



Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education @9:15am

Room 106 with Facilitator Carol Roselli-Rasmussen

This Fall the Adult Education Committee (AEC) of the United Protestant Church is kicking off the 2019-2020 school year with a prayer series as described below.

Before Amen, The Power of a Simple Prayer, is a 4-week DVD-based series written by Max Lucado which includes a text book (\$13), a weekly DVD and in depth class discussion for adults on establishing a meaningful prayer life with the simple prayer: *Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus' name, amen.*

This class will begin on Sunday, September 15 and run through October 6, 9:15-10:15am in Room 106 found on the lower level of the Education wing.

Life-Changing Prayer, Approaching the Throne of Grace, is a 6-week DVD-based series written by Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle which includes a study guide (\$7 ea.), a weekly DVD and discussion which will lead us in an exploration of how God promises in His Word to always hear you, answer you, and extend His mercy when you come to Him.

This class will begin on Sunday, October 13 and run through November 17, 9:15-10:15am in Room 106.

"As Hebrews 4:16 states, you can always 'approach God's throne of grace with confidence,' knowing that you will 'receive mercy and find grace' to help you in your time of need."

Stop by the Parlor between 9:15am and 10:15am on September 8 to sign up for one or both of these classes and purchase your book(s). AEC members will be present to meet with you, answer questions and hear what subjects you would like to cover in future classes. Contact Carol R-R at rasmuss4@aol.com with questions.



UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



What is WCF? AND What are Circles?—FIFTH in a Series of Articles! WELCOMING ALL WOMEN!!

This month, in our series of articles about WCF and its various Circles, the focus is on Circles 3 and 10. Circle 3 has some of the more mature ladies of WCF, while members of Circle 10 are AMONG the youngest. As you read about these two circles and think about the other circles we've already described, you'll see the wide variety of possibilities offered by our WCF for all women of the church. Choose one or more of the circles to visit when we all resume our regular schedules in September!

Circle 3 meets monthly year round on the first Thursday of each month at Whitney Street Restaurant, just a block north of the church. Reverend Orrell Ruth joins the four members and leads in devotions. The group has a lovely time enjoying each other's company at their monthly gatherings. They actively participate in the ministry of WCF and the church by contributing money for PADS dinners, providing treats for Sacred Grounds, serving as Greeters for worship services, participating in the Book Review, providing treats for BUNCO games, and donating for the Annual Cookie Walk. They gladly welcome all who might like to join them for a Dutch-treat lunch out. Contact Marie Frandsen for more info.

Circle 10 is a perfect circle for ladies who don't necessarily have the free time for a set meeting every month but still want to help support, empower and encourage our sisters in Christ as well as the communities we serve. They engage mainly in fellowship as well as choose and participate in an annual mission project in addition to participating in the WCF ministries of helping with Sacred Grounds and the Annual WCF Cookie Walk. Most of the meetings take place online via Facebook, but they do try to get together quarterly in the parlor at UPC. All are welcome to join us! Simply let Chairperson Jasmine Walker know, and she will handle communications from there!

WCF CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
2	Tues., Sept. 3	7:30 p.m.	Small Meeting Room	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed., Sept. 4	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs., Sept. 5	11:30 a.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Sept. 10	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Candi Becker
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech

This concludes the description of our five WCF circles, small groups for women who want to be in fellowship and ministry with their Christian sisters. Please contact Rose Pech 847-356-3577, rose4nonna@hotmail.com, or the church office for the contact info of the chairperson(s) of the circle(s) you wish to visit! **SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!**

NEWS FROM THE PADS LAKE COUNTY NEWSLETTER:

LAKE COUNTY REACHES FUNCTIONAL ZERO FOR VETERAN HOMELESSNESS!

PADS Lake County was thrilled to celebrate Lake County ending veteran homelessness with the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless early in August. By reaching Functional Zero, Lake County has created a local system that can house more veterans in a month than enter into homelessness. For us, this meant that we have less than 5 veterans actively experiencing homelessness, which is the average number of veterans the system can house in a month. In doing so, we have created an environment where homelessness is brief and permanently resolved when it occurs, and rare overall...By reaching Functional Zero for veterans, Lake County has created a system that works to ensure that homelessness is neither inevitable or inescapable, nor a way of life for the veterans experiencing it.

PADS Lake County is hosting their first annual **Brighter Futures Gala ... Providing Hope for Tomorrow** on September 21st at Highland Park Country Club. The event will begin at 6:00 PM with a cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and entertainment. The event will seek to raise awareness and important funds to support PADS' programs all while celebrating the bright futures that we know are possible for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. If you are interested you can [learn more or RSVP](#) on their website or contact Jamie Roberts at jroberts@padslakecounty.org or 847-616-2686.

UPC PADS SITE ORIENTATION/TRAINING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30 P.M.

New and experienced volunteers will gather in Fellowship Hall for our "Back to PADS" Soup and Salad Dinner and training event on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 P.M. We still have positions that are open and look forward to receiving more calls from adults who are able and willing to volunteer for the positions listed below! These are the most critical needs we have as of the middle of August when this article is being written. Invitations to the dinner with RSVP info will be sent to those who've contacted Rose Pech.

ONSITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2019-2020:

7 times a year or less!!

Monthly onsite volunteers we need:

1st shift (5:30 to 11 p.m.) – 1 male for 5th weeks-only 3X (Oct./Jan./Apr.)

2nd shift (11 p.m. to 3 a.m.) – 2 males for 5th weeks-only 3X (Oct./Jan./Apr.)

3rd shift (3 to 7 a.m.) – 1 male monthly; 2 males + 1 person for 5th weeks-only 3X (Oct./Jan./Apr.)

Late 3rd shift (4:45 to 7 a.m.) – 1 monthly & 2 for 5th weeks-only 3X (Oct./Jan./Apr.)

Morning kitchen cleanup (6 to 7:30 a.m.) – 2 volunteers monthly for 4th week

Substitutes are still needed for all shifts.

When regular volunteers call off, substitutes are needed for every shift

listed above. For more information about our needs or ways to help,

contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 or [pads at upc@hotmail.com](mailto:pads_at_upc@hotmail.com).

Remember to contact Rose Pech 847-356-3577 or PRAY FOR GOD TO TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO CAN!!

Greeter Schedule

8:15

10:30

September 1	Ken and Sarah Press	Craig and Barb Fischel
September 8	Jay and Lil Eldridge	Alice Broadhurst, Marie Frandsen
September 15	Linda Rambo	Donna Obrecht, Dian Weinkauf
September 22	Kim Schwaderer	Sharon Michalsen, Rose Pech
September 29	Orrell Ruth	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
October 6	Jay and Lil Eldridge	Craig and Barb Fischel
October 13	Mary Ann McDowell	Sharon Michalsen, Volunteer needed
October 20	Jerry Wessale, Orrell Ruth	Linda Markham, Donna Obrecht
October 27	Bill Churchill	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
November 3	Jeff Ziegler	Sue Harvey, Cathy Vick
November 10	Felix Flok	Rose Pech, Jerry Wessale
November 17	Wende Fry	Cathy Vick, Alice Broadhurst
November 24	Volunteer needed	Joyce and Terry Norton
December 1	Felix Flok	Craig and Barb Fischel
December 8	Rosanne Taylor	Linda Markham, Donna Obrecht
December 15	Wende Fry	Alice Broadhurst, Cathy Vick
December 22	Terry and Joyce Norton	William Pfeil, Judy Ruhnke
7 pm Christmas Day	Jerry Wessale and	additional Volunteers Needed
December 29	Bill Churchill	Sue Harvey, Volunteer needed

Dear Congregation: We are now at the start of the Fall season. Please don't forget Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). UPC will be there every first Friday of the month. We need to fill 10 spots. Sign up sheet is on the Mission Table. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

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

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

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Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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