

The Unifier



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Greetings,

We will begin our Lenten Season celebrating Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018. Our Lenten Season is a time of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. I have always felt our Lenten Season should include witness, which is why I celebrate Ash Wednesday a little differently. There will be no evening worship service this year instead you can meet me between 7am-9am at Somethings Brewing (82 Center Street, Grayslake) for coffee/tea and Ashes. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you. If you can not make that, stop by the church between 11am- 1pm to receive your Ashes. If those two options do not work for you I will have Ashes to Go available on Sunday February 11. This is a sort of do-it-yourself kit.

I have also purchased for you *The Sanctuary for Lent 2018* by Katie Z. Dawson. This pamphlet contains daily scripture reading, a short devotion and closing prayer. These daily readings help readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. It will be available Sunday February 11, 2018.

I do not know about you but during Lent I'm often asked what I am giving up. I know this can be a practice of Spiritual Discipline that is helpful to many, but I have not found that to be true for me. One year my daughter said she was giving up green foods. I pointed out to her she did not eat green foods so that would not really work. Instead of giving up something I add something, a service to others. This can take on many different forms depending on who I encounter daily. So often the season of Lent is spent focusing inward that we miss seeing the needs of our neighbors.

Lenten Blessings,

Pastor Joan

Class Notes

It's 2018, and I have begun my 23rd year as Director of Christian Education at the UPC. I continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit and inspired by God's Love for the opportunity to serve Him through this UPC congregation. With support from the staff and volunteers, this work has been a blessing.

In 2017 my job responsibilities included the following: to administer all education programs, to support the parents and teaching staff, to teach children, youth and adults, to facilitate PUSH, to consult with all age levels in the areas of curriculum selection and program support including the All-Church Lenten Study, to find and/or write education programs for the edification of our membership including a spiritual retreat, and to provide publicity for children's and adult's programs. I was able to teach JIF workshops, Bible skills classes, to direct the cross cultural Vacation Bible School, to lead adult classes such as the Lenten study, *Becoming a Good Samaritan*, *Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go*, *Hoodwinked: Ten Myths Moms Believe and Why We All Need to Knock It Off*, and to write and lead the Spiritual Retreat "Remember the SABBATH" for seventeen participants at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. I was also able to attend an 8-Day Ignatius Spiritual Retreat in Barrington, IL where I was immersed in silence and study of the Word with the local Jesuits.

PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens) continued to be my small group support for my ministry and life. PUSH, which began as a prayer/Bible study group for UPC teachers, is now a small covenant group that has been together for fifteen years and is involved in intercessory prayer and study of the Word. In 2017 we once again prayed for hundreds of concerns.

In 2017 it was my privilege to partner in ministry with our devoted church staff including Pastor Joan, Joann Baraksa, Candi Becker, Dave Bartz, Karen Knapp, Sean Del Grosso and Marcia Twadell.

May 2018 find you impassioned to serve our Lord with your whole heart!

In God's Service,

Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
Director of Christian Education

Please mark your calendars for the next Feed My Starving Children packing date 03/02/18. Your continued support of to this worthy organization is greatly appreciated. If you've never participated in the past consider joining us . Lillian Eldridge 847-691-0620 email beans_60@sbcglobal.net.

WCF invites all women of UPC and their friends to join us for another **BUNCO** event on Saturday, February 10th from 1-3pm 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 with any questions.



It's happening Sunday, March 11...

Luncheon & Silent Auction! Mark your calendar now and think about what you want to donate. Silent auction bidding will begin immediately following the 10:30 worship service and will end at 1:00 p.m. The luncheon will be available at 11:45. Proceeds from the luncheon and auction will go to local and global ministries supported by WCF.

Come to fellowship & relax with friends as you bid on silent auction items & services and enjoy the delicious meal provided by WCF members. Watch the church bulletins, Tuesday Newsday messages, & March Unifier for cost of luncheon and more details regarding donations.

Donated items must be easily carried by one person, and no furniture will be accepted. Items may be brought to Fellowship Hall after 10:15 a.m. on the day of the auction. They will be arranged around the perimeter of Fellowship Hall along with bidding sheets on which to place your bids for them and for services that have been donated.

To donate a service, arrange for advance delivery of items, or get more information, contact Rose Pech: rose4nonna@hotmail.com or 847- 356-3577.



United Protestant Church Women's Christian Fellowship February

~ CIRCLE MEETINGS~

“Welcoming all women 18 to 108!!! Come Join Us!!

**Watch the church bulletin, Tuesday Newsday emails, & the *UNIFIER* for other notifications. WCF Brochures are on the rack by the Mission Table.

| Circle | Day/Date | Time | Place | Contact |
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| 2 | Tues., Feb. 6 | 7:30 p.m. | Small Meeting Room at UPC | Catherine Vick |
| 4/5 | Wed. Feb.7 | 12:30 p.m. | Church Parlor | Sue Schmidt |
| 6 | Thurs. Feb. 1 | 11:30 p.m. | Whitney St. Restaurant | Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson |
| 9 | Tues. , Feb. 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Hillside Restaurant | Carol Roselli-Rasmussen |
| 10 | Sun., Feb. 18 | 11:30 a.m. | Church Parlor | Jasmine Walker |
| Task Force | Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings | | | Rose Pech |

BUNCO!!! Saturday, February 10, 1 to 3 p.m.



Coming Soon!! Luncheon & Silent Auction!!
Sunday, March 11 !!! Bidding after 10:30 service; Lunch at 11:45
 Mark your calendar now and think about what service or item you want to donate. See the article in this *UNIFIER* for more infor-



The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul All-Church Lenten Bible Study Class Offerings

Directions: Please place a check mark in the blank next to the class you choose and place your form in the offering plate, the main office or Carol R-R's mailbox in the Narthex. Please pay close attention to the time, place and start date; classes are one hour in length and run for 6 weeks.

Adam Hamilton's *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* is our featured text. Cost for the text is \$13.

- Sunday, 9:15am, Facilitator: Carol R-R, Room 103, Begins February 18th
- Sunday, 9:15am, Facilitator: Pastor Joan, Room 106, Begins February 18th
- Monday, 2:30pm, Facilitator: Pastor Joan, Library Lane, Begins February 19th (Seniors ONLY)
- Wednesday, 7pm, Facilitator: Carol R-R, Parlor, Begins February 21st

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

UPC PADS UPDATE

We have only 3 months left to this PADS Season, and it would be fantastic to have volunteers to train this month & have them serve as substitute volunteers for March and April...and maybe even continue as substitutes next season!! The shifts for which we need substitute volunteers are listed below. Could you or someone you know willingly serve when one of the regular volunteers has to call off? It's time to give our amazing regularly scheduled volunteers an opportunity to serve just once a month as they had planned instead of sometimes having to serve an extra night or more because we don't have a substitute to call!

UPC PADS Onsite Volunteers STILL Needed:

All shifts have openings on March 29/30: see listing below.

Substitutes who are trained to fill in **when their schedules allow** so our regular volunteers don't have to work more than once a month. Please spread the word for volunteers who could work one of the following shifts on a Thursday night/Friday morning when they're available.

1st shift: 5:30 to 11 p.m.

2nd shift: 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 3 a.m.

3rd shift: 3 or 4:30 a.m. to 7 a.m.

General Site Cleanup: 4:45 to 7 a.m.

Morning Kitchen Cleanup: 6 to 7:30 a.m.



We want to thank those of you who are supporting PADS through your generous gifts of time and other resources. With monetary donations to meet special clothing needs, we've been able to provide coats, shoes, boots, jeans, and other apparel to guests who wouldn't otherwise have these necessary items. We don't need used clothing items at this time unless they are very warm winter jackets in like-new condition. Please contact Mary Zorc 847-223-1378 before making clothing donations and see our wish list for all needed items.

For information: Rose Pech, pads_at_upc@hotmail.com or 847-356-3577

Greeters

March

| Date | 8:15 | 10:30 |
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| March 4 | Bill Churchill | Rick Burg Alice Broadhurst |
| March 11 | Mary Ann McDowell | Felix Flok Wende Fry |
| March 18 | Ken and Sarah Press | Joyce and Terry Norton |
| March 25 | Darwin Schwaderer Kim Schwaderer | Rose Pech Laurel Bruggen |

April

| Date | 8:15 | 10:30 |
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| April 1 | Jay and Lil Eldridge | Barb and Craig Fischel |
| April 8 | Cynthia Lee | Joe and Sue Hobson |
| April 15 | Orrell Ruth | Matt and Alicia Martinez |
| April 22 | Rosanne Taylor | William Pfeil and Judy Ruhnke |
| April 29 | Judy Ziegler | Dian Weinkauf |

May

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| May 6 | Darwin Schwaderer Kim Schwaderer | John and Judy Plotner |
| May 13 | Bill Churchill | William and Dot Betke |
| May 20 | Ken and Sarah Press | Rick Burg Rose Pech |
| May 27 | Chuck and Phyllis Martin | Barb and Craig Fischel |

May he rest in peace: Howard Munsinger

Continued prayers for UPC members and friends/relatives of members: Jerry Beck (son of Ruth and Al Beck), Harry Carnes, Patricia Cartwright (friend of Karen Caviness, recovering from lung cancer surgery), Christian and Seth, Darlene (in hospital in Florida – sister of Marcia Ruth), Valerie Elwood (passing of her mother from cancer), Desiree Craig (friend of Karen Caviness), Charles Fuller (father of Jamie Fuller), Steve Gates (friend of Cyndi Ryckman), Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Karen Hord (inoperable cancer, mother of a friend of Sarah Grubbs), 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, Bill Patton (father of Pastor Joane), Jodi Pech, 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), Orrell Ruth, Kim Schwaderer, Jim Smith (stroke), Larry Smith (battling depression, friend of Laurie Bethmann), Stephen (26 year old friend of Lil Eldridge who is battling cancer), and Carol Zeloof (cousin of Brian Batteiger).

Long term prayers: Marno Benande, David Boccaleoni (brother of Rose Pech), Mary Brase (sister of Rose Pech), Julie Brown (hospice, grandmother of Brad Walker), 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), Jae, Rick Juern (cousin of Judy Ziegler), Jean Korell, Dorothy Kuckla, Vivian Kuzelka, Edna Munsinger, Tom Nellessen (hospice, 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, Judy Ruhnke, Marcia Ruth, Rosie Schick & family (friend of Linda Batteiger), 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, Justin Krumes (brother of Melissa Becker), Bob Sisco (brother of Lexie Craig), Dennis Jackson (friend of Lexie Craig), Philip Norton (grandson of Joyce and Terry Norton), and Duneley Rochino.

To Access UPC's On Line Calendar, click below:

[http://
www.mychurchevents.com/
calendar/calendar.aspx?
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.

Address Service
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