

The Unifier



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Greetings,

The season of advent has begun. The sanctuary had been decorated, the advent readers confirmed, the cookie walk has been completed and the Christmas Cantata is on the calendar. It is an extremely busy time of the year.

The Advent Study has begun. The book is "All I want for Christmas" by James Moore. I have participated in several of studies by James Moore and always find them relevant and uplifting. This past week we focused on "The Gift of Good News". The good news of God coming into the world in the form of a baby. My challenge at this time of the year is not to get so busy that I miss the "Good News" of what God is continuing to do in the world, this congregation and my life.

I found this article and thought you might enjoy it.

Missing the Big News

It was in December of 1903, that after many attempts, the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, were successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground and into the air at Kitty Hawk. Thrilled over the accomplishment, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." He totally missed the big news-for the first time in human history, man had flown! (SOURCE: Daily Bread, December 23, 1991.)

My hope for you is that you take time to enjoy the advent season preparing once again to experience "The Gift of Good News".

Blessings,

Pastor Joan

Class Notes
December 2017/January 2018



Dear Members and Friends,

This fall I have been facilitating an adult education class entitled *The Christian Atheist*. The author, Senior Pastor Craig Groeschel of LifeChurch.tv, suggests to us that “believing in God” is a far cry from being a fully devoted follower of His. You see, we have to KNOW Him to truly follow Him. How can we KNOW Him? We can worship Him, read His Word, join with other believers in small group study like our Adult Education Sunday offerings, Disciple, Advent and Lenten studies, pray to Him, read spiritual literature by saints and other inspired leaders of the church, experience a weekly Sabbath, etc.

Because we are now in the Christmas season, I would like to highlight one of the major points we have discussed in class from *The Christian Atheist* on spending. WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN GOD BUT TRUST MORE IN MONEY... Ouch.... The #1 competitor for our hearts is MONEY. We tend to trust in money to provide us with happiness and security. If you would like a biblical perspective on this, turn to Matthew 19:21-22 and Luke 19:8. These are the familiar stories of the rich young ruler who Christ Himself tells to sell everything to follow HIM yet he goes away sad, and the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, who after meeting Jesus willingly (no request from Christ) gives away half (that's 50%) and promises to repay four times anyone he may have cheated.

We likely favor one of these men. At this holiest of times when we once again welcome the Christ into our lives, why not recommit to genuinely LOVING Him. Craig suggests that in falling in love with Jesus two things will happen.

You will become strangely CONTENT. (See **1Timothy 6:17.**)

You will become irrationally GENEROUS. (Sounds like Zacchaeus to me.)

I am not the person to tell you how to spend your money. That is something Jesus makes clear, and we each need to work out with Him. What I do know is that there is a lot of starvation, devastation, illness and loneliness around this globe that our Father created, and I can do something about it by following the Son.

May you be a blessing to your family, your community and the world this Christmas and throughout 2018.

In God's Name,

Carol R-R, DCE



Here are is Sunday morning **DECEMBER** adult education offering:

Dates	Class	Location
11/26/17- 12/17/17	ADVENT Study: <i>All I Want for Christ- mas</i> w/Pastor Joan 4-week study Books \$10 ea. (Senior High Youth in- vited.)	Parlor

Proposed change to UPC's By-Laws

At the November 20 Administrative Council meeting the Nominations Committee brought forward a proposed change to our current By-Laws to allow more flexibility in filling vacancies on committees and commissions. The proposed change was approved by Council vote; The congregation will need to approve this change at our Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018:

Current Wording:

Article VI – Commissions; Section 2. Each commission shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Chairpersons of each committee responsible to the respective commission. Commission Chairpersons shall not serve as a chairperson of any committee within his/her commission.

Proposed Wording:

Article VI – Commissions; Section 2. Each commission shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Chairpersons of each committee responsible to the respective commission. ***The chair of budget and finance committee shall not also serve as Operations commission chair.***

This change will allow us greater flexibility in filling leadership positions while maintaining proper checks and balances (conflict of interest) within our financial control areas.



United Protestant Church Women's Christian Fellowship

Welcome: 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.

~DECEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS~

2	Tues., Dec. 5	7:30 p.m.	Betty Vares's Home	Catherine Vick
4/5	Wed. Dec. 6	12:30 p.m.	Church Parlor	Sue Schmidt
6	Thurs. Dec. 7	11:30 p.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Dec.12	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10	Sun, Dec. 17	11:30 a.m.	Church Parlor	Jasmine Walker
Task Force	Choose projects/ministries to help; no meetings			Rose Pech



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

FELLOWSHIP HALL COOKIE WALK!!!



~JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS~

Circles 2 and 4/5 do not meet in January; Meetings will resume in February.

Circle	Day/Date	Time	Place	Contact
6	Thurs. Jan. 4	11:30 p.m.	Whitney St. Restaurant	Marie Frandsen Diana Thompson
9	Tues., Jan. 9	5:30 p.m.	Hillside Restaurant	Carol Roselli-Rasmussen
10	Sun., Jan. 21	11:30 a.m.	Church Parlor	Jasmine Walker

PLANS ARE ALL SET FOR 2018!

2018 WCF DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

WATCH FOR: BUNCO SATURDAYS & MISSION PROJECT, BOOK REVIEW & BRUNCH, ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON WITH SILENT AUCTION, & ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

UPC PADS UPDATE

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE!!!

PADS Lake County, Inc. began as a PADS church shelter site program. The first church opened its doors on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1987, welcoming those experiencing homelessness in Lake County. Since that time what started as one program (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) designed to provide emergency shelter and food to those who were experiencing homelessness has developed into an organization which does so much more. PADS now stands for Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter and consists of many programs designed to help prevent homelessness, assist those who are experiencing homeless to get the help they need to overcome the issue(s) that are causing their homelessness, & to help them get into permanent housing. These programs include the Day Resource Center, Family Shelter, Outreach, Prevention & Diversion, Housing First, and Supportive Housing in addition to the continued Emergency Overnight Shelter system, which includes our UPC PADS Site for our 27th season.



Those who are interested can find details of these programs on the PADS Lake County website www.padslakecounty.org. Click on "About Us" and then on "Programs and Services." If you use social media, you can learn more about PADS Lake County's recent events & news by visiting & liking them on Facebook or checking them out on Twitter. On their Facebook page, you can watch a series of videos of two former PADS guests as they tell what the PADS program has meant for them. Beginning after Thanksgiving, the website and Facebook account will feature brief interviews with a variety of people who are involved in PADS telling why they are a part of this organization.

UPC PADS Onsite Volunteers STILL Needed:

3rd shift male 3 to 7 a.m. 4th Thursday of month January thru April.

All shifts have openings on November 30/Dec.1 and March 29/30.

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.

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



Christmas Greetings from the Home Team

The Home Team wishes everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas and grace and peace in the New Year.

Home Team Fall Luncheon

A very special thank you to everyone who helped make the Senior Fall Luncheon such a special occasion. Everyone had such a wonderful time because of these good people. Thank you to Candi Becker and Rosanne Taylor for the delicious homemade soups they made. Thank you to the Home Team members for all of their labor of love to make the luncheon so great! Our youth volunteer that helped set up tables and serve the meal was Emma Henne. She is the granddaughter of Rosanne Taylor. Thank you Emma for all of your help to make this day so special. Thank you to Ted Becker and Lloyd Lowe for setting up the tables and chairs and much more welcomed help. Most of all we thank our seniors for joining in on the fun, food and fellowship. You are very special to us! We hope to see all of you at our Spring Luncheon.

Again this year the Mission Committee will coordinate the Church World Service Best Gifts program, giving you an opportunity to provide an alternative gift to that relative and friend that has "everything." You pay a given amount to supply an item (educational supplies, blankets, seeds, etc.) to folks in an underdeveloped country in need - you will be given a card that you may complete to give to your friend or relative that explains the gift. Watch for us set up in the narthex in December.

Planning on stuffing stockings with gift cards. Come and check out the new retailers we have available. A complete list is available at the table. If we don't normally carry the card, we can order it. The last day to purchase the cards will be December 19th so don't wait!

A HUGE "Thank You" to the Grayslake Park District classes, parents, & staff for the wonderful donations of items to our UPC PADS Site. We received the most needed items from our Wish List to help us serve the guests who come to our site each week. It's through the support of people like you that those experiencing homelessness in Lake County can be helped.



Greeters

December, 2017

8:15

10:30

December 17	Phyllis and Chuck Martin	Rose Pech Marie Frandsen
December 24	Mary Ann McDowell	Craig and Barb Fischel
December 31	Kim Schwaderer Darwin Schwaderer	Felix Flok Wende Fry

January, 2018

January 7	Sarah and Ken Press	Rick Burg Wende Fry
January 14	Orrell Ruth	Joe and Sue Hobson
January 21	Jeff Ziegler	Laurel Bruggen Rose Pech
January 28	Rosanne Taylor	Alice Broadhurst Cynthia Lee

February, 2018

February 4	Chuck & Phyllis Martin	Diane and Steve Rarick
February 11	Wende Fry	Dian Weinkauff Rose Pech
February 18	Bill Churchill	Matt & Alicia Martinez
February 25	Lil Eldridge	John and Judi Plotner

Celebrating Birthdays in December:

12/01	Sweeney, Sue
	Carlson, Melanie
	Rarick, Kate
	Rarick, Nate
12/02	Craig, James
	Meuhleman, Sunny
12/03	Craig, Doris
	Henne, Emma
12/04	Gheysen, Katie
12/09	Johanssen, Nancy
	Eldridge, Vanessa
12/11	Green, Susan
12/13	Mall, Julius
	Baillargeon, Kathleen
12/15	Harvey, Sue
	Muehleman, Polly
12/16	Benande, Marno
12/18	Waddelow, Douglas
12/20	Ianson, Jackie
	Sparkman, Christoher
12/25	Carroll, Sue
12/26	George Craig, Darlene
12/27	Baillargeon, Jessica
	Mall, Joshua
12/30	Jones, Valerie
	Hobson, Joe

Birthdays in January:

01/02	Hinkley, Craig
01/03	Mansell, Lisa
01/04	Rasmussen, Alex
	Perry, Rachel
	Perry, Nathan
01/05	Kutsin, Shelly
01/07	Martin, Matthew
01/14	Henne, Kori
01/15	Flok, Sr. Felix
01/16	Markham, Linda
01/17	Munsinger, Edna
	Munsinger, Howard
01/19	Perry, Timothy

01/20	Price, Naomi
	Fries, Sarah
01/21	David, Ashton
	Muehleman, Charlotte
01/22	Richards, Cheryl
01/23	Becker, Jeff
01/26	Schwaderer, Darwin
	Sandoval, Samuel
01/27	Wilt, McKenzie
01/28	Sawicki, Andrew

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), Bill Erickson (brother-in-law of Lil Eldridge), Kara Ferrel (friend of Lil Eldridge), Charles Fuller (stroke, father of Jamie Fuller), Steve Gates (friend of Cyndi Ryckman), Suzanne Havlicek (mother of Heather DelGrosso), Judy Hendrickson (mother of Laura Hendrickson), Karen Hord (inoperable cancer, mother of a friend of Sarah Grubbs), Olivia Love, 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), John Reinhart (final stage of heart failure, friend of Darlene George Craig), Orrell Ruth, Andrew Sawicki (death of his sister), Kim Schwaderer, Jim Smith (stroke), Laurie Wade-Higdon and her children, 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, Howard and 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), Belkis Plancon (mother of Denise Fuller), 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, Betty Vares, and Tracie Yoder (friend of Jackie Ianson).

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:

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www.mychurchevents.com/
calendar/calendar.aspx?
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