



Advent Events

Friday Noon Advent Concerts

On the three consecutive Fridays beginning December 2, the church will offer musical gifts to the community in the form of a series of short recitals, as well as a free luncheon. At noon on December 2, our soloists Alba Cancel and Phillip Gay, accompanied by Samir Golescu, will present about a half hour recital of some seasonal (and perhaps some non-seasonal) vocal music. On December 9, Richard Hertel will play an organ recital, with guest vocal solist Dee Breeding. On December 16 Samir Golescu will present a brief piano recital. Church members are encouraged to attend, and we especially encourage our members to bring some friends to the event as well. Free food (contributions are accepted) and beautiful music—no one can turn that down! Let's share the talents of our fine musicians with our co-workers and friends.



Advent 2011—Prepare Your Heart for Christmas

Advent is upon us, and there are numerous ways for you, family and friends to join with us at UniPlace during this special time of the year. Get your calendars out and mark the dates for Advent (and Christmas) events listed below. Be sure to read a few details below the schedule, and watch for more information to come later!

Sunday, November 27	First Sunday of Advent	Worship at 10am
Monday, November 28	Advent Study	12-1 p.m.
Friday, December 2	Advent Concert, lunch	12-1 p.m.
Sunday, December 4	Second Sunday of Advent	Worship at 10 a.m.
Monday, December 5	Advent Study	12-1 p.m.
Friday, December 9	Advent Concert, lunch	12-1 p.m.
Sunday, December 11	Third Sunday of Advent	Worship at 10 a.m.
Monday, December 12	Advent Study	12-1 p.m.
Friday, December 16	Advent Concert, lunch	12-1 p.m.
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Worship at 10 a.m.
Sunday, December 18	Caroling Party—Church Parlor	4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19	Advent Study	12-1 p.m.
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service	4 p.m.
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day Sunday	10 a.m.

The Advent Study will be led by Rev. Brittany, and will make use of the book, *The Uncluttered Heart – Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas* by Beth Richardson. Let Rev. Brittany know if you would like a copy of the book. Bring your brown bag lunch!

The Advent Concerts will be in the sanctuary and should last about 30 minutes each. A free lunch will be provided downstairs after each concert.

The Christmas Eve service will be at a new time this year—note the **4 p.m.** time! And Christmas Sunday morning worship will be an experience you and the children will not want to miss —watch for more details later.

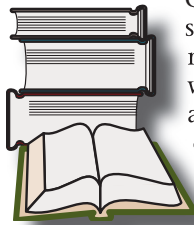
Messenger Deadline

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting material for *The Messenger* is 4 p.m. on the Friday before publication. The next deadline is December 2. Unless prior arrangements are made, rarely can items that come in after 5 p.m. on the Monday following the deadline be included.

Articles should be submitted electronically to messenger@uniplace.org.

New Senior Pastor Hired
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Reading Group



Celebrate the holiday season by reading a Christmas book and sharing it with the Reading Group at 11:30 at Jim Gould's on December 14. Contact Ann Smith, 359-5866 to make a reservation.

If you would like to be part of the UniPlace Book Club, please come join us. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Jim Gould's restaurant for lunch, book discussion, and being together. We enjoy our gathering and will welcome you.

Stock the Pantry



The UniPlace Food Pantry continues to receive regular visitors. Did you know that the poverty rate in Champaign County for 2010 hit 21.3%, compared to 18% in 2007? The state poverty rate is listed at 13.8%, according to the U.S. Census 2010 American Community Survey. The number of people (particularly children) who are food insecure is likely even higher. Offering food assistance is one way we can live into our calling as ministers of hospitality. This week, please bring jam or jelly, canned fruit, tuna and noodles to help feed someone in need. Thank you!

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Disciple Women's Ministries



Karen Circle will meet Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Judy Leeper, 2707 Milford Dr., Urbana. All women are welcome.

Disciple Women has scheduled the Annual Christmas Brunch/Cookie Exchange for Saturday, December 3 at Dorie Trefgzer's home. It will be from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Bring 3 dozen cookies of your choice and you will go home with an assortment of cookies. Please bring the recipe so we can share these recipes with everyone. We are thrilled to have Samir Golescu as our program. If you would like a ride, please call Kay Mahannah, 840-6307.

Congregation Approves Hiring New Minister

At its meeting on Tuesday, November 8, the UniPlace Board received a recommendation from the Ministerial Search Committee that the church hire, as its next Senior Minister, Rev. Kristine Light Branaman. The recommendation to the Board was unanimous, and the Board in turn voted unanimously to approve the recommendation. On November 13, the congregation voted and approved the hiring of the ministerial candidate. Her duties will begin at UPCC January 1, 2012.

Rev. Branaman is currently co-pastor, with her husband, at the First Christian Church of Atlanta and has also served in several pastoral positions as well as Associate Regional Minister in two different Disciples Regions. She also has an extensive record of community service, service in Regional Ministries, mission trips, working with church camps, and regional assembly planning. Mission work includes leading seven teams of 13-56 members on trips to Mexico, Texas, Honduras, New Orleans, and various Appalachian locations.



She has four children, one graduated from and works at T.C.U., two are currently enrolled at T.C.U., and a son in middle school.

An excerpt from Rev. Branaman's statement of experience and leadership expectations: "The churches where I have served have developed strong ministries to youth and young adults under my leadership, and have grown in their welcome of children and young families. The widening welcome of the church I most recently served as sole pastor (in Michigan) led to its transformation from a rather homogenous body to a church which is now ethnically, economically, and culturally diverse. The willingness of congregational leaders to turn attention away from fears about institutional survival and toward the joy of bring others to the "welcome table" energized and renewed this congregation."

Church Life Events

Bruce Reardanz, Church Life Team

Caroling Party

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, fa la la la, la la la la. Yes folks it is that time again. Soon we will be caught in the hustle and bustle of the holiday whirl and the snow will be flying. But before your calendar is full, here is one more date to add. On Sunday December 18 at 4 p.m. slow down and join your church family for a good old fashioned caroling party. We will meet in the parlor and sing your favorite carols while munching cookies and sipping hot chocolate. So tune up your voices and get ready to sing in the holidays. Santa hats encouraged but not required.

Prayer Focus

Ray Plante, Prayer Tree Chair

Let's pray for unity in our hearts and momentum from the Spirit for our congregation.

Please remember to pray daily for the following persons who are facing health challenges:

Betty Broyles
 Harold Colbert
 Maybelle Felton
 Vian Garth (Virginia Garth's daughter-in-law)
 Vitginia Garth
 Kari Mahannah (Kay Mahannah's step-daughter)
 John Putman
 David Restad
 Mary DeAtley Smith (Jack DeAtley's sister)
 Eugene Tabor (Corrine Huffer's brother)
 Dick Trefzger
 Linda Weber



Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let's remember also those who are grieving and need God's strength and peace.

Property Progress

Derryl Singley, Property and Facilities Team

The first phase of the tuck pointing is now finished. The work that has been done will hopefully stop further interior wall damage in the sanctuary. No work can be done to repair the damage to the plaster until we are sure that the water infiltration has been stopped.

The parking lot work is also completed. Striping has been done and signs installed. Some changes have been made to space allocation. There are two handicap spaces next to the elevator entrance. North of those spaces are three spaces for visitors. This will help people new to UPCC to have parking available when they visit our church. To the south of the entry doors are four spaces for general parking. General parking is also in the center two rows that face each other. The west spaces continue to be leased parking. The new signs show that these spaces are leased from 7-6 Monday through Friday with all other times available to the church but this is **actually only AFTER January 1, 2012** when the new leases go into effect. The spaces are leased 24/7 through December 31, 2011, so please don't use them until after the first of the year.

Remember Our Residential Members

Each issue of *The Messenger* lists members of UniPlace that reside in residential living facilities. These members and friends need to be remembered in calls, visits, cards, and prayers.

Clark-Lindsey, 101 W. Windsor Road, Urbana 61802: Harriet Crabb
Prairie Winds, 1905 S. Prairie Winds, Urbana, IL 61802: Ola Luther, Donna Belle Kirby
C-U Regional Rehab Center, 302 Burwash Ave, Savoy 61874: Adeline Thurmon
Windsor of Savoy, 401 Burwash Ave, Savoy 61874: Elberta Morse, Helen Rademacher, Frances Carter, Homer Kuder
Amber Glenn, 1704 E. Amber Lane, Urbana, IL 61802: Betty Broyles
Bridle Brook Adult Community, 1617 A Patton Dr. Mahomet, IL 61853: Bill & Virginia Risley, Clara Dunn
ASTA Care Center, 1240 N. Market, Paxton, IL 60957: Susan Kiefer
Evenglow Lodge, 1200 N. Evenglow Lane, Pontiac, IL 61764: Frank Kimpling

Scheduled Events

Friday, November 25
 Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. – Church School
 9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship
 9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – Worship
 11:15 a.m. – Jubilee Rehearsal

Monday, November 28
 12:00 p.m. – Advent Study
 7:30 p.m. – Chime Choir

Wednesday, November 30
 9:30 a.m. – Food Assistance Program
 5:30 p.m. – Outreach
 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 1
 7:30 a.m. – Morning Joe, Bridle Brook
 5:00 p.m. – Trustees
 7:30 p.m. – Karen Circle

Friday, December 2
 12:00 p.m. – Advent Concert
 4:00 p.m. – *The Messenger* Deadline

Saturday, December 3
 9:30 a.m. – Disciple Women's Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. – Church School
 9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship
 9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. – Worship
 11:15 a.m. – Jubilee Rehearsal
 3:00 p.m. – Hertel Student Recital

Monday, December 5
 7:00 p.m. – This Light of Mine
 7:30 p.m. – Chime Choir

Wednesday, December 7
 9:30 a.m. – Food Assistance Program
The Messenger Mailed Out
 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Birthdays

November

2 - Sharon Hyland
 3 - Earlene Primmer
 6 - Jim Risley
 7 - Anita Hund,
 8 - Sarah Scott
 11 - Linda Francis, Judy Gillespie, Gladys Hord, Jeffrey Dayton
 12 - JoAnn Haynes
 13 - Jack DeAtley, Nancy Collins
 14 - Randall Raymer, Derek Dayton, Ralph Deal
 15 - George Cunningham, Jr.
 16 - Janet Scribner
 17 - Anna Freyfogle, Andrea Jones, Helen Ridlen
 18 - Charles Casad
 20 - Debbie Deal
 21 - Kelly Gatens
 24 - Jane Freyfogle, Waunita Kinoshita
 25 - Donald Restad
 26 - Bonnie Stynchula
 28 - Ray Zimmerman, Kathleen Tipton
 30 - Virginia Putman

December

2 - Samir Golescu
 3 - Carolyn Hubert
 9 - Mica Witt, Steve Witt
 10 - Rebecca McBride
 11 - Carol McClaine
 12 - Virginia Garth
 13 - Marcia Gatens
 14 - Jim Trefzger
 17 - Andrew Herrera
 18 - Gabe Stanton
 19 - Jennifer Heinhorst, Tara Johnson, Belle Lewis
 21 - Mary Ann Speck
 22 - Melony Barrett
 24 - Janet Lippi
 25 - John Huffer
 26 - Shelby Froeschl
 27 - Julie Boyd, Joan Amacher, Jane Heaton, Nicholas Lehman,
 Terry Ewing
 28 - Esa Amin, Linda Sepahirod
 29 - Cara Kallembach
 30 - Marilyn Ruzic

(If you know of a birthday that is before December 31 and is not on this list, please let the church office know)



Directory Changes

Please make the following cumulative changes to your Directory (listed from newest to oldest with changes in BOLD):

Change: Elizabeth Gray, **180 Paddock Dr. East, Savoy, IL 61874-9607**

Deceased: Emmadean Madsen

Change: John Trefzger, **106 N. Main St., Homer, IL 61849-1231**

Delete: Jeffrey Pribble

Change: Tim Reardanz, **Gulik 105, 109 University St., Bloomington, IL 61701, timreardanz@gmail.com**

Change: Alex Doyle, **911 N. Duryea Place, Room 721, Bradley University, Peoria, IL 61606**

Change: Luke Freyfogle, **UB Box 5825, DePauw U Memorial Student Union, 408 S. Locust, Greencastle, IN 46135**

Change: Anna Freyfogle, **Box 749, c/o Beloit College, 700 Collette St, Beloit, WI 53511, afreyfogle@gmail.com**

Change: Randy Dills, **2214 Sherwood Ave., #15, Louisville, KY 40205**, 217-722-7634, dillsr@gmail.com

Deceased: Helen Moore

Change: **Donna Applegate, 307 N. Prairie View Rd. Apt. 505-19, Mahomet, IL 61853-8565**

Change: Rev. Terry Ewing, **804 Coventry Court, Arlington, TX 76017**

Change: Rev. Robert & Mary Harris, **romaharris@aol.com**

Change: Jerry & Donna Martin, **2315 Eastridge Ave. #715, Menlo Park, CA 94-25-6744**

Deceased: **Kathryn Foltz**

New: **Daniel Runk, 209 E. Clark St. Apt. 11, Champaign, IL 61820-4265**

Change: Alice Taylor, **910 Lincolnshire Dr. Apt. 201, Champaign, IL 61821-5637**

Change: Clara Dunn, 1505 Patton Dr., **Apt. 312, Mahomet, IL 61853-8121**

Change: Kay Mahannah (Nichols): **160 A-3 Paddock Drive East, Savoy, IL 61874**

Change: Dawn Wright, **896-8012**

Change: Charles & Joan Amacher, **552-6549**

Change: Jeffrey & Laurie Dayton, **jslddd@frontier.com**

Add: **Miranda Christy, 2404 Hampshire. #12, Champaign, IL 61820-1211, 405-640-7293, m_r_christy@yahoo.com**

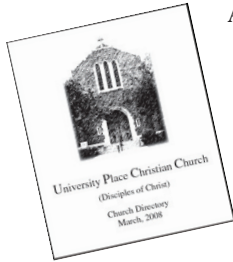
Change: James Holiman; **jamesbholiman@gmail.com**

Add: Judy Leeper; **judyleeper1@yahoo.com**

Change: Grace Samford, **g.samford@yahoo.com**

A new Directory is scheduled to be printed in January 2012. Check your information for accuracy or if changes need to be made. See page 4 for instructions on how to submit changes, corrections, or additions.

Church Directory



A new version of the Church Directory will be issued right after the first of January. Now is the time to make changes or corrections to listings. Check your listing and others

to be sure we have the correct information. We also want to list birthdays (month/day only) and email addresses.

A continually updated electronic version of the Church Directory is available in PDF format. Go to www.uniplace.org/directory then click on "request". Complete the request form and a copy will be sent to you by return e-mail.

On that each web page is a method to add or modify information that appears in the directory. Click on the "Update Your Contact Info" button that appears on the lower right. Fill out the web form to make additions or changes (you may also contact the church office).



How To Find Out What Is Going On

- Read your copy of *The Messenger*
- Check the web at www.uniplace.org
- Save the bulletin announcements
- Attend Board Meetings
- Call Church Office: 352-5118

The Disciples of Christ Coffee Project

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Product	Ground or whole bean?	Price per package	Quan.	Total due
Conventional Coffee				
Bright Day Brew	Ground only	\$8.50/12oz.		
Organic Coffees				
Breakfast Blend	Ground only	\$9.00/12 oz.		
French Roast	Ground/whole	\$9.00/10 oz.		
Columbian	Ground only	\$9.00/12 oz.		
Decaf Organic	Ground only	" "		
Organic Teas		1 box has 25 bags		
English Breakfast	*****	\$4.00/box		
Green Tea	*****	" "		
Earl Gray	*****	" "		
Chai	*****	" "		
Organic Cocoa & Chocolate				
Cocoa Mix		\$6.50/12 oz. can		
Dark Chocolate bar w/ almonds		\$3.50/3.5 oz. bar		
Milk Chocolate w/ hint of hazelnut		\$3.50/3.5 oz. bar		
Chocolate Espresso Bean		\$3.50/3.5 oz. bar		
Panama Extra Dark Chocolate		\$3.50/3.5 oz. bar		
Product Total:				
Shipping:				Free!
Donation for UPCC Coffee		\$5 per Sunday:		
Grand Total:				
Your name:				

Orders due November 27. Pay on delivery. Product expected by Sunday, December 11.

Are we missing your favorite product?
Direct these or any other questions about your order to
Mary Wallace at 398-9703 or dignandog@yahoo.com.

Web Messenger



You can get *The Messenger* even before the issue is printed and mailed on Wednesdays. If you request notification, you will get an e-mail in the early morning hours of Wednesday with a clickable link that will take you to the church web site where you can download a PDF file of the latest issue.

The mailed copy is printed only in black and white, but the PDF file is **still produced in the original, full color.**

Go to www.uniplace.org/messenger. Where you see "subscribe (or unsubscribe)", click on the "click here" and fill out the request form so you will be notified when the new issue is available. The web version **saves the church the cost of printing and mailing your copy of *The Messenger***, and you will get the news faster.

Outreach Notes

Waunita Kinoshita, Mission and Outreach Team

We have just celebrated the first Thanksgiving in this country and all the succeeding Thanksgivings. We have so much to be thankful for here in Champaign/Urbana and at University Place Christian Church.

We have had so many good leaders over the years and now have Rev. Barber leading us through this period of transition. She is a product of some of our Disciple institutions as is Rev. Kristine Branaman, who we will welcome as our new minister in January,

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices. Most importantly, your support of the 2011 Thanksgiving Offering helps Disciples raise up servant leaders! The Special Offering will be received again this Sunday. Thank you for your gifts!

Worship News

Jane Freyfogle, Worship Team

Prepare Your Heart for Christmas

November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Advent has begun, and we begin some traditional and some new ways of journeying through this special time in the year of the church. On this Sunday, the candle of hope will be lit. The scripture readings for the worship service are Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 and Mark 13:24-37. Rev. Barber's sermon is entitled "Keeping Watch". The reading from Mark includes the familiar words, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." And so we begin our watch for the coming of God's son.

Sunday, December 4, 2011 Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

This week the candle of Peace will be lit, in addition to the candle of Hope. The scriptural texts are Isaiah 40: 1-11 and Mark 1: 1-8. Rev. Barber's sermon, "Prepare the Way of the Lord", refers directly to words from both passages, of the voice crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas this year, we prepare the way for the baby Jesus to enter our lives.

A variety of Advent daily devotional booklets are available from which you may choose. They will be located outside both doors to the sanctuary. Consider using a daily devotional as a part of preparing your heart for Christmas this year.



Week of Compassion

Amy Gopp, Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Africa's Worst Drought in a Generation: How Will We Respond?

We will soon be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with our families and our churches. In a year of many challenges and opportunities, we give thanks for the blessings we have received and remember those who are less fortunate.

This year, I ask you to remember our sisters and brothers in the Horn of Africa. The United Nations has declared that southern Somalia is in the midst of a true famine—a situation so bad that more than 3 in 10 children are acutely malnourished and people are dying daily. A severe drought has killed crops and livestock across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, leaving more than 13 million people without enough food.

A crisis this big should be on the front pages of our newspapers. We must not ignore it! There are several ways that you can help today. Through our partners at Church World Service and in the ACT Alliance, people of faith are providing food and other essential aid in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. While a civil war continues in Somalia, our humanitarian workers are reaching people in the country and in enormous camps along the borders. Displaced persons and vulnerable rural households in Somalia are receiving emergency food aid and access to sanitation through the work of our partners at Norwegian Church Aid.

In Ethiopia, multiple partners, including Lutheran World Relief, are working to provide emergency food and water, as well as long-term sustainable food and water interventions to drought-affected regions.

CWS has expanded emergency food distributions through local partners in Kenya's Eastern Province, as well as working with the Kitui Diocese to distribute drought-resistant seeds. CWS's "Water for Life" program continues to help develop water sources in drought-affected areas of Kenya's Rift Valley and Eastern provinces, and has included the construction of 14 sand dams, 11 shallow wells, three borehole wells, one earthen dam and 12 rainwater tanks in 18 Kenyan communities last year.

Please consider joining with Week of Compassion in supporting this response.

Second, please speak out about the need for continued U.S. humanitarian assistance in the Horn of Africa. Aid that saves a life or creates a more secure future for children is not wasteful spending.

Our leaders need to hear this message now more than ever. Write a letter to your Congressional representative or local newspaper; sample letters are available here and here.

Finally, pray for those who are hungry in the Horn of Africa and around the world. In our places of worship and at our dinner tables, let us remember those in need as we give thanks for the abundance we have received.

Choir Notes

Leonard Rumery, Music Director



On November 27, the Choir will sing "My Lord, What a Morning!" This is a spiritual which I arranged years ago. The text is related to Mark 13:24-37, which is part of the usual readings for the first Sunday in Advent. In this passage Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple and the calamities of the Jews: "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall ..."

The anthem for December 4 is a short scene from the beginning of Messiah by George Frederick Handel, which covers Advent and Christmas. The scene is comprised of the tenor recitative and aria "Comfort ye, my people" and "Every valley shall be exalted," followed by the chorus "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed." The text is from Isaiah 40:1-5, prophesying the coming of the Messiah, as well as references which were later applied to John the Baptist. In the Baroque period, composers often used rhythms from the popular dances of the day. Here, Handel has composed a chorus with strong influences from the Baroque minuet, with a strong downbeat, followed by two lighter upbeats.

Mission

At University Place Christian Church we seek, individually and together, to:

- Nurture and be nurtured in Christian love
- Engage fully in worship and service
- Anchor ourselves in Christian faith
- Reach out to our neighbors in Christian witness.

At UniPlace we seek a place **NEAR** to the heart of God

Vision Statement

United in Christ, University Place Christian Church's vision for the future is to:

- Thrive as an inviting and accepting faith community that offers everyone a place at the table
- Praise God with joy and celebrate God's love through worship in diverse, uplifting ways
- Grow in our spiritual maturity and understanding of God's word, through individual and collective study, reflection, and prayer
- Celebrate, respect, and guide our youth
- Nurture, uplift, and enjoy one another through personal bonds, small group ministries, and fellowship activities
- Minister in varied ways to the campus community and our other neighbors
- Bear witness to the teachings of Christ by enhancing awareness of global problems, and working for a just society

Serving Schedule

Sunday, November 27, 2011

Elders – Mary Wallace and Jackie Terry

Diaconate – Charity: Ellie Broyles, Bonnie Cook, Jake Hyland, Tim Reardanz, Suzie Reardanz, Jane Heaton, Emily Otnes, Bruce Reardanz, Marilyn Ruzic, Derryl Singley, Mica Witt, Dawn Wright

Communion Ministry – Tim Reardanz

Liturgist – Kevin Price

Coffee Fellowship – Gher Class

Flower Delivery – Ally Cozad

Offering Counters – TBA

Sound Technician – Bill Strutz

Hospital Calling For Week – Eric Freyfogle

Snow Removal Crew – Fred Fechtmann

Sunday, December 4

Elders – Rick Broyles and Dorie Trefzger

Diaconate – Hope: Rod Allen, Ally Cozad, Alex Doyle, Fred Fechtmann, Marcia Gatens, Alie Lewis, Kevin Price, Elizabeth Slifer, Janan Stiles, John Trefzger

Communion Ministry – John Trefzger

Liturgist – Kevin Price

Coffee Fellowship – Gher Class

Flower Delivery – Dawn Wright

Offering Counters – TBA

Sound Technician – Kay Mahannah

Hospital Calling For Week – Delré Smith

Snow Removal Crew – Fred Fechtmann

Communion to residential members for the month of December:

Team A – Fred & Bonnie Cook

Team B – Bernard Archer and Richard Hertel

Messiah Sing-along

Come with family & friends for a sing-along concert of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, November 27th, 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 1011 S. Wright St., Champaign, held by the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana.



Join BACH music director Chester Alwes, organist Scott Montgomery, and soloists —Audrey Vallance (soprano), Elizabeth Buckley (alto), Richard Hertel (tenor), Daniel Borup (bass)—in the Christmas portion of this festive work. Audience members are invited to raise their voices as the chorus in this annual event to joyously begin the holiday season. Bring your own score or borrow one at the door. Tickets \$10 at the door.

In The Interim

Dear Friends and Members of UniPlace,

As we gather with friends and family this week, let us remember to give thanks to God. When we return to church next Sunday, we will be entering Advent—the four week church season that leads up to Christmas. Advent is a spiritual time set aside in the church calendar to call us to prepare for the coming of God. This season is celebrated with special foods, decorations, lights and lights and lights—and gifts given and received. But during Advent, we shift our spiritual focus to preparing our hearts for the coming of the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor, Emmanuel.



I encourage you to set aside some time each day during Advent to remember and reflect on God. What does it mean that God chose to dwell among us? How does the coming of the Christ child change our world? What are we to do with this turn the world upside down Good News? There is a voice crying out in the wilderness, in the midst of our busy holiday season do we hear it?

Please make time to remember God this Advent season. We have devotional booklets for you, please pick one up after worship. Join me on Mondays@Noon for our Advent Study. We will also be having noontime concerts on Fridays. Beth Richardson, in her introduction to *The Uncluttered Heart* notes that: We come hungry to this season of preparation—hungry for words of life, for rituals of preparation, for disciplines to help us on our way. Remember God. Receive words of life. Walk with one another into the days of Advent.

This Advent let us not only seek to fill ourselves with delicious treats and material possessions. Let us focus on clearing some space in our hearts and in our lives for God. May God meet each of us where we most need, and may the coming of Jesus be a time when we invite God to truly dwell with us.

God’s peace be with you all,

Rev. Brittany



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