



Christmas Approaches

The Noon Advent Concerts Continue

On December 9, Richard Hertel will play an organ recital, with guest vocal solist Dee Breeding. 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.

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	Worship at 10 a.m.

The Advent Study is being 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!



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.

The Christmas Eve service will be at a new time this year — 4 p.m.!

The Story Of The One Red Light

The Sanctuary tree appears to be decorated with all white lights. But, there is always a single red light placed somewhere in the many strings of lights. Why is that?

Reverend Jack Jarman's wife, Mona, wanted colored lights on the Christmas tree in the sanctuary, but Reverend Jarman insisted on clear lights. Just before the service on a Christmas Eve, Mrs. Jarman sneaked into the Sanctuary and removed one of the lights—one way in the back of the tree so it wouldn't be easily detected—and then substituted a red one in it's place. There has been a single red bulb on the tree ever since.



Mona Jarman was one feisty little gal! Not every one thought she was cut out to be a minister's wife! They were wrong.

Rev. Jarman was pastor of UPCC from 1948 to 1965.

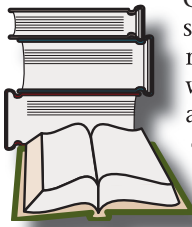
Messenger Deadline

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 16. 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 Time For Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Eve service will be at a new time this year—**4 p.m.!** Christmas Sunday morning worship will be at its regular time of 10 a.m. and will be an experience you and the children will not want to miss.

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.

Staff Gift

The church family is blessed to have a wonderful group of people serving the congregation...sometimes front and center and



other times behind-the-scenes. From either vantage point, the church is able to accomplish so much more because of the talents, the energy, and the dedication of our church staff.

Please consider showing your appreciation with a contribution to the holiday staff gift. You can place your gift in the offering plate or mail/bring to the church office by January 3rd. Please mark "staff Christmas gift" in the memo line of your check.

Thank you.

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Disciple Women's Ministries



All women of the church are invited to a festive gathering of Friendship Circle. We will have an opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast, share our thoughts on the Advent season, and continue our study of the Beatitudes. We are on lesson four: "Greatly Honored Are Those Who Are Famished and Parched For Justice".

We will meet at the home of Teddy Eddleman (3905 Farhills Dr., Champaign on Tuesday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, call Janet Lippi (356-9160) or Jackie Terry (367-6577).



*A Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year*



Rev Brittany

Leonard *Kim Clegg*

Samir Ghera *Sarah*



From the UniPlace Staff



Hygiene Kits

The donations for the hygiene kits has been great. In order to complete several more kits we need the following:

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| deodorant | shampoo | nail file |
| toothpaste | nail clippers | lotion |
| combs | | |

Please bring your contribution to the church sanctuary as soon as possible so we may have these available for the office by Christmas. If you would rather make a monetary contribution, please contact Kay Mahannah.

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
 Mary DeAtley Smith (Jack DeAtley's sister)
 Maybelle Felton
 Vian Garth (Virginia Garth's daughter-in-law)
 Virginia Garth
 Kari Mahannah (Kay Mahanna's step-daughter)
 John Putman
 David Restad
 Bill & Virginia Risley
 Linda Sepahirod (Nancy Collin's sister)
 Dale Slifer (Elizabeth Slifer's father)
 Eugene Tabor (Corrine Huffer's brother)
 Dick Trefzger (Jim's brother)
 Linda Weber



Our prayers and sympathy go out to Bill and Virginia Risley and their family on the death of their granddaughter Robin.

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.

Elders

The Elders' monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th, in the Parlor at 6:30 pm. Jane Freyfogle will be sharing the devotion with us. If you would like a ride to the meeting please call Kay. We haven't met for a couple of months so it is very important that we gather for prayer and fellowship.

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.

Champaign Co., Nursing Home, 500 S. Art Bartell, Urbana 61802:
 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, December 9
 Church Office Closed
 12:00 p.m. – Friday Advent Concert

Sunday, December 11
Third 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

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

Tuesday, December 13
 6:30 p.m. – Elders

Wednesday, December 14
 9:30 a.m. – Food Assistance Program
 11:30 a.m. – Book Club
 1:00 p.m. – Church Life
 5:30 p.m. – Outreach
 6:00 p.m. – Evangelism
 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Friday, December 16
 12:00 p.m. – Friday Advent Concert
 4:00 p.m. – *The Messenger* Deadline

Saturday, December 17
 2:00 p.m. – Smith Student Recital

Sunday, December 18
Fourth 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
 4:00 p.m. – Caroling Party

Monday, December 19
 12:00 p.m. – Advent Study
 7:30 p.m. – Chime Choir

Tuesday, December 20
 9:00 a.m. – Friendship Circle

Wednesday, December 21
 9:30 a.m. – Food Assistance Program
The Messenger Mailed Out
 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
 4:00 p.m.

December 25 – Worship 10:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Meets the Need

Thank you, UniPlace, for your great response to the Peanut Butter Campaign of 2011. We are currently nicely stocked on this basic protein. Way to go!!



But the need continues. Last week, food pantry volunteers distributed eleven bags of groceries, and (with the exception of peanut butter) our cupboards are getting bare. We are in particular need of cereal and jelly, but any of the food pantry staples are welcome. Grocery bags include rice, tuna, mac & cheese, pastas, pasta sauces (cans only, no glass jars), canned fruits and veggies, cereal, crackers, PB&J, and when possible, personal care items such as shampoo, soap, and toothpaste.

When you shop this week, please remember the hungry in our community—they are more near than you might think—and purchase one or two of these items for the food pantry. Together we make a difference. Thank you.

Coffee Time at UniPlace

The December Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Order has arrived! If you have not yet picked up your order, you may do so after church December 11 or 18. What, you didn't place an order? Never fear! We have additional items for sale: coffee, tea, chocolate bars, even hot cocoa mix! Contact Mary Wallace (398-9703) with questions.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the launch of Fair Trade Coffee Hour at UniPlace. Through your donations and these sales, we're earning enough money to purchase fairly traded coffee from Equal Exchange for our coffee hour. These sales support small farmers in developing nations and also benefit Week of Compassion. Watch the newsletter in January for your opportunity to order Valentine's Day chocolates, coffee, and tea for your sweetie as we celebrate a year of Fair Trade at UniPlace!



December Birthdays

- 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).

In the spirit of hospitality to our visitors, if your are able, please park on Wright Street or in the Kenney Gym parking lot. The east spaces of our lot are marked for guests or handicap parking only. Until after January 1, 2012, the spaces on the west side of the lot are leased 24/7. Stoughton Street spaces are city permit parking only.

Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to order poinsettias for the Chancel, please notify the church office **before December 16, 2011** by returning this form. You may also phone in your order to the church office. The poinsettias may be given in honor, memory, or appreciation of someone, and will be in worship on Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24 as well as the Christmas service on December 25. They may be picked up any time after the Christmas service.

The cost for each plant is \$13.50.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In appreciation of _____

Given by _____

Telephone _____

Number of plants ordered _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check / Cash (circle one)



A People-to-People Trip to Congo for Illinois-Wisconsin Region

In response to interest expressed by several members of the University Place Christian Church (UPCC) in Champaign, IL., Dr. Eyamba G. Bokamba, a native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and a member of UPCC, is planning to lead "a people to people" delegation to the country in May, 2012. Any interested member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ is invited to join the delegation.

Travel schedule. The tentative schedule proposed by Eyamba is as follows:

- May 12 or 13, 2012: Departure from U.S. for DRC
- May 13 or 14, 2012: Arrival in Kinshasa, DRC
- May 13/14-18: Stay in Kinshasa to visit the Protestant University in the Congo and selected local Disciples of Christ churches
- Saturday, May 19: Departure by air to Mbandaka, Equateur Province
- May 19-26/27: Visit in Mbandaka (the headquarter of the Disciples of Christ Church in DRC), and travel to Bosobele (by river transport on the Congo and Ngiri rivers) and Boyeka (by car)
- May 28: Departure to Kinshasa for sightseeing
- June 1 or 2: Return flight to U.S.

(Alternative dates with a similar scheule could be Aug 5 through 22/23. Please let Eyamba know your preference.)

Trip's objectives. The visit to DRC is intended to achieve at least the following three interrelated goals:

Acquaint ourselves first hand with the immensity of the CDCC (Disciples of Christ Church Community in the Congo) and its work that is carried out by Disciples-trained clergy and laypersons;

Conduct exploratory conversations with one or two selected CDCC's community/communities (or "mission post" in the old terminology) for the possibility of establishing a Global Mission Church partnership for which I have been asked by UPCC's Moderator to draft a proposal this calendar year;

Experience life in a God-given rare paradise on earth that has faced enormous difficulties since King Leopold's fiefdom era (1879-1908), and yet promises to rise again and reclaim its destiny in Africa.

Eyamba is excited about the prospects of leading the delegation, and believes that the trip will be highly informative and will equip the delegates gain a better and deeper understanding not only of the contributions of our deceased missionary brothers and sisters in building from scratch what has become reportedly the largest Disciples of Christ church in the world (with respects to its demographics), but also the immense responsibilities shouldered by the church's highly educated Congolese leaders. It is hoped that what the delegation will learn from the visit itself, the work of our brethren there, and what they in turn will learn from us as potential partners will launch a transformative relationship between our communities: DRC and U.S./Canada.

Individuals interested in joining the delegation to DRC are encouraged to contact Eyamba at georgesbokamba@yahoo.com as soon as possible so more specific information about airfares, visa applications, invitation letters from CDCC in Mbandaka and UPC in Kinshasa, and a travel grant from DOM (Division of Overseas Ministries) can be facilitated.

Worship News

Jane Freyfogle, Worship Team

We continue our journey to Christmas through the 3rd and 4th week of Advent. And then it is on to Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday morning. Plan to be in worship!

December 11, 2011 Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

On the third Sunday of Advent, the candle of joy will be lit. Share in this time of celebration as we rejoice in the great things God has done for us. Rev. Brittany's sermon, "Make Straight the Way of the Lord", has John 1:6-8, 19-28, as its scriptural text. This is familiar reading - the telling of the testimony of John the Baptist as he declares that he is not the Messiah, not Elijah, and not the prophet. Rather, he is "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord' ". The first scripture reading will be Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11.

December 18, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

The candle of Love is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are nearing the end of our journey to Christmas, to the Christ child. We seek to open our hearts to God's extravagant love for us, and to be signs of that love in the world around us. Rev. Brittany's sermon is entitled "My Soul Magnifies the Lord". The first scripture is Luke 1:26-38, which tells the story of the angel Gabriel coming to Mary, telling her that she will bear a son who will be called the "Son of the Most High". The scriptural text for the sermon is Luke 1:46-55, Mary's song of praise to the Lord who has looked with favor on her, "the lowliness of his servant".

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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

Outreach Notes

Waunita Kinoshita, Mission and Outreach Team

We have just sent off our special Thanksgiving offering to the Disciples of Christ "Higher Education and Leadership Ministries" office. In the Messenger and Minutes for Mission we highlighted some of the folks who have been our leaders over many years and the continuing ministry to develop future leaders for our churches and institutions.



Now, we turn to the special Christmas Special Offering for Regional Ministry—Dec 11 & 18

The following is from the weekly email news letter that comes from our CCIW office highlighting all the many ministries they provide for our churches across Illinois and Wisconsin. There isn't room to include all of the many opportunities they provide for growth and service but here are two items from the recent newsletter.

"One hundred percent of the Special Day Christmas Offering received in Illinois & Wisconsin, stays within our Region to support its work on our behalf. The 2011 Christmas Offering theme, Good News of Great Joy, taken from Luke 2:10, is the account of the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth. This offering is important because the Regional Church is only as strong as its congregations and church members make it. That's why your offering is Good News. The 2011 Christmas Offering is more than just a "shot in the arm" at year's end. Your generous gift becomes Great Joy when it offers strong and necessary support to the fabric of our covenantal, connected lives of faith such as:

- Mentoring and oversight of candidates for ordination
- Unique mission connections to Guatemala
- The sustaining reach of Outdoor Ministries
- Committed regional staff members who give the Church sacrificial service

Guatemala Global Partnership Trips for Spring, 2012

The CCIW Region is planning a Guatemala trip in May, tentative dates of May 15-22, and Gloria Vincente, our Global Mission Partner in Guatemala, will be visiting around the Region in the Spring."

The Regional Director, Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker shared with us on our recent Outreach Weekend the work of the Regional Office and her "dreams". We have in the past and hope in the future to work closely with her and the other Regional Ministers, Rev. Scott Woolridge and Rev. Christal Williams. They are there to help us in many ways including most recently facilitating the search for our present interim minister, Rev. Brittnay and then in the search for our next minister. Rev. Kristine Light Branaman. We are very grateful for all the assistance they have given us in these and many ways over the past months and years.

Choir Notes



Leonard Rumery, Music Director

On December 11, the Choir will perform This is the Record of John. The text comes from John 1:19-23, which is one of the Advent readings which relate to fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah concerning the Messiah. "John" in the title refers to John the Baptist. The priests and Levites were sent from Jerusalem to determine who he was, because he was baptizing people and his authority was in question. Please refer to the Bible for the full story. Our setting is by Orlando Gibbons, one of the greatest composers of the reign of James I of England. Gibbons set the work solemnly for four viols (the family of bowed stringed instruments that are not the same as the violin family) and tenor or countertenor. Samir has arranged for our four viol players and they will play an offertory as well as the anthem. Ted Robb will be our soloist. Ted and his wife Janet are wonderful singers, who started their careers in this church. Both will be our guests for December. The special addition of the viol players was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

On the 18th we will sing the Lute Book Lullaby by William Ballett, a 17th century composer. He compiled a book of lute music which contained only the soprano and bass parts for this lullaby. The piece was fleshed out for the Oxford Book of Carols in the early 20th century.

Don't miss the Christmas Eve service at **4:00 p.m.** December 24. It will be full of your favorite readings and carols. Emily Otnes will sing Randall Thompson's lovely setting of the Song of Mary (the Magnificat), and the Chime Choir, the vocal duet of O Holy Night, our Jubilee group and the Chancel Choir will also contribute to this beautiful service. There will be candles, too. On Christmas Day we will sing Mendelssohn's How Lovely are the Messengers, a paraphrase of Isaiah 52:10, one of the readings for Christmas Day. Then the Choir will be off for a couple of weeks.

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Saturday, December 24, 2011 Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 p.m.

Join family and friends in this special candlelight service, at a different time. The service will be Lessons and Carols - familiar readings from Isaiah and the story of Jesus' birth from the gospel of Luke. Throughout the service we will enjoy many Christmas carols led by the congregation, Chancel Choir, soloists, Jubilee and Chime Choir. Come, Behold and Rejoice!

Sunday, December 25, 2011 Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m.

Yes, we will have worship on Christmas Sunday morning—not something we often get to do! This is a great time to have fun as we celebrate the birthday of our Savior! Come in your pajamas, or your party frocks, or anything in between! Children are invited to bring one gift received for "Show and Tell". We will gather around the piano and the Christmas tree as family and enjoy this special time together. You don't want to miss this special service!

Stewardship Report

Rick Broyles, Stewardship Chair

UniPlace 2012 A New Beginning (Stewardship Campaign)

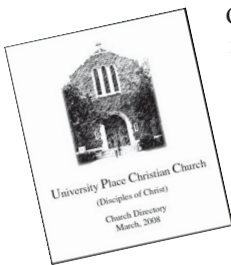
As of Sunday, December 4, 2011, the Stewardship Committee has received \$112,080 in pledges for our next fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2012. Our goal is to receive \$225,000+ in pledges to help ensure that funding is available for our various programs, the salaries our employees, and the cost of operation for the church.

The Stewardship Committee would like to receive all outstanding pledges by the end of the year. If you do not have a pledge card, you may pick one up in the church office or you may contact our office secretary, Kim, at 352-5118.

A new Directory is scheduled to be printed next month. Check your information for accuracy or if changes need to be made.

See below for instructions on how to submit changes, or additions.

Church Directory



On 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).

Please note we would like to include e-mail addresses as well as birthdays (month/day only) in the listing.

A Special Christmas Treat

In the display by the parlor door, please notice the beautiful nativity scene. This lovely set is on loan from Teddy Eddleman. Many years ago, she and her husband, Dike, purchased it while vacationing in Mexico. The individual pieces are made of clay and all are hand painted. Enjoy!

The nativity set adds to the theme of the display—"May Your Christmas Be Filled With Wonder And Your New Year Filled with Hope!"

Serving Schedule

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Elders – Cele Otnes and Jim Trefzger

Diaconate –Faith: Van Boyd, Nancy Collins, Ashley Cunningham, Jennifer Heinhorst, Judy Leeper, Ray Plante, Ginny Putman, Ann Smith, Gabe Stanton

Communion Ministry – Van Boyd

Liturgist – Jennifer Heinhorst

Coffee Fellowship – Gher Class

Flower Delivery – Derryl Singley

Offering Counters – Kevin Price and Jane Freyfogle

Sound Technician – Fred Cook

Hospital Calling For Week – René Potter Broyles

Snow Removal Crew – Fred Fechtmann and Charles Graves

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Elders – Jeff Dayton and Eric Freyfogle

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

Communion Ministry – Alex Doyle

Liturgist – Jennifer Heinhorst

Coffee Fellowship – Gher Class

Flower Delivery – Susie Reardanz

Offering Counters – Kevin Price and Jane Freyfogle

Sound Technician – Bill Strutz

Hospital Calling For Week – Clyde Smith

Snow Removal Crew – Fred Fechtmann and Charles Graves

Communion to residential members for the month of December:

Team A – Fred & Bonnie Cook

Team B – Bernard Archer and Richard Hertel

Christmas Concert

The Baroque Artists of Champaign Urbana (BACH) invite you to their upcoming Christmas concert on Sunday, December 18th, 7:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 405 W. Clark St., Champaign. The annual tradition continues with the University H.S. Madrigals, choral works with festive orchestral accompaniment by Telemann, J. S. Bach, Pachelbel, Handel and, of course, a medley of beloved carols and chorales featuring these groups and YOU in a heart-warming celebration of the season.



10% of ticket sales donated to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank

\$20 General / \$10 Students

Tickets at the door or in advance at: www.baroqueartists.org or 217-378-6802

In The Interim

Dear Friends and Members of UniPlace,

There is still time to join the Advent journey, please pick up a study guide outside the sanctuary today if you do not already have one. Please also feel free to join us on Mondays@Noon for our study, "The Uncluttered Heart" by Beth Richardson. We are enjoying lively discussion and prayer time as we work our way towards Bethlehem.

Christmas Eve we will gather at **4:00 p.m.** for a worship service of Lessons and Carols. Together we will read the story of Jesus' birth and sing familiar carols. Then on Sunday, Christmas morning we will worship at 10:00 a.m. Children are invited to bring one gift to "Show and Tell" – and we will all gather together at the front of the sanctuary for an intimate, family friendly, worship time focusing on the birth of Jesus into our lives. Wear your party frock or pajamas, all are welcome for the festivities.

As we come closer to Christmas, I am keenly aware that this is often a hard time for people. The frazzle of preparations and the noted absences of loved ones are particularly difficult at this time of year. If you need to talk or need to be remembered in prayer, please call me at the church or email me at uniplacerev@gmail.com.

May God's hope, peace, joy and love be with you this day,

Rev. Brittany



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