



The Messenger

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Budget Board Meeting - Feb. 3

Please plan on attending church this coming Sunday and staying afterwards to discuss the budget for 2019-2020.

Congregational Meeting

Feb. 10 after services

Join us to vote on the 2019-2020 Budget.



First Sunday Lunch

Join us after church for a lunch or breakfast of your choice from Perkins this month. We will meet after the church budget meeting on Feb. 3. We try to get the small dining room on the east side and fill it with friends and great conversation.

Church Directory

Elizabeth Slifer is still willing to take your photo for the church directory. Please let her know by emailing elizabethslifer@att.net or calling her cell phone 217 4933132 to make arrangements for photo. We hope to have everything finalized and ready to print by the end of February 2019.



Thank You, Church Family!

A special thank you to our wonderful church family for the cards, memorial gifts, calls, and food. We would also like to thank Pastor Kris for her loving remembrances and Samir, Delre, and the choir for the beautiful music. You have certainly surrounded us with love during these difficult days.

Lovingly,

The Clyde Smith Family

Save the date for a wedding or two!

Christopher Schilling and Karol Farris will be getting married on August 10, 2019 in Paris, IL.

Clayton Summers and Alixandrie Cox will be getting married on June 22, 2019 in Effingham, IL.

Prayers go out to both young couples as they plan and begin a new life together.

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Musically Speaking

The Christmas Service was an inspirational happening and I felt privileged to attend. An ample array of Christmas themed music and words gently surrounded the message of the Birth, as a silk chest would hug an inestimable, deceptively modest stone.

Voices raised unto meditation and praise, through unifying energy of Beauty, reminded us that while there is an unapologetic elemental stirring, “savage” element to music it is its ability to inspire, console and furtively envision eternity which fulfills its mission and potential.

(“Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believes shall not make haste.” Isaiah 28:16)

Music . . . fluid while architectural; features the individual (s) while glorifying the communal at the expense of the ego; expires the moment it happens but never leaves our memory (ies). It is based on the fulgurant breathing of all things living—yet the solidity of its monumental structures reveals itself *not* the vagaries of time. A metaphor for the paradoxes of life.

2018 brought fervent joys and inenarrable sorrows to many and all in our extended church family. Besides abrupt family events, some of our friends deal with ongoing health challenges. Some find yet the strength to sing unto the Lord even outside the best of circumstances. Yes, even in the turgid denseness of a grey sky there are shades, a precious fragile promise of bright colors. “For the Beauty of the Earth” was our anthem during the last Sunday of January.

2019 is one month in. A year of renewal and improvement, of a sure foundation, based on the precious corner stone.

While we hope to meet you consistently each and every Sunday, please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3rd, 2019. A bouquet of spirituals-in the indelibly exquisite arrangements of John Rutter—expresses a valued tradition, in a both stirring and consoling ethos. Music is a gift not meant to be just performed. It is to be listened to.

Samir

Disciple Women

Regular meeting times— 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 pm

This month Bonnie and Dorie will be sharing bible study and refreshments with all who attend. Anyone is invited to join us in the parlor on Monday, Feb. 11 this month.

Flowers, anyone?

Would you like to give flowers in Feb.? We have openings Feb. 3, 10, 21, 28. Let Elizabeth Slifer know which Sunday you wish.

Missing Refrigerator?!?

Over the holiday break, Elizabeth Slifer decided to defrost the freezer part of the refrigerator in the little parlor area. Unfortunately, while chipping away at ice, she struck the line for coolant and ruined the unit. She will purchase a new unit when the planning is complete for the little parlor area. Thank you to our wonderful Handyman, Walter, who took the appliance away and disposed of it.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is still an important part of our ministry at University Place Christian Church along with our Wednesday night Meal Program. This month please bring in canned tuna and boxes of cereal to be shared with others in need.

As always, a monetary donation is welcome at any time. Thank you to Ann, Judy L., Dorie, Jim H., Jane F, Marilyn. and Renee for keeping this ministry going.

Our loved ones and where they live now.

Grace Samford

**Willowbrook Memory Care Room 3
404 Curtis Road, Savoy, IL 61874**

Carol Fiock

**Amber Glen 1704 E. Amber Lane
Urbana, IL 61802**

How about a story?

Come and listen to our UPCC story tellers at Seven Saints on Tuesday, February 26.

The storytellers meet once a month at Uniplace in the parlor at 6 the third Tuesday of the month to share and practice their skills.

Have you loved the music each Sunday?

Do you want to listen again and again? Subscribe to Youtube Uniplace Christian Church and listen to your heart's content. Thank you to Deb who makes this possible.

Here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/>

Website features sermons!

Please make sure you visit our website:

<https://www.uniplace.org/sermons/>

to hear the latest from Pastor Kris.

Serving Schedule

Feb. 3

Liturgist-Judy Ridlen

Elders-Ed, Nancy

Hospital Calls-Jane

Flower Delivery-Jennifer

Communion prep-Laurie

Sound system- Fred Cook

Feb. 10

Liturgist-Jane F.

Elders-Eyamba, Jeff

Hospital Calls-Ed

Flower Delivery-Ed

Communion prep-John H.

Sound system- Dorie

Feb. 17

Liturgist-Delre

Elders-Kay, Eric

Hospital Calls-Delre

Flower Delivery-Emily

Communion prep-AJ

Sound system- Jeremy

Feb. 24

Liturgist-Elizabeth

Elders-Renee, Judy R.

Hospital Calls-Eyamba

Flower Delivery-Judy L.

Communion prep-Cara

Sound system- Fred Cook

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Community in Action From Jessi Delost

On February 24, our church service will focus on faithful responses to racism in honor of Black History Month.

We are still looking for interns for the Wednesday Night Dinner Program. Do you know a teen who is willing to work on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings/afternoons? This is a great way to serve others while finding out if you like working with food.

Watch the calendar for April events to serve our Community. The Uniplace Community Service Registered Student Organization is planning an event. More to come!!!