

HELPFUL TO KNOW

If you'd like to join virtually, please connect with the following link:
<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
(If you are here in person we offer hearing assistance devices-see technology desk.)

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before worship for children newborn–4 years old. After the Passing of the Peace, children ages 5 through 5th grade may meet at the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the worship service. Share a request in the comments section. Additionally, the Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Dorothy Burriss 817-715-0968 (macb.dlb@sbcglobal.net) or Dean Hecht at 715-919-1325.

RIDE SHARE

Need a ride? Please check the bulletin board by the fire extinguisher in the narthex.

Children's Church Ministry Leader	Melinda Yingling
Church Secretary	Reese Stariha
Custodian	Mariah Weiss
Financial Secretary	Cathy Hecht
Interim Director of Spiritual Formation	Jenna Slagter
Nursery Coordinators	Andrew Lisak & Annika Nikoi
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Online Worship

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2026

10:00 AM

If you're joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT Now Thank We All Our God #643

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: God who grew in wisdom and in stature...

All: We give thanks that like us, in Jesus You grew.

One: Be with us in our partnerships building bridges across all types of divides.

All: Forgive us for seeing others as stationery and not people of growth..

One: Come Holy Spirit, tend to the soil of our lives on the shores of this great lake. .

All: Make us good partners, always ready to witness the life and death in each others lives.

One: Grow, rise, move. Do Your thing Lord Jesus.

All: In the name of Christ we do pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Josh Heikkila

One: Because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** In response, you may say, **"And also with you!"** (you may pass the peace in the comments section)

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

*RESPONSE We've Come This Far by Faith #656

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathy Nelson

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

New Testament

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

Partner's In Growth

Rev. Alice B. Ankutse

*APOSTLES CREED

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Ghana Mission Network

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE God, We Honor You

#709

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who grows with us. Thank You for Your presence in our lives.

We give thanks for these gifts that allow us to love and serve You and our Twin Ports community in some precious ways. May we go out, really go out and serve our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care and Your peace. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve our Superior community and beyond to Tamale. We give You thanks Christ. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for this congregation, city of Superior, and world. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN We Are the Church United

Back of Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC JOB OPENINGS

UPC is hiring 2 Nursery Coordinators and 1 Children's Church Ministry Leader to support our youngest members.

- Nursery Coordinator — \$16.32/hour
- Children's Church Ministry Leader — \$18.00/hour

If you're interested, please send your resume to Ephraim Nikoi at ephraimnikoi@gmail.com and Jonathan Asp at aspjonathan@gmail.com

UPC VOLLEYBALL

UPC went 2-4 last week and is 51-25 overall. Jay and Jade each had a nice block! This weeks game is at 7:30 PM. Come on out to Aces and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!

PDA BAGS UPDATE

Thank you all for the donations so far! Below is a list of the items we still need to successfully fill 50 bags.

- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)— **23/50—still need 27**
- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)—**115/150—still need 35**
- hand held pencil sharpener— **35/50—still need 15**
- new pencils with erasers—**220/300—still need 80**
- box of 24 crayons—**35/50—still need 15**

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Join us on Saturday, September 5th for a Progressive Dinner at Amnicon Lake starting at 1:00 PM. There will be swimming, tubing, volleyball, and plenty of other excitement. See the flyer hanging in the narthex for more details. Also, there is a sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. Contact Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003, or the office with any questions.

FALL SMALL GROUPS

It's time to look forward to Fall Small Groups! We are in need of hosts and leaders for this season of learning. This year, groups will make their way through "Appreciate These Things" by Jill J. Duffield. The book will lead groups through a deep reflection of Philippians 4:8: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." <https://youtu.be/XToHywTIP6Q> Sign-up forms will be available next week. Groups will begin the week of September 27 and meet through November 15 (8 weeks) and books will cost \$12.

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COMMUNITY DINNER

We have our free Community Dinner today at 4:00 PM. The menu includes chicken salad sandwich on a croissant, chips, fruit, and dessert. Everyone is welcome to join us!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who graciously helped with the pot luck for Brett and Laura. Everything turned out great, thanks to all of you. Whether you helped in the kitchen, cleaned up afterwards, brought food, submitted pictures, helped with the slide show, spoke, or sang a lively song during the service - you are all appreciated. Thanks again for all your help. Connie & Kirsten

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

4:9 Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. **10** For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:41-52

2:41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. **42** And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. **43** When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. **44** Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. **45** When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. **46** After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48** When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." **49** He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" **50** But they did not understand what he said to them. **51** Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

WAYS TO SERVE

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United!

**Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.*

- Coffee Hour*—Make coffee and bring treats for everyone.
- Liturgist*—Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings and our call to worship.
- Crafters Group—Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the crafting room inside the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office to learn more.
- Community Dinner—Our next community dinner will be Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 PM. To learn more, contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.
- Nursery—Come spend time with our babies and toddlers in the nursery during the Sunday service! Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Children's Church—Come support our young ones as they grow in their faith! Children's Church takes place during the Sunday service. Contact Jenna at jenna.slagter@upc-superior.com to learn more or sign up. *A background check is required.*
- Technology/AV Desk—Volunteer to run the AV on a rotating, weekly, or monthly basis. Training will be provided! Questions? Contact Mac Burris 304-890-2375.

WAYS TO LEARN, GROW, & GET INVOLVED

- Pickleball—Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at UPC. All are welcome!
- Sand Volleyball—Come watch every Wednesday night at Aces in Superior. See the bulletin or church calendar for game times. Contact the office or Cathy Hecht at 863-944-5003 with any questions.
- Presbyterian Women—Meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, February, and July) at 9:30 AM. December and June meetings are lunches at 12:30 PM. To learn more, contact Bonnie Wallin at 715-392-7029.
- Adventure Group Hikes—Sunday, August 23rd after worship we'll be hiking Millennium Trail in Superior, WI and meeting in the lot by the dog park. Then Sunday, August 30th after worship we'll be hiking and swimming at Wisconsin Point and meeting at lot #1. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.
- Munch Bunch—Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner The Backyard on Amnicon Lake in Superior, WI. You can reach out to Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8/16

*GMNC

Coffee Hour—After Worship

4:00 PM Community Dinner

TUESDAY 8/18

10:00 AM Pickleball

1:00 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY 8/20

10:00 AM Pickleball

SATURDAY 8/22

**Dragon Boat Races

MONDAY 8/17

6:01 PM Mission Committee

WEDNESDAY 8/19

10:00 AM Crafters Group

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM CSA Pick-up

7:30 PM Volleyball @ Aces

FRIDAY 8/21

*The full schedule for the Ghana Mission Network Conference can be found at:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/ghana-mission-network-schedule>

**Dragon Boat Races are all day at Barker's Island in Superior, WI. UPC will have a team tent. Be on the lookout for an email this week with more details.

Birthdays This Week

8/17—Melinda Yingling

8/19—Martin Hayes

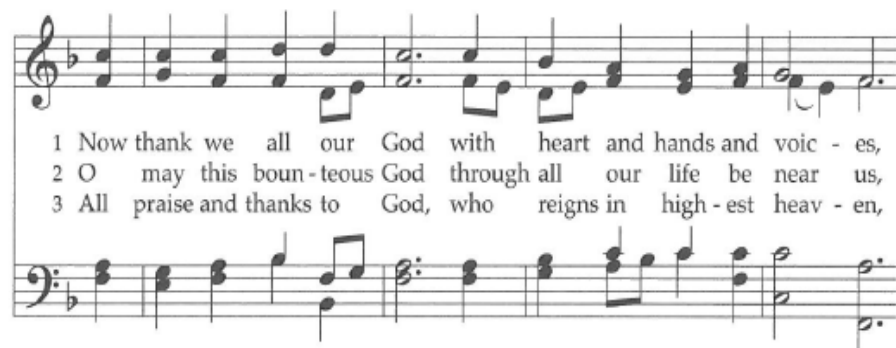
DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God.

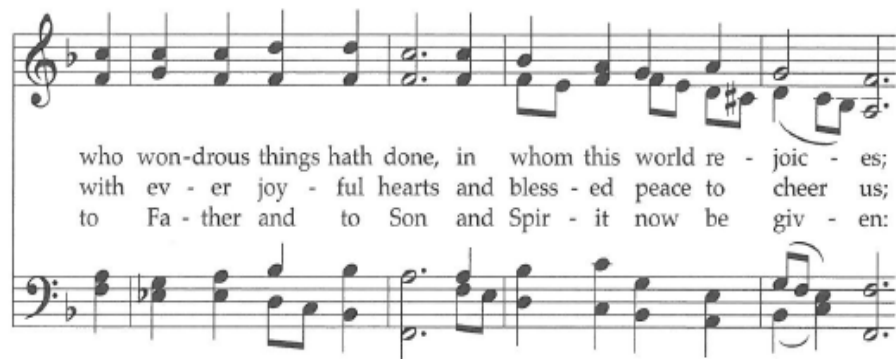
From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

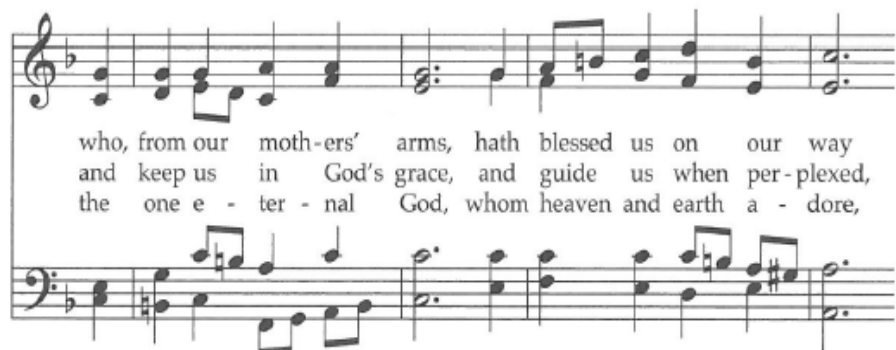
643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656



We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,



trusting in the holy Word; God's never failed us yet.



O, can't turn around, we've come this



far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

We Are the Church United

Laura Fuller and Heary Hanna

Laura Fuller © 1

We are the church u - nit - ed com - ing to - geth - er to

Pray for God's bless - ings up - on us,

We are the church u - nit - ed join - ing our voi - ces in

Praise and thanks - giv - ing to God. *Fine*

1. A
2. One

new day has come, And We ask your guid - ance,
Lord is our Lord, One word is our man - date,

Lead us a - long the way, We
One hope that leads us on, We're

praise to the Fath - er, Son and the Spir - it,
trav' - ling a new road, Foll' - wing a vis - ion,

Grant us a great new day, Oh,
God's will, it shall be done, Oh,