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UPBEAT FOR JANUARY 2022

Issue Deadline: Monday, December 20 at 1:00p.m.

Mailing: Thursday, December 30

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A FACE MASK?

If you need a face mask and do not have one, many have been made to be distributed by us at the church. Call the church office at 715-392-4751 Monday-Friday from 12-4pm or email Tiffany at unitedpresbyterianchurch.com to get one for you or your entire family, free of charge.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION?



Remember to contact the church office whenever there is a change with your mailing address, phone number, email or any other information that you feel should be shared or updated.

Email addresses are useful for contacting the congregation with mid-week cancelations or changes in meetings.

Feel free to leave a note on the secretary's desk, send an e-mail, or call the church office at:

715-392-4751 or

unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com



December 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE ONLINE AT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:30 PM PW Meeting 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 2:45 PM UPC Garden Committee 4 PM Deacons 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-7 PM Piano Lessons	2 6:30 PM CYF 7 PM AA Meetings	3 5 PM Confirmation Class to Shabbat Service	4 9:30 AM Piano Recital 7 PM AA Speaker Meeting
5 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 8:45 AM Breakfast and Christmas Pageant Practice 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 11:30 AM Confirmation 11:30 AM Bell Choir 6 PM Volleyball	6 3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons 6 PM Cub Scouts	7 4 PM Worship Committee 4-8 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 PM Finance Committee	8 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 4 PM F&O 3-7 PM Piano Lessons	9 6:30 B&G (Zoom & In Person) 7 PM AA Meetings	10	11
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Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Children can still attend Time with Children!
During our streamed worship on YouTube, or live in person, you will see **Time with Children** with Laura!

Contact : Laura Foote, Interim CYF Ministries Director,
at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com if you would like to attend CYF meetings and need the online meeting link.

December for CYF

Hello Church!

The seasons are changing once again and I'm looking forward to my journey serving as the Interim CYF Director once again. It's quite an exciting time with the start of Confirmation and Advent. This year we will have a breakfast with each of our Christmas Pageant practices on December 5 and 12 (with the pageant being on Sunday, December 19 during the worship service). This is a wonderful time to connect, eat good food, and have a little fun.

Around this time of year the schedules begin to fill up and it is easy to get caught up in the rush of everything. I encourage you to take a moment this December to let the snowflakes fall gently on your face as you stare up to the sky. Take a deep breath and know your value is not determined by how many activities you participate in or the presents you buy. Let us breathe deeply and savor the moments of this season and embrace this cozy, light filled time as we wait for our Savior.

With Joy,
Laura

Volunteers Needed for the Snow Shoveling Brigade

Are you looking for a way to serve the congregation and our community? The Snow Shoveling Brigade needs your help to keep the pathways from the parking lot to the three main entry doors at United Presbyterian Church clear of snow this winter. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for a time once a week to clear snow if it falls and accumulates by that time. The times are 8 am and 11 am each day. If there is no snow, the volunteer does not need to come to shovel.

We hope to get 14 volunteers to clear the snow as needed at those times. If 14 people volunteer, each person would be responsible to clear snow only once a week. If someone would like to sign up for multiple times, that is fine as well. But many hands make light work.

There will be a signup sheet in the back of the Narthex after church for you to pick the time you can shovel, or you can call Eric Schlacks at 218-269-6678 to sign up.



News from the UPC Christmas Basket Committee!

We have a record number of requests for Christmas Baskets this year! We have 67 adults and 86 kids on our gift shopping list!

If this is a mission that touches your heart, please consider a monetary donation to help us to help forty three families have a joy filled Christmas this year.

Please clearly mark any donations as "Christmas Baskets".
Thank you for your help in making Christmas a little brighter for some of our neighbors.
All funds raised will be used for the 2021 Christmas Basket mission.



PW MEETING

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be a lunch on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 12:30 at Ace's. All women are cordially invited to attend. Contact Bonnie Wallin for reservations. The Presbyterian Women do not meet in January or February.

Fellowship and Outreach News

The Fellowship and Outreach committee will be having a Christmas cookie sale at church before and after worship on December 12th and the 19th. The cost will be \$5.00 per plate.

Our committee has recently purchased all equipment needed for pickle ball so we will be able to organize some fun games in the future when set up and ready to go.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and kind thoughts that I received during my hospitalization and now my recovery at home. I am doing well and hope to be back to church soon.

- Howard (Butch) Gronquist

Dear ones,

Thank you one and all for your cards and prayers. I am looking forward to Advent with you this year. May you all have a good Thanksgiving.

- Susan Litehiser

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Warren Nelson

SUPERIOR REHAB, Superior, WI

Eileen Olson

CERENITY, White Bear Lake, MN

Randy Axt

BENEDICTINE HEALTH CENTER, Duluth, MN

Carol Mead

ASHLAND HEALTH AND REHAB, Ashland, WI

Susan Litehiser

PHOENIX, AZ

Dorothy Granfors

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Voss

RECOVERING AT HOME

Daryl Granquist

Barb Granquist

Vora Lindberg

Robert Perrault



December Hot Dish: Egg Bake & Cinnamon Rolls

Sunday, December 12, stop by UPC to pick up a frozen hot dish! We will have Egg Bake and Cinnamon Rolls beginning at 4:00 pm, while supplies last. Drive up and let us know how many you're feeding and we will send you on your way with a meal. Thaw and cook at your convenience. This would make a delicious Christmas morning meal!

If you have any questions, please contact Christy at 218-590-8294 or email at cwillmore.upc@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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



December BIRTHDAYS

Katie Grymala	12/3
Carol Mead	12/3
Phyllis Flaherty	12/6
Carol Baker	12/8
Marian Lanigan	12/8
Ronald Underdale	12/8
Aidan Pennington	12/9
Bonnie Gronquist	12/13
Duane Aslyn	12/15
Warren Nelson	12/16
Sue Olson	12/16
Heidi Carswell	12/17
Alice Matthias	12/18
Tim Bergstrom	12/23
Thomas Lisak	12/28
Christy Wilmore	12/29
Creede McClellan	12/29



**WATCH ALL WORSHIP
SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

General Fund

October Income:	\$14,965.01
October Operating Expenses:	\$17,179.80
Decrease in General Fund Balance:	-\$2,214.79

General Fund Balance 10/31/2021	\$8,679.63
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General fund money is used for operating expenses. Salaries, utilities, supplies, and repairs are examples of operating expenses.

Designated Funds

Memorial	\$13,387.75
Community Dinner	\$59.09
Erickson Fund	\$65,217.89
UPC Mission	\$2,833.02
Special Events	\$1,264.29
Pastor Discretionary	\$782.02
Miscellaneous	\$1,424.26
Hot Dish	\$147.94
Endowment Fund	\$455,632.10
Capital Projects	\$146,880.69

Designated Funds Balance 10/31/2021	\$687,629.05
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Designated Funds have specific purposes. Some funds fluctuate monthly, while others change less frequently, depending on projects.



COMMUNITY DINNER December 19th, 2021 FROM 4-5 PM

The drive-up Community Dinners are a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking, grilling, distributing meals, or directing traffic to make things run as smoothly as possible. UPC wants to assure you that we are following all COVID-19 safety guidelines including gloves and masks being worn by our workers. For the health and safety of everyone during this pandemic, meals will continue to be **Take-Out Only**. The meals are prepared and boxed in the church. You drive up and we'll place the meal in your vehicle. Take home and enjoy! Watch the bulletin for information on the menu.

**This meal is free and available for all people
From the church and community.**

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WISHLIST:

Juice boxes
Coffee creamers
Individually packaged snacks
Canned black beans
Tortilla chips
Boxes of pasta, sauces, and tomato paste
Toilet paper



Dear UPC Members and Friends:

The Community Garden Committee is raising money for the soon-to-be-created UPC Community Garden! We've connected with SeedMoney, which helps nonprofits raise money for community food gardens. What's more, SeedMoney awards challenge grants, so if this project does well enough raising money compared to other participating projects, it will be awarded a grant of from \$100-\$1000.

Here's how it works: Between now and Wednesday, December 15, at 11 am (when the campaign closes), visit the UPC garden campaign page at <https://donate.seedmoney.org/6671/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden>, read the full description of the project, and make a donation. (If you don't have a way to give online, someone will be available after the church services on 11/28, 12/5, and 12/12 to assist you.)

The project will receive all the money raised in the campaign (minus a small credit-card processing fee), and if the project is awarded a grant, it will receive the grant money on top of that. We'll use the money for seeds, plants, dirt, fertilizer, tools, and the like.

One more way to help: share the link to the campaign page on social media so as many people as possible are encouraged to give.

Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at 218-348-6032 or at desertswan@aol.com.

Sincerely,

The UPC Community Garden Committee

DECEMBER MEETINGS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Postponed indefinitely.

OFFBEATS - PW EVENING GROUP

Postponed indefinitely.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MEETING

Thursday, Dec 2nd, 2021 at 6:30 PM

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, Dec 1st, 2021 at 4:00 PM

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING

Thursday, Dec 9th, 2021 at 6:30 PM
(Zoom & In person)

MISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec 14th, 2021 at 4:15 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, Dec 7th, 2021 at 6:15 PM

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, Dec 16th, 2021 at 6:15 PM
(Zoom)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec 7th, 2021 at 4:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Wednesday, Dec 8th, 2021 at 4:00 PM

CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, Dec 15th, 2021 at 1:00 PM

If you have questions, call Luann Tiede at
715-394-3611.

STAFF MEETING - Every Wednesday 12:00.
(Zoom)

Liturgists for December

December 5—Jan Letsos
December 12—Marian Lanigan
December 19—Jane Wester
December 26—Donna Okash

If you have any questions, please contact:
Creede McClellan, Worship Committee,
715-394-7413

RUTH HOUSE WISHLIST

Bottled water
Paper towels
Garbage bags
All purpose cleaners and bleach
Paper products and plastic silverware
Hamburger, chicken, and hotdogs
Cream soups
Hand warmers
Chicken and beef broth
Sugar
Sleeping bags
Backpacks



JoAnn Rush (218-391-5304) is willing to collect donations from church and deliver them to Ruth House.

THANK YOU!

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From the Pastor...

UPC,

Advent is seriously one of my favorite seasons in the church. I can already hear some of you saying it in my head: "But You didn't say Christmas or Easter Pastor Brett!" I know...I know. Hear me out, Advent is a season of waiting, a season that is not glamorous, not really all that commodified in pretty much anyway in America. Outside of Advent calendars there really isn't much...but who doesn't love a little chocolate treat during the holiday season right? Easter and Christmas have really been co-opted and turned into potential revenue streams for businesses. Don't get me wrong, I love celebrating those two holidays but there is something different about Advent.

What is Advent? Practically, Advent is the four Sundays/weeks leading up to Christmas. Historically, Advent is that liturgical time where we as a church remember Mary and Joseph's journey of waiting and try to live it out in some meaningful and mindful way. Mary and Joseph, are waiting for the coming of their son, the would be savior of the world, who also just so happens to be the son of God, Jesus. They had to wait 9 months and travel a significant distance to find safety. They could not rush anything. Those of you that have ever cared for a child or for those who have experienced pregnancy, you know, nothing about that process can be rushed. The Advent season is similar, you can't rush anything. There will always be four Sundays to experience. In that way, God calls me often through the season of Advent to be patient and wait for the Lord. Our waiting is not just waiting in vain but it is expectant waiting, we wait with the belief that Hope will come in the form of Christ.

If you haven't taken a look or asked someone recently, you might not know all that is going on behind the scenes this time of year. Important phone calls and meetings are taking place between churches as they seek to collaborate, committees are busy finishing their budgets, I'm planning a leadership retreat alongside the Session, Confirmation is taking place with some of our students, the nominating committee's work has really started to take off, a Christmas pageant is being planned, we just approved a new Nursery Worker staff position for 2022, and so much more. For good reason, none of this work can be rushed. Some have set days, some conversations require a lot of wisdom and insight from God, and others just take time. It is the Advent season where I'm reminded that, taking things at the pace they were intended to go at is holy work. It's a holy thing to slow down at times. Read that last sentence again.

Advent, is also a season of great reversals where weak is made strong. An unwed refugee mother gives birth to the salvation of the world. The salvation of the world comes as an infant. Speed is no longer valued but taking things at their own pace is lifted up. As you navigate this Advent & Christmas season know that even if there is a lot going on, all of it has its appointed time and that there is nothing wrong with waiting. In fact, waiting and being patient is holy work.

Merry Christmas from Laura, Henri (our pug), and myself! We hope and pray that this holiday season could be one of joy for you.

Grace & Peace,
Brett