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UPBEAT AUGUST 2026

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A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)



SPIRITUAL FORMATION: FOR AGES & STAGES

LAURA FOOTE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

United,

I looked back to my first UpBeat message and the first line reads, "Transitions can be tricky...." That was during the first summer of Covid and I was just starting my journey serving as the interim for the Children, Youth and Family Director position. It can feel overwhelming to reflect on all of the changes and transitions that have taken place since then. A myriad of emotions surface as I have reflected, though one thought in particular keeps coming to mind: Thank God for change! Transitions can be tricky AND they can be beautiful. We are allowed to feel and experience multiple things at once.

Many of you know how much I love to read. After I graduated from UWS I became especially fond of fiction. Time and time again I am amazed at how a writer brings about circumstances and settings that seem impossible. I'll read and wonder how they are going to make it through. Or sometimes, when something absolutely devastating happens and I think the character's journey is over—a wild turn of events takes place and a new chapter begins. Admittedly though, one of my favorite things about reading is getting to know a character at the beginning of the book and then finding myself in awe at their growth and development along the way.

God led us to Superior. We had no ties to this area before moving here in 2019. When we first arrived I had envisioned this season of life looking vastly different, upon reflection I'd have to say that I'm grateful for the way it went. God is full of surprises and She hasn't forsaken us yet.

If I was sharing about this Superior season like I would share about a chapter of a book I've recently read, I'd say: "Don't skip it. Don't skim it. You're never going to believe what's going to happen, but don't worry—it's gonna get good."

It hasn't been perfect, though it has been authentic. United, I have loved you. Thank you for the grace, growth and love you have given to me.

In Peace,
Laura

The next Spiritual Formation
committee meeting will be Sunday,
August 9 at 8:45a in the Youth room.



AUGUST MEETINGS

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, Augst 3rd at 3:30 PM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, August 5th at 9:30 AM

DEACONS

Wednesday, August 5th at 4:30 PM

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday, August 9th at 8:45 AM

FINANCE

Monday, August 10th at 4:00 PM

WORSHIP

Tuesday, August 11th at 5:15 PM

GHANA MISSION NETWORK

Thursday, August 13th—Sunday, August 16th

MISSION

Monday, August 17th at 6:01 PM

SESSION

Wednesday, August 19th at 5:15 PM

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

PERSONNELL

TBD

STAFF

Wednesday, August 5th & Augst 19th at 12:00 PM

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jane Wester	8/1
Jay Hecht	8/2
Deja Anderson	8/3
Kate Long	8/7
Jackie Pananen	8/9
Sandy LeMieux	8/11
Cliff Pananen	8/13
Mary Voss	8/13
Dorothy Granfors	8/15
Melinda Yingling	8/17
Martin Hayes	8/19
Camryn Shepard	8/23
Judith Evenstad	8/24
Connie Noble	8/25
Eric Rude	8/28
Anna Downs	8/29
Audrey Krube	8/29
Abram Pauna	8/30
Tyler Willoughby	8/30

If you would like your birthday added, or a family member, please contact the office at office@upc-superior.com or call 715-392-4751.

PDA BAGS

The back to school sales are coming up so we can buy the supplies on sale. We are looking to fill 50 bags with each bag including the items below:

- 1- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- 30 centimeter ruler (12 inch)
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons

NOTE FROM OFFICE

A note from the office, please be diligent in getting the information or articles for the UPBeat to the office by the deadline.

UPBEAT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

ISSUE DEADLINE: Wednesday, August 26th

WORSHIP

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

AUGUST

8/2—Donna Okash
8/9—Vacant
8/16—Kathy Nelson
8/23—Vacant
8/30—Vacant

SEPTEMBER

9/6—Donna Okash
9/13—Vacant
9/20—Vacant
9/27—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through October of 2026 are posted. You may also call or email the office to sign up for a vacant date if you would like.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.
- Munch Bunch is Thursday, August 6th at 5:30 PM. Join us at Gronk's restaurant in Superior.
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4. Join us for treats and games in the church parking lot from 6:00–7:30 PM. All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the fun and community time.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The next meeting of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Dianne Shaw and Jane Wester. All women are cordially invited to attend.

CRAFTERS GROUP

The Crafters Group will meet every Wednesday in the Library at 10 AM. Please feel free to come join us with whatever craft project you would like to work on. We will not be doing organized activities, just working on our own crafts and enjoying each other's company. Join us for as long as you would like, whether that be 15 minutes, an hour, or more! Direct any questions to Londa Hatch, at 651-338-4030.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

Many Members of our congregation have an active role not only in our church but also in the community.

Hiking, playing Pickleball, paddling a Dragon Boat, attending a Cooking class, enjoying a night out at National Night Out, attending a concert at Solon Springs, or sharing a meal; whether it be pot luck at church, a progressive dinner or meeting with the monthly Munch Bunch group at a local restaurant, are all ways church members can meet and get to know other people from our church and community. The Fellowship and Outreach Committee meets monthly to plan activities. We hope that all members of the church can find something to take part in and enjoy.

NOTE FROM JANE

Dear friends of UPC,
July 31st was my last day working as Music Director here at UPC. I want to thank you all for the support and love you've shown me over the past few years. I especially want to thank the singers and bell ringers who have shown up so faithfully and rehearsed with all their hearts in God's service. It has been an honor and joy to serve as Music Director. Thank you all!

MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Ken Aker

Fran Brice

Ron & Bev Underdale

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

MISSION COMMITTEE

DONATION CENTER:

Students are back from Winter break, let's load the free pantry shelves at UWS!

- 1 Pound bags of rice (all varieties).
- Microwave rice, bowls or packages.
- All types of canned/pouched protein
- Can openers, because not all canned goods have pop tops!

Please drop off in the appropriate bins at the DONATION CENTER in the narthex. Questions? Contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.

Thank you,
Mission Committee

UPC BURNIN' BEETS ATHLETICS- DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

UPC Burnin' Beets Athletics is participating in this year's Dragon Boat Festival! This community event is hosted by the local Rotary, with all proceeds supporting charitable partners right here in our area. This year's featured partner is **Second Harvest Northland**, helping to fight hunger and fill bellies—a mission that is especially close to the hearts of Presbyterians and our UPC family.

Support our team's fundraising! Donations can be made online at:

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E356486&id=110>



Be sure to select "Burnin' Beets" as your team when making your donation.

Interested in paddling or joining our substitute roster? **Contact Kate ASAP** by call or text at **715-392-2206**.

Important Dates:

- **Practice:** Wednesday, August 19, 5:00–6:30 PM
 - **Festival Events (August 21):** Glow Run 5K & Kids Run, Cornhole Tournament, and Light-Up Dragon Boat Sprints
 - **Race Day (August 22):** Dragon boat racing, kids' activities, food vendors, live music, entertainment, and fellowship
- We'll also be having a **potluck during the event weekend**—watch for an email with more details.

For more information about the festival, visit:

<https://superiordragons.org/>

Come join the fun, support a great cause, and cheer on the Burnin' Beets!



THE UPBEAT AUGUST 2026

From the Pastor

United,

July for me has been a whirlwind of meals, goodbyes, “see you soon’s”, tears, prayer, laughs, meetings, organizing, well wishes and plenty in between. We’ve spent time on the lake, on trails, at campgrounds and most importantly with y’all. We’ve thankfully been able to share a lot of meals in the past few weeks.

I recently mentioned to several people who asked about our transition that I’m so thankful for how the Presbyterian Church expresses their theology of call. I (really we) were called to United in 2019. A certain time, a certain place, the Holy Spirit moving in a certain way in our lives to whisk us off to Superior, Wisconsin and United Presbyterian Church of Superior. The congregation confirmed God’s call. When a call is discerned in the church, the call is sensed by two parties: The congregation and the pastor. When either prayerfully discerns that the call has changed or perhaps God is doing something new in the life of the church or the life of the pastor, things ultimately change. No one but God, we hope and pray, is leading the transitions we go through as the church. United, God is at work.

This is the last UPBeat I will write to you and though I am fond of shared time and reminiscing about what God has done, I don’t want to do that. I want us to look forward. God is so good United, the congregation that is here, the work that you are all doing, the neighbors whose lives are being changed, the families being reached, the local elementary school that you love ever so well. You are doing that. You will do ministry going forward that perhaps you never thought you’d be involved in.

One example I think of often is that faithfully, you chose a mission co-worker in Rev. Josh Heikkila sixteen or so years ago. Now faithfully you are hosting the Ghana Mission Network conference of the PC(U.S.A) where he and over 55 folks from all around the United States and world will be hosted by you from August 13-16. I’m truly thankful that my last day serving at United will be the culmination of this conference. You took something that was mostly only financial and prayer support and got your hands dirty. You went to Ghana not once but twice (and have plans to go again), hosted our mission co-worker, wrote grants for, and have integrated our other partnerships with the FLODAN school in Accra, Ghana like our connection with Great Lakes elementary. That is all of your work. Presbyterian women, the “Stitchin’ sisters”, folks from almost every committee at the church are a part of making this conference happen.

United, you are in good and capable hands, because it is God that supports and carries you all the days of your life. God is doing a new thing, the Spirit is moving, and I’m excited for what I’ll witness over the years as I pray for you, cheer you on from afar, and admire the way God moves off the lake. Thank you United, always for showing me the grace and mercy of God. I pray that I have reflected the same to you.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Brett

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From the Pastor

Two updates I would be remiss not mentioning: 1. The church has hired a new Director of Spiritual Formation, Jenna Slagter. She is a humble leader that has a robust faith in Jesus that isn't afraid to ask questions. She knows United well, has a degree in Christian Education, has kids who have been a part of our ministries, and is excited about the work and opportunity that is here at United. 2. United's interim pastor Nominating Committee has begun their work and has met personally with Rev. Corey Larson the Presbytery's Commission on ministry co-chair and our Presbytery Liaison. They will begin meeting quite regularly. Additionally, Rev. Rich Blood our General Presbyter will be moderating the Session (helping it to run) until the Interim pastor is in place.