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UPBEAT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Issue Deadline: Tuesday, January 23rd at 1 PM

Mailing: Wednesday, January 31st

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

JANUARY

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 Office Closed	02 UPBeat Mailing 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee	03 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 4 PM Deacons Meeting 6 PM Book Club	04 Fellowship Hall in Use 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 7 PM AA Meeting	05 Fellowship Hall in Use	06 Fellowship Hall in Use 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
07 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts 6 PM Volleyball	08 1:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach 5 PM Finance Committee 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 PM Welcome Corps	09 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 6 PM Bell Choir	10 10 AM Crafters Group 12 PM Staff Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 6:15 PM Personnel Committee	11 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 6 PM Buildings & Grounds 7 PM AA Meeting	12	13
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Spiritual Formation: For Ages & Stages Committee

Contact: Laura Foote, Director of Spiritual Formation, at Imfoote.upc@gmail.com

Happy New Year, United!

In the midst of resolutions and goal setting I hope you remember: You are beloved and valued regardless of any new resolution.

That's not to deter from any new goals, rather it's a gentle reminder that a new resolution isn't going to make you any more worthy. Jesus already took care of that. You are worthy. You are loved. You matter.

Now, if you are entering into this new year in search of a new adventure—I have an opportunity for you. Great Lakes Elementary has reached out because they are in need of adult volunteers to come and listen to children read. We all need people in our lives that care about us. This is an opportunity to do just that for our students and educators right next door. Martine and Michele, from Great Lakes, will be coming on January 7th to share more during the service.

We are also in need of volunteers to help in the Nursery and with Children's Church. We have amazing young ones and families in our church, so come spend some time with them (if you haven't already)!

Please reach out to me if you are interested in any of these opportunities or have any questions.

With Joy,
Laura

P.S. Check out the photo below from our Christmas Program. What a joyful time that was! :)

SF Dates

Children's Church is every Sunday following the Passing the Peace portion of the service.

The Spiritual Formation Committee will meet at 9a, on January 14th in the Youth room.

Second Sunday Student Dinner will take place at 6:30p on January 14th at Laura and Brett's home.

Check out the calendar online and the weekly bulletin for additions and/or changes throughout the month!



If you are interested in listening to children read at Great Lakes Elementary, sign up sheets are available in the office. Please reach out to Laura at Imfoote.upc@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information!

Fellowship and Outreach

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Ken & Marianne Aker
 Fran Brice
 Gloria Neuman
 Ron & Bev Underdale
 Susan Litehiser

SUPERIOR REHAB, Superior, WI

Ken Uvila

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Voss

IN THE HOSPITAL

Janice Parish

NEW YORK

The Okash Family—Prayer given by the Lisak Family



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sara Miles	1/1
Elizabeth Schlacks	
Iafrate	1/1
Emily Lanigan	1/3
Dominic Okash	1/3
Barb Granquist	1/7
Monica Lenihan	1/7
Deborah Schlacks	1/8
Kirsten Standen	1/10
Bob McClellan	1/10
Jack Finstad	1/13
Elda Hanson	1/14
Joan Johnson	1/14
Ailey Rude	1/15
Holden Willmore	1/19
Claire Matthias	1/20
Richard Johnson	1/21
Joey Schulz	1/21
Laurie Ostrowski	1/24
Dale VanErt	1/25
Gianna Johnson	1/27
Lyn Larson	1/27
Bev Vosburgh	1/29
Hunter Willmore	1/29
Courtney Cairns	1/29
Cole Defoe	1/31

Fellowship and Outreach News:

You can join us for Pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

Volleyball will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!



January 28th—Birthday Potluck:
 Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the event.

February 18th—Spud Day: More information to come closer to the event.



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in January or February. We look forward to our next meeting on March 6th, 2024!

Mission



COMMUNITY DINNER

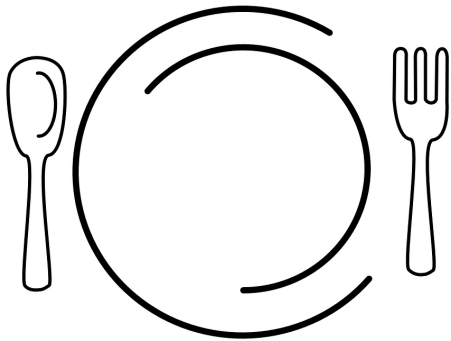
January 21st

The Community Dinner will be on January 21st at 4 PM, with leftovers available for takeout starting at 5 PM. Takeout is not guaranteed, and will not be distributed before 5 PM.

This month's Community Dinner will be ham, cheesy potatoes, salad, vegetables, and Christmas cookies with ice cream!



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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



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.

Events

CRAFTERS GROUP

The Crafters Group will meet every 2nd and 4th 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.

Worship



**WATCH ALL WORSHIP
SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:**

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

Liturgists

January

1/7—Vacant
1/14—Jane Wester
1/21—Dustin Anderson
1/28—Tom Vosburgh

February

2/4—Jackie Pananen
2/11—Vacant
2/18—Vacant
2/25—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the Narthex. Dates through June of 2024 are posted. You may also call or email the office to sign up for a vacant date if you would like.

Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.

January Meetings

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2023 at 4:30 PM

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2023 at 4:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Monday, January 8th, 2023 at 1:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 8th, 2023 at 5 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 10th, 2023 at 6:15 PM

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING

Thursday, January 11th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MEETING

Sunday, January 14th, 2023 at 9 AM

CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, January 17th, 2023 at 1:00 PM

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

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, January 18th, 2023 at 6:15 PM

MISSION COMMITTEE

TBD

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Does not meet in January & February

Finance

November Income & Expenses

Operating Income (Offering, donation, building use fees, per capita, and interest):	\$17,309.18
Operating Expenses (Ministry, worship, education, property, personnel expenses):	<u>\$22,930.40</u>
Decrease in November	-\$5,621.22

**Next Finance Committee meeting:
Monday, January 8 at 5:00 PM**

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>

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REVEREND BRETT FOOTE PHONE 717-247-4433 WORSHIP: SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.

From the Pastor...

United Presbyterian,

Happy New Year to each of you! While we didn't have snow on Christmas this year up in Superior, which was pretty shocking and a little sad, we had a wonderful Advent: A fantastic brunch to finish out our Fall small groups, a Christmas Concert, an incredible children's Christmas pageant, a Lessons and Carols service, and a wonderful Christmas Eve candlelight service to only name some of the highlights. In the midst of all of that, we were giving out Christmas baskets with food and gifts for families, holding a Christmas community dinner, and helping folks in the community with furniture, utilities, home repairs and more. It was a full and meaningful Advent and Christmas season and that is just scratching the surface.

I'm really proud of the deep relationships we continue to develop as a congregation and the work and service we do here in the community as a church. It's in our DNA as Christians to serve and do so together. For us however, it's more, it's a part of our worship just as much as our time Sunday mornings are considered worship. People in the community have heard and witnessed this and have reached out to take us up on that.

Remember this past Spring when we said that we were partnering with Great Lakes, our actual physical neighbors? Well, in December several teachers reached out to us to see if we could assist the school with their reading program. After we met, it was clear that this was some of the work we were called to as a community. On January 7th, two teachers will be coming into speak to the congregation during our worship service about how we get to volunteer for their reading program by spending as little as 30 minutes once a week to assist elementary students with reading. After the service everyone will have the opportunity to sign up for a slot to listen to kids read. In addition, we will have the opportunity to provide small prizes for the reading programs gift drawer. This is just the beginning of our partnership and we look forward to seeing how it grows. A huge thank you to the staff over at Great Lakes for trusting us with this work.

I've asked folks this question rhetorically: If we weren't doing this kind of work in Superior what else would we be doing? Right? This is a part of our purpose as followers of Jesus. As we go into 2024 as a congregation, I'm truly looking forward to how God uses us through the

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power of the Holy Spirit here in Superior, the Twin Ports, and beyond. Scripture consistently leads me to this conclusion. I'll leave you with the words of 1st Peter 4:10b-11: "serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen."

I'm thankful for each and every one of you and that I have the opportunity to serve and worship alongside you. See you in 2024!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett

P.S. Special shoutout to several of our college students who were selected as recipients of a handful of different scholarships and grants from our Synod, the Synod of Lakes & Prairies which is the middle governing body of sixteen presbyteries in a six-state area of the upper Midwest as well as the national church through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We're proud of you!

If you have any questions about Scholarships through the Presbyterian Church please don't hesitate to reach out- the PC(USA) really values and believes in the power of education!