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## UPBEAT FEBRUARY 2025

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

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION: FOR AGES & STAGES COMMITTEE

Laura Foote, Director of Spiritual Formation, [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com)

Hi Church!

What a beautiful start to the new year we've had—full of baptisms!

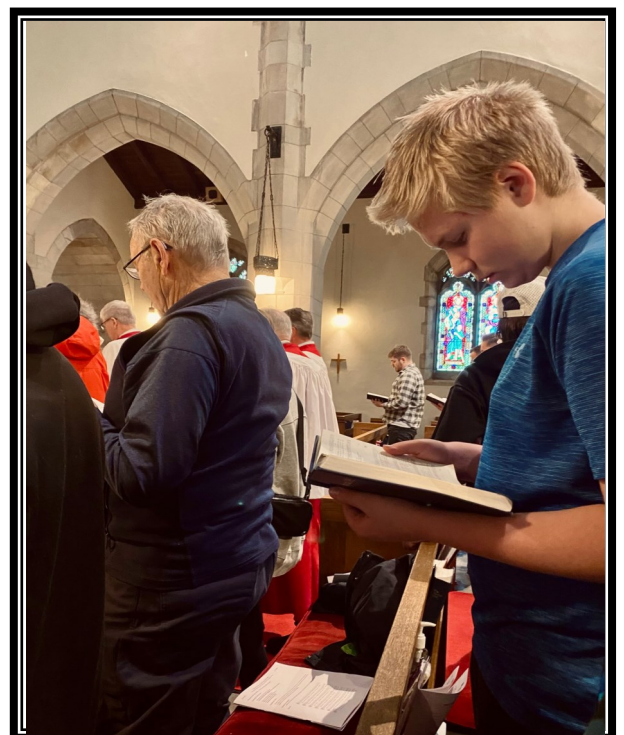
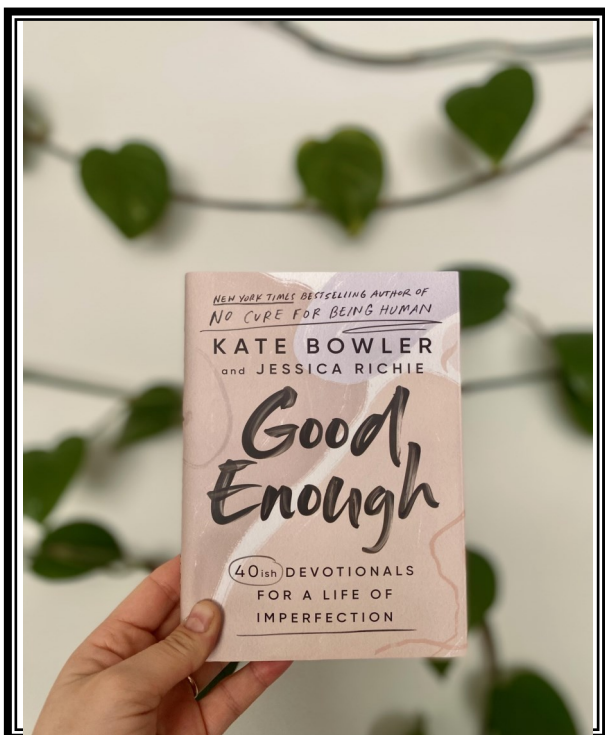
This past month the Confirmation class made their way to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Duluth. Part of their confirmation journey is to visit and experience other places of worship. Two comments that were memorable and offered a good chuckle were, "this place looks like a castle" and (in reference to the name Episcopalian), "it sounds like a reptile." Check out the photo below of Joey and Don from our visit.

Please welcome Melinda and Gretchen as Nursery Coordinators! I'm so excited and thankful for the amazing group of folks we have leading and taking care of our young ones in our nursery. And in Children's Church we are diving into the book of Daniel! Dreams, lions, a fiery furnace, oh my!

In lieu of our Wednesday soup dinners we will be hosting small groups during the Lent season. The book we are journeying through is *A Good Enough Lent* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. More information about groups and signing up will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, February 2nd.

With Warmth,  
Laura

**The next Spiritual Formation Committee meeting will be held February 9th at 8:30a in the Youth room.**



## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

### FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, February 3rd at 3:30 PM

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 4th at 4:30 PM

### DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, February 5th at 4:00 PM

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

Sunday, February 9th at 8:30 AM

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 10th at 6:15 PM

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12th at 6:15 PM

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, February 13th at 4:30 PM

### MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 17th at 6:01 PM

### SESSION MEETING

Thursday, February 20th at 6:15 PM

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

**AA MEETING**— Every Tuesday 1:00 PM

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kara Peterson	2/2
Tom Vosburgh	2/6
Linda Wigchers	2/7
Dawn Long	2/8
Bryce Brittan	2/10
Jason Matthias	2/10
Robert Okash	2/10
Rosa Palmer	2/11
Ed Anderson	2/15
Diedrick Nikoi	2/15
Eric Schlacks	2/15
John Gephart	2/16
Doug Standen	2/16
Kelsi Evenstad	2/17
Joel Johnson	2/21
Laurie Price	2/23
Bonnie Wallin	2/23
Nicholas Baker	2/24

### 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>

## MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

### *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

#### **VILLA MARINA, Superior, WI**

Janice Parish

#### **MIDDLE RIVER ASPEN, Superior, WI**

Anita Anderson

## MISSION

### RUTH HOUSE WISHLIST

Coffee  
Sugar  
Creamers

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

### SALVATION ARMY WISHLIST

Paper towels  
Toilet paper

### CASDA

Tooth paste  
Tooth brushes

### SUPERIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH FREE STORE

Canned goods

### DONATION NEWS

We will continue to collect the following items for donation totes.

- . Non perishable food items
- . Household cleaning and hygiene supplies
- . Adult size gloves, hats, socks, and hand warmers.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

-Mission Committee

The next community dinner will be held on February 16th, starting at 4pm.

This quarter's menu is chili with optional toppings of chopped onions, shredded cheese, and sour cream. We'll also have carrot and celery sticks with corn bread, followed by the all-time favorite cherry-pineapple "dump" cake for dessert.

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets!

We are asking for the wonderful cooks of UPC to provide pots of chili. Those who prefer to bake can make the cake, recipe provided.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up, serving, clean up, and take-down.

There will be a seasonal activity for the kids and adults to do!

## WORSHIP

### WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

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

### FEBRUARY

2/2—Jane Wester  
2/9—Tom Vosburgh  
2/16—Jackie Pananen  
2/23—Dustin Anderson

### MARCH

3/2—Vacant  
3/9—Jackie Pananen  
3/16—Sue Olson  
3/23—Jan Letsos  
3/30— Vacant

### *If you would like to fill any vacancies...*

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through March of 2025 are posted. You may also call or email the office to sign up for a vacant date if you would like.



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 MARCH 2025

ISSUE DEADLINE: Monday, February 24th



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in February. The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th.

## FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM
- Volleyball every Sunday night at 6:00 PM

## COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

The UPC Community Garden's Seedmoney fundraising campaign period ended on December 15. We exceeded our goal, raising \$810 and receiving a \$200 grant from Seedmoney. Many thanks to the wonderful folks who donated! Watch for news of 2025 gardener sign-ups, which will commence in late March.

## 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. If you prefer to work with yarn instead of fabric, the crafting group welcomes you too! We even have a plethora of donated skeins waiting for you to work some magic with!



## THE UPBEAT FEBRUARY 2025

From the Pastor

Hello United!

January was one of the busiest months of ministry to date here at UPC. I'm so very proud of the work we've done over the last month that will set us in good stead over the coming year. Baptisms, our Annual Meeting and election of new Deacons and Elders, a surprise graduation celebration, our annual Birthday potluck and more all took place.

I am incredibly grateful for this congregation. After the Nominating committee finished its daunting work with a little unprecedented help from the congregation we have an excellent slate of Deacons and Elders to serve our congregation, Superior, the Twin Ports, and the world in the coming years.

"I've never seen this in my time as a Presbyterian." What an incredible statement. At our annual meeting we had 3 nominations to fill one spot left on our Elder slate. I've never seen a congregation so willing to serve and lead and this shows how willing you all are. I can tell you, also as a Presbyterian for some time, I've never witnessed that before either. The Spirit is doing something incredible here!

I'd like to publicly acknowledge those folks who said yes to the call to serve. For our Deacons we have: Kayla Johnson, Tyler Brue, Jackie VanErt, and Barb Granquist. For our Elders we have: Jackie Pananen, Melinda Yingling, Lashawn Rush, and Karen Johnson. We are so grateful to each of you for serving this congregation in ordained ministry. Church does not happen without dedicated service and saying yes to a calling from God. That also means we need to thank those whose terms are ending in February, more on them then.

Speaking of callings, Laura Foote presented her call to ministry to Session and was accepted as an Inquirer with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) in January. She is going under the care of UPC and the Presbytery of Northern Waters. "What does that mean?" you might ask. That means that Laura is beginning the long discernment process alongside UPC and the Presbytery to determine if she is called to ordained ministry as a Minister of Word & Sacrament in Christ's church. Why do I say long process? The process takes roughly 5 years at minimum but the length of time is indefinite. It's meant for serious discernment. Does this mean anything changes here at UPC? Not at all! Laura is just beginning a journey of discernment and will remain in her role as Director of Spiritual Formation. Please congratulate her!

If any of you have given thought to serving as a pastor please reach out to me. There are so many avenues for you to explore that nudge from God in your life right here at UPC!

Speaking of people discerning a call: Jocelyn Langholz, remember her? She will be joining us on February 23 so that we can celebrate her ministry among us over the last year. Please make sure to be there to celebrate.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Brett