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UPBEAT FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Issue Deadline: Friday, October 22 at 1:00p.m.

Mailing: Friday, October 29

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



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

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

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3 9:15 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 11:30 AM Fall Clean Up	4	5 2 PM Personnel Committee (Zoom)	6 9:30 AM PW Meeting 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 3 PM UPC Garden Committee 4 PM Deacons 4-6 PM CSA Pickup	7 6:30 PM CYF Meeting	8 5 PM Levi The Poet	9
10 9:15 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) Confirmation Information following service 4:00-5:00 pm Hotdish Initiative (Drive Thru)	11	12 4:15 PM Mission Committee	13 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 4 PM F&O 6:15 PM Finance	14 5:30 B&G (Zoom & In Person)	15 Pastor out of office	16 2 PM Bed Mats Demonstration Pastor out of office
17 9:15 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) Confirmation Information following service 4-5 pm Community Dinner (Drive thru) Pastor out of office	18 Pastor out of office	19 Pastor out of office	20 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 4:30 PM Worship Committee	21 6:15 PM Session Meeting	22 1 PM UPBeat Deadline	23 9 AM—1 PM PW Bazaar
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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 Kathryn!
Contact : Rev. Kathryn Craven, CYF Ministries Director
at 660-631-2788 or email
katdianna@yahoo.com, if you would like to attend
and need the online meeting link.

Notes from Kathryn

October for CYF

I had no idea while growing up that life would be so complicated. Did you? The twists and turns of friendships, family, jobs, and all sorts of other stuff is a lot. Just needing to decide what to have for dinner every night is shockingly stressful. And yes, I did have cereal for dinner last night. It all just seems so very much.

Jesus said that children understand the divine better than adults in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. I deeply believe that they have a connection full of wonder and joy and a lack of cynicism that we don't have anymore. But also I have had life beat me down since, and a lot of that shine of wonder and my own innocence is gone. Just as I need the children to remind me of what I have lost, maybe we can help repay the wisdom of children by supporting them through the complexities of life. Maybe we can share those coping mechanisms we have learned for what life will hand all of us. I believe these are ways we can help fulfill the promises we made when others were baptized.

Here are some things I want to help children and youth remember to carry through their lives:

- 1) You are deeply loved - by God and me.
- 2) You were beautifully created as you are, and anyone telling you different is not giving an accurate representation of you.
- 3) Life can be hard, and God doesn't prevent suffering from happening, but you will not be alone. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are always surrounding you, filled with sadness with you, and I am with you in the hard times as well.
- 4) We will get through this together.

Others have helped me at every stage of additional complication that life has hit. I want to pass that on. How can you help our young ones as well with the lessons life has taught you along the way?

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

We will be having confirmation information sessions after worship on October 10th and October 17th.

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women have scheduled a bazaar for Saturday, October 23, 2021. It will be open from 9 until 1. This is a church-wide event and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Please think about ways in which you can help. If you are creative, start working on those crafts. If you bake, start thinking about what you can make that people would love to buy. If you aren't creative or a baker perhaps you can help set up the day before or work the day of the bazaar. Any and all help will be needed and appreciated.

Thank you,

I want to thank the congregation for the cards, emails and phone messages sending prayers and good wishes for our family when Steve and Jennifer had surgery. We are so thankful that surgery went well and both are on the road to recovery.

Becky Kirk

PW MEETING

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held at the church on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Hostesses will be Phyllis Flaherty and Joan Haugland. All women are cordially invited to attend.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

The first chancel choir rehearsal will take place October 10th at 8:45 AM. Later that day, at 4:30 PM will be the first bell rehearsal.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

The UPC Community Garden Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 6, at 3 pm, in person at UPC. If you are interested in being part of planning and creating next spring's container garden, please come! Questions? Contact Marian Lanigan (moms76triumph@yahoo.com; 218-213-8087) or Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com; 715-392-9195)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Warren Nelson

CERENITY, White Bear Lake, MN

Randy Axt

BENEDICTINE HEALTH CENTER, Duluth, MN

Carol Mead

PHOENIX, AZ

Dorothy Granfors

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Voss

RECOVERING AT HOME

Daryl Granquist

Barb Granquist

Vora Lindberg

Robert Perrault



October BIRTHDAYS

Carsen Johnson	10/1
Abby Willmore	10/1
Cierra Kiel	10/4
Nathan Peterson	10/4
Pat Johnson	10/6
Doris Aslyn	10/8
Sanghee Pauna	10/8
Ethel Bartholomew	10/10
Mike Gronquist	10/13
Cassandra Fuller	10/17
Hannah Fuller	10/17
Deborah Bergstrom	10/18
Vikki Buckley	10/18
Anna Matthias	10/19
Ed Krube	10/20
Jennifer Willoughby	10/22
Virginia Bergquist	10/23
Donna Okash	10/23
Joyce Bee	10/24
Alli McCumber	10/24
Sara McCumber	10/25
Fran Brice	10/27
Grayson Prange	10/31

October Hot Dish: Chicken Cordon Bleu

Sunday, October 10, stop by UPC to pick up a frozen hot dish! We will have Chicken Cordon Bleu 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 this meal at your convenience!

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



WATCH ALL WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:

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

General Fund

August Income:	\$11,596.52
August Operating Expenses:	\$16,575.72
Decrease in General Fund Balance:	-\$4,979.20

General Fund Balance 8/31/2021	\$15,147.33
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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	\$18,106.31
Community Dinner	\$742.20
Erickson Fund	\$73,758.89
UPC Mission	\$2,346.02
Special Events	\$1,305.86
Pastor Discretionary	\$1,217.51
Miscellaneous	\$3,864.07
Hot Dish	\$1,001.05
Endowment Fund	\$457,168.91
Capital Projects	\$147,409.54

Designated Funds Balance 8/31/2021	\$706,920.36
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Designated Funds have specific purposes. Some funds fluctuate monthly, while others change less frequently, depending on projects.



COMMUNITY DINNER October 17th, 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



Liturgists for October

October 3—Becky Olson
October 10—Creede McClellan
October 17—Kathy Nelson
October 24—Jane Wester
October 31—Ron Underdale

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

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>

OCTOBER MEETINGS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Postponed indefinitely.

OFFBEATS - PW EVENING GROUP

Postponed indefinitely.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MEETING

Thursday, Oct 7th, 2021 at 6:30 PM

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, Oct 6th, 2021 at 4:00 PM

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING

Thursday, Oct 14th, 2021 at 5:30 PM
(Zoom & In person)

MISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Oct 12th, 2021 at 4:15 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, Oct 13th, 2021 at 6:15 PM

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, Oct 21st, 2021 at 6:15 PM
(Zoom)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Oct 20th, 2021 at 4:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Wednesday, Oct 13th, 2021 at 4:00 PM

CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, Oct 20th, 2021 at 1:00 PM

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

STAFF MEETING - Every Wednesday 12:00.

(Zoom)

RUTH HOUSE WISH LIST

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...

United,

The church at large is in an interesting place. Hear me out: I participated in some continuing education (Con. Ed.) this past week through the PC(USA) and it was both refreshing and heavy laden. Refreshing in that the education I am receiving continues to provide a cohort of colleagues in a similar setting to work and grow with, it provides a reframing for ministry, and it challenges and encourages me. What was heavy laden though about our large group session is just the state pastors and churches are in. One thing echoed loudly: Leaders, volunteers, and staff connected with the church are tired. People in general are tired. Yet, from our conversation in our group, it was clear that God is still working in and through the church. I was filled with gratitude for every single person connected to United. In a time of loss for many, including us, we also have that strange feeling and experience of growing. Our community at UPC is growing and our care of our community is flourishing. Y'all have been Christ's hands and feet to the community from sharing meals, to welcoming folks at Sunday morning worship, to building fences.

After that Con. Ed. I took some time to pray and ask God what season we were moving into as a church. Before anyone says it or thinks it, yes I know fall exists in its short and fleeting moments here in the Northland, but I'm writing about something entirely different. I'm asking: "What is God calling us to specifically in the coming months and year? What is the theme God has for us?" I won't pretend to know the will of God like some prophet but I will say, after my time reflecting on my recent conversations and praying about our staff and volunteers the word focused came up. I believe the meaning of that will evolve with the leadership at UPC over time and will mean a few things for us here at United. First, we are going event and project "lite" in the coming months. We already have a pretty full schedule, but we will be making sure we don't overdo it. Second, after an impromptu meeting I had with an elder, I'm convinced that at our annual Leadership Retreat when we usually try to ask God to give us three big goals to work on in the coming year, instead we will shoot for one and give it 300% of our focus. Moreover, that goal, will most likely revolve around: Justice, Faith development, and/or Mission. Don't dismay United, we will still be very active, your leadership will still be investing in the church by reading books together and thinking critically about how we do church. The difference might be that we as a whole will be more focused than ever in what we pursue for God's glory.

We are almost at the time of Advent (next month it begins!) and as an elder here said (It is a paraphrase) it best "Advent is a perfect time to refocus, connect with God deeper spiritually on a communal and personal level. It provides a time to stop, a time to grieve, a time to celebrate, and a time to recalibrate our focus on what is truly important: Christ and his work in the world that the Spirit continues to carry out still to this day." May we be focused in these coming months, saying "Yes" to exactly what God is calling us to and no to everything else...even the good stuff.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett