



# UPBeat

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## DECEMBER 2022

### UPBEAT FOR JANUARY 2023

Issue Deadline: Friday, December 19th at 1:00 PM

Mailing: Friday, December 30th

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com)



# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE ONLINE AT:</b> <a href="http://upc-superior.com/youtube">http://upc-superior.com/youtube</a>						
<b>4</b> 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM Confirmation 4 PM DS3 Christmas Concert 6 PM Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 4 PM F&O Meeting 4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>6</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee	<b>7</b> 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 12:30 PM PW Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>8</b> 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM B&G Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 5 PM Confirmation @ Temple Israel	<b>10</b> 9 AM Piano Recital
<b>11</b> 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11 AM Mission Trip Info Meeting 11:30 AM 2nd Sunday Bible Study 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>13</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 4:45 PM CYF Committee	<b>14</b> 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 6:30 PM Personnel Committee	<b>15</b> 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 7 PM Superior Singers Concert	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:30 AM Christmas Program Practice & Breakfast 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM Confirmation 11:15 AM Mission Committee 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 4-4:30 PM Piano Lessons 7:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>20</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball	<b>21</b> 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons	<b>22</b> 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4 PM Christmas Eve Service 9 PM Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 10:15 AM Children's Church	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons	<b>29</b> 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>30</b> UPBeat Mailing	<b>31</b>

## Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Contact: Laura Foote, CYF Ministries Director,  
at [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com)

Hello Church!

Advent is upon us. Through all the jingle bells and untangling of Christmas lights I hope you also make the space for stillness and silence as we prepare for the coming of Christ our Savior.

We will be having our annual Christmas program on December 18 and all ages are invited to join! We will practice at 8:30a on December 18 with the program taking place during the service. Don't worry about making breakfast that morning - it will be provided!

Mark your calendars for February 17-19! There will be a presbytery-wide youth retreat for all students in grades 7-12! The cost is \$25 and will be at Camp Amnicon. Our theme is Know & Be Known and the last day to register is January 22. If you have any questions or want to register please let me know!

Cheers,  
Laura

### CYF Dates

- Children's Church is every Sunday at 10:15a.
- There will be an informational meeting in the Youth Room about a summer mission trip for our students on Sunday, December 11. The meeting will take place following coffee hour and before Second Sunday Bible Study.
- Second Sunday Bible Study will meet in the Youth room on Sunday, December 11 at 11:30a.
- The CYF Committee will meet in the Youth Room on Tuesday, December 13 at 4:45p.
- Christmas Program Practice & Breakfast will be on December 18 at 8:30a.

#### Confirmation dates:

- December 4, Youth Room, 11:30a
- December 9, Temple Israel, 5p
- December 18, Youth Room, 11:30a

## UPC Community Garden Fundraising Campaign Happening NOW!

The UPC Community Garden Committee is in the midst of raising money for our 2023 community garden. We're doing so through SeedMoney, an organization that assists nonprofits in raising money for garden projects. SeedMoney awards grants; the size of the grant depends on how much money a project raises in comparison to other projects. (Last year, we won a grant of \$200 via SeedMoney!) So, to help us have funds for all the things a garden needs--the seeds and plants, the dirt and fertilizer, the fencing, the raised-bed materials, and so on--please donate to this cause. The fundraising period is November 15 to December 15, and you can go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/7797/united-presbyterian-church-community-garden> at any time during this period to make your donation. (Please note that you'll need to use a credit or debit card.) Or, if you'd like some help with the transaction, a committee member will be on hand in the narthex after each service during the fundraising period to assist you.

Happy December UPC Family!

With the Advent Season in full swing, we have some exciting events for you to take part in.



Following the church service on December 11th, we will be CHRISTMAS CAROLING. Please remember to dress warm.

Our last hike of 2022 will take place on December 12th at 5:00 PM. JoAnn Rush has generously offered to host this event, and we meet at her house, 705 W 9th Street, Duluth, MN. Warm beverages will be provided after a brief walk to a stunning overlook, where you can see the Bentleyville Christmas Lights. You will not want to miss a view like this!

Sincerely,  
Fellowship and Outreach

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The December gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be a lunch on Wednesday, December 7th at 12:30 at Ace's. All women are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Bonnie Wallin for reservations. The PW does not meet in January and February.

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .**

### **NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI**

Warren Nelson  
Ken Aker  
Marianne Aker  
Fran Brice  
Gloria Neuman  
Janice Parish  
Susan Litehiser

### **SUPERIOR REHAB, Superior, WI**

Robert Perrault  
Ken Uvila

### **RACINE, WI**

Dorothy Granfors

### **IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Voss



### **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>



**WATCH ALL WORSHIP  
SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:**

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



## **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
Thomas Lisak	12/28
Christy Wilmore	12/29
Creede McClellan	12/29

### **October 2022 Income & Expenses**

Operating Income (Offering, donation, building use fees, per capita, and interest):	\$33,048.71
Operating Expenses (Ministry, worship, education, property, personnel expenses):	<u>\$19,252.45</u>
Increase in October:	\$13,796.26

**Finance Committee will not meet this month**



## COMMUNITY DINNER December 18

The Community Dinner will be on December 18th at 4 PM, with leftovers available for takeout starting at 5 PM. Takeout is not guaranteed, and will not be distributed before 5 PM.

### Inclusive Care Unit

We are currently accepting: **mittens, hats, scarves, hand warmers, coats, toiletry items (toothbrushes, toilet paper, bars of soap, etc.), and non-liquid, sealed food items.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. *Thank you for your donations!*

### 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



### Scripture Readers

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Narthex where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. This a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.

## DECEMBER MEETINGS

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Postponed indefinitely.

### OFFBEATS - PW EVENING GROUP

Postponed indefinitely.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MEETING

Tuesday, Dec 13th, 2022 at 4:45 PM

### BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, Dec 7th, 2022 at 4:00 PM

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING

Thursday, Dec 8th, 2022 at 6:00 PM

(Zoom & In person)

### MISSION COMMITTEE

Sunday, Dec 18th, 2022 after the service

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Not meeting this month

### SESSION MEETING

Thursday, Dec 1st, 2022 at 6:15 PM

(Zoom)

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, Dec 6th, 2022 at 4:30 PM

### FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Monday, Dec 5th, 2022 at 4:00 PM

### CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, Dec 21st, 2022 at 1:00 PM

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

### STAFF MEETING - Every Wednesday 12:00.

(Zoom)

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, Dec 7th, 2022 at 12:30 PM

### 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...

United,

December is upon us and though it started in November, I wanted to say “Welcome to the Advent season!” from all of us here at United Presbyterian Church. In the more liturgical church traditions (think Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and others) who follow the liturgical calendar, we celebrate Advent as a period of waiting before we celebrate Christmas. We sing Advent Hymns, use Advent texts in our liturgy, we talk a lot about waiting, we use Advent calendars to mark down the days, we have Advent devotionals dedicated to us connecting with our families of origin and faith in the days leading up to Christmas. I read an Instagram post from Rev. Lizzie McManus, pastor of Jubilee Episcopal church in Texas recently- she said: “Advent is not just the church being a bit stodgy and making us wait for Christmas; Advent is the church embracing the sensual and holy power of anticipation.” It may be a misconception, but I believe that’s a prevailing perception of how the church is viewed in society because we celebrate Advent, stodgy. Why not just celebrate Christmas in the church the day after Thanksgiving all the way up to Christmas Eve? It’s because we believe, there is something deeply meaningful in the acts of waiting and anticipation. We wait as Mary waited 9 months for Christ. Anticipation and waiting is inherently Christian, it is essential to our story. We try to hold space for holy anticipation during this time as we await Christmas. Your pastor is stodgy, celebrating a period of waiting and anticipation that is built in to the life of Jesus, definitely not. Despite Laura’s persistence, I will not go out, cut down, and put up a tree before Thanksgiving or watch Christmas movies before their appointed time (Black Friday and on.) I admittedly, don’t have a good reason.

This month many of us will complete the inaugural journey our Spiritual Formation Committee has brought us on. What a journey it has been. I can write confidently that engaging with Rachel Held-Evans’ work Inspired, as well as scripture has been meaningful as a pastor in my relationship’s with God and the Bible. The committee knew that the book would “stretch” everyone who participated and it did. I heard comments such as “I’ve never questioned that before.” and “THAT is in the Bible? No way.” to questions asking if “Jesus really was political?” I heard people mention that the book put words to the feelings and questions they’ve had in their hearts for some time. It provided comfort and sometimes, pushed our buttons. From the pre internal speculation that the committee had, some weren’t sure 12 folks would sign up. Much to everyone’s surprise, including mine, almost 4 times that amount joined in. Overall, I’m really thankful to our committee, hosts, leaders, and participants for making this an incredible experience for our church community. The committee will be at work putting together our second journey and I can’t wait to know what God will lead them to for us as a community. When we engage with the story of God, we realize that in God’s story we find our own story!

December is a lively month in the church- Don’t miss our Children’s Christmas program on Sunday, December 18 or the Christmas Community Dinner that afternoon at 4:00, or our two Christmas Eve services on Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. I’d like to wish everyone connected to United a mindful Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! See you soon.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Brett