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UPBEAT MARCH 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

Hi United!

The seasons are beginning to change once again. Not only is spring coming, but so is Lent. As we look ahead, please know there will be childcare provided for our Ash Wednesday service. Welcoming the season of Lent also means that our small groups are about to begin!

We've had a vibrant February. The Confirmation class went on their retreat, met with Session, went on an outreach and more! We have some incredible students in our midst and I am looking forward to Confirmation Sunday (which is on April 27th)! Check out a few photos below from our retreat to Ely, MN.

Our next Spiritual Formation Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30p in the Youth Room.

In Peace,
Laura



MARCH MEETINGS

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, March 3rd at 3:30 PM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 4th at 4:30 PM

DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, March 5th at 4:30 PM

SESSION MEETING

Saturday, March 8th at 3:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 10th at 5:00 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Next meeting in April

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, March 13th at 4:30 PM

MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, March 17th at 6:01 PM

STAFF MEETING— Wednesday, March 5th at 12:00 PM (Zoom), Next meeting April 9th

AA MEETING— Every Tuesday 1:00 PM

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Byron Card	3/1
Skylar Rogge	3/1
Peter Schulz	3/1
Ian Schoenike	3/2
David Waite	3/3
Zachary Hecht	3/4
Robert Mertz	3/6
Don Jensen	3/7
Jackie VanErt	3/7
Keaton Perkins	3/9
JoAnn Rush	3/9
Owen Schulz	3/9
Emma Buckley	3/11
Grace Johnson	3/12
Jim Willmore	3/12
Alex Ely	3/14
Sherri Rude	3/14
Becky Kirk	3/15
Dolores Larson	3/15
Joel Huenemann	3/17
Melanie Johnson	3/17
Dianne Waite	3/18
Mary Peterson	3/19
Skye Palmer	3/20
Leroy Hanson	3/21
Chloe Rush	3/27
Karen Johnson	3/30

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

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Voss

VILLA MARINA, Superior, WI

Janice Parish

MIDDLE RIVER ASPEN, Superior, WI

Anita Anderson

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>

MISSION

DONATION NEWS

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

- Non perishable food items
- Household cleaning and hygiene supplies
- CASDA
- Adult hats, mittens, & gloves

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.
-Mission Committee

THANK YOU

Thank you to the volunteers for the Adam Long Youth Wrestling Tournament. Jill, Teri, Kayla, Cathy, Eric, Tom, Beth, Dawn, Kate, Nick, Becky and Andrew Y. Wow! What a big day and successful day for concessions.

PLASTIC— FREE TIPS FOR LENT

The following are some tips shared with the Culver City Presbyterian congregation in the *Presbyterians Today* magazine.

- Avoid the big four: plastic bags, plastic straws, take-out coffee cups and plastic water bottles.
- Avoid precut, prepackaged vegetables. Buy them whole.
- Try a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic toothbrush.
- Buy fresh bread that comes in a paper bag.
- Buy dishwasher detergent that comes in a box.

WORSHIP

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

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

MARCH

3/2—LaShawn Rush
3/5—Vacant
3/9—Jackie Pananen
3/16—Sue Olson
3/23—Jan Letsos
3/30—Vacant

APRIL

4/6—Vacant
4/13—Vacant
4/17— Vacant (4 spots)
4/20—Sue Olson
4/27—Kirsten Standen

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through April 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 APRIL 2025

ISSUE DEADLINE: Monday, March 24th

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Cathy Hecht and Susan Litehiser. Devotions will be Dolores Larson. All women are cordially invited to attend.

Spring gathering and annual meeting for the Presbytery of Northern Waters Presbyterian Women will be held Friday, May 16th starting at 6:30 PM and Saturday, May 17th starting at 9:30 AM. The event is being held at First Presbyterian Church, 2112 Rudolph Road—Eau Claire, WI 54701. RSVP by Friday, May 9th by emailing office@fpcec.org or calling Rebecca at First Presbyterian Church: 715-832-1011. For more information see the flyer hanging in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

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



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 Linda 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!

COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN-UP COMING MARCH 30!

The UPC Community Garden Committee is looking for folks to adopt containers in which to raise vegetables during the 2025 garden season. This community garden consisted of raised beds and pots on church grounds, as well as a raised bed at Great Lakes Elementary School. The veggies we grow will be used in UPC Community Dinners and in school lunches. Please consider joining us in helping to address food insecurity in our community! Everything needed to grow the crops will be supplied (seeds, dirt, fertilizer, tools, etc.), and beginners will receive guidance on gardening basics. Look for the sign-up table in the narthex beginning Sunday, March 30. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com or at 218-348-6032.

THE UPBEAT MARCH 2025

From the Pastor

United,

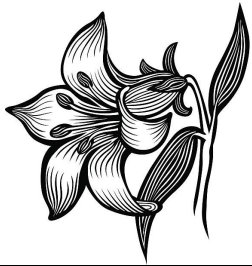
February has ended...but it brought with it a real season of change. Not only did it warm up (A singular 50° and multiple 40° days in February was a treat!) but it was a full month with lots to eat and much to celebrate! We had our quarterly community dinner that served over 100 folks, we had an excellent Spud day with many joining us after the service, we commissioned our group going on the Black Mountain North Carolina Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Trip and we honored our now former intern Jocelyn Langholz.

This month at UPC we ordain our new Deacons and Elders! I introduced you to the incoming Elders and Deacons last month but I want to take a moment to thank the Ruling Elders and Deacons respectively for their service to the church. The Deacons finishing their three year terms are: Beth Lisak, Angel Phillips, and Jackie & Cliff Pananen. Countless visits, phone calls, cards and times preparing and distributing Communion. Likewise, I want to say thank you to the Elders finishing their terms: Kate Long, Erica Schulz, & Jeff Olson. They have dedicated the last three years give or take to serving United in committee leadership. Kate led a incredibly meaningful transition with Mission, Erica has helped steer Spiritual Formation for all ages and stages, and Jeff has been faithfully navigating how to best care for the church and staff in and through Personnel. I'm thankful that each of them will be staying on their respective committees to continue their support of the church. Their final responsibility will be joining in on our Annual Leadership Retreat to help set the tone and direction of the leadership going forward.

With March and that transition we also welcome the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. I encourage you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service March 5 at 6:30p. We are reimagining our Lenten season at UPC. This year we are facilitating a weekly small group devotional discussion using Dr. Kate Bowler's *A Good Enough Lent*. Kate is a New York Times best selling author and Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke Divinity School. This will replace our traditional Wednesday night services and Soup Suppers. You'll miss soup? No worries, this first Sunday in March, March 2 we will have a kick off Soup Supper and we will conclude the season of Lent with a Soup & Sandwich Supper + Worship on Maundy Thursday April 17 at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall.

All of that doesn't begin to touch on plenty more that is going on here at UPC from the Ghana Mission Team presenting on March 6 at 4:45p to hearing from the Disaster Assistance team as they share a moment for mission to our students finishing their preparation to be confirmed by the church! I'm looking forward to this month!

Grace & Peace,
Brett



2025

EASTER PLANTS ORDER FORM

Flowers will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary to create an Easter Resurrection Garden. Be sure to indicate at the bottom of the order form if you plan on picking up your Easter flowers following the service.

PLANTS	Cost Each	How Many	TOTAL \$
Easter Lily	\$15		
Yellow Chrysanthemum	\$25		

Order Deadline
April 6, 2025

Total Included

\$

Please circle if the Easter Flower is given *In Memory* or *In Honor* of the person(s) names printed below. This will appear in the Easter Bulletin

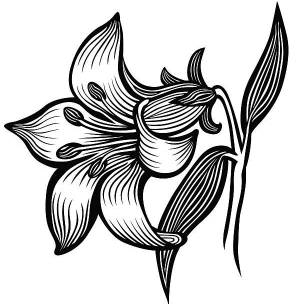
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