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UPBEAT FEBRUARY 2026

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

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Has your contact info changed? call the church office at: 715-392-4751 or office@upc-superior.com



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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: FOR AGES & STAGES COMMITTEE

Laura Foote, Director of Spiritual Formation, laura.foote@upc-superior.com

United,

The planning team for our Vacation Bible School this summer will be meeting on February 4th. Our theme is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. We are going to have a plethora of opportunities for y'all to get involved—from decorating, to cooking, to leading a station! Stay tuned for the many ways you can be a part of making this happen!

Our next D & D session will be on Sunday, February 15th at 4p. You can join in for any session, however we do need to know ahead of time if you'll be coming. Check out the photo below from the gathering in January!

Lent is approaching and we'll be kicking it off with a Fat Tuesday Feast for our middle and high school students. We'll learn a bit about Lent while connecting with one another and eating delicious food. Check out the flyer below with more details!

During Lent we will also be offering a Lenten small group that will meet on Sundays at 8:45a in the Youth Room. Come for one gathering or come for them all—just be sure to pick up a devotional booklet, as that is what we'll be discussing.

In Peace,
Laura



Our next Spiritual Formation committee meeting will be on Sunday, February 8th at 8:45a in the Youth Room.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, February 2nd at 3:30 PM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, February 2nd at 5:15 PM

DEACONS

Wednesday, February 4th at 4:30 PM

VBS PLANNING

Wednesday, February 4th at 5:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 5th at 3:30 PM

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST @ Superior Waffles (Superior, WI)

Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST @ Superior Family Restau- rant (Superior, WI)

Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 AM

SF COMMITTEE

Sunday, February 8th at 8:45 AM

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, February 12 at 5:00 PM

MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 16th at 6:01 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 17th at 5:15 PM

SESSION

Wednesday, February 18th at 5:15 PM

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

STAFF

Wednesday, February 4th & 18th at
12:00 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
Bob Okash	2/10
Rosa Palmer	2/11
Ed Anderson	2/15
Diedrick Nikoi	2/15
Mike Petite	2/15
Eric Schlacks	2/15
John Gephart	2/16
Doug Standen	2/16
Kelsi Evenstad	2/17
Joel Johnson	2/21
Danielle Hayes	2/23
Laurie Price	2/23
Bonnie Wallin	2/23
Nicholas Baker	2/24

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 2026

ISSUE DEADLINE: Monday, February 23rd

2026 UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN THANKS AND UPDATES

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Seedmoney.org campaign to fund the 2026 UPC Community Garden. We raised \$1200 and will receive a \$200 grant on top of that! We greatly appreciate your support of this project, which aims to address food insecurity in our community. Come March, watch for announcements about signing up to be a gardener (or to volunteer in other ways) in the 2026 garden. Questions? Contact Deborah at desertswan@aol.com or at 218-348-6032.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in February. The next gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Judy Evenstad and Bonnie Wallin. All women are cordially invited to attend.

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!

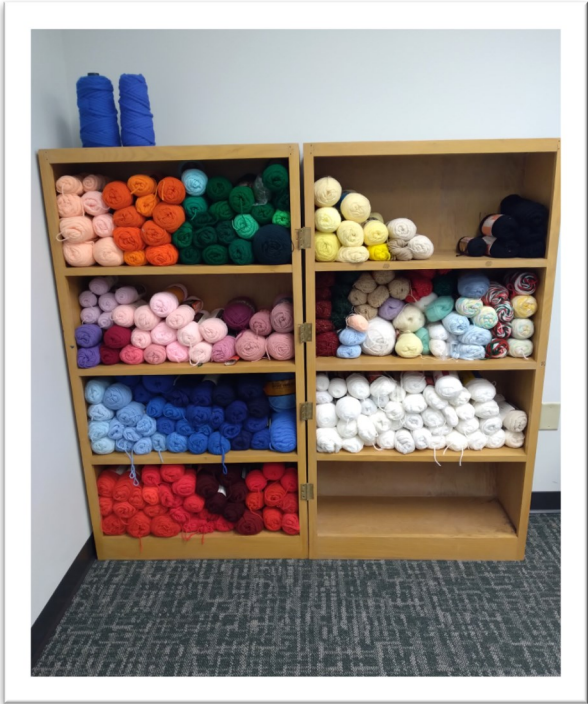
WORSHIP

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>
WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
2/1—Donna Okash	3/1—LeViella Borg
2/8—Vacant	3/8—Vacant
2/15—Sue Olson	3/15—Vacant
2/22—Zachary Hayes	3/22—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...
 The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through April of 2026 are posted. You may also call or email the office to sign up for a vacant date if you would like.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 18 at 5:45 PM, including the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome to join us as we begin the Lenten season together.



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.
- Volleyball at UPC every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Munch Bunch is February 5, at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us at Shamrock Pizza in Superior. Contact Debbie at 218-269-4679 with any questions.
- Spud Day Lunch is Sunday, February 22, right after the service. Everyone is welcome to join us for a delicious meal!

Note: The community dinner and soup & bread potluck are two separate events on Sunday, February 15. The soup & bread potluck is right after the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring soup or bread. The community dinner starts at 4:00 PM. There are bags of carrots in the church freezer. Please help yourself, especially if you have an awesome carrot cake recipe that you will make for the community dinner!

MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

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

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

MISSION

DONATION CENTER:

Students are back from Winter break, let's load the free pantry shelves at UWS!

- 1 Pound bags of rice (all varieties)
- Microwave rice, bowls or packages
- All types of canned/pouched protein
- Can openers, because not all canned goods have pop tops!

Please drop off in the appropriate bins at the DONATION CENTER in the narthex. Questions? Contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.

Thank you,
Mission Committee

Dear All,
Thank you doesn't feel like a big enough phrase for what you gave us this Christmas. The gifts, the food, and—**most of all**—the care and support behind them truly meant the world to our family. When we placed you prettily wrapped gifts beneath our tree we immediately felt the warmth of the Spirit of Christmas. The joy of just seeing them fill what had been an empty space under our tree gave us cause for thanksgiving/gratitude. We loved seeing them so much we waited until later on Christmas Day to open them.

You went above and beyond in every possible way. Every single item on our wish list was covered, and then some—more than we could have asked or even hoped for. We felt seen, remembered, honored, and deeply supported. Those feelings will remain with us long after the holiday season has passed.

Please know how grateful we are for your generosity and kindness. You helped make this Christmas not just possible, but truly memorable.

With sincere appreciation,
A grateful recipient family of one of UPC'S Christmas gift, food baskets and love.

THE UPBEAT FEBRUARY 2026

From the Pastor

United,

January was such a special month here at UPC. Our Epiphany service which includes the Star Word liturgy and our Baptismal Remembrance Sundays are always so special but something made them extra special this year. I saw tears in folks eyes as icy water from Lake Superior ran down their foreheads as they remembered their own baptisms years ago. I also may have made a sleeping Gunther Long cry as I woke him from sleep with that cold water.

February will be full! It has 6 of us from UPC joining 14 others from the Presbytery of Northern Waters going down to Asheville & Black Mountain NC to do flood and hurricane relief work from February 7-14. Then the following week we will kick off Lent with our Fat Tuesday Feast Sunday Soup & Bread potluck on Sunday, February 15. That Wednesday, February 18 we will observe Ash Wednesday with an imposition of Ashes service and the following Sunday, February 22 we will begin our Lenten Bible Study series.

Over January we had the first part of our annual leadership retreat at United Presbyterian Church. At the retreat we explored Worship at United...we asked what worship experiences over the years have been the most impactful or meaningful and why, we explored liturgies, welcome, fellowship times after services and more! Part one of the retreat has concluded and the leadership of UPC will be going out two by two to worshipping communities all over the Northland. They'll go to worship, observe, pray, debrief and report back from these congregations. How do they do welcome, what is the liturgy like, what can we learn, what do we miss when not at UPC?

The leadership will report back all of their findings and decide on three areas of our worship that we will focus on experimenting with and expanding in the next year. They've been reading a book called The Art Of Gathering by Priya Parker and their work will be deeply informed by that lens. Check it out if you are interested. We really believe that the Spirit of God will be in the midst of these prayerful conversations. As good Presbyterians and followers of Christ, we often say, we are Reformed and always reforming. There's an opportunity for us to grow in 2026!

If you haven't been around in the sanctuary, take a look! Our new screens are up! While not yet fully functional, most of the work is done and we are just waiting for one last visit from Benson electric to get it all wrapped up. Don't worry, not too much will change too quickly. It will take roughly 9 months of experimentation and implementation until we get into a rhythm of regular screen use that affects the bulletins to any large degree.

United, I don't want to change subjects so quickly but, please join me in praying for the unrest going on in our communities and in neighboring communities from the presence of federal officials. There is an incredible amount of brokenness and fear. We heard directly from folks affected by all that is going on in worship several times over the month of January and it is deeply saddening. The death and violence grieves the heart of God. Pray for your neighbors, continue to love God and love neighbors in all ways and at all times. I'm proud of UPC and all the ways we live as Christ would have us as we seek the welfare of our city.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett



Ash Wednesday Service

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

5:45 PM
FEBRUARY 18

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