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UPBEAT JANUARY 2025

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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: FOR AGES & STAGES COMMITTEE

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Happy New Year, United!

What a joyful December we have had. We began with the Confirmation class, along with some of the mentors, visiting Temple Israel for a Shabbat service. The folks at Temple Israel were incredibly welcoming and taught us a great deal. What a gift it was to experience that with such an awesome group.

We switched things up a bit for our Christmas Program and I heard a wave of positive feedback from it. It was fun to try something different! A huge thanks to Jackie and Cliff for once again constructing a beautiful manger scene (made from local driftwood!). Another huge thanks to the Spiritual Formation Committee in putting together a rockin' Coffee Hour.

Be on the lookout for small group sign-ups for Lent this year. This will be in lieu of our Wednesday soup dinners. More information on this will be shared soon!

Check out the photo below! It is of the group that went to Temple Israel.

With Joy,
Laura



JANUARY MEETINGS

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, January 6th at 3:30 PM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 7th at 4:30 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8th at 6:15 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, January 9th at 4:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, January 13th at 5:00 PM

SF SMALL GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, January 16th at 6:15 PM

MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 20th at 6:01 PM

CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, January 15th at 1:00 PM

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

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

AA MEETING— Every Tuesday 1:00 PM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sara Maas	1/1
Elizabeth Schlacks-Iafrate	1/1
Emily Lanigan	1/3
Dominic Okash	1/3
Barb Granquist	1/7
Monica Lenihan	1/7
Deborah Schlacks	1/8
Kirsten Standen	1/10
Bob McClellan	1/10
Jack Finstad	1/13
Elda Hanson	1/14
Joan Johnson	1/14
Ailey Rude	1/15
LaShawn Rush	1/17
Holden Wilmore	1/19
Claire Matthias	1/20
Richard Johnson	1/21
Joey Schulz	1/21
Laurie Ostrowski	1/24
Dale VanErt	1/25
Gianna Johnson	1/27
Tim Anderson	1/27
Lyn Larson	1/27
Bev Vosburgh	1/29
Hunter Wilmore	1/29
Courtney Cairns	1/29
Cole Defoe	1/31

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

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

RUTH HOUSE WISHLIST

Coffee
Sugar
Creamers

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

THANK YOU!

SALVATION ARMY WISHLIST

Paper towels
Toilet paper

CASDA

Tooth paste
Tooth brushes

SUPERIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH FREE STORE

Canned goods

DONATION NEWS

A special thank you to everyone who provided hats and mittens for our mitten tree. These will help keep many children's heads and hands warm this winter. 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

Wanted: person with strong organizational skills, willingness to delegate tasks, able to communicate clearly, and work with volunteers who may or may not have experience in food preparation. Duties include planning, shopping for and preparing a meal (with assistance) once a quarter. If cooking for a large crowd doesn't bother you, you can spare one weekend every 3 months and welcome the fellowship of others working with you, please contact Dawn Long, or any other member of the mission committee.

WORSHIP

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

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

JANUARY

1/5—Dustin Anderson
1/12—Jackie Pananen
1/19—Acacia Nikoi
1/26—Vacant

FEBRUARY

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

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 FEBRUARY 2025

ISSUE DEADLINE: Friday, January 24th

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in January and February. The next PW meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The PW will be doing a kitchen cleaning on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 beginning at 9:30 for anyone who would like to help clean.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM
- Volleyball every Sunday night at 6:00 PM
- Munch Bunch at The Hammond Steakhouse January 15th at 5:00 PM. Sign up by January 12th.

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 JANUARY 2025

From the Pastor

Happy New Year United,

Advent and Christmas have been great. Thank you to the many volunteers who came together to make this season incredible at UPC. From cutting down our tree, participating in worship, serving our neighbors with our Christmas Basket ministry, blowing up balloons to throw around the sanctuary for our Laughter & Joy service and more you all have been busy serving God! It is with a grateful heart that I say so long to 2024 and welcome to 2025!

With the close of 2024 also brings with it the end of Jocelyn Langholz's pastoral internship at United Presbyterian. Many of you have been moved by her ministry in such a short time with us. In January we will set a future date to celebrate her ministry among us and wish her well in her next chapter (Which is hopefully passing her ordination exams!) Don't worry she will be leading worship at UPC occasionally in 2025 a few dates are already set! This is not the end of her work at UPC.

January is shaping up to be a full month here at the church. We hope to get our Penpal project between our next door neighbors at Great Lakes Elementary and the Flodan International School in Accra, Ghana up and running. Bubbling will be the promotional materials for our first ever Lenten Small Groups. As a reminder we are moving away from the Wednesday Night Soup Suppers to hosting small groups in homes throughout Lent. Finally, several of us will be working on grant writing for a couple of exciting projects for worship here at the church. We can't wait to see what the results of our applications will be!

Speaking of January, please be praying for our nominating committee as they continue their meaningful work of nominating our next set of leaders (Elders and Deacons) at UPC. Their work culminates on January 19 after worship when we will elect those new leaders at our annual meeting. We will also share our 2024 Annual Report, unveil the budget for 2025, and vote on the pastor's (that is me!) terms of call. As a reminder, in the Presbyterian church we elect leaders to represent us and make decisions on our behalf as a congregation. However, there are two things the congregation does vote on annually, who will represent them as leaders to make decisions on behalf of the church and who their pastor is. We like maximum participation at our Annual Meeting so please make a plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 19.

It is with great joy that we move into 2025 together and I'm praying for you and the church as we set off into what I believe will be an incredible year of ministry. Happy New Year!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett