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UPBEAT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

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Mailing: Friday, January 28

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



January 2022

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

						1 7 PM AA Speaker Meeting
2 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 11:30 AM Bell Choir 6 PM Volleyball	3 OFFICE CLOSED 3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons 6 PM Cub Scouts	4 2 PM Personnel Committee (Zoom) 4:30 PM Worship Committee 4-8 PM Piano Lessons	5 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-7 PM Piano Lessons	6 6:30 PM CYF 7 PM AA Meetings Fellowship hall/kitchen reserved thru 8th	7 Fellowship hall/kitchen reserved thru 8th	8 Fellowship hall/kitchen reserved thru 8th
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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 Laura!

Contact: Laura Foote, Interim CYF Ministries Director,
at lmfoote.upc@gmail.com

Message for January:

Hello Church!

A new year is upon us once again. We are planning to glide into this year continuing our confirmation journey and Sunday school. In this transition into the new year we can reflect on the past, be in the present moment, and dream for the future. While remembering, our journey is not always linear.

I will be praying and listening for how Holy Spirit may be guiding us in this new year. If you have ideas, ways you would like to connect, topics you want to dig deeper in, or want to chat over a cup of coffee, please let me know.

Cheers,
Laura

Dates & Times:

Confirmation will meet on 1/9, 1/16, and 1/30 at 11:30a in the Sunday school room. On 1/23 we'll meet at UPC at 10a and attend Mass together at Cathedral of Christ the King with lunch together afterward.

Sunday School will return to every Sunday at 9:15 AM.

Fellowship and Outreach News

We would like to thank everyone for purchasing Christmas cookies. The money collected will be used for a special event in the future. Details will be shared after our January committee meeting.

We also are planning a Valentine dinner at church on February 13th. Tickets will be sold in advance to help cover the cost of food. We hope to provide some music as well.

Thanks for your continued support of the Ruth House and the Ronald McDonald House. It is always appreciated.

Thanks for Supporting the UPC Community Garden!

The UPC Community Garden fundraising campaign through the SeedMoney organization ended on Wednesday, December 15. We raised \$1340 in this 30-day campaign, and we have been awarded a \$200 grant from SeedMoney, so the project will receive a total of \$1540! With this money, we'll be able to get off to a great start with this project this year. Thanks so much to everyone who supported this project in this way.

5 REASONS PEOPLE DECLINE AN INVITATION TO BE A DEACON

I can't drive or get a ride to visit anyone
(Seldom have the current Deacons been visiting people in their homes, due to Covid. Even if Covid goes away, you don't need to visit in person. You can be a wonderful Deacon by writing cards or letters.)

My handwriting is too bad to write cards or letters.
(You can do all your visits by phone. A phone call is the next best thing to being with them in person.)

I can't make it to monthly meetings.
(If you can't make it to a meeting, we assume you have a good reason. You can make it to meetings with just your good old landline phone, or a cell phone. You will hear the proceedings and can even speak if you want to.)

I don't know most of the people I am to contact.
(After the first time you communicate, you will know them.)

I'm too shy and I can't think of anything to say.
(You could start by introducing yourself, where you were born, grew up, schooling, jobs held, volunteer activities, hobbies, interests; then you could ask them about theirs.)

If the nominating should ask you to serve, please say "yes"! Better yet, call the church office (715-392-4751) first, and volunteer! Thank you.

P.S. Even if you can't be a Deacon, please recommend others and we'll chat with them!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Warren Nelson

SUPERIOR REHAB, Superior, WI

Eileen Olson

CERENITY, White Bear Lake, MN

Randy Axt

BENEDICTINE HEALTH CENTER, Duluth, MN

Carol Mead

ASHLAND HEALTH AND REHAB, Ashland, WI

Susan Litehiser

PHOENIX, AZ

Dorothy Granfors

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Voss

RECOVERING AT HOME

Daryl Granquist

Barb Granquist

Vora Lindberg

Robert Perrault



January Hot Dish

The Hot Dish Initiative is being reimagined for 2022. Watch for details coming soon!

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>



January BIRTHDAYS

Sara Miles	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
Bob McClellan	1/10
Jack Finstad	1/13
Joan Johnson	1/14
Ailey Rude	1/15
Holden Willmore	1/19
Claire Matthias	1/20
Richard Johnson	1/21
Joey Schulz	1/21
Joe Harnett	1/22
Laurie Ostrowski	1/24
Gianna Johnson	1/27
Lyn Larson	1/27
Randolf Axt	1/28
Hunter Willmore	1/29
Courtney Cairns	1/29
Cole Defoe	1/31



**WATCH ALL WORSHIP
SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:**

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

General Fund

November Income:	\$15,243.23
November Operating Expenses:	\$14,430.04
Increase in General Fund Balance:	\$813.19
General Fund Balance 11/30/2021	\$9,168.92
General fund money is used for operating expenses. Salaries, utilities, supplies, and repairs are examples of operating expenses.	

Designated Funds

Memorial	\$13,407.75
Community Dinner	\$56.07
Erickson Fund	\$65,217.89
UPC Mission	\$3,372.14
Special Events	\$1,524.29
Pastor Discretionary	\$792.06
Miscellaneous	\$1,424.26
Hot Dish	-\$360.20
Endowment Fund	\$455,632.10
Capital Projects	\$146,880.69
Designated Funds Balance 11/30/2021	\$687,947.05

Designated Funds have specific purposes. Some funds fluctuate monthly, while others change less frequently, depending on projects.



COMMUNITY DINNER

January 16th, 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



UPC PHONE PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS YOU

We are thankful for all of you who are now, or have ever been in the past, members of our email or phone prayer chains. Paul said, "Pray constantly brethren", and you have. Due to the Good Lord calling home several of our members in 2021, our phone chain has lost two people. We'd like two new members, but four or six would be better.

The responsibilities of a member are straightforward: You will be given a leaflet listing the members of your chain.

Answer the phone or listen to your voicemail to receive requests.

Write down accurately the information you are given and pray for that request.

Call the person below you on the prayer chain and share the request with them live or on their voicemail. We would like to publish a new prayer chain leaflet in early January 2022. Please call Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532 to join the phone chain, or Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 to join the email chain.

JANUARY MEETINGS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Postponed indefinitely.

OFFBEATS - PW EVENING GROUP

Postponed indefinitely.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MEETING

Thursday, Jan 6th, 2021 at 6:30 PM

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

No Deacons Meeting in January

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING

Thursday, Jan 13th, 2021 at 6:30 PM

(Zoom & In person)

MISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Jan 11th, 2021 at 4:15 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, Jan 12th, 2021 at 6:15 PM

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, Jan 20th, 2021 at 6:15 PM

(Zoom)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Jan 4th, 2021 at 4:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Wednesday, Jan 12th, 2021 at 4:00 PM

CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, Jan 19th, 2021 at 1:00 PM

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

STAFF MEETING - Every Wednesday 12:00.

(Zoom)

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!

THE UPBEAT

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From the Pastor...

UPC,

Happy New Year to your family from everyone at United Presbyterian here on the shores of Lake Superior! I love the time between Christmas and New Years, it is almost as if there is an unspoken agreement amongst people that we collectively won't be as productive the last week of the year due to vacations being taken, time spent with family, stories being read, offices being closed everywhere and the like. While I know things don't slow down everywhere and rest isn't afforded to everyone, and I wish it was, we can affirm as Christians that it is good to stop and rest.

Resting and pausing made me think of what the New Year celebration is known for, resolutions. I don't make resolutions during the change of the year personally. I believe so much of our lives are caught up in our hustle and bustle culture, and with that, we get the message of constant self-improvement as the only way to live. It seems to me that, our culture dictates to us that we need to change, we need to produce, and that the way we are right now is not good enough. "You can be better" is the common refrain from advertisements and media. The church's message is subtly and vastly different. The church proclaims, that while we have broken places in our lives, many of which can change to some degree or another, God loves us right now, as we are. No diet, purchase, endeavor, relationship, practice or other "thing" will change that fact. All of this got me thinking, the church doesn't really make formal New Year's resolutions either. The church has flaws, lots of areas to "work on", and yet God uses us in a very special way. We don't set out with a resolution of "Here's how we are going to change or grow this year...maybe we will buy this plan or build this building, or create this program to make that happen." Instead, each year we spend time resting, praying, listening, contemplating, eating, laughing and dreaming as a leadership team to discover what God has led us to for the coming year. That doesn't mean we don't change or grow as the church, we do often, but we do so from a different point of departure, a place of rest, knowing that if we pay attention, God will do God's thing!

I'm deeply curious as to why much of Christ's growing up is not recorded in the Bible. Some ancient texts share murmurs about some scenes of what Jesus did growing up, but none of it is really recorded outside of some vague references to Christ growing in "wisdom and stature" and a brief story about Mary and Joseph (Christ's parent's) losing him. Perhaps, this omission is purposeful? Maybe we shouldn't get caught up with all the change? Perhaps, God is letting us know that change and growth isn't the "end all be all" but God's love for the world as seen in the last year of his life is. It seems to me that Scripture both acknowledges that change and growth are good (and should and will happen in your life), while also affirming that you and everyone you know (and don't know for that matter) are loved just as they are right now. Showing, sharing, and reflecting that love, as well as equipping others to do the same, seems to be where we go from here.

In this new year, may you begin by resting in that already accomplished resolution: You are loved as you are in and through Christ. Grow with God from there.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett