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UPBEAT SEPTEMBER 2025

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

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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, laura.foote@upc-superior.com

United,

The mornings are getting chilly and the sun is setting sooner. Fall is coming and I've heard a mix of emotions about it. The change of season can be beautiful, and it can also be full of nervousness. In the midst of whatever you are feeling, I pray that you also feel God's presence with you.

One way we have said goodbye to summer is by hosting a lunch for all of the Great Lakes Elementary staff in the week leading up to school starting. This is our third year doing it and once again it was a joyful time. All of the staff were appreciative and this is a wonderful way we can literally care for our neighbors.

During the service on September 14th we will be having a Back-to-School Blessing! If you are a student, teacher, educator or serve in any capacity in a school—come on out so we can bless you! Bonus: you will receive an awesome sticker. On that Sunday we will have a flyer with the many ways you can connect this fall—from small groups to Trunk-or-Treat—we've got plans for all ages.

I'll leave you with a blessing written by Kate Bowler—

Parents, students, teachers, all,

May your newly-structured days breathe with creativity,
your new duties be infused with delight.

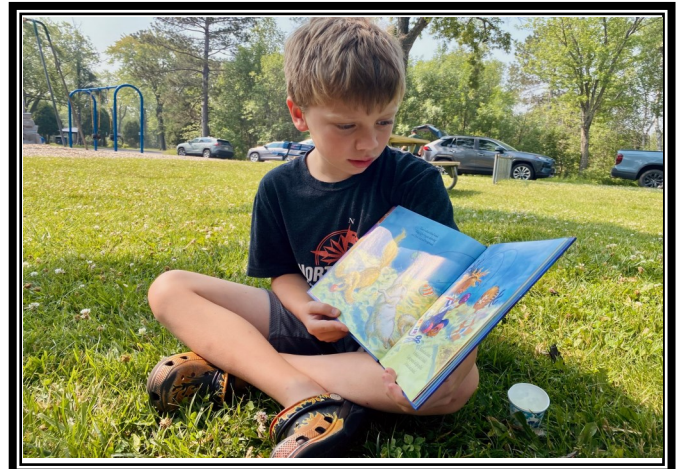
As you write on those fresh new calendars
may you trust that your plans are a lot like magic ink.

Much may seem to disappear into obscurity,
But whatever is done in love will remain.

With Joy,
Laura



Our next Spiritual Formation Committee meeting will be on Sunday, September 14th at 8:45a in the Youth Room.



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30 PM

DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, September 3rd at 4:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, September 8th at 3:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, September 8th at 5:00 PM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9th at 5:15 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10th at 6:15 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, September 11th at 5:00 PM

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday, September 14th at 8:45 AM

MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, September 15th at 6:01 PM

SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, September 17th at 5:15 PM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 21st at 11:00 AM

STAFF MEETING— Wednesday, September 10th
& 24th at 12:00 PM

AA MEETING— Every Tuesday 1:00 PM

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Laura Schlacks	9/3
Jade Palmer	9/4
Erick Anderson	9/6
Diane Schmitt	9/6
Trevor Dahl	9/9
Willem McClellan	9/11
Darrel Granquist	9/13
Marcy Lee Price	9/16
Trent Sikorski	9/16
Mac Burriss	9/17
Alicia Willoughby	9/19
Patricia Johnson	9/20
Paul Waite	9/21
Jake Anderson	9/22
Adrien Ellerby	9/23
James McCumber	9/23
Roger Branham VI	9/25
Ronald Hicks	9/26
MaryJane Burdge	9/27
Nick Cairns	9/27
Rev. Brett Foote	9/29
Chuck LeMieux	9/29
Laura Foote	9/30
Howard "Butch" Gronquist	9/30

WORSHIP

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

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

SEPTEMBER

9/7—Ephraim Nikoi

9/14—Eric Schlacks

9/21—Kathy Nelson

9/28—Kirsten Standen

OCTOBER

10/5—Jane Wester

10/12—Vacant

10/19—Sue Olson

10/26—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through November 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 UP-Beat to the office by the deadline.

UPBEAT FOR OCTOBER 2025

ISSUE DEADLINE: Friday, September 26th

MISSION

DONATION NEWS

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

- Household cleaning and personal hygiene supplies. Any question? Contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.
-Mission Committee

The next community dinner will be held Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 PM.

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

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Voss

CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN ON SEPT. 14

Join us for a special garden-themed coffee hour on Sunday, September 14, to recognize another successful season of the UPC Community Garden. The intrepid UPC gardeners have already harvested lots of green beans and will soon harvest butternut squash, carrots, potatoes, and onions. These veggies will be used in dishes served at the next UPC Community Dinner. Meanwhile, students and teachers over at Great Lakes will soon harvest potatoes our gardeners have grown for use in school lunches. Yum! So please come celebrate on September 14.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP GEM STORY BY JANE WESTER

Music is an integral part of our Worship Service at UPC. As music director, I plan the music for each Sunday service based on the theme and scriptures that Brett sends me. Also, I choose, teach, and direct the Chancel Choir, and the UPC Bell Choir. Personally, I get a lot of joy and satisfaction from this. I've heard from many of the members of these groups how much they enjoy the music, friendships, fun, sense of accomplishment from rehearsing and presenting our musical numbers. I also hear regularly from the congregation that music is a very important piece of our church. It's always a challenge, as some folks like the older hymns, and some the newer ones. I try to present a balance so there is something for everyone. Of course, Alex Sandor on the piano is always an inspiration for the congregation, and the Chancel Choir is so fortunate to be able to rehearse and perform with him. As always, both groups are very welcoming to new members. I hope each of you will consider joining one or both of the music groups. One of my favorite quotes is: "Don't be afraid to use the talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang, except those who sang best."

WORSHIP COMMITTEE GEM STORY BY SANDY LEMIEUX

Where is the spirit of Gods Love heard through Music here at United Presbyterian Church, Superior Wisconsin?

Upon reflection of how best to address this question I felt a sense of peace, a variety of emotions, memories, insight, and joy. All within a few minutes. It occurred to me that one doesn't have to read music, play an instrument, carry a note on tune, or, even hear to feel Gods spirit in music. The gift of Music has sound, rhythm, words, message, energy, feeling, emotion.

How best to express all this?

Well, here goes my experience of a typical walk through Sunday Morning Worship. Gifts!

Approaching the doors, a Melody of Gods love is heard in the greetings from the Deacons of the month, as we enter UPC. The first gift, a sound of Welcome!

The spirit of music played during the Prelude, another welcome, and to prepare ourselves for Worship.

The soft clang of the bell outside alerting us that Worship is about to begin, asking that we open our minds to the spirit of Gods presence in this house.

Sunday service hasn't even begun, yet we are already bathed in welcome and sounds of Gods presence. WOW!

For the next hour:

We participate by lifting our voice in praise, through songs of Worship (singing or listening).

Reading together the offered word of God written in the bulletin, sharing Prayer requests, lifting our silent prayers, together lifting the Prayers out loud prepared in the bulletin, The Lords Prayer...all Gifts given and received and Praised!

Just watch the smile on a grandparents face as the grand baby in their arms coo's in Church, it's music to their ears. A Gift!

See the tear on someone's face as a song brings back the loving memory of a person no longer here in this world. A Gift!

Watch a whole congregation listen in reverence as the Chancel Choir sings, or the Bell Choir plays a hymn, or the pianist plays the offertory music. More shared gifts!

Listening to the chatter of the children as they leave the sanctuary towards children's church. Gods gifts to our future!

Even a person with hearing loss feels the Rhythm, Energy, Emotion of the congregation singing praises. Gift!

It's in the dedication of tech people, who volunteer weekly to run the sound system, and make God's message audible both inhouse and online.

The loving lilt in Pastor Brett's benediction at the closing of service, rings a peaceful "till we meet again". Gift! Message of God's love "Till we meet again"

Answer to the above question;

Gods spirit at work here at UPC through music is always present. Listen, Watch, Feel, Participate. We are one in the spirit, We are one in Gods Love, Let us be glad and Rejoice in it.

Amen!

STEWARDSHIP

Have you noticed those posters around the church telling you to "Save the date", or asking "Will food be involved?" Those are designed to start building excitement about our upcoming CELEBRATION DINNER, on October 12. The Stewardship Committee really wants everyone to be excited about what UPC has accomplished in the last year, and what we are looking forward to in the next one!

To answer your questions: We're hosting our CELEBRATION DINNER immediately after the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall, on October 12, 2025.

It is a dinner, so of course food will be served! Because this is a CELEBRATION, there will be no cost to you. Cam Campbell has volunteered to prepare the meal, with the Presbyterian Women's group providing dessert.

You will be getting an information packet in the mail with an RSVP card inside. PLEASE return that completed card as soon as you can.

We hope to see EVERYONE at the CELEBRATION DINNER!

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE- MAY 2025

Total amount taken in: approx. \$2,800.00

Money given for:

- Kids going to camp
- Various local charities
- Church general fund

Extra items were taken to Goodwill.

The next rummage sale is in May 2026

Save your:

- Household items
- Craft items
- Children's items
- Updated clean (no tears/stained) clothes
- No electronics

Don't bring items until week of the rummage sale.

If you're moving/downsizing talk to the church office.

May need storage space, so if you have room in a garage or storage building contact the office.

Thanks for a successful sale and we look forward to 2026.

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>

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30 at the church. The hostesses will be Cathy Hecht and Susan Litehiser. All women are cordially invited to attend.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

The roast beef dinner is coming up on Wednesday, September 24th. We need everyone's help to make it a success. Sign up sheets will be coming soon to the narthex, so be thinking of how you can help.

FALL FLING BAZAAR

The next PW event will be the Fall Fling Bazaar on Saturday, November 1st. We will need help making this a success also. There will be crafts, homemade baked goods, homemade candy, theme baskets, and whatever other projects people can come up with. Be thinking about how you can help.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball will continue in the fall.
- Munch Bunch is Thursday, September 4, at 5:30p. Join us for dinner at Havanas located in Superior, WI.
- Adventure Group Hike is Sunday, September 14, right after church. The hike will go from JoAnn Rush's house to the Antenna Farm. There will be a BBQ to follow. Questions? Contact the office or Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679.

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!

100 % COTTON NEEDED

The quilting part of our craft group would love to be blessed with the 100% cotton that you have taking up space in your attic, basement or spare bedroom!

We have made and donated quilts to the Red Cross, Harbor House and The Free Store, all here in Superior. Others were part of Christmas baskets last year. We are currently partnering with UWS to provide quilts for international students. A very few have been sold at The Fall Bazaar hosted by the Presbyterian Women. In return, they purchased a roll of batting for us last winter.

Any donations of 100% cotton can be left in the office with Reese. He will let us know it is there. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this mission of the church!

THE UPBEAT SEPTEMBER 2025

From the Pastor

United Presbyterian,

Wow! August has, what feels like to me, flown by. What an incredible month here at UPC. Not only did we medal in the Dragon Boat Festival this year and raised funds for a very important cause in our community but we had fun while doing it! Congratulations to those who rowed. In addition, we hiked, ate good food, gardened, marched in the pride parade, fed the entire staff of Great Lakes elementary, made sure folks utilities didn't get shut off and so much more!

I'm excited to say over the next few months there will be a couple of small upgrades to the Sanctuary at UPC all thanks to a generous donation from a member, the incredible grant writing team here at United, and a grant from the Presbytery of Northern Waters. I'm pleased to share that Session is able to move forward with the recommendations from our Communications Audit team to digitize more of our Sunday morning communication, enhance accessibility in worship both online and in person, steward our resources and time well, and to provide a more robust worship experience through the use of media. We will be upgrading and moving microphones as well as adding screens to our worship space while slowly cutting down on the printing of our bulletins. These changes will take several months to fully implement and Session + Worship & Technology will keep you up to date as things happen.

September will be full. Personnel is still quite busy in preparation to hire a new custodian at UPC, Presbyterian Women's Harvest Home Dinner fundraiser will take place September 24, we have our Presbytery meeting up at St. Scholastica September 19 & 20, and we ramp up our conversations about Stewardship. On September 14 we have our Back to School Sunday Blessing- we are packing Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Bags- We will hear from our partners at Great Lakes- and we will celebrate our Garden season at Coffee Hour, we will continue to gather resources for the food shelf at UWS as well as supply quilts to the international students who have just arrived in our community...and we snuck in a small Congregational Meeting on September 21 after worship to assemble a Nominating Committee. Whew... need a breather yet?

What a gift it is to live life and care for one another together as a church community. What a gift it is to worship God together. What a gift it is to represent Christ to this community.

Church is thriving y'all and it's a whole lot of fun!

P.S. Be on the lookout for more information on two upcoming trips:

1. In February a Presbytery service trip out of state that UPC will be sending a group to. Contact me about interest.
2. A community trip to Ghana in the early Spring organized by the church! Contact Ephraim Nikoi or myself about any interest.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett