

# **UPBeat**

# United Presbyterian Church

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**April 2024** 

#### **UPBEAT FOR May 2024**

<u>Issue Deadline:</u> Tuesday, April 23rd<u>Mailing:</u> Thursday, April 25th

# 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

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#### **Spiritual Formation: For Ages & Stages Committee**

Contact: Laura Foote, Director of Spiritual Formation, at Imfoote.upc@gmail.com

#### Hello United!

The new carpet looks great...delight! We got a few snow days...delight! Jesus rose from the dead...delight! One (of the many) reasons why I love Easter is the explicit joy which does not need to last only one day. Joy and delight are intertwined in our days. Now, that doesn't mean we are without difficult life experiences, we may also have that...however we may also recognize, name and share the joys and delights that are also intertwined in our days.

Our next Second Sunday Student Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 14th at the Nikoi's! We'll be playing games and eating Chinese food. This is for all of our middle and high school students. If you know a young person who is looking for community and connection, then by all means please spread the word and invite them!

On Sunday, May 5th we will be having a Camp Sunday! We'll be sharing more about camp at Clearwater Forest, and the Spiritual Formation Committee will be hosting a camp-themed Coffee Hour. This will also be a time to raise funds to send students to camp this summer!

We've got a vibrant spring ahead of us! Please reach out if you have any questions or want to connect more.

With Joy, Laura

#### **SF Dates**

Children's Church is every Sunday following the Passing the Peace portion of the service.

The Spiritual Formation Committee will meet at 9:00 AM, on April 14th in the Youth room.

The Second Student Dinner will take place at 6:30PM, on April 14th at the Nikoi's home.

Check out the online calendar and the weekly bulletin for additions and/or changes throughout the month!

A note from the office, please be diligent in getting the information or articles for the UPBeat to the office by the deadline.



# **Fellowship and Outreach**

#### 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

**NEW YORK** 

The Okash Family—Prayer given by the Lisak Family

# **April Birthdays**

Anita Anderson	4/2
Emmett Long	4/4
Kathy Kadlecek	4/5
Susan Litehiser	4/6
Tim Infrate	4/7
Halie Mattias	4/8
Kevin Ostrowski	4/8
Lisa Palmer	4/9
Pastor Charlotte Frantz	4/11
Erin Lanigan	4/11
Janet Heckman	4/11
Devon Ziebell	4/12
Nicholas Anderson	4/12
Tom Jacobson	4/14
Larry Johnson	4/14
Chaz Burris	4/16
Jeff Schmitt	4/20
Jim Thompson	4/20
Ryan Gayken	4/21
Londa Hatch	4/24
Brian Schmitt	4/24
Anthony Simensen	4/28
Erick Vosburgh	4/30

Fellowship and Outreach News:

You can join us for Pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

**Volleyball** will be **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise! April 7th and May 5th volleyball starts at **12 PM** 

Please join us for a 2 day women's retreat on "Midlife Momentum" with Dr. Holly Schut at UPC April 16th and 18th from **9am-3pm.** Invite your friends to this special event sponsored by the Fellowship & Outreach Committee. Lunch will be provided and there will be a free will offering.

**HIKE THE MILLENIUM TRAIL**— April 14th at 12:00 PM followed by lunch at 1:00 PM at The Boulder Tap House.

### **Presbyterian Women**

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 at 9:30 AM at the church. Hostesses will be Debbie Bergstrom and Becky Kirk. All women are cordially invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Northern Water will be Friday & Saturday, May 3-4 in Grand Rapids. See the bulletin for more information.



The annual BBQ Rib Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. You will find sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please look them over and see where you might be able to help. We need everyone's help to make this a success. Also be watching for your tickets which will be coming in the mail.

#### Mission



#### **COMMUNITY DINNER**

April 21st

The Community Dinner will be on April 21st at 4:00 PM.

The menu for this month includes: Spaghetti hot dish, bread, salad and poke cake.

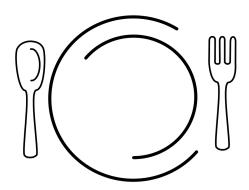
#### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WISHLIST:**

Juice boxes
Coffee creamers
Individually packaged snacks
Canned black beans
Tortilla chips



Boxes of pasta, sauces, and tomato paste Toilet paper

#### **Events**



#### **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.

#### **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.

# **Community Garden**

Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up to be part of this year's UPC Community Garden! To celebrate and to kick off the garden season, we'll have a church-wide potluck in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 28, after the service. Sign-up sheets for the potluck will be available in the narthex starting April 14. The potluck will be followed by a garden talk for this year's UPC gardeners and whoever else would like to attend. Gardeners will also receive their seeds or plants. Please join us on the 28th!

## Worship



WATCH ALL WORSHIP **SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:** 

http://upc-superior.com/youtube

#### Liturgists

<u>May</u>
<b>5/5-</b> Vacant
<b>5/12-</b> Vacant
<b>5/19-</b> Vacant
<b>5/26</b> - Vacant

## If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the Narthex. Dates through March of 2024 are posted. You may also call or email the office to sign up for a vacant date if you would like.

Being a liturgist is a great opportunity to get involved by leading the church in our scripture readings, and our call to worship.

# **April Meetings**

**STAFF MEETING** - Every other Wednesday 12:00 PM. (Zoom)

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** 

Tuesday, April 2nd at 4:30 PM

**BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING** 

Wednesday, April 3rd at 4:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Monday, April 1st at 2:00 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 8th at 5:00 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 10th at 6:15 PM

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING** 

Thursday, April 11th at 4:30 PM

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MEETING

Sunday, April 14th at 9:00 AM

CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP—

Wednesday, April 17th at 1:00 PM If you have questions, call Luann Tiege at 715-394-3611.

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, April 18th at 6:15 PM

**MISSION COMMITTEE** 

Thursday, April 25th at 4:30 PM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:30 AM

#### Finance

February Income & Expenses					
Operating Income (Offering, donation, building use fees, per capita, and interest):	\$15,946.24				
Operating Expenses (Ministry, worship, education, property, personnel expenses):	\$13,721.84				
Increase in February	\$2,224.40				

**Next Finance Committee meeting: Monday,** April 8th at 5:00 pm

#### 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



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From the Pastor...

Happy Easter & Eastertide UPC,

What an incredible March we had. We had Lenten soup suppers that included art, visiting first responders, music, prayer and more! We kicked off Holy week with a beautiful Palm Sunday Service as the choir and kids processed through the sanctuary and then celebrated Maundy Thursday by sharing communion and washing.

Through some organizing we helped lead and participate in two community wide worship services: On Good Friday a combined choir, several congregational leaders and several pastors in the community led us in remembering Christ's sacrifice. The other community wide service had us gather bright and early Easter morning, caffeinated and bleary eyed met for our sunrise service at Wisconsin Point before we made our way to United for a wonderful breakfast, children's egg hunt, and our second Easter morning worship service. Thank you to all of the folks that made all of this happen and those who regularly make church happen. UPC is truly an incredible community to be a part of and I'm grateful that I get to be pastor here. Holy Week and Easter are shining highlights!

There has been so much transformation to our physical space over the last month. We have new carpeting throughout the church and badly needed parking lot lighting upgraded. If you haven't seen the upgrades yet, take a look! There's still a lot of change coming though. Be on the lookout at the church as we seek to make our facility easier to navigate with improved signage.

It's not just our physical space that is getting transformed though. This month a small group of folks in the congregation will be doing a communication audit on our bulletins, UPBeats, letters, social media, and email blasts. Our hope is that this audit will streamline, clarify, and improve our communication as a congregation.

In April, as Spring gets well and truly underway there's plenty that is springing to life around United: We will be welcoming another set of new members from our latest Get To Know United classes and their are new building projects that will get underway. Our Session regularly takes opportunities to learn and grow and this month marks the beginning of their Continuing Education with the Presbyterian Foundation. Our seeds, carrot seed tapes, onion sets, and seed potatoes will all arrive as we prepare to plant our gardens which will all be located together near the raised bed gardens and kickoff our growing season with our expanded garden beds.

I look forward to worshipping with you this April!

Grace & Peace, **Pastor Brett** 

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# From the Pastor...

P.S. I wanted to give y'all a heads up that I'll be away participating in some continuing education and a pilgrimage this May with the Iona Community on the Island of Iona in Scotland. I'll be studying worship and helping lead it, participating in guided reflections, sharing in community tasks, and I'll experiment and "play" with liturgy, all in an intensive and communal way. I'll be gone from May 8-May 29. These dates also include some vacation time. Filling the pulpit will be Rev. Rich Blood- General Presbyter for the Presbytery, Jocelyn Langholz- Candidate for Ordination, and Rev. Diana Bell- Moderator of the Presbytery. After I get back I'll be leading a sharing time with the congregation this Summer or Fall. I'm truly grateful to the Session and congregation for providing great opportunities to learn and grow as a pastor and a follower of Jesus.

