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UPBEAT APRIL 2025

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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, lmfoote.upc@gmail.com

United,

I hope God has felt near as we have journeyed through Lent.

For our Maundy Thursday gathering we will have childcare. Come and be a part of it. On Easter Sunday we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt! Each year there are eggs left unfound, so please don't give up on finding a sweet surprise after Easter Sunday.

We'll continue celebrating the week after Easter as that is Confirmation Sunday! It will be a very special celebration as we welcome Claire, Josiah, Ashton, Aiden, Owen and Joey as members of our church.

While for now we remain in Lent, Easter truly will bring joyful celebration. Prepare yourself!

Our next Spiritual Formation Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30p in the Youth Room.

In Peace,
Laura

A Blessing for When You See Things as They Always Were

Written by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie

Blessed are you who see it all now. The terrible, beautiful truth that our world, our lives seem irreparable broken. And you can't unsee it. The hungry kid. The exhausted mom. The woman who wonders if any of this is worth it. The loneliness and despair.

Blessed are you who glimpse reality and don't turn away. This kind of seeing comes at a steep cost, and it is a cost you may not have paid intentionally, but here you are. Seeing things clearly. Blessed are you who have worked hard to keep your heart soft. You who live with courage, fixing what is in your reach, praying about what is not, and loving, still.

May you experience deeper capacity and glimpses of hope, as you continue to see the world as it is. Terrible. Beautiful. Fragile.

APRIL MEETINGS

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 1st at 4:30 PM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, April 2nd at 9:30 AM

DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, April 2nd at 4:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, April 7th at 3:30 PM

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 9th at 6:15 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, April 10th at 4:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 14th at 5:00 PM

SESSION MEETING

Thursday, April 17th at 6:15 PM

MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 21st at 6:01 PM

STAFF MEETING– Wednesday, April 9th & 23rd at 12:00 PM (Zoom)

AA MEETING– Every Tuesday 1:00 PM

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Anita Anderson	4/2
Tia Brown	4/4
Emmett Long	4/4
Kathy Kadlecsek	4/5
Susan Litehiser	4/6
Tim Iafrate	4/7
Halie Matthias	4/8
Kevin Ostrowski	4/8
Lisa Palmer	4/9
Gretchen Schiek	4/10
Pastor Charlotte Frantz	4/11
Erin Lanigan	4/11
Nicholas Anderson	4/12
Devon Ziebell	4/12
Tom Jacobson	4/14
Larry Johnson	4/14
Chaz Burriss	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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner will be a grill out along with a cornhole tournament on Sunday, June 15th at 4:00p. Be on the lookout for sign up sheets in the narthex.

PLASTIC— FREE TIPS FOR LENT

The following are some tips shared with the Culver City Presbyterian congregation in the *Presbyterians Today* magazine.

- Avoid the big four: plastic bags, plastic straws, take-out coffee cups and plastic water bottles.
- Avoid precut, prepackaged vegetables. Buy them whole.
- Try a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic toothbrush.
- Buy fresh bread that comes in a paper bag.
- Buy dishwasher detergent that comes in a box.

WORSHIP

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

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

APRIL

4/6—Laura Petite
4/13—Vacant
4/17—Vacant (4 spots)
4/20—Sue Olson
4/27—Kirsten Standen

MAY

5/4—Vacant
5/11—Vacant
5/18—Vacant
5/25—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through June 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 MAY 2025

ISSUE DEADLINE: Friday, April 25th

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPCs Presbyterian Women will be on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Bonnie Gronquist and Jackie Van Ert. Devotions by Debbie Bergstrom. All women are cordially invited to attend.

Spring gathering and annual meeting for the Presbytery of Northern Waters Presbyterian Women will be held Friday, May 16th starting at 6:30 PM and Saturday, May 17th starting at 9:30 AM. The event is being held at First Presbyterian Church, 2112 Rudolph Road—Eau Claire, WI 54701. RSVP by Friday, May 9th by emailing office@fpcec.org or calling Rebecca at First Presbyterian Church: 715-832-1011. For more information see the flyer hanging in the narthex.

The annual BBQ Rib Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 30 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Be on the look out for sign up sheets and tickets in the mail.

THE GREAT GATSBY TURNS 100!

Please come to "*The Great Gatsby* Turns 100!," a special event at Jim Dan Hill Library on the UW-Superior campus (907 N 19th St.) on Thursday, April 10, at 6 pm. Deborah Schlacks and Joel Sipress will discuss the enduring popularity of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* on the 100th anniversary of its publication and will speak to its status as a foundational American literary work that continues to resonate with readers a century after its publication. Dr. Schlacks is Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a renowned Fitzgerald scholar. Dr. Sipress is Professor of History at UW-Superior.

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!

UPC COMMUNITY GARDNER SIGN-UP CONTINUES!

Sign-up for gardeners for the 2025 UPC Community Garden commenced on March 30. It will continue into April until all containers have been adopted. In our garden, we raise vegetables for Community Dinners and school lunches and thereby help to address food insecurity in the community. Please consider signing up! Look for the table in the narthex. Questions? Contact Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM
- Volleyball every Sunday night at 6:00 PM
- Munch Bunch at Guadalajara's April 3rd at 5:30 PM.

THE UPBEAT APRIL 2025

From the Pastor

United,

March has been so incredibly rich and full but so incredibly rewarding as a community. We've ordained new Elders and Deacons and installed them, celebrated the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday and our Soup & Bread potluck, kicked off our Lenten Small Groups, had our Leadership Retreat, heard from our disaster relief team to North Carolina, our Ghana team presented to and fed almost 50 folks from local colleges, the community and the congregation in the youth room with a slew of delicious Ghanaian dishes and so much more.

One of the gifts of this church is how powerful the community is. It's been on show as we continue to welcome more folks into the work of God here in Superior. As a pastor I have the privilege to experience that gift first hand. I got to join in with our Lenten devotional small group, *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler. The questions asked in the group created a deep sense of vulnerability and community. Folks got to know each other in meaningful ways as friendships and relationships were formed!

United does really see glimpses of the beloved community. At the beginning of March I witnessed a young family in our congregation share a need and several families from the church came together to ensure that need was met. When someone's utilities are high, a water heater goes out, families are struggling to put food on the table, a car breakdown, or a family member ends up in the hospital folks from the church re there to support one another, as Christ has called us to.

April brings with it an end to Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Confirmation Sunday. As a church we have been hard at work planning for all of this. Palm Sunday will have us sporting palms responsibly and sustainably sourced in partnership with the University of Minnesota, our Maundy Thursday service will take place on April 17 over a Soup + Sandwich potluck at 6:30 pm (We will provide the sandwiches!) with communion served at each table, and we will celebrate Good Friday on April 18 with the churches of Superior at Concordia Lutheran Church. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ as a Superior community at Sunrise on the beach at Wisconsin Point Lot #1, then as a congregation we will have an Easter breakfast at 8:30 am and then worship at 10:00 am. Then the following week we will be confirming 6 students into membership at United with one of them being baptized! Those Confirmands will be leading much of worship, including the preaching! A huge thanks to their parents, families, church mentors, and their Spiritual Formation Director, Laura for raising them up into the faithful people that they are! We'd really love to have you join us in worship any or all of those times.

I'm writing this before I head away for a few weeks and I want to make sure I say this: Thank you United for the opportunity to rest. It is a gift to have a community that allows for healthy rhythms as a pastor. Thank you also to Rev. Dianna Bell and Jocelyn Langholz for preaching while I was gone!

Grace & Peace,
Brett