#### WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for a cup of coffee and a snack in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.

Call the church office at 715-392-4751.



Follow us on Facebook.

#### **HELPFUL TO KNOW**

Our entire campus is wheelchair accessible.

We have large print bulletins.

We have hearing assistance devices.

There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

# **PRAYER REQUEST**

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072

or

Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15th, 2020

10:00 a.m.

# United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* INTROIT Bless the Lord #544 (X4)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 33)

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous ones.

All: God, we will praise you with many instruments!

One: Oh Lord, your word is upright, and all your work is done in

**Alex Sandor** 

faithfulness.

**PRELUDE** 

All: We are in awe of your majesty. Your works in the world are great.

One: You spoke and the world came to be.

All: Our souls wait for you, O Lord. You hold our very lives in your hand.

\*HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #435

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: Living Water, we confess that we do not often expect you to show up. We do not expect your beauty in the midst of despair. We do not expect our thirsts to be quenched. We do not expect water in the deserts of our doubt. We cannot fathom life in the midst of death. When things do not go our way, we turn away from you. Forgive us, for our stubbornness towards you. Help us to be faithful in the midst of trying times. Help us to abide in you when its not exactly what we like. Heal us, transform us, make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family, the Bible makes clear that God blots out our transgressions because of God's unfailing love and mercy for us, God's children. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY 3/15**

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Community Dinner (pulled chicken sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips & watergate cake)

6:00 p.m. Volleyball

Happy Birthday - Rebecca Kirk Dolores Larson

#### **MONDAY 3/16**

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

# TUESDAY 3/17

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Happy Birthday - Melanie Johnson

# WEDNESDAY 3/18

1:00 p.m. Caregiver's Workshop 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

Happy Birthday - Dianne Waite

# THURSDAY 3/19

5:30 p.m. Session Committee

Happy Birthday - Mary Peterson

# FRIDAY 3/20

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5-7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Fish Fry

Happy Birthday - Skye Palmer

# SATURDAY 3/21

# LOST AND FOUND

Be sure to check the box in the back of the church for missing items.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **VOLLEYBALL - SUNDAYS 6:00-7:30 P.M. - UPC GYM**

Join us every Sunday for some fun! Everyone welcome.

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - 5:30 P.M.**

Please join us for our remaining Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday March 18, 25, and April 1st. If you'd like to bring something for the meals, the sign up sheets are located in the narthex.

# FRIDAY ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY

The Boy Scout Troop 221 will be hosting their Lenten Fish Fry Dinners from 5-7 p.m on Fridays. \$10/Adults, \$7/Children (4-11), and 3 & under are free! Dates: March 13, 20, 27 & April 3 and 10.

# **CYF BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT**

March 27 - Bean Bag Tournament 6:30 p.m. \$20 entry fee per team. 2 Person Teams. Bring an appetizer to share. Join the fun as a team or spectator. To join as a team, find a partner and register online at: https://tinvurl.com/upcbags. Double elimination and cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places. UPC, 229 N. 28th St. East., Superior, WI.

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 5 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m at UPC.

April 10 - Good Friday Ecumenical worship at Bethel Lutheran Church 6:00 p.m.

April 12 - Easter (No Sunday School on Easter Sunday)

An Easter Sunday Breakfast will be served here at UPC starting at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.

April 21 - BBQ Rib Dinner

# **COVID19 INFORMATION**

As various media fill our consciousness with concern about COVID-19 (coronavirus), this can be a confusing and frightening time as we try to figure out how to respond as individuals, families, and as a congregation. Should there be any worship or event changes, emails will be sent out to advise everyone. Please listen for these changes to be announced on the local news and radio stations as well.

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (Being mindful of the Flu & Covid19, please use peace signs vs. shaking hands or giving hugs.)

\*RESPONSE Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

**Dustin Anderson** 

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Ed Anderson** 

**Old Testament Reading** 

Exodus 17:1-7

**SERMON** 

"Water: Unlikely Places"

Rev. Brett Foote

New Testament Reading

John 4:5-15

\*HYMN

Fill My Cup

#699

#### **OFFERING**

**Moment for Mission** 

Offertory

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#### \*RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of unexpected water, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that the Twin Ports may know that they are loved by us and by God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

Jane Wester

BELL CHOIR "Wondrous Love"

Prayers to be Shared
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

# LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #203

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in the back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people guarreled with Moses, and said, Give us water to drink. Moses said to them, Why do you guarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord? But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst? So Moses cried out to the Lord, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me. The Lord said to Moses, Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink. Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?'

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 4:5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, Give me a drink. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria? (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. The woman said to him, Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it? Jesus said to her, Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. The woman said to him, Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.