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UPBEAT MAY 2026

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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

Hello United!

We're in the midst of spring and have some exciting days ahead of us!

We'll start May off with Camp Sunday! Erin Anderson, Executive Director at Clearwater, will be preaching and the Spiritual Formation Committee will be hosting a camp-themed Coffee Hour. Our goal is to share about the positive influence of camp and raise funds to send our students this summer.

Our last D&D session will be on Sunday, May 17th from 4-8p. Please let myself or Brett know by May 15th if you'll be coming.

On Sunday, June 7th we'll be celebrating our graduates! If you or someone you know is graduating, please send me an email with the following information: first and last name of the person graduating, connection to United, and where they are graduating from. On June 7th we will recognize the graduates during the service and our Coffee Hour will be in celebration of them!

Be sure to spread the word and get registered for VBS this June! There is more information on how to get involved and a whole lot of flyers on the orange table in the narthex.

With Joy,
Laura

P.S. Check out the photos below from Maundy Thursday and Easter!



Our next Spiritual Formation committee meeting will be on Sunday, May 17th at 8:45a in the Youth Room.

MAY MEETINGS

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Monday, May 4th at 3:30 PM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, May 4th 4:45 PM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, May 6th at 9:30 AM

DEACONS

Wednesday, May 6th at 4:30 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 11th at 4:00 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 13th at 6:15 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thursday, May 14th at 5:00 PM

SF COMMITTEE

Sunday, May 17th at 8:45 AM

GMNC

Monday, May 18th at 4:59 PM

MISSION COMMITTEE

Monday, May 18th at 6:01 PM

SESSION

Wednesday, May 20th at 5:15 PM

STAFF

Wednesday, May 6th & 20th
at 12:00 PM

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

MISSION

DONATION CENTER:

Students are back from Winter break, let's load the free pantry shelves at UWS!

- 1 Pound bags of rice (all varieties).
- Microwave rice, bowls or packages.
- All types of canned/pouched protein
- Can openers, because not all canned goods have pop tops!
- Can opener drive.

Please drop off in the appropriate bins at the DONATION CENTER in the narthex.
Questions? Contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.

Thank you,
Mission Committee



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dave Larson	5/5
Cathy Hecht	5/7
Stormy Walker	5/7
Josiah Brady-Kopnick	5/8
Annika Nikoi	5/9
Irene Eskelson	5/17
Trent Anderson	5/19
Pam McGraw	5/20
Dorothy Burriss	5/22
Laura Petite	5/26
Deb Emery	5/27

The picture above is the stuff that will be dropped off to the UWS food shelf. Mission Committee purchased the can openers, everything else has been donated in the past few months.

WORSHIP

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

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

MAY

5/3—Ryan
5/10—Kathy Nelson
5/17—Vacant
5/24—Ben Petite
5/31—Vacant

JUNE

6/7—Vacant
6/14—Dustin Anderson
6/21—Vacant
6/28—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through July of 2026 are posted. You may also call or email the office to sign up for a vacant date if you would like.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.
- Volleyball at UPC every Sunday at 6:00 PM.
- Munch Bunch is Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 PM. Join us at Eddies located in Superior, WI.
- Wisconsin Point (lot #1) beach clean-up is Saturday, May 9th at 9:30 AM. There will be a fire and snacks!
- Hike Millenium Trail is May 17. We'll meet in the lot by the dog park at 12:30 PM. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.
- Elvis at West Theatre is Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 PM. It is located at 319 North Central Avenue, Duluth, MN 55807. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$32 and \$38 depending on seating. Contact Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.

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!



If you use yarn for **anything**, like cat toys, fluff balls, decorating jars or other stuff, baby booties, hats, blankets, scarves, shawls, sweaters, socks or mittens, WE HAVE YARN FOR YOU!!!

Please visit the craft room at any time and help yourself. We will be "thinning the stock" for the rummage sale, so get it now while the selection is plentiful!

MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Ken Aker

Fran Brice

Ron & Bev Underdale

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The monthly gathering of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Lyn Larson and Dorothy Burris. All women are cordially invited to attend.

Don't forget the rummage sale is coming up on Friday, May 29 from 3 to 6 and Saturday, May 30 from 8 to 12. Please bring only good usable items. You may begin bringing your items the week of the sale.

2026 COMMUNITY GARDEN KICK-OFF COMING MAY 17!

The kick-off for the 2026 UPC Community Garden will take place on Sunday, May 17, after church. We'll have a salad-and-dessert potluck for the entire congregation, followed by a garden talk for this year's gardeners and anyone else who'd like to hear it. Watch for sign-up sheets for the potluck as the date approaches.

WALKING GROUP

As of April 22, the inside walking group is discontinued until fall/winter. Reminder: any church member can walk in the church during open church hours unless the church is being used.

PER CAPITA

Thank you to the many members who have paid their Per Capita apportionment. The \$40 per member Per Capita may be paid throughout the year. Thank you in advance.

Cathy Hecht, Financial Secretary

NOTE FROM OFFICE

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 JUNE 2026

ISSUE DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 26th

THE UPBEAT MAY 2026

From the Pastor

United Presbyterian,

April has come and gone and with it our Easter season. What a gift it has been to worship together for another Easter. Here at UPC we had an incredible Holy Week and Easter. Blizzards galore but in the midst of those meaningful moments of worship to God.

Two services in particular stand out to me: First, our community Good Friday service! About thirty minutes before the service started we noticed the heat was running but no hot air was coming out. I go out back, open up the HVAC unit, and notice that the belts have come off the motor. My brother-in-law and myself get the belts back on but more problems start to become apparent. Long story short, if you've wondered why it has been a bit chillier in the sanctuary than normal it is because we need a large brand new HVAC unit for the sanctuary. Despite the chill in the air, the Good Friday service felt fully alive and quite meaningful.

I want to say thank you for the faithfulness of the Buildings & Grounds Committee as they do the work of creating specs and obtaining bids for a new system. Thank you UPC for all of your continued financial support that allows us to keep doing ministry seamlessly when these big things break down! If you feel so inclined, a gift to replenish our Capital Building Projects Fund would go a long way. That fund is what paid for a new roof in full and will pay for our new HVAC system as well.

The other service that sticks out to me every time we hold it, but especially this year is our annual ecumenical Easter Sunrise service. This year was our largest year ever out at Wisconsin Point. We actually ran out of bulletins as more than 50 folks from every cross section of Superior and the Twin Ports, from many different faith communities and no faith community came together to celebrate the resurrection. It was beautiful to see how Jesus' prayer that "they may be one as I am one" can be witnessed in this service. When I recently asked the Session, Deacons, and staff what their favorite worship service they've participated in associated with United was they almost unanimously said: The Sunrise service and our worship in the park Sunday! There's something special about worshipping God surrounded by creation that's not made with human hands.

Either way, worship has been core to the life and mission of United Presbyterian over the years and that has certainly been true as long as I have been here. We've tried to faithfully listen to God by being as creative as possible to plan services that engage the senses and move us into the action of following Christ. Your worship committee is having a Pentecost Planning Party and we hope you celebrate with us on Sunday, May 24. Don't forget to wear red! Your Session alongside many committees of the church are reimagining what worship is like from sound, structure, and even online engagement. I'm really proud of the work they are doing to ensure that we worship God in Spirit and truth.

As we say goodbye to Eastertide and say hello to Pentecost and Ordinary time, we continue to be faithful to how God calls us. Seven years ago, Memorial day weekend you called me as your pastor and in so doing affirmed the call of God on my life. I'm forever grateful for that call that YOU all extended and still extend to me today. It is a call that is not dissimilar to your own: To a time and place, to be the hands and feet of Christ, to proclaim the Word of God in word and deed.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Brett