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## AUGUST 2021

### UPBEAT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

**Issue Deadline:** Tuesday, August 24 at 1:00p.m.

**Mailing:** Tuesday, August 31

### **ARE YOU IN NEED OF A FACE MASK?**

If you need a face mask and do not have one, many have been made to be distributed by us at the church. Call the church office at 715-392-4751 Monday-Friday from 12-4pm or email Tiffany at [unitedpresbyterianchurch.com](mailto:unitedpresbyterianchurch.com) to get one for you or your entire family, free of charge.

### **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](mailto:unitedpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com)



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SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE ONLINE AT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10am Worship (YouTube & In Person) Nick Long baptism @ Hecht's following service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 AM Worship Committee 2 PM Personnel Committee 6 PM Softball 6 PM Elementary Evenings	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM PW Meeting 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4 PM Deacons 4 PM Adventure Group @ Enger Tower 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 4-6 Art Pickup	<b>5</b> 4:30 PM CYF Meeting 6 PM Youth Evenings	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship (YouTube & In Person) Coffee Break following service 5:00-6:00 pm Hotdish Initiative (Drive Thru)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6 PM Softball	<b>11</b> 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 PM CSA Pickup 4-6 Art Pickup 6:15 PM Finance	<b>12</b> 5:30 B&G (Zoom)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5-8 PM Arts Gala
<b>15</b> 10am Worship (YouTube & In Person) Coffee Break following service 4-5 pm Community Dinner (Drive thru)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4 PM Fellowship & Outreach 6 PM Elementary Evenings	<b>18</b> 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 PM CSA Pickup	<b>19</b> 6 PM Youth Evenings 6:15 PM Session Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11 AM Wilderness Adventure Retreat
<b>22</b> 10am Worship (YouTube & In Person)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1 PM UPBeat Deadline	<b>25</b> 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 PM CSA Pickup	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Worship (YouTube & In Person)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> UPBeat Mailing				

## Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Children can still attend Time with Children!  
During our streamed worship on YouTube, or live in person, you will see **Time with Children** with Kathryn!  
Contact : Rev. Kathryn Craven, CYF Ministries Director  
at 660-631-2788 or email  
katdianna@yahoo.com, if you would like to attend  
and need the online meeting link.

### Notes from Kathryn

#### August for CYF

And now for something completely different. Yeah, that's a Monty Python line, but it also very much describes church... everything anymore. We are working to adjust to the new realities all of us are facing as well as looking to assist in the congregational efforts to reconnect. As the CYF Committee hasn't met in the last month, we will be planning for the fall this August 5. But here are some thoughts I'm bringing to the table.

First off, here are some of my basic beliefs about Christian education:

- Everyone should learn and believe how loved they are - by God as well as the church and its members.
- Children and even more so youth need to learn how to become church members and then be fully integrated into its life. Oh, and we need to do a confirmation class this year.
- For especially youth, I need to help them each find an adult mentor and friend (preferably not me) who is not their parent.
- And everyone of any age keeps showing up to church because they know someone there loves them and wants to see them.

Here is what I'm contemplating suggesting for the fall. Why not switch things up? Meet once a week every week on the same night. Everyone. No age distinctions. We could do knitting circles and crafting nights, learning how to change the oil in a car or make snowmen together. There could be conversation times about life and scripture and God. We could cook and eat together sharing life around the table. And we could share our faith journeys with each other. Each week would be a time of very intentional connection and community-building. Confirmation class could happen for an hour before these evening events, and maybe some adults would like to sit in for a refresher course as well. Why not try something new?

It's different, but then again so are we now. As the worship services work on bringing everyone back together, I want to have CYF work towards this as well. All of this, however, relies on your participation as well. People are coming to worship again which is lovely. Please consider how you can participate in life in the CYF realm of activities now. We are all learning how to be community again, and looking forward to the opportunities ahead of us.

## CONTACTING US

Our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

### Fellowship and Outreach

Next adventure club event will be on August 4th at 4 PM at Enger Tower. We will enjoy some ice cream or other food choices from the food truck, and then do our hike.

August 28th is our Wilderness Adventure Retreat at the Lake Nebagamon YMCA camp. We have use of the camp between 11-5. F&O will provide some light breakfast snack items upon arrival and a campfire meal later in the afternoon. We will enjoy some games, arts and crafts, walking, lots of singing and fellowship, and possibly some water activities. Everyone is invited to come and play or to just to visit with one another. All ages are invited.

### PW MEETING

The next meeting of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:30 AM at the church. All women are cordially invited to attend.

### ARTS GALA

As many of you are aware, a few members of our congregation have teamed up with members from Bethel Lutheran to make art over the summer with pen pals from Harbor House. They've been working hard, and are all very excited to show everybody their hard work! Their work will be shown at a Gala hosted at United Presbyterian on August 14th from 5-8 PM, with food from JamRock Cultural and Mocktails from the Spirit Room. There will also be an opportunity to bid on some of the art in a silent auction. All proceeds will be going towards supporting those affected by homelessness here in the Twin Ports.

If you would like to attend the Gala, tickets are \$15, and will be available to via a link available on Facebook or in your emails, as well as at the door the night of the event. Children under 12 are free. We hope to see you there!

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .**

### **NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI**

Warren Nelson

### **CERENITY, White Bear Lake, MN**

Randy Axt

### **BENEDICTINE HEALTH CENTER, Duluth, MN**

Carol Mead

### **PHOENIX, AZ**

Dorothy Granfors

### **IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Voss

### **RECOVERING AT HOME**

Daryl Granquist

Barb Granquist

Vora Lindberg

Robert Perrault



## **August Hotdish Initiative**

This month's hotdish menu will be announced in the bulletin, so make sure to keep an eye out for that announcement!

Come by the church parking lot on Sunday, August 8th between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Drive up and let us know how many you're feeding and we will send you on your way with that many brown bag meals. Mark your calendar-we'd love to see you and share a meal with you!

If you have any questions, please contact Christy at 218-590-8294 or email at [cwillmore.upc@gmail.com](mailto:cwillmore.upc@gmail.com).



## **August BIRTHDAYS**

Jane Wester	8/1
Jay Hecht	8/2
Deja Anderson	8/3
Kate Lisak	8/7
Sandy LeMieux	8/11
Mary Voss	8/13
Dorothy Granfors	8/15
Camryn Shepard	8/23
Judith Evenstad	8/24
Eric Rude	8/28
Anna Downs	8/29
Audrey Krube	8/29
Abram Pauna	8/30
Tyler Willoughby	8/30

## **General Fund**

May Income:	\$13,709.59
May Operating Expenses:	\$15,974.06
Decrease in General Fund Balance:	-\$2,264.47

General Fund Balance 5/31/2021	\$24,679.49
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General fund money is used for operating expenses. Salaries, utilities, supplies, and repairs are examples of operating expenses.

## **Designated Funds**

Memorial	\$7,921.31
Community Dinner	-\$470.83
Erickson Fund	\$73,758.89
UPC Mission	\$2,256.02
Special Events	\$1,487.85
Pastor Discretionary	\$802.30
Miscellaneous	-\$214.94
Hot Dish	\$1,405.42
Endowment Fund	\$436,980.49
Capital Projects	\$145,000.00

Designated Funds Balance 5/31/2021	\$668,926.51
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Designated Funds have specific purposes. Some funds fluctuate monthly, while others change less frequently, depending on projects.



**WATCH ALL WORSHIP  
SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>



## COMMUNITY DINNER Aug 15th, 2021 FROM 4-5 PM

The drive-up Community Dinners are a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking, grilling, distributing meals, or directing traffic to make things run as smoothly as possible. UPC wants to assure you that we are following all COVID-19 safety guidelines including gloves and masks being worn by our workers. For the health and safety of everyone during this pandemic, meals will continue to be **Take-Out Only**. The meals are prepared and boxed in the church. You drive up and we'll place the meal in your vehicle. Take home and enjoy! Watch the bulletin for information on the menu.

**This meal is free and available for all people  
From the church and community.**

### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WISHLIST:

Bottled water  
Juice boxes  
Heavy duty plates and plastic silverware  
Granola bars and individual cereal  
Dishwasher soap  
Shelf stable meals  
Apple sauce cups  
Beef or turkey sticks  
Pop tarts



### Liturgists for August

August 1—Dean Hecht  
August 8—Dustin Anderson  
August 15—Kathy Nelson  
August 22—Cameron Campbell  
August 29—Beth Lisak

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Mary Voss, Worship Committee, 218-591-7174

### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

## AUGUST MEETINGS

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Postponed indefinitely.

### OFFBEATS - PW EVENING GROUP

Postponed indefinitely.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MEETING

Thursday, Aug 5th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

### BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

Wednesday, Aug 4th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING

Thursday, Aug 12th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.  
(Zoom)

### MISSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Aug 10th, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, Aug 11th, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

### SESSION MEETING

Thursday, Aug 19th, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.  
(Zoom)

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Aug 3rd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

### FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING

Wednesday, Aug 17th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

### CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP - Starting in August

If you have questions, call Luann Tiede at  
715-394-3611.

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

### RUTH HOUSE WISH LIST

Deodorants men and women's  
Light bulbs  
Black garbage bags large  
Spray cleaners and wipes  
Paper products and plastic  
silverware  
Backpacks  
Hamburger and hotdog buns



JoAnn Rush (218-391-5304) is willing to collect donations from church and deliver them to Ruth House.

**THANK YOU!**

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## From the Pastor...

UPC Family,

What a month of rest and connection July has been! I've heard from lots of you that the time away from church committee work that we spent on being with one another was particularly restful and helpful. I'm thankful our Session led us in that way. Who knows, it may happen next year too! One thing that I finally had the opportunity to experience for the very first time was a potluck here at United. Many of you have raved about the potlucks at UPC...the food, the conversation, the games, the presence of people that come out...did I mention the food? We've talked about doing one since Laura and I moved here but for one reason or another it had not happened. "WOW" was my first thought when we pulled up. We thought that because of the weather, vacations, and potentially Covid that many folks would potentially choose to stay home. We were wrong...very wrong. You all turned out in waves! The experience of constantly having to go back out and pull up more picnic tables over and over for food and for people was tiring on the arms but wonderful. It feels good to invest in our relationships. We had good conversations about new babies on their way, past baptisms, how sports teams are doing, kids going off to college, and more. After a year of isolation it was good to connect over dinner, laughter, dessert and some friendly American football.

I recently read an article on pastoral care by Will Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas that provoked a lot of hard pondering about relationships. It has stirred up more in me than it probably should have. Hauerwas is one of my favorite theological writers because he says things plainly most of the time, Willimon I haven't spent as much time with. One of the things Willimon said in conversation with Hauerwas about the role of pastoral care in the church right now, that I really disagreed with, was about what happens when we share hard truths with one another. He states "some of my most effective pastoral care interactions—when I really helped someone to see the truth of their situation—often resulted in the person avoiding eye contact with me for the rest of my tenure in that congregation." He is essentially stating that the truth estranged him from those whom he served. I spoke with a friend and colleague whom I admire about what Willimon said. He's an Episcopal Priest in the diocese of Pittsburgh and a PHD candidate at Princeton. He said "I don't buy it, wouldn't that deepen your relationship?" I said "Neither do I." After my interactions with folks in ministry, usually after saying a hard truth about a situation, talking about pain, what is going sideways in their life and why, or something else, we grow together and not apart. We don't become estranged, if anything there is usually a deeper relationship because of the willingness to go to that hard place. (This, of course, isn't an absolute.)

I share this with you all because we've been deepening our relationships over this past month and moreover, we've talked about some hard things. We've faced conversations about racial tensions here in the Twin Ports, we've discussed infertility, miscarriage, and the loss of children, we've discussed how we share with our community, and we've confronted the fact that our lives together as individual families and as a community will sometimes be difficult. We are called to be gracious and to continue to discuss hard things as we journey with one another no matter what it is we go through. Just like Ruth does for Naomi in Ruth 1:16-19.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Brett