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UPBEAT JULY 2026

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION?

Has your contact info changed? call the church office at: 715-392-4751 or office@upc-superior.com



A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: FOR AGES & STAGES

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
WHO MADE VBS INCREDIBLE!



OUR NEXT SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH AT 8:45A IN THE YOUTH ROOM.

JULY MEETINGS

No committee meetings in July. We will be hosting a family potluck and having Worship in Billings Park (pavilion #2) July 12th at 10:00 AM.

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Ken Aker

Fran Brice

Ron & Bev Underdale

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Courtney Dugger	7/2
Beverly Underdale	7/4
Ephraim Nikoi	7/5
Sophia Bergstrom	7/6
Cameron Campbell	7/8
Brendan Tuura	7/9
Jackie Ranco	7/10
Irene Eskelson	7/11
John Voss	7/12
Marli Danielson	7/15
Joshua Johnson	7/15
Tyler Kiel	7/15
Jan Letsos	7/15
Ben Petite	7/15
Nick Long	7/17
Kaylee Johnson	7/18
Elsie Hicks	7/19
Beau Kiel	7/19
Jenna Slagter	7/19
Nathaniel Fuller	7/21
Ashton Cairns	7/22
Mary Jo Card	7/24
Kayla Johnson	7/27
Asher Slagter	7/27
Lorraine Little	7/31

If you would like your birthday added, or a family member, please contact the office at office@upc-superior.com or call 715-392-4751.

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 AUGUST 2026

ISSUE DEADLINE: Wednesday, July 29th

WORSHIP

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

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

JULY

7/5—Vacant

7/12—Vacant

7/19—Kathy Nelson

7/26—Vacant

AUGUST

8/2—Donna Okash

8/9—Vacant

8/16—Kathy Nelson

8/23—Vacant

8/30—Vacant

If you would like to fill any vacancies...

The sign up sheets are available at the back of the narthex. Dates through September 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.
- Munch Bunch is Thursday, July 9th at 5:30 PM. Join us at Mazi's restaurant in Superior. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- Lucius Woods Concert & Camp is Saturday, July 25th located in Solon Springs, WI. Tennessee Whiskey Revival featuring Scott Kirby will be playing. Gates open at 6:00 PM and concert starts at 7:00 PM. Contact the office or Karen Johnson at 715-817-4673 with any questions.

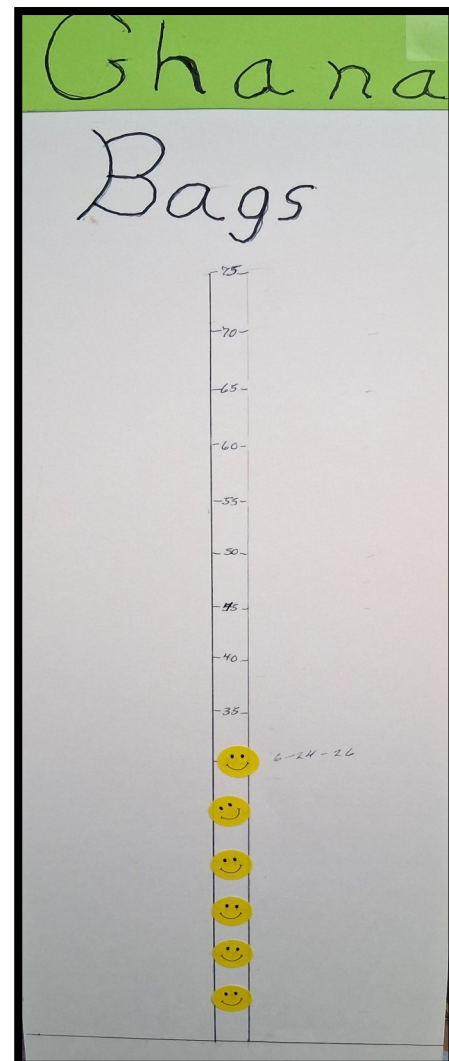
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Ladies Saturday Breakfast group will not meet for the months of July and August. We will resume the first Saturday of September (the 5th). Have a great summer!

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!

Below is the gauge for our Ghana tote bags. We have kits with instructions and pre-cut fabric for anyone who wants to help us out.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in July. The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be Wednesday, August 5 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Dianne Shaw and Jane Wester. All women are cordially invited to attend.

Rummage Sale Update:

- We'd like to thank everyone who brought items for the sale and for everyone who helped.
- We made approx. \$3000.00.

The money is used for:

- Kids going to Bible Camp.
- Church projects as needed.
- Local charities.
- Projects to help women and children.

Save your items for the sale next year. Please don't bring items to the church until rummage sale time. If you're moving and need to get rid of stuff, let the office know and we'll see if we can store it.

Thanks again, PW

The back to school sales are coming up so we can buy the supplies listed below on sale. Thank you!

- 1- Blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3- 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- 30 centimeter ruler (12 inch)
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons

MISSION COMMITTEE

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!

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

It's July and the mission Committee is already thinking about Christmas! We don't have a sale, but we hope that you will start thinking about someone who might be blessed to receive one of our famous, over filled, Christmas baskets. Do you want to participate in this mission, but feel like it is not in your budget? Talk to a friend, or two!, and join forces to sponsor a family. More to come on this subject closer to December. For the summer we are collecting prescription pill bottles (empty, washed, label removed) and lids to donate to the Presbytery of the Dakotas. Any and every size is needed. Starting in August we will go back to collecting items for the free store at UWS. There will be a 'new' list of needed items at that time. Before all of these things happen though, we will be welcoming Julie Gilbertson to speak with us about Sleep in Heavenly Peace on July 19. This group actually builds twin size bedframes, gets mattresses and bedding to give to families with children in need of a bed. The crafters have been busy making twin size quilts for UWS so decided to split them up and give half to SHP! They will be blessed by Pastor Brett and presented to Julie after her presentation during the service. Please help us welcome her to UPC.

THE UPBEAT JULY 2026

From the Pastor

UPC,

Thank you all so much! I have a deep gratitude for the kind words, the memories that have already been shared and the well wishes you've shared with both Laura and myself over the last month in preparation for our departure.

June was an incredible month at United especially for our children and youth! There is so much life in and amongst you. We had Graduation Sunday where we recognized several of our graduates with prayer shawls, confetti cannons, ballon arches and a wonderful coffee hour! Then later in the month Laura Foote alongside an intrepid team of volunteers held our ecumenical Vacation Bible School for the community. We had over double the kids attend this year compared to last! Many thanks to Concordia Lutheran, Pilgrim Lutheran, and Our Savior's Lutheran churches as they provided several volunteers and meals during the week. Several of you shared how amazing the ability to use the screens for worship was with the kids. I'm thankful for the dedicated work of everyone that spent time making VBS go off without a hitch. Witnessing kids come to know Jesus together while praising God singing and dancing is an incredible gift that we all got the opportunity to experience.

I want to remind you all that United is the creative faithful community that it is not because of myself but because of the God that has called each of you to the work of serving Christ in this community. I think of Lily Quinn who has just served as Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly gathering of the Presbyterian Church. God calls each of us in unique times and places to do the work of the church. Continue that incredible work!

We have an update about the upcoming pastoral transition! Remember when I told you all that your Session and church leadership have been busy at work to ensure a smooth a transition? Here are a couple of items that point in that direction. This first weekend we have a congregational meeting to elect an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC). The nominating committee (This is the group that nominates the Interim Pastor Nominating committee...I know, I know too many committees) has told me that there is a slate of seven folks to be elected Sunday, July 5. From there, they will begin their deeply prayerful and important work with the Presbytery to call an Interim minister. Folks on the committee will have to have a deep level of confidentiality. Please be in prayer for this team who prayerfully discerns who is called to be your next leader during this time of transition.

Another place the leaders of UPC have been at work is surrounding the soon to be vacant Director of Spiritual Formation position here at UPC. They have decided to advertise for an Interim Director of Spiritual Formation to provide continuity before they conduct a full search. Their hope is to have someone in place before Laura concludes her ministry at United at the end of July so there can be some shadowing and overlap. There are details attached to this UPBeat regarding this position. Know someone that should apply? Send them our way!

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From the Pastor

Please if you have not already, mark your calendars for Worship in the Park (Billings Park!) for Sunday, July 12. We will not be in the church building that Sunday. So, don't show up at UPC. Our worship will conclude and then we will enjoy a potluck in the park. Want to help pull off this annual undertaking? Good, because we need your help. There are sign ups in the back of the narthex for set up and tear down of worship in the park. Please consider it!

Looking forward to August, we have the Ghana Mission Network Conference Meeting August 13-16 here at UPC and the Dragon Boat Festival that we are once again participating in on August 22. Earlier, we will have another congregational meeting planned for Sunday, August 9. The sole purpose of the meeting is the dissolution of my call as pastor at United Presbyterian Church effective August 16. As a reminder my last Sunday preaching will be August 9, and my last time leading worship among you all will be August 16.

God is at work United!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brett

UPC JOB OPENING

Hello United,

We are hiring an Interim Director of Spiritual Formation (DSF)!

Why Interim? This allows the church to ensure that the important ministry going on within Spiritual Formation (nursery, children's church, and our many youth activities) continue in a robust way in the middle of our pastoral transition. Hiring an interim allows us to hold off on working through a full search and allows the Personnel committee some flexibility to proceed in a relaxed way.

Why 6 months? At least 6 months gives the interim solid and suitable employment through the holidays. It also allows an interim to get a feel for the position to see if they would like to apply for the actual position. It provides stability for us as well.

Our goal is to have a suitable candidate in with a week including a Sunday overlap with our current director, Laura Foote.

Here is some of the work you will be doing...

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To provide opportunities for children and youth to meet, share fellowship with each other, and develop personal relationships with Christ. This will include regular meetings as well as special meetings such as Lenten youth offerings.
- To provide opportunities for children, youth, and adults to serve their peers, church, and community. This will include yearly or biannual mission trips as well as local mission projects and/or youth gatherings such as Triennium.
- To work closely with the Pastor to involve children and youth in worship, including an annual Christmas service and regular participation as acolytes and liturgists.
- To plan and coordinate Christian education for children, youth, and families, including summer opportunities. This will include weekly Children's Church.
- To help the congregation support youth and children and recognize individual accomplishments.
- To oversee the operation of the nursery and Children's church. To act as leadership to the Nursery Coordinators and Children's Church Ministry Leaders.
- To fundraise for youth activities, including mission trips and camp.
- To go to activities that our children and youth participate in, in their schools and in the community.
- To coordinate and oversee the Spiritual Formation small groups.
- To encourage youth participation in wider church events such as camp and Triennium.
- To be familiar with and help the congregation implement policies related to child safety, including "For the Sake of the Children" and "Youth Protection Policy" adopted by the Session.

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- To attend and participate in staff meetings.
- To ensure that volunteers working with children and youth have appropriate background checks.
- To attend SF Committee meetings (as an ex officio member).
- To organize confirmation for students in coordination with pastoral leadership.
- When taking time off on a Sunday, or in the hopes of providing a different perspective, to find coverage for Sunday morning responsibilities amongst a base of volunteers and/or with the help of the SF Committee.

What makes a suitable candidate?:

Bachelors degree in a related field

Experience working in ministry/the church

Strong working knowledge of Scripture and Reformed theology

Must be passionate about faith formation for people of all ages!

Compensation will be a salary of roughly \$12,000 for 6 months at 20-22 hours a week.

This is in line with our current budget and hourly expectations.

Please send a resumé and cover letter to Dr. Ephraim Nikoi & Rev. Brett Foote by July 13 if you are interested.