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UPBEAT JULY 2025

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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: FOR AGES & STAGES COMMITTEE

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Hello Church!

We started the month of June with celebrating our graduates. Brett and I also had a fun time wheeling over a whole bunch of lemonade, water and cups for the 5th grade graduation at Great Lakes Elementary!

We joined with the Superior Ministerium for Vacation Bible School. That truly was a team effort! Big shout out to Acacia, Kim and Andrew for helping to make it happen! We celebrated the summer solstice with a youth bonfire at Wisconsin Point and thankfully the weather was beautiful!

We are hiring for a Nursery Coordinator position! If you are passionate about young ones and interested in serving in the nursery a few times a month, please reach out to me or someone from the Personnel Committee.

Lastly, it's July, which means... no committee meetings for the month. It's time for a break. Rest, play and enjoy the summer sun!

With Joy,
Laura



JULY MEETINGS

There are no meetings in the month of July besides the weekly AA meetings. Instead of committee meetings, the Session felt it very important to gather together to reconnect and redevelop relationships within the church. To facilitate that, on Sunday, July 13th, we will be worshipping in Billings Park (pavilion #2) at 10:00 AM. It is BYOPLTTP (Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch To The Park). Games will follow worship & lunch.

AA MEETING— Every Tuesday 1:00 PM

WORSHIP

WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE:

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

JULY

7/6—Kathy Nelson
7/13—Vacant
7/20—Vacant
7/27—Vacant

AUGUST

8/3—Vacant
8/10—Vacant
8/17—Vacant
8/24—Vacant
8/31—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 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 AUGUST 2025

ISSUE DEADLINE: Tuesday, July 29th

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
Gloria Neuman	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
Nathaniel Fuller	7/21
Ashton Cairns	7/22
Mary Jo Card	7/24
Lorraine Little	7/31

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 along with bedding or other necessities. Any questions? Contact Dawn Long at 218-590-9376.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.
-Mission Committee

STEWARDSHIP

In the run-up to our October kickoff luncheon for the 2026 Stewardship campaign, we are taking some time to introduce the committees who are at hands and feet of UPC. Each month, one committee will talk about what they do and how their work makes a difference at UPC and in the greater Superior community. Essentially, your tithe and offering dollars at work. July is Mission Committee. Below you can read on to see what they are doing and what could be possible with increased funding.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee is committed to the goal of making Superior a better place because UPC is a part of it.

We reach out to the hungry, possibly lonely or just curious, through our quarterly free community dinners. The last dinner, on Father's Day, was well attended and everyone enjoyed the cornhole tournament. The next dinner will be August 17th. Menu includes chicken salad with croissant, fruit, chips and ice cream cups. We are still looking for a volunteer to lead this ministry.

Through a new partnership with UWS, we will be reaching out to students who may need food, bedding, or other necessities. Items needed are listed on the baskets in the Donation Center in the narthex. This is an exciting way to reach out to new people in the community.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our efforts to help refugees come to the Twin Ports area are unfortunately on hold. But thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the congregation, almost a year ago we played "Bingo for Nargis". We were able to present her with two huge baskets of welcome gifts. She has settled into a place in Duluth, works at Fitger's, is doing really well navigating public transportation and learning English.

Last year we provided amazing gifts and a basket of food for 25 families at Christmas. There will be more about this during Moments for Mission during July.

Of course we can't forget the Community Garden! It is well on it's way to being another successful growing season and harvest.

Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and stayed after the service last Sunday to put together our summer homeless kits. They probably seem like a small thing, but we may never know how much that bag of snacks, toiletries and information means to a homeless person.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women do not meet in July. The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 9:30 at the church. Hostesses will be Debbie Bergstrom and Becky Kirk. All women are cordially invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

- Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM.
- Volleyball will continue in the fall.
- Camping & Concert at Lucius Woods—Camp July 11- 12 at Lucius Woods (9231 E Marion Ave, Solon Springs, WI) and see Church of Cash Concert July 12! Gates open at 6 PM. Contact Debbie Bergstrom at 218-269-4679 with any questions.
- Progressive Dinner at Lake Amnicon July 19 starting at 1 PM. First stop is dinner at Cathy and Dean Hecht's, followed by dessert at Beth and Tom Lisak's. Contact the office to learn more.

MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

NEW PERSPECTIVES, Superior, WI

Ken Aker
Fran Brice
Gloria Neuman
Ron & Bev Underdale
Susan Litehiser

RACINE, WI

Dorothy Granfors

IN THE MILITARY

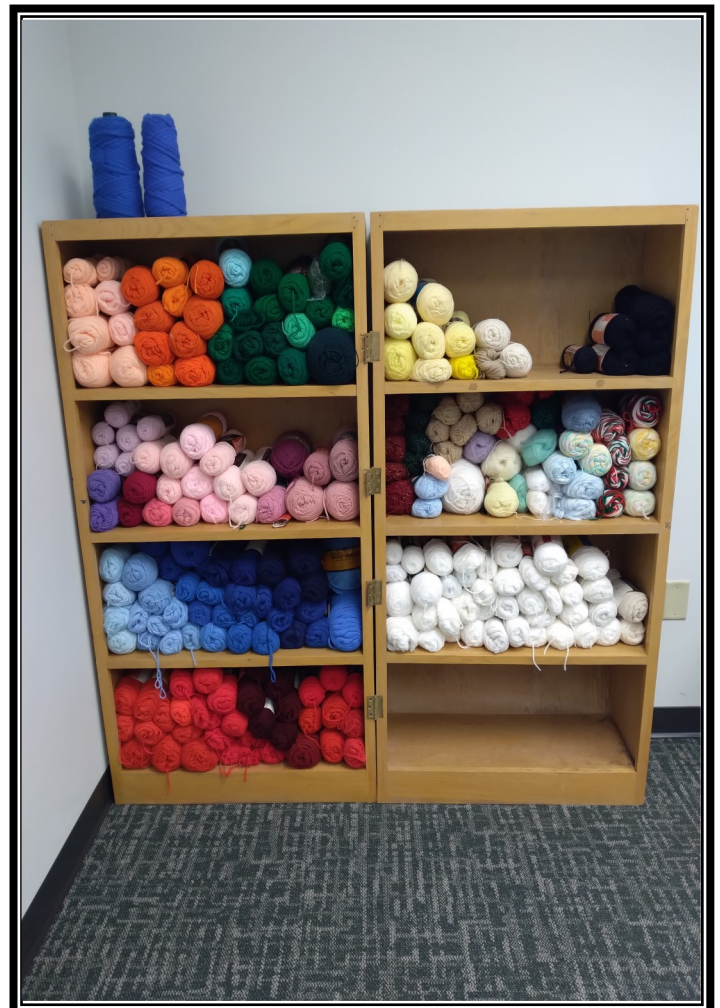
Christopher Voss

MIDDLE RIVER ASPEN, Superior, WI

Anita Anderson "Please send all my love to everyone at UPC."—Anita

CRAFTERS GROUP

The Crafters Group will meet every Wednesday in the crafting room (inside the Fellowship Hall) 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!



THE UPBEAT JULY 2025

From the Pastor

United Presbyterian,

June was lively. We started off the month Graduation Sunday, honoring our graduates from Kindergarten through college. For Pentecost the following week we put on a play (An excellent one!) that had the largest confetti cannons I've ever seen used at church and a lot of giggling. Then your pastor, staff, and several volunteers were involved in planning and leading the community VBS over at Concordia Lutheran Church in Superior. We also put on a new roof here at UPC and we prayed over it and rededicated our church to the work of uplifting our community in Jesus' name here in the Twin Ports.

In the midst of all those incredible happenings we: held a 25th anniversary vow renewal for a couple in the church, I swapped pulpits with Rev. Lawrence Lee in Bayfield, Laura and I had some of you over for dinner, we packed kits for people affected by homelessness, celebrated retirements, birthdays, as well as the birth of another baby in the church and we witnessed to the resurrection for a beloved church member. The life of the church is just that life. It's filled with everything our lives are filled with. I give thanks to God that we get to do this all together.

July is the month we practice Sabbath as a church and rest from all of our committee meetings. Instead, we focus on Fellowship and fun with one another. There will be several opportunities to gather together. First a camping trip to Lucius woods in Solon Springs, WI July 11-12 followed by a "Church of Cash" concert. The following day on Sunday, July 13 we will host our annual Worship In The Park, where we will gather in Billings Park at Pavillion #2 at 10:00 a.m. for worship. Please bring your lawn chair or blanket and BYOPL (Bring your own picnic lunch) as we will gather for worship and lunch afterwards. Then mark your calendars for Saturday July 19 @ 1 p.m. for one of UPC's biggest events, the Progressive Dinner at Lake Amnicon! Just show up hungry to the Hecht's cabin! You'll get to boat, eat, fish, play and more as we spend time together!

From July 14-28 I'll be participating in some Continuing Education as a pilgrim on the Camino De Santiago (Way of St. James) in Spain with several other clergy. In preparation, I've been reading, praying, (walking!) and planning. While walking close to 80-100 miles depending on conditions, I'll be taking a step back to reflect on my journey as a follower of Jesus and my call to serve as pastor. I hope to spend time evaluating and reimagining my ministry and the way I lead. I'll also be taking a significant step back from technology while on this walking trip. I'll only be using it to take notes, read, journal, navigate and snap the occasional photo.

While I'm away, please graciously welcome the Rev. Dr. Kathy Smith who will be leading UPC in worship on July 20 & 27!

With Gratitude,
Brett

PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT AMNICON LAKE

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH @ 1 PM

First stop is dinner at Cathy & Dean Hecht's
(7932 South Cty Road A, Superior, WI) and is
followed by dessert at Beth and Tom Lisak's (4519 E
Pleasant View, Superior WI)



CAMPING & CONCERT AT LUCIUS WOODS

- CAMPING JULY 11 & 12 (MAKE OWN RESERVATIONS)
- CHURCH OF CASH CONCERT JULY 12 - GATES OPEN 6PM



**JULY
11-12
2025**

**LUCIUS
WOODS**

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