

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 1/16

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship
11:30 AM Confirmation
11:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal
4-5 PM Community Dinner (Drive-thru)
6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 1/17

OFFICE CLOSED—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
3:45-8 PM Piano Lessons
6 PM Cub Scouts

TUESDAY 1/18

4-8 PM Piano Lessons
6:30 PM Buildings & Grounds (Zoom & In Person)

WEDNESDAY 1/19

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
1 PM Caregiver Conversations
3-7 PM Piano Lessons
4 PM Fellowship and Outreach
4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 1/20

6:15 PM Session Meeting
7 PM AA Meetings

FRIDAY 1/21

1 PM UPBeat Deadline

SATURDAY 1/22

Birthdays This Week
1/19 Holden Willmore
1/20 Claire Matthias
1/21 Richard Johnson
1/21 Joey Schulz
1/22 Joe Hartnett

LOOKING AHEAD
January 23 Annual Meeting
January 28 UPBeat Mailing

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Call the church office at 715-392-4751.

Join us for a cup of coffee and a snack outside following the service!

HELPFUL TO KNOW

Our entire campus is wheelchair accessible.

We have hearing assistance devices.

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

Worship with us online at the following link:

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

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Church Secretary
Custodian
Interim Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries
Interim Nursery Coordinator
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January 16th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** I Love You Lord #627

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 108)**

One: Our hearts are steadfast, God of comfort, our hearts are steadfast; We will sing and make melody.

All: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, and we will sing praises to you among the nations.

One: Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

One: Give joy to your people, and answer us, so that those whom you love may be rescued.

All: Carry us when we are weary, show us your love.

One: Wonderful are your works, O God.

All: With you God, we can go into this world with joy.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth #14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance and new wine, we confess that we can be selfish people. We confess that sometimes we keep everything for ourselves. Sometimes we even hoard things like toilet paper and canned goods for fear of running out. Often, we believe the myth of scarcity. We can only imagine what abundance would be like. Help us to live into the miracles you produce in our lives. Help us to share signs of your work in the world with others. Help us to live our lives with open hands. Forgive us for when we are selfish and choose not to share signs of God's goodness. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Ross Gay wrote in his poem *Truth*: "Because he was 38, because this was his second job, because he had two daughters, because his hands looked like my father's, because at 7 he would walk to the furniture warehouse, unload trucks 'til 3 AM, because I was fourteen and training him, because he made \$3.75 an hour, because he had a wife to look in the face, because he acted like he respected me, because he was sick and would not call out I didn't blink when the water dropped from his nose into the onion's perfectly circular mouth on the Whopper Jr. I coached him through preparing. I did not blink. Tell me this didn't happen. I dare you."

United, the truth that Ross makes clear from a time not so long ago is that abundance has not been prevalent for many people. While we'd have a very different response to a nose drip today, don't miss the grace the 14 year old Ross offers this man who is stuck. There are so many people today choosing between safety and survival. May we have abundant grace for those making difficult decisions and may we have abundant grace for ourselves

when those decisions come our way. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person we encourage you to minimize contact with others.)

RESPONSE: Peace Like a River (vs.1) #623
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (x2)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

SERMON "Great Parties: Jesus, New Wine, And Abundance"
Rev Brett M. Foote
New Testament Reading John 2:1-11

***HYMN** I Danced in the Morning #157

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor #717

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of new wine, 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 love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of Christ, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

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 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #721**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

Session unanimously approved a motion from worship and sacraments to require masking for worship. Session and the worship committee will be monitoring the Covid-19 situation and will make changes as necessary.

ICU NEEDS

We are currently asking for donations of **hand warmers, mittens, hats, wool socks, and scarves** for the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in new items or very gently used ones. Items that are worn out will not be considered. Please bring in donations during office hours. Thank you!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be played every Sunday between 6pm -7:30pm in the UPC gym. The church requires you wear a mask. Come join the fun and bring another player along.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsals will take place Sundays at 8:45 AM, and Bell Choir will rehearse at 11:30 AM.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old. The nursery is located to the left of the Narthex when facing the front, through the two glass doors, and it is the first door on the right.

FISHARAMA AND FUN

Join us February 5th for a day filled with fishing (if you wish) and fun at Amnicon Lake. There will be inside activities at Lisak's for those who don't want to fish. More information to follow.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time to update the UPC directory. If you are not in the directory and would like to be, or have any changes in address or phone numbers, please let Tiff know this week.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Church Annual Meeting will be immediately after the worship service on January 23rd.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mission committee is partnering up with Pilgrim Lutheran and West Minister Presbyterian Churches in accepting donations for children K-12. Monetary donations are welcomed, and checks can be made out to the church, with "School donations" in the memo line. These are the items that are currently being accepted for this project: **Scarves, hats, mittens and gloves, socks, and underwear.** A box can be found at the back of the Narthex to put donations in. Thank you!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Applicants Sought
UPC is seeking applicants for a part-time Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Director (20-22 hours per week). Duties include but are not limited to providing opportunities for children and youth to meet, fellowship, develop relationships with Christ; providing opportunities for adults, youth, and children to serve peers, church, and community; leading biannual or annual mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

trips; working with the Pastor to involve youth and children in worship; planning and coordinating Christian education; supervising the lead nursery worker; fundraising for youth activities; going to children's and youths' activities; overseeing the church's sports program; and encouraging youth participation in wider church events. A minimum of an associate degree is required; a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in bible or ministry is preferred. Relevant experience with college, youth, or children's ministry will be considered an asset. Pay and benefits are competitive.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Deborah Schlacks at desertswan@aol.com, and Pastor Brett Foote at bfoote.upc@gmail.com. Please note that both a cover letter and a resume are required. If you have questions, please call the church office at 715-392-4751. Initial review of applications will be completed by 1/30/21.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er
nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing
asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
find there my nets and la - bor.
love that keeps on lov - ing.
friend, as thus you call me:
Refrain / Estribillo
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -
smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -
boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g
side I will seek oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

I Love You, Lord

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

For the Beauty of the Earth

14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
3 I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame. The
4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain (F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F Bb F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.