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**September 8, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**PRELUDE**

Alex Sandor

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INTROIT**

*God Welcomes All*

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Cathy & Dean Hecht

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Adapted from Psalm 9)

One: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

**All: We will tell of all God's wonderful deeds.**

One: We will be glad and exult in You;

**All: O Most High, We will sing praises to Your name.**

One: For You have maintained our just cause.

**All: You have not forgotten our cry.**

**\*HYMN**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

#39

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God, You are the Potter and we are the clay. You shape and form us and our daily lives. We confess that we often try to live as the Potter instead of the clay. We confess that we try to shape our lives and our direction instead of letting You. In our constant shaping, we often deviate from how You created us to be and to live. Help us to be pliable, help us to be molded by You well. Forgive us for when we are not. Send Your Holy Spirit to give us peace and help us to live as You intended. In the name of the one who shapes and molds, Jesus Christ. *Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family, a foundational belief of being a Christian is to admit that sometimes you sin, sometimes you miss the mark, sometimes you mess up. We do. However, sinful is not who we are but simply what we do and how we act. It is a part of our daily habits. Who we are is infinitely more important than our daily habits. At the very core of who we are we are named God's beloved children. This is true no matter what. Because of this and because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection....

**All: We are all forgiven. *Amen.***

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*You are invited to bless those around you with the words,  
"The peace of Christ be with you."*

**\*RESPONSE**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(#591, refrain only)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Christy Willmore

*Prayer cards may be given to an usher to be brought forward.***SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Joan Johnson

Psalms Reading

*Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18*

Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 18:1-11***SERMON****“Being Shaped: As a Person and As a People”**

Rev. Brett Foote

**\*HYMN***God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

#5

**OFFERING****MOMENT FOR MISSION****OFFERTORY**

Alex Sandor

**\*OFFERING HYMN****Praise God from whom all blessings flow;****Praise God all creatures, here below.****Praise God above, ye heavenly host;****Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.****\*PRAYER**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

**All: Great provider, You have provided for us so that these tithes and offerings may be received. Thank You for these gifts, and thank You for all who give. Monetarily, through service, by prayer, and other ways. We thank You. Help us to use these gifts to make Your kingdom a reality on this earth as it is in heaven. Help us to respond to problems both here in the Twin Ports, and afar. Help us to care for those in the path of disasters. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.**

**TIME FOR PRAYER****PRAYERS TO BE SHARED****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, and 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN***From the Nets of Our Labors*

#751

*(Vs. 1,3,6)***\*BENEDICTION****\*POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

*Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.*

**PSALM READING***Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING***Jeremiah 18:1-11*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 9/8

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Outreach Meeting

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### MONDAY 9/9

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Happy Birthday – Trevor D

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### TUESDAY 9/10

4:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

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### WEDNESDAY 9/11

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Begins

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

Happy Birthday – Willem M

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### THURSDAY 9/12

10:30 a.m. Quilting Group

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### FRIDAY 9/13

Happy Birthday – Darral G

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### SATURDAY 9/14 Fall Kickoff Weekend

12:30 p.m. Children, Youth & Family Community Outreach

4:30 p.m. Picnic & Games at the Willmore House

Happy Birthday-Roy F  
Jan D

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Fellowship & Outreach

Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Mission Committee

Tuesday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Quilting Group

Thursday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The title of this year's study is Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments by Euginia Anne Gamble. This month's classes will be on **Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.** (note the change in date and time for beginning class) and on **Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Classes will be held on the second Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. of each month. Material costs are \$10. Contact Jan Letsos to order your materials or for more information at 715-394-6009.

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY FALL KICKOFF

**Community Outreach Opportunity at Ruth House's new location!** Come help revitalize Ruth House's new space for the Children, Youth, and Family Fall kick-off at 632 Grand Avenue, Superior on **Saturday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m.** All ages are welcome to participate. Later in the day, there will be a **picnic with yard games at the Willmore's House** located at 203 East 4th street, Superior, **beginning at 4:30 p.m.** Contact Christy Willmore at [cwillmore.upc@gmail.com](mailto:cwillmore.upc@gmail.com) for more information.

### INSTALLATION OF PASTOR FOOTE

An Installation Service for Pastor Brett Foote will be here at United Presbyterian on **Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.** The whole congregation and Presbytery are invited and encouraged to come. A dinner in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

### COMMUNITY DINNER

United Presbyterian will be hosting a Community Dinner on **Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.** Volunteers are always welcome.

### HARVEST HOME ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Harvest Home Roast Beef Dinner tickets are now being handed out and mailed. Monies received for presold tickets will be due no later than Sunday, September 22. Speak to Jan Letsos for more information. **The Harvest Home Dinner will occur on Tuesday, September 24 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**


### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

On **Sunday, September 22**, following the worship service, there will be a special adult education opportunity here at UPC. Emmie Arnold, a new chaplain resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, will join us to speak about what it means to be human, to be loved by God, and how that affects how we interact with others.

### SOCK DONATIONS NEEDED

The UPC Outreach Committee will be collecting men and women's socks for the Hope Center in Lincoln Park. A box will be placed in the Narthex during the up-coming week.

### WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

### HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072  
or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

### Pastor

Reverend Brett Foote

### Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Christy Willmore

### Choirmaster & Handbell Director

Jane Wester

### Organist & Pianist

Alex Sandor

### Deacons

Ethel Bartholomew and Kathy Nelson