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## FEBRUARY 2021

### UPBEAT FOR MARCH 2021

Issue Deadline: Friday, Feb 19th at 1:00p.m.

Mailing: Friday, Feb 26th

### 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)



# February 2021

ALL INTERNAL & OUTSIDE CHURCH EVENTS REMAIN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19. MINISTRY MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD VIA ZOOM.  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP IS LIVE ONLINE AT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwMffhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:15 pm Personnel (Zoom)	<b>3</b> 10 AM PW Meeting (Zoom) 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4 pm Deacons (Zoom) 4-6 pm CSA Pickup	<b>4</b> 4:30 pm CYF (Zoom)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10am Worship (YouTube) 11:30am Coffee Break (Zoom)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4:30 pm Finance (Zoom)	<b>11</b> 3 pm Hotdish preparation 5:30 pm B&G (Zoom)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10am Worship (YouTube) 11:30am Coffee Break (Zoom) 3:00-4:00 pm Hotdish Initiative (Drive Thru)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:15 pm Mission (Zoom) 5:30 pm F&O (Zoom)	<b>17</b> 12 pm Staff mtg (Zoom) 4-6 pm CSA Pickup 4-4:30 pm Soup and Ashes 5-6 pm Ash Wednesday Service (YouTube)	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Session (Zoom)	<b>19</b> UPBeat Deadline 1 PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10am Worship (YouTube) 11:30 AM Coffee Break (Zoom) 4-5:30 pm Community Dinner (Driver thru) Pastor out of office	<b>22</b> Pastor out of office	<b>23</b> Pastor out of office	<b>24</b> Pastor out of office	<b>25</b> Pastor out of office	<b>26</b> UPBeat Mailing Pastor out of office	<b>27</b> Pastor out of office
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## Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Children can still "attend" Time with Children!  
During our recorded worship on YouTube, you will see **Time with Children** with Kathryn! Our next CYF meeting online is February 4th at 4:30 p.m. **at the church**.  
Contact : Rev. Kathryn Craven, CYF Ministries Director at 660-631-2788 or email [katdianna@yahoo.com](mailto:katdianna@yahoo.com), if you would like to attend and need the online meeting link.

### Notes from Kathryn

#### February for CYF

The snow plow just went by outside, but the days are starting to get longer. There is more light at least, and just in time for Lent to come and take us into darkness. I think that we all want to be in a happy land of light, but life goes up and down and changes around. For Lent I want to help the young people of this church (and maybe adults, too?) walk through these difficult patches. I have asked the children, youth, and young adults what questions they have about hard things that have happened in the last year. We will be processing through some of those difficult conversations that the pandemic (another point of conversation) has kept us from discussing in person. Just because people are young doesn't mean they lack deep thoughts and emotions. I am really looking forward to see where we go. The light and life of Easter means so much more after the journey through the dark valley and it's mess.



### PW MEETING

The Presbyterian Women meeting on February 3rd will take place online via Zoom at 10 AM. If you have no internet capabilities, please contact the church, as we still want you to be a part of it!

### Letter Ministry - A message from Susan

Dear ones,

Do you have any note paper or tablets you can send my way for my letter ministry? If so, please bring them to New Perspectives for Susan Litehiser.

Thank you very much!

Susan

### ANNUAL REPORTS

If you would like a copy of the annual report, and have not received one/are not able to access it via internet, feel free to call the Hechts (715-398-6532) and either Dean or Cathy will deliver one to you.

### CHRISTMAS BASKET THANK YOU'S

Many families who received Christmas Baskets this year have since reached out (verbally, in calls, and in letters) to thank the church for the blessing they received this Christmas. This would not have been possible without your donations, and it also would not have been possible without Diane Schmitt and all the people who helped her with all the shopping (which was no small task!), wrapping, and distributing. So again, thank you United Family, Diane Schmitt, and all the people who made this possible!

### MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission committee would like to thank everyone for the wonderful donations of mittens and hats. These were given to children in Head Start and will keep many little hands and heads warm this winter. They were very much appreciated!

We are doing a joint drive-thru Soup Supper, imposition of Ashes, and Ash Wednesday service with Pioneer Parish on February 17 here at United. From 4:00-4:30 swing by our church parking lot to grab a soup and bread dinner for you and your family as well as your ashes. Of course everyone handing out soup and placing ashes will have masks as well as plenty of hand sanitizer. Then after you swing by we will live stream our Ash Wednesday service on YouTube just like our Sunday services starting at 5:00 p.m that evening. We hope to see you there.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Brett

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers . .

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

Eleanor Upthegrove & Warren Nelson

### **SUPERIOR REHAB CENTER, Superior, WI**

Vora Lindberg (rehab after hospitalization)

### **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

John Voss



## **Hot Dish Update!**

We are so appreciative of all of the donations we have received each month, enabling us to continue this ministry thus far. It is much appreciated by many in our congregation and community. Ready to cook meals have been provided by the Hot Dish Crew on the second Sunday of each month since April. Meals have included Tater Tot, Chicken & Rice, Egg Bake, Chicken Chow Mein, Chicken Parmesan, Mac & Cheese, and more! Bread or desserts have accompanied the meals as well.

Our next meal will be Enchilada Hotdish on Sunday, February 14. **Please note, the winter pick up time will change to 3:00 pm, due to shorter daylight hours.**

As a reminder, Hot Dish meals can be reserved by UPC congregation members in advance. Please contact Christy at 218-590-8294 or email at [cwillmore.upc@gmail.com](mailto:cwillmore.upc@gmail.com).



## February BIRTHDAYS

Kara Peterson	2/2
Thomas Vosburgh	2/6
Linda Wigchers	2/7
Jason Matthias	2/10
Robert Okash	2/10
Rosa Palmer	2/11
Helen Bernacki	2/13
Ed Anderson	2/15
Betty Nickolas	2/15
Eric Schlacks	2/15
Kelsi Evenstad	2/17
Sue Goodin	2/19
Joel Johnson	2/21
Laurie Price	2/23
Bonnie Wallin	2/23
Nicholas Baker	2/24
Eileen Olson	2/24

## **General Fund**

December Income:	\$20,747.45
December Operating Expenses:	\$15,384.21
Increase in General Fund Balance:	\$5,363.24

General Fund Balance 12/31/2020	\$34,618.89
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General fund money is used for operating expenses. Salaries, utilities, supplies, and repairs are examples of operating expenses.

## **Designated Funds**

Building	\$129,009.88
Memorial	\$7,120.49
Community Dinner	\$1,008.68
Erickson Fund	\$74,608.89
UPC Mission	\$1,780.70
Special Events	\$1,677.29
Pastor Discretionary	\$2.30
Miscellaneous	\$2,047.24
Endowment Fund (restricted uses)	\$446,279.00
Designated Funds Balance	\$663,534.47

Money in the Designated Fund has been directed by the donor to be used for specific purposes. Some funds fluctuate monthly, while others change less frequently, depending on projects.



**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
**FEB. 21st, 2021 FROM 4-5:30**

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.**

**RUTH HOUSE - FEBRUARY WISH LIST**

- Men and women's deodorant
- Winter hats
- Feminine hygiene products
- Canned vegetables
- Powdered creamers and coffee



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

**THANK YOU!**

**Liturgists for February**

- February 7 - Olson Family
- February 14 - Olson Family
- February 21 - Olson Family
- February 28 - Olson Family

If you have any questions, please contact:  
 Joan Johnson, Worship Committee, 218.391.1118  
 joanmk@aol.com



**WATCH ALL WORSHIP  
 SERVICES LIVE ONLINE:**

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

**FEBRUARY MEETINGS**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Postponed indefinitely.

**OFFBEATS - PW EVENING GROUP**

Postponed indefinitely.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MEETING**

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING**

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING**

Thursday, Feb. 11th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**MISSION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, Feb. 16th, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. (Zoom)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**SESSION MEETING**

Thursday, Feb. 18th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEETING**

Tuesday, Feb. 16th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**CAREGIVER'S WORKSHOP - Postponed Indefinitely.**

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

**QUILTERS GROUP - Postponed Indefinitely.**

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

**Fellowship and Outreach**

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting and donating to the Ruth House mission.

**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 vs. mailing the weekly offering to the church, you can do so at the following link:

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

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## From the Pastor...

UPC family,

A lot of people believe Christmas is the busiest time of the year for pastors, but I'd contend that the most filled time for a pastor is January. This January in particular we have had a lot going on. We've spent a considerable amount of time in prayer over this month and the proceedings, committed several of our beloved members to the church triumphant, we are onboarding new and returning Session members, we're beginning to get to know the United group, we're planning our Ash Wednesday and Lenten services, and we're planning our leadership visioning retreat. This has all taken place in one month.

I had the opportunity to participate in an educational meeting with some leaders at UPC this last week hosted by the Board of Pensions of the PC(U.S.A). The meeting was about pastoral finances. As a relatively new minister there's a lot to learn about being a pastor and this was no exception. I know what you might be thinking but please don't check out here as this gets interesting. At the very beginning of the meeting we introduced ourselves, and then one of the questions posed was: What energizes you about church? We all responded and one of the common themes was the outreach we all participate in here at United through our community meals, baskets, and more. I responded though that while loving the mission work at United and it might be one of my favorite things we do, I get energized by B.H.A.Gs and people putting them into existence. Those are (B)ig (H)airy (A)udacious (G)oals. That's because I love equipping and empowering the people of God to follow the call of God in their lives. Your Session and staff are preparing for their virtual leadership retreat. The retreat is where we take focused time, after assessing the year past as well as anticipating the year to come to determine what it is that God has for us in terms of goals or ministry opportunities. It's an exciting time because we are always looking towards how we can be faithful to how the Spirit leads.

As we were planning for the future at Session this past month, I was reminded by one of our ruling elders, Jason Matthias that we shouldn't overcomplicate things. Sometimes the most meaningful moments are built out of "a question and fellowship" he said. He's right. We can often overcomplicate the work of God. So, as we navigate this new year and the months to come I'll leave you with a question to ask amongst your family and friends: In the year 2021, with a country very much divided and in the middle of a pandemic, what does your faith look like? Try writing the answer down or even try drawing it.

I'd love to see what you come up with.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Brett