



# Good News!



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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk  
- and his* 

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19*

As I write to you, it seems it has been raining for days. Rain, in literary parlance, is a symbol that a change is being made, and it is good. For the faithful, it also reminds us of the best change for the better-Baptism. This rain also makes me think of the happenings at the church on October 2, 2016.

The Presbytery of Northern Waters will hold a special worship service here in Ashland to celebrate the new way God is working in and through UPCC. Although the name of this service (an installation) conjures up images of other things that produce a lot of hot air (a furnace), the focus is not on the pastor or the church. We "focus on Jesus Christ with the joy and responsibility that mission and ministry bring." A way to bring that down to earth in a way we can all understand is that this is a celebration of a change in the lives of all UPCCers, the Deters family, and our community. God has brought us together to discover new ways of ministry. Together we will find new blessing, faith, and relationships. Most importantly, we celebrate this change that comes to us from God. So, we may not know exactly where this leads, but since it is from God, we know it is going to be good.

To make the day even more meaningful, it is also World Communion Sunday, the day we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all who have found hope in that name.

Change can be an anxious thing for us. But we know God is behind this change, so where ever He leads, we know it is going to be good. I invite you to come to the church for this special worship service on October 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. so that we can all "see that God is doing a new thing."

*Rev. James F. Deters*

## TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The Session has formed a Transition Committee consisting of members Pete Mann, Bob Drevlow, Katherine Swanson, Bea Hayen and Sally and Andrew MacGregor. This group will meet regularly with Pastor Jim Deters to assist him with his transition to our community and congregation. The Transition Committee is planning a series of gatherings to allow everyone in the congregation an opportunity to meet Pastor Deters in a small group setting. Someone from the Transition Committee will be contacting you with an invitation to attend one of these meet-and-greet events.



Our Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing music for the service and program. Please let Nancy know if you will sing and/or play an instrument as a group! This is our gift to our church, the more the merrier!

## FILL THE BOX

The large wicker box in the Narthex of the church is empty! Let's fill it on the second Sunday of each month. This month it is on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to worship. The children will help collect the items during the Children's Chat and bring the items to the front of the sanctuary to help fill the box. The items will be taken to The BRICK. Help us Fill the Box each second Sunday with non-perishable food items and a noisy collection of coins.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars. The 97th Annual Community Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 4th at 4 p.m.



# Where Are They Now?



How often have you thought to yourself, “I wonder what so-and-so is doing?” or I heard “this thing”, or “that thing” about so-and-so. I wonder if it’s true. Or “I’d like to contact / hear from so-and-so. I know it happens; it happens a lot.

And, if you’re like me, you may have been told about someone and just forgot!

So I’m proposing that if you have a loved one, or friend who has gone away for a while, whether to school or just moved on, let us all know (that is, if it’s okay with that person). Let us know how they’re doing, what’s the latest news, what prayers can we offer for them? After all, we are a church family, the body of Christ. Separation or distance does not change that. It’ll be a way to connect or reconnect with friends we used to see and worship with. It will be important evidence to young people that we love and care for them as they set out on their journey of adulthood and life. And, who knows, you may be a blessing to someone, just when they need it.

Just wanted to update you on a friend of mine and a daughter of our church family: Kate Dufek. As many of you know, Kate attended this church since she was born, and we all miss her greatly. But we also should be proud – she has been directed by the Spirit of God in many things, and has continued to choose to live for Jesus!

As a student at Hope College, she interned (and was put on the payroll) at a group home serving recovering alcoholic women. There she proved to be a Christian influence, mentor, and a friend. A summer job she had while in college was at a local Christian-based adventure camp, where many of our young people have had exciting and rewarding experiences. Last May she graduated from Hope College with majors in psychology and religion. She has moved to Tacoma, Washington to accept a full-time internship for the next school year with the Tacoma College Ministry at the University of Puget Sound. Her mission will be to introduce and strengthen a Chris-

tian perspective in college students; to give them an alternative answer to what the world may be telling them, and to equip them for a future of service and growth in faith. She is eager to do this...and more!

What I’m hoping is that we, as a church family, will be able to support Kate with our prayers and encouragement. You can email Kate at ([kate@lighthousecm.org](mailto:kate@lighthousecm.org)) or call (715-209-8159). And if the Holy Spirit has given you the heart to support Kate and Tacoma College Ministry financially, you can mail contributions to: Tacoma College Ministry / 902 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402 or online @ <http://lighthousecm.org/give/Direct> Donation to: INTERN.

## Webmaster Wanted

We are looking for a Webmaster to manage the church website. If you are interested please contact the church office at 715-682-3093. Thank you!



October 29<sup>th</sup>.... At 5:00 pm

**Church-wide Halloween party!**

With.... Trunk or Treat!

Dress up in your favorite costume.

Games!

Halloween treats!

Come join the fun – for all ages!

## Women's Association News

**GRANNY'S ATTIC** ... Is NO LONGER taking any donations or items. Please do not bring in items at this time. Thank you!

### **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CLUSTER**

**MEETING** On Thursday, Sept. 22, we hosted the women from our northern cluster of churches; the focus was on "Caring for God's Earth". The program on becoming an earth-care church was led by Steve Sandstrom and Rev. David Oliver Holder, both from Bayfield Presbyterian Church, which is the only certified earth-care church in our Presbytery of Northern Waters. It was interesting to learn how they came to do this, and they gave some steps for things we can do every day to help God's creation. There were approximately 35 in attendance. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with food, table settings and decorations, serving, and the program.

**GAME DAY** We hold a game day at Court Manor on the second Thursday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help residents with games. If you can help, call RoAnn Ledin at 715-292-3893

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** It's not too soon to be thinking about our major fund raiser, the annual bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, December 3. There will be crafts, candy and baked goods, along with the Tea Room. Consider helping at one of the tables or in the kitchen that day, and start working on craft items to sell.

**LAP ROBES** There are lap robe kits made up, ready to take home and sew now that summer seems to be over. These are in the cabinet in the craft room. There are also some finished for you to see how they're put together.

## FALL OUTING FOR FAMILIES

On October 16th after the fall harvest dinner, we will be visiting the Alpaca farm, going on a hayride, mini zipline, and pumpkin picking. This year I am asking families to make a small donation towards the pumpkins you pick. Brenda Rowley does a great job hosting this event for us. This is just a small token of our appreciation to her. If anyone is interested in bring a snack for this event, please let Jill Zifko know 715-682-0140

## Youth Group News and Events

After receiving ideas from youth, considering other community and area events, and consulting with Pastor Jim, these are the likely October happenings for the SNL (Sunday Night Live) high school youth group. Please be aware that schedule changes might be made, depending on weather and other factors.

### **Sunday October 2nd, 2016**

SNL will happen at UPCC from 7-9 pm. The main focus will be group work and team building. This is an important Sunday, please encourage participation. Thank you.

### **Sunday October 9th, 2016**

We will be taking an excursion to Bayfield for AppleFest. Because of this, we will meet in the afternoon and not at the normal 7-9 pm time. Depending on youth participation, a few drivers may be necessary. Current drivers include Pastor Jim and Allison.

### **Saturday October 15th and Sunday October 16th, 2016**

We will be volunteering at the Whistlestop on Saturday during the day. Times and location will be communicated. This will be a great community service opportunity, as well as a chance to experience a local race and encourage participants. On Sunday: the harvest dinner will take place following the church service. It will feature many excellent and local dishes. During Sunday school, high schoolers will work together to prepare something for the church congregation. It will be made of mainly garden fresh vegetables.

### **Sunday October 23rd, 2016**

On this Sunday, we will go on an outdoor adventure (weather depending). We will enjoy time in nature and appreciate God's creation while hiking. We will meet earlier in the day so as to not have to travel by moonlight.

### **Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>**

This weekend is very important for youth, families, and interested church family members. We will be making delicious, homemade Bayfield apple pies. This is normally our most successful fundraiser that benefits youth and youth programming. Saturday: we will most likely begin at 9:00 am and hope to finish not too late in the afternoon (depending on volunteer participation). I would guess we will be done before 4:00 pm. Sunday: the youth will be helping sell the delicious apple pies following the church service (during coffee hour). We will also need help with set-up and clean-up.



## Member Profile

*Jim Fridsma*



I was born in Willard, Ohio and grew up in a little town, Celeryville, about 4 miles away. Though there were only about 225 people living there, it was a great place to grow up. I had a lot of relatives there, cousins by the dozens. Everybody knew, and they believed in the idea that it takes a village to raise a child: You couldn't get away with anything without the whole town knowing about it! I went to a Christian school for my first eight years, graduating from 8th grade with eight other kids. We had a large class. The class before and after me only had four kids each.

My dad was a mail carrier before I was born, but I only knew him to be a carpenter/handyman. He had some rental property that he took care of. He also was the church and school treasurer off and on for years. He was the church synod treasurer for years also, and he was the school custodian. My mom was a registered nurse at Willard Hospital. She worked in the OB department for more than 25 years, helping deliver many generations of babies. Both my parents were very active in the community, helping wherever they were needed. They were also very strong in the church and school; they were very loving and wonderful parents.

I went to Willard High School for my first two years of high school, and then I went to Pioneer Joint

Vocational School for the final two years, taking the carpenter course. In my junior year, we built 12 x 24 yard sheds. We had four-man crews and we couldn't use any power tools. In my senior year, we built a 2000 square-foot house with a basement. It was the best two years of my school career.

I started working when I was 11 years old. My first job was working for my grandpa during the summer. He had nine greenhouses, seven full of tomatoes and two of cucumbers. I had to water everything plus paint the greenhouses. A big and dangerous job for an 11 year-old kid, especially doing the roofs. It was a job all of us grandkids did, the boys anyway. When I was 13, I went to work for Holthouse Brothers. They were one of three families that had big vegetable farms on the edge of town. We shipped produce to the East Coast as well as Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, and other cities around the country. After high school, I went to Ripon, CA to work as a carpenter building houses. I was only there for one year before I came back to Ohio to work as a carpenter. In 1982, I joined the Navy for about 5 1/2 years. I moved to northern Wisconsin in 1988 and had a few odd jobs early on. I worked for Brule River Builders about 10 years then started my own cabinet business in 2011. My best job has been working in my own shop building kitchen cabinets and furniture. Right now, I am also working for the Duluth School District as a custodian.

I have a wonderful wife, Anna, for 30 years now, and two great kids, Tim and Kim. Tim is in Rhinelander, WI, working as a welder for the Air Pro Company. Kim is finishing up college at Colorado State University--Fort Collins, studying to be a civil engineer. Both Tim and Kim have been wearing hearing aids since they were very young, but they did not let that hold them back in any way. They both have gone on to do well. Kim was diagnosed with MS a couple years ago, but is doing well at school and in life in general.

My hobbies include bird watching, photography, and bicycling. In the summer of 2007, I rode my bike from Oregon to North Carolina and again, in 2010, I rode my bike from Washington to Maine. I had a great time and would do it again in a heartbeat.

Religion has always been a big part of my life. God has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My parents raised us kids to be as good as we could be. I hope I passed that on to my kids as well. I've learned that life isn't always fair. Bloom where you are planted. Pedal on!

**KEYS PLEASE:** If you have a key to the church building that you are NOT using, please return to the church office. We would very much appreciate un-used keys being returned. Thank you

### Thank you to our 2016-17 Sunday school teachers!

3-5 year-olds  
Kindergarten  
2nd & 3rd Grade  
4th & 5th Grade  
6th & 7th Grade  
8th - High School

Julie McKuen & Seija Anderson  
Anna Fridsma  
Cheryl Drevlow  
Becky Deters  
Chuck Whiting  
Allison Radke

### COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT

group will be offered beginning Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016; Regional Hospice is offering this 6-week grief support series for adults who have experienced the death of someone in their lives. The group will meet every Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm at the church; please use the handicap-accessible entrance on Vaughn Avenue. Anyone seeking a safe, supportive environment following loss is welcome to attend. If interested, please contact Regional Hospice at 715-685-5151 for more information.



## The Pony Express Rides Again!

This fall will be the second year of the church using the “Pony Express” program for our financial stewardship campaign, which starts Sunday, November 6th, when the Pony Express “run” gets underway. The Pony Express method relies heavily on teamwork because church members along a local “trail” receive the saddle bags from one neighbor and within 24 hours carry them to the next neighbor on their trail. Last year was the first year of the campaign, and we soon learned that some members had moved without notifying the church of their new address.

The physical process of carrying bags provided a membership “check-up” allowing the entire church membership to become familiar with church members who live in their neighborhoods.

Kathrine Swanson will head the campaign as “General Manager” of the Pony Express. Under her guidance will be “Station Agents” who will each supervise five “Trail Bosses.”

Each “Trail Boss” will oversee a neighborhood Pony Express Route composed of ten or eleven homes. In turn, each family will be asked to become a “Route Rider” in turn by relaying a pair of “saddlebags” to a nearby family, after receiving the “saddlebag” in their home from another family on their “trail.” There will be a total of 17 trails. You will receive the “saddlebag” containing stewardship reading materials, an estimate-of-giving card, a time-and-talent survey, and envelopes. After reading the material and instructions, you will fill in the estimate-of-giving card and surveys; after filling them out, seal them in an envelope and insert the envelope in the “saddlebag.” Then you will be asked to hand-carry the “saddlebag” to the next family listed on the list. You should then contact your “Trail Boss” to let him or her know that the bags were delivered to the next family.

You will be able to make your decision about your giving to God through our church in the privacy of your own home, without another member of the church present to solicit your response. The envelopes will be opened only by those authorized by the church to record pledges and financial matters. The time-and-talent surveys will be shared with those people who help with the ministries of the church.

The Pony Express theme was chosen because of the example set by the highly dedicated riders of the original Pony Express. In addition to their personal commitment, the secret of their success lay in their ability to work as a team – each rider dependent on the other to make the relay system work and speed the mail on to its next destination.

Likewise the success of United Presbyterian Congregational Church depends on the dedication, commitment, and teamwork of us all, with God’s help. Be alert for other messages along the trail as the Pony Express prepares to ride again!



# OCTOBER NEWS

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## Happy Birthday!

## Worship Teams



- Oct. 1: Craig Shanks & Paula Stoudt
- Oct. 3: Kaylee Smart
- Oct. 4: Bella Roman
- Oct. 6: John Gilbert, Randy Hanson, Randy Hanson Sr,  
Rebecca Jones, Paschal Hammond, Greg Lesneski
- Oct. 7: Elias Schue & Eric Morud
- Oct. 8: Ben Cogger, Hannah Zeis, Ethan Perry & Ben Drevlow
- Oct. 9: John Moore & Trevor Hmielewski
- Oct. 11: Elise Bratley
- Oct. 12: Chuck Whiting, Kaylee McPeak & Camryn Bressette
- Oct. 13: Sharon Handy
- Oct. 14: Collin Bretting, Ethan Schutte
- Oct. 15: Jane Kulbacki
- Oct. 16: Ernie Spangle & Tommy Cogger
- Oct. 18: Dan Heisler, Bill Bissell, Bill Bissell Jr & Darrell  
Robertson
- Oct. 19: Lois Spangle
- Oct. 20: Jim Trojanowski
- Oct. 23: James Green, Sally MacGregor & Gloria Friesen
- Oct. 24: Thomas Whiting
- Oct. 27: Brian Joyal, Jenna Dykstra & Christina Sauer
- Oct. 28: Lynn Adams & Robert Erickson
- Oct. 29: Leah Mann & Jill Engleman
- Oct. 30: Paul Van Pernis & Mary Zinnecker
- Oct. 31: Terri Stuart & Becky Brown

### LAY READERS:

- 10/2 Victoria York
- 10/9 Clyde Eilo
- 10/16 Seth Johnson
- 10/23 Kay Despard
- 10/30 Anne Wickman

### USHERS:

- 10/2 Paul Schue, Roxanna Turner, Leo & Eli
- 10/9 YOUTH
- 10/16 Jim & Anna Fridsma
- 10/23 MacGregor Family
- 10/30 Jim & Evie Roguski

### CHILDREN's CHAT:

- 10/2 Pat Sheils
- 10/9 Pastor Jim
- 10/16 Pastor Jim
- 10/23 Katherine or Aaron Swanson
- 10/30 Pastor Jim

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

- 10/2 Rick & Sheila Korpela
- 10/9 Jim & Evie Roguski
- 10/16 HARVEST dinner pot-luck
- 10/23 John & Sheila Urling
- 10/30 Radke Family

### BAKERS:

- 10/2 RoAnne Ledine & Karen Kay
- 10/9 Kate Bernardo & Cindy Beilfuss
- 10/16 HARVEST POTLUCK
- 10/23 Dani Penney-Edwards & Cheryl Drevlow
- 10/30 Pam Griggs & Jim & Anna Fridsma

### RECORDERS

- 10/2 Chuck Gottschall
- 10/9 Bruce Beilfuss
- 10/16 Dick Whitten
- 10/23 Jim Roguski
- 10/30 John Urling



***Please fill out a name tag when you enter church on Sunday mornings.***

*Beautiful Fall Colors are God's handiwork.... Get outside and enjoy.*

# October Calendar

**Standing Meetings** for out of facility groups: 1) Wednesdays Noon: AA group meets in lounge / 2) Wednesdays in Dining room from Noon to 2 pm: Ceramics Class for disabled adults /3) Sundays at 7:00 pm – NA group meet in lounge.

## **OCTOBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR:**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9:15 am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am worship with communion  
4:00 pm: Installation Service for Pastor Jim Deters  
7:00 pm – SNL / Activity:  
7:30 pm – Gregorian Chant in Sanctuary

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9:00 am – Music practice in Sanctuary  
3:30-4:45 – Violin Lessons in Ed Wing  
6 pm set up & 6:30-8 pm – Northland College Concert

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 Music practice  
3:30-4:45: Violin lessons in Ed wing  
5 pm – Facilities & Grounds Meeting  
6-7 pm – Chapel: music session

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** 10:15 & 1:45 pm – Pastor Jim @ Nursing Homes  
1:30 pm – Women’s Canasta in Dining Room  
5-6:30 pm – Middle School youth  
6:15 pm – Nancy & Marian practice  
7:00 pm – Choir

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** 7 am – Men’s Bible Study  
5-7:45 – Violin Lessons in Ed wing  
6:00-7:30 pm – Hospice Grief Group meet in Lower Lounge

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 pm – Nancy Dufek meets with Salem  
Wedding party

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** 6 pm – Set up / 7: pm – Independent Chamber concert with reception to follow

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship – NOISY COIN SUNDAY  
7 pm – SNL meet  
7:30 pm – Gregorian Chant in Sanctuary

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Music practice in Sanctuary  
3:30-4:45 pm – Violin lessons in Ed wing

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 pm – Music practice in Sanctuary  
3:30-4:45 Violin lessons in Ed Wing  
4 pm – Stewardship Meeting  
6-7 pm Chapel music practice

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** 10 am Music practice in Sanctuary  
2:00 pm – Halloween card/invite making for kids in Ed Wing  
5-6:30 pm Middle school youth  
5:30 pm – Wednesday night dinner  
6:15 pm – Nancy & Marian practice  
7:00 pm – Choir

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** 1:30 pm – GAME DAY at Court Manor  
5-7 pm Violin practice in Ed wing  
6:30 pm – Grief Support Group meet in Lower Lounge

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** 9:15 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship with HARVEST Dinner to follow worship (pot luck)  
7:00pm – SNL – Activity  
7:30 pm – Gregorian Chant in Sanctuary

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** 9 am – Music practice in Sanctuary  
1 pm – Mary Martha meet in dining room  
3:30-4:45 pm – Violin lessons in Ed Wing  
7:00 pm – Deborah Circle at Marian Penn’s

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 music practice in Sanctuary  
3:30-4:45 pm Violin Lessons in Ed wing  
5:30-6:30 pm DAISY Scouts in Youth room  
6-7 pm – Chapel music practice

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** 10 am music practice in Sanctuary  
1 pm – Women’s Canasta in Dining room  
5:30 pm – SESSION Meeting  
5-6:30 pm – Middle School youth meet  
6:15 pm – Nancy & Marian practice  
7 pm – Choir

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** 7 am – Men’s Bible Study in Lower lounge  
5-7:45 pm – Violin Lessons in Ed Wing  
6-7:30 pm – Grief Support Group meeting in Lower Lounge

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** Wedding Rehearsal at 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm  
Rehearsal Dinner

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 2:30 pm WEDDING  
7:30 pm - Chamber Concert (Zeitgeist Ensemble)

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9:15 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship  
7:00 pm – SNL: Activity  
7:30 pm – Gregorian Chant in Sanctuary

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** 9 am – Music practice in Sanctuary  
3:30-4:45 pm – Violin lessons in Ed Wing

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 pm – Music practice in Sanctuary  
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm – Violin Lessons in Ed Wing  
6-7 pm – Music practice in Chapel

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** 10 am Music practice in Sanctuary  
5:00-6:30 pm – Middle school youth meet.....  
5:30 pm - Wednesday Night dinner  
6:15 pm – Nancy & Marian practice  
7 pm – Choir

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 pm – Meet & Greet with Deters Family at Hilts  
5:00-7:45 pm – Violin lessons in Ed Wing  
6-7:30 pm – Grief Support Group meet in Lower lounge

**October 28<sup>th</sup>** Pastor Jim at Presbytery Meeting in Brainard, Minnesota until 29th

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 pm – church-wide Halloween celebration

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** 9:15 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship

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**Information for the church newsletter.** Please forward your information for the November issue of *Good News!* to Kate.uppc@gmail.com by Oct. 22nd.



Ben Cogger

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