

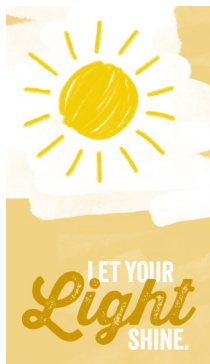
JUNE 2025



Theresa Reed 6/5
Judy Fowler-Morris 6/8
Chelsea Miller 6/13
Bert Lanstra 6/16

Joe and Lynne 6/24

If your Birthday or Anniversary is missing, incorrect, or if you do not wish to have it posted in the Newsletter please contact the UCPC Office.



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UCPC Community Care Line

"Alive in Christ, we invite all to faith in Jesus Christ and growth in Discipleship through Word, Prayer, and Service."

A Note from the Pastor

This is my fourth summer living in Fairbanks. It hasn't yet stopped being stunning, surprising, and totally awesome to look to the north at 11:30pm and see the sun peeking out over the roof of our neighbor's home. This month we get to celebrate the summer solstice, an extra special occasion here, that is wonderfully marked and cherished by many fun events. The summer solstice though, can also be a chance for us to reflect theologically - to reflect with a mindset of studying God.

The sun is always "up" right now! Even if there are clouds blocking our direct experience of it, the sun is lighting up the sky. Whether it's from directly above or from somewhere directly in our line of sight, the sun is present and here. Just as at all times of the day and night we are experiencing the sun's presence right now, so too can we be reminded of The Son's presence at all times with us as well. God the Son is always above the horizons of our lives, always present and illuminating our lives, and always - even if He's obscured by clouds from our line of sight - watching and shining down on us.

A gift of watching the sun "set" in the north is that it can remind us that The Son - God the Son - doesn't always show up in the expected or usual places either. We know we meet God in the sacraments - Communion and Baptism - but God meets us in other surprising places and ways too. The elementary school textbooks, written by people in other parts of the world, teach us that the sun always rises in the east and sets in the west. And even if we understand the science of why that isn't the case up here, it can still be surprising to see the sun setting in a different location than it's "supposed to."

My prayer for you this month is that you see The Son in surprising new places and in inspiring new ways too. May the God who illumines our lives and our world show up in your life in unexpected ways, yet also be tangibly present with you, just as the sun is with us in this season.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Erika

MOVING FORWARD

On the front of the May newsletter, the “Note From the Session” described an upcoming time for you, the congregation, to tell us a bit more about your thoughts and dreams for the future of UCPC. The session will do our best to capture, summarize, and make use of these hopes and dreams as we move forward toward pastoral leadership for years to come. The fancy name for this is a “Sanctified Imagination Exercise,” but it’s really just a time for us to talk about what God has placed on our hearts.

As part of the Pentecost worship service June 8, Pastor Erika will be helping us begin the exercise of collective dreaming and imagining in the wake of the Holy Spirit’s descent upon the Church. The following Sunday, June 15, we will have Worship on the Porch with stations (much like last year) that will guide us in exploring different ways to pray and the themes of the Sanctified Imagination Exercise. Then, it’s time for barbeque fellowship! There will be opportunities for both written and spoken responses.

To prime your spiritual pump, here are the prompts this exercise places before us:

Imagine UCPC in 5 years as a healthy vibrant community of faith. What do you see in this picture? What was added to bring health and vibrancy? What needed to change or be let go?

Imagine UCPC in 5 years with a committed pastor in this vibrant new season. What do you see in this picture? What are some characteristics of our pastor that helped us reach this season of health and vitality?

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Mission and Vision Statement – 2025

MISSION

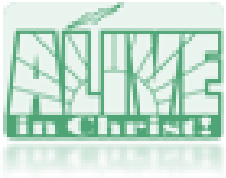
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VISION

To accomplish this Mission, we will:

1. Faithfully share and teach the good news of Jesus Christ to ourselves, our neighbors, and the world.
2. Joyfully worship and praise God with various styles of music, prayer, and teaching.
3. Study scripture, guided by the Holy Spirit, incorporating lessons learned into our daily lives.
4. Through Christ, serve people inside and outside our church building by sharing our time, talents, and resources.
5. Provide a loving, caring, and supportive community, so all may experience an abundant life of hope, peace, and joy.

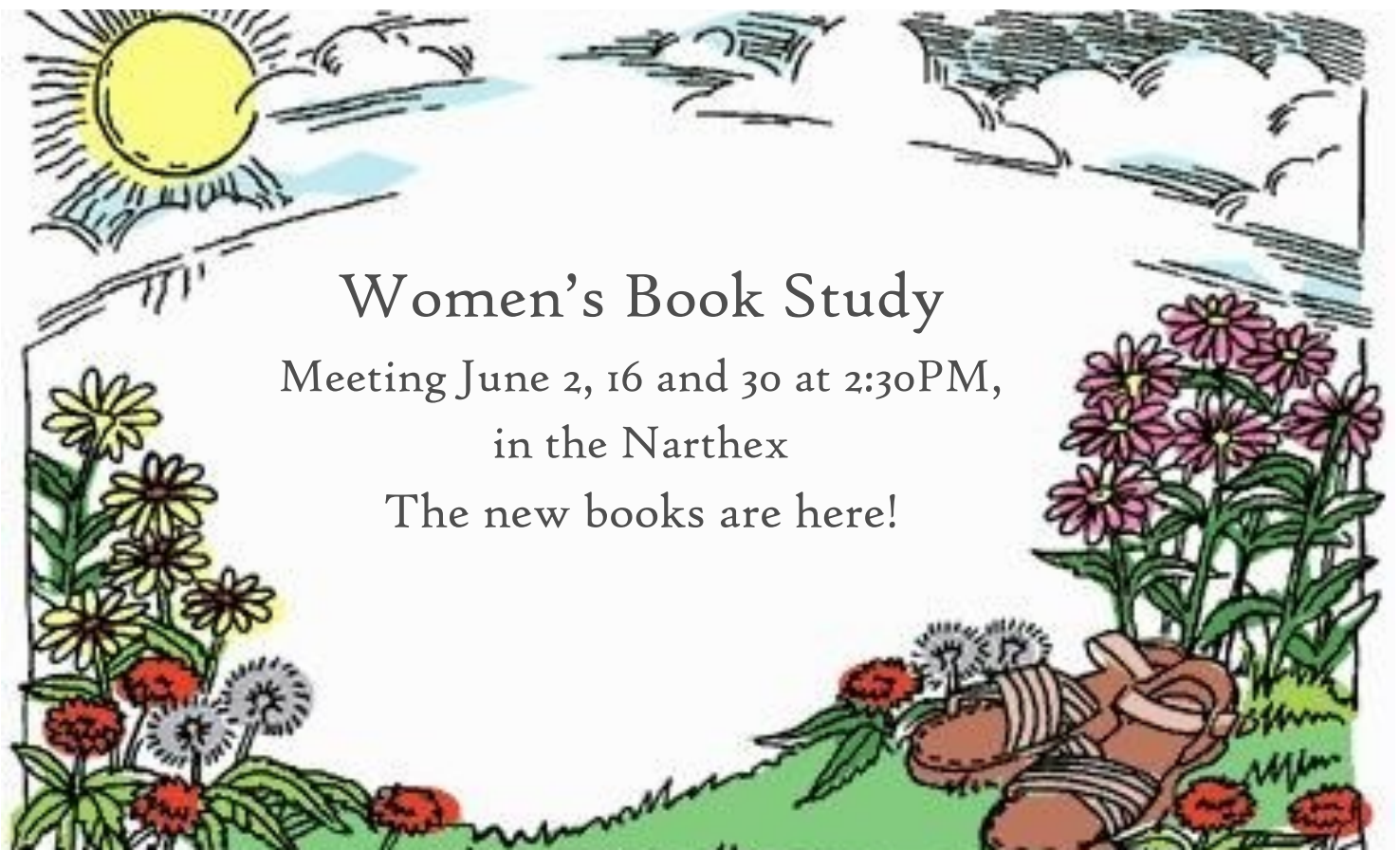
Adopted by the UCPC Session February 27, 2025



June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am - 11:30am <u>Worship Service (S)</u> 2:00pm - 4:00pm <u>Grace Church (S)</u> 6:00pm - 7:00pm 12 Step (MR)	2 10:00am - 12:00pm PHH (CE) 11:00am - 5:00pm Laurie Long (HS) 12:00pm - 6:00pm Cello Charly (MR) 2:30-3:30pm <u>Women's Bible Study (N)</u> 5:15pm - 6:00pm Sound Team (S) 6:00pm - 9:30pm Grace Church (HS)	3 6:30am - 7:30am <u>Men's Bible Study (N)</u> 10:00am - 12:00pm PHH (CE) 12:00pm - 6:00pm Cello Charly (MR) 6:30pm - 8:00pm <u>Boy Scouts (CE)</u> 6:30pm - 9:00pm Great Land Sounds (MR) 8:00pm - 10:00pm 12 Step AA (L)	4 11:00am - 5:00pm Laurie Long (HS) 12:00pm - 6:00pm Cello Charly (MR) 5:30pm - 6:45pm <u>Choir Practice (MR)</u> 6:00pm - 7:00pm <u>Girl Scouts (L)</u> 6:00pm - 9:00pm Red Hackle Pipe Band (CE)	5 11:00am - 4:30pm Cello Charly (MR) 5:15pm - 7:00pm <u>Deacons Meeting (CR)</u> 5:30pm - 6:30pm 12 Step (HS) 6:00pm - 9:30pm Grace Church (MR & FH Classrooms) 6:30pm - 9:00pm Sweet Adelines (CE Basement)	6 2:00pm - 4:00pm <u>Four Winds (MR)</u> 6:30pm - 9:30pm <u>Grace Church (MR)</u> 8:00pm - 10:00pm 12 Step NA (L)	7 1st Pres of Neena, WI - Youth Work Group (FH/FHclassrooms/K) 1:00pm - 4:00pm D & D (FH Classroom)
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Women's Book Study

Meeting June 2, 16 and 30 at 2:30PM,

in the Narthex

The new books are here!

The minutes of the May 2025 Session meeting will be sent out in a separate email, along with the various committee reports . This is a temporary change!

The June minutes will be in the July newsletter, as usual.



Worship on the Porch

Trinity Sunday

Fathers' Day

JUNE 15, 2025

BBQ Potluck following
the service.



June 8—13—1st Presbyterian of Neena, WI
Youth Work Group visit

June 8—Pentecost Sunday

June 14—Jerry McBeath memorial at Botanical
Garden

June 15—Worship on the Porch/Trinity Sun-
day/Fathers' Day—BBQ & Potluck

June 20—NEWSLETTER CONTENT DEAD-
LINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER!

June 26—Penelope's baptism at Fairbanks Lu-
theran

July 4—Office Closed

July 13—U-pick peonies and potluck picnic at
Illingworths'

July 14-25—FSAF

July 25- August 8—Pastor Erika gone
(tentative)

July 28-August 14—Melissa gone

August 8—Back to School Blessing

August 8—Special Congregational Meeting

August 27—Quarterly Planning Meeting

Building and Grounds Update

During Cleanup Day, much progress was made. The list of accomplishments includes washing windows, picking up trash, washing the exterior of the building, and organizing the Narthex.

The Building Stewards arranged for some trees to be cut down. The trees were selected based on safety considerations and the potential for simplifying snow removal in the winter. The logs will be donated to HelpingAK for firewood and the wood chips will be used on the prayer garden paths.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Bierer

The American Foundation For Suicide Prevention Out of Darkness Walk will happen Sept. 20, 2025, instead of during June. Think about joining me then to support Suicide Prevention education and research.

Thank you,
Kathy Dohner



Starting the week of June 8, Melissa will be in the office from 8-1, Monday—Thursday. The office will be closed Fridays throughout the summer.

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Pat Babcock ('25)	978-7187	Hospitality, Fellowship and Membership
Matthew Bierer ('25)	474-0106	Building Stewards; Mission and Outreach
Jim Durst ('26)	590-9024	Worship
Paula Long ('26)	687-7444	Personnel
Roger Smith ('26)	322-2595	Finance; Nominating
Marji Illingworth ('27)	378-2138	Faith Development

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Judy Fowler-Morris ('26)	388-5629	President
Carol Nielsen ('25)	388-8154	
Sarah Lanstra ('25)	378-3929	
Marijo Larson ('26)	322-9425	
Janet Johnson ('27)	687-7148	
Lynn Krizek ('27)	460-4293	

Worship Service Leaders

Matthew Bierer	Video Manager
Kathy Dohner	Organist/Pianist
Curtis McNeill	Sound Manager
Theresa Reed	Choir Director

