



# Spreading the Word

## United Presbyterian Church June 2017

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Not pictured: Jacee Stapp and Caleb Bex

### June Highlights

Youth Mission Trip June 2-11  
Pentecost June 4  
PW Annual Gathering June 7

Saturday Kitchen (us) June 17  
Flag Repair Day (Sewing Group) June 19  
Crew Car Wash June 30



*“But he himself (Elijah) went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “ 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:4a*

Elijah, a prophet of God, wasn’t sick with some incurable disease. Elijah wasn’t wasting away from hunger. Nor was he wounded on some battle field. Elijah was dejected. You see he had been faithful to God in thick and thin, during good times and bad times. He had been faithful to his calling as a prophet, sharing the hard words of spiritual renewal with those around him. He had just passed an enormous test of his faith, besting the prophets of Baal on the top of Mt Carmel. But now he was dejected and depressed, sitting alone in the wilderness, praying that God would let him off the hook.

It is hard being the church of Jesus in a world that is always changing. It is difficult to be a church that is always working hard to: tell the story of Jesus, find faithful expressions of worship, care for the most vulnerable of people, support one another, and pass along the faith to a new generation. Sometimes it seems we would like to be like Elijah and run away from it all or throw our hands up in the air and say aloud, ‘I give up!’ Maybe you already have.

When the Session met in May we took time to breathe, to reflect on these last 6 months and to take a moment to think about the things that we had to celebrate. The list was pretty impressive. Session members talked about the Sanctuary Project, the new staff that have been hired, all the volunteers who make things happen, mission (HACAP, Saturday Kitchen, Ashland Kansas, Youth going to South Carolina), the youth and children’s programs that just kept going, the new website, and working together as a team.

I wonder what you would say. What are the things that you would celebrate as you think about the last 6 months?

Elijah, after crying out to God, the Book of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings tells us, took the time for rest. Then, “The angel of the Lord touched Elijah and said, ‘Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you.’ Elijah looked and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank, then he went in the strength of food, forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mountain of God.”

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## SANCTUARY PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to those of you who are supporting the Sanctuary Project. Through your support \$161,243 has been raised in gifts and pledges. This project is an investment in our future but more importantly a demonstration of our faith. See, what we do reflects what we believe and having chosen to undertake the Sanctuary Project, it says that we believe that worship- in its various forms- is important and that communicating the good news of God’s love in Jesus to future generations is significant to this community of faith.

If you haven’t made a pledge or gift, please prayerfully consider making one. Every gift or pledge makes a difference. The goal is \$265,000. We need your help!

Thanks again for your gifts, pledges, and prayers as we continue to live out our faith through the Sanctuary Project.

Thanks – The Sanctuary Project Fundraising Team.

Emily Burroughs	Scott Lujan
David Bruns	Randy Fehr
Terry Anderson	Pastor Bill
Angie Schluetter	Mary Lou Saforek
Steve Liebe	





## From the Music Director...

The seasons are changing again. We can always feel it in the air. One day is warm and sunny, and the next day is chilly and damp. Here in Iowa, changing from winter to spring is a big deal. It usually means putting away the clothes we've been wearing for winter, and bringing out the clothes we'll likely be needing for spring and summer. It means changing the thermostat from heating to cooling. It means different activities more suited for the outdoors. It means longer days and beautiful evenings.

Over the years, I noticed that instead of having slower, more relaxed schedules during summer, we now seem to ramp up from really busy during the rest of the year to more of a chaotic frenzy during the summer.

A friend of mine once told me that they didn't attend worship during the summer, because they were always too busy going here and there and enjoying summer activities. We see this happening to some degree during the summer months here at UPChurch, too. There are always more empty pews after schools dismiss for summer vacation.

Please don't get me wrong. Vacations are fun, and they are much needed after working hard all year. It's good, and it's healthy to get away and get our minds off work for a time. A change of scenery is always great therapy.

I hope we don't get too busy this summer to continue attending worship either at 8:00, 10:30 or 5:00. I hope we don't get too busy to continue our volunteer work we enjoy all year long. And, I hope we don't get too busy to have time, that really important time, to spend with our awesome God this summer.

See you in worship!



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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY!

Bonnie Bannister will be teaching a 4 week church school class this summer on biblical prophecy. The class will meet in the library starting June 11th at 9am. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Bonnie with any questions 319-461-1019



Please do not flip the switch to hold open the automatic doors. If you must flip them, please remember to switch them back. When they are not switched back, they stay open and put strain on the doors, which could potentially damage the doors in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cuddeback 319-653-4789



## From the Director of Youth....

It is certainly true that transitions can be difficult, for all involved parties. Getting to know new faces, learning the ropes, acclimating to a different leader and the style that leader brings, etc. With that being said I have to say that my transition has been pretty easy. One reason for that (probably the primary reason for that) is because there has been an incredible team of volunteers that have been working diligently all year long to hold things together and to keep the ministries functioning in the temporary absence of a staff person overseeing Christian Education. This congregation is blessed to have such a team of devoted volunteers and I am thankful for all that they have done to keep things running so smoothly.

### Don't be surprised to receive a note from Flocknote.

In the interest of better communication, we are now using Flocknote. Flocknote is a program specifically designed to help churches communicate with its members and is a great way of getting information out to everyone. Flocknote sends messages via text and/or email - you are able to choose which you prefer. If you want to sign up, just text the keyword 'upwash' to the number 84576, or see Jared if you have any questions.



### INSIDE OUT MISSION TRIP

30 youth and adults will load up on Friday, June 2nd to begin their trip to Sumter, SC. The group will work with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to rebuild homes that were damaged by the 2016 floods. They will be sleeping in Manning, SC and traveling to Sumter, SC to work for the day. The group will return on Sunday, June 11th.

Please keep Inside Out and the leaders in your prayers! Thanks again for your generosity. Without a supportive congregation we wouldn't be able to do this!!



### Lost & Found

Lost articles can be claimed in the coat rack area across the hall from the Women's bathroom.



Articles for the July/August newsletter are due Thursday, June 22nd





## Youth News ...

### Summer Crew 2017:

### Living on the Edge

Who's invited? All youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade to those finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
What will we be doing?

June 16<sup>th</sup>: Serving at the UP Home and playing at Lake Darling (8am - 4pm)

June 30<sup>th</sup>: Car Wash @ the church (2-5pm)

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Tubing on the Maquoketa (7:30am - 5:30pm)

August 4<sup>th</sup>: Serving at the Ronald McDonald House and TBA (8am - 4pm)

Where do we meet? In the youth room at UP Church.

Is there anything else? Yup! We have t-shirts! Just sign up by calling the office (653-6588) or stopping by and you will get a t-shirt (t-shirts are on a first come first served basis, so sign up early to ensure that you get one!).

**\*\*\*To be able to participate in a Crew Summer Event you need to sign up the Tuesday before EACH event as well as fill out ONE activity waiver for the entire summer.\*\*\***

### Ed Tinnes Scholarships



Each year youth from this church who are graduating from high school are awarded scholarships to help them prepare as they head off to college. We are blessed to currently have 3 different scholarships that seniors can apply for. One of those scholarships is the Ed Tinnes Memorial Scholarship.

Ed Tinnes was an active member of this church and the Pathfinder Sunday School class. Ed grew up on the family farm with his parents and sisters, and both farm and family were an important part of his life. He loved every aspect of agriculture and was an avid collector of model agricultural equipment. At the time of his death Ed had collected over 300 toy tractors. One of the activities that Ed really enjoyed was attending toy implement shows, where he enjoyed the people, tractors, jackets, hats, and belt buckles. Ed had a good heart, many friends, and a great sense of humor.

Ed died as the result of a rare form of cancer in May 1997, this scholarship was established in his honor by the Pathfinder Sunday School Class in October of 1997. The recipients this year, 2017 (the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ed's passing), are Quinn Buckingham, Jack Carter, and Sarah Miles. If you have any questions, please contact Jared Long at [upwashyouth@gmail.com](mailto:upwashyouth@gmail.com)

Do you need a ride to church, to a doctor's appointment, or another errand?? Our Board of Deacons driver volunteers can assist you in this way. Just give Sally Graves a call at: 319-653-6400 and she will work with you so it can happen! Helping one another is what we want to do!





## The Kingdom Kids

The Kingdom Kids have ended their school year as of May 25th! We were blessed to have 16 children in total for the school year, including six 3 year olds, nine 4 year olds, and one 5 year old.

The kids enjoyed a beautiful day at Sunset Park where they had a picnic lunch and played on the playgrounds.

We celebrated our summer birthdays on the last day of school with yummy treats!

The kids left us with a bag full of their pictures, journals, name cards, yearly projects, and a book that was given to each child from Brenda and Ariana. We will miss them greatly and wish all the best for them!

We still have lots of openings for preschool next fall. If you know of interested families, please have them call Brenda Miles at [319-461-4327](tel:319-461-4327) or the church. Remember that four year olds attend tuition free, so as you meet families this summer, please let them know. Thank you for your prayers and support. Please Like/Share our Facebook page.

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## Want to be Part of our Church E-Mail Prayer Chain?

All are welcome to be a part of this group who request prayers or uplift folks in need of prayers.

To request a prayer for someone, (with the permission of that individual) contact the church office or Mary Atwood at 653-5868 or at [maryjoyatwood@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoyatwood@gmail.com) with your request.

If you would like to be notified when prayers are needed, contact the church office or Mary with your email address.

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The Board of Deacons would like to thank the following people for delivering meals on meals:

Mary Atwood  
Billie Bruns  
Amy Bruner  
Diana Henry  
Kathy Hunt  
Julie Mangold  
Terry Mangold  
Marde McConnell  
John Thorne



Our church will be in charge of delivering meals again in November. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Hunt (653-6379)



The Feed & Read  
Book Club will be  
on vacation in  
June and July!

## LOCAL MISSION FOCUS

Local mission has been busy working on many projects. Every month we try and spotlight something that we have been working on. Please read the articles and help us with all the opportunities that we have available to help others. We have been blessed by God with so many things and He would like us to give back to others that are not as blessed as we are.

Habitat for Humanity has a build this summer in Riverside. Please watch the bulletin for more details. Last year we assisted with painting in Wellman. HACAP we have packed over 110 boxes and have applied and received a \$1000 grant from the Presbytery for HACAP food and gift cards for fresh meat. Several families in our church have helped 9 HACAP families in providing Christmas gifts to their families. Family Connection provides education to parents with young children on how to parent. They provide diapers as an incentive to come to their parenting classes. We provided over 40 packages of diapers and wipes to them. Several from our church volunteered for Salvation Army bell ringing. They received \$15,000 in donations this year. The mitten tree provides warm to children that otherwise would not be able to stay warm outside. We were able to give over 100 scarves, hats and mittens to those children. We worked with 10,000 villages which is a fair trade organization this Christmas raising more than \$2100. We had a volunteer day at the UP Home to assist those who cannot do spring work themselves. The average age assisted was 91 yrs.

These are several of the projects that the local mission committee has worked on this year. Please remember that God has richly blessed us. Let us spread our love to others.



Marjorie McArtor  
April 20, 2017

Donald Patterson  
May 3, 2017

Lawrence Robison  
May 7, 2017

## Session Update

An inspection of the stained glass windows in the church sanctuary revealed that the three side panels are in need of some repair. The Session has approved the work be done by Glass Heritage of Davenport, Iowa. The work will not begin until February 2018.

On behalf of the Session I want to acknowledge and thank all the faithful people who give their time, talent and skills (often behind the scenes) doing work that is so important to our Church.

You are wonderful and we thank you.

*Connect with us on Facebook:*



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Annual Gathering  
Wednesday June 7th  
9:30am-12pm

Circle 4 June 14, 9:15 am  
UP Home, Campbell Room  
Hostess: Jane Cuddeback  
Study: Jane Cuddeback  
Devotions: Jane Cuddeback

## Church Family News . . . just so you know!

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(Feel free to turn “news” into Jessica)

Congratulations to all of our church family, graduating seniors! Thank you for your many gifts shared over the years and for your energy and enthusiasm, as you’ve shared your faith. We’re grateful to each one of you and we know God will continue to bless you as you “move on.” We pray you will remember that God will be with you always, guiding and protecting you each day of your life.

Thank you to all the kids and youth, little ones through high school, who participated in the Youth Sunday service. Your efforts were greatly appreciated – worshipful and inspirational. Thank you also to the adults who took time to plan and coordinate that special service, praising our Lord for our many blessings.

In closing, thank you to all the adults in our church family - you help to nurture our youth and little ones, as they grow in their faith and in closeness to our Lord. God bless each one of you who support our kids and youth and for the example you each are of one who reaches out in God’s love.

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The church’s web site ([www.upcwash.org](http://www.upcwash.org)) has much useful information including the current newsletter and church calendar.

**Facebook:** “Washington United Presbyterian Church” or “Kingdom Kids Preschool”

**E-mail:** Call the church office 653-6588) if we don’t have your email so that you can get the newsletter sent to you and other important announcements.