



Spreading the Word

United Presbyterian Church July-August 2017

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July/August Highlights

July 4 Independence Day
July 14 CREW (tubing)
July 30-August 3 VBS
August 3 Mobile Food Pantry

August 4 CREW (Ronald McDonald)
August 5 Saturday Kitchen (our turn!)
August 7 Alzheimer Support Group
August 27 Annual Picnic-Lake Darling



What is our 'why'?

Why are you here? Not like, 'Why were you born and live at this time?' But why are you a part of this church?

I shared in my June 25th sermon the work of Simeon Sinek and the importance of knowing what our 'why' is. -- Why are we here? Which is to say; What is our purpose? What do we believe? Why would anyone else care?

Why are you here? – This question helps us to begin to think about the question 'why are we here?' Why is UPC here? What is our purpose? What do we believe? Why does it matter to others?

Often churches are good at stating 'what' they do; worship, Christian education, Youth ministry, mission, etc. Sometimes churches are good at saying 'how' they do what they do; Three different worship services, Sunday School for Adults, Youth and Children, supporting the work of HACAP through the gathering and sharing of food and money. But we are not so good at being able to say 'why' we do what we do.

Knowing our 'why' is transformative. It gives focus to our purpose. It hones our beliefs. It gives voice to our values. It helps us to know what to do and when to do it.

"You are the salt of the earth."

"You are the light of the world"

"A new command I give you, as I have loved you, you are to love one another."

What is our why?



On behalf of UPC, many thanks to Clay Eaton for providing leadership and nurture to the youth during this season of transition.

Clay went above and beyond after leaving his staff position at UPC in providing support to the Inside Out leaders and working directly with the youth while we were finding our next Youth Director.

Many thanks, Clay!!

Joyce Letts would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, concerns, visits, and meals since her surgery. May God bless you all!

Harriet Rustan would like to thank everyone for the prayers, gifts, and concerns sent her way. She would like everyone to know she is feeling much better and is grateful for you all.

Sanctuary Project

Goal \$265,000
Raised \$194,000
Still Need \$71,000





From the Music Director...

Summer. Ah summer. It's the time of year when everything slows down. It's the time of year when everything takes a back seat to sitting on the front porch in the early morning breeze with a good cup of coffee. It's a time for long evening walks. Oh! Wait a minute. This is 2017. There's no time for any of that!

2017 is the year to hit the floor running at 5:30 AM. We hurry through breakfast, get the kids in the car, and hurry to the day care. We drop the kids off and hurry back to the car and try to break yesterday's record time of getting to the office. The whole day is spent rushing from place to place, client to client, meeting to meeting. It never ends. We never stop. We've totally lost the STOP button. We can no longer stop thinking. We don't know how stop responding. We can't stop communicating. We've lost the ability to say NO.

By saying no, we feel like we're letting other people down. Their expectation is that we will say yes to everything they're asking of us. But in reality, when we say yes to everyone else, we are saying no to ourselves, to our own needs and our own time to reflect, refresh and renew.

God created very special lives for each of us. He created these lives for us, not to benefit everyone else, but for each of us to have a personal relationship with Him. This kind of life doesn't fit in everyone else's life style nor their expectations they put upon us. And in turn, this creates a lot of stress in our lives. But creating down time in our schedules, saying NO to other people's expectations of us, and spending time with God will benefit our lives more than any other single thing we could do with our time.

Clear your schedule! Say NO to all the demands of others. Spend time with God. Get lost in Scripture. Sing God's praises. Ponder His mysteries. Sit on the front porch in the early morning breeze with a good cup of coffee, and thank God for the strength and the courage to do just that.

Have a great, relaxing summer!

Synod School 2017



A place where you ...

- Learn
- Laugh
- Sing
- Dance

Try new things

Leave spiritually and personally renewed

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Storm Lake, Iowa

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800-328-1880, ext. 207

Let Justice Flow



Save the Date!! Camp Reese July 26, 2017

Our church will be helping out at Camp Reese on Wednesday, August 10th. We will need volunteers to serve as relief counselors as well as bakers to make 10 dozen cookies. Any questions, contact Kathy Knutson dammakahty@yahoo.com



Lost & Found

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



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



From the Director of Youth....

The theme for Summer Crew this year is *LIVING ON THE EDGE*, and in general we are talking about how we live on the edge between Christ and the world around us. Throughout the summer we will be looking at what this means for us as we live our lives as followers of Christ. Our first activity was on Friday June 16th. We started the day talking about smelling like Jesus (yup, that's right smelling like Jesus, it's from 2 Corinthians 2:15-16, check it out!), and how we can be a Christ like fragrance to those we encounter. We then went to the UP Home to do some cleaning projects, interact with some of the residents, and to do our best to smell like Jesus.

We then went to Lake Darling where we enjoyed a picnic lunch and spent the afternoon playing games, enjoying the beach, swimming in the lake, and boating. All in all it was a great day! Coming up in July and August we will be tubing on the Maquoketa River and serving at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City (more details under *Youth News* in this Newsletter). All 6th - 8th graders (and their friends) are welcome to join us!

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.



Pool Party:
Friday
August 18th,
8-9:30pm

On Friday August 18th we are hosting a church wide pool party at the Steele Family Aquatic Center in Sunset Park. Bring the whole family, invite some friends, pray for good weather, and come join us for some aquatic fun. Contact Jared Long for more information (upwashyouth@gmail.com).



Articles for the **September newsletter** are due **Thursday, August 24th**
There is **NO** newsletter in August!



Summer Crew 2017:

Living on the Edge

Who's invited? All youth entering 6th grade to those finishing 8th grade

What will we be doing?

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

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

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

*****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.*****

Vacation Bible School: July 30th - August 3rd

What comes to mind when you think of a hero? What images? What phrases? What colors? The theme for VBS this summer is Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God! At Hero Central students will...

- Discover their strength in God.
- Explore God's mission for their lives.
- Encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes.
- Realize qualities that make them truly heroes in God!



The key Bible verse for VBS is Psalm 34:14b, "Do Good! Seek peace and go after it!"

All 4 year olds through 5th graders are invited to register so as to not miss any of the fun at Hero Central. There will be games, music, crafts, science projects, and story time. Oh yeah, don't forget the food - supper will be served each evening at 5:30pm.

REGISTER NOW: Registration forms are available in the church office, on our Facebook page, they can be sent via email, or go to 2017.cokesburyvbs.com/upwash to register online. Contact Jared at upwashyouth@gmail.com if you have questions.

KEY DATES:

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING: Sunday July 16th after church.

DECORATING PARTY: Saturday July 29th, 2-5pm

VBS: Sunday July 30th - Thursday August 3rd, 5:30-8:30pm.

We are still looking for a few key volunteers, so if you would like to help or have any questions in general please contact Jared Long or Erin Thorius with questions or for more information.

Mission Trip 2017 “Send Me...”

Well, you never know what God has in store for a mission trip!! Sometimes you pack the vans on Thursday night, take off bright and early the next morning, work hard all week helping others and sharing God’s love and then you head back home the following weekend, everything going smoothly. Other times (this year to be exact) you exchange vans with the rental company the night before you leave, you blow a tire and change it along the interstate (purchasing 8 of 12 tires for three vans over the course of 10 days), you arrive on a job site with no tools, you work hard, you connect with the homeowners, the volunteer coordinator, each other and God and then you finally travel home and make it there safely to share stories of the trip and how you spread God’s love. This year’s Inside Out Mission trip to Sumter, South Carolina was a great and successful trip, despite a few bumps in the road, for all 25 kids and 5 adults.

We worked on several houses, helping fix them up from 22” of rain and a hurricane that happened in the last 18 months. The work ranged from clearing out all of the belongings in an entire house, to redoing a floor, building a deck, re-glazing windows, roofing, painting and landscaping. The group worked hard at five different sites and the work they accomplished greatly helped the houses physically and the homeowners emotionally and spiritually.



Throughout the trip we were also able have a little fun at the ocean, eating, playing washers, visiting an amusement park, worshipping at Elevation Church, sleeping at churches and a hotel, celebrating a couple of birthdays and more eating.

Because of your generosity (monetarily, physically and spiritually), we were able to help a few families in the Sumter, SC area. We were able to talk to them, hear their stories and share with them God’s love. We thank you for helping to send us on this journey to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ; it forever changed the lives of the people we met on this journey as well as our own.

Thanks from all of us!

Gabby Anderson, Hannah Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Kayla Andrew, Brianna Banks, Quinn Buckingham, Jack Carter, Peyton Cuddeback, John Dillon, Michael Dillon, TJ Durst, Lane Keeler, Lincoln Kleese, Sarah Miles, Victor Miller, Chandler Mullens, Erik Murphy, Kylee Porter, Meredith Raber, Ben Schiefer, Drake Schluetter, Dylan Smith, Megan Strabala, Tyler VanWeeldon, Hayden Westphal, Megan & Clay Eaton, Krista Gaal, Erin & Jake Thorius

Session News

Treasurer, Rhonda Shelman, met with the Session to Review Memorial and Endowment Policies. After reviewing the guidelines and procedures regarding both funds, there were questions and good discussion. Pastor Bill thanked Rhonda for attending the meeting. Still to be reviewed are the policies concerning weddings and use of the facilities as well as some others.

Monthly there are reports from different session areas and following are the members who report for their team: Financial, Jessica Canny; Music, Butch Zwicky; Christian Education, Jared Long; Mission, Karen Dillon; Welcome, Billie Bruns; Deacons, Mary Atwood; with further reports from Pastor Bill and members of the Sanctuary Task Force. If you have questions concerning specific areas, these are members you could contact. Keep them all in your prayers as well as the rest of the session members as they seek the will of God in doing the work of the church.

Session is not taking the summer off but will continue to have their regular meetings, through July and August, as well as the meetings on Visioning and Values. Have a blessed and safe summer.

YOU'RE INVITED!

SUMMER OFFICE
HOURS:



Monday-Friday 8am-noon.

There will be no volunteers in the office during July and August.

The office will be closed on July 4th in honor of Independence Day.

WHAT: Annual Church Picnic

WHEN: August 27th

WHERE: Lake Darling

Service will be held in the lodge at 10:30am. Following the service, all are welcome to join us for lunch! Please bring a side, salad, dessert, etc to share!

Games and activities will be available during the day for anyone wanting to participate!

Contact Arnel Baughma (aebrn@yahoo.com) or Rita Phipps (phippstrio@gmail.com) with any questions.



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!



Looking for something to help pass these warm summer days?! The Church library has a great selection of books and videos for kids through adults. Feel free to stop in anytime and check them out!

LOCAL MISSION FOCUS: Starfish Haiti

This mission effort was started with the opening of MSH school in October of 2012.

The school has offered education for children from Preschool through grade 7. Currently, the staff is building a second story classroom and in the fall of this year the Starfish School Campus will add 8th grade classes. The school will have 500 students. The school space allows for many community events which include food and fun activities for the families.



In addition to the school itself, the ministry has created space for solar power, community gardens, and housing for mission trip visitors. Starfish Mission Haiti is at work setting up lighting for the neighborhoods, making structural improvements to local wells, replacing dirt floors with cement floors in homes, and providing a clinic in the school staffed with 2 nurses to provide preliminary care to students and community.

Mission Starfish Haiti has been our Sunday School Offering Project for this past year and will continue through the rest of the summer.

So far our giving has totaled over \$2,500. Please give generously to this effort in the 2 months ahead as we support this outstanding mission effort. www.mshaiti.org

The Kingdom Kids



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.

Our church will be in charge of delivering meals again in November! If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Hunt (653-6379)



Saturday Kitchen Update:

Our June Saturday Kitchen hosting was as rewarding as always, with our early guests arriving around 9:30. We had a delicious “summer menu” of grilled pork-burgers, three-bean salad, potato salad, celery with peanut butter, fresh fruit cups and brownies for dessert. We served over 85 people with about 20 carry-outs. Everyone had a great time chatting and laughing and preparing for our guests!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the event possible: brownie makers, grillers, set-up folks, kitchen helpers, servers, clean-up friends and the wonderful younger kids who helped with the drinks and shared many smiles. The event was once again truly a real blessing for each of us in our church family who was involved in this outreach of serving God and serving others.

Thank You!



Church Family News . . . just so you know!

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(Feel free to turn “news” into Jessica)

The 2017 Inside Out Mission Trip, the high school kids’ trip to South Carolina, was a God-filled experience for all involved. A special thank you to Megan and Clay Eaton, Erin and Jake Thorius and Krista Gaal for leaving their families and jobs for over a week to make this very meaningful experience possible for these young people. Thank you to the adults and the youth for being “our” feet and hands, too – sharing God’s love and our caring to those in need.

Thank you also to the “Get Connected” committee working so tirelessly on the fund-raising for the VERY much-needed improvements to our sanctuary “infrastructure.” Your time and efforts are so greatly appreciated and have not gone unnoticed by those of us in our church family!

It’s a joy for our church to open its doors to many community needs and it’s a gift we so freely give. As a reminder, it’s summer and the Washington Municipal Band is practicing every Monday night in our Fellowship Hall for their Thursday night band concerts. Their thank you is playing for our 10:30 worship service one Sunday in August – it’s a wonderful way to say thank you!!

It’s nice to have Kevin Caldwell back from his winter in warmer weather. His willingness to help with all fellowship hall and sanctuary needs at most any time – chair and table moving, equipment re-arranging, and anything else is a huge help. Kevin, we’re grateful for your commitment to “be there,” whenever needed.

The church’s web site (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.

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- 5 Tanya Stalder
- 8 Haley Mitchell
- 9 Elaine Bozman
- 9 Trey Van Weelden
- 10 Mike Zahs
- 11 Ruth Ann Stacy
- 12 Josie Miller
- 13 Lexie Willers
- 13 Deja Willers
- 14 Karen Dillon
- 14 Tanner Knupp
- 14 Kristene McCall
- 15 Emily Burroughs
- 18 Jacob Bruns
- 19 Marj Lins
- 19 Erin Smith
- 20 Mary McCall
- 20 Tyler Van Weelden
- 21 Bert Turner
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- 23 FeiFei Anderson
- 23 Betty Lowry
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- 28 Diana Rich
- 30 Shirley Garrett
- 30 Barb Liebe

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- 2 Leisha Linge
- 3 Julie Johnson
- 3 Darin Rich
- 3 Karen Trotman
- 4 Krisi Morris
- 5 Krista Gaal
- 5 Jina Walton
- 6 Bob Brinning
- 6 Beulah Temple
- 7 Donna Schoonover
- 10 Megan Alderton
- 10 Jeff Cuddeback
- 10 Steve Linge
- 10 Kristen Twinam
- 11 Cole Anderson
- 11 Emma Karugo
- 11 Makenyn Liska
- 12 Chris Woods
- 13 Ron Dillon
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- 16 Steve Batterson
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- 18 Adam Mangold
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