

UP Church

Love God. Love Others.

July-August 2018



July/August Highlights

July 4th Independence Day/Office Closed
July 7th Sat Kitchen-US!!!
July 13th/27th CREW Fridays
July 18th Session
July 22nd-27th Synod School

July 29th-August 2nd Vacation Bible School!
August 8th CREW Car Wash
August 16th Blood Drive/Book Club
August 15th Session
August 26th Lake Darling Annual Picnic!



From the Pastor...

My wife Donna is good about celebration. She can find and celebrate the most, in my opinion, mundane things in life, like the eggs that every day she collects from the hen house. She celebrates sun rises and sun sets. She drags me from my chair to come, see, and celebrate with her. She often celebrates the work that the many volunteers who help on the farm do with 'Dilly Bars all around.' She celebrates victories over weeds and potato beetles. She celebrates finding earth worms with her earth worm dance. She celebrates the end of a long day by counting her blessings and remembering the joys of the day. She celebrates when the day is going great and when, quite honestly, her plate is full and she has demands on her coming from all directions.

*Celebrate
the little things*

Donna is a good reminder to me to take time to celebrate not only the big stuff, (like completing a sanctuary project, having a great mission trip or VBS, or finding that new pastor) but to celebrate the small things too (like those who greet us at the doors and make us feel welcome, the noise of children in our sanctuary, to friendships that have been formed over decades, or the kind word spoken just when we need it.)

It is easy to take for granted all the things that go on here at church, easy to relegate them to the ordinary or mundane. I am wondering about the things you see, feel, or experience here at church that should be celebrated here at church and would love to hear about them. Drop me an email or a note and let me know and I'll start a list.

Paul says this in his letter to the church in Philippi: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say it rejoice."

Let's take some time to rejoice to celebrate all that God is doing in us and around us.

Pastor Bill



WHAT: Annual Church Picnic

WHEN: August 26th

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 Baughman (aebn@yahoo.com) or Rita Phipps (phippstrio@gmail.com) with any questions.



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 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.



Butch will be out on vacation from July 8-19. Contact the office with any questions!

Summer is here!! And before we complain about the heat, let us remember when we were begging for some heat during the chilly days of March and April. I always find it so interesting talking to people about how the weather is affecting them. Some say it's too hot, some say it's just right.

Every one of us is different, aren't we? We've been learning this more and more, as we've been going through our meetings regarding worship developments coming up in September. We've learned that everyone has personal preferences about pretty much everything. We've learned a lot about each other throughout the process, about tolerance and intolerance, willingness and unwillingness. We've learned a lot about how people choose to reject or embrace change.

Over the last eight years, our congregation has been changing. Quietly changing. Not everyone likes to speak out about how they feel regarding worship at UPChurch. But, very quietly, people have been telling us we need to change how we do worship. So quietly, in fact, many of us were completely unaware of the situation until recently. We've been told, but we could not hear. We've been shown, but we could not see. Our friends and family members have been telling us we need to change, not in meetings where others can judge, naysay or belittle them, but without uttering a single word. Their quiet way of telling us and showing us is now becoming painfully obvious in the form of empty pews on Sunday morning.



As most of you are aware, our Worship Committee and Session have proposed changes, not based on their own personal preferences, whim, or the desire to be like any other congregation. There are as many personal preferences within these two groups as there are in our congregation. We visited other churches, not to become like those churches, but to observe what basic principles were at work to make people excited about their faith again, excited about getting their families involved, excited about giving, serving, and caring again, excited about worshiping God together, and excited about passing a healthy, growing church on to the next generation.

We tend to get frustrated when we don't understand the ideas of others. We tend to feel marginalized when we're not on the front lines of every decision. When God is at work, everything seems out of control, because it is out of our control. We tend to be fearful of failure and the unknown. But, when God is at work, things progress far beyond our own understanding, are much better than our own doing, and accomplish more than we could ever imagine.

As we move forward, let's move together unified in a UPChurch *reimagined* by young and old alike. And let's again become excited about what God has in store for us next! Have a great summer!

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Youth Mission Trip to Rockport Texas



Thank you for your support that helped to send us to Rockport, we are all very grateful for this opportunity. The trip taught us a great many things and we had many wonderful experiences and adventures. Please ask any of the participants about their trip - they will have plenty to share.

Gabriela Anderson	Roy Carter	Peyton Cuddeback
Sydney Cuddeback	Mateo Hernandez	Lincoln Kleese
Meredith Raber	Alec Schiefer	Ben Schiefer
Dawsen Schluetter	Drake Schluetter	Dylan Smith
Jack Strabala	Megan Strabala	Cameron Westphal
Hayden Westphal	Krista Gaal	Jared Long
Jake Thorius	Tracy Stabala	

Summer CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Because of flooding on the Maquoketa River we had to reschedule our Tubing event, so if you missed it in June, don't worry, you didn't miss it! All of these activities are open to all of the students who are going into 6th grade through those that have just finished 8th grade. Our theme this year is EMBARK.

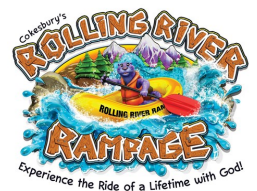


Most of the events are scheduled to take place between 8am and 4pm and include both a service project in the morning and a fun activity in the afternoon, with lunch served between the two. There are a couple exceptions to this schedule: Since the Tubing event is farther away we will meet at 7:30am and get back somewhere around 5:30pm. The Car Wash fundraiser will take place only in the afternoon/early evening. Please contact Jared if you have any questions or if you would like to participate.

July 13th UP Home and Lake Darling	Aug 8th Car wash, 3-6pm
July 27th Matthew 25 and Air FX	Aug 17th Tubing the Maquoketa

Vacation Bible School Roaring River Rampage

VBS this year will take place Sunday July 29th - Thursday August 2nd, from 5:30 - 8:30pm (dinner is provided). The theme is Roaring River Rampage and promises to be a fun adventure of activities and learning.



Registration is now open. You may come by the office for a registration form, or click the link on our Facebook page, or cut and paste this link into your browser (<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/UPChurch/>).

We will soon be recruiting volunteers for this exciting week. If you would like to volunteer for VBS or have any questions please see Jared (upwashyouth@gmail.com).



Our church has had a long history of giving to Pakistan with the Pasrur Girls school and this year starting the Pasrur Boy's school. It is scheduled to open in October, 2018. The money that we have given this year has been matched by an anonymous donor.



The Pasrur Christian Girls High school was established as a Presbyterian mission over 1560 years ago where both Muslim and Christian children learn together with tolerance and respect. Since boys and girls cannot go to school together after 5th grade the boys are turned away. The government schools are very dysfunctional so most boys are forced to take jobs in deplorable conditions. This school will education boys from 6th to 10th grade. Please continue to keep the schools in Pasrur in your prayers.



Volunteer to help with Camp Reece at Lake Darling Youth Center!

Camp Reece is a Christian camp that provides a safe, outdoor camping experience to persons with disabilities, ages 5-80, for one week a year.

We need 10-12 volunteers to help serve as relief counselors. We will also need help providing cookies for those camping.

A signup sheet will be on the kitchen counter closer to the date and the date and time of needed help will be announced later in the bulletins.

Contact Kathy Knutson with any questions (461-4610)



Are You Needing a Ride To Church?

Are you finding it difficult to drive to church, church activities, or to a local doctor's appointment? If that is happening with you, let the Deacons help arrange for someone to drive you! The team leader of transportation for the deacons is Dale Spencer. So, just give Dale a call at 319-461-7453 and he will make arrangements so that will happen!



Are you or someone you care deeply about in need of prayer? Our church has an **Email Prayer Chain** that reaches 98 different home

in our church family. To request prayers, the request must be okayed by the individual first and then contact Deacon Mary Atwood with your request (maryjoyatwood@gmail.com).

If you would like to be on this prayer chain, please contact Mary with your email address. Let us continue to strive to be faithful servants as we offer up our prayers to our Loving Lord.

Your PNC continues to seek God's will as we search for the right pastor for the congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of Washington. Last month I reported that we had skype interviews with several candidates. The next step with those people was to ask the COM to conduct background checks. This process takes awhile, so we did not meet for about three weeks. Then we met on June 13 to determine what to do next. We still did not have the background checks at that time. But we did have another important activity to experience.



The General Assembly was meeting in St. Louis, and we had agreed that some of us would attend to take advantage of a "Face to Face" experience where PNCs and pastors seeking positions could meet in person without all the procedure with MIFs and PIFs, meetings and long discussions. Katie Lujan, Julie Johnson and I (Lynn Loula) were the three committee members able to attend. Registration was complete and rooms reserved, so we had the go-ahead to travel to St. Louis.



We arrived at room 262 of the America's Convention Center at 1:00 Sunday afternoon. An attendant unlocked the room and we entered what felt like a refrigerator where we would spend most of the following 30+ hours. We found abbreviated Pastor Information Forms tacked onto a bulletin board and files filled with complete PIFs nearby. There were also Ministerial Information Forms on another bulletin board with complete MIFs nearby. These were for anyone who was interested to peruse. We selected several PIFs which seemed like possible matches, read through them, and then emailed several with whom we were interested in speaking. Some of those we did not hear from, but there were some who responded, then came to the Face-to Face room to meet us. Also, some pastoral candidates came to the room and just presented themselves to the various PFCs seated at the tables around the room. This whole procedure is relatively new and seemed somewhat awkward. There were never more than 4 tables with interviews going on at any time when we were there. However, it was worthwhile, as we now have three new candidates to consider.

At present, the PNC has candidates that we had contacted before and candidates that we met at the General Assembly, to consider. We are nearly ready to meet some in person; others we need to learn more about by checking backgrounds, interviewing by skype, then, possibly arranging to meet in person. The process is complicated and we are being very careful to take our time, getting to know each person as thoroughly as possible before making any final decisions. We appreciate the patience and the prayers with which the congregation has supported us. We have faith that God will lead us to a decision pleasing to Him, which will be one pleasing to you.



In His name, Julie Johnson, Jim Cuddeback, Katie Lujan, Krista Gaal, Jordan Youngman,
Lynn Loula and Emily Burroughs



An Invitation!

Adult and High School Age members of the congregation:

I am again offering a class on Bible Prophecy this summer during church school time. The dates will be July 8th and July 15th. The first week will be an overview of second coming of Christ prophecy and an introduction to Revelation, followed by your questions. The second week will concern second coming prophecies which are being or have already been fulfilled.

Anyone interested who will be there during church school time is welcome. We will meet in the library.

The study of prophecy is important because we are in the End Times.

The Lord could return at any time. Look at Prophecy (example, Matthew 24) then look at what is happening nationally and internationally. They fit together. I have been studying the Bible Prophecy since I was 20 and I recently turned 69. I have been teaching it for several years. Teaching the Bible, and prophecy in particular, is my calling at this time in my life.

I love the people in this church and want to tell you about this. A second reason it's important is because God has devoted 1/3 of His word to three types of prophecy: Historical (Old Testament), 1st Coming of Christ, and prophecies of His second coming. One Hundred Eight separate, distinct prophecies of Christ's 1st coming were fulfilled to the letter. All of the Second coming ones will be, too. Examples of 1st coming fulfillment are:

Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, Isaiah 9:6a, and Psalm 22:1. There are many others. God doesn't make mistakes and what's happening affects all of us. Please join me. Bonnie Bannister

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We'd like to thank the UP Church for allowing Meredith to have her grad party in the fellowship hall last month. It was a lovely event, and we were so grateful for the air conditioning on such a hot day.

As you probably know, our family is moving to Dubuque this summer. We'd like to thank you for being such a wonderful community for all of us--our church home. We all have such great memories--worship, fellowship, Saturday Kitchen, Sunday school, Worship Band, mission trips, picnics, VBS, and more. So many wonderful friendships. We will miss you so much, and we'll work to stay in touch. Peace and Blessings to you all.

Ed, Ericka, Meredith, and Henry



Articles for the September newsletter are due Tuesday August 21. There is NO August newsletter



Thank you for your prayers, cards, and caring thoughts during my recovery from my bicycle accident. Jerry Flory



Notes from the Session

During the regular session meeting on May 30 the session approved the revised By-Laws as well as calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 17, for their approval of the revised By-Laws and to elect a new elder to fulfill the term of Ericka Raber who is moving away. During the congregational meeting held on June 17th, the congregation approved the revised By-Laws and elected Kevin Caldwell to fill Ericka's position on the session.

Finance reports that we are through 33% of the year and the overall income is at 30.86% of budgeted and overall expenses are at 30.47% of budgeted. The final payment of the contract for the sanctuary project was made on May 7 with the remaining pledges still being paid. Congratulations to all those who put forth so much effort to raise the funds and a sincere thank you to all who helped with donations and pledges.

Butch Zwicky, our music director, says there will be no choir during the summer services and no 5 pm services.

The worship committee is gathering more information before offering a proposed schedule for Sunday services.

As the live streaming feed of worship service gets ready to start, staff brought to Session a conversation about a 'Media Privacy Policy' to deal with the transmissions of people's images and likenesses- especially those of children. Butch was assigned to work with Mary Lou to establish a temporary policy that would cover just worship and would be brought to Session for their approval. The Media Team would then work on bringing to Session, at a later date, a comprehensive Media Policy.

On Sunday, May 6, Nolan Burke was welcomed into membership of our church and Hoyt Charles Burke, son of Nolan and Amanda Burke, was baptized.

The session heard the monthly reports from the teams and committees. They are still in need of "greeters" for the 10:30 am service- let the office know if this is something you would be interested in doing. The deacons held their quarterly meeting on April 30th with 5 deacons, Pastor Herb and Pastor Bill present.

Prayer is a powerful thing. Please keep in your prayers all who give so much, time, talent, energy and funds to support our church.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Megan Buitendorp who graduated in April from Simpson College with a degree in Sports Administration, while minoring in Sports Communication.



Sikke Temple died June 1, 2018. The family thanks those who came to the visitation, funeral, sent cards, and made donations. We are grateful to people who worked with Sikke Temple at the United Presbyterian Church (Elders, Deacons, committees, and projects). He enjoyed people visiting him.

Beulah Temple (his wife) has moved to Room 210 at Colonial Manor in Columbus Junction. Her new roommate, Juanita, is friendly.



The Washington Municipal Band will play during the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 12th.



Church Family News . . . just so you know!

Last month the office volunteers were thanked for the donation of their time to help our church run smoothly. Well, we have a new name to add to that list: Connie Jarrard! We thank you, Connie and the others of you who fill in at the church office for being a pleasant and welcoming smile to visitors to our church AND thank you for the tasks you complete, also. Love a volunteer!

Perhaps you may be unaware that Hedge Above does our church mowing and that the Dave and Billie Bruns family makes it possible for that work to be done. Other volunteers have been weeding our new plantings, picking up trash, watering the flowers and sweeping our church parking lot. Thanks to all those who donate “of themselves” to see that the church has a welcoming and cared for “look.”

A special thank you to Julie Johnson, Lynn Loula and Katie Lujan members of our Pastor Nominating Committee. They recently traveled to St. Louis during General Assembly to visit face to face with pastors wanting to relocate. It was a huge time commitment and we thank these gals for their willingness to serve “us” in that capacity. I know we all keep the entire Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in our prayers and thank them for their willingness to serve our church family in this very significant way.

Connect with us on Facebook:

“Washington United Presbyterian Church”



“The CROSSing Washington, Iowa”

“Kingdom Kids Preschool
Washington Iowa”



Saturday Kitchen Good News and Next Hosting is July 7th!!

Everything seems to be running smoothly with the Saturday Kitchen and for that we're grateful. We're also grateful that a new group may be interested in hosting once or twice in 2019!



The Feed & Read Book Clubs will next meet on July 19 and August 16 at 11:45 am in the Church Library.

In a couple of months we'll be contacting all of the 2018 hosts to see if they're able to host again in 2019. It's pretty exciting to have a new group possibly interested in being a host!

If you're able to help our church family host the Saturday Kitchen on Saturday, July 7th please contact Joe or Marde McConnell. We'd love to have you join us – whether with dessert making, set-up, food preparation, food serving or cleanup. We need you! Please contact the church office or call 653-3884 to volunteer.



Birch Holden
May 28th

Sikke Temple
June 1st

PIPE DOWN!!

Part One

What do you think of our organ—or do you think about it at all? Without amplification, it can play loud enough to rattle the windows or so soft it's barely perceptible. It can produce lower and higher sounds than any other instrument.



This fine pipe organ, constructed by Casavant Frères Limitée in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, was designed for our sanctuary and installed in 1972 when the church was built. It was the gift of Dick and Sara McCleery and cost about \$45,000 at the time. In 1981, the McCleerys donated another \$58,000 to add five more stops—the organ pipes located on the north and south sides of the sanctuary. This organ, purchased new today, would cost about \$1,000,000.

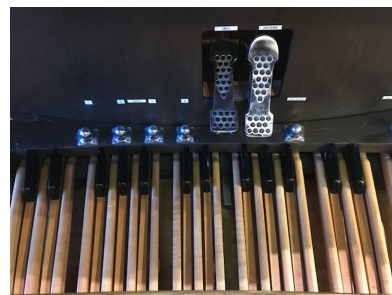
The UP Church Casavant now consists of 1,784 pipes arranged in 37 ranks, playable from three keyboards—two for the hands and one for the feet. By way of incidental contrast, the organ in the Mormon Tabernacle, which we all see on TV at Christmas, consists of 11, 623 pipes arranged in 206 ranks, playable from six keyboards—five for the hands and one for the feet.

The Casavant console (key desk, if you will), with two manuals (keyboards for the hands) and a full pedal board, operates by electro-pneumatic action. When a stop is opened (as in pulling out all the stops), air under pressure in the wind chest below the pipes blows through a particular set of pipes in order to produce sound. The switches in the console are electric, but the sound is produced by wind. Thus, electro-pneumatic action. The other type of action for a pipe organ is "tracker" action, which is entirely mechanical. Through a system of levers, all pipes can be played from the keyboards, but the more stops that are pulled, the more difficult it becomes to press the keys. This increased force on the keys is not required for our instrument.

The pictures in this article show the business side of the organ console. The white tabs above the upper keyboard are the stops by which the organist selects sound combinations. The keyboards are both shorter than a piano's standard 88 keys. If higher or lower sounds are needed, different stops are chosen. The white tablets above the upper keyboard are the stops. To activate a stop, one must depress the lower part of a tablet. Tablets in the left group govern the pedals; the group of three are couplers by which sounds can be transferred from one keyboard to another; the middle large group of tablets govern the swell (pipes in the box); tablets in the group farthest to the right govern the great division (most of the pipes along the west wall).

The two foot-sized silver pedals above the pedal keyboard operate like a car accelerator. One opens and closes the shutters on the swell box, and the other is the crescendo pedal, which adds stops a few at a time until the windows rattle.

Stay tuned to learn what kinds of sounds the organ makes (other than just loud or soft).

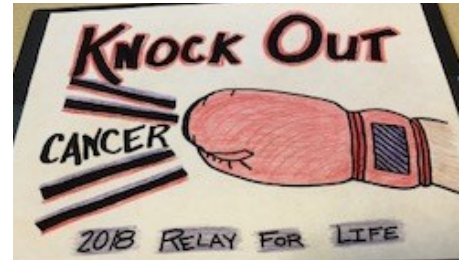


Look for Part Two in the September newsletter!



Knock Out Cancer! Team UP and Friends 2018 Relay for Life!

“Knock Out Cancer” was the theme for the Saturday, June 23rd 2018 Relay for Life event. It was an absolutely beautiful day at our downtown Central Park as many people gathered to support this annual American Cancer Society event. Team UP and Friends in our red t-shirts were well-represented, thanks to so many of you!



Some of us sat under the shade of the towering trees and enjoyed the entertainment and activities. Others of us mingled more and walked some laps around the square. And others of us, much younger (?), walked laps and laps (over 30!), sometimes even running! As you can see, young and old alike participated, having fun and showing love and support.

This year's event had some great entertainment, including an opportunity to learn some country, line dancing. There was the crazy, live auctioning of the desserts and other donated items. Joe McConnell was definitely there bidding on the desserts! And, of course, there were the special moments when the survivors walked and spoke, when the memorial ceremony took place and then when all the lumenares were placed in the street around the square and were lighted at dusk. It was a time for remembering our dear ones who lost their battle with cancer and a time for great rejoicing with all the cancer survivors.

Thank you, UP Church Family for all your support of Team UP and Friends! A special thank you is given to Kathy, Dick and Christina Schenk for once again sharing their two canopies for our team – and for setting them up! Thanks to Tom Moore for sharing his fun, bean bag game and jenga blocks. Thanks to so many of you for joining us for all or part of the day. About \$68,000 has been raised so far this year by Relay's end. Team UP and Friends, through our Potato Bar and other church family donations and lumenares raised about \$2000! Thank you, church family and friends, for all the ways you supported Team UP and Friends as together we're all supporting those whose lives have been affected by cancer.



Ann Conklin and Marde McConnell, Team UP and Friends Team Captains

A Glance at our Finances...

We are so fortunate to have the support and generosity from our Church family. The money donated (pledged or unpledged) is greatly appreciated, but we continue to need your support!



The end of May represented 42% of the year and our income came in low, at 35%. Please consider making a donation to the Church and know that you all make such a difference!



New Items in the Library!!

Non-Fiction

Carpe Diem by Tony Campolo
Counter Culture by David Platt
Daily Strength for Daily Needs
by Mary Tileston
Growing Young by Kara Powell

Media

The library has a new selection of Christian music cds!

Happy Birthday!



July

1 Heather Anderson
2 Krew Liska
3 Lauren Linge
4 Cathi Hill
5 Reese Morris
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
22 Mary Taylor
23 FeiFei Anderson
23 Betty Lowry
25 Doug Dunlap
27 Sandy Dunlap
27 Carolynn Guenther
28 Diana Rich
30 Shirley Garrett
30 Barb Liebe

August

1 Phillip Bruner
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
13 Rhonda Shelman
16 Steve Batterson
16 Darlene Edwards
17 Casey Coakley

18 Adam Mangold

19 Billie Bruns
19 David Henderson
19 Curt Rodgers
20 Kathryn Schenk
21 Hayden Janecek
21 Caleb Popejoy
21 Jazzy Wenger-Lukins
23 Mary Atwood
23 Michael McCall
24 Titan Ross
25 Maxine Davisson
25 Lori Jaspering
25 Bob Johnson
25 Pam Perdock
26 Max Anderson
26 Hannah Anderson
28 Megan Schiebel
28 Ron See
30 Katie Lujan

Inside Out Mission Trippers

On Sunday, June 17th during the 10:30 worship service the high schoolers who traveled to Rockport, TX for their 2018 Mission Trip shared some of their experiences. Additionally, the four adults who traveled with them spoke – Jared Long, Krista Gaal, Tracy Strabala and Jake Thorius. It was very moving to hear how these youth served others who were in a time of great need. They helped people whose homes needed repair; they learned new skills; and they were humbled in all the ways they were serving God to those so less fortunate. Their lives will never be the same and we pray their faith grew as they helped others in Rockport, TX. We, as a church family, prayed for these young people and the adults – for safe travels and changed hearts. God is good and we're grateful to the 2018 Inside Out Mission Trip Team.



In closing, a video created by Erin Thorius, was shared. It showed the group having fun times along the way to Texas, working very hard to help others in need in Rockport, and then . . . collapsing and catching up on their sleep on the way home. Thank you to each of you, youth and adults, who participated in the Inside Out 2018 Mission Trip. You were the hands and feet of Christ - giving hope and sharing love to people in need in Rockport, Texas.