



UP Church

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April 2019



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 14th

Regular schedule

Maundy Thursday April 18th

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Cross-walk April 19th

12pm Central Park

Easter Sunday April 21st

*7am Sunrise Worship in Sunset Park
(pavilion in SE corner)*

8am Breakfast at the church

9:30am Church School

10:15am Coffee/Fellowship

10:45am Celebration Worship

April Highlights

4th Mobile Food Pantry

8th Mission Meeting

16th Finance

17th Session

18th Maundy Thursday

19th Good Friday Crosswalk

21st Easter Sunday

29th Deacons Meeting

Weeks of 15th, 22nd, 29th Meals on Wheels!



From the Pastor...

Friends,

I must be having fun, because time is flying by! Easter is upon us, even though this year it falls nearly as late as it ever has (the latest it can fall is April 25).

As we have spent the last few weeks (and the next few before Easter) cultivating and letting go, I am thankful for all that God has been doing in my life and in the life of our congregation.

Personally, I have been working hard to let go of the 'shoulds' in



my life - which is very freeing. I never realized how much I was governed -and restricted - by that word and its impositions. I have felt more able to engage with others and to share the love of God without the pressure of 'should' around my neck.

Additionally, I have been cultivating a better awareness of my interior health - especially my mental and spiritual processes.

There have been several days over the past month where God has urged me to simply sit and be present, with God and with others, and because I was paying attention I was able to heed that call and to receive blessings. I

hope that you too have experienced some results from things you have either let go or cultivated this Lenten season. I'd love to hear about your experience!

As we approach Easter, I hope that you will seek to be present with us in worship on April 14 (Palm Sunday) when we will celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem by waving palms, and then continue on the journey with a special dramatic reading of the Last Supper and the crucifixion. This service will better prepare our hearts and minds for the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday as we journey through the darkness of pain and suffering together. Additionally, I hope that you will attend the Maundy Thursday service on April 18, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, as we recreate the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before he was crucified.

I look forward to our continued journey together!

Blessings,
Erin



Musicians and Singers Needed For The Praise Band

Want to be in a band?

Can you play an instrument or sing?

Would you like to help lead worship during the Celebration service?

Join us any time, weekly practices on Thursday evenings at 7:00

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Mission Trip

This summer the Senior High Youth will be heading to Spirit Lake Ministries in North Dakota to serve for the Youth Mission Trip this year. We will have the opportunity to work with Native Americans on the Spirit Lake Reservation. Each day we will head out to work on some light construction projects. In the afternoons some of our youth will have the option of going back to the ministry center to work with a kids club on the Reservation. We are really looking forward to the trip and the opportunity for serving that it will provide.



INSIDE OUT (Senior High)

April 7th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch
 April 14th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch
 April 21st: Not Meeting because of Easter
 April 28th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch

CREW (Middle School)

April 7th: 3:30pm @ UPChurch
 April 21st: Not meeting because of Easter



Coming in May...

May 12th - Son City Field-trip to the Swinging Bridge.

May 19th - Youth Sunday, Last Day of Sunday School Party in the Park, Kewash Bike Ride & Picnic (Wow, the 19th is going to be great! You should really mark it on your calendar)

SON CITY (Elementary School)

April 7th: 9:30am - Field trip to the Cemetery - "What will they say about you when you are gone?"
 April 14th: 9:30am - What's in the Bible, part 5
 April 21st: 9:30am - Easter movie in Theater
 April 28th: 9:30am - Field trip to the fishing hole - "I will make you fishers of people."

This month in Son City should be interesting. Our first field-trip will be going to visit a cemetery, which may sound a little strange, but somehow it seemed like the right thing to do as we get ready for Easter. Our second field-trip will be to the fishing hole - hope the fish will be biting!



Spring is finally here! We have enjoyed the snow, and riding trikes inside to avoid the ice and frigid conditions, but getting outside is so wonderful after such a crazy winter. We have learned much about weather and season changes since we started school. We are ready for warmer weather to cultivate the soil, plant some seeds, and let God grow our garden. As we finish up the year we will prepare for a Spring Concert, go on a couple field trips, and continue to grow and

learn which is our goal for a lifetime. Kingdom Kids Preschool is now accepting registrations for next fall. We will offer half day-preschool, Monday-

Thursday. Tuition is free to four year olds as part of Iowa voluntary preschool, and is \$100 per month for older three year olds. Families looking for a smaller class size, lots of hands on instruction, with a short Faith time built in, would love Kingdom Kids!





Session Update!

So, it is now officially “Spring” even though we can still see a few dirty piles of snow left. We can enjoy seeing more and more robins and flowers as it seems like our part of the world is waking and changing once again. As the Lord said in Isaiah 43:19 “Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?”

A big thank you to Barb Liebe who has agreed to chair the Worship Committee and to Mary Saforek who is working with the technology/media area (of which I have no understanding.)

We are pleased to have Mary Jo Koehler as our interim worship band leader. If you have any interest in playing with the band just let them know or call the office.

Amado Marcelino, our custodian for the last four years, has quit and the Personnel Committee is hopeful that they will have the position filled in the very near future.

Summer Worship Schedule: It was approved by the Session that beginning Sunday, May 26 lasting through Sunday, September 1 there will be only one (1) service which will start at 9:30.

Where have they gone and how do I get in touch with them? In this age of cell phones and email addresses the good old phone book isn’t much, if any, help. Please keep the office updated when you have a change of address, phone numbers or email address. Also, have your children moved, gotten married, gone off to college. If so, please update their contact information for us.

Blessings, Kay



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Jan-Feb represents 16.7% of the year. Our income came in low at 10.8% Our expenses came in high at 17.19%



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“Washington United Presbyterian Church” “Kingdom Kids Preschool Washington Iowa”



Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta
Working in Indonesia

Bernie and Farsijana teach at Duta Wacana Christian University, helping prepare Christian leaders to serve the church in the world's largest Muslim country.

Farsijana helps develop a peace studies program while Bernie also works with the Indonesia Consortium for Religious Studies.

In addition, Farsijana also heads the Indonesian Women's Coalition in their province which is a predominantly Muslim group that seeks to empower women and children.

Please pray for each of them and their work in that part of our world. Additional information will be posted each month on the Mission Board outside of the office.

the saturday kitchen

taste and see that the Lord is good!

Saturday Kitchen: We Are Making A Difference!

Due to another host group's conflict, we hosted the Saturday Kitchen on March 2nd. We had a great response for helpers the Sunday prior, even had people call us later to volunteer and . . . we also had volunteers show up who hadn't contacted us!! As I said, UP Church Family, you're amazing in reaching out in love and caring to others.

PLEASE NOTE: In talking with a support person who works at one of the local group homes for disabled adults and whose residents participate in the Saturday Kitchen, he mentioned,

"You have no idea how excited these individuals are for each Saturday Kitchen event. Not only do they enjoy the yummy food but they also love having the chance to get together and visit with their friends each Saturday." We truly are meeting a need!

Each and every Saturday we're sharing our church and allowing our guests to have a free meal and fellowship - whether they're individuals or families, homeless or lonely, on a fixed income or having a disability. God blesses us with the opportunity to share our church and to serve others!

If you have questions or would like to help when our church family hosts in the future: Contact Joe or Marde McConnell: Call 653-3884 or email at 1221mcconnell@gmail.com.

Let's Make a Difference





From your Deacons...

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A RIDE? Are you finding it difficult

to drive to church, church activities, or to doctor or therapy appointments? If this is happening with you, let the Deacons help arrange for someone to drive you! The coordinator for transportation is Larry Bartlett.--- So, just give Larry a call at 653-4461 and he will make arrangements to get you where you need to be!



Meals on Wheels

If you have a real belief in seeing that homebound folks in the city of Washington have the opportunity to receive one hot, healthy meal a day, --- and-- have human contact with at least one human being each day,--- being a part of our Meals on Wheels team is for you! In cooperation with seven other churches in town, we make this happen here in Washington, Iowa! The Washington County Hospital prepares the meals, we pick them up at 11:30 each week day, and then we deliver them to the individual homes.



Generally there are around 10-12 meals to be delivered to 6-7 different homes. This takes about 45 minutes of your time. Our church is responsible for these deliveries for five weeks in the spring (April 15-May 17) and another five weeks in the fall. So, I ask you to please consider sharing the love of Christ by serving on this team! Kathy Hunt is our deacon team leader for Meals on Wheels. Our turn to deliver is coming up soon, so give Kathy a call (653-6379) if you can help!

Make a commitment to pray for others! Are you or someone you care deeply about in need of prayers? Our church has an **Email Prayer Chain** that reaches 99 different homes in our church family. To request prayers, the request must be okayed by the individual. 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 strive to be faithful servants as we offer up our prayers for others to our Loving Lord.



Thanks to all who donated over 57 books, 5 packages of wipes, and 10 packages of diapers for the Family Connection in our Diaper Drive.



2/21 drive collected 97 products helping up to 388 patients!





Church Family News ... just so you know!

Rod Letts coordinates the ushers each Sunday for the Traditional Service. Thanks for your service, Rod!

Many volunteers have stepped up and helped out with the multitude of chores Kevin Caldwell voluntarily performs throughout the church, particularly in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to you all - know we look forward to Kevin's return from his time away from this cold, winter weather!

Jordan Youngman and Joe McConnell, using the very tall ladder(!), changed the sanctuary banner to the "Be Made New" one, in this time of personal spiritual rebirth and renewal.

Two of "our" young adults and college students, took time out of their busy lives to serve as chaperones for our Crew Kids who attended Youthquake this winter. A very special thank you to Megan Strabala (U of I) and Dylan Schluetter (Indian Hills Comm. College).

Marj Lins gave of her time and talents in helping Pastor Erin make decisions concerning her new church office. Thanks, Marj!

Welcome Team Update and Thank You!



Thank you so much to Angie Schluetter and Teresa Anderson of the Welcome Team for coordinating our Farewell Reception for Butch on March 3rd. Everything looked so lovely, from the decorations to the food – and everyone enjoyed the special Fellowship Time. Butch and his talents will be missed.

Thank to all those who signed up to be greeters April through June – always love volunteers!

Thank you to EACH of you for reaching out to visitors each Sunday! We want to known as a VERY FRIENDLY CHURCH FAMILY, with family members who Love God and Love Others!

Interested in contributing to treats for our fellowship time on Sundays?

The Welcome and Hospitality Committee would love your help! It can be as simple as buying a bag of grapes or if the spirit moves you, do some baking!

Please see the sign-up sheet at the information table in the fellowship hall on Sundays or speak with any member of the committee:

Megan Alderton, Teresa Anderson, Christy Buchholz, Ann Conklin, Marde McConnell, Julie Murphy and Angie Schluetter. Thank you!



**Presbyterian
Women Monthly Meeting**
will be Wednesday, April 10th
in the UP Home at 9am.



**Articles for the May
newsletter are due
Wednesday, April 17th**



1 Felix Loula
2 Addison Gaal
2 Joe Wright
2 Anne Youngman
3 Cathy Whisler
4 Natalie Prochaska
4 Ericka Raber
6 Braden Gaal
6 Dawn Ledger
6 Ryan Tinnies
7 Jacee Stapp

8 Elanda Karugo
8 Steve Whisler
9 Wayne Brock
9 Erin Kaye
10 Jeff Kaufman
11 Megan Coakley
11 Rob Johnson
11 Adalyn Long
12 Payton Anderson
12 John Dillon
12 Michael Dillon
12 Olivia Marek
12 Nancy Pim
13 Carolyn Bollman

13 Ann Conklin
13 Dalton Rich
13 Lael Stout
15 Tyler Alderton
16 Laurie Davison
16 Dorothy Soucek
17 Rita Phipps
18 Dean Batterson
19 Macy Driscoll
19 Jamie Helmick
19 Joyce Wilson
20 Katie Rich
21 Larry Bartlett
23 Elna Tompkins

25 Brad Alderton
25 Jordan Thorius
26 Joyce Crawford
26 Jack Strabala
27 MaKenna Conrad
28 Kim Renoux
28 Eleanor Waring



The church building should be unlocked whenever there are people scheduled to be in the office. It will also be opened by the staff on Sunday mornings. If it is outside the posted staff office hours, the building will be locked. Keys may be checked out from the church office if you need to be in the building at a time other than the listed hours. During June, July, and August, we need a few volunteers to help lock up after church on Sundays. Please speak with Pastor Erin if you're able to help.



You may notice that the printed newsletter is not in color this month and that is not a mistake! We are exploring cost-saving ideas for the church as it is almost 5 times MORE expensive to print in color than it is in black and white. A color option is available on our website (upcwash.org) under the "calendar" tab, by email, or at the church office. Feel free to call the office with any questions!

School Year Office Schedule!

Employee/ Volunteer	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Erin (319-461-8765)	8am-3pm	8am-12pm	8am-3pm	Flexible	OFF	OFF	8am-1pm
Jess	8am-4pm	OFF	8am-4pm	OFF	8am-12pm	OFF	OFF
Jared	10am-4pm	OFF	9am-5pm	Work from home	9am-4pm	OFF	8am-9pm
Brenda	7:30am-12pm	7:30am-12pm	7:30am-12pm	7:30am-12pm	OFF	OFF	OFF
Connie Jarrard		8am-12pm					
Mary Atwood		1pm-4pm			11am-12pm		
Kay Hall	9am-10am			8am-12pm			
Deb Helmick				1pm-4pm			