



# UP Church

*Love God. Love Others.*

February 2019



## February Highlights

1st-3rd Youth Quake

2nd WE DO SAT KITCHEN!

7th Mobile Food Pantry

8th Night to Shine

11th Mission Meeting

13th PW at UP Home

19th Finance

20th Session

21st Blood Drive



## From the Pastor...

Friends,

It seems amazing that a month has already passed. It's been a whirlwind of worship, committee meetings, meeting people, and becoming settled in our new community. We've enjoyed the Firemen's Pancake meal, the Hospice Soup Supper, and our new memberships at the Y and the library. We've enjoyed the snow (yay!) but not so much the sub-zero temperatures (brrr)!

As we continue to journey forward together, my prayer is that we will continue to seek God's presence and leading in our lives and our community.

I pray that we will continue to be challenged to share the love and knowledge of Christ with those around us. I pray that we will continue to listen and be

moved by the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit - although perhaps a little less mightily than the winds these past few weeks!

If we haven't had time yet to meet personally, please don't hesitate to call my cell phone (319-461-8765) or check and see if I'm in the office. I'm always happy to talk, pray, and listen.

Blessings, Erin



### Session Update!

Sunday during our Prayer of Confession we were reminded that God has given us each many gifts that we are called to share. I'd like to recognize and thank the following who are sharing their gifts of leadership in serving as Elders on the Session: Karen Dillon, Joe McConnell, Mary Lou Saforek, Barb Liebe, Brad Alderton, Travis Moore, Kevin Caldwell, Julie Mangold, Diana Rich, Rita Phipps, Brandon Bishop, Roy Carter (youth elder). Also, we are thankful for those serving in the compassionate ministry as Deacons: Sallie Graves, Kathy Hunt, Mary Atwood, Marde McConnell, Sarah Robison and Terry Mangold. In the future I'll be sharing the names of those serving on various committees and teams serving in the church.

*What are your gifts? There are many opportunities. Do you enjoy singing, playing a musical instrument, sewing, technology, working with children, fixing things, teaching, hospitality/welcoming, helping with office duties, clearing snow. Think out of the box, be creative, something new. I invite you to get involved.*



During the January Session meeting Jessica Canny was again approved as treasurer of session and Kay Hall as clerk of session. Brad Alderton was approved as Commissioner to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery in Williamsburg on January 19 where Pastor Erin Kaye will be examined by the Presbytery. We look forward to the Annual Meeting on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> as we wrap up 2018 and are beginning a new chapter in the life of the United Presbyterian church with Pastor Kaye. In Christ, Kay Hall

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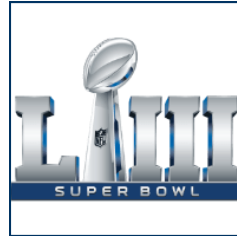
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## INSIDE OUT (Senior High)

Feb 3rd: 5:15pm @ Thorius' House  
SuperBowl Party  
Feb 10th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch  
Feb 17th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch  
Feb 24th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch



## SuperBowl Party

On Sunday February 3rd Inside Out will meet at the Thorius' house at 5:15pm for a SuperBowl Party (game starts at 5:30pm). Feel free to bring a snack and beverage to share.

## CREW (Middle School)

Feb 1-3: Quake in Des Moines  
Feb 17th: 3:30pm @ UPChurch

## CREW: Trip to Quake in Des Moines February 1-3



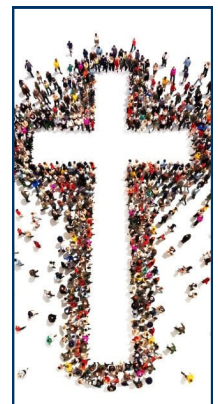
CREW will be going to Quake Friday February 1 - Sunday February 3. We will meet at the church immediately after school on Friday and head on out. The theme for Quake this year is "Diverge", which is inspired by Romans 12:2 ("do not conform to the pattern of this world..."). We plan on getting back to Washington around 2pm on Sunday. This weekend trip has always been a lot of fun and we look forward to another great trip.

## Son City (Elementary School)

Feb 3rd: 9:30am - "God Looks at the Inside" -- Visit to a Salon  
Feb 10th: 9:30am - Parable Productions in Son City  
Feb 17th: 9:30am - "Be Genuine" -- Visit to the Community Theater  
Feb 24th: 9:30am - Arts & Crafts -- Making movie posters

### Upcoming Events

Our lessons are taking us all over town. This month we will be heading to a Beauty Salon (Feb 3) and to the Community Theater (Feb 17). The other 2 Sundays we will stay at the church and explore the theme of God looking at the inside through drama and the theme of being genuine in arts and crafts. It should be a fun month - I hope to see you there.





The Mission Committee would like to announce that we are adding 2 young families who are serving our Lord in far away places to our International Mission Support.



This month we are introducing Cody and Vanessa Nelson who are working in the country of Jordan.

Vanessa is from Washington and is the daughter of Jerry and Lynn Partridge, former residents and active members of our community. She and Cody have 3 daughters - Beatrice age 3, Simone age 7, and Ella age 9.

Vanessa and Cody are working in the neighborhoods of their city establishing Bible Studies, women's groups, a men's network and even a football team as they join their own 'team' for the 7<sup>th</sup> year. They are looking forward to developing a relationship as a family with our church family and we envision many opportunities ahead to minister to them and their girls. They are excited to "stand with us for His kingdom".



## BOARD BOOK AND DIAPER DRIVE

### Love is shown in many ways!

Beginning next Sunday and through the month of February, the Mission Team will be collecting diapers

and wipes for the Family Connection. Many little ones in our community wear wet, soggy diapers for much of their day because of the cost of diapers and wipes which is prohibitive for many families in need.



We also are collecting board books in Spanish or both Spanish/ English as well as any English ones for little children. The families served by this organization so much appreciate the opportunity to share reading time with their little ones.

The Family Connection works on a limited budget and welcomes whatever donations we can provide that they can pass on to their families. Remembering Jesus' love for little ones should encourage us to care for them as well.

Thanks in advance for all donations to the display in the back of our sanctuary!



Thanks to all who donated over 80 toothbrushes and 70 bars of soap for the packing effort through Church World Service and PDA.



## From your Deacons...

### LET YOUR LOVE FLOW!

Share the Love of our Lord with folks right here in our Washington community. The Board of Deacons is seeking your help with three different ministries. 1. Help Deliver Meals on Wheels--- which ensures that the homebound has one human contact a day & one hot meal. 2. Drive folks who can no longer drive to church, a doctor or therapy appointment, etc... 3. Share the Love with a person from our church family who has difficulty leaving their home by visiting them once a month. May the Holy Spirit lead you to consider serving our Lord in any of these ways. Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall or contact Kathy Knutson or Mary Atwood.



### Your Deacons Need Your HELP!

WE NEED SOMEONE TO ARRANGE RIDES FOR FOLKS WHO NEED A RIDE! Won't you consider serving by being the Coordinator of the Transportation Team!!!!!! The deacons are in need of a volunteer to be the designated person for folks to call when they need a ride. This could be to help them get to worship or activities at church, to a doctor or therapy appointment, etc. This person would then make contact with a volunteer, from a list of folks who have already volunteered to drive. Might you share some of your time so the individual can get to their designated spot?  
Contact Deacon Kathy Knutson or Mary Atwood.



## the saturday kitchen

taste and see that the Lord is good!

Two days before Christmas you might think we'd have had trouble coming up with volunteers to help with the Saturday Kitchen. However, as always, many of our U.P. Church family reached out in love and caring! Thanks to each of you who made desserts, prepared or served the food, or helped with the clean-up. We are so very blessed to be able to share our facility and ourselves with our Saturday Kitchen guests.

Our next Saturday Kitchen date is February 2. If you have questions or would like to help: Please contact Joe or Marde McConnell: Call: 653-3884 or email [1221mcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:1221mcconnell@gmail.com).



Thank you so much to those of you who contributed to the mitten tree this Christmas time. We received 66 hats, 85 pair of mittens and 19 scarves. They were divided and brought to Stewart, Lincoln and Head Start. All of the staff were so happy to have something warm to give out mittens, hats and scarves on a cold day.

### New Items in the Library!

“To the Moon and Back” by Karen Kingbury

“The Two Rails of God’s Story” by Rev. Dr. Cody U. Watson Jr.

“By the Power of the Holy Spirit” by Washington, Ia resident Jeanne Kos



## Welcome to Our New Members – a Teaser!

Our Welcome Team planned to have a photograph and a bio on each of our new members in this newsletter. However, the weather AND other unexpected circumstances have necessitated that article “happen” NEXT month! However, here are some “teaser” bits of information about these very special people: Larry Bartlett, Gary Herlein, Alice Martin, the Murphy family (Joe, Julie, Brennan and Keaton) and Mary Oviatt.



We have graduates from North Mahaska, Guttenberg, Columbus Junction and Cardinal High Schools. We even have someone who rode a Greyhound Bus to high school! We have people whose hobbies include model trains, photography and cooking, playing computer games and building their own computer. We have someone who once worked in a ladder factory to someone who works three jobs. It looks like we have a pretty diverse group, wouldn't you say!

We're pleased each of our new members has found “us” to be very welcoming and has chosen to be a part of our church family. Some have already helped with the Saturday Kitchen, as greeters, with the Welcome Team and as part of the technology team. We're blessed to have each of them and again we say “Welcome to our UP Church Family.”

DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles for the March  
newsletter are due  
Wednesday, February 20th



## Team UP & Friends

Church family, please mark your calendars:  
**Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup>** 10K Run at 8:00 am and 5K walk at 9:30, Marr Park  
**Mon., April 29<sup>th</sup>** - it's “our night” at Pizza Ranch  
**Sat. June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Wash. Co. 2019 Relay for Life – “Give Cancer the Boot!”

Please consider being a part of our church Relay for Life team, Team U.P. and Friends. No Qualifications Necessary! Let either Ann Conklin (653-1898) or Marde McConnell (653-3884) know and we'll get you a T-shirt and hopefully you can join us for Relay 2019.



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.





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

Have you ever wondered who clears the snow off the church property? Well, while the parking lot is hired out, the sidewalk clearing is taken care of by volunteers! Property committee members and others commit to taking this on. Thank you to each of you volunteers!

Volunteers also helped Pastor K move out and get on her way to California before a storm came through Iowa. Other volunteers helped Pastor Erin's family move in, helped clean her new office area and prepared a welcome sign, now hanging on her office door. We hope Pastor Erin and her family are feeling our warm, United Presbyterian Church family hospitality and caring.

"Our" Brad Alderton not only volunteers in so many ways at our church, he's also a coach for the Washington School archery team, which son Tyler is a part of. He's a busy guy – thanks for all the ways you reach out in caring, Brad.

Mary Atwood is to be commended for the caring emails she sends as coordinator for our church prayer chain. In a very, very caring and timely manner she informs church family members of those asking for prayers for themselves or for their family or friends. Over 90 people are contacted! Feel free to contact the church office or Mary if you'd like to be a part of this special group of individuals.



The Kingdom Kids have enjoyed several days of snow play in January, along with a few days of riding trikes in fellowship hall. We are so thankful for the spaces we have here at the church.

We have been exploring winter in January as well as beginning a construction unit as we notice the new fire station beginning to appear. February will bring Dental Health and Valentine's Day.

We have welcomed four new students in this new year, as they have just moved to Washington. As we look to next year, we will begin taking registrations in February. Kingdom Kids will continue to offer morning classes for four year olds and older three year olds. Please continue to pray for our students, their families, and our staff as we begin the second half of our year.



1 George Fulton	18 Eliana Martin
1 Megan Mitchell	18 Dolores Wood
3 Sawyer Whisler	20 Jacob Baughman
4 Peggy Gerot	20 Lincoln Kleese
4 Tim Trotman	21 Annagrace Goeke
4 Gracie Walker	21 Isaac Rich
6 Ethel Moothart	22 Alice Martin
7 Grace Schiebel	22 Ella Walker
8 Ellen Twinam	23 Amanda Burke
9 Terry Anderson	24 Jared Henry
9 Meda Fulton	24 John Thorne
10 Teresa Anderson	24 Cal Wolf
10 Jaylene Schell	27 Erik Buchholz
11 Beth Dillon	28 Lauren Carter
11 Luke Schiebel	28 Melissa Kaufman
13 Megan Buitendorp	28 Abigail Kleese
13 Clay Whisler	28 Ed Lins
14 James Strabala	28 Hayden Westphal
16 Scott Lujan	28 Bev Young
17 Brian Strabala	29 Travis Shelman



**Presbyterian  
Women Monthly Meeting**  
will be Wednesday, February 13th  
in the UP Home at 9am.