

June 2019

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## **Summer Worship Schedule**

*May 26 - September 1*

**Worship at 9:30**  
**Fellowship time at 10:30**

### **June Highlights**

1st WE DO SAT KITCHEN!  
8th-16th Youth Mission Trip  
12th PW @ UP Home

12th Worship Meeting  
17th Flag Repair Day-Sewing Group  
18th Finance  
21st Summer Crew



## From the Pastor...

Friends,

I'm looking forward to the slower pace of summer, I have to admit. Much of my first few months here felt a bit like getting a drink of water from a fire hose, even with the enforced time off on several days when it was too cold or icy to go out. Now that I've been here for almost five months I feel a bit more centered and less harried. There has been time to learn names and routines, to discover things about this church and our new community, to start some long term and short term plans. Now that summer is here, I look forward to more time to plan and dream and visit.

There is one thing I am not looking forward to this summer, however. Many of you have told me about the summer slump here at UP Church. 'When summer begins, people disappear' is what I have heard, time and time again. I get it. Vacations are booked, the weather is so beautiful, it's nice to sleep in... there are as many reasons to miss church as there are people in the world. If your habit is to decrease your church attendance during the summer, I want to challenge you to work on that. I recently read an article in the Christian Research Journal, by Kevin DeYoung and Jason Helopoulos that might help you think about why this is important. They write, 'The greatest metaphor for the church in the New Testament is the language of the "body." We are the body of Christ. Yes, this speaks of our dependence on the head, Christ Jesus, but it also proclaims our dependence on one another. This is the argument Paul makes in 1 Corinthians 12: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Cor. 12:12)...Our lives are intertwined and inform one another. We are not meant to be alone. When Christians abstain from church, they are depriving themselves of all the benefits of the body (1 Cor. 12). We could say in a very real way that we have the fullness of the Spirit in all His gifts only when the church meets. The person with hospitality is able to encourage; the individual with the gift of teaching is free to exhort; the sister with the gift of mercy dispenses comfort; and the brother with the gift of faith sets an example. We are shaping one another to the glory of God...Every Christian must participate in the communion of the saints. We belong to one another and need one another.'



We need each other. We need to be in God's house whenever possible, with others who are a part of the body. Your presence is a gift – to God, to the rest of the body of Christ, and to yourself.

If you are away from Washington on any given Sunday, I invite you to log into [upcwash.org](http://upcwash.org) and watch worship with us at 9:30. If you are in town, I challenge you to be here.

You will be better for it. We will be better for it.

Blessings, Erin

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## Youth Mission Trip to Spirit Lake Reservation North Dakota



This year we will be serving with Spirit Lake Ministry Center in Sheyenne North Dakota as we serve the people of the Spirit Lake Reservation. I am looking forward to this opportunity of serving God as we encounter a culture different than our own. 26 youth and adults will head out early on Saturday June 8. While on the road we will be making stops at Presbyterian churches in Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, and then also staying a night in Fargo. Our theme for the mission trip this year is “Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him” (Col 2:7). This will be a great reminder for us on this journey to remember what our foundation is and from where we draw our strength & compassion.

Going on the trip this year are:

Gabriela Anderson	Roy Carter	Peyton Cuddeback	Sydney Cuddeback	Ori Hendrickson
Taytum Hobscheidt	Lincoln Kleese	Sophia Kleese	Chandler Mullens	Brennan Murphy
Keaton Murphy	Cooper Reed	Alec Schiefer	Ben Schiefer	Dawson Schluetter
Drake Schluetter	Dylan Smith	Jack Strabala	Ellie Todd	Cameron Westphal
Hayden Westphal				

Leaders: Jared Long, Darin Rich, Jake Thorius, Tracy Stabala, Krista Gaal

## Summer CREW (Middle School Ministry)

That’s right, it is once again time for another exciting summer of middle school ministry activities, which we refer to as Summer CREW. For most of these events we will spend some time in the morning practicing acts of service. We then grab some lunch and then spend some time in the afternoon participating in a fun activity. The exciting thing about Summer CREW is that we want as many youth to enjoy these activities as possible. This means all of those students who are going into 6th grade through all of the students who just finished 8th grade are invited to participate.

Another aspect of Summer CREW is the theme we select each summer to help direct us to God’s word and will for our lives. This summer our theme is ‘Stay Salty & Burn Bright’, and we will be looking at how the way we live our lives influence those around us.

We are currently in the midst of planning out all of these summer activities, but we do know the dates- so please make a note.

June 12th UP Home & Lake Darling  
 July 13th Tubing the Maquoketa  
 July 27th To be announced  
 Aug 17th To be announced







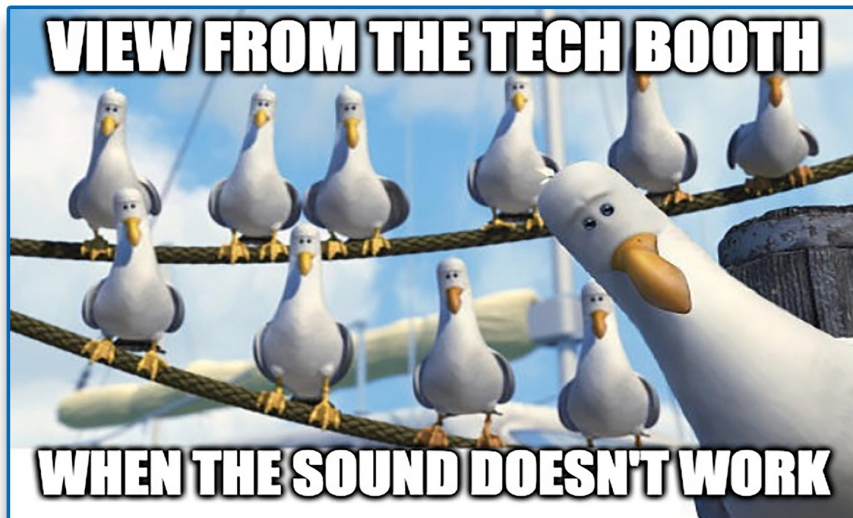
## Vacation Bible School : Love God, Love Others

VBS this year will take place Sunday August 4th - Thursday August 8th, from 5:30 - 8:30pm (dinner is provided). The theme is Love God, Love Others, which hopefully seems vaguely familiar to folks (there's a big banner in the fellowship hall). It will be a great opportunity to explore what it means to Love God and Others with the kids and families that participate this summer.

We have added a couple new twists this summer!

- 1) VBS this year is open to all ages. You don't have to 'drop-off' your kids/grandkids/neighbor kids/nieces and nephews this year, you can stay and participate as well (though you are not required to). Most of all, we just want the generations to feel welcome to come and interact together!
- 2) This year we will be holding VBS in Sunset Park. Each evening we will assemble at the main pavilion below the Cabin and proceed from there. It should be a lot of fun.
- 3) Since we are meeting in the park anyway, on the last night of VBS (Thursday Aug 8) we will be having a pool party and ice cream social - everyone's invited! If that doesn't sound like a hoot, well then I guess I don't know what a hoot sounds like.

To register please visit our website (<http://www.upcwash.org/>) and follow the links. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for VBS please see Jared ([upwashyouth@gmail.com](mailto:upwashyouth@gmail.com)). By the way, because of the fact that we will be holding VBS offsite this year, we will be looking for some additional volunteers to help transport food, help with set-up and tear-down, as well as to help with participant safety in the park.



A **BIG** thank you to all of you helping to pick up the slack in the Tech booth and learning new things. Camera and Sound people are Jim Cuddeback, Christy Buchholz, Steve Liebe, Leland Saforek, & Noah Rich. Slides and lights are Keaton Murphy, Erick Buchholz, Kori Rich, Emma Kaye, and Tyler Alderton (in training). Luke Koehler also helps with sound, especially for the band.

*Let them know you appreciate all their help.*

**Also I want to thank to the congregation** as we go through our learning process and for being patient as we figure it all out.

*Mary Saforek*



Jan-April represents 33% of the year. Our income came in at 31%  
Our expenses came in at 35%



**Articles for the July/August newsletter are due  
Wednesday, May 22nd**



## Woody and Barbara Busse Tajikistan and California

This month we are introducing Woody and Barbara Busse who are based in Azusa, California. Though now living in California, they are still very involved in the work in Tajikistan with the Iran and Central Asia Ministries. The underground church in Iran is one of the fastest growing Christian communities in the world today.

That is in spite of the fact that they come under persecution from the government of Iran. Still, Iranians have the courage to confess their faith in Jesus Christ. The ministries which Busse's now relate with in Iran are carried on by individuals whom they worked with while serving there for 14 years.

Barbara makes bi-annual ministry visits to Tajikistan where she gives verbal support and encouragement to those 5 related ministries in Iran. (Woody is unable to travel with her due to health limitations.). They are committed to relating with Persian speaking people - both in the LA area as well as in Tajikistan.

Please pray for the Busses as well as our other 4 missionary families who are serving our Lord in various countries around the world. Please check out the Mission bulletin board across from the office for latest news and prayer requests.

## The MISSION GRILL

OPEN for the month of JUNE



Every \$5 placed in the GRILL (located in fellowship hall) buys a couple of burgers for a family in Washington!

Your donation will be given to HACAP for meat cards so that a family can enjoy a picnic together.



**What a great way to share summertime!!**

## We host Saturday Kitchen June 1st

See Marde or Joe McConnell  
if you'd like to 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](mailto: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.





## Church Family News...

The Church Communion Committee is chaired by Janice Twinam AND she and her team are to be commended for their “behind the scenes” efforts on our behalf each Sunday we have communion.

They work the Saturday morning before Communion and then on Sunday, too. Others helping Janice are Brad Alderton, Kay Hall, Lois Holland, Connie Jarrard, and Sandy Krotz. Betty Beenblossom helps to see that things run smoothly at the UP Home, too. Thanks to each of you and your commitment of time to this part of our worship experience!

A new baby changing table has been installed in the men’s bathroom, thanks to Jim Cuddeback and Andy McCall. Thanks also to Travis Moore for the suggestion- great idea Travis!!

The Senior Reception had a twist this year! Everyone had the opportunity to make their own ice cream sundae, complete with lots of topping options. It was a very fun change from cookies and punch and was certainly well-received!

Thanks to the gals on the Welcome Team for coming up with this great way to host “our seniors” and to have a good time, too!!

Additionally, thanks to Christy Buchholz, (Jessie’s mom), coordinated the sending of “care packages” to our church family college and military young adults. Thanks for helping us stay connected with these young people and for helping us communicate to them that they continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Each month our church is the site for the HACAP, mobile food pantry. It begins at 1:00 and people are here waiting shortly after 12:00 - people in our midst need food! We’re so blessed to be able to share our handicapped-accessible facility with the community.

The large, ash tree in the southeast corner of our property was removed recently due to the emerald ash borer infestation. Plans are to replant a replacement tree somewhere in that area this year. Thank you Property Committee for coordinating that project and for all the other ways you help the church run “smoothly.”

**Interested in contributing to treats for our fellowship time on Sundays or greeting guests this summer? The Welcome and Hospitality Committee would love your help!**

The committee will be sending, via e-mail, opportunities for volunteers to greet and bring treats for the summer months. There will be a single service this summer, so only 1 set of greeters are needed. Fellowship time will follow the single service. If you have questions about the on-line sign-up or would rather we fill your name in for you, please contact Megan Alderton (cell 319-461-5286 or [meganalderton0830@gmail.com](mailto:meganalderton0830@gmail.com))

IF THE OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE PROVIDE IT so you do not miss out on opportunities to share the fun! Thank you!





## **JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS BREAKFAST on JUNE 2!** **Hosted by Team UP and Friends**

On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, any time after 8:00am and before the 9:30 worship service, please join us for a yummy breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of homemade rolls and other delectable pastries, a tasty egg casserole, fresh fruit cups and an assortment of drinks: juices, plain and chocolate milk and coffee, of course!

AND . . . there will be very special entertainment!

Team UP and Friends will gladly accept your free will donations which will be given to the 2019 Washington County Relay for Life.

All of us have had family members or friends whose lives have been affected by cancer and we all want to support those loved ones. Please support Team UP and Friends and help in the fight against cancer.

**Hope to see you all on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, before the 9:30 worship service between 8:00 and 9:15, for the Team UP Friends very inviting, Relay for Life, breakfast fundraiser.**

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## **GIVE CANCER THE BOOT!**

### **Washington County Relay for Life: Sat., June 22nd**



Want to be a part of Team UP and Friends? Well, we'd love to have you! Our church team, Team U.P. and Friends, is a "flexible" group. On Relay Saturday you don't even have to walk around the square if you don't want to – you can just come downtown, visit with your church family and friends and enjoy all the activities! We'd love to have you!

We have team t-shirts, so we need to hear from you to order your shirt! Please contact either Team Co-chairs: Ann Conklin 653-1898, Marde McConnell 653-3884 or the church office 653-6588 - if you'd like more information or if you're interested in being a part of Team U.P. and Friends.

Please consider joining us!



Meals on Wheels is a meal delivery service that is coordinated through the Washington Y. The meals are prepared at the Washington Hospital and delivered during the noon hour Monday through Friday. Several churches in Washington share the responsibility of delivering the meals. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in knowing more about Meals on Wheels, please call the Y. The Deacons would like to thank the following people who helped deliver meals this Spring: Kevin Caldwell, Julia Gamon, Dean Henderson, Kathy Hunt, Ed Lins, Julie Mangold, Terry Mangold, Alice Martin. We will be delivering meals again this fall. If you are interested in helping, please call Kathy Hunt 653-6379

# Congratulations

Anne Youngman received  
her Masters in  
Business Administration  
from Central College

Way to go  
Anne!



1 Ashlynn Long  
1 Brennan Murphy  
1 Meredith Raber  
2 Fran Langenberg  
2 Baylee Stalder  
2 Austin Stalder  
3 Jean Wells

5 Drew Conrad  
5 Garth Rustan  
5 Tricia Whisler  
6 Joleen Krotz  
7 Drake Schluetter  
7 Dawsen Schluetter  
8 Sydney Cuddeback  
9 Kay Hall  
10 Kathy Knutson  
11 Hattie Miller  
12 Jessie Buchholz  
12 Kaitlyn Mitchell  
12 Alexa Mitchell  
13 Lynn Loula

15 Caleb Bex  
15 Ron Kaufman  
15 Emma Keil  
15 Dylann Schluetter  
15 Penny Stout  
19 June Asper  
19 Sophia Lujan  
19 Olivia Lujan  
20 Nic Willers  
20 McKenna Woods  
21 Kevin Caldwell  
21 Janet Kaufman  
22 Etta Wakeland  
23 Ed Raber

24 Diana Henry  
25 Janice Flory  
25 Joyce Letts  
26 Patricia Bagley  
26 Ellie Farmer  
27 David Brinning  
27 John Prochaska  
27 Callie Schiebel  
27 Janice Twinam  
27 Austin Twinam  
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29 Rob Robertson



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## UPCOMING STAFF VACATION DATES

June 17th-29th Erin OFF  
June 24th-July 12th Jared OFF

July 1st-5th Jess OFF  
July 8th Erin OFF

