


UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

May 2019



*The winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of
singing has come.... Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

May Highlights

1st PW Spring Salad Luncheon
2nd Mobile Food Pantry
13th Mission Meeting
15th Worship Meeting

19th Kid's Sunday School Party
21st Finance
22nd Session
26th Summer Worship Schedule Begins
27th Offices Closed-Memorial Day



From the Pastor...

First and foremost, a huge thank you to everyone who worked, attended, and prayed to make our Easter morning a wonderful event where God was worshipped and glorified, and the risen Christ was celebrated. It was a group effort, and a beautiful day!

The Session has decided that during the summer we will have one worship service on Sundays, at 9:30 am (May 26-Sept 1). I'm excited about this. However, I know that there are some concerns, because I have received questions from a variety of people which mostly boils down to one question - 'What kind of worship will it be?'

I appreciate that you care, and wanted to offer my answer here, in case those asking were not the only curious ones. Our worship

this summer will be the kind of worship that glorifies God, which is the purpose of worship. Each week, both myself, Ginny, and MaryJo will seek to provide a service that points everyone present toward the One who calls us to worship.

I know that, primarily, your questions revolve around music. This summer we will sing music from a variety of worship styles and traditions. We've been averaging around 150 attenders between all of our worship services over the past few months. There are 15 summer services. If we sing 3 songs per service, that's 45 songs we will sing. Possibly, we will not sing your favorite song. Hopefully we will sing some songs you know as well as add some new ones to your repertoire. Also, later this month you will be asked to offer

some of your favorite worship songs, so please be thinking about that. We will try to incorporate some of the songs people would dearly love to hear and sing into the services this summer.

I hope that you will see this summer change in worship schedule as a time to come to church and be gathered with others who want to glorify God, and that when you are in town you will do your best to join us. Remember also that you can access the recording of our services from the church website - upcwash.org.

Please keep asking questions, please keep being involved, please keep loving God and loving others!

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

Spirit Lake Reservation, N. Dakota: June 8th - 16th

For the Youth Mission Trip this year we will be going to Spirit Lake Ministry in North Dakota. 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. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation at the Mission Market, we were able to raise enough to fund our trip (over \$9000). We are looking forward to this opportunity to serve.



INSIDE OUT (Senior High)

May 5th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch
 May 12th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch
 May 19th: 6:30pm @ Sunset Park
 May 26th: Graduation

CREW (Middle School)

May 5th: 3:30pm @ UPChurch
 May 19th: 3:30pm Kewash Bike Ride @ park

SON CITY (Elementary School)

May 5th: 9:30am - Activities with Julie Zahs
 May 12th: 9:30am - Field Trip to the Footbridge
 May 19th: 9:30am - End of Year Party in the Park
 May 26th: Memorial Day Weekend- No Sunday School until Fall

We are going to finish out the school year on a high note. On May 5th we are going to work on some activities with Julie Zahs, who always has such creative projects with the kids. On May 12th we have our last field trip, in which we will go to a footbridge and learn about trusting in God. And then on the 19th we will finish out the year with a party at Sunset Park. The kids will not want to miss any of these.



SENIOR CELEBRATION

May 19th Celebration Service 10:45am
 Scholarship Presentation
 Faith Sharing Stories
 Ice Cream/Cake after the service

YOUTH



CAMP

Our church covers half the cost to go to Camp Wyoming!
Don't miss out on this great opportunity.



2nd Annual UPCKTBR&P (UP Church Kewash Trail Bike Ride & Picnic) Sunday, May 19th 3:30pm

People had such a great time last year, that we are going to do it again this year. At 4pm the ride will begin. Folks will ride out several miles to where the trail crosses 230th Street. We will have a rest station set up there and this will also serve as a good turn around point.

At 5pm we will begin the picnic. We are providing the main course, participants are invited to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Hope to see you there!



The Kingdom Kids have been enjoying SPRING! Playing outside, planting flowers, looking at clouds, walking to the public library. We celebrated the week of the young child by displaying our art at the library and participating in a special music program along with other preschoolers from our town. We are so thankful for Jo Weidner who loves her job at the library, we try to visit her once a month.

As the year draws to an end we will be visiting Kindergarten, playing at the park, and celebrating the end of a great school year. We are accepting registrations for next year. If interested please call the church or Brenda Miles at 319-461-4327.



Session Update

With the election of Andy McCall, on Sunday, March 31, we now have a full Session. Andy will be officially installed at the Traditions service on Sunday April 28, 2019. Andy will continue to serve on the Finance Committee and Julie Mangold will serve with the Worship Committee.



The Presbytery asked if we would host a Presbytery meeting on November 19, 2020 from 1pm-5pm. The session members approved the request. (Notice the year; they really plan ahead.)

Cory Canny has accepted the position of custodian. Jess (yes, our secretary/treasurer) is his wife and will be assisting him. We should all do our part to help keep our church looking good, inside and out.

The Session heard reports from Pastor Kaye; Jared Long, Youth Director; Barb Liebe, chair of Worship Committee; and Karen Dillon, chair of Mission. Be sure to check out their updates in the newsletter as they and all the other teams are busy with meetings and planning for the church. Let them know you appreciate their time and efforts by giving them a word of encouragement and thanks. Remember, you can see who is on what team by looking in the Annual Report.

Easter Blessings to all, Kay



Property Committee has started updating the fluorescent lights in the church. 6 fixtures in the office and 12 fixtures in the kitchen have been replaced with LED units. These units will use about 1/4 of the electricity of the units replaced. After the rebates, the cost is approximately \$71 per fixture.

The large ash tree east of the kitchen has been removed at a cost of just over \$1,000. Thank you to Barbara Hinchcliffe for providing the dirt and Joe

Wright for hauling the dirt to fill the void after the tree was removed. Also, thanks to the David Bruns family for providing for the lawn care on the church property.

Thank you to Sandy Dunlap and Marde McConnell for their work painting, cleaning, and organizing around the church

Many thanks to Kevin Caldwell, Jeff Cuddeback, Terry Mangold, Jacob Thorius, Brad Alderton, Tim Trotman, and Jim Cuddeback for doing snow removal on the sidewalks around the church this past winter.



Jan-April represents 25% of the year. Our income came in low at 22% Our expenses came in high at 28%



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Greg and Chris Callison
Kurdish region in Northern Iraq

The Middle East is a region that has been of prayerful concern for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for more than a century and a half.

Greg and Chris Callison, both Presbyterian ministers, are involved in a ministry of witness to Christ among the majority of the Kurdish population in the north.

Their work includes bridge-building activities in support of the Christian population including Iraqi Presbyterians. Because of violence elsewhere in the country and the possible return of ISIS, there is much need for cautious support for the people. Please pray for the Callison's in their efforts to show and share the love of God in an area with many challenges.

the saturday kitchen

taste and see that the Lord is good!

Saturday Kitchen: Getting the Word Out!

Each year we make and distribute half-page flyers publicizing the Saturday Kitchen, reminding community members about the opportunity for a free meal and for fellowship with friends and family each Saturday noon. In March and April of this year about 2000 flyers were distributed!

More than half went to Goodwill and were put in customer, take-home, plastic bags throughout the week. Another large number went to our church and HACAP for food box placement. Others were given to several programs of Washington County Public Health, five local service-provider agencies, each of the four schools and school administration office, and the Mini Bus office. Lastly, our guests were given flyers to share with their family and friends.

It is our privilege to share our facility for this weekly community outreach to those who are hungry and /or lonely and also to serve as its coordinator. The eighty to hundred guests are so very grateful to have this opportunity to have a free meal "out" and to be with their family and friends. Together our UP Church family is showing ONCE AGAIN how we Love God and Love 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.

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY, FOR YOUR CARING

Thank you to each of you in our church family who donated money for the purchase of the more than twenty, flowering plants which were displayed in our sanctuary for the Easter service. The front of the wooden cross was adorned with white lilies, reminding us of Christ's purity, as well as colorful tulips, begonias and hyacinths, reminding us of the joy and new life given to us through Christ's resurrection. It was a beautiful sight!

All flowers were then distributed by church family members to church family members who were unable to join us on Easter morning. Some received a plant in their home and others received their plant at either the U.P. Home or Halcyon House. With each flowering plant there was a card which stated that the plant was used during our Easter worship service and was being given to them from their church family.

In closing, again our very grateful thank you to those who donated money for the purchase of the more than twenty, lovely, flowering plants. Thank you, also, to the individuals who delivered the plants, bringing beauty and joy to others in our church family. Together we are sharing our Love to God and Love to Others.

From the Deacons and Flower Committee



**Presbyterian
Women Monthly Meeting**
will be Wednesday, May 8th
in the UP Home at 9am.



**Articles for the June
newsletter are due
Wednesday, May 22nd**



PW Annual Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1 at 11:45

Bring a dish to share and a
friend to share it with!

Everyone's Welcome!



Church Family News ... just so you know!

“Our” Jessie Buchholz has been accepted into the University of Missouri Nursing Program in Columbia, Missouri. Congratulations, Jessie! Additionally, she is planning on a two-month, mission trip to Southeast Asia this summer through her Columbia church. May God bless her and guide her as she reaches out in His Love to those around the world.

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 need of 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.”

Welcome Team Update and Thank You!



Our Welcome Team has worked very, very hard this year and, as the initial coordinator, I’m so grateful to each of the people on my team: Megan Alderton, Teresa Anderson, Christy Buchholz, Ann Conklin, Julie Murphy and Angie Schluetter. I was very grateful when Megan Alderton offered to help out and serve as co-chair of our team!! I so appreciate Megan’s leadership help and all the team. They’re amazing gals, please thank each of them when you see them!!

Each is to be commended for helping with the set-up and tear-down in Fellowship Hall each Sunday. Additionally they’ve helped provide and serve the drinks and refreshments and coordinated the several special Sunday receptions. That doesn’t include helping to line up greeters for two services, nursery workers and preparing and sharing our Welcome Bags with visitors! We are a busy team and I’m blessed to be co-chairing this group of fun and committed gals with good ideas and a “can do” attitude.

Thank you to EACH of you ALSO for reaching out to visitors each Sunday, too! We want to be known as a VERY FRIENDLY CHURCH FAMILY, with members who Love God and Love Others throughout our church family, our community and where ever God leads us to serve. Marde McConnell

With one service beginning May 26th things will “look” a little different on Sunday. We will still have a Refreshment and Fellowship Time and currently we’re planning that for after our 9:30 service. Remember: blessed are those who are flexible!!

You should have received an email invitation to sign up on-line to help in providing refreshments in May

and over the summer. You may still come to our information table and sign up - our Welcome Team would be grateful for your help – love a volunteer!!





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

On Sunday, June 2nd, any time after 8:00 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!

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 know 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 2nd, before the 9:30 worship service between 8:00 and 9:15, for the Team UP Friends very inviting, Relay for Life, breakfast fund raiser.

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!

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Washington Against Hunger

Packing Event

May 5
3:00 pm
until done
KC Hall

Community wide - Any age 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.



2 Kayla Andrew	13 Jane Cuddeback	25 Ezra Graber	29 Jane Fehr
2 Allison Hippen	13 Marjorie Fullerton	25 Harvey Holden	29 Tork Whisler
4 Brianna Banks	13 Bill Pim	25 Paulette Twinam	30 Ariel Kaufman
4 Mary Lou Saforek	14 Willow Kane	26 Kasen Bailey	
4 Dave Schluetter	14 Sonny Phipps	26 Otis Cleverly	
5 George Grove	14 Dale Spencer	26 Dana Conklin	
6 Cathy Kleese	15 Andy McCall	26 Erik Murphy	
6 Colin Rich	16 Walt Gowan	27 Regan Loula	
8 Emery Walton	16 Elyse Hunt	27 Allie Wulf	
10 Dayton Schluetter	19 Morgan Meyer	28 Dorothy Pforts	
11 Matt Schiebel	24 Teague Mayer	29 TJ Durst	



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 26-Sept 1

9:30am Worship

10:30-11:00am Fellowship Time

