

September 2019



September Highlights

2nd Labor Day-Office Closed
3rd KKP Starts
5th Mobile Food Pantry
8th Kick Off Sunday

16th Sewing Day
17th Finance
18th Session
28th We Host Saturday Kitchen
29th Pancake Breakfast



From the Pastor...

Friends,

It's no secret that church membership in the United States tends to be on the decline. It makes sense to ask, 'Why do you attend a church?' or even 'Why does anyone attend a church?'. We all have different reasons, because we are all different people in different situations. However, for me, part of the answer is because we are all in this together, no matter the reason we are a part of this specific worshipping community. Being part of a church, a member, is a privilege.

Attitude is a little thing that
makes a big difference.

Winston Churchill

@austorcy

Beginning September 8, I'm going to spend 5 Sundays talking about church membership, and how to discover the attitude that makes a difference in being part of a church. This series is taken from a book called 'I Am A Church Member' by Thom Rainer. Each week, we will look at different aspects of being a church member and how our attitude impacts ourselves and those around us. If you'd like to read along, the book can be purchased for around \$5 online from a variety of websites, or let me know and I'll help you get a copy.

I'm excited to think about why we participate in the life of the church because I think it will help us all be excited about sharing the joy of membership with others, and especially with the people God calls us to seek out - the lost, the poor, those abandoned by society.

Blessings, Erin



Sermon Series: September 8 - October 6



CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Sept 8th: 3:30pm @ UP Church - Fall 2019 Kick-Off!

Sept 22nd: 3:30pm @ UP Church

Sept 29th: CREW Pancake Breakfast - 8-10am

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Sept. 8th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - Fall 2019 Kick-Off

Sept 15th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Sept 22nd: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Sept 29th: 9:30am @ UP Church - Adventureland



Son City

We are excited as we prepare for a new year of Son City @ UP Church. Just like last year, we will be meeting at a new time (8:45am), and also like last year we are starting a new curriculum. This year we will be using a rotation style curriculum, which should be familiar, though this one has some new stations, including science, games, mission, and cooking. It should be a lot of fun and we look forward to a year of sharing, laughing, and learning together.



Class Structure for 2019-2020

Birth - Kindergarten*: Upstairs in the Nursery

Kindergarten* - 5th grade: Downstairs in Son City

6th - 8th grades: Jr High Room

9th - 12th grades: Youth Room

*Parents can decide if they want their kindergartener to stay upstairs or join Son City downstairs. Please see Jared if you have questions.

Adventureland

On Sunday September 29th Inside Out is planning a trip to Adventureland. We will meet at the church at 9:30am, enjoy pancakes at the church, and then load the vans and head out at 10am. We should be back at church by 8pm or so.



Kingdom Kids Preschool is gearing up for a new year. I have home visits scheduled for the week of Aug 19, and Meet the Class is on Aug 29. These are transition activities that will help alleviate some of the child's "fear of the unknown". Jennifer Holthus will be returning as our associate, and Irazu Barrasa Cruz is coming back as a volunteer. We will start class on Sept. 3. If there are families of four year olds that you meet who are not served, remind them that tuition is FREE (paid for by the state of Iowa). We are still accepting registrations. Brenda Miles 319-461-4327

Vacation Bible School Recap : Love God, Love Others

We had an exciting week of Vacation Bible School in early August. You may have noticed we did a couple of different things this year. We held VBS in Sunset Park, which thanks to some great volunteers and God's cooperation with the weather went extremely well - it was a wonderful, beautiful week. We also invited the whole family to participate, which several families decided to take us up on. Together we explored what it means and looks like to "Love God and Love Others." Altogether it made for a very memorable week for all who were involved.



There are some coats and a few misc. items in the lost and found area of the south parking lot coat area. Additionally, there are a few items in the kitchen on the south counter. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you. After Sept. 8th, these items will be donated and given a new home.

UPMission

Love God. Love Others.

Fifteen volunteers from our church spent an evening sharing love at Camp Reece on Wednesday, July 31st. Four cookie bakers provided 10 dozen cookies for the campers to enjoy. Everyone enjoyed singing songs of praise with Andrew Zuehlke leading and playing the piano. All of the volunteers had pictures taken with our own camper! Thanks for sharing God's love!



This year our Sunday School project will be Heifer International. The

Mission Committee tries to have a local project one year and an international project the next year.

Heifer International is celebrating 75 years of working with communities to increase income, improve nutrition, care for the earth, and end world hunger and poverty. Heifer works to empower families by training people in sustainable farming, gain access to market, and empowering women. Heifer is in 25 countries and has provided more than

32 million families with the tools and training to help them out of poverty. There are so many projects that they are involved in but this year we are concentrating on livestock and how the people that receive the animals are asked to pass on the first female offspring to another in need. This has blossomed in the US where we have developed an incubator program in which each new farmer agrees to mentor the next generation of farmers.

Remember that we will be supporting Heifer International for the next year in our Sunday School offering.

I want to thank all of my church friends who helped me with a very large project at my house. Whether you were knocking down, picking up, carrying away, or the very popular ones that provided food and drinks- I am grateful for you all! I feel fortunate to belong to a warm, loving church community that takes care of each other with support and kindness. In His name, Deb Helmick



the saturday kitchen

taste and see that the Lord is good!

This is the 8th year of our Saturday Kitchen outreach program and things are going great! Soon we'll be contacting the 2019 hosts about their plans for 2020.

We ask for your prayers that our 2019 hosts will feel called to serve once again in 2020. We hope to continue to reach out with a free, noon meal and opportunities for fellowship for anyone in our community!

We're hosting the Saturday Kitchen on Sept. 28 and we could use YOU! There's a job for everyone - love to have your help! Not only are we serving our neighbors and sharing God's love, we always manage to have a very fun time ourselves!

Contact the church office (653-6588) or Joe or Marde McConnell (653-3884) for more information or to volunteer for our Sept. 28th hosting event!

Starting September 1st

Lynne Loula

will be the new contact person for our

PRAYER CHAIN

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Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

This was such a big hit last year that we decided we needed to do it again! Back by popular demand is our annual pancake breakfast.

Don't worry about making breakfast at home this morning, instead just come to church between 8 -10am.

We will have pancakes, sausage, and probably some fresh fruit.

Freewill donations will be accepted to help support CREW activities, mission projects, and Quake.

Please note that there will be no children/youth Sunday School on the 29th.





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FACILITY AUDIT

The Hospitality team
is asking specific people
to do this audit.

Anyone is welcome
to participate.
Forms are on the
welcome table.



Monday 8am-4pm
Tuesday 8am-noon, 1-4pm
Wednesday 8am-4pm
Thursday 8am-noon, 1-4pm
Friday 8am-noon

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED
LABOR DAY**



Jan-July represents 58% of the
year. Our income came in low
at 52% Our expenses came in
high at 59.5%



Articles for the October
newsletter are due
Wednesday, September 18



"Washington United Presbyterian Church"
"Kingdom Kids Preschool Washington, Iowa"

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FALL gathering

The PW Fall Dessert Gathering will be held on Wednesday, Sept 18th at 1:30pm. The program will be given by Kitch Shatzer. She will be reporting about her trip this summer to the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation. The Mission Trip went to the Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Reservation where they conducted Vacation Bible School. Come one and all to hear about Kitch's experiences.



Come check out the Church Library for these and many other books!

"Gospel Reset" by Ken Ham

"Creating Moments of Joy Along Alzheimer's Journey" by Jolene Brackey

"Understanding Difficult Scriptures in a Healing Way" by Matthew Linn

"The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers" by Maxwell King



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United Presbyterian ladies in fellowship together

FALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 15, 2pm - *Freezer Meal Prep Party*

Oct. 20, 2pm - *Visit to Halcyon House to visit and paint fingernails*

Nov. 17, 2pm - *Sign Painting Party at Re-Purpose It*

Dec. 8 or 15 (TBD) - 2pm - *Christmas Cookie Swap*



20th Annual 5K Memorial Walk/Run Fundraiser

Saturday September 21, 2019
Sunset Park (near Rocket Slide)
8am Registration
9am Walk/Run Begins

Call Robyn at 319-653-7321 or email robyn@hospicewc.com with any questions





Church Family News...

To create a more inviting “look” in our south parking lot entry, we have a newly re-covered and very attractive BENCH. Project completed thanks to Property Committee funds.

Our JULY SATURDAY KITCHEN hosting event was a much-enjoyed, porkburger picnic. As always, thanks to each of you - from grillers, to brownie makers, to food “preppers,” to greeters, to servers, to clean-up helpers - you EACH reached out in kindness and caring to our guests.

KATHY KNUTSON has so willingly repaired several of our UP church flags. We appreciate you, Kathy! Many thanks for sharing your talents.

KATIE LUJAN graciously donated several, much-needed bags of mulch which were placed at various sites around the church. Thanks, Katie.



Our Welcome Team is lining up those interested in greeting and those interested in helping provide refreshments for our fall, Church Family Fellowship Time. We appreciate everyone’s positive responses to help in the past and we THANK YOU in advance for your HELP ONCE AGAIN this fall!

Also, we hope to begin having volunteers assist us during Fellowship Time, as our team continues to find additional ways for our church family to help with this much enjoyed gathering time.

TO VOLUNTEER: check the church website, sign-up during Fellowship Time, or speak to a Welcome Team member: Megan Alderton, Teresa Anderson, Christy Buchholz, Ann Conklin, Marde McConnell, Julie Murphy and Angie Schluetter.

Again, thanks for your continued support!
LOVE A VOLUNTEER!



Your personnel committee has been busy working on drafts for part time job descriptions for our youth and music positions.

The committee will meet again in early September to finalize our drafts. They will then be forwarded to the Worship and Christian Education committees for their reviews and comments. The final draft will then be sent onto Session for the final approval and recommendation for the searches.



1 Emma Kaye
4 Frances Batterson
5 Marissa Gaal
5 Kitch Shatzer

6 Betty Beenblossom
8 Peyton Cuddeback
11 Kaden Bex
11 Jerry Flory
13 Karen Murphy
14 Vicki Brinning
14 Aaron Coakley
14 Megan Strabala
19 Jim Cuddeback
19 Lindsay Hippen

21 Betty Gipple
21 Steve Liebe
21 Piper Morris
21 Nick Reed
22 Jules Schuster
26 Clay Eaton
28 Tom Bollman
29 Mary Case
29 Maridee Woods