

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Starting with the first Sunday in March, we will be entering a season of the church year called Lent. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for Easter, just as disciples over the years have done. This year, we will be entering the wilderness with Jesus. Remember, just as he was baptized, Jesus was driven out into the wildernesses, where he spent time clarifying his vision and being reminded of who he was and his purpose in life. It is my hope that you will choose to journey with us over the next six weeks, beginning with Ash Wednesday, on February 26, and continuing each Sunday until we finally arrive at the cross on Maundy Thursday (April 9). I look forward to the journey, and to your presence with me in the wilderness.

Blessings,
Erin



March Highlights

5th Mobile Food Pantry
5th Optimist Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
8th Daylight Saving Time Starts
8th Youngman Baptism
8th Confirmation Gathering
11th Welcome Meeting

11th Worship Meeting
14th Presbytery Meeting
15th Mission Market
16th Sewing Day
16th Finance Meeting
18th Session Meeting
22nd UPLift

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Mar 1st 6:30pm @ UPChurch

Mar 7th 1pm Mission Market Set up @ UPChurch

Mar 8th 6:30pm @ UPChurch

Mar 14th 1pm Final Mission Market Setup @UPChurch

Mar 15th Mission Market after Church

Mar 22nd 6:30pm @UPChurch

Mar 29th 6:30pm @UPChurch

Mission Market– Sunday March 15th

This summer the Senior High Youth will be heading to Alamosa, Colorado to serve for a week with the local Habitat for Humanity and the La Puente Home homeless shelter. We will have the opportunity to work on some construction projects for houses as well as work around La Puente's facilities and prepare meals. The Mission Market is one of the primary ways that we raise money each year for our mission trips. This year we will be holding the Mission Market on Sunday March 15th. Join us right after church for a luncheon and the auction. We hope to see you all there!

Crew (Middle School Ministry)

March 1st and 15th 3:30pm at UPChurch

Join us for a couple of regular meetings and bring your friends!

Kingdom Kids Preschool

The Kingdom Kids have been celebrating friendship and love in February, along with learning about dental health. We were also excited to watch Shane Anderson install lights in our hallway. He was very accommodating with all of our inquisitive questioning. He even let us explore his lighted camera tool. Thank you Shane, Dick, and Jim for brightening our world.

In March we will learn about weather and the changes that Spring brings. Conferences will happen the first week in March. Children are growing, learning, changing, and continually becoming more independent.

We have begun to take registrations for next Fall. We are planning to hold class M-Th, 8:15-11:15. Four years old by Sept 15 = Free (State funded tuition), three year olds = \$100/month.



Son City (Elementary School Ministry)

Mar 1st: 8:45 am– Jesus Lives (Video)

Mar 8th: 8:45 am– Jesus Lives (Cooking w/ Marde)

Mar 15th: 8:45 am– Jesus Lives (Missions w/ Marde)

Mar 22nd: 8:45 am– Jesus Lives (Spiritual Prac/Games w/Marde)

Mar 29th 8:45 am– Jesus Lives (Drama/Storytelling w/ Julie Z)

We are on our second to last unit for the year called “Jesus Lives”, leading us right up to Easter. Thanks to Jane Cuddeback, Marde McConnell and Julie Zahs for giving us your time and energy preparing our lessons each week!

JAMKIDS
United Presbyterian Church Washington



Wednesdays in March on the 4th,
11th, and the 25th

(None on the 18th because of
Spring Break)

I Really Need a Home!

We have an extra piano at the church and we'd be thrilled to give it to someone in our church family or to know that it was going to a home that would "love it."

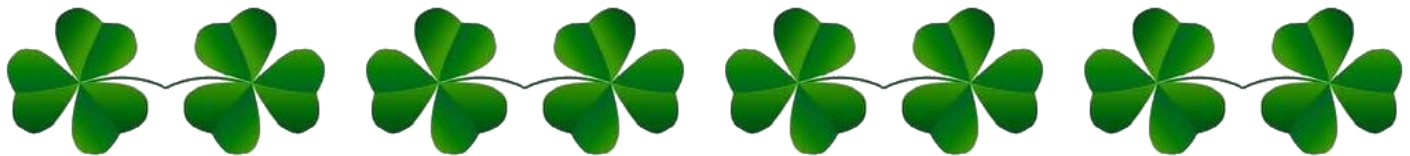
We still will have our beautiful, grand piano in the sanctuary, our choir room piano and our chapel piano. By the way, the latter is on castors and can be easily moved into Fellowship Hall or other parts of the church.

If you, or if you know of someone, who would like a free piano, please contact the church office (653-6588) or Pastor Erin.



Let There Be Light!!

Property Committee continues to donate their time in updating the lighting on the main floor of the church. What a difference it's making to have these new LED lights! As someone recently said, "You can now see the pretty blue of the pre-school hallway – and it looks so much larger, too."



MISSION MARKET

Fundraiser for Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Alamosa, Colorado

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

FREEWILL LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICE

Inside Out Mission Market and Mission Trip

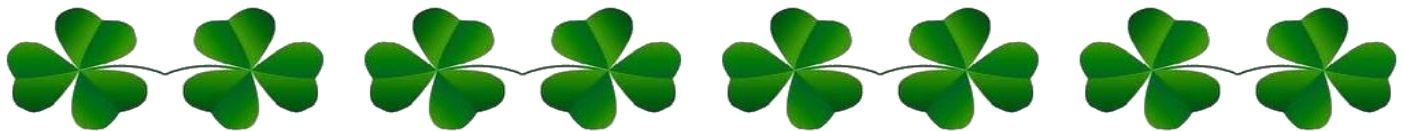
Moving into March, you can continue to make a difference in the Missions of our church. You are invited to the High School Youth Group Mission Market on 3/15/2020. Join us right after church for a meal (free will donation) and a chance to bid on goods and services provided by the Inside Out Youth Group. The Youth will be heading to Colorado in June to work with Alamosa Habitat for Humanity and also La Puente Home. Your help through financial support and prayer helps plant the seed of serving others in the younger generation.

We have completed the diaper and board book drive. Thank you for your important contribution to the Family Connection. The parents and little ones that benefit from your contribution are being shown the love of God by our loving congregation.



Heifer International

Did you know the Sunday School kids are being challenged to bring an offering to put towards purchasing animals from Heifer International. Heifer International is our offering project this year for the Sunday School Classes. I've heard rumor that the High School Class would like to buy a Water Buffalo. An even more impressive accomplishment would be to collect enough money to buy the gift of an Ark. The cost of an Ark is \$5,000. Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Please help us meet this goal and encourage and remind the kids (and adults) to bring an offering Sunday mornings.



YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS!

Kathy Knutson, Terry Mangold, Sarah Robison,
Marde McConnell, Mary Atwood, Larry Bartlett,
Sydney Cuddeback

Are you finding yourself in a position where you are in need of some help in getting to worship, doctor appointments, therapy appointments, and other outings?

Your Board of Deacons can help you with this. Deacon Larry Barlett, the chairperson of this ministry team, and his team of volunteers, can be of assistance to you. Give Larry a call at 319-653-4461 and he can make this happen. Let us share God's love with you in this way.

Our Friends at Home– Send a card, say a prayer, or connect in some way

Fran Batterson
315 W Washington Blvd,
Washington

Betty Gipple
1205 W Washington St,
Washington

Dean Batterson
420 E Tyler St,
Washington

Clem & Vivian Griffith
1512 N 3rd Ave,
Washington

Cards are
available at the
Welcome
Table in
Fellowship Hall



Thanks to ALL who helped with our Feb. 15th Saturday Kitchen! Joe and I were gone but we know “all” can function perfectly fine without us. We’re so grateful to you, our church family, and your commitment to this community outreach of food and fellowship to those who so depend on both!

By the way, over 1500 Saturday Kitchen announcement, half-page flyers were distributed in Feb. Over 500 were taken to all the schools, the administration office,

HACAP, Public Health, all service providers, The Lighthouse Center, and many other places. Additionally, over 1000 were taken to Goodwill to be placed in shopping bags for one week. We’re continually trying to reach out and let people know that the Saturday Kitchen is here and all are welcome!

Joe and Marde
McConnell



THANK YOU AND JOIN US AGAIN!

Team UP and Friends thanks you for coming to Unc and Neph’s on Tues., Feb. 4. We had a great time visiting, catching up and laughing.

We have another fund-raising, evening “out” opportunity!



Pizza Ranch: Monday, March 2nd

Please come and support “us” and the June 27th Relay for Life!
Team UP and Friends,
Ann Conklin and Marde McConnell, Co-Chair



Thank you!
from Hospice of Washington County Friends



Our Hospice Friends have donated a box of six, large containers of disinfectant wipes to be used on our church, kitchen counters and tables. This is Hospice’s way to express how grateful they are to be able to host their Soup Supper at our church. These wipes are so much easier to use on our kitchen food surfaces than the bleach water of the past. We’re so grateful for this Hospice gift.



UPLift
March 22nd
2pm Painting Lesson with Karen



Articles for the April
newsletter are due
Wednesday, April 18



Church Family News

Did you know...

Wanda Skubal, church family member has moved to Columbus Junction to be closer to family. By the way, at over 100 years old, Wanda's now become a model . . . a paid, "hand model." How cool is that?

Tyler Alderton was recently selected to participate in the all-day, Southeast Iowa Youth Honor Choir. This event took place at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mt. Pleasant. Way to go, Tyler!!

Ron See has recently retired as a City of Washington Police Officer. Thank you for your many years of excellent service keeping us all safe, Ron. By the way, Julie is quick to add, "Ron's not totally retiring, he's making a career change." Know we all can't wait to see what your next "career" will be, Ron.

Emma Kaye has been selected to be a drummer in the competitive Colt Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps performance group, based out of Dubuque. She's excited for her summer of performances and competitions and we're excited for her. Congratulations, Emma!



EASTER FLOWERS

Once again this Easter, we will be beautifying the front of the sanctuary with colorful plants. After the worship service these blooming plants will be taken to those of our church family who are unable to worship with us.

Easter Sunday's bulletin will include the names of those who purchase one or more of these plants AND to whom "it honors" or to whom it "is in memory of." The cost for these lovely plants is \$15 once again this year.

Just stop in the church office, or contact any deacon or Marde McConnell about this caring project of reaching out to others in our church family.

Deadline to purchase plants is Friday, March 13.



1 Gabriel Bruns
1 Jack Carter
1 Kaelyn Johnson
3 Jim Wood
4 Sophia Kleese
4 Isabella Lujan

4 Susan Rich
4 Butch Zwicki
5 Kiki Bruner
5 Tom Hunt
6 Miranda Schuster
6 Spencer Woods
7 Angie Schluetter
7 Jordan Youngman
8 Phil Morris
9 Virginia Bordwell
10 Stephanie Leiphart
11 Megan Eaton

11 Haley Newlon
12 Debra Helmick
12 Traci Stewart
13 Matteo Hernandez
13 Jacob Miles
15 Lila DePenning
16 Grant Sobaski
16 Lance Sobaski
21 Mildred Houseal
22 Sandra Krotz
22 Marde McConnell
22 Russ Woods

23 Sam Hall
23 Maci Williams
25 Judy Murphy
26 Leland Saforek
27 Gailia Garland
27 Roger Miles
28 Brenda Miles
28 Alec Schiefer
30 Kinston Ross