



April 2020

LENT CONTINUES

Until we are physically together in the sanctuary,
we will continue to celebrate the season of Lent

The first Sunday we're physically together
we will celebrate Palm Sunday

The second Sunday we're physically together
we will celebrate Easter

Connecting for Worship on Sunday

Our website: <http://www.upcwash.org/>

Here are some ways to connect with our livestream

Facebook - Washington United Presbyterian Church

Smart TV - download the Boxcast app and look for UPCWash - you can watch the stream from your TV this way!

Computer - Use the following link: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/a0zvuoqohexe93npq2xjr>
to go directly to our boxcast page

If you do not have the technology to connect in these ways, or you're having problems using the technology you have, and you'd like help, please call the church office at 319-653-6588.

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

When my position at my first church ended, I didn't have a second position lined up. There had been some churches that looked interesting, but none that were 'right'. Thus began a 7 month unintentional sabbatical - a time away from the life of leading a specific congregation in a specific place. Eventually, I accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church in Camden, Arkansas, where we stayed for 10 years before coming here. It is that time of enforced rest that I think about now, as we all enter a period of enforced isolation - with the exception of the wonderful people who strive to keep us healthy and fed.

Over some unspecified amount of time, many of us will be spending a lot more time at home. All of us will be wondering 'How long, O Lord?' Like that 7 month period for my family many years ago, there will be times of struggle and times of impatience and times of disagreement and times of disappointment. There will also be sweet times, when we are connected and forgiving and loving and at our best. I am freshly reminded of the book of Ecclesiastes, where the writer reminds us all of what our farmers know so well - there is a season for everything. Right now we are in a season of difficulty. However, a new season will come, as surely as the sun rises each day, as surely as the red wing blackbirds return each spring to stake out their claim on a fencepost or telephone wire.

As we walk through this season, I remind you to cling to the triune God - Father, Son, and Spirit, who remains with us, and is steadfast and dependable. Wrap yourself in that knowledge, and hold fast to it, even as the world seeks to tear away the coverings of our certainty and our stability. Know that you are loved.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

If you'd like to make an online donation to the ministry of United Presbyterian Church, go to our webpage (upcwash.org)

Checks may be sent to:
United Presbyterian Church
PO Box 32
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Offering
Giving Back
To God

April Highlights

2nd Mobile Food Pantry
11th Saturday Kitchen (we do)
15th Session Meeting

20th Sewing Day
26th Confirmation Sunday
30th Kingdom Kids Spring Program

**** All dates listed are subject to change based on the ability to rejoin together in common locations (Church, school, etc.)!
We will be in contact in the coming weeks if things change or with more information.**

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Apr 5th: No Sunday School or Inside Out Meeting Apr 12th: No Sunday School or Inside Out Meeting
Apr 19th: Sunday School 8:45 am, Inside Out at 6:30pm @ UP Church
Apr 26th: Sunday School 8:45 am, Inside Out 6:30pm @ UP Church

We will be having a parent meeting about the Mission Trip as soon as we are able. We will contact families in the coming weeks as we know more.

Crew (Middle School Ministry)

Apr 5th: No Sunday School or Crew
Apr 12th: No Sunday School
Apr 19th: Sunday School at 8:45am, Crew at 3:30pm
Apr 26th: Sunday School at 8:45am

Son City (Elementary School Ministry)

Apr 5th: 8:45 am– No Sunday School
Apr 12th: 8:45 am– No Sunday School
Apr 19th: 8:45 am– 8:45am Finish “Jesus Lives”
Apr 26th: 8:45 am– 8:45 am Begin “Peter & John”

Kingdom Kids Preschool

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.
Call Brenda Miles for more information. 319-461-4327



Confirmation

Wednesday, April 15th

To Be Determined

Serve Praise Café at Sunset Park
after Jam Kids

Sunday, April 26th

Confirmation Sunday

JAMKIDS
United Presbyterian Church Washington



Wednesday April 15th To be Determined



5:15pm– 5:45pm
Meal will be
provided
Freewill Donations
accepted
To be Determined

Spring Clean-Up

May 3: 3pm-5pm, pizza after!
Sponsored by the Welcome Team

We had such fun and accomplished so much last fall, we're planning a spring event! There will be inside and outside projects - more details next month but . . . mark your calendar!



I Have a New Home!

We're pleased to report that the piano has a new home at the UP Home. Andrew Zuehlke is happy to have another place to "tickle the ivories!"



Easter Flowers

When we celebrate Easter, the front of the sanctuary will once again be beautiful with colorful flowers and plants. Thank you to the many of you who donated flowers and plants in honor or in memory of your loved ones.

After worship these blooming flowers and plants will be given to church family members who are no longer able to worship with us; as we reach out in caring and love.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

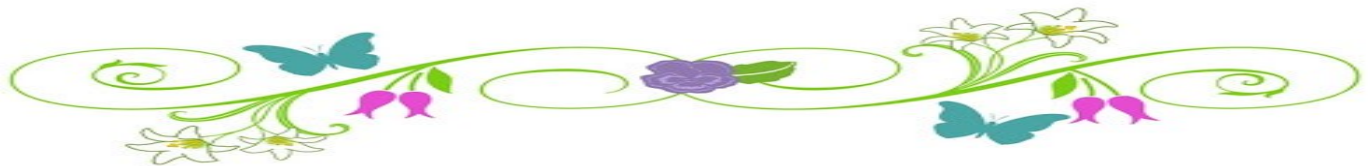
Sunday School offering project for this year

The Heifer International organization has been reaching out to individuals and communities in 21 countries around the globe by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their neighborhoods. Their effort works to guarantee a living income to local farmers.

The work begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation.

821 million people go to bed hungry every night. The belief that everyone deserves a life free from hunger and poverty is the impetus behind the work that has been done. This church is a part of the Heifer movement to make that number take a downward trend.

The Mission Committee has set a goal of raising the \$5,000 needed to purchase an “Ark” - a pair of each of the animals that are part of the Heifer plan. Please continue to give generously and regularly toward this goal. The month of April is our Heifer Emphasis month. Look for more info in Fellowship Hall and through special announcements in worship.



YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS!

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

Meals on Wheels

Be a part of the crew that delivers Meals on Wheels this spring! Do you believe that homebound folks in Washington should be able to receive a hot and healthy meal every day delivered with a smile? If so, sign up soon! Our spring delivery dates run from April 20 through May 22. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday starting at 11:30 AM and takes about an hour of your time. Deacon Terry Mangold is our current deacon coordinator. If you could help serve in this way, contact Terry at 319-863-3175. Serve like Jesus!

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

Fairy Gesling
904 E Tyler St,
Washington

Harry Radar
3107 Coppock Rd,
Washington

Ethyl Moothart
1013 N 5th Ave,
Washington

Cards are
available at the
Welcome
Table in
Fellowship Hall



Thank You,

A big thanks to my friends at UP church. I'm grateful for your continued support during my extended illness. You may have been the one that brought me food, and stayed to share the meal; or the one that provided transportation while I was so sick; you may be the one that brought me flowers, and stayed to visit; or the ones to check on me; or send cards. I feel truly blessed by those who prayed for me on a regular basis. I'd also like to thank those who supported Jamie, as she supported me.

Thank all in his name,
Deb Helmick



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the more than twenty church family members who joined us at Pizza Ranch on March 2nd. We appreciate your caring!
We're also grateful to Sophia and Olivia Lujan for their great help bussing tables. They did a super job and their smiles really helped our "tip jar."



Mark your calendar: June 27th Relay for Life
Team UP and Friends,
Ann Conklin and Marde McConnell, Co-Chair



"Thank you!" from Bob Driver of the HACAP Mobile Food Pantry

Bob, the Hiawatha HACAP Mobile Food Pantry driver, said to thank you all! He drives the food truck to our church the first Thursday of each month. Food is given away to those in need at 1pm.

In March he said, "This facility is great and we so appreciate your letting us use it each month. It's so easy to set-up inside and when the weather's nice we appreciate being able to set-up in your parking lot, too!"

By the way, like the Saturday Kitchen - some people come very early! Not only do they want to be first in line for food, they also meet friends here. They enjoy visiting and playing cards, as others began coming, too. Over 40-50 households received food at the church in March, everything from bread to canned goods to meat, etc.

What a joy and privilege it is that we're able to share our facility for so many worthy causes, as we show our Love for God as we Love Others.

UPLift

Tentatively planning for the afternoon of April 19th but will provide information as it gets closer!



Articles for the May newsletter are due
Wednesday, April 22nd



Church Family News

Did you know...

Volunteers: Some days there can be six to a dozen or more volunteers at the church at one time! There can be property workers, pre-school helpers, office assistants, sewing gals, Saturday Kitchen preparers, other meal event people or people meeting to talk with each other or with Pastor Erin! Lots going on at the church during the week – all helping our church family care for others in love or taking care of our church building. As restrictions ease we look forward to this resuming.

The Christmas cactus in the church lounge very infrequently flowers. Well, check it out – it now has some buds and blooms!

Katie Lujan and Connie Jarrard purchased spring-type items for the kids' activity bags. Thanks, gals, nice to change things up for the kids.

Congratulations to Michael Dillon who recently was accepted into the University Of Iowa College Of Law. We're so pleased for Michael and congratulations and best wishes to ALL the young people of our church family for their many accomplishments and their good works in spreading God's love, too.

Saturday Kitchen Update We Host: April 11th

Please let us know if you're available:
Contact Joe or Marde McConnell, 653-3884

By the way, the Saturday Kitchen is making changes due to the concern for the health of our guests due to the corona virus. We are following the recommendations of Danielle Pettit-Majewski, director of Washington County Public Health. At this time we are only doing take-out meals.

As we know some of our guests depend on this free meal and perhaps a carry out meal for their weekend food. Our goal will be to provide this meal any way we can.



1 Felix Loula
2 Addison Gaal
2 Joe Wright
2 Anne Youngman
3 Cathy Whisler
4 Natalie Prochaska
4 Ericka Rader
6 Braden Gaal
6 Dawn Ledger
6 Ryan Tinnes
7 Jacee Stapp
8 Elanda Karugo
8 Steve Whisler
9 Wayne Brock
9 Erin Kaye

11 Megan Coakley
11 Rob Johnson
11 Adalyn Long
12 Payton Anderson
12 John Dillon
12 Michael Dillon
12 Tatum Kane
12 Olivia Marek
12 Nancy Pim
13 Carolyn Bollman
13 Ann Conklin
13 Dalton Rich
13 Lael Stout
15 Tyler Alderton
16 Laurie Davison

16 Dorothy Soucek
17 Rita Phipps
18 Dean Batterson
19 Macy Driscoll
19 Jamie Helmick
19 Joyce Wilson
20 Katie Rich
21 Larry Bartlett
23 Elna Tompkins
25 Brad Alderton
25 Jordan Thorius
26 Joyce Crawford
26 Jack Strabala
27 MaKenna Conrad
28 Kim Renoux

29 Cathy Wood

