

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

August 2020

Worship
In  the
Park

Sunset Park– Big Pavilion
Sunday August 30th
10am

Bring a lawn chair or blanket,
some lunch to enjoy after
worship, and something to use
for communion.

The service will also be
live-streamed.



Please remember for in-person worship:

Wear a mask (we will have some available if needed)

If you are ill or vulnerable, please remain at home

Practice physical distancing as much as possible

Only the South doors will be open (parking lot entrance)

Arrive slightly earlier than usual, if possible.

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Monday 9am-12pm Office open

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Monday– Thursday 1-4pm

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

In my office I have a beautiful sampler that I found at a thrift store many years ago. In big, blue script it says, 'God, grant me patience'. Underneath, in much smaller letters it continues, 'and I need it now!' I very much feel the sentiment of that sampler right now. I am ready for the corona virus to be gone. I am ready to stop struggling with how to worship safely and how to gather safely and how to hold Sunday school safely. I am ready to hug people and visit people and shake hands. I am impatient for life as we knew it to resume. God grant me patience. And I need it now.

Recently I've been watching a show called 'Alone'. Contestants are dropped off in a remote area of the world and must survive alone in the wilderness for as long as they can. When they're ready to leave (because they're starving, or injured, or just tired of being alone) they push a button on a walkie-talkie and the crew comes swooping in and they are returned to normal life. One contestant recently was musing about how we live in a push-button world, where we can have everything we want nearly instantaneously. All we have to do is push a button. God grant me patience. And I need it now.



In the Old Testament story of the Exodus, God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and guided them into the wilderness. For forty years they wandered, before they finally crossed into the Promised Land. If there was ever a need for a sampler on patience, that was it.

In 2 Peter, chapter 3, the author reminds us, 'Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.'

As followers of God, we are called to remember that God is working things out, despite our imperfections and impatience, and that God is seeking more than normalcy for us. God's timing is perfect, and God's plan is our perfection, not our comfort. When we need patience, when we are struggling, let us remember and rest in the One who is perfectly patient. Blessings, 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

Although the summer has been pretty quiet for our youth programs, we are trying to find appropriate and safe ways to get together and to find God in what we do!

Stay tuned for what we can do this fall and when it'll all happen!

Check out below for what we've done and what we have planned.



Inside Out (High School Ministry)

Senior night send off... SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND from 7-?? at Jake's place (2190 Waters Way).

Supper, snacks, and some silliness to send off our Seniors the right way!! You WILL get messy...so plan accordingly! Don't miss this!



Summer CREW (Middle School Ministry)

We had a great time swimming at the back pond at Water's Edge! It was great to see those that could make it and have some fun.

Next up? CAR WASH fundraiser! Join us on Wednesday, August 5th from 3-6pm (3:30-5:30 is the official car wash time) in the church parking lot as we wash whatever vehicles drive through our parking lot (what do you think our largest vehicle will be this year?! FREE WILL DONATION will go towards the areas of service we work on this

school year and to help us attend Quake in February!



Son City/JAM Kids/Vacation Bible School

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to those that make it possible for our kids/youth to have opportunities to learn about God! 32 kids in our Son City & JAM Kids programs were blessed by the Youth Opportunity Fund...they were each given "Camp in a Box" provided by Camp Wyoming.

In normal years, our church provides funding for kids to attend Camp Wyoming each summer. Because camp was cancelled, we decided it would be a great idea to get the "camp experience" out to these kids and use this as an opportunity to change up our VBS. It was full of recipes, games, STEM activities, crafts, Bible studies for families...it was just what we needed! Your support is always appreciated by our families.





Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmation class of 2019-20!
We are so glad they had the opportunity to stand up in church and make it all official! Please pray for these 9 youth as they begin their journey with God and our church family:

Grace Shiebel	Payton Anderson	James Strabala
Cole Anderson	Gabe Bruns	Haley Mitchell
Alecia Goff	Keaton Murphy	Noah Rich



Kingdom Kids Preschool



Kingdom Kids Preschool has officially closed its doors effective immediately. After opening in the fall of 2005 and teaching, loving, guiding and encouraging little ones for 15 years, the time has come to discontinue our preschool. We have arrived at this decision after several years of enrollment challenges including no current students committed to our program. In addition, Brenda Miles, our lead teacher through all these years, is facing changes in her immediate family and the increasing uncertainty about how to operate effectively and safely with COVID-19 regulations have all led to this plan to close. Much prayer and conversation has preceded this decision. It will be up to the session as to whether this or a similar program will replace this void in '21 / '22.



We thank Brenda for her efforts and her talents and her willingness to lead this Preschool for all these years. She has touched numerous children's lives and has connected with many families in God's name.

Please continue to pray for the children of all ages and the teachers / administrators in this community during these uncertain times.



August Highlights

1st Private Funeral
6th Mobile Food Pantry
8th Private Funeral

18th Finance
19th Session
30th Worship in Sunset Park



Jan-June represents 50% of the year.
Our income came in at 44%
Our expenses came in at 47%



Articles for the September newsletter are due
Wednesday, August 19th



Baby Blessings!!

Our church family has grown over the past few months by welcoming three babies:

Heath Forrest

born to Brandon and Ericka Bishop on March 26

Kylie Hope

born to Travis and Krystle Moore and big sister Katelyn on June 4

Tymber Kay

born to Nolan and Amanda (Shelman) Burke and big brother Hoyt on July 2

To welcome these precious newbies, we would like to put together gift baskets for each family and would love for you to be a part of it.

The baskets will be placed in Fellowship Hall, marked with each baby's name, and will be available until August 9. You may drop off any gifts, cards, etc during church office hours (Mondays, 9-noon) or during a Sunday service.

With the shortened office hours at the church, the Welcome Team would be happy to pick up your item and bring it to the church. Please contact one of the people listed below if you need help.

Welcome Team members: Megan Alderton, Teresa Anderson, Christy Buchholz, Ann Conklin, Marde McConnell, Julie Murphy, Angie Schluetter

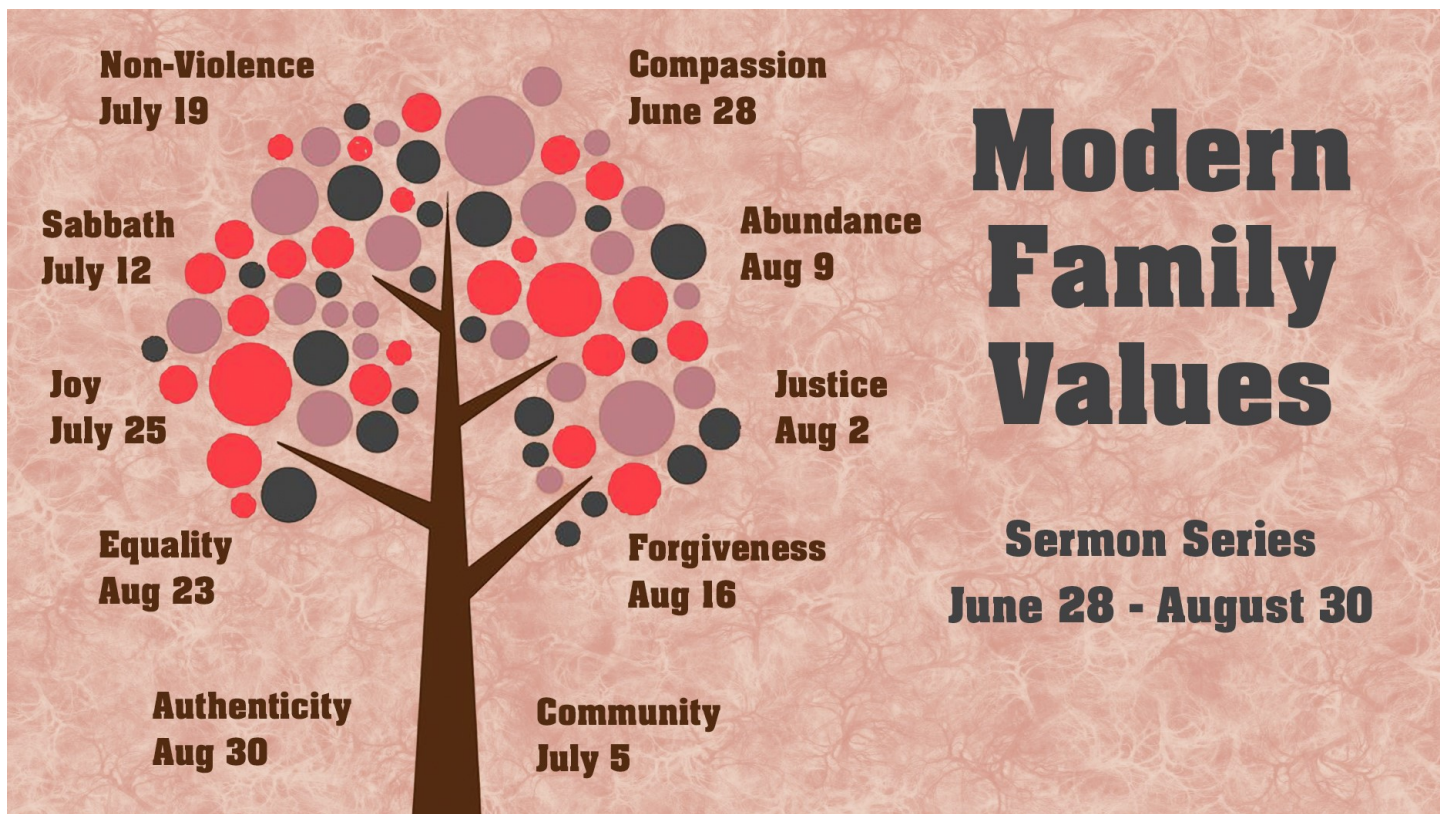
Thank you! We're excited about having these new lives in our midst!



An Update from your Board of Deacons!

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.
Sarum Primer (1514)

May this prayer written many years ago, be deep in your heart. May each of us continue to reach out to all of God's children in words and deeds. Let us be the Hands and Feet of our Loving Lord in our world today. If you find yourself or know of someone in need, let your Board of Deacons help you, whether it is a visit over the telephone, a ride to the doctor, to pick up some groceries, etc. Give Deacon Co-Moderators Kathy Knutson or Terry Mangold a heads up, or any of the other deacons: Marde McConnel, Sarah Robison, Sydney Cuddeback, and Mary Atwood. Feel free to contact any of these folks if we can help you stay safe, loved, and healthy. Peace be with you!



PLAYING TO AN EMPTY ROOM—BUT NOT REALLY EMPTY

Online services and lack of staff meetings challenge my choice of music, as I'm not necessarily aware of what's going on in the life of our congregation. When deciding what to play, I always consider church family situations and what's going on in the world, in addition to the designated scripture and how it fits with the current sermon series. Pastor Erin and I work together to determine what music will enhance the message.

Several of you have kindly said you find the online worship experience meaningful in surprising ways, including lack of visual distractions, lack of ambient noise, quality of transmission, and the opportunity to focus completely on the message and music. I feel the same way and hope you are as aware of each other as I am of you, even though we can't see one another.

Blessings! Virginia Bordwell



We're still working with Public Health and HACAP to plan when would be the safest and best time to re-open (and keep open) the Saturday Kitchen. Again, it will be take-out meals only and our UP Church Family will be the first hosts the first Saturday we re-open.

We're so pleased to report that the unused piano in the north coat area has a new "home." It has been given to our friends at the United Presbyterian Home - they're VERY thrilled to have it and grateful for our sharing! Thanks to all those who worked to make this "piano moving project" a reality.





Church Family News

Did you know...

MANY OF OUR KIDS AND YOUTH successfully participated in this year's Washington County Fair, a year when the Fair necessarily had a different "look." We're proud of our kids who adjusted to the changes and did very well. We had kids who brought exhibits, showed animals, gave presentations and participated in the county fair queen contest. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR UPC KIDS!

Thanks to MARY and LELAND SAFOREK who have been the primary technology folks throughout the pandemic. They have been the ones who nearly each Sunday have enabled all of us to watch our worship service on-line. A huge thank you also to PASTOR ERIN, MARY JO KOEHLER AND GINNY BORDWELL for adjusting to the on-line

worshipping. It appeared seamless to those of us at home and yet, we know lots of planning and preparation took place ahead of time each week. THANK YOU AGAIN TO EACH OF YOU LISTED ABOVE for helping those of us at home worship each Sunday.

When RUTH ANN AND LYLE STACY are in Florida over the winter, they volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. It's wonderful that they're sharing their time and their talents and their faith while away from home. Any of you other "snow birds" doing service projects while missing the Iowa winter?

Lastly, SHANE ANDERSON has created a "special home" for some of our room dividers. They've previously been in the way in Fellowship Hall and they now are tucked against the wall in the north coat area. What a huge improvement that project has made, many thanks, Shane.



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

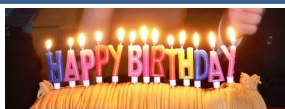
Other ways to connect if the website isn't working:

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/channelaozvuoqohexe93npq2xjr> for 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.



3 Julie Johnson
3 Darin Rich
3 Karen Trotman
5 Krista Gaal
6 Bob Brinning

6 Beulah Temple
7 Donna Schoonover
10 Megan Alderton
10 Jeff Cuddeback
10 Kristen Twinam
11 Cole Anderson
12 Chris Woods
13 Ron Dillon

13 Rhonda Shelman
16 Steve Batterson
18 Adam Mangold
19 Billie Bruns
19 David Henderson
20 Kathryn Schenk
23 Mary Atwood
23 Michael McCall

25 Bob Johnson
26 Max Anderson
26 Hannah Anderson
28 Megan Schiebel
28 Ron See
30 Katie Lujan