



July 2020

CHURCH

REGATHERING PLAN

We will open for in-person worship on July 12.

Please remember:

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. An usher will seat you.

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

We live in a time when it is easy to be troubled. Even in our own small corner of this wide world, there are fears to face and struggles to fight. As we prepare to re-open for in-person worship, I am troubled. There are many pieces that must fall into place for us to safely gather. There are many unknowns about the transmission and detection of Covid-19 that we do not yet understand. We are following the best advice we have, and we will gather as safely as possible, but this does not quiet my unease.

This past Sunday, before we began to set up to livestream worship, I was feeling particularly anxious. In an effort to calm myself, I walked outside and began a calming method introduced to me many years ago by a spiritual director. I looked around for 3 things I could see. I listened for three things I could hear. I thought about three things I could feel, physically or emotionally. I went through this process several times, while taking deep breaths of fresh air. Slowly, I became aware of the goodness of God and God's creation surrounding me. My anxiety lessened. My troubled heart slowed. I realized that only Jesus can truly ease my fears. Only a focus on God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, can lift me out of the worries of today, to where I can truly look forward beyond the hills and valleys of life to the mountaintop of the future, where Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us.



Friends, as you face the hills and valleys, may you too remember the God is with you, and that the future is secure, despite the burdens of this day. Do not let your hearts be troubled. If they are, look to the One who created everything and called it good.

Blessings, Pastor Erin



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Checks may be sent to:
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Summer CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Scheduling a trip or 2 has become a bit difficult as we figured it might be during these summer months. Unfortunately, one of the main places I was hoping to volunteer with has not fully accepted volunteers back & the age limit when they do have volunteers does not fit our age group! I have also not heard back from the 2nd place I was hoping to work through. So... what do we do? Here are my thoughts...

- * Pick a date to meet for ice cream!
- * Pick a date to have some fun somewhere!
- * Pick a date for a car wash!

Erin will be in touch with your families to see what we can do and when we can do it! I am hoping that come Fall-time, we can incorporate some of the service we aren't able to do this summer.



Stay tuned for what we can do in July/August and be ready for some fun this fall!



Inside Out (High School Ministry)

CONGRATULATIONS to the Seniors! We are so happy you had the opportunity to walk the stage to make it 'official'! We are praying for your journey as you step out in faith for what God has in store for you.

If you would like the Senior video that was shown during the service on Sunday, June 21st, please let Jake, Krista, or Erin know and we will get that to you! Check out that service through BoxCast or our Church Facebook page.

Stay tuned... we would still like to have our annual Senior night to send you off in style!



Confirmation

We are nearing our time (finally!) where we get to officially join the Church!

On Wednesday, July 15th during the Session meeting at Church, confirmands will meet with Session members.

On Sunday, July 19th, we will stand before the congregation with our stoles we made and officially be confirmed!

We will send more information about specifics in the next couple weeks so stay tuned.





Vacation Bible School

Here is a bit of background about our ORIGINAL VBS plan that we HOPE & PRAY will take place NEXT SUMMER (2021)...

Various churches in town had planned to combine to do a community VBS in Central Park with a service project and pool party on the last night. Once COVID-19 hit and restrictions were placed on everyone/ everything, we had to step back and reevaluate. Even though places are opening up and restrictions seem to be easing a bit, our churches are in different stages of opening back up and we aren't sure that it would be in everyone's best interest to have large groups of people together. We have placed this community VBS idea on the back burner and will pick it back up in early 2021.

As a substitute for VBS within our church, we came up with something that will be delivered to all of our SON CITY KIDS and JAM KIDS mid to late July sometime. Erin will send out a message when she will be delivering these boxes of goodies! Stay tuned!



Kingdom Kids Preschool

Kingdom Kids Preschool has been in limbo for the past 3 1/2 months. Spring Break began early on March 16, and little did we know that March 12 would be our last day together as a class for 2019-20. Since then I have been connecting with families via a private Facebook page as well as making three home visits to deliver educational supplies. This is not the way to teach preschool!! But families have been embracing this time with their preschooler, and doing the best they can to provide consistency and support.

I am not sure what "school" will look like in the fall, or if we will have preschool. I am still taking registrations as we wait to see what the COVID effects are, and decisions made by the WCSD.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance in this situation.



Jan-May represents 42% of the year.
Our income came in at 27%
Our expenses came in at 42%



Articles for the August newsletter are due Wednesday, July 22nd

July 5th
Communion
Live Streamed

B.Y.O.B.
Bring Your Own Bread
**Or anything that's available
to use as bread and juice.**



Non-Violence
July 19

Compassion
June 28

Sabbath
July 12

Abundance
Aug 9

Joy
July 25

Justice
Aug 2

Equality
Aug 23

Forgiveness
Aug 16

Authenticity
Aug 30

Community
July 5

Modern Family Values

Sermon Series
June 28 - August 30

July Highlights

5th Communion BYOB
12th Church re-opening

15th Session
19th Confirmation Sunday
21st Finance

An Update from your Board of Deacons!

Let your Board of Deacons be of assistance to you during this unusual time that we continue to find ourselves in! We want to assist you in whatever way might be helpful to you, whether it is to run an errand, pick up some groceries, or a visit over the telephone, etc. Give Deacon Larry Barlett a call and he will be glad to make the arrangements for transportation.

Along with Larry, the other deacons are Kathy Knutson, Terry Mangold, Marde McConnell, Sarah Robison, Sydney Cuddeback, and Mary Atwood. Feel free to contact any of these folks if we can help you stay safe and healthy. Blessings to each of you!

The Board of Deacons has also learned that Camp Reece has been canceled this summer due to the COVID 19 virus. We know that one of our favorite campers, Donnie Gorham, will be sorry to miss one of his favorite weeks of the year. We will also miss having the opportunity to be part of the camp for one evening for it is such a joyful experience for all.



Thanks to everyone who remembered my birthday. I was touched by the many cards and phone calls I received. I've also appreciated the support of my church family over these past months. You have helped me feel connected even when I could not be present with you. Blessings, Kay Hall



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.



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