



January 2021

Wishing You  
a New Year filled  
with new Hope,  
new Joy &  
new Beginnings.



**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.

**Church Contacts**

P.O. Box 32  
209 E Main Street  
Washington, IA, 52353  
319-653-6588

**Office Hours**

Mon, Wed, and Fridays  
9am-12pm Office open  
**Phone will be answered during  
the following hours:**  
Monday– Friday 9-12pm  
Monday– Thursday 1-4pm

**Pastor Erin Kaye**

pastorerinkaye@gmail.com  
319-461-8765

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Krystle Moore  
upsecretary@gmail.com

**Youth (Elementary/Middle School)**

Erin Thorius  
upwashyouth@gmail.com

**Youth (Senior High)**

Jake Thorius/Krista Gaal  
jmthorius@yahoo.com  
kgaal1965@gmail.com

**Organist**

Virginia Bordwell  
Virginia@washingtontitle.org

**Worship Band**

Mary Jo Koehler  
aceofspace99@gmail.com



## From the Pastor...

Friends,

Who will you be in 2021? Will you be a better version of yourself? Will you seek to be the person God created you to be - beloved and reflective of the Christ-light God placed within you? I hope so! One way to better reflect the light of Jesus is to study Him. Over the next six weeks, from January 10 - February 14th, we will be looking at the family history of Jesus - Abraham and Sarah, Ruth and Naomi, Rahab, King David and his son, King Solomon, and many others. These are the people who were the answer to God's original promise to Abraham - I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. Through them we received Jesus, and through Jesus we receive forgiveness and adoption into the family of God, so that we too become part of the promise to Abraham - the descendants who number like the stars in the sky.

A second way to better reflect the light of Jesus - to shine as a star, is to live lives that mirror the person of Jesus. In order to do that, we must look carefully at our own lives and think about our actions and attitudes. Below, you will see a list of 31 Star words. The date of your birthday is the word you are assigned. I invite you to spend time over the next six weeks thinking about this word and about how it might guide your life as you seek to live into a better reflection of Jesus. On February 21, we will begin a five week sermon series called 'The Walk'. This series, based on a book of the same name by Adam Hamilton, helps us to look at five essential Christian practices - worshiping, growing, serving, giving, and reflecting light.

I am excited for a new year of growth in my walk with God. I hope you'll join me!

Blessings,  
Pastor Erin

- |                |                   |                 |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 - Dream      | 12 - Patience     | 23 - Freedom    |
| 2 - Seek       | 13 - Reflect      | 24 - Draw Near  |
| 3 - Awe        | 14 - Change       | 25 - Share      |
| 4 - Dwell      | 15 - Health       | 26 - See        |
| 5 - Rest       | 16 - Silence      | 27 - Heal       |
| 6 - Learn      | 17 - Hospitality  | 28 - Generosity |
| 7 - Play       | 18 - Forgiveness  | 29 - Clarity    |
| 8 - Imagine    | 19 - Laughter     | 30 - Story      |
| 9 - Listen     | 20 - Appreciation | 31 - Confidence |
| 10 - Justice   | 21 - Friendship   |                 |
| 11 - Awareness | 22 - Creativity   |                 |

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

Checks may be sent to:  
United Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 32  
Washington, Iowa 52353

*Offering*  
Giving Back  
To God





The church office will be closed  
January 1st in  
observance of  
New Years



## January Highlights

7th Mobile Food Pantry  
10th Session  
12th Deacon Meeting  
13th PW Circle  
19th Finance  
26th Hospice Soup Supper Drive Thru  
31st Congregational Meeting

## Church Family News

### Did you know...

Middle School Crew Kids "Loved Others" by donating \$150 to HACAP for their Adopt a Family Christmas Program - way to go kids!

We have Jane Cuddeback to thank for the lovely, south entrance bulletin boards. We thank you for sharing your talents, Jane.

The younger kids of Sunday School and Jam Kids, received colorful and fun Advent calendars, delivered to their doorsteps. We have Julie and Terry Mangold, Rod Letts, and Pastor Erin to thank for making the bag deliveries.

As a Mission Trip fund-raiser, The Inside Out Kids (with help from their wonderful leaders) served over 150 take-out meals the Thursday before Thanksgiving. They're grateful for our church family's support of this event. If you're wondering, the most popular soup was wild rice!

If you happen to be in the church, Connie Jarrard encourages you to check out the Christmas cactus in the lounge - it has some flowering babies! (How appropriate to be blooming during the Christmas holidays) Thanks, Connie, for watering our church plants.



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.

1 Jason Baughman  
1 Peyton Baughman  
1 Grace Buckingham  
1 Kathy Hunt  
1 Addy Sents  
4 Amy Bruner  
4 Aaron Rich  
5 Kyle Anderson  
5 Esther Bordwell  
6 Gabriela Anderson

8 Mary Oviatt  
9 Linden Brinning  
10 Roy Carter  
10 Clem Griffith  
13 Noah Rich  
13 Tracy Strabala  
16 Vivian Griffith  
16 Gary Herlein  
17 Larry Krotz  
19 Randy Fehr

19 Jake Thorius  
22 Vernie Lowry  
23 Sarah Miles  
25 Julie Mangold  
27 Megan El Haoud  
28 Jillian Goff  
28 Lyle Stacy  
28 Shirley Whisler  
29 Rick Bordwell  
30 Cyndy McCall

31 Emmerson Smith



**CREW** (Middle School Ministry)  
**\*\*Note date changes for this month\*\***  
 Jan 10th: 3:30pm Jan 24th: 3:30pm

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our high school youth by coming to our 'drive-up' soup supper! We raised over \$1500 that we will put towards our 2021 mission trip! We appreciate your continued support.

### Son City

Jan 3rd: Sunday school starts back up!  
 Jan 10th: "Road Trip" taught by the High School  
 Jan 17: "Road Trip" taught by the High School  
 Jan 24th: "Road Trip" taught by the High School  
 Jan 31st: "Road Trip" taught by the High School

### Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Jan 3rd: 6:30pm @ UP Church  
 Jan 10th: 6:30pm @ UP Church  
 Jan 17: 6:30pm @ UP Church  
 Jan 24th: 6:30pm @ UP Church  
 Jan 31st: 6:30pm @ UP Church

### **HAVE YOU NOTICED?**

There's a brown couch in Fellowship Hall! It's there to offer the high schoolers one comfy spot for their Inside Out gatherings. Due to Covid, they can't spread out enough in the Youth Room so they've been meeting upstairs, wearing masks, of course.



### **LET THERE BE LIGHT!**

Throughout the entire church ALL the interior lights have been replaced by much more energy efficient and brighter LED lights! A very special thanks to Dick Hendrickson for being the main "ring leader" of this huge project!!



Kathy Hunt is retiring from her library duties

Would any one in the congregation like to take over the church library duties?

Contact the office or Pastor Erin if interested



If you would like to send cards to Rick and Virginia Bordwell's daughter her address is:

On With Life  
 Attn: Stephanie Quackenbush  
 715 SW Ankeny Rd  
 Ankeny, IA 50023





## Happy New Year From Your Board of Deacons!

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

As we quickly approach a new year, 2021, your 2020 Board of Deacons wishes to extend our thanks to each of you who helped us this past year to share the love and justice of our Lord Jesus to all of God's children. Whether you assisted us by visiting the home bound, assisted with communion services at the health centers, said prayers for those requesting prayers on the church email prayer chain, sent a note or made a phone call to share some love, helped deliver a potted flower this fall, provided a ride to a church family member to worship or to an appointment, delivered a hot meal with a smile for the "Meals on Wheels" program — we are so thankful for your willingness to share of yourself with others, - - even in this year when things are always changing! We extend our thanks to retiring deacons ( Marde McConnell, Mary Adwood, and Sydney Cuddeback) for their faithful service and welcome new deacons Betty Beemblossom, Rod Letts, and Grace Schiebel. As we begin to make plans for the New Year, we pray that you also will align your New Year's resolutions with continuing to aid in seeing that love and justice is extended to all God's children!

**Deacon Meeting January 12th 4pm Church Library**



### Congregational Annual Meeting

January 31st During Worship

We will hear reports from committees, vote on the pastor's terms of call, and elect a member for the nominating committee



### PW Circle Meeting

We meet the second Wednesday of the month  
in the church lounge at 9am

All are welcome to come, please wear a mask  
Karla Maxwell, Circle Leader



Jan-Nov represents 92% of the year.

Our income came in at 84.90%

Our expenses came in at 83.84%



Articles for the February  
newsletter are due  
Wednesday, January 21st

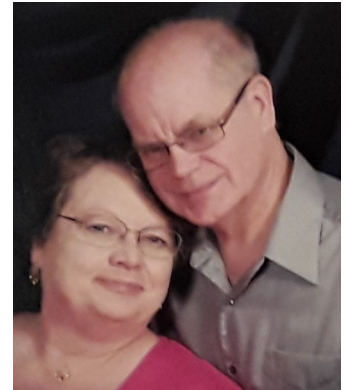


## New Members Laurie and Terry Wittmayer-O'Neill

Introducing new members Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill and Terry O'Neill. It is the second marriage for both, so each have adult children with families. Laurie's son, Dan, lives near Washington, as well as Tracy O'Neill, Terry's son and family, and Tina and her family, live in the San Jose area of CA. Combined are five grandkids that love video calls.

Laurie has lived in Washington since 1979 with a career in elementary education, mostly at Stewart Elementary. Terry is now retired from his career in business management, ending with Hy-Vee in Washington, IA. Thirteen years ago Terry and Laurie were married, joyfully looking forward to aging together.

Hobbies for Terry involve daily walking the dog, Bella, and collecting old books of western stories in hardback or digital form. Laurie loves plants both indoor and out, but phone calls to her three sisters are highest on her list. They express their appreciation for the recent prayer support for Terry's shoulder surgery. It was very successful. Please feel free to call them at 653-4329. They look forward to chatting with you.



## HUGE THANK YOU FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We're pleased to share we've had a VERY SUCCESSFUL ReConnect 2021 Stewardship Campaign. It's all because of YOU! It's exciting to report that almost 50% of you who pledged in 2020 increased your 2021 pledge! We're very pleased with the amount raised and we're very grateful to YOU!!

There are several individuals to thank for helping during the campaign:

First, thank you to Joyce Wilson and Cyndy McCall for their excellent record keeping. As Joyce is retiring, we especially want to recognize her many years of faithful and very conscientious service to our congregation! We're grateful Cyndy has accepted this responsibility and we have confidence in her ability to also do a great job. Thank you, Joyce and Cyndy!

Thanks always to Pastor Erin for her assistance and encouragement in our 2021 Campaign.

Thanks especially to my committee: Sandy Dunlap, Julie Johnson, Steve Liebe and Mary Saforek. I appreciated their enthusiasm, commitment, and help. It was fun working with YOU!

In closing, THANKS TO YOU, church family members! Those of you who made pledges in 2021 help us plan and carry out our mission to:

Love God and Love Others.

Joe McConnell, Stewardship Chair