



February 2021



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

February 17th
6:30pm in the sanctuary
or online



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



From the Pastor...

Friends,

Recently we learned that the church was named the recipient of 2/3rds of the estate of the late Dorothy Pringle. This is a wonderful gift. It is not the first time the church has been named the recipient of an estate. Many people who have loved the church in their lifetimes continue to love it beyond their deaths by naming the church in their estates. Their witness inspires me. They are true examples of the belief expressed by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans, where he states, 'If we live, we live for the Lord; if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's; I am disappointed that I never got to know Dorothy Pringle, but I am incredibly grateful that she felt led to honor God and God's provision through a gift to this congregation. As we move forward in discerning how best to use this gift, may it lead us all to examine our own commitment to God and to the church. May her gift challenge us to recognize how we each belong, in life and in death, to the God who created, redeemed, and sustains us. In this month where we celebrate love, let us also find our own love for God and for those around us renewed as we give thanks for the love God showed us through the gift of Jesus.

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
Washington, Iowa 52353

Offering
Giving Back
To God



February Highlights

4th Mobile Food Pantry
10th PW Circle
14th Valentine's Day
15th Sewing Day

16th Finance
17th Ash Wednesday
18th Blood Drive
24th Session

Church Family News

Exciting news – John Dillon, son of Karen and Ron, is engaged! John and his fiancé met while students at Central College, where they're both seniors. Its such exciting news and we wish them the best.

Additional exciting news – Brennan Murphy, son of Julie and Joe, is also engaged!! Brennan is engaged to Brianna, a Kirkwood culinary arts student, as is Brennan. Brianna is from Cedar Rapids. Such joy is wished to this young couple, too!

Julie Zahs is an incredible “behind the scenes” helper with Son City activities. Not only is she a great teacher, she’s so creative that every activity is such fun for the kids. KIDS LOVE JULIE.

The Carver Concession Crew donated “thinking of you/thank you” gift bags for all the staff at the UP Home in recognition of their extra efforts during these trying, Covid times. The 120, sweet bags included lotion, lip balm, and a few chocolate kisses, too.

Our Kitch Shatzer was honored to be selected as co-moderator for our Presbytery. Thanks for your service, Kitch!



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 George Fulton
1 Megan Mitchell
4 Tim Trotman
6 Ethel Moothart
7 Grace Schiebel
8 Ellen Twinam
9 Terry Anderson
9 Meda Fulton
10 Teresa Anderson
11 Luke Schiebel

12 Beth Dillon
13 Megan Buitendorp
14 James Strabala
17 Brian Strabala
20 Jacob Baughman
20 Lincoln Kleese
21 Isaac Rich
22 Alice Martin
23 Amanda Burke
24 John Thorne

27 Erik Buchholz
28 Abigail Kleese
28 Ed Lins
28 Hayden Westphal
28 Bev Young
29 Travis Shelman



All meetings are subject to change! We will see what is available as the month goes on!

Do YOU want to jump in & TEACH a Son City lesson or 2?

We have February and April available. You can do all 4 weeks in that month or pick and choose weeks that work for you. **PLEASE** contact Erin Thorius if you are interested. You will be provided with materials and information.

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Feb 7th: 5:15pm @ Lebowski's?? -
Super Bowl Party??

Feb 14th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Feb 21st: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Feb 28th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Son City

Feb 7th: 8:45am "Challenge Accepted" Week 1

Feb 14th: 8:45am "Challenge Accepted" Week 2

Feb 21st: 8:45am "Challenge Accepted" Week 3

Feb 28th: 8:45am "Challenge Accepted" Week 4



CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Feb 7th: 3:30pm @ Up Church Feb 21st: 3:30pm @ Up Church

New Member Bonnie Bender

Bonnie Bender grew up near Frytown and went to a one-room, country school through 8th grade. Interestingly, she had her choice of high schools and ended up at City High in Iowa City – going from 20 kids to 800 in her school! Talk about an adjustment! She'd stay during the week with a great aunt and uncle, returning to her family on weekends.

Bonnie attended the U of I for two years, met her husband, Ron, and they moved back to the Kalona area where they stayed for 20 years, raising two daughters. With both working in Iowa City Bonnie and Ron moved there and became a part of First Presbyterian Church. Her widowed mother joined them for many years until her passing and seven years later Bonnie's husband passed also, after 37 years of marriage. Bonnie later moved to a condo until she decided to retire to 38 Linden Lane at the UP Home and . . . we're pleased she chose to become part of our UP church family!



Bonnie's thrilled to have her two, attentive daughters in the Kalona area, as well as four wonderful, little great-grandchildren. Additionally, it's interesting to note Bonnie's daughter, Shellie, is married to Sandy and Larry Krotz's son, Steve! Welcome, Bonnie!!



THANK YOU CANNY FAMILY:

We're so grateful to the Canny Family (Jessica, Cory, Ren and Orin) for their generosity. They shared two adorable, larger, infant items with our church nursery kiddos. These items were ones which their son Orin had outgrown and which we're so grateful to now have in our nursery. Thanks for thinking of us, we appreciate your kindness in sharing with our church family!



THANK YOU, LUJAN GIRLS

On behalf of our church family, we thank the Lujan Girls for their huge role in the preparation and delivery of our church family Christmas Eve bags. The Worship Committee knew this project was a huge undertaking but one which they were committed to. We knew everyone was disappointed our traditional Christmas Eve Service was not an option. However, we were hopeful this year's virtual service could feel more intimate and still be a meaningful experience in which to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Katie Lujan, Worship Committee member, and her daughters – Isabella, Olivia, and Sophia are to be thanked for stuffing all the bags with candles, attaching labels, and providing some of the enclosed ornaments. Not only did they do the above, they delivered many bags with their beautiful smiles. Thank you, Lujan girls!



United Presbyterian Church,

I am writing to you and the members of the church to thank you for the marvelous way you have shepherded one of your own, Don Gorham. My brother Don is very precious to me and to our entire family, and you have graciously drawn him into the life of the church that is exemplary to our family as well as to the community at large.

The way in which you have provided rides to and from church, giving him the opportunity to greet and hand out bulletins... the way you love on him and care for him is beyond our greatest expectation. This is a sure reminder of Matthew 25... where Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

It is getting more difficult for Don to be mobile but hopefully when Covid-19 is over he might be able to return to worship. On behalf of the Gorham family, thank you ever so much for your ministry to him.

Sincerely,
Dick and Marilyn Gorham



United Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of President Jeffery Bullock, the Trustees, faculty/staff and students at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, I extend our gratitude to you for your monetary gifts throughout the year. We appreciate these donations from the United Presbyterian Church made through the Presbyterian Foundation.

We are thankful for your support and we express our gratitude to you for your support. Your contribution is a blessing to our seminary students, helping them maintain their academic progress while easing the financial pressures associated with the cost of education. Your kindness is greatly appreciated by our students.

Thank you again, Sandy Hockenberry Development Officer



Sadly, we continue to feel it's unsafe to re-open the Saturday Kitchen, unsafe for both guests and hosts. We look forward to the time we can re-open our church and our hearts to those who enjoy this free meal and the fellowship it offers.

Joe and Marde McConnell

An Update from your Board of Deacons!

Your Board of Deacons would like to be of assistance to you! We want to assist you in whatever way might be helpful to you,--- whether it is to run an errand, pray with you, pick up some groceries, or a visit over the telephone, etc. Give Deacon Larry Barlett a call (cell 319-591-1528 or home 319-653-6931) or Kathy Knuntson (319-461-4610) and they will be glad to make the arrangements for transportation. Along with Larry and Kathy the other deacons are Terry Mangold, Sarah Robison, Rod Letts, Betty Beenblossom, and Grace Schiebel. Feel free to contact any of these folks if we can help you stay safe and healthy. May the Peace of Christ be with each of you!



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-Dec represents 100% of the year.
Our income came in at 96%
Our expenses came in at 92%



Articles for the March
newsletter are due
Wednesday, February 17th