

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

July /August 2021

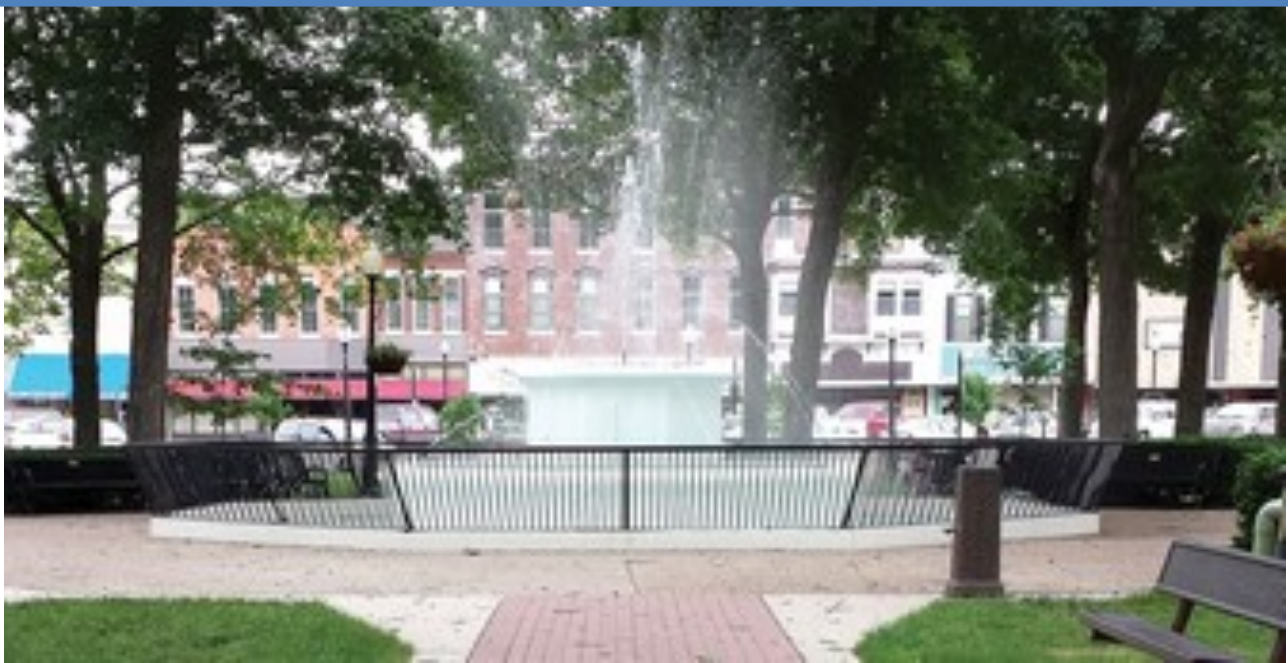
Worship in Central Park

Sunday July 25th and August 29th

10am

Bring a lawn chair or blanket

The service will also be live-streamed



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Office Hours

Mon, Wed, and Fridays
8am-12pm Office open
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From the Pastor...

Friends,

As I sit in my office writing this article, a blue boom lift passes by on the street outside. They have been working on the upper facade of the Federation Bank, roughly six stories in the air, and the lift carries supplies from the staging site (located to the southeast of the church) to the workers high in the scaffolding at the work site (one block northwest of the church). Each day the lift goes by multiple times, carrying the bricks and mortar that the workers will need to finish their work. As it comes and goes, I am reminded that, like the bank building, our faith lives are under construction. Buildings need constant care and maintenance, just as our faith lives do. Sometimes our faith is only under minor construction - like a building that needs the gutters cleaned and the A/C and heating units regularly checked. In these times, repairs are typically easy, minor things. In a building we might change the filters and have a professional drop by to look over the heating and cooling units. In our faith life we might regularly read the Bible, attend worship, and spend time in prayer. Sometimes buildings (and our faith) need bigger maintenance. At Federation Bank there is scaffolding which took many days to put up, and there are many workers involved with doing the work. When our faith needs major work, we are wise to look to help from others - fellow believers, our pastor, and religious writers. Like a major building repair, it could be done alone, but it is a lot easier with more people involved. As the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, 'Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better. If one falls, the other pulls him up; but if a man falls when he is alone, he's in trouble. Also, on a cold night, two under the same blanket gain warmth from each other, but how can one be warm alone? And one standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer; three is even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

As you walk through this life, I encourage you to maintain your faith life with daily care and maintenance, and if you need a major renovation I hope you will reach out to others.

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

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Giving Back
To God



Church Picnic July 25th

following worship in Central Park
Pork burgers will be provided
A sign up sheet will available in two weeks



Sunday July 25th during worship
in Central Park
Kylie Moore will be baptized.



Stay Tuned!

We hope to have a church family get-together/fun
day sometime during the last weekend of August.
More details coming by the end of July.



Reminder

Washington County Fair is
July 18th– 23rd

If you plan on attending the County Fair, keep a lookout for
our church family members who will be participating in
various events throughout the week.



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.



July/ August Highlights

July 1st Mobile Food Pantry
 July 4th Communion
 July 13th Deacon Meeting
 July 13th Finance
 July 14th PW Circle
 July 14th Welcome Meeting
 July 14th Worship Meeting
 July 21st Session

August 5th Mobile Food Pantry
 August 8th Communion
 August 11th PW Circle
 August 11th Welcome Meeting
 August 11th Worship Meeting
 August 17th Finance
 August 18th Session
 August 29th Communion

The Church office will be closed on July 5th in observance of the 4th of July



Church Family News

We have many current college graduates we'd like to recognize: Jessie Buchholz, Noah Bruns, Quinn Buckingham, Jack Carter and John and Michael Dillon. Hopefully we haven't missed anyone, please let the office know if we have! Our very best wishes to you each and may God continue to bless you as your future continues to unfold.

There were 17 young people who participated in this year's Mission trip to Colorado, 12 boys and 5 girls. According to Chaperones Krista Gaal and Tracy Strabala, this was a great year with great kids and a more flexible schedule than some years. No doubt the kids and adults were a blessing to many, as they shared their talents and "Loved God" and "Loved Others."

There are projects at the church that a high school student could earn SILVER CORD, volunteer hours doing. So, Kids, contact the church office or Pastor Erin if you're interested in earning some silver cord hours!

Each month our church is the site for the HACAP mobile food pantry. It begins at 1 pm and people are here waiting shortly after 12:00. In the summer months it's usually a drive-through event and in the winter time the set-up is in Fellowship Hall. We're so blessed to be able to share our handicapped-accessible facility with the community for this event and for so many others, too.



July

1 Heather Anderson
 2 Tymber Burke
 4 Cathi Hill
 5 Tanya Stalder
 8 Haley Mitchell
 10 Mike Zahs
 11 Ruth Ann Stacy

14 Karen Dillon
 14 Kristene Evans
 18 Jacob Bruns
 19 Marj Lins
 20 Mary McCall
 21 Bert Turner
 23 FeiFei Anderson
 23 Betty Lowry
 25 Doug Dunlap
 27 Sandy Dunlap
 27Carolynn Guenther
 28 Diana Rich
 30 Shirley Garrett
 30 Barb Liebe

August

3 Julie Johnson
 2 Leisha Linge
 3 Darin Rich
 3 Karen Trotman
 4 Dorothy White
 5 Krista Gaal
 5 Jina Walton
 10 Megan Alderton
 10 Jeff Cuddeback
 10 Steve Linge
 10 Kristen Twinam
 11 Cole Anderson
 13 Ron Dillon

13 Rhonda Shelman
 16 Steve Batterson
 19 Billie Bruns
 19 David Henderson
 20 Kathryn Schnek
 23 Mary Atwood
 23 Michael McCall
 25 Bob Johnson
 26 Max Anderson
 26 Hannah Anderson
 28 Megan Schiebel
 28 Ron See
 30 Katie Lujan

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

What an amazing Mission Trip to Colorado this year! We want to thank each and every one of you who donated, who prayed, who thought of us on our adventure!

God is always at work in our lives and the lives of those we encounter.

Let's find some times to get together before our seniors hit the road! We'll find some dates and at least get some ice cream or something! Bring some friends!



Summer CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Friday, July 16th: To be determined! We will plan to do something fun together and hopefully we can find some sort of service to do as well! Call up your friends and bring them along!

Sunday, August 8th: Car wash fundraiser! Join us in the afternoon (TBD) 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 the winter!





UP Church family,
I would like to remind you of a special event to honor Karen Murphy on Saturday July 10 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We are celebrating the life of Karen at 6pm at the stage directly behind the YMCA concession stand. "Just Us Girls" will be performing as Karen was a member of this musical group. We will be serving root beer floats as it was Karen's favorite dessert. Please bring your own chairs! If you are unable to attend, the event will be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/Jones-Eden-Funeral-Home-119957608060665/>

Thank you,
Gary Murphy



Thank you to many of you for all the positive comments about the new, outdoor entry, flower planters. We on the Welcome Team think they're very attractive, too. It seems everyone agrees the planters complement the new color of the entry doors and are very pretty.

A special recognition to Teresa Anderson for planting the lovely flowers in the planters and to Christy Buchholz for taking on the watering responsibility. Know we all agree that the planters are very welcoming!!



Baby Shower was a Huge Success

Thank you for your great response to our "Baby Shower" for Joslyn and Dalton Bryant's little one and Carrie and Jase Septer's twins! Despite Covid and shortened office hours, many of you still were able to bring gifts, everything from diapers and wipes to books, toys and clothes. Of course, the sewing ladies donated sweet baby quilts, too. These new little ones are already so loved by our church family.



A special thank you to Christy Buchholz of the Welcome Team for coordinating this project.

Dear Up Church Family,

Thank you so much for the meals that Jane C. dropped off for us. Having them made life easier for us, which was certainly welcome! We have a great deal of gratitude for this act and feel so fortunate that you thought of us.

Thank you again,
The Schiebel Family

Dear United Presbyterian Church Family,

Thank you so much for awarding me a nice scholarship from the church. I have loved growing up in this church and really appreciate the scholarship! All of the support I've received from this church has made me who I am today, and I am so grateful for that! I am excited to start my next journey in Ames, but I'll be sure to visit the church whenever I'm home!

Thanks again!
Sydney Cuddeback



Thank you to the several church family individuals who have contacted me (Marde McConnell) about the new tulip tree at the northeast corner of the church's storage building. It's true, the tree is under great stress and looks like it's dying.



Andy, a certified arborist and local Tree Committee member, has looked at the tree. He agrees it's under stress but . . . it's still alive! The very recent addition of the Alliant electrical pole, placed near the tree, won't help matters however.

Andy's recommendation is we do not do anything and see how the tree looks in the fall. I will see that it gets watered as needed. If the tree pulls through this "stress" it will need to be moved, but not until the fall. Thanks for your concern for our new tulip tree. Cross your fingers!

Marde McConnell

Slowly Opening Up – Hooray!

One recent morning at the church, Jim Cuddeback could be found checking up on a property issue. Joyce Letts slipped in to take care of a sewing project. And Sandy Dunlap and Marde McConnell were working on a kitchen project. A couple of high schoolers dropped by to leave Mission Trip items. A couple of gals from the Funeral Committee stopped to talk to Pastor Erin about a visitor luncheon. Erin Thorius and her boys came so she could tackle some office work and the boys could play in the nursery. Julie Johnson popped in to take care of some Clerk of Session business and, of course, Krystle and Pastor Erin were in their offices, too. So, we're beginning to have more church activity . . . Hooray!!

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 Bartlett a call (cell 319-591-1528 or home 319-653-6931) or email at Bartzoman@gmail.com and he will be glad to make the arrangements for transportation. Along with Larry the other deacons are Kathy Knutson, 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!

SATURDAY KITCHEN UPDATE



The current plan is that we will NOT re-open the Saturday Kitchen until our guests can safely have indoor dining. RenElla Crawford of HACAP has not seen a big uptick in people needing food, so that is reassuring. We will be listening to our local Public Health officials and are hopeful this fall to re-open the Saturday Kitchen.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Coordinators



May represents 42% of the year. Our income came in at 41.42%
Our expenses came in at 37.15%



Articles for the September newsletter are due
Wednesday, August 18th



ENCORE EXPRESS

Your Second Call to Enhance Your Health

New program featuring

Vouchers for meals at Hy-Vee • Evidence-Based Programs & Classes

and soon adding

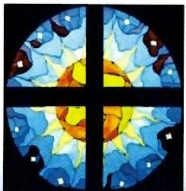
Bi-Monthly meals catered by Hy-Vee • Opportunities to socialize

For adults ages 60+ and their spouses
Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5 per meal/voucher

Get started with one phone call or visit to
Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington, IA
(319) 653-3950
Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

a program by

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Immanuel Lutheran Church



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Questions? Call Immanuel Lutheran Church at (319) 653-3950 or
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