



September 2021



JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 12th 8:45am

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

I am really excited for the month of September and how our UP Church community will be gearing up to Love God and Love Others! On September 12th we will kick off the fall with a new year of Sunday School classes, beginning at 8:45 am. During worship, which begins at 10 am, I will begin a new sermon series called 'Symbols of Our Faith', where we will learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian. If you have friends who might be interested in learning more about our church, this is a great time to invite them to attend. These are wonderful opportunities to learn more about God (which is a way of showing our Love for God) and to be in community with others (a way to show our Love for the people around us).

A lot of other background things are happening as well! The Session has decided to sell the two farms associated with the Pringle Estate. The sale will happen sometime in September. In order to help discover where God is leading, the session has asked a team of people to help us as a congregation begin to dream and imagine what good stewardship of the funds we will receive could look like. The Session also received a report from Personnel that Jake and Erin Thorius are resigning from their paid leadership positions. Thankfully both of them plan to remain active as volunteers, and the Session is exploring what our next step will be in regard to paid leadership for our youth and children.

The last thing I'm excited about is an idea we're going to try out with our church family over the next 9 months, beginning in October. Households will be grouped into nine teams, one for each month, and a team leader will be assigned. Each team (around 15-20 people) will be responsible for one month of tasks at the church - greeting and handing out announcement sheets, making sure the nursery is staffed during worship, putting out coffee and water each Sunday, occasionally helping with a children's sermon or scripture reading (assistance provided by Pastor Erin), organizing one potluck or snack after worship per month, and possibly sending cards or calling homebound church members. My hope is that people will feel that they are involved with service to the church while not being overtasked, and to allow everyone in our church family a chance to serve each other in some way.

Please continue to hold your church family and our wider world in your prayers as we walk together, trusting that God loves us and plans for our future.

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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September Highlights

2nd Mobile Food Pantry
8th PW Circle
8th Welcome Meeting
8th Worship Meeting
13th Rotary Turkey Dinner
14th Finance
15th Session
23rd Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour lunch
26th Crew Drive in Diner



The Church office will be
closed on
September 6th in
observance of
Labor Day



Church Family News

Marj Lins made several articles of clothing for our nursery kiddos to use in playing with their “doll babies.” They’re adorable and we’re so blessed to have Marj share her talents. Thanks, Marg!

The duo of Shane Anderson and Dick Hendricksen have done it again - another lighting project accomplished! Thanks to their caring and time, we now have brightly colored and more safe and energy efficient EXIT signs. We appreciate your efforts, as always, Shane and Dick.

Julie and Ron See donated a very cute baby seat to our church nursery. That will surely come in handy with our new babies. Thanks so much, Julie and Ron, for your gift.

We have fantastic church funeral dinner coordinators and we’re grateful to them: Carolyn Bollman and Joyce Letts. These wonderful gals work hard with many other volunteers to meet the needs of our church family members during their time of loss. Many thanks to ALL those who donate salads or desserts, and those who help set-up, serve our guests, and clean-up afterwards.



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 Emma Kaye
2 Hoyt Burke
4 Frances Batterson
5 Kitch Shatzer
6 Betty Beenblossom
8 Peyton Cuddeback
11 Jerry Flory
14 Vicki Brinning
14 Megan Strabala

19 Jim Cuddeback
19 Lindsey Hippen
21 Betty Gipple
21 Steve Liebe
21 Nick Reed
25 Matthew Kaye
28 Tom Bollman
29 Mary Case
29 Maridee Woods



Class Structure for 2021-2022

Birth - 4 yo Preschool: Upstairs in the Nursery
 Kindergarten - 5th grade: Downstairs in Son City
 6th - 8th grades: Jr High Room (Rat Pack)
 9th - 12th grades: Youth Room

KICK-OFF SUNDAY! Join us Sunday, September 12th as we begin our children and youth programming for the school year. Sunday school will begin at 8:45, we will hand out Bibles to our 3rd graders during the church service at 10, and the youth groups will meet at their regularly scheduled times that afternoon/evening. Don't miss it! Contact Erin Thorius, Jake Thorius, or Krista Gaal if you have questions! See details below...

Sunday School = 8:45am - 9:45am

We are excited as we prepare for a new year in the nursery, down in Son City, with the middle schoolers and the high schoolers on Sunday mornings. It should be a lot of fun and we look forward to a year of sharing, laughing, and learning together.

CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Sept 12th: 3:30pm @ UP Church - We will head outside to play!
 Sept 26th: 3:30pm @ UP Church - Drive-In Diner!! (PREP 3:30-5...SERVE 5-6...CLEAN 6-6:30)

Crew will get started on the 12th and 26th of September but will then begin their regularly scheduled 1st and 3rd Sundays in October

We are excited to get back together to laugh, play, and dig a little deeper into what God has in store for us! We will do what we can outside as long as the weather allows. We will always meet at the church at 3:30 & finish up by 4:30 (a little shorter than last year). Bring your friends!

CREW Drive-In Diner!

Put **Sunday, September 26th at 5:00pm** in your calendars! This has always been one of our favorite fundraisers for our group. You won't want to miss it! More details coming soon.



Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

It's time to join back together and see where God is taking us! Bring your friends! We will meet at the church at 6:30 and have things wrapped up by 8:30 each meeting.

Sept. 12th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - Join us for a wild and crazy time!
 Sept. 19th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)
 Sept. 26th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)



JAM Kids UPDATE

This is a program that our church has loved and supported for many years in the past. As a CE committee, we still see the need for the kids in our congregation and in our community. In order to continue JAM Kids, we need someone who wants to lead this group. If you feel like you are being called to plan, organize, and lead this group, please contact Pastor Erin or Erin Thorius.

Confirmation

It's a confirmation year! Any 9th-12th graders interested, please contact the church office or email upwashyouth@gmail.com. We are seeing what interest is there and will make more definite plans as we go...tentatively starting in January 2022.

Adult Sunday School Class Opportunity

Where do we get everything we need in life? From the Lord our God. How does he strengthen us? With his word. Join us for a new study of his word.

On Sunday September 19th the Adult Sunday School class in the lounge is starting the year with a new study, *The Rock, the Road and The Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. Begin your journey to a deeper faith and understanding of the bible through their book and the companion six session video Bible study. Join them in visiting sites in Israel that have impacted Kathy Lee's life. As she shares her story, coauthor Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi, provides fascinating background details that make the story of the New Testament come alive. Kathie Lee and Rabbi Sobel will take you and your group beyond the typical "Sunday School" teaching to examine the true texts of the Bible. The six video sessions include:

- 1: Bethlehem: Where it all Began
- 2: Nazareth: the early years.
- 3: Capernaum: Ministry Headquarters
- 4: Galilee: Ministry Grounds
- 5: Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry
- 6: Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection.

We will be using the accompanying book to this series which also contains another 23 chapters focusing on understanding the importance of other locations in the Bible. This is a great opportunity to understand the meaning of our holy scriptures and to "tour" the Holy Land. Come join us September 12 for the introduction to this study and to reserve your copy of the book.

THIS IS YOUR PLAYGROUND

While we have a little more work to do in the playground area, we want to encourage ANYONE from our church family to use our playground! For liability reasons, we can't leave the gate unlocked. However, all you need to do is call the church office and Krystle will give you "the word" to open the gate.

Parents, grandparents, babysitters, and friends/neighbors of little ones, please come and PLAY!!





WE ARE SO BLESSED at UPC!

As a church volunteer, I'm amazed at how willing YOU, my church family are to LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS. Whether it be donating items for HACAP or any other worthy project that comes to our attention, to go on a Mission Trip or to help in some way more locally (kids and adults) or individually YOU share God's love and caring. Additionally, there are so many of you who help with church projects (lighting, painting, indoor and outdoor clean-ups, funeral dinners, sewing projects, etc.) any needs around the church, you are there! And, of course, your caring and support for our little ones, older kids, teens, college kids and their parents, and sharing our love with our shut-ins and those who need to feel our caring is amazing. As a coordinator of events occasionally, I'm always overwhelmed with the willingness and caring of EACH OF YOU, CHURCH FAMILY FIRENDS, you are there!

Thank you for listening to God's call to LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS.

Marde McConnell



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
This year's new Bible study is "What my Grandmothers Taught Me"
Looking at the women in Jesus' genealogy

Meals on Wheels

For the month of August the Deacons were in charge of delivering meals. Terry Mangold led this effort. As many as 23 meals per day were delivered for the month of August. We are thankful that Terry was willing to lead this effort for our church.



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 Bart2oman@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!



Congratulations to Megan Buitendorp who got married on June 19 at Celebration Farm outside of Iowa City to Trey Bunting. Megan and Trey met while students at Simpson College. They now reside in Winterset, Iowa.



Jan- July represents 58% of the year.
Our income came in at 56.46%
Our expenses came in at 53.11%



Articles for the October
newsletter are due
Wednesday, September 22nd



Dear UP Church Family,
Thank you so much for the amazing baskets full of baby supplies. Jase, the girls, and I are so thankful for all the extra gear to help us get started with two new little ones. The girls enjoyed getting to unpack, sort, and put away all the new clothes and items. Our family has been so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church with so many supportive members. We truly appreciate the feeling of community and constantly feel God's love.

*Thank
you*

Thank you,
Carrie, Jase,
Annabelle, Emily, and Ruby Septer

Dear UP Church,
Thank you for the scholarship to Camp Wyoming. I enjoyed my time there! I also loved the post cards I received everyday. Emma was a very nice bunk mate, also thank you for the ride home.

Lauren Drahota

Dear UP Church,
I am writing this letter to you to express my gratitude for your financial contribution to my education. I was very happy when I learned that you had chosen me for the Up Church Scholarship. I look forward to this next chapter in my life and your generous contribution will definitely help me.

I also look forward to growing in my faith and staying with the Presbyterian Church for all my years to come. Hopefully in college I can find groups that can support me in my faith. I am very grateful for the church's support for all these years.

Thanks again,
Jack Strabala

HUGE THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

TERRY as many of you already know has been diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. So far he is doing well with following the dr.'s recommendations and some of the many online suggestion. He is on a specialized plan to fit our lifestyle. He's walking around 2 miles a day. We are both eating healthier.

To the Crew workers that cleared three trailer loads of brush from our yard, we really, really appreciate your gift of your effort for our benefit. Brad Alderton, your chain saw sang to all of us that morning. Erin Thorius, what wonderful leadership you give each of the kids. Remind them to say out loud "I did a great job!" It was much appreciated and necessary." We have someone's aluminum scoop shovel. Give me a call (319 653-4329) and I'll make sure it is returned. Pastor Erin and Matt Kaye were right in there carrying branches with the kids.

Thank you, also. Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill and Terry O'Neill

P.S. We have about a hundred first year seedlings of the Norway maple trees in our yard. They are beautifully colored with leaves in the fall. Going, going.....

Respectfully,
L.Wittmayer-O'Neill