

UP Church

Love God. Love Others.

February 2022

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Love is patient, love is kind... It's probably one of the most used passages of the Bible when it comes to weddings. 1 Corinthians chapter 13. The Apostle Paul wrote these words many years ago, and somewhere in the interim they became a favorite choice for people getting married. It makes sense, because the words paint a wonderful picture of what love is, and how those who love will act. It does us well to remember, however, that Paul was not writing these words to couples about to tie the knot. He was writing to a community of people trying to live into a new way of life, a new kingdom, a new creation. He was writing to us. This month, often called the month of love, I want to challenge you to read 1 Corinthians 13.4-13 each day. As you read, take a few moments to think about the words and how you might, or might not, be living them.

I'd love to hear how this experience goes for you!

Pastor Erin

1 Corinthians 13.4-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



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:
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February Highlights

3rd Mobile Food Pantry
6th Communion
9th PW Circle
15th Finance
16th Session
21st Sewing Day



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

A special thank you to JULIE MURPHY for the beautiful, winter planters at the south entrance. We're blessed to have you share your creativity and your talents, Julie.

We're grateful we can help out the HACAP Mobile Food Pantry workers and those who come monthly to receive free food. In the warmer months our large, parking lot is used for their set-up and in these colder months, they move inside into the warmth of our Fellowship Hall. We are a blessing.

We're blessed to have JANE CUDEBACK once again create a lovely and meaningful south entrance bulletin board. Jane, thanks for sharing your time and for reminding us of God's love.

Thanks to DEB SIMMERING who created the lovely Mitten Tree display and distributed all our donations this year. She allowed us to help so many, young and old, stay warm during these cold winter months. We were a blessing.



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.



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 Clark

14 James Strabala
14 Phil Kleese
17 Brian Strabala
20 Lincoln Kleese
21 Annagrace Goeke
21 Isaac Rich
22 Alice Martin
23 Amanda Burke
24 John Thorne

27 Erik Buchholz
28 Lauren Carter
28 Abigail Kleese
28 Ed Lins
28 Bev Young
29 Travis Shelman



Sunday School Class Structure for 2021-2022

8:45am

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

CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Because of some Sunday afternoon conflicts and numbers, we are going to be meeting once a month. Our meeting for this month is TBD. We will be in touch!

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Feb 6th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Feb 13th: 5:15pm - Super Bowl Party?? TBD

Feb 20th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Feb 27th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Camp Wyoming

Stacie Hoppman from Camp Wyoming will be here on the 27th of February to talk to the children and parent's about this year's camp. The church office has some flyer's that are available if anyone is interested.



Thank You, Rustan Family

The Garth and Harriett Rustan adult children -Tim, Carol, David and Mark – graciously gave a microwave and a TV to our UP Church Family. The microwave is already in use in the Youth Room! We too feel the loss of their special parents, Harriett and Garth, and we're so grateful to "the kids" for their generosity.

THANK YOU, MEGAN AND ANN! WELCOME TEAM NEEDS YOU

Our Welcome Team has been so grateful for the commitment of time, energy and ideas from Megan Alderton and Ann Conklin. They've each made such a positive impact on our welcoming efforts the past few years. From making goodies for our receptions, to helping set up and serve them, to coordinating T-shirt sales, to helping with clean-up events and so much more, Ann and Megan have been there! We appreciate the need for you to "leave us" but we're so grateful to you both for your service. Thanks to you, Megan and Ann!

If you're interested in helping the Welcome Team or want more info about what we do, please contact the office or one of the team members listed below. We'd love to have you!

Teresa Anderson Christy Buchholz Marde McConnell Julie Murphy Angie Schluetter

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for all the hats and gloves you sent to Lincoln for our student's! The staff and the students appreciate your kindness!

Sincerely, Lincoln Staff



Jan–December represents 100% of the year. Our income came in at 103.26%
Our expenses came in at 94.60%



Articles for the March newsletter are due
Wednesday, February 16th



Thanks to the generous donations of the UP Congregation throughout the month of December 2021 and the first Sunday of January 2022, we were able to donate 55 stocking hats, 59 pairs of gloves, 7 pairs of mittens and 3 Pairs of cozy fleece socks to the 3 elementary schools here in town. (Some of which were even homemade!) Perfect timing, as this week is brutally cold. Thanks to your marvelous contributions, many of our little friends will be warm! Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

Mission Committee

Caring for Caregivers

As the pandemic continues to put stress on the healthcare system, the Mission Committee would like to show front line workers we are thinking of them and praying for them. We have come up with a project to provide a goodie bag for the 300 staff members at the Washington Hospital. Here are ways you can help with this project: donate listed items, donate money and let us do the shopping, continue praying for all those affected by this prolonged health crisis. We would like to place the following donated items in small bags: hot chocolate packets, travel size hand lotion, chapstick, Hershey's Kiss and Hershey's Hug candies, granola bars, travel size Kleenex, and lifesavers. We will have totes in the Fellowship Hall to collect the donated items and or money offerings. Thank you for your help with this project.

The Mission Committee



MISSION

Care Packages for Local Health Care Providers

Items needed:

Chapstick

Travel size hand lotion

Individual packages of hot chocolate

Bags of Hershey's Kisses & Hugs Candy

Granola bars

Travel size packages of tissue

Life Savers

Please place donated items in the Mission box in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, February 13th



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're so thrilled several individuals and families chose to be a part of our church family. On January 16th the Welcome Team had a reception planned for these new members. However, several were ill, so - we delivered yummy plates of goodies to all those unable to join us! More specific information about these new members will appear in next month's newsletter. However, here are their names:

Barb Brown, Mary Temple, Rita Schonhoff
Alicia and Cyrus Andrews, Joanie and Leda
Pam and Tou Vongpanya, Cameron, Avery and Brennen
Katie McWhirter, William and Lauren



Baptism of Abe Evans

Abraham Corinthian Evans, son of Kristene and Cory Evans and grandson to Cyndy and Andy McCall and Geri and Jeff Evans was baptized on Sunday, January 16. Abe was bright-eyed and very content throughout the baptism. The children as well as all the adults, pledged to love and "be there" for Abe, Kristene and Cory. We're blessed to have this little one and his parents choose to be a part of our church family. Welcome, Abe.



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



PW Synod Gathering

June 16-19, 2022 Sioux City, IA



Registration fees are: \$100 Entire Gathering (Thurs evening through Sunday)
Thursday only-\$25 Friday only- \$75 Saturday only \$50
All women welcome to attend. Kitch Shatzer is going and could drive if anyone would be interested. If you have questions the office has a packet of information or you can contact Kitch at 319-461-0266.

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 Terry Mangold, Rod Letts, Betty Beenblossom, Judy Wertz and Payton Anderson. 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!