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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Although it comes late this year, the season of Lent feels as if it has approached with the speed of light! We begin this special season of the church year on March 2, with an Ash Wednesday service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. This service will be a hands-on experience, where people will be invited to walk from one station to another, considering the ashes and what they symbolize. Beginning Sunday, we will move into our Lenten sermon series, called *Full to the Brim*. Here's the information from the series introduction:

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

The scriptures for this Lenten season (in the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C) are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. Jesus as a mother hen, a prodigal son welcomed home, a fig tree nurtured with care and hope, precious oil poured out lovingly and freely, stones shouting out with praise—these sacred texts are brimming with a gospel of grace. We've done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over.

Full to the Brim reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

I hope you will experience abundant life throughout this season, as we prepare together for Easter.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

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Checks may be sent to:
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March Highlights

2nd Ash Wednesday
 3rd Mobile Food Pantry
 9th PW Circle
 15th Finance
 16th Session
 17th St Patrick's Day
 21st Sewing Day



World Day of Prayer
March 4th 2pm
St. James Church

All are invited and encouraged to join

The office will be closed on Friday the 4th and Monday the 7th, due to staff commitments.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

Thank you Brad Alderton for so willingly making the bread used for Communion, a Pennsylvania family recipe. You're a blessing, Brad.

Thank you to Janice Twinam and her Communion helpers, Bonnie Bender and Connie Jarrard. Your work each month in preparing for communion and lining up the servers is greatly appreciated. Thanks, gals, you're a blessing.

Thank you to all those who work hard to have our parking lot and sidewalks cleared throughout the winter months. Your efforts are appreciated!!

Thanks, Christy Buchholz, of the Welcome Team for her time spent putting together our Visitor Welcome Bags. She quietly takes care of this and makes sure we have extras always ready. You're a blessing, Christy, thanks for your commitment to this project.

Thank you to the Mission committee and all the donors and volunteers who helped us to be a blessing to 500 front-line, health care workers here in Washington! What 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
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 1 Jack Carter
 1 Kaelyn Johnson
 4 Sophia Kleese
 4 Isabella Lujan
 5 Tom Hunt
 7 Angie Schluetter
 7 Jordan Youngman
 9 Virginia Bordwell

11 Connie Jarrad
 12 Deb Helmick
 13 Jacob Miles
 21 Mildred Houseal
 22 Sandra Krotz
 22 Marde McConnell
 22 Russ Woods
 25 Judy Murphy
 26 Heath Bishop

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 27 Roger Miles
 28 Brenda Miles
 28 Alec Schiefer



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)

Mar 6th: 6:30pm @ UP Church
Mar 13th: 6:30pm @ UP Church
Mar 20th: 6:30pm @ UP Church
Mar 27th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Camp Wyoming

There are flyers on the welcome table in the fellowship hall that are available if anyone is interested.

The early bird registration deadline is March 15th.

The Church will pay 1/2 of tuition.



Daylight Saving Time Starts

Sunday March 13th
Don't forget to move your clocks forward on the 12th!



Mark your
calendar...
Mission Market
coming April 3rd!



Baptism of Septer Children

Annabelle, Emily, Ruby, Jack and Katie, children of Carrie and Jase Septer were baptized on Sunday, February 13th. The older girls were sure their twin little siblings would cry but Jack and Katie were as bright-eyed and content as were their big sisters. We, their church family of adults and children alike, pledged to love and "be there" for each of those dear children and their parents. We're blessed to have this family choose to be a part of our church family. Welcome All!



Jan-Feb represents 8.3% of the year.
Our income came in at 10.70%
Our expenses came in at 6.49%



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

500 Health Care Bags



The Mission Committee thanks YOU, Church Family, for your participation in creating and delivering the 500 care bags for local front-line, health care providers.

You donated so many of the items we needed for our care bags, which was a big help. Also, the Carver Concession Group donated \$500 to help with the purchase of some of the bag items. On Tuesday evening, the 15th over 30

individuals formed an assembly line and 500 care bags were filled in one hour! A special thanks to Tyler Alderton who brought his 4-H robotics team to help.



The care bags were distributed to our local hospital, the UP Home, Halcyon House, Aspire Nursing Facility, and both local medical clinics. Additionally, church family members who work in other health care environments also received care bags.



Thanks everyone for showing these 500 front-line workers that our UP Church Family cares and loves others.

Mission Committee Members:
Karen Dillon, Krista Gaal, Lynn Loula, Sue Reed, Deb Simmering and Joe McConnell



Easter CHOIR

Practice Wednesday Evenings
7pm - March 30, April 6 & April 13

The choir will sing Easter Sunday
(April 17) during worship

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome!

CALLING
ALL
VOICES





Congratulations to Marde McConnell!

Our church family is very proud that Marde has been chosen as one of the “9 Who Care” honored by KCRG TV. Each year nine deserving volunteers in the Eastern Iowa area are recognized for their caring acts on behalf of others and are awarded monetary gifts for their chosen charities. Marde chose our local HACAP program to be the recipient of her award. Our church is well aware of all the hours that Marde dedicates both to the church and the community. She has served as an amazing example of what it means to Love God and Love Others.



Thank You, Jessica and Ginny

What a blessing to have Jessica Faselt share her unbelievably lovely singing a couple of weeks ago during worship and Ginny’s accompaniment was perfect. Everyone in attendance agree “Amazing Grace” and “Ave Maria” never sounded more beautiful! Thank you for sharing your musical gifts, Jessica and Ginny, your time and talents were so greatly appreciated.



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!



INDOOR CLEAN-UP OPPORTUNITY

The Welcome Team has had such success with our outdoor clean-ups that . . . we're planning an indoor one later in March. There are windows that need washing, pews that could be vacuumed and some other "fun" projects on our list! There'll be a job for everyone!



More details later, Church Family Friends!

Welcome Team

Teresa Anderson Christy Buchholz Marde McConnell Julie Murphy Angie Schluetter



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Barb Brown graduated from Mid-Prairie but did more "running around" in Washington since her family farm was 8 mi. north of the U.P. Home. Barb lives on an acreage with her daughter and son-in-law. She's in a one-bedroom apartment across from Sass Family Farm. She's thrilled to be back in the area and getting reacquainted after 50 years and ... she likes being closer to her 100 year old mom at Brownlee, too.



Mary Temple is #3 of Sikke and Beulah Temple's 11 kids. She ventured away from the family farm and worked "away" with her last 21 years in Texas training people to use software. She returned to Washington a few years ago, enjoying her UP Home cottage and her flowers. She recently moved from her cottage to a lovely apartment in Kerr Hall. In her free moments she enjoys being a part of the writers' group at the library and sewing. She's looking forward to the time she's able to return to in-person worship.

Katie McWhirter and her children: William, a 4th grader and Lauren, a 3rd grader live in rural Washington at 1996 240th St. Katie, a former FFA Advisor and high school agricultural educator, works for Premier Crop Systems as the SE Iowa Strategic Account Manager, as well the Training and Development team. William has enjoyed wrestling, baseball, and football, as well as a 1st year 4-H member. Lauren is in Clover Kids and she loves to tumble, be around animals, and is artistic. They definitely keep Katie busy!



Next month we'll introduce you to Alicia, Cyrus, Joanie, and Leda Andrews; the Septer Family, Rita Schonhoff, and the Vongpanya's, (Pam, Tou, Cameron, Avery and Brennan)!

Welcome, ALL, to our UP Church Family! We hope you feel our love and caring for you, and that you will grow in your faith as together we Love God and Love Others.