

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

July/August 2022



For All Ages
July 27th
July 31st
August 7th
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July 31st and August 28th

10 am

Central Park

Bring a chair or blanket

The service will also be live-streamed

In case of rain– UP Church



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Office Hours

Mon, Wed, and Fridays
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From the Pastor...

Friends,

I have just returned to the office after two weeks of time away on a family vacation. As I reflect on the past few weeks, I am reminded of the importance of Sabbath. The creation story in the very first book of the Bible tells us that God worked for six days and on the seventh day God rested. In modern society, it is easy to work and work and work, and to never rest. Stores are open many hours of the day, and if they aren't the internet never sleeps. We are constantly on call - whether we are answering to the needs of family or friends, working, or playing. We cannot escape the 24 hour news cycle. Even while we were on vacation, at our secluded cabin on a lake in Eastern Pennsylvania, we knew within 30 minutes about the Supreme Court's momentous decision to overturn Roe Vs Wade.

I encourage you to take time to rest. To step away from everything you can and simply enjoy the presence of God. To find what feeds your soul and to do that thing. God showed us the importance of resting from our labors, of enjoying the world around us, of enjoying God. How are you currently enjoying Sabbath? Are you able to step away for a while, to enjoy the gift of time and presence God has offered you?

It is my prayer that you can, and that you do!

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Erin will be on vacation
July 16th– 30th

Guest Pastor Anna Sheetz will be leading worship on the 17th and the 24th

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



July/August Highlights

July

3rd Communion
5th Deacon meeting
12th Finance

13th Session
27th and 31st VBS
August
7th Communion
7th Ice Cream social and pool party
16th Finance
17th Session
25th Blood Drive

The office will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We, as a church family, are a blessing as we coordinate and share our facilities for the Saturday Kitchen. It is a huge commitment but one which surely shows our love for God and for others. We're privileged to be serving God in this way.

We are a blessing in assisting in the repair of the American flags flown in the cemetery through-out the year. Thank you to our sewing crew for serving Marty Beenblossom, coordinator, and our community in this very special way.

We are blessed to have Janice Twinam coordinate Communion. She has able assistants but Janice has been serving for many years in this capacity and we're grateful to you.

We are blessed to have Krista Gaal, Jake Thorius, Tracy and Brian Strabala who served as leaders for our youth mission trip to Kentucky. It was truly life-changing for the kids participating and for those who they helped with their home re-building. Thank you to the above committed and caring group of adults who gave of their time and their talents and served in this leadership position.

We are blessed to have Shane and Teresa Anderson, Ken Wulf, Joe McConnell, and others who volunteer their time to water outdoor plants, spray for weeds, and do other outdoor chores just because they need to be done. We're grateful for their caring.



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

1 Heather Anderson
2 Tymber Burke
5 Tanya Stadler
10 Mike Zahs
11 Ruth Ann Stacy
14 Kristene Evans
18 Jacob Bruns
19 Marg Lins
20 Mary McCall
21 Bert Turner

23 Fei Fei Anderson
23 Betty Lowry
25 Doug Dunlap
27 Sandy Dunlap
28 Diana Rich
30 Shirley Garrett
30 Barb Liebe

August

3 Julie Johnson
3 Darin Rich
4 Dorothy White

5 Krista Gaal
10 Jeff Cuddeback
10 Megan Alderton
10 Kristen Twinam
11 Cole Anderson
13 Ron Dillon
13 Rhonda Shelman
16 Steve Batterson
19 David Henderson
19 Billie Bruns
20 Kathy Schnek

23 Mary Atwood
23 Michael McCall
25 Bob Johnson
26 Max Anderson
26 Hannah Anderson
28 Megan Schiebel
30 Katie Lujan





Youth Mission Trip

Cambridge Shores, Kentucky

11 youth and 4 adults went on this year's mission trip.

The town was hit with tornadoes on December 10th of 2021. The group worked on siding a house while they were there. The group's goal was to finish re-siding the house they worked on. The group also had fun doing karaoke, go-karting, and going to Six Flags.



All Ages Vacation Bible School



Craft Night: Wednesday, July 27th 5:30- 7:30pm at the church

Game Night: Sunday, July 31st 5- 7pm at Sunset Park

Ice Cream Social and Pool Party: Sunday, August 7th 6:15- 7:45pm

All your favorite VBS activities

Worship together

Eat together

Play together



Jan-May represents 42% of the year.

Our income came in at 32.20%

Our expenses came in at 32.67%



Articles for the September newsletter are due Wednesday, August 17th

Saturday Kitchen Success!



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We're thrilled to report that our first Saturday back after two years we had 56 guests, the following week we had 86, and the last week we had 91 very grateful guests! Our guests have shared how happy they are to have the return of the

A special thanks to Jane Cuddeback and Pastor Erin for coordinating the first Saturday of the return. We're also very appreciative of a donation of pork burgers by Andy and Cyndy McCall. It's truly a privilege to serve God and others in this much appreciated local mission and to be coordinating so many other host groups also. We're very grateful that so many of you from our church family care, are so supportive of this community outreach endeavor, and are willing to share our facilities each Saturday morning and noon.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

MISSION COMMITTEE REACHES OUT IN CARING

We were recently contacted by the Salvation Army to assist in providing temporary housing for an individual. This person is a new employee of the United Presbyterian Home and needed help. The individual is a good worker and is deeply grateful for our assistance. We're blessed to be able to reach out in God's love in this caring way.

NEW OUTDOOR PLANTINGS

The Welcome Team is thrilled to have the new plantings in place at the north entrance. We've appreciated all the positive comments we've received about this improvement, too. We can't wait for the pretty red, yellow, and purple colors of the new plants to appear. We know they'll be a welcoming sight for our guests, for the community, and even for ourselves!

CHURCH DIRECTORY . . . moving forward

Thanks to all those who've had their picture taken at the church and to those who have turned in photos, too. However, we still have others to connect with.



Please turn in photos and stop by the church office and check to see if your information is correct. If you have not gotten your picture taken or submitted one, we will be in touch with you. While there are many more steps to complete this process, our goal is to have our in-house directory complete in the fall. Thanks for your patience.

From your UP Welcome Team



Washington County Fair

July 17th– 22rd

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.