

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

June 2022



For All Ages
June 29th
July 27th
July 31st
August 7th
More Details
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June 26th

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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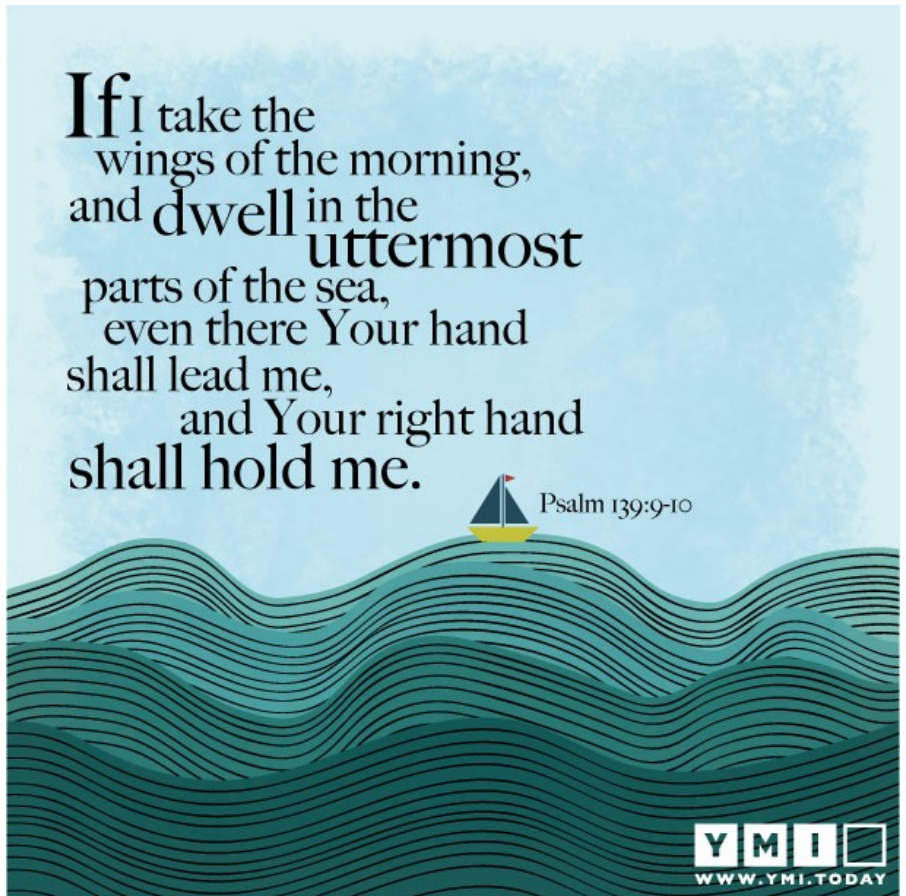
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From the Pastor...

Friends,
Lately our world feels full of challenge and sorrow, whether you look near home or further afield. It seems that illness and death surround us. Everything feels heavy, and quiet, and sad. When I enter these times in my life, I often turn to the Psalms for some reassurance. One of my favorite Psalms is 139, written by King David. I invite you to look up this psalm and read through it. My favorite part is where the Psalmist affirms that God's hand hold us fast. I take comfort in knowing that as a follower of Jesus, I am secure in the grasp of God, and that God offers support and love through even the hardest times. I invite you to lean into God's presence, and into the hands of the one who knew you before you were born, and who loved you before the world began.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Erin will be on vacation June 13th through the 26th.

Anna Sheetz will be leading worship on the 19th.

On the 26th worship will be in Central Park, with Grace Community Church, Washington Mennonite Church, and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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
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Giving Back
To God



June Highlights

3rd Communion UP Health Center
4th– 11th Youth Mission Trip
5th Communion
8th PW Circle

19th Father's Day
20th Sewing Day
26th Worship in Central Park



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are a blessing as the Inside Out group of high schoolers from our church family, as well as their leaders and other chaperones, are leaving to go to Kentucky shortly after school is out. They will do all that is asked of them to help the folks there recover from 2021 tornadoes. They will be growing in their faith: loving God and serving and loving others!

We are so blessed to have our committed Youth Leaders: Jacob Thorius, Krista Gaal, Erin Thorius, Brad Alderton. They have taught, played, prayed, laughed, and cried with our youth this past year. We're so grateful also for the wonderful, Christian role models they have been for our middle school and high school youth.

We are also so blessed to have Julie Zahs, Tracy Strabala, Rhonda Shelman and Marde McConnell who share their love and creativity with our elementary and little ones each week. Their genuine caring is so evident by the enthusiasm of our little ones for Sunday School each week.

We are a blessing as our church family Prayer Chain lifts up in caring and prayers all those in need. We have Mary Atwood to thank for her loving leadership and coordination of this outreach of love to our church family and so many others.

We are blessed to have Lila DePenning as our virtual greeter each Sunday morning for our Facebook page worshippers. Thanks, Lila, for reaching out to our church family and friends - helping them feel welcome at our UPC services.



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 Brennan Murphy
2 Fran Langenberg
4 Kylie Moore
5 Tricia Whisler
6 Joleen Krotz
7 Drake Schluetter
7 Dawson Schluetter
7 Jean Frazer
8 Sydney Cuddeback
9 Kay Hall

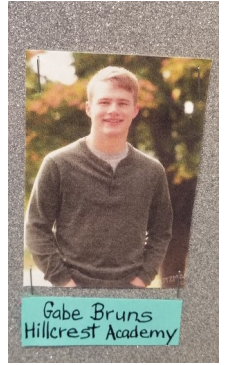
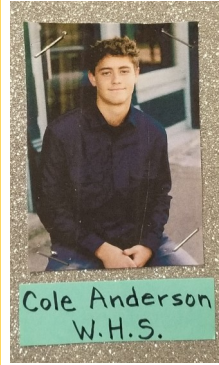
10 Kathy Knutson
12 Jessie Buchholz
12 Kaitlyn Mitchell
12 Alexa Mitchell
13 Lynn Loula
15 Ron Kaufman
15 Dylann Schluetter
19 Olivia Lujan
19 Sophia Lujan
21 Kevin Caldwell

21 Janet Kaufman
22 Etta Wakeland
24 Diana Henry
25 Janice Flory
25 Joyce Letts
26 Patricia Bagley
27 Callie Schiebel
27 Austin Twinam
27 Janice Twinam

InsideOut

The youth and adults head out on their mission trip to Benton, Kentucky on Saturday, June 4th bright and early! They will be helping with tornado recovery. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they work, play, and see God in all they do. They'll return on Friday, June 10th. On Sunday, June 12th, they'll tell us all about their trip at the 10am service. Join us!

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors!



We are so proud of you!

A huge **THANK YOU** to the following people for making our children and youth Sunday School year possible:

Marde McConnell & Rhonda Shelman (and various other volunteers) in the Nursery
 Julie Zahs, Jane Cuddeback, & Tracy Strabala in Son City
 Erin Thorius & Brad Alderton with the Middle Schoolers
 Krista Gaal & Jake Thorius with the High Schoolers



All Ages Vacation Bible School



Drama Night: Wednesday, June 29th 5:30- 7:30pm at the church

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



The meal for June 29th is walking tacos. As the date gets closer we will have a sign up for food.



Jan-Apr represents 33% of the year.

Our income came in at 28.35%

Our expenses came in at 25.83%



Articles for the July/August newsletter are due Wednesday, June 22nd



SATURDAY KITCHEN RESTARTING JUNE 4!!



We're thrilled to report that we've received positive responses from nearly all our former Saturday Kitchen hosts. Our first gathering is June 4th, hosted by us.

To update you all, a schedule from June-December has been created. Soon we'll have a couple of gathering options to enable hosts to re-connect, be updated on a few changes and feel confident to start again. And, of course, we'll be getting the word out with flyers, posters, social media, individual contacts, etc.

In no time each Saturday noon we will again be sharing God's love with free food and fellowship at our UP Church. Thank you, UP Church Family, for your genuine commitment to this wonderful community outreach. We recently ran into one of our Saturday Kitchen regulars and he was thrilled to hear we were re-opening!

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

We filled a need!

A request was made by HACAP for volunteers to help put together food boxes at HACAP. Thirteen people showed up one recent Monday morning! A huge thank you to Julie Johnson for coordinating the event and to Julie Zahs, Deb and Dave Simmering, Mary Saforek, Ken Wulf, Betty Beenblossom, Julie and Terry Mangold, Jane Cuddeback, Lynn Loula, and Marde and Joe McConnell. In less than two hours 67 food boxes were packed, several boxes were delivered across the road to transitional housing and the HACAP food pantry was totally re-organized for them once again.



RenElla Crawford, Washington HACAP Site Manager was thrilled with all that was accomplished and it should be noted our volunteers had a fun time together, a win all around!



To everyone that was able to go to Winterset to help with tornado clean up,
the church received a card from the Sedars:

Thank you all so much for helping us with our clean up. We couldn't have done it
without all of your help. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Anne and Craig Sedars

*Thank
you*



Dear Church Family,

We want to extend our deepest gratitude towards everyone of you for the love, support, and kindness you have shown our family. The stroller and car seat were definitely needed and will be much used. The gift basket of goodies are wonderful. Those little socks and headbands are precious! Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

*Thank
you*

Megan, Mourad, Sophie, and Leila El Haoud



Welcome, Raina Jo!!

Megan and Mourad, as parents, and Sophie and Leila, as big sisters, welcomed little Raina on May 4th. We also welcome Raina into our church family, too!! Blessings to all the El Haoud Family!!



MEET OUR NEW MEMBER:

Ann Goff has been a resident of Washington, Iowa for 22 years and has attended UP Church services for about the same time. Ann became an “official” member of the church in May, 2022.

Ann is a transplant from the Philippines and grew up in a Christian household. Ann’s family is still in the Philippines and she talks to them almost daily. She’s hoping for a visit to see them sometime soon. She does have a cousin she’s close to who lives in North Carolina. Facetime Zooms are a wonderful way to stay connected with family and friends far away!! Yea for technology!

She is mom to Alecia, 17 and who’s leaving soon with the Inside Out Mission Trip group, and Jillian, 20 and who recently graduated from Kirkwood’s Veterinarian Technician Program and has a job in Cedar Rapids. She’s grateful her girls are doing well.

Ann works in Iowa City for the University and when asked what her job was she said she’s a computer engineer, “a bit of a nerd.” When pushed further, she shared she’s led the development of web-based applications for the Board Office and the Regent institutions and has served as the U of I liaison concerning state legislative topics. In other words, Ann’s a busy gal!!

In closing, Ann loves Star Wars, karaoke, sushi, coffee and caramel cheesecake and her “official” U.P. church family.





Estate Gift Received

Recently the church received a gift from the estate of Lana Kay Weeks. The money will be added to the youth endowment fund.

Lana's roots were in Washington, Iowa. After graduating college in 1980, she became Audience development Director of the Houston Ballet and PR Manager for the Opening of Houston's Wortham Theater Center in 1987.

Lana's subsequent work in the SF Bay Area was with Stanford's Lively Arts, Mountain View's Center for the Performing Arts, and Pacific Repertory Theater in Carmel. In 1998 she became development Consultant to the non-profit Sunset Center for the Arts for the theater renovation completed in 2003, a joint project with the City of Carmel.

In 2004 Lana joined the Big Sur Land Trust as Development Director, guiding the Land Trust from traditional conservation to expanding its impact in wider Monterey County. She developed the first major gifts program, and helped create partnerships with the Salinas social justice community, ranchers, and local arts/music groups. New projects, like Glen Deven Ranch and Marks Ranch youth camps and the Carr Lake project in Salinas, attracted diverse new leadership to the Trust's board.

Lana moved to Big Sur in 2013– a long time dream! She volunteered for the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade and was elected to the Board of this nonprofit public safety organization in 2016. She prepared a fund-raising plan and helped initiate a program to address the challenges of serving the community and its millions of visitors. Lana helped prepare for the future under a new shared leadership model now known simply as Big Sur Fire.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Moore Executor



CHURCH DIRECTORY . . . IT'S A PROCESS!

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

Please do turn in photos and stop by the church office and see if your info is correct.

While there are many more steps to complete this process, our goal is to have our in-house directory complete by the time school begins in the fall. Thanks for your patience.

