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## From the Pastor...

Friends,

As I wrote this, hurricane Ian is approaching the coast of South Florida. War still rages in Ukraine and riots are happening in Iran. Locally (and everywhere, really) people are struggling with inflation, illness, loss of loved ones, and the list goes on. The challenges seem enormous, and overwhelming. As I struggle with this, I am reminded of the writing of a Jewish Rabbi from shortly after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (around 100 a.d.). He wrote, **“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”**

It is easy challenged by the enormity of what is going on in this world. However God has challenged us to continue to love, to be humble, and to be concerned with justice - to not be overwhelmed. We will not fix everything. Only God can do that. But we are a part of the fixing - part of God’s work in this world to move it ever closer to the place where God’s kingdom and the world we live in begin to align. Let us rise to the challenge.

Blessings,  
Pastor Erin



how will you measure your life?



This year’s stewardship theme is  
**“how will you measure your life?”**

Stewardship kick-off is October 23rd.

Keep you eyes open for a mailing and join us at  
the reception celebration on November 13th.





## October Highlights

2nd Communion  
4th Deacon Meeting  
12th PW Circle  
12th Worship Meeting



17th Sewing Day  
18th Finance  
19th Session  
20th Blood Drive  
31st Trunk or Treat



### WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have had Shane Anderson replace many light bulbs all around the church – some very high!!

We are blessed to have had Dana Patterson share her musical talents on the piano with us in September when Ginny was away.

We are blessed to have so many volunteers help with leading our Sunday School for the adults, for our youth, our little kids and our very little ones.

Ron Kaufman, even in his death, was a blessing to others as he was an organ donor.

Our funeral meal team was a blessing to Ron's family and friends by preparing a meal for them following Ron's Celebration of Life service.

Our church family was a blessing to the Rotary organization by sharing our facilities for their fund-raising meal.

Our church family was a blessing to the Tribulation and Trust Ministries, which raises funds for the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter. We sold one of our vans, at a very good price, to them. (We're planning to rent a second van as needed and only have one van to maintain.)



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.



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1 Layne Twinam  
2 Donna Orris  
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4 Heidi Johnson  
10 Jase Johnson  
11 Mary Meeker  
11 April Cuddeback  
12 Quinn Smith  
13 Julie Murphy  
13 Corley Rich

14 Travis Moore  
16 Tracy Kleese  
17 Christy Buchholz  
18 Wilma Wright  
20 Nolan Burke  
22 James Wertz  
23 Joe Murphy  
23 Dexter Rich  
24 Terry Mangold  
25 Sam Kaye

27 Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill  
27 Barb Schreur  
27 Emily Septer  
29 Jayden Youngman





## Sunday School

### Class Structure for 2022-2023

8:45am

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



**October 31st**

Set up starts at 5:30pm on the north side of the church.

Trick or treat 6-7pm

All are welcome!

Donations of candy or trinkets (ex: bouncy balls, snap bracelets, stickers) would be appreciated!



### Son City (K-4th Grade)

Son City kids are learning all about Zaccheus. We are hearing Bible stories about him, making a sack puppet of him, singing "Zaccheus was a Wee Little Man" song, watching Zaccheus videos, did puppet play in drama room, and more. The middle school class came and watched our puppet show. A great audience!

Julie Zahs, Tracy Strabala, Jane Cuddeback

### CREW (5th – 8th grade Ministry)

Megan and Brad Alderton and Travis Moore are excited for a great year with 5-8th graders. The Rat Pack Sunday School class will be meeting Sundays at 8:45 in the downstairs "Alley" and Crew will meet one or two Sunday evenings each month for an evening of games, service, and fun. Important upcoming dates to get on your calendar:

**Oct 31** - Trunk-or-Treat 5:45-7 pm

We will host games for trick-or-treaters at the UP trunk-or-treat event. Feel free to wear a costume, but not required. See you then!

Megan, Brad, and Travis

If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to call the church at 653-6588. Hope to see all 5 to 8th graders soon!



### Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Sunday, Oct 2nd: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

Sunday, Oct 9th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

Sunday, Oct 16th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

Sunday, Oct 23rd: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

Sunday, Oct 30th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

**Halloween retreat, date TBD**



We were hosts on August 27<sup>th</sup>, when our Saturday Kitchen was very well-attended. We were thrilled! We had nearly 95 guests and 30 take-outs.



It was a blessing for us to prepare and serve a delicious, free meal and to provide the socialization it provided, too. Our brownie makers were Diana Henry, Jane Fehr, Katie McWhirter and Judy Murphy.

Our Saturday work crew was Andy and Cyndy McCall, Travis Moore, Kevin Caldwell, Teresa Anderson, Leisha Linge, Julie Zahs, Rita Phipps, Pat DeSotel, Mary Atwood and Gary Murphy.

Thanks, Church Family, for your commitment to this Christian outreach.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

## A note of thanks from a guest of Saturday Kitchen:

I like coming here meeting new people and socializing with new people and the great food being served.

Thank you



Thank you

To Connie, Brad, and Bonnie for preparing and cleaning up communion in the park and at church.

Thank you to Larry Bartlett for taking me to my eye appointment.

*Thank you*

Janice Twinam

## Directory Update

We're about ready to take our directory to the printer – so close!! Thanks for your patience, Church Family!!



Jan-Aug represents 67% of the year.  
Our income came in at 54.38%  
Our expenses came in at 53.93%



Articles for the November newsletter are due  
Wednesday, October 19th





## PW Circle Meeting

We meet the second Wednesday of the month in the church library at 9am  
All are welcome to come.



### Sharing of announcements or events

If there is an announcement or an event you would like to see in our announcement slides, please contact Krystle at the office, Pastor Erin, or Mary Saforek. We would love to share it with our church family!

### 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 [Bartzoman@gmail.com](mailto:Bartzoman@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!



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