



September 2022



Sunday School Kickoff

September 11th, 8:45 am

Potluck Fellowship Breakfast

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From the Pastor...

On August 15, Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian pastor and one of my favorite Christians writers, died. Much of what he has written had a great influence on my spiritual life and ministry. A week later, on August 22, I attended a forum on homelessness in our city. A quote of Buechner's especially spoke to me as I reflected on what we are facing as a community. He wrote, ' If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.'

As we move forward, I pray that each of us may continue to truly SEE our neighbors, and to reach out to them in love.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



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

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September Highlights

4th Communion
5th Labor Day
11th Sunday School Resumes
12th Rotary Turkey Dinner

19th Sewing Day
20th Finance
21st Session



The office will be closed on September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have had so many volunteers help with our three intergenerational VBS nights. Together we explored the story of Jesus asking Peter to feed his sheep through craft, drama, and games. Thanks all!

We're blessed to have Mary Saforek share her graphic design skills and creativity with church projects. She's always willing to "be there" whenever asked. Thanks, Mary, we appreciate you so much!

We're a blessing to all the Korner Creamery customers who love to park and visit in our south parking lot while enjoying their ice cream treats.

We are blessed to have Joe McConnell work on our kitchen stools. They now have felt tips on the bottom! Moving them is so much easier and hopefully there'll be no black marks on the floor. Thanks, Joe.

We're a blessing to the Washington Municipal Band. They have their weekly summer practices in our Fellowship Hall. We love sharing our facility and they love our room and air conditioning. We're so grateful for their annual participation during one of our August worship services, too.



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 Emma Kaye	21 Betty Gipple
2 Hoyt Burke	21 Nick Reed
4 Frances Batterson	21 Steve Liebe
5 Kitch Shatzer	25 Matt Kaye
6 Betty Beenblossom	28 Tom Bollman
8 Peyton Cuddeback	29 Mary Case
9 Ann Goff	29 Maridee Woods
11 Jerry Flory	
14 Megan Strabala	
14 Vicki Brinning	
19 Jim Cuddeback	



KICK-OFF SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday, September 11th as we begin our children and youth programming for the school year. Sunday school will begin at 8:45, we will hand out Bibles to our 3rd graders during the church service at 10, and the youth groups will meet at their regularly scheduled times that afternoon/evening. Don't miss it! See details below...

Sunday School = 8:45am - 9:45am

We are excited as we prepare for a new year in the nursery, down in Son City, with the middle schoolers and the high schoolers on Sunday mornings. It should be a lot of fun and we look forward to a year of sharing, laughing, and learning together.



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



Son City (K-4th Grade)

Son City will be a fun year, as we'll be doing plays, hearing Bible stories, using puppets, doing arts/crafts, watching videos of Bible stories, and more. We may even sing and play bells! Come join us each Sunday morning at 8:45.

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:

Sep 11 - All Congregation Breakfast Potluck - 8:45 am

Sep 11 - First Crew Gathering - 4-6 pm

Sep 18 - Rat Pack Sunday School Begins- 8:45 am

Oct 31 - Trunk-or-Treat 5-7 pm

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)

It's time to join back together and see where God is taking us! Bring your friends! We will meet at the church at 6:30 and have things wrapped up by 8:30 each meeting.

Sunday, Sept 11th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

Sunday, Sept 18th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)

Sunday, Sept 25th: 6:30pm @ UP Church - TBD (check your messages for info!)



Thank you - Joyce Letts, Carolyn Bollman, Julie Johnson, and Sue Reed!

Thanks, Joyce and Carolyn, for leading our UP Celebration of Life Fellowship Time for our church families. These ladies are to be commended for their flexibility, caring family support, coordination of volunteers and implementation of the family's wishes. We know their commitment to our grieving families is always so very much appreciated. We thank Joyce and Carolyn for their years of service!



We're so grateful to Julie Johnson and Sue Reed who have stepped up to replace Joyce and Carolyn. We know Julie and Sue will also feel the support from our church family as together we show our caring to those feeling the loss of a loved one. Thank you, Julie and Sue.



THANKS, JERRY

We're so grateful to have had Jerry Flory share his superior woodworking skills with our church family. He made a sturdy and yet very attractive children's stool for our little ones. He also made two gorgeous, offering boxes on stands, one for the north entry and one for the south entry. They surely help with the concern about germs!

We appreciate all the hours spent by Jerry in creating these beautiful wooden pieces. Thank you for sharing your woodworking talents with our church family, Jerry. Your efforts are much appreciated.



BE A PART OF OUR CHURCH EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN!

All folks in our church family are welcome to be a part of the church email prayer chain! This is a group where you receive the requests from folks who are requesting prayers. It may be a prayer for a concern such as an illness, or death, or a prayer of thanksgiving. This group was started about 20 years ago by the Board of Deacons with 5 households willing to commit to being faithful in praying for those with joys and concerns. Today, Mary Atwood has 94 households where these prayer requests are received. If you would like to be a part of this faithful group, contact Mary Atwood (maryjoyatwood@gmail.com or phone 319-653-5868) or the church office. To request a prayer for someone (with the permission of that individual) contact Mary Atwood with your request.



Finance Note

The income recorders now come in on a bi-weekly basis to deposit contributions, unless a matter arises that needs addressed sooner.



Jan-July represents 58% of the year.
Our income came in at 46.70%
Our expenses came in at 47.34%



Articles for the October
newsletter are due
Wednesday, September 21st



Directory Update

We're so grateful for your super participation of either having pictures taken at the church or sending in pictures. We're getting closer!



GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL!

The August Ice Cream Social and Pool Party was a huge success! There were the dear, sweet, young ones wearing their little floaties, with parents and grandparents close behind. Then there were the “big kids” loving the short lines at the slide and diving board. Next there were those who loved watching the kids and their pool activities and hearing the fun squeals.

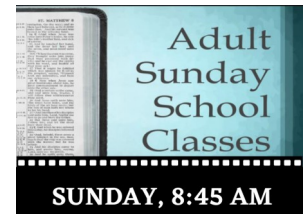


Homemade ice cream and lots of goodies were there for all to enjoy, even popsicles! Lots of good conversation and visiting took place, too. Kids and adults had so much fun there was even talk about having two pool parties next year!



Adult Sunday School Class Kickoff Sunday September 11th Classes resume September 18th

Inquiry meets in the old preschool room
Library meets in the library
Pathfinders meets in the chapel
Families of Faith meets in the lounge



PW Circle Meeting

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

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 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!



We are appreciated!

Thanks for letting us use your kitchen and church! You do so much good hosting this each week. You're a blessing to the community.



From the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints



ENCORE EXPRESS

Meals for seniors 60+!

Encore Express is **“your second call to enhance your health”**

This NEW and INNOVATIVE program features

- Bi-monthly meals catered by Hy-Vee
- Vouchers for meals at Hy-Vee
- Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5.00 for those 60+
- Charge of \$8.00 per meal for those under 60
- Evidence-Based Programs (Chronic Disease Self-Management, Tai Chi, Stepping On and more)
- Nutrition Education & Counseling
- Opportunities to socialize

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington, IA

11:30 a.m. on 2nd & 4th Thursday every month

Reservations are encouraged to ensure enough food.

***To make a reservation call Immanuel Lutheran
Church at (319) 653-3950.***

