

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

April 2023

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday April 2nd

Regular Schedule, Rainbow Ringers

Maundy Thursday April 6th

Fellowship Hall 6:30pm, Communion

Good Friday April 7th

Office Closed

Easter Sunday April 9th

7:30am Sunrise Worship in Sunset Park, with communion

8am Breakfast at Church

8:45am Sunday School

10am Worship, Communion, Adult Choir

Church Contacts

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

As Easter approaches I have been thinking about the death of Jesus. Specifically about how in order to accomplish the resurrection, new life, that His death had to happen. It makes me wonder, what things need to die in our church in order for new opportunities to occur. What are we holding onto that keeps us from reaching out to others with the news that abundant, joyful life is possible? What keeps us from sharing the love of Jesus with the people in our community - especially the people who most need it?

Our challenge in part is to let go of our own comfort and control and allow God to direct us. It's hard to do, because as the Bible reminds us, God's ways are not our ways. However, just as the death and resurrection of Jesus reminds us, the final result is worth it.

This month I encourage you each morning to ask God to point you in the direction you should go and to open your eyes to opportunities to share the love of Jesus with others.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Erin will be on her Israel Trip April 29th– May 7th.



Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship

April 9th – Everyone Welcome!

Sunset Park - Large Pavilion

7:30am – Communion & Worship





April Highlights

2nd Palm Sunday
3rd UP Home Communion
4th Deacon Meeting
6th Maundy Thursday
7th Good Friday

9th Easter Sunday
12th PW Circle
13th Blood Drive
17th Sewing Day
18th Finance
19th Session



The office will be closed on April 7th in observance of Easter.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have several Tuesday morning office volunteers. It's wonderful to have the office open every weekday morning - thanks to these volunteers who greet and help our Tuesday morning church visitors.

We are blessed to have had many wonderful volunteers who helped deliver Meals on Wheels: Jim and Judy Wertz, Sandy and Doug Dunlap, Nick and Sue Reed, Dana and Ann Conklin, Pastor Erin, Annabelle Septer, and Steve Liebe. We're blessed to have the opportunity to serve others in need in this way. Thank you UP Church family volunteers!

We were a blessing to the presbytery group who met on March 11th. We were pleased to share our facility for this meeting and to have had many church family members volunteer, helping to make things run smoothly.

We were a blessing to the community of Washington as our Presbyterian Women helped to coordinate the recent World Day of Prayer event. Thanks for your role in this worship outreach.

We were a blessing to the individuals who received beautiful quilts during our recent Kentucky Mission Trip. We were able to donate many lovely quilts to those in need of the warmth and the knowledge that others loved and cared about them. Quilts were graciously donated by Rita Schonhoff and a friend of Rita's, as well as by our wonderful U.P. sewing group.

We are blessed to have had Shane Anderson add a much needed, additional light in the tunnel. The possible request was made and Shane was on it! We're grateful to be able to see so much better all the items on our new bookshelves!



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.

2 Joe Wright
2 Bonnie Bender
2 Anne Youngman
4 Cory Canny
9 Erin Kaye
11 Rob Johnson
12 Payton Anderson
12 John Dillon

12 Michael Dillon
13 Ann Conklin
13 Carolyn Bollman
13 Dalton Rich
15 Tyler Alderton
16 Laurie Davison
17 Rita Phipps
19 Joyce Wilson

20 Thelma Wagner
20 Katie Rich
23 Elna Tompkins
25 Jordan Thorius
25 Brad Alderton
26 Joyce Crawford
26 Jack Strabala



Shepherd's Staff

Shepherd's Staff is a staffing firm that the church has hired to help in finding a new Youth Director. Sarah Hermanson from Shepherd's Staff will be here on April 2nd to learn about our church, our culture, and how God is using our church. She will use the information she gathers to share with candidates for the youth director position.

Schedule for Shepherd's Staff Visit

Saturday, April 1st

6pm Session (Library)

Sunday, April 2nd

8:45am Parents of kids (Lounge)

11:30am Crew (5-8th grades, Library)

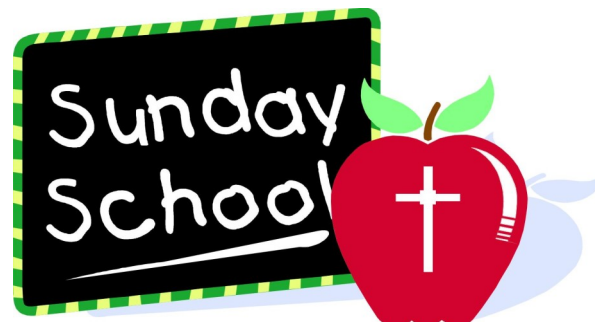
1:30pm, 3pm, & 4:30pm

Congregational Meetings (Lounge)

6:30pm Inside Out (9-12th grades, Youth Room)

Monday, April 3rd

6:30pm Search Team (Library)



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

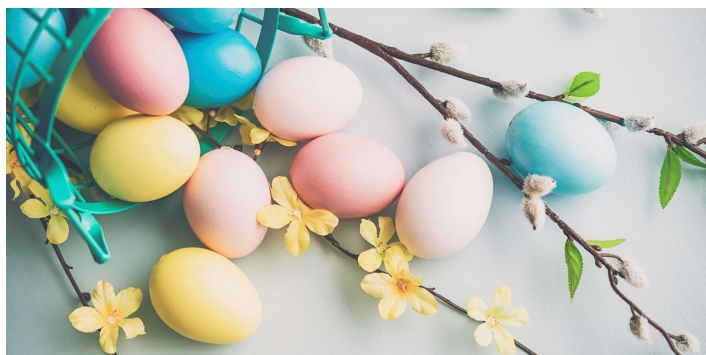
Inside Out (9th-12th grade Ministry)

Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church
(check your messages for info!)

CREW (5th - 8th grade Ministry)

Crew plans for April are TBD. Check your email for updates.

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



Congratulations Kyle Anderson, Jessica Canny and Dawson Schluetter!

Kyle Anderson graduated from the University of Iowa, College of Education and is certified to teach Social Studies at the middle and high school level. Kyle's currently keeping busy substituting in Iowa City and is getting a flavor of many different classroom settings.

Jessica Canny graduated from Indian Hills Community College in Computer Programming. She did a summer internship with Principal Insurance Co. in Des Moines and they have hired her! Lucky for us, Jess can work from home and she and her dear family are not moving from Washington.

Dayton Schluetter graduated from Indian Hills Community College in their Medical/Insurance Coding Program. Dayton enjoyed her many classes, will be taking her proficiency exam and then . . . she's off to find a job, hopefully close by, too!



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that came and enjoyed the potato bar and dessert auction! It was a hit and everyone had a great time!



T-shirts and Sweatshirts

T-shirt order forms are available on the fellowship hall table or in the office. There will also be an online order form coming out through flocknote. The order deadline is Wednesday, April 19th. Please have your order forms and money turned into the office by this time. The shirts and sweatshirts should be ready for pick up by mid May.





Thank You, UP Family!

Thanks to those who helped serve our last Saturday Kitchen hosting event: Payton Anderson, Krystle and Travis Moore (and Katelyn and Kylie), Carrie and Annabelle Septer, Pastor Erin, Steve Liebe, Susie Thompson, Judy and Tom Murphy and Rita Schonhoff. Several “regulars” couldn’t help and Joe and I were out of town so . . . a few new faces helped some familiar faces reached out in food and fellowship to our community friends.



Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

Easter Flowers



This Easter we will have plants in the front of the sanctuary. After the worship service they will be taken to church friends and family members who are at home. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of someone, you can either stop in the office or call. The names of those honored or remembered will be on slides Easter Sunday. The cost of these plants are \$10 each.



The deadline to turn in a form and payment is April 3rd.



Diapers and Wipes Drive

During the month of April, we will be collecting diapers and wipes for The Family Connection program. This program is a home visitor program for all families with children age prenatal-kindergarten in both Washington and Henry Counties. They provide two home visits per month and use the Parents as Teachers curriculum to teach families about child development and the importance of play in early childhood. The program is voluntary and absolutely free. They also have incentives for the families and are seeking donations for the incentive program.



They frequently give out packages of diapers (various sizes) and wipes. Huggies or Pampers brands are preferred due to skin sensitivities and allergies. You may leave your donation at the church in the pack and play, which will be set up in the fellowship area.



**The end of Feb represents 16.7% of the year. Our income came in at 10.31%
Our expenses came in at 14.55%**



Articles for the May Newsletter are due Wednesday, April 19th



Dear U.P. Church,

*Thank
you*

We can't thank you all enough for the beautiful funeral service for our dad. We all felt the congregation's arms around us through the service and luncheon. Thank you for helping us through his last days and days that followed. The UP Church will always feel like home.

Sandra Abbott and Mary Mendelin (Daughters of John Thorne)



Delta Schluetter and mom Dayton are enjoying their new wagon. The wagon was a gift from the UP Church family.



Thanks Septer Family

The recent, colorful chalk writing at the south entrance was fabulous – not only was it colorful and happy looking, it was so welcoming! Many thanks for sharing your creativity and time, know the pretty drawings and words brightened many of our lives.

New Member

Susan Houtz

Susie grew up on a farm in Cairo, IA near Columbus Junction, where she and her five siblings attended Wapello Schools. Susie has fond memories of attending Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church in Cairo with its Bible stories, songs, snacks and . . . fun hill in front of the church to roll down!

Her family moved to southern California when she was in sixth grade. She and her siblings loved going to the ocean, just a mile away. They'd ride their bikes - sometimes three kids on a bike with three or four bikes! When in high school she quit school and began working - anxious to buy a car and be on her own. Susie enjoyed her factory jobs and restaurant work and later earned her GED.

She also has great memories working up and down the west coast as a nanny. This gave her wonderful travel opportunities and where she met some movie stars!

In 1999 Susie moved back to Iowa to help care for her parents and in 2016 she ended up in Washington. She loves being here: enjoys the library and Y activities, walks in the parks, swimming in the pools and watching old movies.

Susie accompanied neighbors to the Saturday Kitchen and felt people were friendly. After visiting other churches, Susie decided she wanted to be part of our UP Family. On Oct. 2, 2023, Pastor Erin baptized Susie during our worship service. Welcome, Susie, we're happy to have you with us!

