

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

This month we will be travelling through the first weeks of the season of Lent - a time when Christians prepare to celebrate the holiday of Easter. These six weeks, we are going to be 'seeking' - asking questions together to help deepen our faith. In honor of asking questions, I want to answer a question that some people ask me - 'What do pastors DO all week?' Obviously we lead worship on Sundays, but that's just a few hours. I wanted to share with you a week in my life, so you might know the answer to that question.

Monday, February 13 -

Morning - As I usually do, I spent Monday morning in the office getting the week prepared. I laid out plans for worship to be shared with the worship and tech team, I communicated with others who were participating in worship, I caught up on emails, I laid out my plans for the week. I prayed and read. Around lunchtime, I delivered Meals on Wheels to 25 people, with Annabelle Septer, who is a great partner!

Afternoon - I led communion and visited people at the Care Center at the UP Home. I do this once a month, with help from the Deacons. This month Rod and Joyce Letts helped with communion and Sarah Robison played the piano.

Evening - Youth/Education Director Search Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 14 -

Morning - in the office, preparing my sermon and planning. Next, I ran out to Crooked Creek Christian Camp to check on a clergy retreat I am helping plan. Meals on Wheels again in the late morning. Usually there is a Finance Committee meeting the night before a Session meeting, but it was cancelled this month.

Wednesday, February 15 -

Morning - in the office, preparing for the session meeting and doing other administrative work. Meals on Wheels.

Afternoon - Visited some members

Evening - Session meeting (these happen once a month)

Thursday, February 16 -

Morning - Clergy Meeting in Ely (this is every other week)

Evening - Presbytery Meeting via Zoom (3-4 times a year)

Friday, February 17 -

Morning - office, working on my sermon, Meals on Wheels

Saturday, February 18 -

Morning - Emergency call from police to help inform someone about a death in the family, helped with Saturday Kitchen

Afternoon - finished up sermon, Worship Band practice

Sunday, February 19 -

Morning - Worship

Afternoon - visited members

Evening - Soup Cook-off and Game Night

So there's a somewhat typical week in the life of a pastor. I hope you enjoyed the answer to that question. I look forward to exploring our faith together in the coming weeks!

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



March Highlights

3rd World Day of Prayer
8th PW Circle

12th Daylight Saving Time Starts
17th St Patrick's Day

20th Sewing Day
21st Finance
22nd Session



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have Jim Cuddeback, Kevin Caldwell, Terry Mangold, Jake Thorius, Cyrus Andrews, Brad Alderton, and Jeff Cuddeback keep our sidewalks and entryways clear of snow throughout the winter months. Thanks, fellas, for your commitment to helping our church be accessible not only for our church family but also for all our visitors, too.

We are blessed to have had Matt Kaye pre-bake all the chicken for our February 18TH Saturday kitchen hosting. We're grateful for all the time Matt spent in helping our Saturday hosting run so much more smoothly. Thanks, Matt!

We are blessed to have had Doug Dunlap and Joe McConnell put together two metal shelving units. These units have been placed in the basement tunnel and are useful in helping us organize our Christmas and other holiday items.

We are a blessing to the 30 individuals who receive Meals on Wheels. Church family members delivered noon meals and smiles Monday – Friday throughout the month of February, showing our love of others.

We are a blessing to the Tuesday morning mom's group. This group meets twice a month for a Bible Study while their little ones play in our church nursery with a babysitter caring for them and monitoring their play.

We are a blessing to all those who benefit from the blood collected in our church by Impact Blood Center (formerly known as the Mississippi Valley Blood Center). We're honored to provide a facility for these life-saving blood drives, showing our love for others.



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 Jack Carter
1 Gabe Bruns
1 Kaelyn Johnson
4 Sophia Kleese
4 Isabella Lujan
5 Tom Hunt
7 Angie Schluetter
7 Jordan Youngman

9 Virginia Bordwell
11 Connie Jarrard
12 Traci Stewart
13 Jacob Miles
15 Lila De Penning
22 Marde McConnell
22 Russ Woods
22 Sandra Krotz

25 Judy Murphy
26 Leland Saforek
26 Ava Bryant
27 Roger Miles
28 Brenda Miles
28 Alec Schiefer



Son City (K-4th Grade)

The Son City youth are working on lessons that go with Pastor Erin's sermons. We will do our David unit after Easter. It's fun to be doing bells again with Mary Jo. We have a great class this year that is eager to learn the Bible stories about God/Jesus.

Julie Zahs, Tracy Strabala, Jane Cuddeback

Inside Out (9th-12th grade Ministry)

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

CREW (5th – 8th grade Ministry)

Crew plans for March 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!



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

Camp Wyoming Registration

Camp Wyoming registration is open. You can register online at www.campwyoming.net. As in the past the church will pay 1/2 of tuition. There are also flyers in the office if you would like one.



Thank you,

To all of the ladies who helped in repairing the Veterans Memorial Park flags.

The Sewing Committee

Thank you

Guest Preacher

Sunday, March 19th

Guest preacher Reverend Heather Hayes from First Presbyterian, Cedar Rapids.
Pastor Erin will be on vacation.

World Day of Prayer

March 3rd

UP Church in the Chapel

2pm

Everyone is welcome to attend





Our Feb. 18th Saturday Kitchen hosting crept up on us! You, Church Family, are the best! You stepped right up, and on short notice, helped us reach out to those in our community in need of a free meal and the fellowship time our Saturday Kitchen offers. Our church family is truly loving others whether we are serving as hosts for the Saturday Kitchen or providing the location for the Saturday Kitchen. As always, we say thank you and so do our guests each week!



Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

Kentucky Mission Trip

This group felt God's presence in Kentucky as they helped fix and construct housing in an area that was hit by a tornado a little over one year ago. Thank you to this church family for helping in this mission by providing prayers, quilts, food, and money to make this trip possible.

As with all mission trips, we came away feeling so blessed to be able to help others and shine some light. *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16



Easter Flowers



Once again this Easter we will be having plants in the front of the sanctuary. After the worship service these plants will be taken to those of our church family members who are homebound. If you would be interested in purchasing a plant "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you can either stop in the office or call. The cost of these plants are \$10 each.



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



Jan represents 8.3% of the year. Our income came in at 7.55%
Our expenses came in at 7.40%



Articles for the April Newsletter are due Wednesday, March 15th

Musical Notes

The Easter season isn't far off, and the choir will be warming up to prepare for another anthem to be sung on Easter day, April 9, during worship. The song we'll sing is entitled "The Lord Is Risen Today!" If you'd like a preview, go to YouTube and type into the search bar the following (no quote marks): "The Lord Is Risen Today! (SAB) - Lloyd Larson". The musical score will also be available for choir members to pick up after Sunday, March 5th. The rehearsal dates will be Thursdays, March 23rd, 30th, and April 6th. Rehearsals will be at 7pm and in the chapel.

The Rainbow Ringers (hand bells for Son City children) will also play "Jesus Loves the Little Children" that day, to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior that extends to children – and to *all* the people of the world, because they – and we – are indeed precious in His sight.

Mary Jo



New Members

We are The Bryant's - Joslyn, Dalton, Ava and Briggs. We moved here from North Liberty, Iowa to be closer to family three years ago. We love to be outdoors including trail hiking, running, and discovering new playgrounds. We also love to spend time with our dog, Nora. She is also known by our kids as "No No" if you can imagine why-they may get into mischievous adventures together!



Cory and Jess Canny are originally from the Ottumwa/Fairfield area and moved to Washington in 2014. We love this community and raising our family here! Cory has been "retired" for the last year and a half- becoming a stay-at-home dad and continues to clean the church. His hobbies include playing music, woodworking, and working on the Cracktastic Plastic toy podcast with some of his closest friends. Jess will finish her education at the end of February and will be working full time (remotely) as a Software Engineer at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Her hobbies

include crafting, photography, and baking/cooking. Ren turned 6 in January and is really enjoying Kindergarten at Stewart. He is passionate about many things but he especially loves sharks, reading, bugs, crafting, and building with Legos. Orin turned 3 in January and loves spending his days playing with his family- especially building Legos, reading books, and role-playing police officers, firefighters, and paramedics. As a family we are outside daily exploring and loving all that nature has to offer.



Upcoming t-shirt/sweatshirt order

The Welcome Team is making arrangements to offer Love God Love Others shirts and sweatshirts once again! We encourage everyone to consider ordering an UP shirt - replace one you or your kiddos may have or just order an UP shirt? They're fun to wear and a great way to remind those around you how our UP Church Family is committed to Love God and Love Others.

More specific info next month . . .

