



November 2022

how will you measure your life?



**By Who and How You Love
By How and What You Give
By Who and How You Serve**

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*Stay After Church For
Stewardship Celebration*
November 13th



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From the Pastor...

Friends,

This month we are looking at how we measure our lives, and how God measures our lives. In part, this is a way to explore our stewardship of everything we are and have, and in part it is to encourage you to make a financial commitment to the United Presbyterian Church of Washington, Iowa. Personally, I give to the church for three reasons. First, because I am thankful that Jesus gave His life for me. Out of that gratitude, my response is to give to others so that they might know a measure of what I have received. I give financially to our church and to other charitable organizations, I give my time in service, and I share the things I love to do (for example, knitting hats for people who might need them in the winter). Second, I give because I know the good work this church does in our community and in our world. We support missions locally as well as nationally and internationally, and we encourage people to love and serve others. I think this is incredibly important. I also give to the church because I value the community it provides. I am thankful for the support and love I experience.

Finally, I give because it feels good. I love to see the results God brings from the giving of my time, talent, and treasure. I am thankful God uses my gifts and magnifies them - in combination with the gifts of others - to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the people around me.

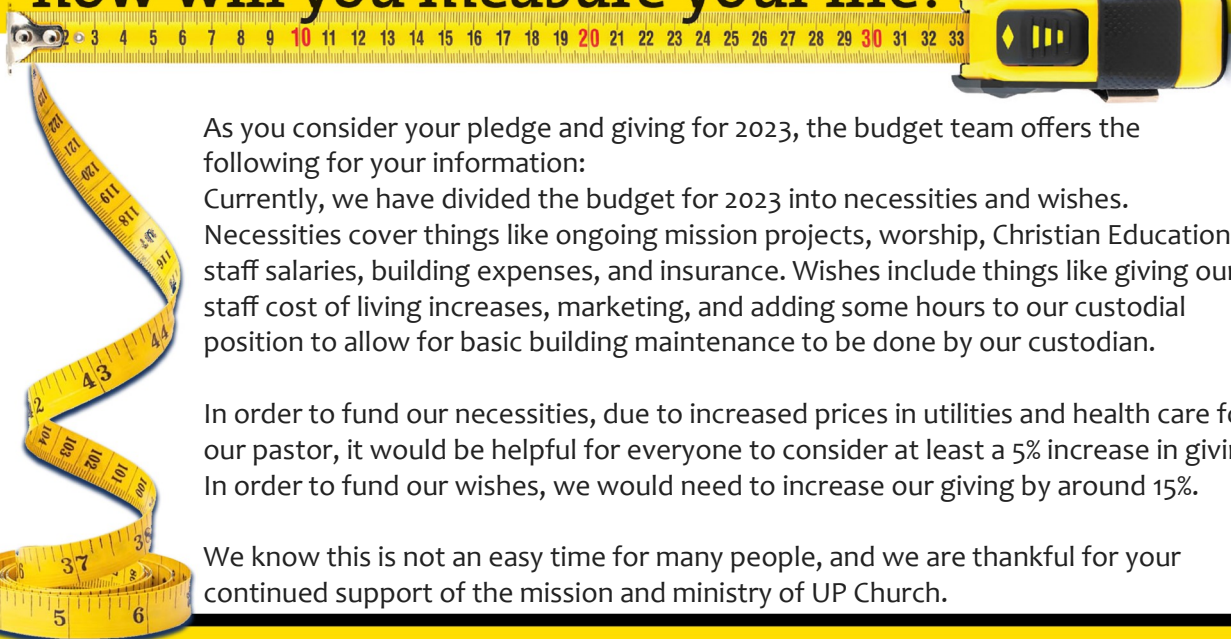
I invite you to think about why you give. I invite you to join me in giving to God, and to support this church. I give thanks for each of you!

Pastor Erin

Youth Minister Search Update:

The Search Team began this process with excitement late last year. We crafted a job description and began advertising. Local colleges, seminaries, national job websites, and personal contacts were all made aware of our search. We received applications, but none were the right person. Later in the year, we also posted in the national denominational job board, which yielded a few more candidates. None were right for us. We continue to search, and ask that you would continue to pray and share with friends and family that we are seeking someone.

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As you consider your pledge and giving for 2023, the budget team offers the following for your information:

Currently, we have divided the budget for 2023 into necessities and wishes. Necessities cover things like ongoing mission projects, worship, Christian Education, staff salaries, building expenses, and insurance. Wishes include things like giving our staff cost of living increases, marketing, and adding some hours to our custodial position to allow for basic building maintenance to be done by our custodian.

In order to fund our necessities, due to increased prices in utilities and health care for our pastor, it would be helpful for everyone to consider at least a 5% increase in giving. In order to fund our wishes, we would need to increase our giving by around 15%.

We know this is not an easy time for many people, and we are thankful for your continued support of the mission and ministry of UP Church.



November Highlights

6th Communion
8th Lions Club Pancake supper
9th PW Circle
9th Worship Meeting

13th Crew
15th Finance
16th Session
21st Sewing Day
23rd Inside Out Soup Supper
24th Thanksgiving
26th Breakfast with Santa



The office will be closed November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have Steve Liebe perform his “magic” and remove carpet stains throughout the church - what an improvement!

We are blessed to have volunteer groups serve in so many, much appreciated ways – as entrance greeters, scripture readers, children’s time leaders and occasional refreshment providers following worship, too. Thanks, all!

We are blessed to have Kevin Caldwell help set-up for the Saturday Kitchen and so many other events which take place at the church. We appreciate you, Kevin.

Our church family is a blessing when we share our facility for events like the Homeless Forum, blood drives, and Saturday Kitchen.

We are blessed to have had Pat Penn of Iowa City beautifully fill in at the piano when, at the last moment and due to unforeseen circumstances, our worship musicians were not available.

Our church family is a blessing to HACAP in providing food boxes for those in need. Thanks to your generosity, recently 32 boxes were packed and delivered to HACAP. We have Ron Dillon to thank for his commitment to this project.

Our church family was a blessing to the children in our area through our participation in the Chamber Halloween Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 31st. Our Crew kids played a big role in that event. Thanks, kids and all!



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 UP-

CWash - 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 Dean Garrett
1 Carol Winga
2 Arnel Baughman
3 Rodney Letts
3 Katelyn Moore
9 Gary Murphy
11 Julie See
12 Ron Brock
13 Mary Temple

20 Ken Wulf
20 Amy Kleese
20 Katie Himes
21 Halle Cuddeback
21 Julie Zahs
22 Judy Wertz
23 Karla Maxwell
24 Dick Colby
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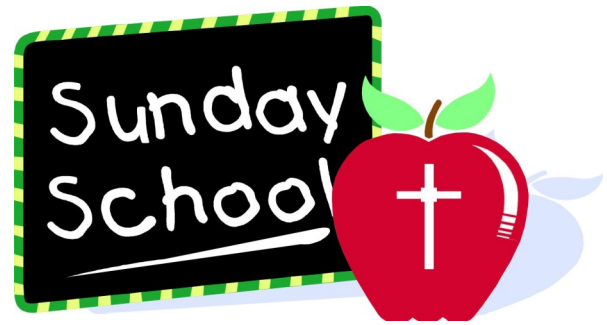
26 Tom Murphy



Son City (K-4th Grade)

The Son City class has finished up a unit on Zaccheaus. We also made life-size pictures of ourselves for the sanctuary. We talked about how we and Zaccheaus "measured up" with God. We are now doing a unit on Jonah and the Whale. More videos, stories, activities, origami whales, and even a shadow puppet theater.

Julie Zahs, Tracy Strabala, Jane Cuddeback



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!)

Inside Out Annual Soup Supper

November 23rd

5-6:30pm



On Wednesday Nov. 3rd the Senior High youth will be hosting their annual Soup Supper Mission Trip Fundraiser. Take a break from all of the preparations at home for Thanksgiving and come join us for some hot soup and warm conversation. We will have chili, chicken & wild rice, and ham & potato. We will offer soup TO GO this year as well.

CREW (5th – 8th grade Ministry)

Our November meeting will include making apple cider! Meet on November 13th at the church at 2:45pm. We will drive to our activity which will be outside, so **dress appropriately**. Bring an empty travel mug or water bottle so you can bring some cider home. Please also bring an apple slicer, if you have one (see picture). We will done by 5pm and you can be picked up at the church.

Parents: we will be transporting the kids in private vehicles, please be sure we have a waiver completed for each child. We will have extra copies, if needed, for completion before we leave.

Looking forward to a fun afternoon!

A big thank you to church members who donated apples!

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!



Decking the Halls

November 27th

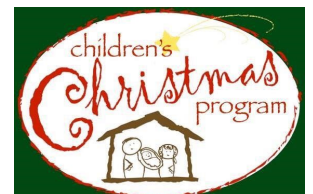
11am

Come help and decorate the church after worship.

Looking Ahead

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th
During worship





We hosted the Saturday Kitchen on Oct. 1st. We were blessed to have had Fareway generously donate the food for that Saturday! We were also pleased to have several Crew kids help along with other volunteers. Our guests loved seeing the kids, who, by the way, did a fabulous job helping and making our guests feel welcome.

We're in the process of creating the 2023 Saturday Kitchen schedule. It's very heart-warming to have many churches and area groups committed to this outreach of love and caring.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

Carver Crew Report

The winter sports season is gearing up at Carver Arena, and we have signed up again to help with concessions. Last season our mission group earned A LOT of money and had a great time doing it. These funds allowed us to donate to HACAP Food bank, Ferncliff Camp forklift fund, and Willie Ray Fairly for his trip to help feed Hurricane Ian victims. We also used some of the funds for our adult mission trip to Arkansas in February to work at Ferncliff Camp, filling disaster buckets and packing hygiene kits.

We are hoping to add workers to our list. Each event that we choose to work needs about 9 workers. The time commitment is about 5 hours per event which includes travel, prep, and service. Workers must be 16 or older, be able to stand for a long period of time, and wear black pants and closed toed shoes. We work in close quarters with a joyful heart, and are willing to train others.

This has been a great way to bring in funds from outside our community to give back to others in need. If you are interested or have questions please contact Brenda or Roger Miles (319-461-4327), Cyndy or Andy McCall (319-461-1717), or the office at 319-653-6588.

Thank You, Mystery Person!

Lovely fall mums, pumpkins and other fall items were mysteriously added to our outside geraniums at the north and south entries. What a very welcoming sight! Thank you, mystery person, for your caring!



Thanks to the Inside Out Kids and their leaders Krista and Jacob for tearing down my deck. They did a great job. Also a big thank you to Andy and Cyndy McCall for the use of their trailer to dispose of the wood for both decks.

Barb Schreur

Thank you



Jan-Sept represents 75% of the year.
Our income came in at 60.59%
Our expenses came in at 60.13%



Articles for the December newsletter are due Wednesday, November 16th



Directory Update



We on the Welcome Team hope you enjoy our new directory of church family and friends; we hope you'll find it helpful. Many hours were spent by the office staff and others "pulling" it all together. A very special thanks to Jean Frazier who gave many hours and hours toward this project - we so appreciate her efforts and her expertise! Thanks, Jean!

Love My Church Yard Signs

Teresa Anderson of the Welcome Team had the idea for this "welcoming project." We on the Team are thrilled with the colorful and eye-catching "look" of the signs and know you will be, too! We hope you'll see them displayed in the highly visible yards of our church family and friends.



Baby Shower News– Blessings of new little ones



In October we had a diaper and baby wipes shower for Anne and Jordan Youngman. They and big sister Jayden welcomed Juliannne on October 23rd. Our gifts were much appreciated by the Youngman family. A rose in recognition of Julianne was displayed during worship and then given to the family.

In November our church family is then "showering" Dayton Schluetter on the upcoming December birth of her little one. Financial donations will be used to purchase a much-desired larger item. In addition, however, other gifts to help Dayton prepare for her little one will be appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity toward these parents and their beautiful, new, little ones.



NURSERY PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE

Our nursery pre-school Sunday School room is a very busy place. If you're ever in a slump, come join us! Your heart will be warmed and filled with joy. The kids are wonderful - so full of energy, curiosity and enthusiasm! If you feel called to this ministry, let us know!

We're especially grateful for this year's volunteer helpers: Teresa Anderson, Barb Schreur, Tanya Stalder, Lisa Buitendorp, Megan Strabala, and Christy Buchholz.

By the way, we had another gathering of our nursery parents and kids in October. Everyone played outside in our playground and then came inside for a kid-friendly meal. Then more play by kids took place in Fellowship Hall with the scooters, the tunnel, and other toys. Kids had fun, with help from Annabelle and Emily Septer, Olivia and Sophia Lujan and . . . the adults visited – a good time was had by all!

Rhonda Shelman and Marde McConnell