



June 2023



June 25th

10am

Central Park

**Potluck after
Worship**

**The service will
also be
live-streamed**

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

This month I will celebrate 20 years as an ordained pastor. As I reflect over the past 20 years, I cannot help but be amazed at the growth and experiences God has provided. I continue to be both humbled and full of gratitude for the places God has both brought me and brought me through. While the journey of life has not always been easy, God has always been faithful.

One place I continue to see evidence of God's faithfulness is in my call to this church. You had been looking for nearly two years when we connected, and had faced some disappointment in your search. However, you also were given great leadership in the person of Bill Warhover, who helped you look at who you were and who God was calling you to be. You were ready for your new pastor. I was looking for a new challenge, and a good place for our family. UP Church and the city of Washington seemed a great fit. Together we walked through a year of getting to know each other and sharing ministry before Covid entered the picture. Thanks to the work of previous years in upgrading our technical capabilities, equipment, and volunteer base, our worship continued without much struggle as we moved to livestream for several months. I heard so many stories of colleagues who were not in the same boat - their churches had no capability to livestream services, no equipment, no volunteers - it was a huge learning curve for them. I was so thankful for God's provision and for the work the people of this church did in making the difficult changes required to upgrade and improve our abilities to share worship online. As Covid lessened, we moved back to meeting in person, and we began to see an influx of families with young children. Again, thanks to the provision of God and the work and dedication of those who went before, as well as those here now, we are hiring a Family Ministry Director to help nurture our youth and children, and young people are a welcome and included part of our church family. And again, I have many colleagues who are in a different boat - in congregations where there are few or no children, where budgets are shrinking, where the halls are quiet and empty. God has provided a rich place for us, a place where we are welcomed and challenged, a place where we have found love and care, a place where we can grow in our faith with others. God's faithfulness is evident all around, and I am thankful.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Erin will be on vacation June 1st- 9th.
Kitch Shatzer will be our guest Pastor on June 4th.



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
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June Highlights

4th Communion
 9th-17th Youth Mission Trip
 10th Pool Party & Ice Cream Social
 12th UP Home Communion

18th Father's Day/ Mission Trip Report
 19th Sewing Day- Flag Repair
 20th Finance
 21st Session
 25th Worship in the Park

Krystle will be on vacation June 12-16th. The office will be open normal office hours during this time.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed Pastor Erin visited the holy land and shared the insightful worship program following her return. It helped of us see what the life and times were for Jesus - helping us grow in our faith and understanding.

We were a blessing to the Family Connection Program, which helps young families in the Washington area. Our Church Family donations of diapers and wipes was very much appreciated! Thanks for everyone's generosity in Loving Others.

We are a blessing to HACAP with our food box donations. Currently a dozen boxes are packed each week with items requested by HACAP. Our food donations, monetary donations and mission funds make this much-needed community outreach possible.

We are a blessing to the high school friends of our church family kids who are also going on the mission trip. We're grateful for the welcoming atmosphere of our kids and leaders, Krista Gaal and Jake Thorius, and the other adult volunteers, Tracy and Brian Strabala.

We are blessed Kevin Caldwell, Megan Strabala, Christy Buchholz, Barb Schreur, Tanya Stalder, Lisa Buitendorp and Kathy Hunt helped Rhonda and Marde in the Nursery/Pre-School Sunday School Class this past year. Also, we're grateful to Joe Wright who brought his tiny kittens for us to see and touch one Sunday morning. Thanks to you all, our church family, for sharing your love and caring of our little ones.

We are blessed the Crew kids made and shared their stained glass-looking crosses, first on display in the sanctuary, and then hung from the kitchen serving window in our Fellowship Hall/Gathering Room for our guests to see and enjoy, too. Thanks, Kids, appreciate your talents in sharing God's love.

We are blessed Julie Zahs creates the on-going, yearly display of our elementary kids' Sunday school activities. It's a reminder of the "good things happening downstairs" and it's a super way for our visitors to see, too. We're so very grateful Julie shares her time, creativity and faith with our elementary kids!

June 4th through August 20th worship services will begin at 9am, except when we have worship in the park on June 25th, July 30th, and August 27th, which will start at 10am.



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.



Office Volunteers Needed

8am-12pm

**Volunteers needed in June:
The 6th, 12th, and 20th**

Contact the office at 319-653-6588 if
you'd like to volunteer.

1 Brennan Murphy
1 Briggs Bryant
2 Fran Langenberg
4 Kylie Moore
5 Tricia Whisler
6 Joleen Krotz
7 Jean Frazer
7 Dawsen Schluetter

7 Drake Schluetter
8 Sydney Cuddeback
9 Kay Hall
10 Kathy Knutson
13 Lynn Loula
15 Dylann Keller
17 Terry O'Neill
19 Olivia Lujan

19 Sophia Lujan
20 Ruby Septer
20 Jessica Canny
21 Kevin Caldwell
22 Etta Wakeland
24 Diana Henry
25 Janice Flory
25 Joyce Letts

26 Patricia Bagley
27 Callie Schiebel
27 Janice Twinam



Church Pool Party and Ice Cream Socials

**Saturday, June 10th
7:15-8:45pm**

**Sunday, July 30th
6:15-7:45pm**



Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We are so proud of you!

Payton Anderson



Emma Kaye



Cameron Vongpanya



Alecia Goff



Haley Mitchell



James Strabala



**Farewell, Seniors
thanks for being you!**

We wish the VERY best to our graduating seniors: Payton Anderson, Alecia Goff, Emma Kaye, Haley Mitchell, James Strabala, and Cameron Vongpanya. Thanks to each of them for their participation in the life of our church, they will be missed. Thanks to all those of our church family who helped these young people grow in their faith and in service to others.

May they continue to feel God's love and our caring as they continue their educations: Payton and Emma to Cornell College, Alecia, James, and Cameron to Iowa State and Haley to the University of Iowa. How wonderful they'll be close and hopefully we'll see them on college breaks!

CREW

(5th – 8th grade Ministry)

Thank you for everyone's support for the Crew breakfast fundraiser! The kids had a blast and the funds will help us with upcoming service and fellowship activities.

Sincerely,
All the Crew kids and leaders



Thanks Crew Kids

Megan and Brad Alderton, Travis Moore

The Crew Kids and adults prepared and served an incredibly delicious breakfast on Mother's Day! The menu was pancakes, scrambled eggs (with or without cheese), bacon and sausage, fruit slushes and an assortment of drinks. Not only was the event well-attended, the kids did a super job serving us in their fund-raiser . . . and they had a good time!

Thanks to Megan and Brad Alderton and Travis Moore for their commitment to Crew and the Rat Pack kids of our church this past year. The kids have had wonderful mission experiences in Crew and have grown in their faith through Sunday School and Crew experiences. The kids have had fun together and reached out in love and caring to our church family and others in our community. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Megan and Brad Alderton and Travis Moore for their time, energy and leadership in helping our young people learn to love god and love others!

Safe travels to the Youth Mission Group
June 18th worship – time of sharing

Under the guidance and leadership of Krista Gaal, Jacob Thorius, Tracy and Brian Strabala many of the seniors listed above and other high schoolers will travel to Colorado, June 9 – 17. On Sunday, June 18th they will share about their experiences, so mark your calendars for this special time when these young people will share and relive their service to others. May we all follow in their footsteps as we too Love God and Love Others. We pray for their safe travels . . . and look forward to worship on June 18!



Saturday Kitchen is running smoothly, grateful for the many committed groups who help serve others every Saturday throughout the year, know our guests feel the same way!

UP Pathfinders host June 24



Just a reminder, June 24th the Pathfinders are the hosts for the Saturday Kitchen. We know they'll be organized but would appreciate any Church Family volunteers, too. Contact Eric Buchholz, Brenda Miles, or Julie Johnson if you can volunteer before or on Saturday.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

Nursery Volunteers Needed

**We are in need of nursery volunteers during worship.
We would need two adults each Sunday to volunteer.**

**Date we currently need to fill in June is:
the 11th**

**If you would be willing to volunteer for any of these
dates please either call or stop in the office.**

Thank you to everyone who sent Sonny Phipps a birthday card. All of the cards were greatly appreciated by Sonny and his family. Up to the day Sonny passed he spent time looking through the cards and enjoyed thinking about the people who sent them.

The Phipps Family

A huge **THANK YOU** to the following people for making our children and youth Sunday School year possible:

Marde McConnell and Rhonda Shelman (and various other volunteers) in the Nursery
Julie Zahs, Jane Cuddeback, and Tracy Strabala in Son City
Brad and Megan Alderton along with Travis Moore with the 5th through 8th graders
Krista Gaal and Jake Thorius with the High Schoolers

U.P. Church Family, Welcome Team, and Crew Kids,

Thank you so much for the sweet and thoughtful care package! It is such a nice pick-me-up as I get ready to take finals. I really appreciate the kind words, as well, and it made my day to read them. Thanks again for the gift and for looking out for us college kids! Hope to see you all at church soon!

*Thank
you*

Sydney Cuddeback



**The end of April represents 33% of the
year. Our income came in at 26.04%
Our expenses came in at 27.42%**



**Articles for the July/August
Newsletter are due
Friday, June 23rd**



CALLING ALL
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3-10 YEAR OLD SUPERHEROES

YOU'RE INVITED TO

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11-13

WITH A MOVIE PARTY JULY 14 - FAMILIES INVITED

5:30-7:30 PM

LOCATED AT WASHINGTON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE A FREE TSHIRT FOR YOUR SUPERKID
UPCWASH.ORG/VACATION-BIBLE-SCHOOL