



May 2023



May 28th

10am

**Central Park
Potluck after
Worship**

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

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From the Pastor...

Big things are happening! We are working to hire a full time Family Ministry Director. Until that person is in place, we have temporarily hired Jordan Youngman (with assistance from wife, Anne), to help us with some key children and youth events - specifically Vacation Bible School and Fall Sunday School preparation, along with some other tasks as time allows. I'm excited about these wonderful opportunities and the people who will help lead this congregation (and especially our children and youth) in their faith formation.

Speaking of faith formation, I'm deep in the preparation for my trip to Israel. Along with the physical specifics of what to take, what to wear, and oh goodness where is my passport (!?!?!), there is also the spiritual preparation of prayer and study. I have been reading a book about this trip, and the leader has sent us a huge packet that provides scriptures for each day and place we will visit. I am almost ready, and very excited both to experience this trip and to share my experience with you when I return!

Please continue to lift our new leaders, our church family, and me in prayer as together we are all shaped more and more into the image of Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Vacation Bible School
More Information Coming Soon!
Keep a look out for flocknote updates!
A pool party is part of the plans!



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



Sunday, May 7th
Shared worship with Immanuel Lutheran.
Immanuel will join us for worship at UP Church,
led by their pastor William Runaas



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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May Highlights

1st UP Home Communion
7th Communion

10th PW Circle

14th Mother's Day

14th Crew breakfast fundraiser

15th Sewing Day
16th Finance
17th Session
21st Senior Sunday
28th Worship in the Park
28th Communion
29th Memorial Day

The office will be closed on May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have had a recent anonymous donation. Several wonderful carts were given to the church for use with our HACAP food box project. These carts are incredibly useful and certainly help in speeding up filling the food boxes given to HACAP. Know our food box coordinator, Ron Dillon, is very grateful for this gift.

We are blessed to have had Joyce Flory and Joe McConnell help with nursery needs. Joyce used her sewing talents and repaired some of our nursery doll clothes. Joe repaired some toys and replaced the handles on the kitchen set. The "littles" of our church family love having these things taken care of.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers! How does one begin to notice all those who serve on committees, those who help with our children and youth, those involved in our Sunday worship service, those who support others in our church family, those who help maintain our building and grounds, those who show their caring and support in so many other ways? We're blessed to have each of you and your service. Thank you, U.P. Church Family volunteers!



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.



4 David Schluetter
4 Mary Saforek
4 Raina El Haoud
10 Dayton Schluetter
11 Matt Schiebel
11 Annabelle Septer
13 Jane Cuddeback
14 Sonny Phipps

14 Dale Spencer
15 Andy McCall
17 Sophie El Haoud
23 Keaton Murphy
25 Paulette Twinam
26 Dana Conklin
29 Jane Fehr
29 Tork Whisler



Senior Recognition And Youth Mission Trip Commissioning Sunday, May 21st



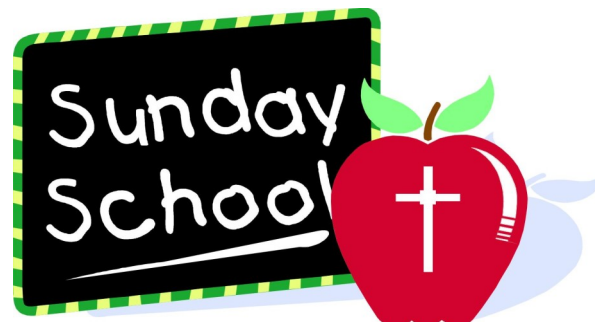
10am
During worship
Reception to follow



Seniors: Scholarship applications were sent out in mid April. The due date is Sunday, May 14th to have it turned into the church office or Jake.

Mission Trip Info: The high schoolers will be going to Colorado June 9th through the 17th. Stay tuned for more details.

Inside Out (9th-12th grade Ministry)
Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church
(check your messages for info!)



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

Last day of Sunday School: May 21st

CREW

(5th – 8th grade Ministry)

Thank you to Marde, Joe and Teresa for organizing our April meeting. We had fun putting together the boxes for young adult members of our church.



Brad and Megan Alderton, Travis Moore
If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to call the church at 653-6588.



**May 14th
Crew Breakfast
Fundraiser
8-9:45am**



**Please consider supporting the Crew
Mother's Day breakfast fundraiser!**

This fundraiser benefits the Crew (middle-school youth group). It is a free will donation breakfast. Join us for pancakes, sausage/bacon, eggs and fruit. Please RSVP with an upcoming email or by calling the office and you can choose to receive a carnation (or carnations) to keep or give away. All are welcome to eat breakfast, however, even if you don't RSVP!

Thank you!

Crew, Travis Moore, Brad and Megan Alderton



Saturday Kitchen is running smoothly and our numbers are slowly rising again after Covid, usually around 75-80 people! There are many regulars who so depend on this meal and the friendship opportunity it offers and we, of course, love having new guests. We're eternally grateful for the church's generosity in sharing our facility AND for our 27 host groups! It's truly a community project that our church family is blessed to be coordinating - thanks, Church Family, for your help in reaching out in Love to Others!



Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

Reaching out to our young adults

Our U.P. Crew kids and you, our U.P. church family, are responsible for reaching out in love to the Young Adults connected to our church. Your donations made possible 32 Care Packages of various "thinking of you" items – everything from a church water bottle and key chain, to a few food and candy items, to a toy or two. Then our Crew kids enthusiastically had fun packing everything Sunday, April 16th. Some gifts were hand-delivered and others sent in the mail.



The Welcome Team thanks everyone who helped with this outreach, Loving Others. We hope our gifts will be a blessing to these young adults and that they'll be reminded of our continued caring for them.



Thank You to everyone donated and delivered Easter flowers

The Easter flowers in the sanctuary on Easter morning were exceptionally lovely. Donated flowers were made in honor and in memory of loved ones. With Christ's death and resurrection, the lovely signs of spring and rebirth were an additional reminder of Christ's love for us in the beauty of nature.

Following worship, many from our church family took plants and delivered them to those friends unable to worship with us in person.

Thank you to who made donations toward this Easter project of love. Thank you to those selected the plants and helped display the flowers. And, lastly, thanks to all those who delivered them Easter morning. You each were a blessing to those who received our caring gift of Easter flowers.



The end of March represents 25% of the year. Our income came in at 21.03%
Our expenses came in at 21.32%



Articles for the June Newsletter are due
Friday, May 19th



Thank you to everyone who provided prayers and donations for the diaper drive for the young families of Washington and Henry counties of the Family Connection program. It was a great success.

Thank you

Pentecost Special Offering

During the month of May there will be an opportunity to give to the Pentecost Special Offering.

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become.

40% stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

25% supports ministries with youth especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

25% supports young adult volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

10% is devoted to children at-risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.



Celebration of Life for Don Gorham

Saturday, May 20, 2023

2-4pm

Lake Darling State Park Lodge

“Come and go” event: visit with Don’s family and friends. Remember Don through photos and events that shaped his life and ours. No planned program.



Don loved music! A DJ will be playing background music during the celebration of life. Some of Don’s favorite foods will be catered by Dodici’s Restaurant.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jim and Karen Gorham, Dick and Marilyn Gorham, Mark Gorham, and Rick Gorham

Interment, Stories , and a picnic to remember Deb Helmick

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Interment 10am at the columbarium at Elm Grove Cemetery

Picnic potluck lunch following interment at the big shelter at Sunset Park.

Come share memories, food, laughter, and comradery in the spring air in the way that Deb would want us to. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to bring dish to the picnic reach out to Janie at jamieraye@gmail.com





Easter Flowers

In memory of John (Jack) Wagner by Thelma Wagner

In memory of Lloyd Beenblossom by Betty Beenblossom

In love for our church family and Pastor Erin by anonymous

In honor of our loved ones by Marde and Joe McConnell

In memory of those who have gone before us by Marde and Joe McConnell

In memory of Dorothy Grim by Katie McWhirter

In memory of Sherly Lewis by Katie McWhirter

In memory of Ron Bender by Bonnie Bender

In memory of Relden Jarrard by Connie Jarrard

In memory of Bernard J Schonhoff III by Rita Schonhoff

In memory of Martin Boston and Marvin Crile by Linda Boston

In memory of Jordin Flory by Jerry and Janice Flory

In memory of Orville and Glenna Flory by Jerry and Janice Flory

In memory of Carlie and Rhua Davison by Jerry and Janice Flory

In honor of our beloved church family by the Kaye family

In memory of Karen Dillon by the Youngman and Dillon families

In memory of Brian Dillon by the Youngman and Dillon families

In memory of our parents Joe and Carol Mottet by Julie Johnson

In memory of our mom Pat Johnson by Rob and Julie Johnson

In memory of my parents Bill and Karen Kleese by Phil Kleese

In memory of Blanche and Sam Murphy by Judy Murphy

In memory of Harvey Holden by Pat DeSotel and family

In honor of our daughter and her family by Frank and Judy Potter

In memory of Herb Yoder by Dorothy Koehler

In memory of Howard and Emily Lins by Joyce Wilson

In memory of Lorraine Lins by Joyce Wilson

In memory of Karen Murphy by Gary Murphy

In memory of Brad and Lois Buchholz by Erik and Christy Buchholz

In memory of Dick and Kathy Wiley by Erik and Christy Buchholz

In memory of Karen Murphy by Julie Zahs

In memory of Karen Dillon by Julie Zahs

In memory of our parents by Doug and Sandy Dunlap

In memory of Melinda Dawn (Fry) Palmer by Lila DePenning and Synthia Jennings Families

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Jim and Jane Cuddeback

In memory of Dr. John Thorne by Jim and Jane Cuddeback

In memory of Mary Ruth Shelman by Nick and Rhonda Shelman

In memory of Gord Shelman by Nick and Rhonda Shelman

In honor of my great-granddaughters Kelsey, Isabelle, and Taytum by Diana Henry

