



July/ August 2023



Vacation Bible School

July 11th-13th

With a movie night on July 14th

5:30-7:30pm

Registration on the church website
upcwash.org



July 30th and August 27th

10am

Central Park

Potluck after Worship

The service will also be
live-streamed

Church Contacts

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Monday-Friday
8am-12pm Office open
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From the Pastor...

Friends,

'There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home.' The famous words of Dorothy Gale, the main character in 'The Wizard of Oz' remained in my mind after attending a wonderful rendition of the play at the Washington Community Theatre this past weekend. Over the last few months I've had the chance to travel to two faraway places - Israel and New York City. Like the mythical land of Oz, they were full of new sights and sounds, new colors and ideas. However, as the end of each trip neared, I kept hearing in my mind - 'I can't wait to go home!' The relief when we drove back into Washington was strong. It was good to be home.

God reminds us throughout the Bible that a place of safety, a home, is important. In fact, much of the strife in Israel today is due to the promise God made many years ago to Abraham and Sarah - 'The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.' (Genesis 17.8). The promise of land, and of the safety and security a home brings, is a powerful one. However, Jesus flips this promise on its end, much as he flipped the tables of the moneychangers in the temple. Leave your home and your family and everything you've known and follow me. 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.' (Matthew 8.20)

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us, 'For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.' (Hebrews 13.14) The Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head in part because he recognized that this earth, as wonderful as it is, was not the final destination. As followers of Jesus, we are called by God to remember the same thing - our home is with God. The earth is a shallow imitation of the glory and beauty we will find when we enter the glory of God. Like Dorothy, we are on a journey, and like her we will one day recognize the truth. There's no place like home.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Erin will be on vacation and study leave July 16th– 28th



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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July/August Highlights

July

2nd Communion
3rd UP Home Communion
11-13th Vacation Bible School
14th VBS Movie Night
30th Worship in the Park

30th Pool Party & Ice Cream Social

August

6th Communion
7th UP Home Communion
15th Finance
16th Session
17th Blood Drive
27th Worship in the Park

The office will be closed on the 4th of July in observance of Independence Day



Krystle will be on vacation Wednesday, July 19th, if you would be able to volunteer in the office it would be appreciated.



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

July

1 Heather Anderson
2 Tymber Burke
5 Tanya Stadler
6 Katie Septer
6 Jack Septer
10 Mike Zahs
11 Ruth Ann Stacy
14 Kristene Evans
18 Jacob Bruns
19 Marg Lins
20 Mary McCall
21 Bert Turner

23 Fei Fei Anderson
23 Betty Lowry
25 Doug Dunlap
27 Sandy Dunlap
27 Carolynn Guenther
28 Diana Rich
30 Shirley Garrett
30 Barb Liebe

August

2 Leisha Linge
3 Julie Johnson
3 Darin Rich
4 Dorothy White

5 Krista Gaal
5 Cyrus Andrews
6 Abe Evans
10 Jeff Cuddeback
10 Megan Alderton
10 Kristen Twinam
10 Steve Linge
11 Cole Anderson
12 Leila El Haoud
13 Ron Dillon
13 Rhonda Shelman
16 Steve Batterson
19 David Henderson

20 Kathryn Schnek
23 Mary Atwood
23 Michael McCall
25 Bob Johnson
26 Max Anderson
26 Hannah Anderson
28 Megan Schiebel
20 Katie Lujan





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.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed Matt Kaye took care of removing some wasps in our playground play house! Our sweet little play area is greatly used and enjoyed by our church family members having little ones. Due to liability issues, the area must be locked but our families know the code! Feel free to contact the church office to learn the code so you can enjoy the area whenever you'd like to share it with family, friends, or neighbors. We love to see little ones and their caring adults enjoying our special play space created just for them.

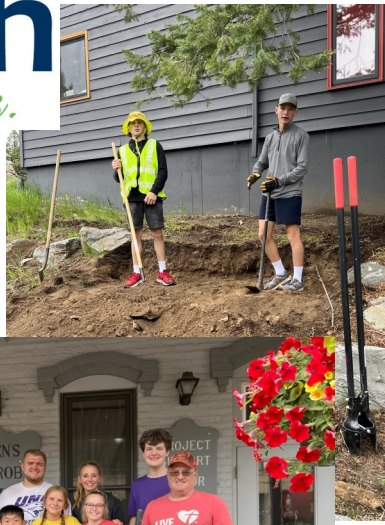
We are blessed Kevin Caldwell and the high school mission trippers set up the many tables used by our sewing ladies for their flag repair day. Following the Sunday morning worship service highlighting all the many ways God used these young people and their adult leaders in Colorado, they then gave their time to help set-up for the flag repairing. Thanks, Kevin Caldwell, for your ongoing service in preparing our gathering room for its many events and to these young adults for helping Kevin following their meaningful, worship presentation. God is good and leads us all in many acts of service.

We are blessed that one of our church families includes as part of their yearly pledge, funds to help with our lawn care. We're so grateful to each of you, church family members, for your commitment to our good works and to the ongoing maintenance of our facility. Whether you volunteer your time and talents or financially support – you are much appreciated in helping us be inviting looking and a facility that is much used and appreciated by us and within our community.

We were and are a blessing to the Washington Municipal Band which practices once a week during the summer in our gathering space. They're so grateful for our large and easy access space and our willingness to share it with them year after year. As their thank you to our church family, they'll once again be playing during our worship service on Aug. 6th. Do mark your calendar for August 6th and enjoy the band's musical contribution to our worship service.

We were and are a blessing to the Washington tree committee which occasionally uses our multi-purpose room for their meetings. They, like the band and other groups and organizations, are so grateful for our UP generosity in sharing our space for many worthy causes.

We were and are a blessing in the many ways our sewing ladies reach out in loving god and loving others. Recently Leda Andrews walked out of church with a smile on her face and carrying an adorable, handmade quilt following her breaking her arm. Thanks for letting us show our love to our church family and throughout our community and beyond when there is a need to feel the warmth and love of a handmade quilt.



Youth Mission Trip

Colorado

Hello - I just wanted to send a note of thanks for coming to Project Support in Idaho Springs, Colorado on the 12th and 15th of June. What an amazing group of young people and adults. They are definitely an asset to your community and the world at large.

Project Support is a Senior facility with 14 low-income apartments, a community center and a thrift shop. We are a 501(c) 3 and our mission is to provide and help all seniors (over the age of 60) with information and resources to help them remain independent and in their homes throughout their lives.

We have a very tight budget and operate primarily on volunteerism. The painting of our second floor area was very much needed and was a daunting task for us. We did not have the money to hire it to be done. Your group came in and in one day had the second floor painted. It was amazing! It's just white, but it is clean and fresh and the residents and the board are so appreciative of the work.

Our thrift shop relies on donations and late in the day on the 10th, we received an overwhelming amount. While your group was painting I chipped away at the job in the basement. I truly believe that God heard my silent plea for help because Krista texted me Wednesday night and said they had about 3 hours of free time on Thursday and did we have anything for them to do. Once again they came and in just 3 hours they had everything organized, had taken "old" stock out of the shop to give to Goodwill, and they tagged and hung new stock.

As I told them when they were leaving, on a scale of 1 - 10, they and our experience with them was an 11. They are a blessing to any community and we were blessed to have them in Clear Creek County.

Forever grateful,

Donna Kline, President
Project Support Senior Center
Board of Directors



Volunteers for Vacation Bible School

This year there will be stations for the children to enjoy, arts and crafts, theatre, science, and recreation. We need volunteers for each of these stations, along with kitchen staff, manning the registration table, and group leaders for the four different age groups we will have. If you would like to volunteer to help with vacation bible school please contact Jordan and Anne Youngman or the church office and they will assist you.

CALLING ALL
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

The poster has a dark blue background with yellow and orange text. It features a yellow lightning bolt in the top left and several small white stars scattered across the background.

Washington County Fair

July 16th- 21st

If you plan on attending the County Fair, keep a lookout for our church family members who will be participating in various events throughout the week.



SATURDAY KITCHEN – NEXT HOSTING OPPORTUNITY AUG. 19TH

Our U.P. Church ended with two back-to-back Saturday Kitchen dates because we, as coordinators for this community outreach, fill in dates as needed.



June 24th hosts were young and not so young alike individuals with Pastor Erin helping to coordinate since Joe and I were out of town. Thanks, Erin! July 1st hosts are the Pathfinders Sunday School Class with Erik Buchholz leading the class discussions. He and other class members will show our love and caring to our guests on the Fourth of July weekend.

Our next hosting event will be Saturday, Aug. 19th. Please consider being a part of this community outreach, showing your Love of God and Love of Others. Contact Coordinators Joe or Marde McConnell (653-3884), Pastor Erin or the church office if you'd like to consider learning more about this opportunity to donate an hour or so reaching out in care to others needing the food and fellowship our Saturday Kitchen meal offers to others in our community.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators



Thank you, U.P. church family – from Ren Ella Crawford, Wash. HACAP Director

In a recent conversation with Ren Ella, she expressed how exceeding grateful she was for our weekly food boxes. She shared, “We’re seeing more and more families and individuals coming out to HACAP needing food. We’re so grateful for your additional food boxes each week which help us meet the needs of feeding the hungry in our community.”

Food boxes are packed by Ron Dillon, with Joe McConnell filling in for Ron recently. Ron is now back to this very important mission project of our church, one which his family has been committed to for many, many years. Food is either donated by our church family members or purchased with donations made by our church family. This project has its home conveniently located in our south entrance, multi-purpose room. Stickers are placed on each box sharing that it was lovingly packed by our U.P. Church Family and then is placed in the hallway with a sign indicating where it would be donated and is picked up by HACAP Staff.

Thanks, Ron, for your time in helping to purchase items and use our in-house donations to pack these very necessary and much appreciated boxes of food, feel free to contact Ron or the church office, if you'd like to know how you could be a part of this Mission Project.



The end of May represents 42% of the year. Our income came in at 30.79%
Our expenses came in at 37.27%



Articles for the September Newsletter are due Friday, August 18th

Annual Flag Repair – OUR U.P. SEWING LADIES

Our U.P. Sewing Ladies were very busy on Tues., June 20th repairing 46 U. S. flags displayed in Elm Grove Cemetery and the Ainsworth Cemetery following Flag Day, 2023. Marty Beenblossom, of Jones and Eden Funeral Home and who coordinates the Elm Grove Flag Presentation, is exceedingly grateful that our Sewing Ladies perform “their magic” in repainting the flags year after year. He often is heard acknowledging this much appreciated contribution to maintaining this lovely community, patriotic tradition. Thanks for sharing your talents and gifts, ladies!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL/POOL PARTY – FUN TIME FOR ALL!

Our pool party at the Washington Aquatic Center with its accompanying ice cream party was a delightful evening for all in attendance, despite the weather being a bit over-cast and sprinkled at times. All those in attendance had a very good time with Brad Alderton's homemade strawberry ice cream a big hit! Kids, and adults alike, enjoyed making their own sundaes complete with several syrup options, bananas, nuts and

whipped cream. There were yummy desserts available, too.



Thanks to Pastor Erin and Krystle for coordinating the fun, church family time

of visiting with friends; sharing delicious ice cream and desserts; and swimming, diving, flying down slides and playing in the water.

