



September 2023



**SEPT 10th, 8:45am**

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## From the Pastor...

Friends,

Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for all seasons. We are entering what is typically a busy season in the church year - Sunday School is beginning, committees are gearing back up, we will have some shared worship and other opportunities with Immanuel Lutheran over the next few months, and a new church member class will happen. This coincides with the busyness of our lives outside the church building as well - school is beginning, harvest is rapidly approaching, fall sports teams are practicing, and life moves on at an ever increasing pace.

I'm curious - as you walk through life, as you experience highs and lows, periods of busyness and quiet, what provides your anchor, your steady support, your grounding?

Can you sing, along with Christians throughout the ages,

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;

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My prayer for you this month is that through it all you lean on the solid Rock of Jesus, the one who walks with you through it all and who will never desert you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Erin



### Shared worship with Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 3rd

10am

At UP Church

With a tailgate potluck following worship

Bring your favorite tailgate food to share



If you'd like to make an online donation to the ministry of United Presbyterian Church, go to our webpage ([upcwash.org](http://upcwash.org))

Checks may be sent to:  
United Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 32  
Washington, Iowa 52353

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To God



## September Highlights

3rd Communion  
4th Labor Day  
10th Sunday School Kickoff

11th UP Home Communion  
13th PW Circle  
18th Sewing Day  
19th Finance  
20th Session  
25th Rotary Turkey Dinner

The office will be closed  
on September 4th in  
observance of Labor Day.



### WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have had Kathy Hunt create our July/August bulletin board. Thanks to Kathy we have an inspirational and welcoming new bulletin board. Thanks for sharing your time and talents, Kathy.

We are blessed to have had so many share their time, talents (and maybe some patience) in this year's VBS. As always, the kids were filled with much energy and enthusiasm - we're grateful to everyone who helped us share God's love and caring with these dear and active 3 to 10 year olds!

We are blessed to have many wonderful volunteers who fill in at the church office. We appreciate each of you who help fill-in when Krystle isn't there so that we're able to keep our doors open for those who need to pop in the church.

We are a blessing to Arnel and Tom McNamar with our gift of a weekly meal. They both have shared how grateful they are for our reaching out in love and caring to them in this way.

We were a blessing to HACAP, once again. HACAP was selected as our VBS offering as it's a meaningful program that young kids can understand. Many cans of food were donated and will surely help us fill more boxes to be given to those individuals and families who are hungry in our community.

We were a blessing when we shared our facility and participated in the recent backpack project. Over 300 backpacks were filled with school supplies for students in need this fall, as school begins.



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/channelaozvuoqohexeg3npq2xjr> 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 Emma Kaye  
2 Hoyt Burke  
3 Alicia Andrews  
4 Frances Batterson  
5 Kitch Shatzer  
6 Betty Beenblossom  
8 Peyton Cuddeback

9 Ann Goff  
11 Jerry Flory  
11 Kyler Johnson  
14 Megan Strabala  
14 Vicki Brinning  
17 Dalton Bryant  
19 Jim Cuddeback

21 Betty Gipple  
21 Nick Reed  
21 Steve Liebe  
25 Matt Kaye  
27 William McWhirter  
28 Tom Bollman





# Some new things...



## A new way of working together...

Presbyterians like committees.

*It's usually how we get things done.*

Presbyterians like to eat together.

*It reminds us that we belong to each other and to God.*

Presbyterians are generous.

*We know we are called by God to give our time, talent, and treasure to show the love of Jesus to our world.*

So let's try a new thing!

From now until May, Church Committees will all meet on the following dates: October 8, November 12, January 14, March 3, and May 5, following worship.

We will share a meal together, then move into our committees to complete any needed work. Childcare will be provided if requested. Committees who need to meet more frequently will schedule additional meetings.

If you're already on a committee, please mark these dates in your calendar. If you're not on a committee, please consider whether this is a chance to share your time and talents with the church to show the love of Jesus to our world.

## A new way for kids and adults to worship...

There is a new worship tool shelf at the north entrance to the sanctuary.

It holds items for kids and adults who need to move their fingers to help their brains focus. It mainly has things for those who are able to read. Check it out!

Non-readers, there are still worship bags and the blue carpet at the front of the sanctuary for you! It's ok to take things from the worship tool shelf too, if something looks especially inviting.



## KICK-OFF SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday, September 10th as we begin our children and youth programming for the school year. Sunday school will begin at 8:45, we will hand out Bibles to our 3rd graders during the church service at 10, and the youth groups will meet at their regularly scheduled times that afternoon/evening. Don't miss it! See details below...

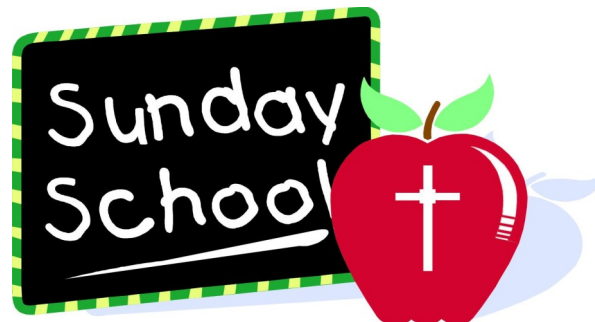
We will start off in the fellowship hall sitting with your Sunday School class with donuts and then go to your classrooms.

### Sunday School = 8:45am - 9:45am

We are excited as we prepare for a new year in the nursery, down in Son City, with the middle schoolers and the high schoolers on Sunday mornings. It should be a lot of fun and we look forward to a year of sharing, laughing, and learning together.

### Inside Out (9th-12th grade Ministry)

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



### Class Structure for 2023-2024

#### 8:45am

Birth - 4 yo Preschool: Upstairs in the Nursery  
Kindergarten - 5th grade: Downstairs in Son City  
6th - 8th grades: Rat Pack Room  
9th - 12th grades: Youth Room

### Youth Director Update

The Search Team is still working toward finding a candidate to fill the position of Youth Director. The summer months were slow in attracting candidates, but we now have several applicants that Shepherd's Staff are reviewing and doing the initial interviewing. We are optimistic that God will put the right candidate in our path and ask that everyone continue to pray that we will find the candidate God wants to lead our youth and to continue to pray for our search team and our volunteers as they continue the this important work.



## Church wide FALL CLEAN-UP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 3 to 5pm

Welcome Team is excited to schedule another Fall, Clean-up on Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-5:00 with Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. As usual, come for an hour or less or . . . for the full 2 hours! We're grateful for your time, whatever you can share! There will definitely be outside projects and inside ones too, for those who prefer that.

We'll have some supplies here so feel free to just bring yourselves. However, if it works, feel free to bring rakes, yard waste bags, brooms, dustpans, edgers, trimmers, window cleaners, etc. You get the idea!

As always, there will be a little treat, in case you need the added incentive?!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct 1 from 3:00-5:00 and join other church family friends and help us clean up around the church. We've appreciated everyone's help in the past and we hope to see many of you in 2023.





# Vacation Bible School



In July, we hosted our Hero Central Vacation Bible School. We had over 35 kids spanning from the ages of 3 to 10 years old. Over 3 day's the kids learned what it takes to be God's Hero. Through different stations like crafts, theatre, science, and recreation the kids learned the bible stories that demonstrated heart, wisdom, and courage to do what is right! We had a blast singing, dancing, and playing! Thank you to all who volunteered and truly made this a VBS to remember!







## Office Volunteers



Starting in September the days that we will need volunteers in the office will change from Tuesdays to Thursdays. Krystle will be working in the office on Tuesday mornings and have Thursdays off. Pastor Erin will have Tuesdays off and come in the office on Thursday mornings. We would appreciate it if we could have volunteers sign-up for Thursdays to help cover the desk, answer the phone, and greet anyone who might come into the church. If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity feel free to contact the church office.



## Thank you to all the Vacation Bible School Volunteers

There are so many to thank: kitchen crew, age group leaders, older kid helpers, and the various activity leaders. Additionally, we want to thank Jordan and Anne Youngman for coordinating this year's successful VBS. Thanks to each person involved for their role in helping us have these young kids love God and learn more about Him. Thanks also for helping them learn to love others through their bringing of food items for our HACAP food boxes.

UP Church,

I want to thank you for awarding me one of the UP Church scholarships. It will help so much with my college expenses. I also want to thank you for the amazing community I got to be a part of at our church!

Thanks again,  
Cameron Vongpanya

*Thank  
you*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all you've done for me through the years. It means the world to me! I know that no matter where I go I'll always have people I can reach out to! Thank you for the scholarship! I appreciate it greatly. I'm looking forward to my future adventures!

With love,  
Payton Anderson

### Change of Address:

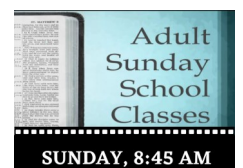
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### Adult Sunday School Classes Resume

**Sept 10th**

**8:45am**

Pathfinders in the Chapel  
Families of Faith in the Lounge





Joe and I are so grateful to all those from our UP Church Family and for all those from our community who support the Saturday Kitchen. There are no words to say how grateful our guests are to have the food and fellowship the Saturday Kitchen gives them each Saturday, about 80 people each week these days. Additionally, our hosts are grateful for our UPC sharing of our facilities each Saturday, too!

As in years past, this fall all current hosts will be contacted about their plan to commit to host once again in 2024. Joe and I pray the 27 hosts groups are able to commit once again and we ask for your prayers for our 2024 Saturday Kitchen outreach.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators



## Backpack project a success!

In August, seven churches from the Washington Ministerial Alliance and the Salvation Army partnered to provide school supplies and backpacks for Kindergarten through 5th grade students in Washington. 400 backpacks were donated by the Salvation Army, 300 were filled with supplies provided by the churches, and church volunteers filled the packs and distributed them. Thanks to the UP Church Mission Committee and the Carver Crew for their donations of money to purchase supplies and for church family and friends for their time in filling and distributing packs. God does amazing things when we work together!



The end of July represents 58% of the year. Our income came in at 46.35%  
Our expenses came in at 49.88%



Articles for the October Newsletter are due  
Friday, September 22nd