



October 2023

Stewardship 2023



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From the Pastor...

Friends,

This month we are entering a period of learning more about stewardship. Beginning on October 8, I will be preaching a 4 week sermon series called 'You have heard it said...' This is a play on one of Jesus' favorite things to say to people. Many times Jesus uses the phrase "You have heard it said." It is helpful to know that Jesus was using a rabbinic idiom in that phrase – the word "say," amar, was used by the rabbis to mean "interpret" in terms of giving the proper interpretation of the scriptures as to how to apply its laws. Jesus often preceded his legal rulings with "You have heard it said" (meaning, others have interpreted God's word to mean one thing) and "but I say unto you" (meaning, I interpret it differently, in the following way).

During those weeks, we will explore some things that we've heard said about money, the love of God, and being a follower of Jesus, while looking at how Jesus might interpret those sayings differently. As Christians, we are often reminded that Jesus has a different perspective on the world. He taught that how we handle our money is a reflection of our heart. Money, for the follower of Jesus, is a tool for the kingdom. As we walk through the next four weeks, we will explore how we are using the tool of our finances for the kingdom of God. At the end of the month, we will ask you to consider a pledge to the mission and ministry of the United Presbyterian Church. During the next few weeks we will also hear stories from church family members about the mission and ministry of the church and how these have impacted their lives.

I hope that you will journey with us over the next four weeks. I am looking forward to exploring what we have heard said, and what Jesus might tell us differently!

Pastor Erin

Fall Church Clean-Up

October 1st
3-5pm

Inside and outside cleaning
opportunities available



Interested in becoming a church member?

Come and have dinner with our church leadership

October 11th

6pm

Fellowship Hall

If possible, please RSVP to the church office



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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October Highlights

1st Communion
3rd Fall Clean-up
2nd UP Home Communion
4pm Deacon Meeting
8th Committee Meeting Day/Fellowship Lunch
11th PW Circle

11th New Member Gathering
11th Session
12th Blood drive
16th Sewing Day
17th Finance
29th Fellowship Lunch
31st Trunk or Treat



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed to have had Jessica Canny create the September bulletin board. Know we're all grateful for Jess sharing her wonderful creativity and giving us a colorful, inspirational and welcoming new bulletin board. Thanks, Jess!

We are blessed that several committee chairs during worship recently shared the responsibilities, goals and projects of their committees. Additionally, handouts about these opportunities were available. Please contact committee chairs or members with any questions and hopefully you feel you can give of your time to one of those committees or teams.

We are a blessing to Camp Wyoming as Pastor Erin serves as a member of their board of directors. We're sure her participation in that board is greatly appreciated.

We are blessed to have all new photos lining the bulletin boards in the office hallway. Be sure to stop by and see the new, fun, updated photos of our church family, (little ones, middles, and adults!) in so many varied activities, Loving God and Loving Others.

We are a blessing to the Prairie Pride 4-H group who use our facility for their monthly meetings.

We are a blessing when we respond to prayer chain requests with our caring and thoughtful prayers. We know those prayers help give peace and comfort to those who are hurting.



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.



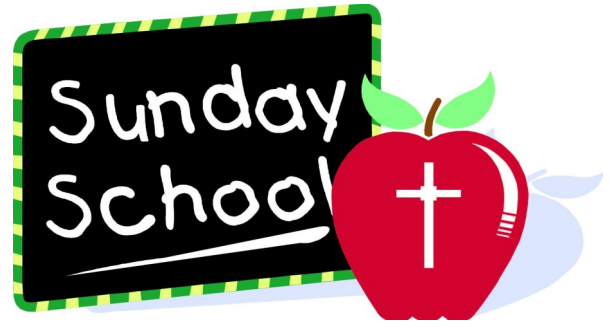
1 Synthia Palmer
1 Layne Twinam
3 Noah Bruns
8 Heidi Johnson
10 Jase Johnson
11 Mary Meeker
11 April Cuddeback
12 Quinn Smith
13 Julie Murphy

14 Travis Moore
16 Tracy Kleese
16 Joslyn Bryant
17 Christy Buchholz
18 Wilma Wright
20 Nolan Burke
22 James Wertz
23 Joe Murphy
23 Dexter Rich

23 Julianne Youngman
25 Sam Kaye
26 Joanie Andrews
27 Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill
27 Barb Schreur
27 Emily Septer
29 Jayden Youngman

NURSERY PARENT AND KID GATHERING

One recent school-night our nursery parents and their families had a light, kid-friendly meal together. It was a fun time of parent visiting and kids joyfully playing in “the big blue room.” There was lots of sweet “busy-ness” by the little ones and much appreciated “grown up” time, too. Parents loved being able to gather up their happy little ones with full tummies then going home and helping them prepare for bed time.



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

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

*Thank
you*

A big shout out to Kathy Knutson for 13 years of service as the Sunday School Treasurer. Since 2010, she has made the rounds from classroom to classroom delivering and then

retrieving the Sunday School offering and the attendance books. Kathy, thank you for your dedication and cheery smile all those many Sundays!

Because Kathy has stepped down from her duties, we have a new method of collecting the offering. You may have noticed a large silver box outside the church office. Please feel free to contribute as always. It is greatly appreciated!



Trunk or Treat

October 31st

Set up 5:30pm

Hand out candy 6-7pm

North side of the church

**If you are interested in bringing a vehicle,
helping with the event, or donating candy
please contact the office**



Musical Notes from Mary Jo

We have added special music events to three of our worship services in October! On the 15th the Rainbow Ringers will perform. For parents of children who want to play, our rehearsals will occur early in the Sunday School hour in the Temple Study Room on 9/24, 10/1, 10/8 and 10/15. It's been such a joy to see the children play their colored bells and it's clear they enjoy it. Children of all ages are welcome to join us.

On October 22, "Just Us Girls", a local women's vocal group, will sing two or three songs for us. Don't miss this special day!

For our adults, it's time to dust off those rusty vocal pipes! Our "pick-up choir" will be singing an anthem on Sunday, October 29. Rehearsals will be Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 and on the day of the performance just before worship on 10/29. We welcome all those who wish to join us – we have a lot of fun.

There will be more special musical events ahead that include our choir and children, so keep an eye on the newsletter!

SHOWERING BABY EVANS

It's so exciting to be having another little one join our church family! We want to shower Kristene and Cory Evans with our love at this special time in their family's life. Dear little Abe is going to be a big brother to a baby sister in October and Andy and Cyndy McCall will have another little "grand" to spoil.

Please bring diapers and wipes and add them to our pack and play of loving gifts in the Fellowship Hall/Gathering Place.



Thank you, Property Committee! Beautiful new closet doors

WOW! The newly hung closet doors are such an improvement over our old ones, which were on their last leg. The new doors were a huge investment, for sure, but know we all agree, much needed! The kitchen counter doors are also getting replaced, big hooray there, too!

A huge thanks to the Property Committee: Ginny Bordwell (chair), Leland Saforek, Dick Hendrickson, Jim Cuddeback, Andy McCall, Roger Miles, Shane Anderson, and Cory Canny.

A huge thanks also to those who worked on this installation project: Leland Saforek, Steve Liebe, Nick Reed, and Jim Cuddeback



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UP Youth Serve As Saturday Kitchen Hosts

On Saturday Sept. 23rd our UP Youth with the help of Fareway's donations served a delicious meal to our Saturday Kitchen guests. The Crew kids met the Sunday prior and made desserts and fruit slushes. Then the Inside Out and Crew kids together helped on "their" Saturday.



Their walking taco menu was delicious and greatly enjoyed. Our guests loved having all our caring kids share their time and their smiles with them that Saturday. Adult helpers were Christy Buchholz, Brenda Miles, Krista Gaal and Erik Buchholz.

Thank you all for Loving God and Loving Others in your service as Saturday Kitchen hosts - providing a free meal and fellowship opportunity for those in need.



HACAP is a community action agency serving 9 counties in Eastern Iowa. They embrace the philosophy of "a help up, not a handout" in their commitment to empower and improve the lives of families, living with the everyday barriers of poverty.

There is still a need for HACAP donations. Please feel free to donate shelf stable food items in unopened packages that are not outdated. Also, know that money is accepted and can be used to purchase food at a discounted price.

Blessings,
Teresa Anderson Mission Committee Chair



PW Circle Meeting

PW Circle is changing its meeting time to 10am on the second Wednesday of the month. We are also no longer going to conduct a business meeting at that time. We are only going to have a Bible Study. This year we're using the PW/Horizon's Bible Study Sacred Encounters; The power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Everyone is invited to join us. We meet from September to June and take a break in July and August. I hope to see you there!

Karla Maxwell



The end of August represents 67% of the year. Our income came in at 49.61%
Our expenses came in at 57.27%



Articles for the November Newsletter are due Friday, October 20th