

November 2023

Welcome Frost Family!



Welcome Dan, our new Family Ministry Director!
Also welcome family as pictured Lily, Autumn, Angela, and Scarlett!

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

As harvests roll into the bins, as the leaves fall from the trees, as the weather cools, and as Thanksgiving approaches, I am deeply grateful to God for many things. The church continues to worship and pray and learn and grow together, and we will expand that with the new gifts and enthusiasm of Family Ministry Director Dan Frost and his family. My own family continues to be well, with Emma settling into life at college and Sam turning 13(!!!). I am especially thankful for the gifts God has given each of you, and the multitude of ways you share those gifts with others, myself included.

In Psalm 107, we are told, 'Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.'

As we walk through the next few months of 2023 together, I invite you into an attitude of gratitude. What are you thankful for? What blessings has God placed in your life? How has God redeemed you from trouble? Take time each day to remember these things, and to give thanks.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 5th
Don't forget to set your clocks backwards!



The office will be closed on
November 23rd and 24th in
observance of Thanksgiving.



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
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To God



November Highlights

5th Communion
6th UP Home Communion
7th Lions Club Pancake Supper
8th PW Circle
11th Veteran's Day
12th Committee Meeting Day/Fellowship Time

14th Finance
15th Session
19th Decking the Halls
19th Crew
20th Sewing Day
22nd Inside Out Soup Supper
23rd Thanksgiving
25th Breakfast with Santa



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

We are blessed when young kids, with Mary Jo's help, play their bells during worship. The music is beautiful and the sight is wonderful! Seeing Mary Jo quickly flip her colored bell cards for the kids as they actively participate in worship is such a joy. Many thanks, Mary Jo and kids.

Our high school kids are blessed to be included with the Immanuel Lutheran kids in their Kinnick Concourse Clean-Up Fund Raising Event.

We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers present the children's sermons. It's a special time for our kids and it's wonderful so many of you are willing to share your talents with them. Thank you, church family volunteers.

We are a blessing to the children of Washington when we support the Chamber of Commerce with our Trunk or Treat Halloween event. Many car trunks are decorated and kids are given fun toys and non-candy treats, as well as a little candy, too. Participating parents and kids are pleased – way to go, Church Family!

We're a loving and supportive blessing to those families who choose to have their celebration of life and/or reception at the church. Pastor Erin and our Reception Committee try to meet our families' needs in a caring and loving way.

We were recently a blessing to Rotary members and Impact Blood Center drive workers in sharing our facility for their special events. We're blessed to have our facility and we're a blessing to share it.



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.



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| 1 Carol Winga | 20 Amy Kleese |
| 2 Arnel McNamar | 21 Halle Cuddeback |
| 3 Rodney Letts | 21 Julie Zahs |
| 3 Katelyn Moore | 22 Judy Wertz |
| 9 Gary Murphy | 23 Karla Maxwell |
| 12 Ron Brock | 24 Dick Colby |
| 13 Mary Temple | 26 Richard McCall |
| 20 Ken Wulf | 26 Tom Murphy |
| 20 Katie Himes | |



Crew (6th-8th grade Ministry)

Sunday, November 19th

Sunday, December 10th

More information to come



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

Inside Out (9th-12th grade Ministry)

Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church

(check your messages for info!)



Inside Out Annual Soup Supper

November 22nd

5-6:30pm



On Wednesday Nov. 22nd the Senior High youth will be hosting their annual Soup Supper Mission Trip Fundraiser. Take a break from all of the preparations at home for Thanksgiving and come join us for some hot soup and warm conversation. We will have chili, chicken & wild rice, and ham & potato. We will offer soup TO GO this year as well.

Hello UP Family,

I wanted to express what an honor and privilege that it is to join the UP family. As we relocate to Washington we have been constantly reminded of God's love and goodness to us. I am very excited to serve this congregation in the family ministry position. I am not sure if there is an official title yet, but if there is I am not quite sure what it is, but I am eager to fill this role in a way that brings glory to our God.

I am a graduate of Moody Bible Institute with a degree in Christian Education/Youth Ministry. I have over two decades of ministry experience. I am currently enrolled in Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary seeking my masters of divinity. I pray that my ministry at UP church will be a blessing to you all. My wife Angela is leaving her role as a children's pastor in Wisconsin. She will graduate from Moody Bible Institute in the spring with her degree in Integrated Ministry with a double major in children's and families ministry, women's ministry, with a minor on ministry to women in pain.

Together we have three daughters Lily (22), Autumn (20), and Scarlett (16). Lily is enrolled at UW Madison and will be staying in Wisconsin. Autumn is looking to return to school in the fall. She has spent the last year managing a local Starbucks. She is hoping to go into pediatric oncology Scarlett is in her junior year of high school. Scarlett has such an amazing spirit and brings energy to every room that she walks into. She is excited to be a part of the youth at the UP Church. She also has a favorite order at Scooters already.

We are humbled to be able to serve you all. I look forward to seeing God do amazing things in the lives of our family ministry in the coming year. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Dan Frost



Thank you to everyone that sent Wilma Wright a birthday card! They really made her birthday special.

Karla Maxwell

Thank you

Parking lot

A gentle reminder that if you are physically able to park further away from the church doors on Sunday our church members who utilize the handicapped parking and need assistance into the building would appreciate it. We also have parking on the north side of the building that can be utilized on Sundays.



Yard Signs



If you have one of our church yard signs please return it by the end of the month. You can do this by either bringing it to church on a Sunday or drop it off during the week. The church is open Monday through Friday 8am-noon.

Library Refresh

If you haven't visited the church library lately you might be surprised by the changes that are going on. The Christian Education Committee, Pastor Erin, and volunteers are working to refresh the library. This group is donating older unused materials to groups that would appreciate and use them. This group will also be selecting new reading materials for the library for everyone to enjoy.



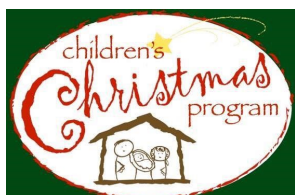
Decking the Halls



November 19th
11am
Come help and decorate the church after worship.

Shared Worship Service

November 26th
8:30am
At Immanuel Lutheran Church
No Sunday School
Bring a snack to share after Worship



Looking Ahead
Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17th
During worship

Looking Ahead
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Sunday, Dec 24th
7pm





November 25th Families of Faith Sunday School Class Hosts



We very recently learned that Meals on Wheels was needing help delivering meals the month of November. Thank you to everyone who volunteered with very little notice to provide warm meals for so many in our community.

SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program)

Assists those on or approaching Medicare with information and other resources as they enter or use the Medicare system. The 2024 Open Enrollment Period for prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans started October 15 and extends to December 7. During that time we encourage those using Medicare drug plans to ask for a review to update your current prescription medication information to see if the plan you are using is the most advantageous for your current situation. Every year many aspects of these plans change and we could let you know of potentially large savings for next year with your medications. Year around we also assist people coming on to Medicare coverage with non-biased information and we can also assist with resolving claim issues for any Medicare insurance product. Make an appointment and you might be surprised what has changed for your advantage...or not! We are very grateful to you all for this great space to nest in. We are using the lounge.

Kitch Shatzer

Please help decorate our mitten tree

We are asking for your help in covering our Christmas tree with mittens, gloves, and hats for the Washington elementary schools. The biggest need is for mittens and gloves in sizes appropriate for ages 5 to 11. The tree will be appearing in November and you are welcome to place your items right on the tree. Then the items will be delivered to the schools around Christmas time/first of the new year.

Thanks for your generosity!
The Mission Committee



The end of Sept represents 75% of the year. Our income came in at 54.82%
Our expenses came in at 64.56%



Articles for the December Newsletter are due
Friday, October 17th



Per capita

What is it?

A set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church.

What is it used for?

It helps to fund the legislative and judicial functions of the church.

Why is it important?

These funds are the primary source of support for the office of the General Assembly.

How much is per capita?

For 2024 per capita is \$43 per adult.

How do I pay this?

You can pay this by either dropping a check off or mailing it into the office.
(Make sure you state on the memo line it is for per capita)

