

March 2024

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday March 24th

Regular Schedule

Maundy Thursday March 28th

6:30pm At Immanuel Lutheran Church

Good Friday March 29th

6:30pm Service

Easter Sunday March 31st

7am Sunrise Worship in Sunset Park, with communion

8am Breakfast at Church

8:45am Sunday School

10am Worship, with communion

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

As we approach Easter Sunday, I'm excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but before we get there we need to walk through the dark places. Over the next few Sundays we will explore the journey to the cross through the eyes of Simon Peter. I hope that you will especially make plans to attend the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services during the week before Easter Sunday. The Maundy Thursday service will be at Immanuel Lutheran, at 7pm. There, we will look at the Last Supper through the eyes of Peter and the other disciples, as we share communion together.

On Good Friday at 6:30 pm, there will be a special service in our sanctuary using the shadow screen to present the story of the life of Jesus and his last few days before his death. Similar to the Christmas Nativity Play our youth presented in December, this promises to be a special event. I hope you'll attend and invite friends as well.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

Personnel Committee Would Appreciate Your Input

The personnel committee is meeting to discuss staff evaluations. Should you have feedback you wish to offer them, please reach out to Katie Lujan, Cyndy McCall, Gary Murphy, Layne Twinam, Nick Shelman or Mary Saforek by March 16th.

Thank you for any valuable input you wish to offer!



**Daylight Savings Time
Starts March 10th
Don't forget
to spring
forward!**



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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March Highlights

3rd Committee Meeting Day
10th Daylight Saving Time Starts

13th PW Meeting
17th St. Patrick's Day
18th Sewing Day

19th Finance Meeting
20th Session
24th Palm Sunday
28th Maundy Thursday
29th Good Friday
31st Easter



United Youth M.S.

(6th-8th grade Ministry)
Sundays, 4pm @ UP Church



United Youth H.S.

(9th-12th grade Ministry)
Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church



Our website: <http://www.upcwash.org/>

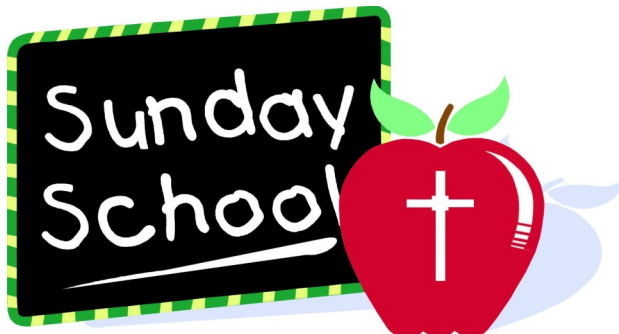
Other ways to connect if the website isn't working:

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.



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



The office will be closed on
March 29th in observance
of Easter.



Good Friday Service

March 29th
6:30pm



1 Jack Carter
1 Gabe Bruns
1 Kaelyn Johnson
4 Isabella Lujan
4 Cory Canny
5 Tom Hunt
7 Angie Schluetter
7 Jordan Youngman

9 Virginia Bordwell
11 Connie Jarrard
12 Traci Stewart
13 Jacob Miles
15 Lila DePenning
22 Marde McConnell
22 Russ Woods
22 Sandra Krotz

25 Judy Murphy
26 Leland Saforek
26 Ava Bryant
27 Roger Miles
28 Brenda Miles
28 Alec Schiefer

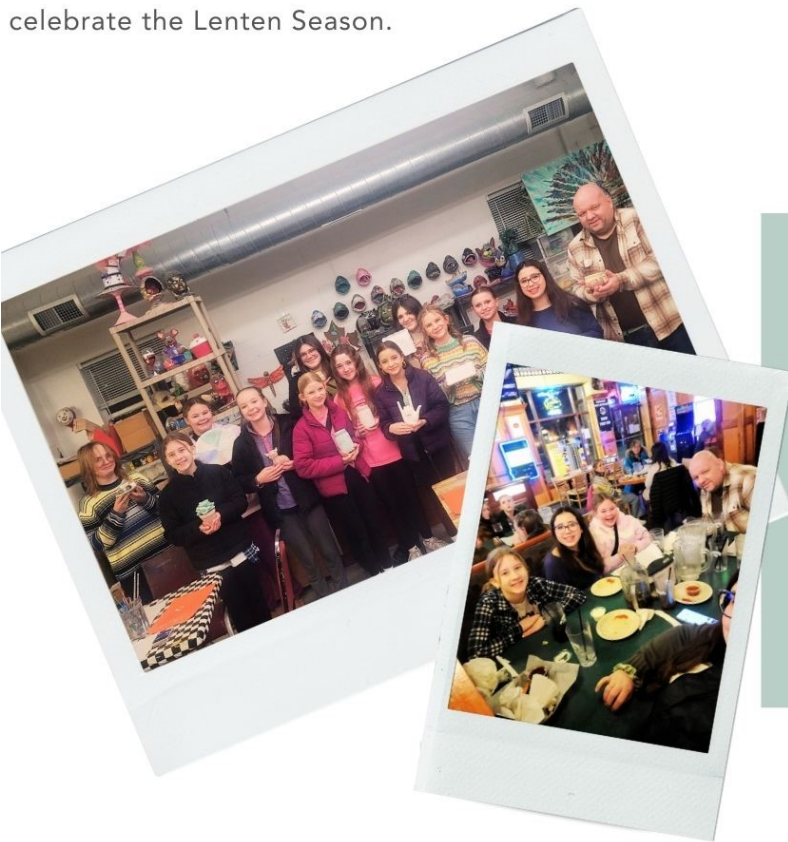




UNITED FAMILY MINISTRY MARCH NEWSLETTER

Lenten Activity

Following worship services during the month of March we will be offering a short activity for children in the Fellowship Hall during the fellowship hour. All children are welcome to join us for some special crafts that will help teach our children about Lent, and to celebrate the Lenten Season.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY! MARCH 22

On March 22 the middle school students will be performing in the middle school play. I would ask all who are able to attend plan on attending. All those who are planning on attending should wear your UP T-Shirts. Let's show the middle school students how much they mean to our church.

Dan Frost: UPfamilyministry@gmail.com



February Summary

February was a great Success, We Had 43 Children attend our Parents night Out and we recived lots of positive Feedback from Kids, Parents & Volunteers.

We hosted a Middle School outing in Iowa City, we painted pottery at a studio and went to Pizza afterwards, we filled the Pizza Parlor with our 11 youth and 4 adults.





Son City

The Son City kids studied the Good Samaritan story this past month. Videos, dramas, discussions, etc. We talked about who has been "Good Samaritans" to us, and how we can be a "Good Samaritan". The kids had fun doing their version of a play about the story for the "kids' sermon". We made Valentines for family and friends. We'll be starting Lent lessons that go with Pastor Erin's sermons in the "former" preschool room, as the basement is having pipe work done. Mary Jo is helping us with a new bell song.

Julie Zahs and Tracy Strabala



Blessings We Gave:

Our sewing gals donated their time and skills to repair the flags that fly at the Washington Memorial Park west of our local the lumber yard.

Our Middle School kids went to HACAP one recent Sunday and helped organize all the food donations which had recently been given. RenElla Crawford, HACAP director, was thrilled to have our volunteer kids help organize all those food donations.

The parents of the 43 kids who came to our Valentine's Day Parents' Night Out were so appreciative of all of the volunteers who helped make the special night possible for them. We have Dan, our new family ministry director, to thank for coming up with such a fun, community, outreach event.

Blessings We Received:

We are blessed to have had Shane Anderson spend his time and his talents to make it possible for our sanctuary, stained glass window to be lighted outside during the night-time hour. Now all who drive by in the evening can enjoy its beauty! We appreciate you, Shane.

We are blessed that Katie Lujan and other volunteers take photos during our many church events and then place them on Facebook so people to see all the good things that take place at our UPC. Thanks, Katie and all.

We are blessed to have had Pastor Erin and Matt donate a roaster to our church kitchen, saving us from having to purchase another one, often needed by us or others who use our kitchen. We appreciate your generosity, Erin and Matt.

New Phone System

As the New Year continues the church will be updating our current telephone system. We are in the process of changing phone carriers from KCTC to a company called Elevate. So as we are switching phone carriers we are asking for patience as we learn this new system. The reason behind this change is that the church's phone system has become quite old and out dated. Pastor Erin and Krystle did research into different phone systems and felt that the new system the church is changing to will be the best fit for everyone. We will try to keep you all updated with this change. Please note — the church's phone number will NOT be changing!



WE CELEBRATED BABY LONDYN'S BAPTISM

Londyn Opal Vega Evans (initials spell LOVE), daughter of Kristene and Cory Evans, was baptized on Feb. 18. It was a memorable event for the family and for us, her church family, as well. Following worship we enjoyed a special reception, hosted by the Welcome Team. This reception celebrated this sweet little Londyn becoming part of our church family. Our Fellowship Room was lovely with the beautiful Parents' Night Out, Valentine decorations still on display.

Just the day before, on Saturday, we celebrated the life of our dear Clement Griffith. Griff's family graciously donated many larger flower arrangements to us, Griff's church family. Following the baptism reception for Londyn's family, many of the flowers from those arrangements were shared with those in attendance. Griff and his family would be happy to know how those flowers continued to give so many such joy to others, Vivian and Griff's church family.

Lastly, all the gorgeous, huge decorative strings of white and pink balloons were donated to the kids at St. James School. We're so pleased the balloons could still be enjoyed, even one more time!!



Easter Sunday

7am – Sunrise Worship at Sunset Park

Large Pavilion with Communion

8am – Breakfast at Church

8:45am – Sunday School

**10am – Worship in Sanctuary
with Communion**





Honor or Remember a Loved One at Easter!

This Easter we will have plants to decorate the Sanctuary. After Easter worship they will be delivered to church friends and family members who are at home. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of someone, either stop in the office or call. The names of those honored or remembered will be on slides Easter Sunday.
The cost is \$10 each.



Family Connection **DIAPER & WIPES DRIVE** During the Month of March Pack & Play will be set up to collect items



NEEDED: 1. Diapers (size NB to 6-Prefer Huggies or Pampers due to skin allergies) 2. Baby/diaper wipes 3. Diaper cream



The end of Jan represents 8.3% of the year. Our income came in at 9.88%
Our expenses came in at 7.70%



Articles for the April Newsletter are due Friday, March 22nd



Dear Sponsors and Volunteers:

All we can say is WOW! The 2023 Christmas Dinner was a tremendous blessing to the people of Washington and the surrounding areas. This year we served almost 600 meals. That is almost 100 more meals than we initially thought we would serve. Your partnership made it happen. Many patrons of the Christmas Dinner commented on how much this meal meant to them. For some this Christmas was a difficult one due to grief and loss and this meal served a way to bring healing and hope to them. Others enjoyed the opportunity to sit down together and have a meal and a great time of fellowship. Your sponsorship and partnership contributed to bringing people together from every walk of life. The true meaning of the Christmas Season was personified by your generosity.

Along with those that dined in house, we delivered meals throughout Washington. Families who were unable to attend in person due to medical or physical reasons, had their meals brought to them with a smile. Our volunteers served with excellence as they brought Christmas joy to all those they interacted with. Again, we thank you for all that you have done. You have blessed our community. We look forward to working together with all of you in the future.

Sincerely,

Washington First Assembly of God

