

UPChurch

Love God. Love Others.

April 2024



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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Proverbs 27.17 says, 'Iron sharpens iron, as one person sharpens the wits of another.' As I recently studied on this proverb, I found the following comment from the New Interpreter's Bible: 'Friendship is a major concern of Proverbs 27. Verse 17 focuses on the sharpening effect friends have on one another, presumably because they are not afraid to exercise tough love.'

The way that iron sharpens iron is when a metal file is used on a blade to make it sharper. In reality, two blades cannot sharpen one another. At least, not very well. The only way to sharpen an iron blade is to use a tool with a different edge or texture, like a metal file. So the way we sharpen (or improve) each other is to be able to challenge each other in love and to be different enough to provide the resistance that is needed for sharpening.

Sharpening a piece of metal is not an easy process, for the piece of metal or for the metal file. But in order for the metal to reach its intended purpose (as a blade) it must be done. In the end, both the piece of metal and the file come away changed.

I appreciate that this church has many people who love each other and who care enough to practice tough love, both in the giving and receiving. I also appreciate that this church has many people who are different from each other - we come from different places, we see challenges differently, we have different tastes and fears and dreams. We have different strengths and weaknesses. I thank God that we can together become more fit for the calling of following Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



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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April Highlights

2nd Deacon Meeting
10th PW Meeting

11th Blood Drive
15th Sewing Day
16th Finance

17th Session
28th Mission
Market



Erin will be on vacation
April 4th-10th.



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



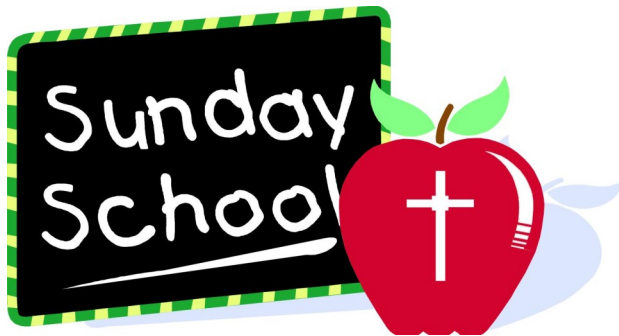
Our website: <http://www.upcwash.org/>

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.



Mission Market

April 28th

11am

Fellowship Hall

Free will offering meal

Dessert Auction



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

Directory address and phone number update in progress

If your address or phone number have changed the church would appreciate the new information so that we will better stay in touch! New directories will be ready mid April.

2 Joe Wright
2 Bonnie Bender
2 Anne Youngman
9 Erin Kaye
11 Rob Johnson
12 Payton Anderson
12 John Dillon
12 Michael Dillon

13 Ann Conklin
13 Carolyn Bollman
13 Dalton Rich
15 Tyler Alderton
16 Laurie Davison
17 Rita Phipps
19 Joyce Wilson
20 Thelma Wagner

25 Brad Alderton
25 Jordan Thorius
26 Joyce Crawford
26 Jack Strabala





FAMILY MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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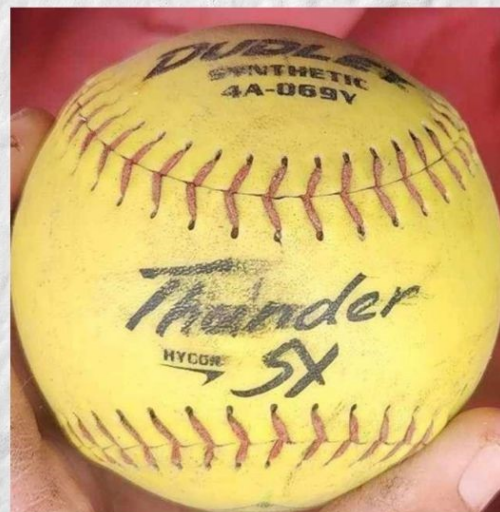
SUMMER MISSION TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT.



Softball Missions

The Mission Agency that we are partnering with is working with the Reservation to help provide softball equipment to the children who live there. Here is a photo of the type of softballs that they are looking for. I am working to provide specifics for the bats that they are looking for.

We are delighted to announce the Summer Mission trip. The high school students will be partnering with Wings As Eagles Ministries on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The trip will include service work, playing softball and basketball with the youth in the reservation villages, and providing meals in the evenings for those in these villages. The dates of the trip are **June 22-29**. We will be sharing about the trip during worship on June 30.





Recently church members helped set up 3 new beds on a Saturday morning with SHP, Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Diaper Drive a Success!



Thank you to everyone who donated diapers, wipes, and creams! The Family Connection greatly appreciates all of the donations!

Basement Workday

April 1st

9am-noon

Anyone is welcome to help

We will be putting the Sunday school rooms back in order since pipe work is completed

Blessings we gave

We have donated our facility to Optimae. They will use our Fellowship Hall Gathering Place to host a Bingo Night for their clients and family members/caretakers. What a blessing to be able to share our church facility.

The parents of some of our kiddos are blessed to be able to use our nursery during worship. We're so grateful to all our church family members who volunteer to play with our nursery kiddos during worship.

Blessings we received

We are blessed to have had Abby and Trent Stout and sons Noah and Theo donate two colorful bean bags to our church nursery. Our nursery kiddos love having these fun, new, green and blue to sit and play in. Thanks for your generosity Stout family.

We are blessed that April and Halle Cuddeback have been donating many hours repainting the lounge. We appreciate their hard work in updating the appearance of our lounge. Many thanks for your hours, Gals!

We are blessed Sandy Dunlap and Marde McConnell have been working hard at the much-needed, deep cleaning of the kitchen floor. Check it out!



The end of Feb represents 16.7% of the year. Our income came in at 13.98%
Our expenses came in at 16.10%



Articles for the May Newsletter are due
Friday, April 19th



In memory of Relden Jarrard by Connie Jarrard
In honor of Dorothy Koehler by Mary Jo Koehler
In honor of our loved ones by Brad and Megan Aldeton
In memory of Arnel (Baughman) McNamar by Julie Zahs

Easter Flowers



In memory of Jordin Flory by Jerry and Janice Flory
In memory of Charlie and Rhua Davison by Jerry and Janice Flory
In memory of Orville and Glenna Flory by Jerry and Janice Flory
In honor of Kelly Robus by Jerry and Janice Flory
In memory of Clem Griffith by Jim and Jane Cuddeback
In memory of Diana Henry by Jim and Jane Cuddeback
In memory of Herb Yoder by Dorothy Koehler
In memory of Howard and Emily Lins by Joyce Wilson and Ed and Marj Lins
In memory of Erwin and Marie Wulf by Ed and Marg Lins
In memory of Myron Krotz by Joleen Krotz and Family
In memory of Wanda Jones by Janice Twinam
In memory of Charles Twinam by Janice Twinam
In honor of our church family by Erin and Matt Kaye
In memory of Joe and Carol Mottet by Rob and Julie Johnson
In memory of Pat Johnson by Rob and Julie Johnson
In memory of Karen Dillon by the Dillon and Youngman families
In memory of Brian Dillon by the Dillon and Youngman families
In memory of Twilight by Jill Goldesberry
In memory of Harvey and Ruth Holden by Pat DeSotel
In honor of the women in my family by Pat DeSotel
In memory of Wendell, Dorothy, and Ken Frazer by Jean Frazer
In memory of Richard Wiley by Erik and Christy Buchholz
In memory of Kathleen Wiley by Erik and Christy Buchholz
In memory of Lawrence Whisler by Tork and Tricia Whisler
In memory of Linda Messer by Tork and Tricia Whisler
In memory of William Guenther and my parents Joseph and Opal Schantz
by Carolynn Guenther
In memory of Sandy Stout by Abby Stout
In memory of Beulah Embree by Abby Stout
In memory of Dorothy Grim by Katie McWhirter
In memory of Sheryl Lewis by Katie McWhirter
In memory of Karen Murphy by Gary Murphy
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murphy by Gary Murphy
In memory of Ron Bender by Bonnie Bender
In memory of the McKray Family by Bonnie Bender
In memory of those who've passed by Joe and Marde McConnell
In honor of our loved ones by Joe and Marde McConnell
In honor of our church family by anonymous
In memory of Wayne Whitam by Julie Zahs

