



May 2024

May
19th

Wear
Flame
Colors!

Pentecost



Church Contacts

P.O. Box 32
209 E Main Street
Washington, IA, 52353
319-653-6588

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8am-12pm Office open
**The phone is answered during
the following hours:**
Monday- Friday 8-12pm
Monday- Thursday 1-4pm

Pastor Erin Kaye

pastorerinkaye@gmail.com
319-461-8765

Secretary/Treasurer

Krystle Moore
upsecretary@gmail.com

Family Ministry Director

Dan Frost
upfamilyministry@gmail.com

Organist

Virginia Bordwell
Virginia@washingtontitle.org

Worship Band

Mary Jo Koehler
aceofspace99@gmail.com



From the Pastor...

Friends,

May is here. It tends to be a busy month for many - school is wrapping up, graduations are happening, weddings are approaching, seeds are going into the ground, and summer vacations are being planned. An interesting correlation for me is that on May 19 we will celebrate Pentecost. After Jesus died and was raised from the dead he ascended into heaven. Before he ascended, he told his followers that he would send the Spirit, and that they should wait until the Spirit arrived. They waited, and the Spirit showed up on the day we call Pentecost. After the Spirit arrived, the disciples spread out to share the love and good news of Jesus - which the Kingdom of God is present and is coming, and that grace, peace, love, and hope are present in this world. As we walk and work and play in this world, especially in the summer as we spread out, may we remember the call of Jesus followers to share the Good News. Wherever you find yourself over the next few months, may you share God's love as you have been called to do!

Blessings,
Pastor Erin

New Member Gathering

May 15th

6pm

Fellowship Hall

Before Session Meeting

**The office will be closed on
May 27th in observance of
Memorial Day**



Vacation Bible School

August 3rd-6th

Fellowship Hall

More information coming soon!



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
Washington, Iowa 52353

Offering
Giving Back
To God



May Highlights

4th Mary Oviatt Fumeral @ UP Home
5th Communion

5th Committee Meetings

8th PW Meeting

8th Outdoor Spring Clean-Up

12th Mother's Day

14th Finance

15th New Member Welcome

15th Session

19th Pentecost

20th Sewing Day

26th Worship in the Park/Potluck

27th Memorial Day



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



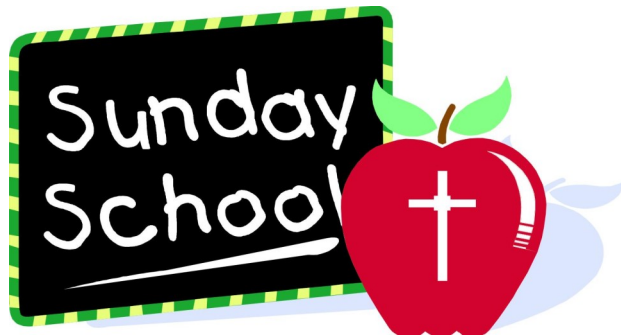
Our website: <http://www.upcwash.org/>

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

Committee Meeting Day

May 5th After worship

May 19th
Last day of
Sunday School
until fall

Krystle will
be on
vacation
May 27-31st



May 26th
Central Park
10am

Potluck to Follow
Bring a side to share and
either a blanket or chair
to sit on.
Will be livestreamed.



4 David Schluetter
4 Mary Saforek
4 Raina El Haoud
10 Dayton Schluetter
11 Matt Schiebel
11 Annabelle Septer
13 Jane Cuddeback
14 Dale Spencer

15 Andy McCall
16 Elyse Hunt
17 Sophie El Haoud
23 Keaton Murphy
25 Paulette Twinam
26 Dana Conklin
29 Jane Fehr
29 Tork Whisler





FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Thank You!

Sunday April 28 we hosted our annual Mission Market Bake sale. Thank you all so much for your attendance and generosity in supporting our youth as they prepare for their annual mission trip.



South Dakota Mission Trip

We will be partnering with Wings As Eagles Ministries on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. This will be a great opportunity for our students to serve those in need on the reservation.



VBS Dates

Saturday August 2-Tuesday August 6 we will be hosting our annual VBS. Please mark these dates on your calendar. It is our wish that this will be a great opportunity for the children of our church to experience the love of Jesus. We will also be needing volunteers for the week. We will have more information about our VBS programming this summer.



Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all who have volunteered in our family ministry of the past school year. Your service is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you have done. We could not have accomplished all that we have without your contribution, not matter how big or small. Thank you so much.



Contact: UPfamilyministry@gmail.com





We host May 18th

Contact Marde McConnell if
interested in volunteering

Camp Bear Creek Work Day (Formerly Camp Wyoming)

May 11th

Carpool Opportunity leaving Church
parking lot around 7:30am

Contact Pastor Erin if interested in volunteering



Outdoor Spring Clean-Up

May 8th

5pm

Come have a bite to eat and help us
trim, sweep, mulch, etc.

We need everyone's help!

Rain date

May 22nd

5pm



When is Pentecost?

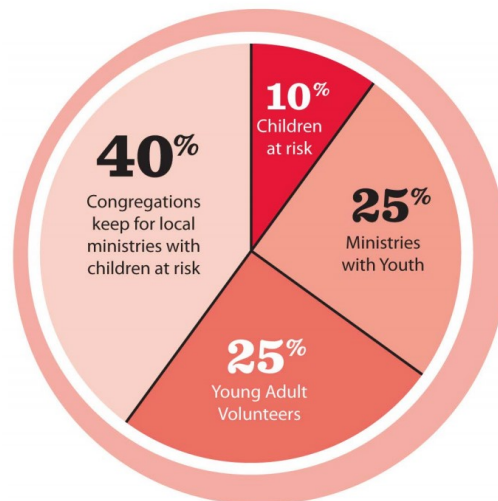
May 19th

What is the Pentecost offering?

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

What has our church used the funds from this for?

Last year the funds were used to help support the school supply drive that we participated in. Other years funds have helped children with preschool tuition, new books, and to help families in need.



Thank you to all who helped provide diapers and wipes to the Family Connection program! They were excited to receive the

donation of 18 packs of diapers, 11 packs of wipes, and 1 car seat cover.

Thank you



The end of March represents 25% of the year. Our income came in at 20.85%
Our expenses came in at 24.38%



Articles for the June Newsletter are due
Friday, May 17th



Blessings We Gave:

We were and are a Blessing to Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project, providing beds for kids in Washington and neighboring towns. We have given a financial donation, church family volunteered time making beds. Other family members donated bedding and other items and now our “sewers” are busy making adorable bedding. All our gifts will bring joy to others, as we Love God and Love Others.

We are a Blessing each week to the Chosen One’s Choir. This group of developmentally challenged individuals, under the direction of volunteers, practice at our UP Church every Tuesday night at 6pm. They appreciate our generosity in sharing our handicapped accessible facility and we love doing so.

We were a Blessing to all those of our church family who received our pretty Easter plants. Not only could the recipients enjoy their flowers, they were reminded of our caring for them.

Blessings We Received:

We are blessed Angie Frost created each Sunday in March some cool, take-home items for our church family kiddos. Thanks for sharing your time and creativity, Angie.

We are blessed to have had many volunteers work to make possible our in progress “library update” the past few months. We had Pastor Erin, several church family members and kids and even a high school, silver cord student help as we move forward improving the look of that space. Many thanks, all!

We are blessed to have so many of our church family who “just care and serve.” Whether it be Saturday Kitchen or office volunteers, Session or Deacon or a committee members, worship tech person or help with our social media presence or are a photographer at events, nursery volunteers, Easter flower deliverers, Valentine’s Day Parents’ Night Out Volunteers, Sunday School teachers/Youth Group Assistants /VBS directors or volunteers/diaper or food donors, Care Package senders, financial supporters, prayer warriors or more, our UPC family members are there, as needed. It’s easy to see why we are blessed!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX ANDERSON

On March 21 in Cedar Falls, our Max Anderson was honored as a Mercy One “Heroes Among Us.” Max was recognized with being awarded as the “Good Samaritan Youth Hero.” Check with Max on the particulars!

Needless to say it was a well-deserved award and . . . as Max said, “Some people might not believe it, but there are a lot of teenagers out there who do a lot of good . . .” We at UPC agree with Max! Just think of our high school youth group and all the wonderful Mission Trips they’ve taken and the differences they’ve made in people’s lives.

