



September 2024

Sunday School Kickoff!

Sunday, Sept 15th

8:45am

Donuts will be offered on your
way to class!

Classes for all ages

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From the Pastor...

My Summer Vacation

This was a busy summer! In June, Matt and I were able to travel to Puerto Rico (thanks to a grant from the Presbyterian Church Board of Pensions) and I attended a program that helped me learn more about myself and to set goals for myself. I also got to try a truly yummy dessert (which Matt helped me eat)!

In July, Sam and I attended Synod School for the 18th year, where I taught a Junior High Cooking Class, led a children's sermon, and took classes on leadership and worship. While we were there, we participated in the mission project, which was to pack Hygiene Kits for Church World Service - kits that were going to be shipped to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The same place Sam and I were driving to as soon as we left Synod School. I volunteered to take as much as I could in order to avoid shipping costs, and ended up packing 20 boxes into the vehicle, along with our luggage. Sam had to ride in an upright position the entire time, but we made it safely, and saved several hundred dollars in shipping costs! Plus, one of the kids who helped pack the hygiene kits at Synod School ended up travelling to Ferncliff a week after we were there and got to help process the kits for delivery to their next destination. It's a small world indeed!

At Ferncliff, I spent the week serving as Camp Chaplain and using off time to plan my sermons for the next six months, as well as other longer term planning for our church. It was a great week.

I'm looking forward to the new school year, and to all of the great ministry we are preparing to do together!

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
Washington, Iowa 52353

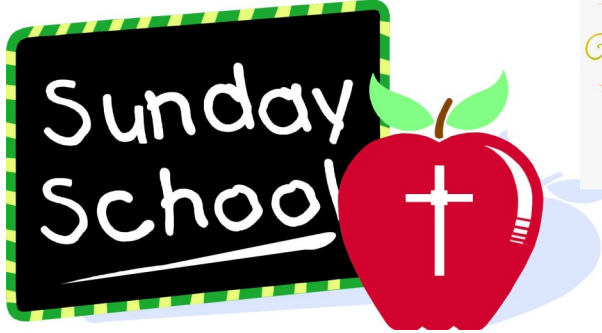
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Giving Back
To God



September Highlights

1st Communion
2nd Labor Day
6th-8th Church Camping Weekend
9th UP Home Communion

10th PW Circle
15th Sunday School Kickoff
16th Sewing Day
17th Finance
18th Session
23rd Rotary Pork Dinner



Class Structure for 2024-2025

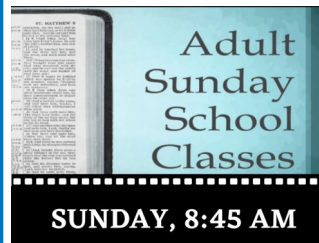
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Birth - 4 yo Preschool: Upstairs in the Nursery
Kindergarten - 5th grade: Downstairs in Son City
6th - 8th grades: Rat Pack Room
9th - 12th grades: Youth Room

The office will be closed on Sept 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



Classes Resume Sunday, Sept 15th



Pathfinders in the Chapel

Families of Faith in the Lounge

United Youth M.S.

(6th-8th grade Ministry)
Sundays, 3:30pm @ 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.



1 Emma Kaye
2 Hoyt Burke
3 Alicia Andrews
4 Frances Batterson
5 Kitch Shatzer
6 Betty Beenblossom
8 Peyton Anderson
9 Ann Goff
11 Jerry Flory
11 Kyler Johnson

14 Megan Craig
14 Vicki Brinning
17 Dalton Bryant
19 Jim Cuddeback
21 Betty Gipple
21 Nick Reed
21 Steve Liebe
25 Matt Kaye
27 William McWhirter
28 Tom Bollman



BLESSINGS WE RECEIVED:

We are blessed Sophia and Olivia Lujan and their “Boppo,” Joe McConnell worked in the heat and pulled and removed all the weeds in our fenced in air conditioner/shed area. What a huge improvement they made!

We are blessed that we have wonderful volunteers who help out each week in the church office. We so appreciate these volunteers sharing their time filling in for Krystle on her day off.

We are blessed that Cyrus Andrews saw a need and did some tree trimming in our play area. Many thanks, Cyrus.



BLESSINGS WE GAVE:

What a blessing we were to over 360 kids who received free backpacks of school supplies. Our church was the holding site of all of the school supplies before they were moved to the library to be handed out – we worked with others in our community who cared about all kids having what they need to start school successfully.

What a blessing that over ten church family members helped to deliver Meals on Wheels the month of August. What a special difference those ten people made to the 20-25 individuals who received the meals.

What a blessing to be able to share our facility for the recent Impact Blood Drive. At the recent blood drive the Impact workers were thrilled with the wonderful response from Washington area citizens and what an honor for our church family to be a part of that drive.



Church Camping Weekend

Marr Park
Sept 6th-8th

Bonfire Saturday night at 7:30pm
with s'mores

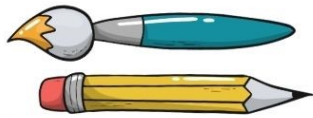
Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy
the bonfire and s'mores!
Bring a chair to enjoy the fire.

Worship

Sunday at the
Marr Park Conservation Center
10am

Potluck after worship with pork burgers, drinks, and tableware provided.
Bring a dish to share.





Family Ministry

Newsletter

Sunday School Returns

School is back in session and this means that Sunday School is also right around the corner.. September 15 will be our first week of Sunday School. Sunday School starts at 8:45 and offers classes . We are excited to have a great year of serving you and your children this year through our Sunday morning programming.

YOUTH PROGRAM

High School and Middle School Youth Groups will resume on September 15.

Middle School will meet every week from 3:30-5:00pm

High School will meet every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30.

Join us for a great night of youth group and bring a friend.

SEPTEMBER 22

We will be hosting a parent forum on Sunday September 22 during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. All parents with children from the nursery to the high school we would love for you to share with us how we can best serve your children and your families. This forum is designed to help provide cutting edge ministry for the families of our community.

Mission in Action School Supply Drive A Success!

Grade	Amt made	Amt left over	% Handed out
AK	50	24	52
Kindergarten	50	0	100
1st	50	9	82
2nd	50	7	86
3rd	50	8	84
4th	50	26	48
5th	50	20	60
6th	50	15	70
7th	50	23	54
8th	50	18	64
Total	500	150	70



The school supply drive was a huge success! At least 350 Alternative Kindergarten through 8th graders either went to the library on July 25th or stopped by the church and picked up school supplies. High schoolers also had the opportunity to stop by and pick up supplies they needed for the school year. The supplies that were not handed out to students or teachers by August 19th were taken to the schools to be handed out to any student that might need them. The students and parents were very appreciative of this being offered again this year. There were many smiling faces after picking up supplies knowing that this part of getting ready to head back to school was taken care of. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped with set up, during the event, and with the clean up.



As coordinators for the Saturday Kitchen, Joe and I are so grateful for you, our church family, for your commitment and support of the Saturday Kitchen. Saturday after Saturday and year after year you make hosting the Saturday Kitchen a priority.

Currently we serve about 80 or more plates each week with many take-out meals offered, as well. We're so grateful YOU, all our UP Church Family, for your support of this local mission of food and fellowship to those in need, demonstrating your Love of God and Love of Others.

Joe and Marde McConnell

U.P. Youth and Fareway host Sept 14th



Thank you to everyone that helped to deliver Meals on Wheels during the month of August!

Thank you

UP Congregation,

Thank you for the generous donations you give to the HACAP's Old Main Food Pantry. The food boxes that you pack and provide to us help feed our neighbors facing food insecurity in Washington County. We are very fortunate to have caring people like you that are committed to making a difference in the lives of others!!

Thank you again for your generous support of Hawkeye Area Community Action Program Inc., and your commitment to helping people become successful to build stronger communities.



Sincerely,

Jane Drapeaux
CEO

Thank you



The end of July represents 58% of the year. Our income came in at 42.89%
Our expenses came in at 81.28%



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



AC Update

Thanks for your continued patience regarding air conditioning. We are still waiting for the new chiller barrel, an essential part of this deal. It was ordered in May, with an expected 16-week wait for delivery.

New AC units will be installed inside the fence on the exiting concrete pad east of the kitchen. The project includes a concrete trench for refrigerant and electrical lines from the pad to the building, so there will be digging and a mess for a while. The trench will be open to the weather, with a welded grate on top so the lawn mower can pass over it.

Look for work to begin mid-September.

Property Committee

UP Congregation,

Thank you for being willing to share Pastor Erin in our time of need. She has kept our church afloat as we searched for a Pastor. We are so grateful to her and your congregation.

God Bless You!
Immanuel Lutheran Church

*Thank
you*



PW Circle Meeting

PW Circle will start meeting again at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month in the library. We will be having a Bible Study again. This year we're using the PW/Horizon's Bible Study (Let Justice Roll Down; God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation). Everyone is invited to join us. We meet from September to June and take a break in July and August.



Nursery on Sunday Morning During Worship

You would be watching and playing with the little children of our congregation. We need two adults typically from 9:50 to 11am. If you would be interested in volunteering for this you can either sign up in the nursery or contact the office and Krystle will assist you.