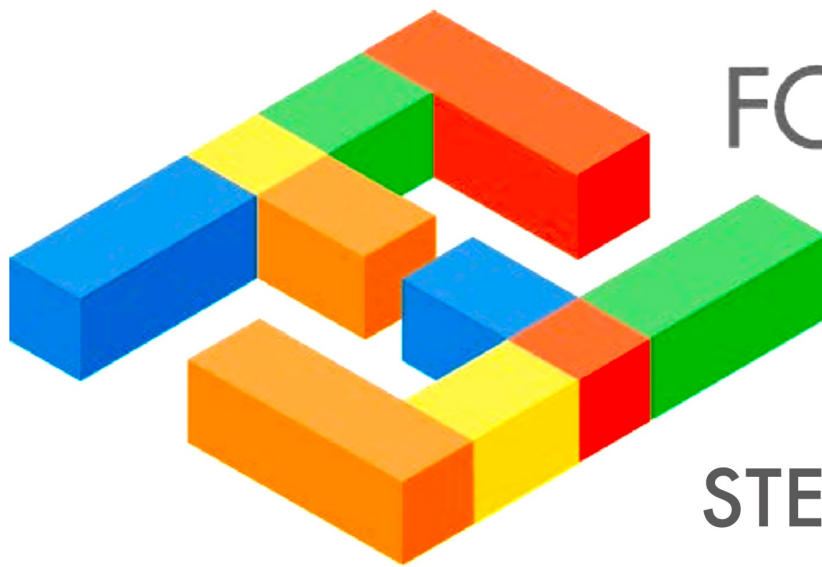




October 2024



FOUNDATION
for our
FUTURE

STEWARDSHIP 2024

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

As we prepare to enter our yearly stewardship season, this year I will be focusing on the Foundations of our Faith. As I have planned for the month of October the hymn 'How Firm a Foundation' has been running through my head.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

God has built a strong foundation for each of us through the gathering of the community of faith we now call United Presbyterian Church. Over the next month I am looking forward to exploring how the foundations of our faith have been crafted by God to bring us to this point in time and how we are now able to move forward into our future joyfully, sharing the love of Christ with the people, the community, and the world around us.

When you are asked to consider a pledge to the church for 2025, I invite you to truly consider your gift. If you have pledged before it can be tempting to simply write down the same number. I would encourage you to take time in prayer before you fill out your card, thanking God for your life and the blessings you have received and seeking God's leading for your support of this church and our work together for the coming year.

If you have not pledged before, I would encourage you to spend time in prayer as well, asking and seeking the same things, and planning your giving intentionally for the year, whether or not you write that plan on a pledge card.

God calls us to give out of thankful hearts, and the church allows us to share in the mission and ministry with others, multiplying our gifts in amazing ways.

Friends, I am so thankful for each of you. Together we have been given a firm foundation, laid on God's excellent Word. Let us go forward together into the future, trusting that Jesus walks with us every step of the way.

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:
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PO Box 32
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Giving Back
To God

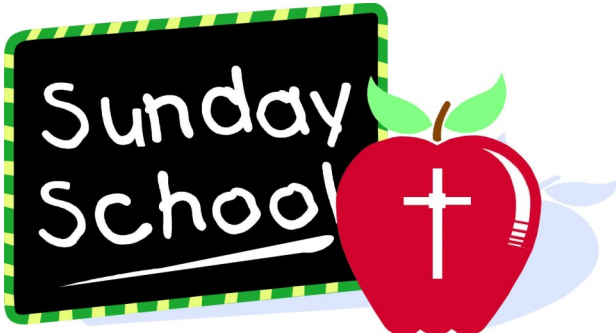


October Highlights

1st Deacon Meeting
1st Mission Meeting
2nd Budget Meeting
6th Communion
9th PW Circle



14th Finance
16th Session
17th Blood Drive
19th Saturday Kitchen
21st Sewing Day
27th Just Us Girls Concert
31st Trunk-or-Treat



Class Structure for 2024-2025

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

Handbell Choir

Details: Will meet on Wednesdays

6:30-7:30 pm

Plan to play at some point in December

Can you count to 4 without using your fingers?

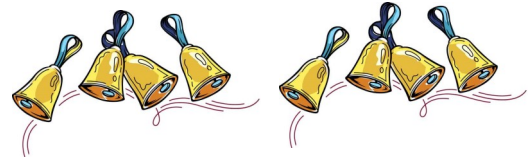
Can you pick up weights of at least 1 pound?

Are you older than a 5th grader?

Can you pretend to watch the director?

Then you're qualified to play handbells!

Come join us on October 9th to learn more!



United Youth

Middle School

Sundays, 3:30pm @ UP Church

United Youth

High School

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 Synthia Palmer
1 Layne Twinam
2 Autumn Frost
3 Noah Bruns
8 Heidi Johnson
10 Jase Johnson
11 Mary Meeker
11 April Cuddeback
12 Quinn Smith

13 Julie Murphy
14 Travis Moore
16 Joslyn Bryant
17 Christy Buchholz
18 Wilma Wright
20 Nolan Burke
22 James Wertz
23 Joe Murphy
23 Dexter Rich

23 Julianne Youngman
25 Sam Kaye
26 Joanie Andrews
27 Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill
27 Barb Schreur
27 Emily Septer
29 Jayden Youngman
30 Dan Frost





BLESSINGS WE RECEIVED:

We are blessed Ken Wulf and others take it upon themselves to make improvements to the outside of the church and our grounds. Thanks for you, Ken and you others, our caring, church family friends.

We are blessed that our Middle School and High School kids served a well-received and much enjoyed walking taco meal to our Saturday Kitchen guests in September. Thanks, kids.

We are blessed that Annabelle Septer shared her lovely dancing during worship, what a beautiful expression of her faith. Thank you so much, Annabelle, we so enjoyed it.

BLESSINGS WE GAVE:

Rotary was so pleased to be able to use our church facilities for their annual pork dinner meal, one of their fund-raising events.

Our High School Youth partner with the Lutheran kids to help with clean-up of the Kinnick concourse following each Iowa, home, football game.

We even share our parking lot! While we think of sharing our building as a gift to the community, we also share our parking lot. Law enforcement uses our highly visible parking lot for their “unused drug” pick-up point. Chamber of Commerce uses it as the Ridiculous Day parade set-up location. Also the fire department uses the parking lot when they have their annual pancake day. It’s such a blessing we can share our parking lot, too!



Thank you, April and Halle Cuddeback

If you haven’t looked in the lounge lately, you must do so! Its transformation is wonderful, it’s now so pleasant and pretty. April and Halle are to be thanked for their “vision” and hard work. The new furniture is comfy and versatile, the art work is pleasant to the eye and the atmosphere is exceedingly inviting for all ages. The room is great for so many and varied of our activities and still works and is much appreciated by Kitch, as she meets her SHIP clients.

Thanks again, April and Halle, for your commitment, your vision and all your hours in re-creating our beautiful, new lounge space.

Downtown Washington **HISTORIC WALKING TOUR**

*Faith and Foundations:
Discover Historic Churches*

Dates:

October 6 & October 13

Time: 2pm & 2:30pm

Destinations:

- ✓ **United Presbyterian**
- ✓ **1st Baptist**
- ✓ **United Methodist**
- ✓ **Marion Avenue Baptist**
- ✓ **Grace Community**
- ✓ **City Point**



Presented by:



\$15 PER PERSON

Refreshments & guide book included!



Scan for tickets!





**Church Camping
Weekend Fun Had
By All!**



Trunk or Treat

October 31st

Set up by 5:30pm

Hand out candy 6-7pm

**Weather Permitting: North side of the church
or in fellowship hall**

**If you are interested in bringing a vehicle, helping
with the event, or donating candy please contact
the office**



Family Ministry Newsletter

October 2024

Trunk or Treat

On October 31 during the Trick or Treat on the Square we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at the church. This leaves us with two key needs:

1. We need people to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy during the event. This will help provide a fun memorable experience for those who attend.
2. We need people who are willing to donate candy for the event. You can drop donations off in the church office for the event.

This will be a great opportunity for the church to participate in this wonderful community event.



Bible Sunday

On Sunday morning October 6 we will be handing out Bibles to both our Confirmands and 3rd graders during worship that morning. Please join us for a great celebration of passing God's Word on to the next generation.

Upcoming Events

OCT

26-27

Middle School Lock-In

OCT

31

Trunk or Treat 5-6pm

Contact Info

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***LAST DAY TO
ORDER IS OCT 14**

**ONLINE
STORE IS
OPEN!!**

**SEPT 23-
OCT 14**

You can scan the QR code to take you directly
to the online store, or go to -

anywearmp.com/collections/up-church-2024

OR stop in the church office for assistance.

****Payment is due by credit/debit card at the
time of order**



SCAN ME



Saturday Kitchen Update:

We've begun contacting our 2024 hosts about their availability to host once again in 2025. Half of the hosts have already responded and all have been positive about returning. We're thrilled!

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. We're reporting about 80 or more plates each week with many take-out meals offered, as well. So many are blessed with this local mission – guests and hosts!

Joe and Marde McConnell



We host Oct 19th

Sowing the seeds of peace

ZECHARIAH 8:12

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received this month. Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Thank you for the prayers, cards and encouragement after my back surgery. All is going well.

Janice Flory

Thank you



Food Boxes donated to HACAP in 2024:

368



The end of August represents 67% of the year. Our income came in at 51.27% Our expenses came in at 71.98%



Articles for the November Newsletter are due Friday, October 18th