



November 2024



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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Recently I have been listening to a podcast called The Moth. It is a compilation of people telling their personal stories, on a huge variety of topics. It can be found online too, at themoth.org. As I listen to the stories, I find myself uplifted, challenged, filled with laughter, and often moved to tears. I wonder if the power of Scripture, aside from the fact that it was given by God, is the fact that it is made up of stories - stories that uplift, challenge, cause laughter, and move us to tears.

I have heard the Bible called God's ongoing love story with people. The good news of God is that the story doesn't end with the Book of Revelation. The story continues, down through the ages, and it includes you and me!

So what's your story in regard to the Divine? Where do you see God in your life? How does knowing Jesus make a difference in you? Where have you seen the movement of the Holy Spirit?

I encourage you to think about your answers to these questions and then to find someone to tell. After all, that's what Jesus would do.

Blessings,
Pastor Erin



Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Nov 2nd before bed



Pastor Erin will be on vacation
Nov 11th-17th
and 25th-29th



In observance of Thanksgiving the office will be closed on November 28th and 29th.



Come help decorate the church
Nov 24th
after worship

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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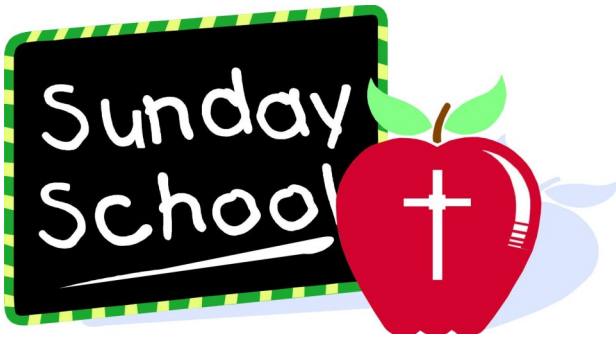
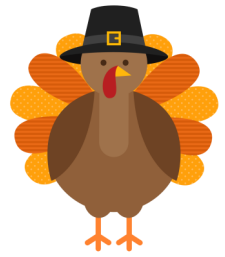
Offering
Giving Back
To God



November Highlights

3rd Communion
3rd Congregational Meeting
5th Lions Club Election Meal
6th K-5th Grade Event
13th PW Circle
19th Mission Meeting

19th Finance
20th Church Family Event
20th Session
18th Sewing Day
27th United Youth Soup Supper
28th Thanksgiving
30th Breakfast with Santa



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



Mark your Calendar!

December 22nd

10am

With refreshments
afterward

Mark your Calendar!

UPLIFT

Freezer Meal Prep

January 12th

More information coming!



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 Carol Winga
3 Rodney Letts
3 Katelyn Moore
9 Gary Murphy
12 Ron Brock
13 Mary Temple
20 Ken Wulf
20 Amy Kleese

20 Katie Himes
21 Halle Cuddeback
21 Julie Zahs
22 Judy Wertz
23 Karla Maxwell
24 Dick Colby
26 Richard McCall
26 Tom Murphy





BLESSINGS WE GAVE:

Pastor Erin is a blessing on many Sunday afternoons when she leads a worship service for nursing home residents at Halcyon House. Not only does she lead the service, she also willingly gives communion to anyone in attendance. Thanks, Erin, for reaching out in love to all wanting to feel closer to God.

We were a recent blessing to PEO chapter OC members who used our large kitchen to honor a special, departed member, Virginia Tschantz. The group made 10 apple pies in our kitchen.

We were a blessing to the Just Us Girls singing group who recently also used our church facilities. However, they didn't use the kitchen they held their fund raising scholarship concert here. It's such a blessing we can share our facility with the community.

BLESSINGS WE RECEIVED:

Dick Hendrickson to the rescue once again, He repaired one of the kitchen stools others felt had to go. Dick pulled a piece out of the foot of the stool, turned it upside down, added 3 washers, pounded it all back in place and the stool was ready to go once again! The magician has performed his magic once again.

We are blessed Pam Vongpanya spent hours re-painting our south entry closet area and touching up the worship room hallway. While the area may be repainted at some point, that closet area, with its new lower kids' shelf, has been significantly tidied up and improved. Many thanks, Pam.

We're blessed Mary Saforek shares her phenomenal technology skills each week so we're able to see so many wonderful slides on our church screens. She also trains and coordinates volunteers, too. There are no words to describe how fortunate we are to have talented Mary share all her many talents.

I am feeling grateful and blessed by all of you who offered up prayers and sent notes of encouragement during my recent heart surgery.

Thank you! Ruth Ann Stacy

*Thank
you*

Library Transformation And . . . More To Come

Another church area you should check out, if you haven't recently, is the library. Our DIY team and many other youth and adults have helped over many months to create our new space. While there are some finishing touches to come, you'll love the "refresh" and positive changes.

Hours were spent sorting all our books, determining which to keep and which could move on. Extra Bibles and religious books were donated to the Love Package Group. This organization's goal is to send Christian materials to under-developed countries. Other out-of-date materials were donated to Goodwill, Master's Hand or given to individuals we knew who would totally enjoy that particular item. The VCR tapes were removed; many moved to the basement for possible Son City use with the kids. Everything which "left" found a new home and wonderful materials remain.

The east and south walls of shelving were removed. The entire room was painted a fresh, cream color. The remaining books were attractively returned to the west shelving. There are still more updating plans, but you're encouraged to check out all the lighter and brighter library progress.



Son City grades K-5th

Our new Sunday School curriculum had us start at the beginning with Genesis. We studied the Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, and soon Abram. The kids have enjoyed skits, videos, finding the story in the Bible, talking about how the stories relate to their lives, and learning about God's love. We've talked about how God made each of us special. The kids made a large poster with their pictures on it, then added special things about themselves.

Julie Zahs, Autumn Frost, Jane Cuddeback

Washington Historic Church Tour

Pastor Erin was contacted by Sam Meyers of Main Street Washington about our participation in a historic church tour event they were organizing. Session agreed, Erin contacted our Welcome Team and we excitedly began to plan.

Tours took place two Sunday afternoons, Oct. 6th and 13th at 2 in the afternoon with about 15 attending each Sunday. Welcome team members wore LOVE GOD/LOVE OTHERS t-shirts and we, as well as Pastor Erin, were friendly and positive.

Angie Schluetter and Tricia Whisler greeted our visitors and gave them the attractive Welcome Bags the two had made. They ushered our guests into the front of the sanctuary where they watched a great UP memory slide show, created by Pastor Erin, who was also introduced. Then Erik Buchholz shared the history of Marion Ave. and First Presbyterian Churches and the creation of our United Presbyterian Church. Erik even sweetly shared of his wedding day in our sanctuary.

The group followed Teresa Anderson to the lounge where she introduced herself and shared of her roles as a Session Member and Mission Team Chair. She told of our recent and updated renovation of the lounge and its many uses. Then she informed guests of all our many and varied local mission projects, as we Love God and Love Others. She led the group to our pretty chapel and Christy Buchholz.

Christy introduced herself; told of her church roles; shared information on the Whitham, memorial, chapel window and added information on the multiple uses of our chapel. As CE Chair Christy described the lower-level facilities and our many God-centered kids' and youth options. Also, there were historic memorabilia on display in the chapel.

I (Marde) walked the group through both our colorful crib nursery and pre-school kindergarten rooms, then we passed through our light-filled library and ended up in the kitchen. I closed by saying how grateful we are for those who came before us – for their faith, their dedication and commitment to our “new” church and for their foresight in planning our church over 50 years ago. I listed some of the groups we share our facility with and how blessed we feel to be able to share our church with the community.

I thanked our guests for coming and off they left for Marion Ave. Baptist Church, hopefully about 20 minutes from when they arrived.

Welcome Team: Teresa Anderson, Barb Brown, Christy Buchholz, Marde McConnell, Rita Schonhoff, Angie Schluetter, Pam Vongpanya and Tricia Whisler.

Family Ministry

November
2024

Harvest Party

On November 6th the church will be hosting an after-school ministry for children grades K-5. We will pick the children up at the schools (Stewart and Lincoln), and bring them to church. During the afternoon the children will get a snack, play some games, receive a lesson, do a craft, and sing some songs. We are excited to have the children in the building. The event will end at 5:15.

Parents it is important that you inform the school that your child is able to be picked up by the church. We can not pick up your children if you do not notify the schools. Make sure that you sign your child up for the afternoon on the website.

Upcoming Events

Harvest Party: November 6: 3:15-5:15

Friendsgiving November 20 5:30-7:00

November 27: Soup Supper

Soup Supper Fund Raiser

November 27 we will be hosting our annual Soup Supper. This will help to raise funds for our annual mission trip. Please join us for this wonderful event.

Friendsgiving

November 20 from 5:30-7:00 the church will be hosting a Friendsgiving for the families of the church. We will have pizza, dessert, and family activities. This event is for the whole church family.

Contact Info

Email: upfamilyministry@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.upcwash.org/>



Who will win the Battle of the Veggies?

We will be collecting canned vegetables during the first 3 weeks of November. Then we will pack 100 HACAP food boxes on November 24th after worship service.

There will be a fun battle between whole kernel corn, creamed corn, green beans, & carrots.
-Donate your favorite to see which one is loved the most!



Saturday Kitchen Update

We hosted the Saturday Kitchen on October 19th, the same day Jack Strabala and Emily Waite were married in our Sanctuary at 2:30pm. We used paper plates, served a delicious but also an easy/fast menu and had fabulous help from several adults and youth that day. We assured Jack and Emily the church would be cleaned and ready by 1pm and we delivered. Thanks to all you, our great help! We couldn't promise there might not still be a hint of pork burger smell for a little while. Bride and groom laughed and were appreciative of all our efforts.



Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

Families of Faith Sunday School Class Hosts Nov 30th



Food Boxes donated to HACAP in
2024:

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The end of Sept represents 75% of the year. Our income came in at 57.55%
Our expenses came in at 79.59%



Articles for the December Newsletter are due
Friday, November 15th