



January 2025

**Bless this Year  
With Love and Light  
Bless this Year  
With Faith and Sight  
Bless This Year  
With Grace and Ease  
Bless This Year  
With Joy and Peace**

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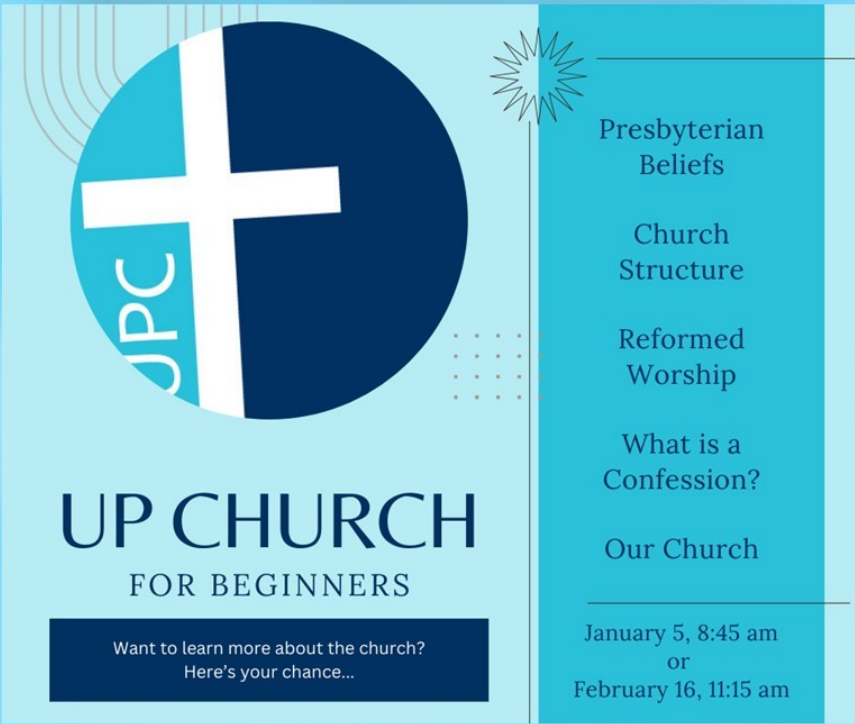
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From the Pastor...



The flyer features a circular logo with a white cross on a dark blue background, with 'UPC' written vertically on the left. To the right of the logo is a list of topics: Presbyterian Beliefs, Church Structure, Reformed Worship, What is a Confession?, and Our Church. Below the list are the dates and times for the classes. A dark blue box at the bottom left contains the text 'Want to learn more about the church? Here's your chance...'. The background of the flyer is light blue with decorative elements like a sunburst and a grid of dots.

**UP CHURCH  
FOR BEGINNERS**

Want to learn more about the church?  
Here's your chance...

Presbyterian Beliefs  
Church Structure  
Reformed Worship  
What is a Confession?  
Our Church

January 5, 8:45 am  
or  
February 16, 11:15 am

**A new member class will be offered for all of those interested. If you have questions contact Pastor Erin.**



If you'd like to make an online donation to the ministry of United Presbyterian Church, go to our webpage ([upcwash.org](http://upcwash.org))

*Checks may be sent to:*  
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PO Box 32  
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To God

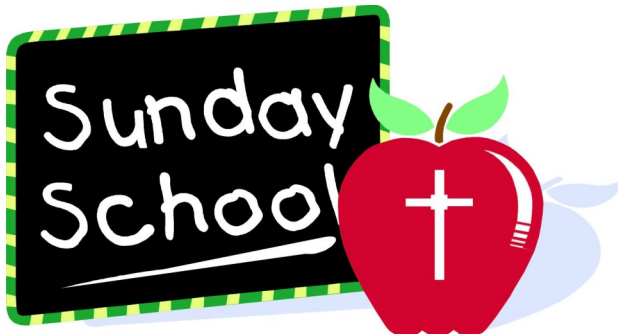




## January Highlights

5th Communion  
5th All Saints  
6th UP Home Communion  
7th Deacon Meeting  
8th K-5th Grade Event

8th PW Circle  
14th Finance  
15th Session  
19th Officer Ordination & Installation  
22nd Church Family Event  
26th Annual Meeting  
28th Hospice Soup Supper



### 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

### United Youth Middle School

Sundays, 3:30pm @ UP Church

### High School

Sundays, 6:30pm @ UP Church



The office will be closed  
January 1st in  
observance of  
New Year's Day



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 Kathy Hunt  
1 Grace Atwal  
5 Kyle Anderson  
5 Esther Bordwell  
6 Gabby Anderson  
9 Linden Brinning  
10 Roy Carter  
11 Leda Andrews

13 Tracy Strabala  
14 Lauren McWhirter  
14 Angela Frost  
16 Gary Herlein  
16 Vivian Griffith  
19 Randy Fehr  
20 Orin Canny  
23 Sarah Orris

23 Ren Canny  
27 Megan El Haoud  
28 Lyle Stacy  
28 Shirley Whisler  
29 Rick Bordwell  
30 Cyndy McCall



# FAMILY MINISTRY

January 2025

## Event

### After School Event

We will be hosting another after school event on January 8. This is designed for children grade K-5. Email me to sign up  
[upfamilyministry@gmail.com](mailto:upfamilyministry@gmail.com)

### Soup Cook Off

Wednesday night January 22 we will be hosting a Soup Cook Off for the whole church family. Come at 5:30 for a church Soup Dinner. We need people to make soup. We will vote on who made the best soup. If you are interested in bringing soup please email me at  
[upfamilyministry@gmail.com](mailto:upfamilyministry@gmail.com)

## Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on January 5th. This will include Confirmation and all the other classes beginning at 8:45. See you all then

## Youth Group

High School and Middle School Youth Group will resume on January 5. Middle school meet 3:30-5, High School meets 6:30-8:30

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The Son City youth grades K-5 marbled paper, then cut out letters of their names to make colorful name cards which were then laminated. To each name card, we added "is a child of God".

This month we read about the birth of Jesus and watched videos. We then took part in a play about the birth of Jesus on Sunday December 22nd during church. Kids were given the rest of their wooden nativity scenes, so each child now has a complete set.

Autumn and I are blessed to have such a wonderful group of kids in Son City. We really appreciate kids bringing their friends to Sunday School.

Julie Zahs and Autumn Frost

### Birthday Celebration

You are invited to a special 100th Birthday Celebration and Card Shower in honor of Esther Bordwell on Sunday, January 5th, 2025 in the Dining Room of the United Presbyterian Home from 2-4 pm. Your presence is the perfect gift, please no gifts.



**Let's shower the Youngman's  
With Our Love  
And . . . Diapers and Wipes  
Fantastic Blessing!**



Jayden and Jules will have a new sibling in January!  
Donations from all of you will be much appreciated!  
Check out Fellowship Hall or Turn in at Office



(Reception in their honor in February)

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



## **Saturday kitchen update:**

We had a very fun, Pizza Party for our end of the year Saturday Kitchen Meal. Many thanks to all the area pizza makers for their donations of free pizza: Pizza Hut, Pizza Ranch, Lebowski's, Dino's, Casey's East and Casey's West. Our guests also had fruit, some fresh veggies, ice cream sundaes and fun New Year's decorations. A great time was had by all!!

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators



## **"Pray Without Ceasing!"**

Won't you become a part of our church's email prayer chain? Come join others in our church family in asking for prayers for concerns or giving prayers of thanksgiving for the wondrous gifts that our God gives to us. If you know of someone that would welcome our prayers (with their permission), share this information with our prayer chain coordinator Mary Atwood([maryjoyatwood@gmail.com](mailto:maryjoyatwood@gmail.com) or 319-653-5868). If you would like to receive the notice of our prayer needs and are willing to commit to faithfully pray for those requesting prayers, also contact Mary. We currently have 84 households that our requests go out to. The prayer chain is one of the ministries of our Board of Deacons.



## Church Family **Mission Trip**

**March 19-22, 2025**

Help pack clean-up buckets and hygiene kits in Arkansas!



Contact Pastor Erin for  
more information



The end of Nov represents 92% of the year. Our income came in at 75.16%  
Our expenses came in at 94.87%



Articles for the February Newsletter are due  
Friday, January 17th

**Blessings we gave:**

Main St. Washington was pleased we shared our Fellowship Hall for their hugely successful Breakfast with Santa event and . . . pleased with all our lovely Christmas decorations, too.

Hurricane victims will be grateful for the 30 very large Flood Buckets, recently packed by our UP Church Family, each with an assortment of many kinds of cleaning items.

HACAP was thrilled with our UPC trailer packed completely full of food boxes, all packed recently by us following worship. It was a beautiful sight to see young kids, middle schoolers and older all working together to serve others.

**Blessings we received:**

Alicia and Cyrus Andrews willingly took over the packing of the HACAP food boxes. They also organized “everything” in the multi-purpose room so that our recent 100 box food packing event was a huge success. We appreciate your commitment to our UP, Love God/Love Others project.

Angie Schluetter and Tricia Whisler created the lovely, Fellowship Hall, Christmas bulletin board – complete with Christmas lights! Many thanks for sharing your many talents, Gals.

Thank you to many volunteers and Dan, our Family Ministry Director, for the new opportunity for elementary kids to come to the church for fun activities after school, one Wed. a month. And then the Wednesday two weeks later, those kids, their families and all our UPC family are invited to come for a meal and for a fun activity. Thank you, All, for having this new UPC vision.

